

AZ Sportsmen For Wildlife Conservation GRANT COMPLETION REPORT

Project Title: Project Death Pipes

Organization: Tucson Bird Alliance (formerly Tucson Audubon)

Grant #: 2024-Q3-04 (Found on award letter for grants approved beginning in May 2022)

Event/Project Completion Date: 6/30/2025

Project Location (Include info such as event center, hunting unit, etc.): Southeast Arizona

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Today's Date: 8/29/2025

AZSFWC Recognition:

AZSFWC Logo and Link to AZSFWC on organization's website? (attach screen print image) Yes No

License Plate Image w/link to MVD on organization's website? (attach screen print image) Yes No

AZSFWC Logo displayed at event? (attach photo(s)) Yes No

AZSFWC recognized in all marketing materials & post event articles? (attach all samples) Yes No

List any social media recognition of AZSFWC (include all screen print images) Email news

Was there any media or press coverage? (attach copies if available) Yes No

List any other recognition? Online Training module: <https://360.articulate.com/review/content/6dab0f7d-f82b-42c0-a667-02adee6a3302/review>

Summarize Project Accomplishments:

With support from the Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation (AZSFWC), Tucson Bird Alliance successfully expanded Project Death Pipes, an initiative to prevent wildlife mortality caused by open vertical pipes. Grant funding enabled us to increase on-the-ground work, raise public awareness, and organize volunteer-led workdays to permanently cap hazardous pipes.

Key Achievements:

- Capped 629 open vertical pipes, preventing an estimated 10,000–15,000 wildlife deaths.
- Developed a Best Management Practices document to be shared with environmental professionals.
- Led 6 workdays with the help of 19 volunteers dedicated to hands-on conservation. Created an online training module to streamline volunteer training.
- Reached over 9,500 people with educational messaging through in-person and virtual presentations, media, and print materials.
- Partnered with Desert Fence Busters Collaborative to provide guidance and coordinated planning for joint work days.
- Shared project outcomes and recognized AZSFWC support at the Arizona Field Ornithologists and Western Bird Banders Association Annual Co-Meeting.
- Advanced education and outreach efforts through:
 - Desert habitat educational booklet
 - EcoRestore Newsletter

- TBA email newsletter
- Tabling at Quail Fest and Quail Forever Family Day
- Presentations at Wings Over Willcox, Friends of Buenos Aires, Meet the Monument (Ironwood NM), Desert Fence Busters events, and the Arizona Bird Conservation Initiative annual meeting.

Thanks to AZSFWC's generous support, Tucson Audubon was able to protect countless wildlife species from unnecessary deaths and build stronger community awareness and engagement around desert conservation.

Measurable Results (Fill in all that are applicable):

Attendees (If project was an event, list total # of participants, excluding staff, visiting parents, etc): 19 volunteers trained and involved in capping work days, 9.5k people reached via in-person and virtual presentations, social and print media.

Visitors (If the project is an interpretive display, list total # of annual visitors): NA

Brochures, Pamphlets, etc. (If the project is a brochure, publication, poster or video, list the total produced and distributed): 1,000

Other (please explain): 629 open pipes permanently closed, 10-15k animals saved from getting trapped in the future.

Budget (specifically describe how AZSFWC funds were used; e.g. program promotion, type of equipment, materials and/or supplies, etc.) ATTACH COPIES OF ALL RECEIPTS:

Budget Item	Planned	Actual
Capping materials (bucket, water container, gloves, cement etc).	\$200	\$134.27
Printing educational brochures (1,000)	\$250	\$265.65
Leader training	\$350	\$350
Work days	\$1500	\$1500
Presentations	\$1500	\$1500
Travel	\$200	\$250.08
Total (including award and match)	\$4000	\$4,000

Project Cooperator(s) (please include any in-kind contributions):

Cooperator (no abbreviations)	Amount Contributors \$
Desert Fence Busters	\$1000
Private Donor Match	\$2000
Volunteer time	\$3,181.55

Photographs

*Visuals are **critical** to effectively communicating project accomplishments and are a requirement of AZSFWC project reporting*

Following are a few photo guidelines:

- Please copy photos directly into this document.
- Include information regarding photo credits if needed.

Please return this completed form and supporting documentation and send along with photos to: **AZ Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation Grant Program PO Box 75731 New River, AZ 85087** or e-mail to info@azsfwc.org. Phone: 602-361-6478.



Figure 1 Live lizard rescued from a pipe during a capping event. One lizard was already dead just below. This lizard was unable to climb the smooth walls of the pipe to climb out.



Figure 2 Cathy Breeding capping an open pipe during a DFB event



Figure 3 One of the capping crews heading to the next location



Olya Weekley capping a tall open pipe holding up AZGFD hunting sign in Avra Valley



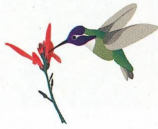
Figure 4 Remains inside of an open pipe: fur, feathers and bones of perished animals.

Recognition

- Learn more about birding and how to make southern Arizona better and safer for birds and wildlife.

Check out our Habitat at Home program! Your yard can be full of birds and butterflies. Learn how to reduce hazards to birds.

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Field trips and information about birds of Southeast Arizona can be found at:

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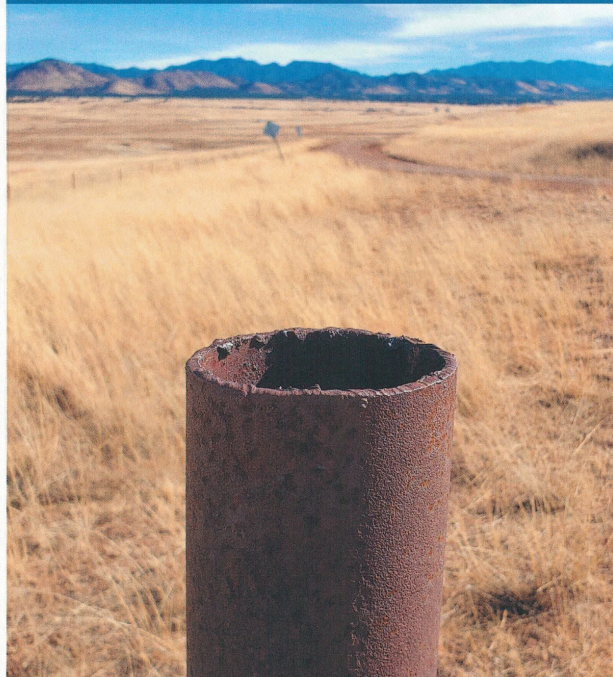
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OPEN PIPES ARE DEATH TRAPS!

You can prevent the needless deaths of birds and other wildlife.



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Our Partners

Tucson Bird Alliance works with a wide range of partners in order to achieve shared goals. We honor the hard work of these partner organizations, and are grateful for their collaboration.

Thank you!

Arizona Game and Fish Department:
Important Bird Areas program and
Arizona Bird Conservation Initiative

Arizona Heritage Alliance

Arizona Land and Water Trust

Arizona Native Plant Society

Arizona Sonora Desert Museum

Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation



Coronado National Forest

Environmental Education Exchange

National Audubon:
Christmas Bird Count and Important Bird Areas program

North American Bluebird Society

Pima County

Purple Martin Conservation Association

Sabino Canyon Volunteer Naturalists

Santa Cruz County

Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area

Sky Island Alliance

Sonoran Institute

Report Open Pipes

While enjoying public lands, be on the lookout for "death pipes." Please report the exact location of these pipes using our online system. We will work with land owners and managers to cover pipes and prevent needless, horrible deaths of wildlife. You will be informed of these work days if you reported a pipe.

- **Report the open pipe in computer browser**
- **Open the form in Survey123 phone app. You can even download the form for offline use and always be ready to report!**

Thank you! This project is made possible by the generous support from **Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation**.

By **purchasing** this license plate for your vehicle, a portion of the proceeds go to fund on-the-ground conservation projects in Arizona.



THE GOOD NEWS



- Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation Grant Support
- Desert Fence Busters Collaboration
- 641 open pipes capped last year



Another Successful Season of Capping Death Pipes!

We're continuing our mission to eliminate open vertical pipes that pose a deadly threat to small wildlife. This season, Tucson Bird Alliance's dedicated team of volunteers capped 629 open pipes, preventing countless unnecessary deaths across Arizona. We're proud of this life-saving work and deeply grateful to our sponsors, [Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation](#), and to our generous private donors.



You can help too! Take action at home by inspecting your property for open vertical pipes. Permanently cap them to keep wildlife safe in your own backyard.

If you spot open pipes on public lands, please report them at tucsonbirds.org/deathpipes.

Together, small actions add up to big wins for wildlife. Thank you for being part of the solution!



Receipts



SCAN IN TO TRACK REWARDS AND MANAGE ACCOUNT

LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, LLC
4075 WEST 19th ROAD
TUCSON, AZ 85741 (520) 572-7300

SALES#: S1707011 3465730 TRANS#: 368976647 11-20-24
5265451 LOWE'S 10-GAL COOLR C-2175 49.98

SUBTOTAL: 49.98
TOTAL TAX: 4.30
INVOICE 92524 TOTAL: 54.28
M/C: 54.28

***** MY LOWE'S REWARDS *****

EST. POINTS EARNED: 62*

* Points are awarded on eligible purchases for orders that have been settled and fulfilled

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EXCLUDES FEES, SERVICES AND SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS



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AT OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE DESK

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10387 QUIKRETE 60-LB CONCRETE M 8.06
4.48 DISCOUNT EACH -0.45
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69110 3M PAINT SANDING RESPIRAT 29.68
32.98 DISCOUNT EACH -3.30
5260544 100-CT DISPOSABLE HEAVY D 20.68
22.98 DISCOUNT EACH -2.30
954434 5-GAL LOWE'S BUCKET-UNITE 15.24
4.98 DISCOUNT EACH -1.17
4 @ 3.81

SUBTOTAL: 73.66
TOTAL TAX: 6.33
INVOICE 92495 TOTAL: 79.99
M/C: 79.99

TOTAL SAVINGS THIS TRIP: \$11.18

***** MY LOWE'S REWARDS *****

EST. POINTS EARNED: 92*

* Points are awarded on eligible purchases for orders that have been settled and fulfilled

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Receipt

Job No. 13694811

Thank you! We appreciate your business.

Product Description	Estimated Delivery Date	Price
 PDP Brochures Brochures Size: 9" x 10" Quantity: 1,000	Pending	\$208.90

Shipping & Payments		
Shipping Info Olya Weekley 300 E UNIVERSITY BLVD, STE 120 TUCSON, AZ 85705, US (520) 730-5559	Printing Total	\$208.90
Billing Info Olya Weekley 300 E UNIVERSITY BLVD, STE 120 TUCSON, AZ 85705, US	Tax	\$21.26
Payment Method Credit Card  **** * 7325	Shipping & Handling	\$35.49
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