



# SEPTEMBER EVENTS 2023



## Friends of the San Pedro River

### River Walks

The San Pedro River's cottonwood-willow riparian forest is one of the largest remaining in Arizona. The San Pedro is one of the last free-flowing rivers in the Southwest. The river and forest provide habitat for 82 species of mammals, dozens of reptiles and amphibians, and roughly 350 species of birds.

The river walks are 1.5 to 2 miles long over easy terrain, but there are places where the trail is rough. River walks are slower paced than a hike and suitable for most adults and children. All walks are free.

**Saturdays,  
September 2, 16, 30**  
River walks depart from the San Pedro House at **8:00am**

### Bird Walks

The San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA) provides habitat for over 100 species of breeding birds. The San Pedro River is also a critical avian migration corridor that provides water, food and shelter for another 250 migratory and wintering birds.

Novice and experienced bird watchers attend our bird walks to view the diverse avian community of the SPRNCA. We usually observe 30 - 60 species on these popular two-to-three-hour walks. Bring water, hat and binoculars. All are welcome, but they may not be suitable for young children. All walks are free.

**Wednesdays,  
September 13 and 27**  
Bird walks depart from the San Pedro House at **7:00am**

### EOP BIRD WALKS

The Sierra Vista Environmental Operations Park (EOP) is open to public tours on Sunday mornings year round. Group size is limited to 15 people, first-come, first-served. Arrive before the starting time to sign a waiver and secure a spot. The 2-2.5 hours walk is behind locked gates and you must stay with the group. Bring water, hat, and binoculars. A bird checklist will be provided. All walks are free.

**Sundays,  
September 3, 10, 17, 24**

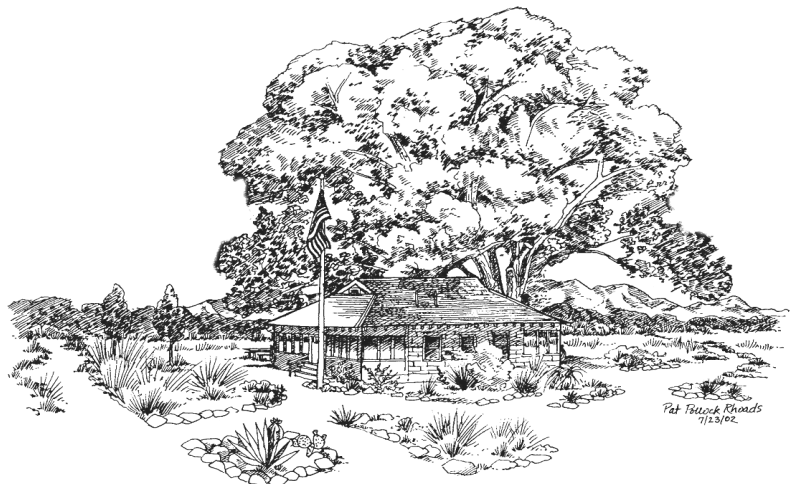
**Meet at 7:00am**  
at the EOP viewing platform parking lot  
(Turn North off Hwy 90 between mile markers 324 and 325)

### HUMMINGBIRD BANDING

San Pedro House, 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Up to 10 species of hummingbirds use the green corridor of the San Pedro River as a freeway between their tropical winter retreats and their northern nesting grounds. The public is invited to get a close-up look at these tiny travelers as staff and volunteers from the Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory capture, band, weigh, measure, and release them as part of long-term studies of the bird life of this vital migration route. The public is welcome to observe banding sessions at no charge, but donations are gratefully accepted.

Saturdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
For more info: [www.sabo.org](http://www.sabo.org)  
(520) 432-1388 [sabo@sabo.org](mailto:sabo@sabo.org)  
(Schedule subject to change)



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**San Pedro House**  
Nature Store & Visitor Information  
9800 E. Highway 90,  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635  
Open Daily: 9:30am - 4:30pm  
(520) 508-4445  
[sanpedrohouse@sanpedroriver.org](mailto:sanpedrohouse@sanpedroriver.org)

**Friends of the San Pedro River Fairbank Schoolhouse Museum**  
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Sierra Vista, AZ 85635  
(520) 459-2555  
[fspr@sanpedroriver.org](mailto:fspr@sanpedroriver.org)  
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**Fairbank Historic Townsite**  
Hwy 82 east of the San Pedro River  
Open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday  
9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
(520) 457-3062  
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