



# HAPPENINGS

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Arizona Native Plant Society  
Our mission is to promote knowledge, appreciation, conservation  
and restoration of Arizona's native plants and their habitats

## Join Any Chapter E-List

The best way to keep up with the latest AZNPS events is to join the chapter e-list, which notifies members about meetings, events, conferences, field trips, workshops, and volunteer opportunities in the area. Don't forget to keep us updated on e-mail address changes. To be added to any chapter e-list, send your name and e-mail address to:

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## New Interim Chapter

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The Society has approved an interim chapter in Tonto Basin, with meetings scheduled to begin in October. If you're interested in participating, please contact Becky Settje at her [email](#) or at her [Instagram account](#).

Meetings will include botany walks, roadside botany, field identification, nonnative invasive plant education, guest speakers, conservation efforts, and outreach.

Meetings will be held regularly in Tonto Basin on a six-acre garden that exhibits mostly native plant species. Meetings are open to anyone interested in native plants and will focus geographically from Globe to Pine and all areas in between.

Becky Settje is passionate about native plants species. She was a volunteer nature guide for eight years at Garden in The Woods, the headquarters for the Native Plant Trust (formerly New England Wildflower Society) and worked with the Rhode Island Native Plant Society developing children's nature walks, focusing on native plant species. She currently assists, as needed, with nonnative plant removal and species regeneration at Tonto National Monument.

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## Website Update

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Our AZNPS [website](#) regularly gets 500 clicks a week. [The Plant List](#) is consistently our most visited page and an important part of outreach. We have added more plants and the page now has more search functions. Are you new to Arizona and looking for a shrub with low water needs that attracts butterflies? [The Plant List](#) search will show you 13 plants that meet these criteria. Looking for a cactus that is pollinated by bats? Two plants fit this.

New on our [Home Page](#) is a calendar with the nearest four events from our events page. As before, the [Home Page](#) also includes a Blog, Announcements, and links to [Plant Press Arizona](#), [Happenings](#) and our ever-popular page about the [Arizona State Tree](#).

The [Conservation](#) tab on our menu has added pages to describe some important [Conservation and Restoration Ongoing Projects](#). This includes information and photos about the ["A" Mountain buffelgrass and native plant recovery](#) in Tucson.

Arizona has an extremely rich flora due to its diversity of altitudes and climate. Our [Floras](#) page includes links to many resources including flora by region.

Last but not least, our website features the [Sue Rutman Plant Identification Guides](#). This collection of over 450 detailed photographic guides to Arizona was created by botanist Sue Rutman, who uses a scanning technique to capture plant images and details of live specimens in 3-D and in color. You can use these remarkable composite images to help you examine details of a species, to assist in plant ID, or simply to appreciate the immense beauty of plants, especially when seen close-up.

# Chapter News

## Cochise Chapter



Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic we held monthly programs on the third Friday of each month from September through May at 5:00 PM in the Cochise County Community Development Office conference room, 4001 Foothills Dr. (corner of Highway 92 and E. Foothills Drive), Sierra Vista. With the start of the pandemic we cancelled all in-person meetings but resumed them on September 18, 2020 via Zoom Conferencing. Currently it does not appear that we will be able to meet in our previous meeting room for the foreseeable future. Fortunately, meeting remotely remains a viable option; however, we are exploring the possibility of holding meetings at different times and frequencies than in the pre-pandemic times. Consequently, we are not announcing any new meetings at this time. Members may learn of upcoming meetings, field trips, and other activities from the Chapter Facebook website. Also, we will inform members of all future activities in advance via the Chapter email roster. We would appreciate suggestions for future meeting topics and speakers. Please contact Chapter President Douglas Ripley by email for any questions you may have regarding future activities.

The Chapter has established a Facebook website, where much useful information about the chapter and its members is posted.

## Chapter Offices

President: Douglas Ripley; Vice President: Elliott Hendricks; Secretary: Deann Sanner; Treasurer: Pat Sullivan

**Late Summer in the Chiricahua Mountains**  
**September 17, 18, and 19, 2022**  
**Southwestern Research Station, Portal, Cochise County**

The Cochise and Tucson Chapters of the Arizona Native Plant Society are resuming their co-sponsorship of a long weekend in the Chiricahua Mountains of southeastern Cochise County following a two year absence due to the COVID pandemic.

These richly diverse mountains are one the northern-most islands in the Madrean Archipelago that encompasses parts of Arizona, New Mexico, Sonora, and Chihuahua. Come enjoy this weekend with us. Whatever the weather, there will be botanical treats and great company.

**Tentative Schedule:**

**Day 1:** Arrive mid to late afternoon, check in, eat supper, and head for the education center for some plant talks and discussion.

**Day 2:** An all-day field trip to a location to be determined. Or alternatively, stay nearer SWRS and attend one or both of two shorter field trips. Happy Hour at the pool before dinner. Evening program in the education center and plant ID workshop of plants encountered during field trips.

**Day 3:** A morning field trip, lunch, and then depart.

**Registration:**

Accommodations, including meals, will be provided by the Southwestern Research Station. Please use the attached form to register.

**Questions or More Information:** Please contact Doug Ripley at (520) 909-3132 or by [email](#).



From top left: Barfoot Park; Chiricahua Mountains; Southwestern Research Station; Rustler Park

**REGISTRATION FORM****ARIZONA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY WORKSHOP**

Southwestern Research Station (SWRS)

P.O. Box 16553, Portal, Arizona 85632, phone: 520-558-2396

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM, SAVE IT TO YOUR COMPUTER, AND EMAIL IT AS AN ATTACHMENT TO:

Doug Ripley (jdougrpley@gmail.com) and cc Marilyn Palomino (mpalomino@amnh.org)

The form can also be mailed to: Doug Ripley, P.O. Box 2071, Benson, AZ 85602

**DATES OF WORKSHOP:** September 17-19, 2022, Chiricahua Mountains

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# Guests: \_\_\_\_\_ # Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ # No red meat \_\_\_\_\_

**Food Allergies:**

Our special needs menu includes Vegetarian and No Red Meat options only but we try to work with guests and their allergens. If you have any extreme food allergies, be sure to address them above and remind our cooks of them after you arrive. They will steer you away from dishes being served that might contain your food allergen. You may want to bring supplemental food if you have food allergies that cannot be addressed by a vegetarian or no red meat menu. If you sign up for a Vegetarian or No Red Meat diet, please do not eat the omnivore entrees offered during your stay. We do not offer gluten-free, vegan, keto, etc. meals.

**LODGING OPTIONS:**

Fees include 2 evening seminar/workshops, 2 half-day field trips, Station use fee, Room &amp; Board (6 meals)

1. Dorm room (shared) including meals - \$82/per person/per night
2. Private dorm room (if available) with meals - \$92/per person per night
3. Casita shared room w/private bath for 2-3 people including meals - \$95/per person/per night
4. Casita private room for one person (if available) w/private bath including meals - \$135 per night
5. Children 4-15 with meals \$40 per child per night. Children under 4 are free.
6. Camping on site or staying off site including meals - \$47/per person/per night
7. Staying off-site, without meals - \$25.00 one-time station fee
8. Workshop Fee - \$30/per person for the weekend

**NOTE:** With the exception of camping, nearly all other accommodations are booked. However, if you fill out this form we will try to meet your request if there are cancellations. Also, accommodations are available at the Portal Peak Lodge located about 5 miles (15 minute drive) from the Southwestern Research Station (Phone: 520-558-2223).

**QUESTIONS:** Contact Doug Ripley: phone: 520-909-3132; e-mail: jdougrpley@gmail.com  
Registration deadline is September 3, 2022. Fees are due by September 10, 2022.

Make checks payable to: Arizona Native Plant Society

Mail to: Arizona Native Plant Society, c/o Doug Ripley, P.O. Box 2071, Benson, AZ 85602

Southwestern Research Station cancellation policy requires a 72 hr. advance notice. If you notify us of cancellation more than 72 hours before the event, payment will be fully refunded. Cancellation within 72 hours will incur a \$40/per person fee.

## Flagstaff Chapter



In normal circumstances, regular evening programs are presented on the third Tuesday of the month, March through October, at 7:00 PM. These take place at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 1601 N San Francisco St. With the onset of the COVID pandemic, chapter meetings have been shifted to the Zoom platform. Some of the meetings have been recorded and can be viewed the [Flagstaff Chapter's Facebook](#) or at [The Arizona Native Plant Society](#).

For details about upcoming meetings, please see our [email distribution list](#), Facebook page, or The Arizona Native Plant Society.

### Meetings

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**Tuesday, September 20, 7:00 PM. Dr. Betsy Arnold. *Fungi***

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## Phoenix Chapter



To stay up to date on Chapter activities and announcements, please subscribe to our **email list** by writing to our [chapter email](#).

We also share a variety of native plant news and information on our [Facebook page](#) and our [Chapter web page](#).

Follow our chapter on [Instagram](#) and use the hashtag #aznativeplants on your plant photos to help us showcase the beauty and importance of Arizona native plants!

### Chapter Offices

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President: Lisa Rivera, Vice President: Pam McMillie, Treasurer: Danielle Carlock, Secretary: Kathy Balman.

### Upcoming Activities

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The Phoenix Chapter plans activities throughout the year. **Chapter events will be announced to our email list subscribers at least 2 weeks in advance.** Please be on the lookout for messages from us with details about these events.

## Outreach Committee – Volunteer Opportunity

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Earlier this year, we formed an Outreach Committee to help the Phoenix Chapter develop an educational presentation about the benefits of native plants, with an emphasis on landscaping. In the coming months, the committee will begin training members to conduct the presentation for audiences such as garden clubs and local residents.

**If you are interested in becoming one of our trained presenters, or would like to learn more about the Outreach Committee,** contact us at our [chapter email](#). Please note that participation in committees is only open to AZNPS members.

## Additional Volunteer Opportunities

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Please see the Volunteering Opportunities section at the bottom of [our web page](#) for information about the following volunteer activities.

**Local Fieldwork:** If you are interested in helping with invasive species control, restoration, or scientific research, we've compiled a list of recommend organizations that regularly lead volunteer events related to these activities.

**Citizen Science:** There are a variety of environmental citizen science and community science projects that you can participate in on your own at home, during a walk in your neighborhood, or while exploring Arizona's public lands.

## Santa Cruz Chapter



Monthly presentations are held on the third Thursday of the month from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. Our presentations at this time are all virtual via Zoom.

The URL is [zoom.us](#) (not zoom.com). The meeting ID is 874 9175 9629 and the "waiting room" security function will be used.

To stay up to date on chapter events, you can be added to our email list and/or follow our [Facebook page](#). Send an [email](#) to join our mailing list or for any other contact.

## Chapter Offices

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President: Robin Kulibert; Vice President: Rick Kulibert

# Tucson Chapter



The Tucson Chapter meets on the **second Thursday of each month**, from **September to May**. We will resume monthly meetings in September and plan to meet in person, in a hybrid format that allows folks to join us on a Zoom interface if they prefer. Watch our [chapter page](#) on the website for more information.

If you are not on our mailing list and would like the link for a meeting, [email](#) us the week before the meeting requesting the zoom link. Videos of past meetings can be viewed on our [YouTube channel](#).

## Chapter Offices

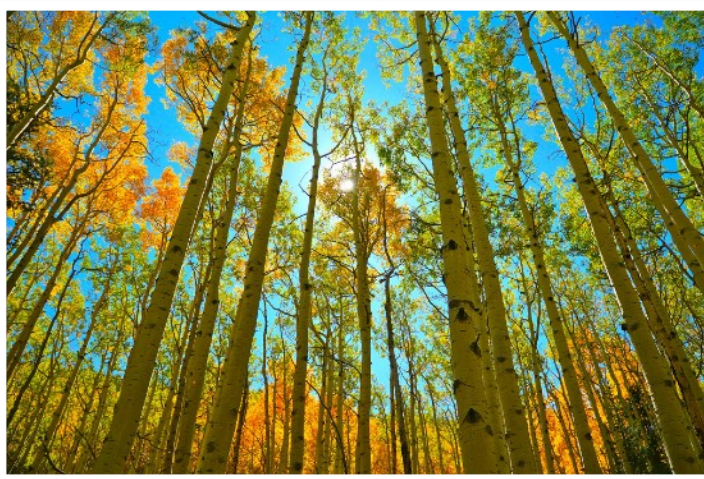
President: Jack Dash; Vice-President: vacant; Treasurer: Andrew Gourevitch; Secretary: Matthew Lutheran.

## Meetings

**Thursday, September 8, 6:30 PM. Lyn Loveless. *Ecology of the Coral Bean (Erythrina flabelliformis) in Arizona***

**Thursday, October 13, 6:30 PM. Carolyn Campbell. *The Founding of Ironwood Forest Monument & Updated Information on the I-II Plan***

**Thursday, November 10, 6:30 PM. Gita Bodner. *Restoration of a Mesquite Bosque***



Aspens (*Populus tremuloides*), Lockett Meadow. Photo: Shelley Silva



## Field Trips

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### Saturday & Sunday, September, 8:00 - 10:00 AM. A Morning Stroll in a Happily Recovering Desert at the Waterman Restoration Site

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The Waterman Restoration site on Ironwood Forest National Monument is now in full desert recovery with over 110 native plant species and a gradually increasing number of insects, birds, small mammals, reptiles and even visits of desert sheep. In the mid-2000s this same site was known as the “Mother of all Buffelgrass Patches.” After generous recent rains, the desert is now coming alive. Perennial plants are leafing out and new plants are emerging underfoot. We will stroll through a desert in various stages of restoration, walking among mid-size and newly emerging desert trees, ocotillos, and bushes; learning how to identify them in different phases. We will learn about many overlooked plants that are powerful restoration agents and soil builders. We will see plant succession in action among trees and shrubs. We will also see how simple water harvesting techniques have brought life-giving moisture to the landscape and healed areas that had been bare and apparently “sterile.” Best of all, we will discover new things from participants who happen to see something unexpected or who have knowledge or observations to share with the group. This will be an opportunity to enjoy the desert together and learn from one another!

**Directions:** 19 Miles **west** of I-10 on Avra Valley Road, turn left at the Pioneer sign, drive one mile ahead and bear left all the way. If interested in attending, please RSVP to John Scheuring at his [email account](#).



Ironwood Forest National Monument

## Friday, September 23, 7:30 - 10:00 AM. Catalina State Park with Lyn Loveless



Catalina State Park

Participants will join AZNPS board member Lyn Loveless for a 2.5 hour walk along the Canyon Loop Trail. This will be a great opportunity to learn about the flora of the Tucson area as you stroll through desert upland and riparian canyons. This hike is relatively easy but there are stairs and short hill sections. Bring sturdy shoes, plenty of water, and appropriate hiking gear such as hats, long sleeve shirts, and long pants.

## Upper Gila Chapter



Chapter activities, including meetings, have not been finalized. To keep up to date on activity dates, please contact us at our [chapter email](#).

### Chapter Offices

President: Kara Barron; Vice President: Diane Drobka; Secretaries: Julie Plath & Clara Gauna; Treasurer: Julie Davis.

## White Mountain Chapter



The White Mountain Chapter is excited to kick off 2022 as a brand new chapter of AZNPS! The chapter covers all of Navajo and Apache counties, but welcomes native plant enthusiasts from Greenlee and northern Gila counties also. Meetings will start in a couple months. Stay tuned for further information.

### Chapter Offices

President: Jess Rollar; Vice President: Michelle Straight; Social Media/Email: Jess Rollar; Treasurer: Bob Rollar; Event Planning: Kira Russell.

## Yuma Chapter



Yuma will forgo regular monthly, in-person meetings for the foreseeable future. Instead, we will focus on outdoor activities, such as field trips and work projects, with a virtual format for meetings and similar indoor activities.

Announcements of these events and other news updates will be posted via email. If you would like to receive updates, please contact us at our [chapter email](#) and request to be put on our list.

### Chapter Offices

President: Valerie Morrill; Vice President: Karen Reichhardt; Secretary: Deirdre MacDonald; Treasurer: Tom Fox

#### Two-Year Membership Opportunity

Beginning September 1, 2022, members joining or renewing at the Individual and Family levels may opt for a two-year membership at a slight reduction, \$50 for individuals and \$60 for families, compared to \$60 and \$70 if paid for two single years at each level.

We hope that this will simplify the renewal process for the majority of members, while still providing funds from each member to support our various administrative costs (e.g., publications, insurance, meeting expenses, etc.), while reducing some administrative costs associated with the annual membership renewal campaigns. The online payment platform and the printable forms now reflect the available choices.

### Welcome New Chapter Members!

**Cochise:** Bettina Arrigoni, Michelle Jumbeck

**Flagstaff:** Claire Eddleman, Melissa Dunn

**Phoenix:** Brittany Burgard, Kate Connor, Eliz Linser, Barbara Holaway, Casey M. Vail, Roxanne Cariadi-Kimble, Veronica Iordanova, Molly Youngblood, Susan Kuzmik, Louise Brown, Gregory Constanzo, Luz Bailey, Toby Seadler, Suzanne Rios

**Tucson:** Cynthia Hartwell, Vonn Watkins, Claire Crow, Janet Hart, Cathi Bouton, Rebecca Sanchez, Casey Brown, Kate Hardiman Frank, Manetta Benson, Paul Bowden, Mary Ann Harlow, Angela Hughes

**White Mountain:** Amber Nelson

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**Please send information for the newsletter by:**

**February 1st** for March - May events

**August 1st** for September - November events

**November 1st** for December - February events

**May 1st** for June - August events



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