

Kathe Anderson Birding Seminars

At Casa de San Pedro B&B

Nov 20 - 22, 2024: Big Birds. Raptor ID & All about Cranes

This is a full weekend program focusing on birds, morning and evening, with afternoons free to relax at la Casa or explore the many natural and cultural resources of the area. On the first evening, we'll take a close look at sandhill cranes, their life history, diet, mating dances and threats. We'll also discuss some crane species worldwide. For class the second evening, we'll look at and discuss some of the major families of raptors, including falcons, "forest hawks" and soaring birds, plus vultures. What should we be looking at to help tell them apart? Choose one or both classes below, each \$30. Field trips included.

Wednesday, Nov 20:

- **5-5:30pm** – *Early Bird Bonus!* Feeder watch (meet in the dining room).
- **6-7pm** – dinner on your own, or bring dinner and eat with Kathe and other participants in the dining room.
- **7pm** – **All About Cranes.** An interactive program, with Q's and A's and a PowerPoint, to describe and illustrate our abundant crane population—and those not so abundant elsewhere.

Thursday, Nov 21:

- **7-8am** - *Early Bird Bonus!* A slow wander around la Casa to see what's showing up at the feeders and immediate environs.
- **Right after breakfast (and we won't rush the delicious meal!):** Approximately 3 hour field trip--we'll carpool to Whitewater Draw, about an hour away where we hope to see sandhill cranes, the subject of Friday's class, as well as raptors, waterfowl, a variety of songbirds and possibly owls.
- **5:15pm** – **Optional participant dinner at a nearby restaurant.**
- **7pm** – **Raptor ID.** In this interactive class, we'll talk about when to look for each species and how to identify them whether perched or flying.

Friday, Nov 22:

- **7-8am** - *Early Bird Bonus!* A slow wander in the area around la Casa to look for whatever shows up.
- **Right after breakfast (and we won't rush the delicious meal!):** Approximately 3+ hour field trip: we'll head to Las Cienegas National Conservation Area north of Sonoita to drive the roads slowly for whatever raptors may be perched or soaring, and walk a trail or two looking for "forest hawks."

Leave the program with handouts that provide notes from the evening programs, with an appreciation of the remarkable lives of some birds.