



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

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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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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, members will be informed of all future activities in advance via the Chapter email roster. Please contact Chapter President Douglas Ripley for any questions you may have regarding future activities (jdougripley@gmail.com).

The Chapter has established a Facebook website (<http://www.facebook.com/AZNPSCochise>) where much useful information about the chapter and its members is posted.

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Botany 2021 Meeting

The annual AZNPS meeting was held virtually on November 8, 9, and 10. The theme for this year's conference was ***Arizona Native Plants to the Extreme: Exploring the Botanical Diversity, Ecology, Adaptability, and Resilience of Arizona's Native Flora in an Era of Environmental Change***. The entire meeting was recorded and will soon be available to view on YouTube. A link to the meeting recording will be posted on the Society website (aznps.com) and also emailed to all Cochise Chapter members as soon as it is available.

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 were 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](#).

The Flagstaff Chapter is currently on winter break and talks will resume in March 2022.

Phoenix Chapter



To stay up to date on Chapter activities and announcements, please subscribe to our **email list** by contacting aznpsphoenix@gmail.com.

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

Follow [@aznpsphoenix](#) 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

President: Lisa Rivera, Vice President: Pam McMillie, Treasurer: Danielle Carlock, Secretary: Kathy Balman. We can be reached at aznpsphoenix@gmail.com

Upcoming Activities

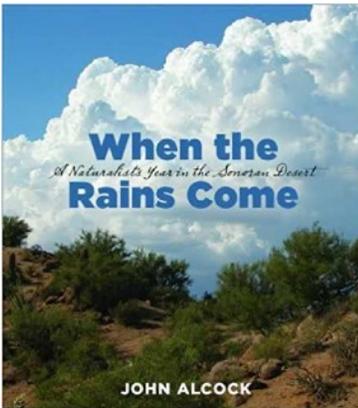
The Phoenix Chapter is currently planning Winter and Spring activities. **Chapter events will be announced to our email list subscribers at least 2 weeks in advance.** Please be on the lookout for messages from us throughout the coming months for more details.

Monsoon Season Recap



Our Summer meeting focused on how the desert springs back to life when it rains! Our Vice-President, Pam McMillie, gave an excellent photo presentation on the plants she saw green up and bloom after the monsoon rains.

The beautiful blooms of Graham's fishhook cactus (*Mammillaria grahamii*).
Photo credit: Pam McMillie



This summer, we also had a guided discussion on a book chosen by members to read: [When the Rains Come: A Naturalist's Year in the Sonoran Desert](#) by John Alcock. This book was published in 2009 and written by a long-time AZNPS member and local researcher. If you'd like to read the book for yourself (which we hope you do!), it is available at some local library districts, through online retailers, and possibly at local bookstores.

September Meeting Recap

At our September Chapter meeting, we were treated to an informative presentation about the [Maricopa Native Seed Library](#) by its founder, Danielle Carlock.

The Maricopa Native Seed Library provides free native seed to the community as well as a variety of resources to inspire and equip residents to create habitat at home. In this presentation, Danielle discussed why and how the seed library was founded. She highlighted successes and challenges of the first year, as well as provided advice for those interested in a similar project. Danielle also shared what's coming next in the seed library's second year and how to use the seed library.

We hope you'll take advantage of this local, FREE resource! If you missed the presentation or would like to watch it again, it is available on the [AZNPS YouTube channel](#).

October's EcoQuest & Call to Action

We partnered with the [Metro Phoenix EcoFlora Program](#) for the October EcoQuest *Gander at Grasses*. We invited community members to use iNaturalist to observe and identify invasive fountain grass as well as **several types of native grasses (*Bouteloua*, *Aristida*, *Hilaria*, and *Muhlenbergia*) highlighted in a handy [native grass guide](#).**

Over 140 observations were made of at least 10 different grass species. To see the observations, view the [Gander at Grasses project page on iNaturalist](#). Also, **all observations are still open for identifications. So, we invite you to identify any species you can confirm.**

We also encouraged participants to follow through with suggested calls to action, such as helping to prevent the spread of noxious fountain grass or adding native grass to their outdoor space. If you took action, thank you! We would also love to hear about it, so **please send us a message to let us know what action(s) you took.**

See the [project's journal page](#) for full details about the EcoQuest.

In addition, the Metro Phoenix EcoFlora hosted several free events related to grass identification and fountain grass research. Two presentations are available to watch on the [EcoFlora's YouTube channel](#).



Observation of Sixweeks grama (*Bouteloua barbata*) growing in a crack in the pavement. Photo credit: Lisa Rivera

Recent Chapter Blog Posts

"A poppy is a poppy, right? Meet the Arizona poppy" by Kathleen McCoy (also available to read in Spanish).

New free native seed library and plant nursery in Tempe by Erik Chait.

Volunteer Opportunities

Please see the Volunteering Opportunities section at the bottom of the [Phoenix Chapter 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.

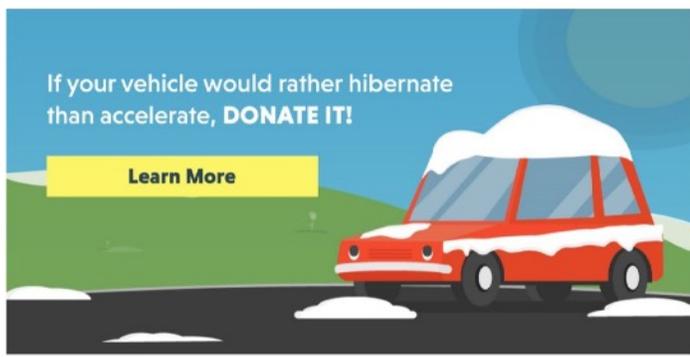
Citizen Science: There are a variety of environmental citizen science and community science projects that you can participate in on your own at home, during a walk in your neighborhood, or while exploring Arizona's public lands.

Prescott Chapter



The Prescott Chapter is currently in a "dormant" state and has no events planned. Please check out the other chapters for Zoom meetings or other online events that you may find interesting!

In order to resume chapter activities in the future, Prescott needs new individuals to take on the responsibilities of the chapter.



[CarEasy.Org](#) accepts vehicle donations to benefit AZNPS. If you have an unused truck, tractor, trailer or car, it can be a valuable donation.

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 santacruz.aznps@gmail.com to join our mailing list or for any other contact.

Chapter Offices

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Tucson Chapter



The Tucson Chapter meets on the second Thursday of each month, from September to May. Our meetings are currently being held on Zoom. 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 (nativeplantstucson@gmail.com). Videos of past meetings can be viewed on our [YouTube channel](#).

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To communicate with the chapter officers, write to nativeplantstucson@gmail.com.

Meetings

Thursday, December 9: Kathryn Busby, Ph.D. candidate in Entomology and Insect Science, University of Arizona

Kathryn will provide us with a look at the complex relationship between native plants and native bees.

Thursday, January 13: Larry Bird, author of the recent book *In the Arms of Saguaros: Iconography of the Giant Cactus*

In his presentation, Larry will discuss how the saguaro became a global icon, a relatable symbol of the arid southwest.

Thursday, February 10: Jonathan Horst, Tucson Audubon Society

Jonathan is a Restoration Biologist for the Audubon Society. He works on measures to control invasive species on properties managed by the Tucson Audubon Society. He is also involved in supporting “species of concern” in the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan.

Upcoming Events

Check our chapter page on the website for upcoming events. We are planning some field trips in the next few months; details will be announced in the eblast and on the website.

Field Trip Recap

Twenty avid plant seekers assembled at the Amerind Foundation, in Dragoon, AZ, on October 16 to enjoy a beautiful autumn morning and indulge in wonderful views of native plants and rock formations. We found lots of fall yellow members of the Asteraceae (fondly known as DYCs, or “damn yellow composites”), as well as many other interesting species. Our best finds were a wonderful finger-leaf gourd, *Cucurbita digitata*, draped over a large boulder, and the vegetative stems of *Asclepias nummularia*, tufted milkweed, looking like a couple of stray cabbage plants in the midst of the grasslands. A great time was had by all.



Your Membership Matters

Thank you for your membership in 2021. The annual dues of our 600+ members is the primary means of supporting the publications, outreach, education, and conservation projects of the society. But more importantly, the participation of members in these activities is the backbone, muscle, and energy that keeps our organization vital, relevant, and thriving.

If you have recently received an email notice reminding you to renew, please do so as soon as you can, either online or by check to the address shown on this newsletter.

There is so much to be proud of and still so much to accomplish. We hope you will “stick with us.”



Upper Gila Chapter



Chapter activities, including meetings, have not been finalized. To keep up to date on activity dates, please contact us at uppergilaaznps@gmail.com.

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Yuma Chapter



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

Announcements of these events and other news updates will be posted via email. Follow us at yumanativeplant@gmail.com by requesting to be on our email list.

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Welcome New Chapter Members!

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Please send information for the newsletter by:

February 1st for March - May events

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