

Friends of the San Pedro River Roundup

Winter 2024/25

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President's Report

By Ron Stewart, FSPR President

We have had a busy time since the last newsletter! It is my privilege as president of the Friends of the San Pedro River to occupy a vantage point that allows me to be aware of what is going on. In this column, I first will preview what is coming up, then review happenings during the last 6 months or so.

You members voted the following Board members back into office last October: Louise Wilkinson, Jim Herrewig, and me. Following the membership election, the Board met to select its officers. The existing slate was re-elected – me as president, Joanne Roberts, as vice-president, Sally Rosén as secretary, and Renell Stewart as treasurer. The officers serve 1-year terms. Elections to the Board are held annually for 3-year terms. I want to thank all serving on the Board, now or in the past, and also those serving as officers.

On April 12, FSPR will hold another Celebrate the San Pedro! event. We will have nature- and history-oriented speakers and exhibitors. Our birding docents will hold a species count. There will be activities for kids. Our xeriscape garden will be highlighted. The goal is to spread the word about the wonders of SPRNCA. Please plan on attending this free event (see article, p. 3).

Our Nature Store manager, Sierra Delgado, has created an online store from which we can sell FSPR logo merchandise. You can access the web store through our website. We are seeking to augment revenue from retail sales to ensure that the SPH Nature Store remains self-sustaining, including the cost of the visitor services we provide.

BLM will be implementing a new fee structure for day use and camping in SPRNCA. The exact details of this are being worked out. It will likely take effect sometime this summer. FSPR reviewed and commented on these new fees.

Power line work near Fairbank is nearing completion. It turned out that there was minimal disruption to the operation of our Schoolhouse museum. Significant damage to the forest and trails north of the town site is being ameliorated, though it will take time for trees and bushes to obscure the scars on the landscape. The necessary tradeoff is a reduced danger of fires being started by antiquated power lines there.

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Work on the solar power plant at SPH, which is now complete, also happened with little impact on our operations. The work was funded by a grant from the Foundation for America's Public Lands – the very first grant issued by this new quasi-governmental organization whose purpose is the support activities in BLM-managed areas (see article, p. 5).

We have organized a number of members events over the last few months: a nature walk with ASU botanist Liz Makings, talks on reptiles and amphibians and ocelots of SPRNCA by biologist Jim Rorabaugh, and a hike to see the railroad remnants north of Fairbank, led by long-time FSPR volunteer Jim Petersen.

BLM has been working to modernize and replace faded interpretive signage at Terrenate and Murray Springs. FSPR leadership and docents are engaged on these tasks.

Activities Since Our Last Newsletter (July 2024)

- » We held our annual meeting in the lovely picnic area at Coronado National Memorial, where we conducted organizational business and had National Park Service (NPS) rangers lead a bird walk and provide a lecture on the Coronado Expedition, updated by me to offer insight into how the latest research on the Expedition is finding an even greater role in the lands that are now part of SPRNCA.
- » We held a joint FSPR-NPS educational event at SPH this fall and are looking to repeat that soon.
- » We have been hosting open house days at Murray Springs to allow access to the site, to which vehicular access has been curtailed due to vandalism.
- » Our wonderful birding docents have added walks to their schedule during busy birding seasons.
- » Our natural and cultural history docents have continued to provide a full slate of free public walks at sites throughout SPRNCA.
- » Garden volunteers staged a National Public Lands Day event with soldiers from Havoc Company on Fort Huachuca last fall. Great work happened around SPH: graveling trails, weeding, cleaning up, etc. In general, our xeriscape garden volunteers have worked countless hours keeping the area looking great. A work day was held with the soldiers in January to revitalize the trails in the garden.
- » FSPR volunteers staff the Nature Store and visitor center at SPH and the Schoolhouse museum and visitor center at Fairbank. These wonderful folks provide visitors with information about how to enjoy their time in SPRNCA. These volunteers are the public face of our organization. Thanks!
- » Another NPLD day event was held to clean up the parking areas at the Charleston Road Bridge and Millville trailhead.
- » BLM recently trimmed both historic trees near SPH. Plaza in particular was pruned to preserve the central trunk from splitting.

That is a lot! We are always looking for volunteers to help with these activities. My advice? Get involved!



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Celebrate the San Pedro!

By Louise Wilkinson, FSPR Board Member

The Friends of the San Pedro is hosting another Celebrate the San Pedro! event on Saturday, April 12 from 9 am to 1 pm. It will be a larger educational event than last year's and will include speakers from several conservation and nature-related organizations, as well as information tables.

Celebrate the San Pedro! will be a free event for the public and FSPR members; there will be no parking or admission fees. Our goal is to educate the public about the San Pedro River and to create a social environment in which the value of the San Pedro is appreciated and understood. To this end, we have invited organizations that are connected to the San Pedro River or can address some of the unique features of the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area. FSPR docents and members will be involved with a birding Big Day, river walks, garden tours, Murray Springs Clovis Site display, a "Gifts of Nature Scavenger Hunt" for accompanied children, and nature-themed kids' crafts.

Confirmed speakers are:

- Ron Stewart, FSPR, "Welcome and introduction to SPRNCA"
- Colleen Dingman, BLM, "Topic TBA"
- Marty Alred, Cochise County Sheriff's Department Search & Rescue Team, ""How to be safe in a desert environment""
- Sherry Eisner & Sam Greenleaf, Old Pueblo Archaeology, "Hohokam People" and "Flintknapping" (2 topics)
- Kim McReynolds, Wilcox Office of Cooperative Extension of the University of Arizona, "Invasive species"
- Perin McNelis, Borderlands Restoration Network & Nursery, "BRN&N's contributions to restoring desert ecosystems in the borderlands"

Confirmed education/information tables are:

- Southeastern Arizona Museum of Science & Technology, "Artifacts from Southeastern Arizona," Ron Hyde
- FSPR, "Murray Springs Clovis Site," Chris & Dwight Long, history docents
- Southwest Wings, "Birds of SPRNCA," Lori Lam
- Arizona Native Plant Society, Karen Lemay
- FSPR, Renell & Ron Stewart
- Cochise County Sheriff Department Search & Rescue Team, Marty Alred and First Aid Station
- Borderlands & Cochise County Master Naturalists, Janet Heisy & Mike Doyen
- Xerces Society, Chris Robbie
- Old Pueblo Archaeology, Sherry Eisner & Sam Greenleaf
- Kids' Crafts & Scavenger Hunt, Linda Stitt & Colleen Crowlie

The line-up of activities includes:

- Celebrate the San Pedro! "Big Morning of Birding"
- Guided San Pedro River nature walks
- Guided San Pedro House history tour
- Local history illustration boards
- Xeriscape & Pollinator Garden tours
- Kids' "Gifts of Nature" scavenger hunt
- Nature-themed crafts for kids
- Native plant pick-up (online sales pre-event) from Borderlands Restoration Network & Nursery

As you can see, the Celebrate the San Pedro! event is designed for young and old alike. Invite your friends and family and enjoy a beautiful spring day at San Pedro House and SPRNCA!

A Year on the River 2024 Photo Contest Results

By Ron Stewart, FSPR President and Photo Contest Manager

We held our third annual Friends of the San Pedro River photo contest at the end of 2024. Thirty-nine pictures were entered in two categories, Scenery and Flora & Fauna. This year, we offered cash prizes for the first two winners in each category, along with an honorable mention for the third-place pictures. Money for the prizes was donated by Facebook users after last year's contest.

We are undecided about continuing the contests. Let us know what you think. So, without further ado, here are the six winning pictures for 2024.

- » First Place in Flora & Fauna: "A Refreshing Reflection" © Gary Smith
- » Second Place in Flora & Fauna: "Standing Still in the Warm Morning Sun" © Maria Zocher
- » Honorable Mention in Flora & Fauna: "Beauty and the Beast" © Steven Capps
- » First Place in Scenery: "Leaves of Gold" © Maria Zocher
- » Second Place in Scenery: "Spring Green" © Ariel Porter
- » Honorable Mention in Scenery: "Spring on the San Pedro" © David Day



(Top) "A Refreshing Reflection." (Bottom) "Standing Still in the Warm Morning Sun."





(Top) "Leaves of Gold." (Bottom) "Beauty and the Beast."







"Spring on the San Pedro."

Foundation for America's Public Lands Grant Received

By Renell Stewart, FSPR Board Member and Treasurer

In September 2024, the Foundation for America's Public Lands (FAPL), the official Congressionally chartered partner of BLM, launched the Drought Resilience Fund, a first-of-its-kind grant program to combat the severe drought challenges facing public lands and Western communities. "By investing in projects that are led by local community-based stewards, the Foundation will help drive economic vitality in rural communities and foster long-term, lasting stewardship of public lands and waters" said I Ling Thompson, FAPL CEO.

The City of Sierra Vista, the Friends of the San Pedro River, and the Borderland Restoration Network — groups that have been long-standing partners of the BLM — will receive \$1.5 million over 3 years to invest in the restoration of BLM's San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area. One of the most important riverscapes in the country, this region provides drinking water to Southwestern communities, bolsters national security through facilitating operations at the Army facility Fort Huachuca, supports the outdoor recreation economy, and provides vital habitat to hundreds of unique wildlife species.

In its first year, the project plans to:

- » Deploy restoration practices along the San Pedro River to decrease erosion, bolster habitat, and improve resilience to drought conditions.
- » Improve visitor center infrastructure and renewable energy production and storage at San Pedro House, to support the growing recreation economy.
- » Support the groundwater recharge network, to ensure communities and Fort Huachuca have access to reliable drinking water, while also supporting flows in the San Pedro River.
- » Support youth crews doing restoration and monitoring on San Pedro tributaries and the main river.

The portion of this grant awarded to BLM and FSPR — \$200,000 over 3 years — began with the initiation of work to renovate the solar power system at San Pedro House and Visitor Center. We have the honor of being the first recipients of a FAPL-issued grant!





(Left) Queen Butterfly. (Right) Pipevine Swallowtail. Photos © Steve Tracey.

Butterfly Season Is Just Around the Corner

By Steve Tracey, FSPR Docent

Is this spell of colder weather making you wish for warmer days? A warm sun and beautiful butterflies floating above blooming flowers sound really good about now. This might not be that far off as spring will be here sooner than you think.

As it turns out, the San Pedro House (SPH) xeriscape garden is an excellent place to find those beautiful butterflies. Thanks to the hard work of gardening volunteers, the garden around SPH has been developed into a fantastic place to observe butterflies by cultivating a number of regionally native flowering plants. Over the past year, observers have been documenting the butterfly species seen in the garden. To date about 50 species have been found. In fact, there is a butterfly observation board on the SPH porch with photos and observation dates that you can check out the next time you are there.

In this part of Arizona, you can find butterflies all year long, but activity is much lower in the winter. The prime season in the SPH garden is from April to November. During this period, on a good day, you can see 20 species or more in one visit. The fun part is that each visit can yield a different list. This is due to the daily comings and goings of individual butterflies, along with some of the butterfly species appearing only seasonally. This idea of never knowing exactly what you might find makes each walk through the garden a butterfly treasure hunt.

So what types of butterflies are found in the garden? At a high level, butterflies are grouped into taxonomic families. Probably the most familiar of these families are the brush-footed butterflies. This family contains the most recognizable species like the common but beautiful Queen Butterfly. Also in this family is another butterfly recently seen in the garden, the rare Mexican Fritillary, a butterfly of Mexico that only occasionally ranges into southern Arizona.

Another family represented in the garden is the Swallowtail family. These are butterflies with tail-like extensions on their hindwings. The Pipevine Swallowtail is the common Swallowtail family representative at SPH. As summer rolls along you will see more and more yellow butterflies floating around the garden. These are in the family Pieridae, commonly referred to as Sulphurs.

When searching the garden for the remaining butterfly families, you will likely have to look closely, as many of the species are very small. These include the typically blue-shaded butterflies of the Gossamer-winged Butterfly family, the metallic-like bordered Metalmark family, and the large and diverse family of butterflies referred to as Skippers.

There is no doubt that butterflies represent one of the most spectacular ranges of beauty in the animal kingdom and this diversity is on display in the SPH garden during the warm months. As spring arrives, consider taking a visit to the garden and checking out the butterflies. You can peruse the observation board on the porch and add your observation dates or maybe even add a new species to the board. Also, keep an eye out for announcement of docent-led butterfly walks in the SPH garden later this year.



FSPR landscape volunteers Bill Walker and Louise Wilkinson pulling invasive Bermuda grass. Photo © Joanne Roberts.

San Pedro House Xeriscape™ Demonstration Garden News

By Joanne M Roberts, FSPR Vice-President & Landscape Volunteer Coordinator

For those of you who are new to our organization, I want to start this xeriscape garden news with a brief review of how the garden came to be.

The Community Xeriscape™ project began in 2007. It was a collaboration among many groups, including but not limited to FSPR, Cochise County Master Gardeners Association, and BLM. Today, the garden concepts, techniques, and goals inspired by the work that started in 2007 has expanded beyond its' original three-"pod" design to several pods and ADA-compliant walkways within an estimated halfacre surrounding San Pedro House (SPH). Over the years dedicated FSPR volunteers and partners have worked tirelessly to maintain the wonderful garden that you see and enjoy today.

The original and current primary goal of the Community Xeriscape™ garden is to provide the public with an example of an attractive and affordable low-water-use landscape featuring native drought-tolerant plants. More recently, the garden has focused on having all new plantings to be native and found within SPRNCA, as identified through an exhaustive floristics inventory conducted between 2000 and 2003. The term "native species" refers to what is native, naturally occurring within SPRNCA.

A second goal was and continues to be to create an educational xeriscape using informative signs and literature, including a self-guided garden plant list.

In calendar year 2024 we found ourselves taking on more as we engaged with local Scout troops, Eagle Scout projects, continued support from Fort Huachuca soldiers -- especially the 111th MI BDE-HAVOC Company under the command of Cpt. Mercedes Jackimowicz -- as well as new and dedicated garden volunteers who maintain the garden year-round. I wrote about many of our projects in our summer 2024 River Roundup (Summer-Fall-2024-final.pdf).

You may have noticed a few cottonwood stumps recently placed for seating. The stumps are from the large Fremont Cottonwood tree known as Plaza. Keeping to our tradition for the garden to have a more

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FSPR landscape volunteer Lori Kovash trimming overgrown vegetation around the reflection pond.

Photo © Joanne Roberts.



Recycling Plaza stumps for seating.
Photo © Joanne Roberts.

natural personality connected to SPRNCA habitat, the new seating adds to the feeling of being in the natural environment.

In this next year we hope to replace fading and cracked plant identification signs, begin phase two in the Bailey Conservation pod with cactus landscaping, provide a self-guided plant identification guide for visitors, work with the BLM botanist to protect milkweed plants, and continue our weekly maintenance and special projects with our various partners.

The next time you're walking through the garden and see a volunteer working, stop and say hello!

A Place to Call Home: An Update on the Lucy's Warbler Nest Box Project

By Ted Mouras, FSPR Volunteer and Former Board Member and President

In fall 2019 two scientific journal reports made the shocking case that bird numbers in North America were in serious decline, with the outlook for the future being even more grim. The Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology reported a decline in overall numbers of nearly 3 billion birds since 1970 -- a nearly 30% drop in North American bird populations. While reasons for the decline were many, the primary cause was habitat loss. The widespread use of pesticides, as well as free-roaming cats, light pollution, and window and tower collisions, also were taking a high toll. The National Audubon Society report stated that continued increases in temperatures due to global warming put two thirds of North American birds at risk of extinction over the next century.

These threats already are having an adverse effect on our beloved local bird species, many of whom have seen their numbers declining. One such species is the Lucy's Warbler, a lovely, small, neo-tropical bird, once common throughout the southwestern US in mesquite and cottonwood/willow riparian habitat.

To obtain a better understanding of Lucy's Warbler nesting needs, Tucson Audubon Society (TAS) established a program to evaluate a variety of nest designs. Literature stated that these warblers do not use nest boxes but it may have been due to the box design being used. So TAS evaluated a wide range of designs.

Lucy's Warblers nest in crevices and peeled bark on trees, especially mesquite. An apparent preference for two points of exits in their natural nests led TAS to design a unique triangular nest box open on both sides. When compared with other styles, this one was selected over 70% of the time in experimental setups.

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In fall 2019, FSPR asked to participate in the TAS program, since Lucy's Warblers have been common breeders within SPRNCA since its establishment in 1988. After receiving approval for the project from BLM, we chose the TAS triangular nest box design and built seven nest boxes. These boxes were placed in mesquite along Del Valle Road from San Pedro House south toward Garden Wash. We decided to place them 5 to 7 feet off the ground, attached to the central trunk or to one of the major branches of mesquite. Nest boxes were placed at least 100 feet apart and were oriented to the north or east to reduce exposure to the hot afternoon sun.

Nest boxes were checked once a week by volunteers, beginning at the end of February 2020. Since the winter and spring of 2019/2020 had been a wet one, we hoped for success and were rewarded when 5 of the 7 nest boxes were used by Lucy's Warblers.

In 2020, despite a record dry winter and spring and far fewer singing males, we were surprised to discover 4 of the 7 nest boxes in use that spring, including one in the marginal habitat. One of the volunteers used an optical probe to inspect the nest boxes, hoping to minimize the disturbance to the birds when checking nests.

As we've continued this program, we've learned several things. First, dry winter/springs do result in reduced usage of the nest boxes, though we've always found at least 3 of the 7 boxes used each year. We also discovered that using the optical probe causes too much stress on nesting birds, so we've discontinued its use for now. We rely on the presence of nesting material in the nest box, birds entering and exiting the nest boxes, and bird droppings rimming the side of the nest box to get a clear idea of nest box usage.

In 2024, after a wet El Nino winter rainy season, we had a record 7 of 7 nest boxes used during the breeding season. This has prompted us to gain approval from BLM to put up 3 more nest boxes: 1 more on Del Valle Road, 1 more along Garden Wash, and one in the mesquite bosque above the oxbow. Hannah Pierce, the new BLM biologist, is considering placing nest boxes in Las Cienegas National Conservation Area.

North American birds need all the help they can get. The FSPR Lucy's Warbler nest box program is one small way to contribute to the welfare of these lovely birds. If you would like to do your part, check the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology website and/or the National Audubon Society website to discover ways you can help improve the lives and breeding success of birds around you. And if you happen to live near mesquite trees, please consider installing a Lucy's warbler nest box. For more information, visit http://tucsonaudubon.org/lucy.

Profile of Lucy's Warbler

By Robert Weissler, Former FSPR Board Member and President

The Lucy's Warbler (*Leiothlypis luciae*) is a small, gray-and-white bird that breeds in the desert southwestern United States and adjacent northwestern Mexico. This species breeds in riparian habitats, locally along the San Pedro River and other waterways in southern Arizona. It spends the winter mainly in Pacific-coastal southwestern Mexico.

As a breeding bird, it is primarily found in riparian corridors with dense mesquite, cottonwood, and willow trees. This warbler also can be found in xeric oak woodland in canyon outlets of the Sky Islands. It begins singing almost immediately on arrival at breeding grounds in spring. Generally, it gleans insects from foliage for its diet, mainly caterpillars, beetles, and leafhoppers, supplemented with bugs, spiders, ants, bees, and wasps. It arrives in southern Arizona in mid-March and departs as early as late June or early July, although a few linger into September. This species nests in cavities or behind loose bark of trees, primarily mesquite, but also oaks. It typically requires mature riparian forests with a diverse structure for successful breeding.

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Lucy's Warbler. © 2025 Robert Luce.

Lucy's Warbler has been described as a small, gray warbler. Its adult plumage is uniformly gray above and whitish below, with a notable rufous patch on the crown and the rump. It also sports a short, notched, and mostly unmarked tail that it sometimes flicks. The beak is small and pointed. It lacks clearly marked wing-bars and the rufous crown and rump often are not seen. These rufous features are most easily observed in excited birds, for example when courting. The female patch on the crown is paler than that of the male and is sometimes lacking altogether. Both sexes usually are indistinguishable in the field, however. Juveniles and immature birds generally are paler than adults and lack the rufous crown. There is no geographic variation in this species and no subspecies have been identified. Genetically, it is most closely related to Virginia's Warbler and Nashville Warbler.

JAlthough the San Pedro River represents a stronghold for this species, it is considered a species of conservation concern by the Arizona Game and Fish Department and New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, due to habitat loss and fragmentation. Populations have been declining in some areas and are listed as threatened in Mexico. It is threatened by development, agriculture, and water diversions, among major threats to riparian habitats. Furthermore, invasive species like tamarisk and other non-native plants can displace native vegetation and degrade habitat quality. Lucy's Warblers appear to be quite resilient to hot climates but prone to mortality due to their small size from extreme events that are expected to increase, including heat, drought, and intense rainfall.



Distribution of the Lucy's Warbler

Johnson, R.R., H.K. Yard, and B.T. Brown (2020). Lucy's Warbler (Leiothlypis luciae), version 1.0. In Birds of the World (A.E. Poole, ed.). Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Ithaca. NY.

Conservation efforts include protecting and restoring riparian habitats that are crucial for the long-term survival of the Lucy's Warbler. Efforts to control invasive species and conserve water resources are also important. However, its frequent use of tamarisk for nesting presents a management dilemma, given the widespread desire to rid riparian areas of this exotic species.

This brief summary provides a general overview of the Lucy's Warbler in southern Arizona. For more detailed information, I recommend consulting resources from organizations including Cornell's <u>Birds of the World</u> and <u>eBird databases</u>, the Arizona Game and Fish Department, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and local Audubon societies (e.g., <u>Tucson Audubon Society</u>).

New & Renewing Members, July 2024 through January 2025

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