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OPEN PIPES ARE DEATH TRAPS!

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



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THESE DANGERS ARE ALL AROUND!

Often called “Death Pipes,” vertical, open pipes are a hazard on the landscape and can cause the gruesome death of birds and other wildlife that become trapped and perish within.



These pipes are often used as fence posts or to anchor a gate. They can also be used as sign posts, or to mark a boundary or a mining claim. Vent and irrigation pipes are also a danger if uncovered.



Bluebirds are the most likely victims, but many species are vulnerable to this threat.

COVER THOSE PIPES!

If you find open, vertical pipes on your property, cover them to prevent trapping birds, lizards, and other animals.

Here are several ways that you can eliminate this threat:



- Buy and install a pipe cap.
- Cover the top with cement to create a cap.
- If you need water or air flow, cover the opening with screen or ½-inch hardware cloth and secure with a pipe clamp.

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 deaths of wildlife. You will be informed of these work days if you reported a pipe.



Scan this QR code with your smart phone to report a death pipe.

Learn more and view our web-reporting system at: TUCSONAUDUBON.ORG/DEATHPIPES.

AZ Sportsmen For Wildlife Conservation GRANT COMPLETION REPORT

Project Title: Open Pipes are Death Traps for Wildlife

Organization: Tucson Audubon Society

Event/Project Completion Date: 1/1/2023

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

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Today's Date: 1/19/2023

AZSFWC Recognition:

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

The following are the links to AZSFWC recognitions. Screenshots are at the end of the document.

<https://tucsonaudubon.org/our-partners/>

<https://tucsonaudubon.org/lucys-warbler/>

<https://tucsonaudubon.org/deathpipes/>

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

Created brochure features the logo and will be attached to the reporting email.

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

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

List any other recognition?

Summarize Project Accomplishments:

We are grateful to have received partial funding for this project. It allowed us to begin this important work with the creation of an educational brochure and online resources. The brochure is an excellent tool to reach outdoorsmen groups via tabling events. We had great success talking with hunters at the recent Quail Fest as well as the general public at Southern Arizona Homebuilders Association well-attended outreach event. We also created an online reporting form that gathers information on location and size of the pipe as well as ownership of the land where it's located. So far we collected report of over 60 death pipes across Arizona. Most of these were temporarily capped to prevent future deaths in before we can cap them permanently.

The newly created online page (<https://tucsonaudubon.org/deathpipes/>) on our website explains the issue and coaches the public on ways to prevent wildlife deaths by reporting and capping any open pipes on their properties.

We are eager to continue our work on this issue by conducting events to cap open pipes with volunteers and landowner constituents.

Measurable Results (Fill in all that are applicable):

Attendees (If project was an event, list total # of participants, excluding staff, visiting parents, etc): reached 800 people via outreach events

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

Brochures, Pamphlets, etc. (If the project is a brochure, publication, poster or video, list the total produced and distributed): 1000 educational brochures

Other (please explain):

Budget (specifically describe how AZSFWC funds were used; e.g. program promotion, type of equipment, materials and/or supplies, etc.) _____

Given the partial funding our efforts concentrated on the creation of educational materials.

Budget Item	Planned	Actual
TAS development of educational information (internal)	\$500	\$200
Design of educational brochure (external, receipt attached)	\$750	\$195
Printing of educational brochures (1,000 ct).	\$750	\$201
TAS development of reporting outlet (internal)	\$1,000	\$200
TAS tabling outreach (internal)	\$2,520	\$204
Total:		\$1,000

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

Cooperator (no abbreviations)	Amount Contributors \$
Tucson Audubon Society	\$2000

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- Tracy Aviary
- Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation
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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

Arizona State Parks

Army Corps of Engineers

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Christmas Bird Count and Important Bird Areas program

North American Bluebird Society

Pima County

Purple Martin Conservation Association

Sabino Canyon Volunteer Naturalists

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Sky Island Alliance

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Sonoran Joint Venture

Southern Arizona Community Foundation

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Use this online form to report a death pipe: <https://arcg.is/0nyem9> Thank you!

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