



Tree Care for Birds Workshop ACTC 2022 Conference



Schedule

8:00am	Introductions, importance of wildlife in tree care
8:30am	Wildlife Laws, nests and birds of Arizona
9:15am	Habitat, breeding season, pre-work inspections
10:15am	Outdoor – pre-work inspections
11:15am	Performing work near active nests, emergencies
12:15pm	Lunch (provided)
12:45pm	Liberty Wildlife Birds and Rehabilitation
1:45pm	Managing wildlife habitat
2:45pm	Discussion, next steps, CEU sign out



- Pre-work Inspection**
- Find a quiet time to look and listen for signs of nesting wildlife before work starts.
 - Wildlife carrying nesting material, food or fecal sacs or frequently re-visiting the same location.
 - Whitewash, feces, pellets, etc.
 - Wildlife using alarm calls or acting agitated.

Table 2. Arizona Breeding Season

Elevation	Breeding season
Below 3,000 feet	January 15 - June 15
3,000 to 6,000 feet	March 15 to July 30
Above 6,000 feet	April 15 to August 15

- Determine Category/Level of Training**
- What elevation are you working in?
 - Is it the breeding season (most arborists likely Jan 15 to June 15)?
 - Is it a high value or sensitive habitat?
 - Category 1 – Awareness Training (12-minute video)
 - Category 2 – Wildlife Trained Arborist – You! After completing this workshop
 - Category 3 – Wildlife Biologist – Someone with likely years of training and/or experience in finding nesting wildlife and setting buffers.



- Background**
- Wildlife are important to arborists for many reasons including laws, public opinion and inclusion in industry documents.
 - The wildlife BMPs focus broadly with more specific state appendices, including Arizona.

Breeding season	Habitat Value		
	Low	High	Sensitive
Breeding season 15 Jan – 10 June	2	3	3
Non-breeding season 1 July – 14 January	1	2	3

- Minimizing Impacts**
- Contact information for Wildlife Biologist and Wildlife Rehabilitator.
 - Is it the breeding season?
 - Use habitat value to determine category/level of training.
 - Perform pre-work inspection.
 - Set buffers for active nests.
 - Respond to emergencies.

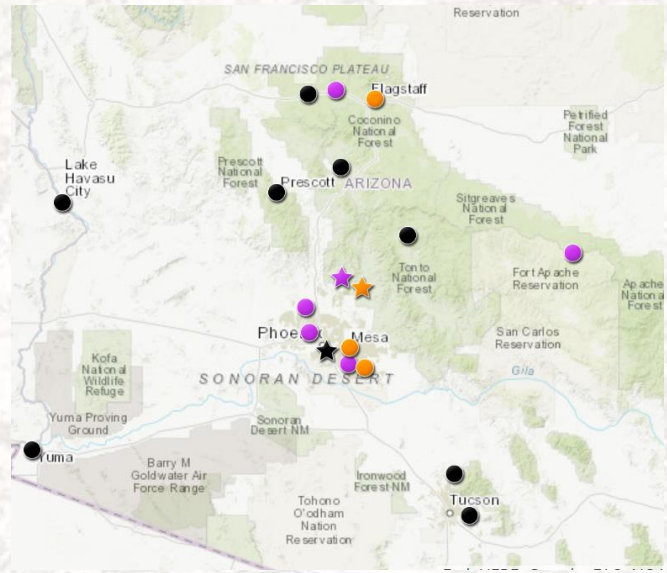


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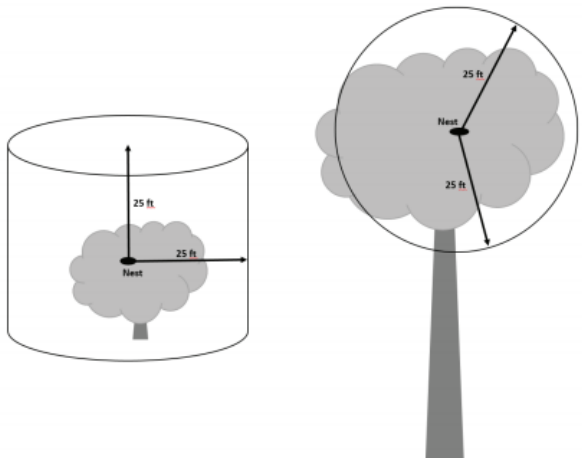


Setting Buffers

- If you find a nest that is or may be active (has eggs or young dependent on it) stop working near it.
- If you can identify the bird, look up in the table for recommended buffer size and information about how long until nest becomes inactive.
- Wait until nest becomes inactive or consult with a Wildlife Biologist about what work can be done how close to a nest.



[AZGFD Wildlife Rehabilitator Map](#)



Emergencies

- In a health and human safety emergency, do a Level 2 Basic Visual Risk Assessment – if High or Extreme risk, call a Wildlife Biologist and act.
- Accidents happen, if after following the steps to minimize impacts to nesting wildlife, you find an injured wildlife or abandoned nest, call a wildlife rehabilitator.

Previous Workshop Videos
 General video (not just Arizona)
<https://youtu.be/ey3KGa9G7yl>
 Migratory Bird Treaty Act
<https://youtu.be/-76xXO-hGsw>
 Arizona buffers and emergencies
<https://youtu.be/PWUUJGHlaqM>
 Arizona wrap up video
<https://youtu.be/7cBY9pCPxZk>

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Resources

[The Wildlife BMPS](#)
[Tailgate: English version](#) [Spanish Version](#)
[Decline of North American Avifauna](#)
[Oakland Heron Tragedy Underscores Need to Pay Attention to What you're Doing](#)
[No charges for Tree Trimmer Blamed For Injuring Protected Birds At Oakland Post Office](#)
[The Migratory Bird Treaty Act and Discussion](#)
[Endangered Species Act and Discussion](#)
[The Eagle Act and Discussion](#)
[ANSI Pruning Standard](#)
[ANSI Risk Standard](#)
[Find a Wildlife Biologist](#)
[Arizona Breeding Bird Atlas](#)
[Tree Care for Birds Training Videos](#)
[Pre-work inspection form](#)
[Oakland rescue operation saves 72 birds and 16 eggs after ficus tree fails](#)
[All about birds](#)
[Xeno Canto](#)
[E-bird](#)
[Western Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies Crucial Habitat Assessment Tool](#)
[Arborists and Wildlife: Retaining Trees for Wildlife Habitat](#)