





This week is the 25th anniversary of the introduction of Mexican wolves. The Arizona Game & Fish Department (AZGFD) has put together a variety of resources to tell the story, clarify any misconceptions, and chronicle the recovery of this endangered species.

Here are links to the various references:

- Know the Difference Coyote vs Mexican wolf
- Year of Milestones https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Urf3OC4 cCY
- Podcast #9 https://www.azgfd.com/about-arizona-game-fish/azgfd-press-room-and-media/publications-and-videos/podcasts-wild-about-arizona/
- Wolf Biologist Story https://azgfd-portal-wordpress-pantheon.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/10140140/6-11-Feature Wolf-Biologist Sept-Oct-2023-Views sm.pdf
- Cross Fostering https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_sWqUmXIivU
- Q3 '23 Update https://azgfd-portal-wordpress-pantheon.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/24102725/Q3-Wolf-Report-2023.pdf
- Range Riders Protecting Livestock https://www.youtube.com/watch?
 v=SOzdRWHnvk0

On the Unauthorized Livestock front, 500 horses have been rounded up and taken off the Apache National Forest, notwithstanding horse advocates efforts to thwart the success. Conservation organizations have stepped up and donated money to see this work continue. Here is our Press Release on the subject.

AZSFWC has a representative on the Legislature's OHV Study Committee, working on finding solutions to the problems uncontrolled OHV's are having on our landscapes. The adverse impact to the land, habitat, and wildlife, is only becoming more pronounced. Here is a video from AZGFD. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ikg0Z0mYiVk

Safe passage for migrating wildlife is becoming more critical and important with more vehicles on Arizona roads. There are a few overpasses and underpasses along our highways with more in the future. AZSFWC supports the efforts and cooperation between Coconino National Forest, ADOT and AZGFD, with three crossings on Interstates 17 and 40. https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/coconino/?project=64375 Click here for our letter of support.

I'll close with two ways you can help and support AZSFWC.

Purchase our "Conserving Wildlife" license plate to support our L. Gary Stinson Grant Fund; https://azsfwc.org/license-plate-2/

Purchase tickets for our Sanderson Ford F-150 Truck Raffle! https://azsfwc.org/truck-raffle/

Thank you!
Jim Unmacht
Executive Director

Instagram License Plate Contest

#myazplate @azsfwc

Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation is hosting a license plate contest! We support wildlife conservation through the Stinson Grant program which is funded by the revenue of conservation plates offered through AZ Department of Transportation.



Many of these plate owners have personalized their plates and we want to feature their creativity and their passion for wildlife with a contest on Instagram.

From November 14st through November 28th personalized conservation plate owners are asked to post their plate on Instagram and tag us @AZSWFC, #myazplate and tell the story behind the plate. Judges will pick and announce the top 3 winners on Nov 30th. We highly recommend tagging any friends who have a personalized conservation plate to help spread the news of the contest!

1st prize 75 qt Canyon Cooler, 2nd Prize 12x15 Vortex Diamondback Binos 3rd Prize 10x42 Vortex Diamondback Binos.

Read complete instructions and rules for participation **HERE**.

Attention Mearns Quail Hunters

Do you hunt Mearn's Quail? Would you like to help restore Mearn's Quail habitat? Tucson Audubon is currently working to create native food plots for Mearn's Quail by working with hunters who **donate the crops of birds they harvest**. The crops contain intact seeds that have not been broken down yet in the digestive process. This way, we know we are planting exactly what they are eating!

The seeds will be planted at the Paton Center for Hummingbirds to create a seed source. Once established, the seeds can be planted to create food plots at other locations.

Tucson Audubon will also have a table at QuailFest on December 4 where we

will talk about the project and distribute **prepaid shipping boxes** that can be used for sending in quail crops.

Please contact Aya at apickett@tucsonaudubon.org if you have any questions or would like to donate crops. Thank you for supporting your local Mearn's Quail!



Raffle closes December 17 - Tickets are \$10

BUY TICKETS

Please support our Member Group Activities



Jaws & Paws Raffle ends at 9:00 pm 11/14/23





Expanding and Improving Arizona's Native and Wild Trout Fisheries

SALT RIVER SATURDAYS

December 2, 2023 January 6, 2024 January 20, 2024 February 3, 2024 February 17, 2024 March 2, 2024 March 16, 2024 April 6, 2024

INFO HERE

QUAIL FEST - December 3, 1-3 PM Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds

This annual event co-hosted by AZ Game & Fish and Southern AZ Quail Forever is an outdoor education forum the will include other wildlife organizations and also shows the local community the significant economic impact that quail hunters and other outdoor enthusiasts bring into the local economy. Santa Cruz County is the heart of Mearns' country in Arizona which sees hunters from nearly every western state and several Canadian provinces. More info here.





Saddle up and save the date for the Altar Valley

HERITAGE CELEBRATION

at the Mountain Oyster Club on Friday, December 8, 2023

GET TICKETS HERE

Use code *earlybird* before November 24th for a \$30 discount

Sportsmen's Business Directory

Do you really know who you do business with? Do the businesses you

patronize support the things you like to do?

Help us build the Sportsmen's Business Alliance online directory to help you find those businesses.

If you are a business owner, here is an opportunity for you to reach out to like-minded sportsmen & women and support organizations that promote causes important to them.

Read more HERE.

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Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation is a 501-c-3 not-for-profit organization whose mission is to educate and inform sportsmen, wildlife conservation organizations throughout the state and the public at large on important issues related to wildlife and wildlife habitat and to provide, via grants or other sources, funding to conserve Arizona's wildlife populations through habitat enhancement initiatives.

DONATE

The AZSFWC is responsible for managing the conservation license plate program (L. Gary Stinson Grant Fund). The fund is derived from the sale of wildlife conservation license plates and member organizations as well as non-member organizations are eligible to apply for those funds.



Not Just Another Pretty Plate

By purchasing this plate you will be making a contribution to Arizona's wildlife and wildlife habitat. Seventeen dollars (\$17) of each twenty-five (\$25) special license fee will go to AZSFWC's L. Gary Stinson Grant Fund. AZSFWC will review and approve all grants from the special license plate program revenues. These grants will fund important outdoor recreational and educational opportunities and on-the-ground wildlife habitat restoration and enhancement projects. (More info <u>HERE</u>).

These plates can be purchased online and can also be personalized. To order an AZSFWC Conservation License Plate go to: https://azmvdnow.gov/plates

Scroll through the page, to the "See All" button. Plates will be listed alphabetically with our plate entitled "Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation". Click on the plate and follow the prompts. Order your plate as a sequential shelf plate for \$25.00 per year or as a personalized plate for \$50.00 per year.

The plate is also available for all categories of trailers as well as with the International Symbol of Access for Disabilities.

The AZSFWC Conservation Plate gives all Arizonan's an opportunity to contribute to programs that benefit our wild creatures. **Step up and support "Wild Arizona"**.







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