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Welcome to Conservancy Kids!

Become a junior scientist, exploring the natural world, asking questions, and making discoveries. Join us for an adventure that will take you outdoors, around the house, and into the incredible Sonoran Desert. Welcome to Conservancy Kids! We're excited to see you!

What is Migration?

Like humans, some animals travel during the year to follow nice weather--this is called "migration." Many types of animals migrate, from insects to mammals to birds. Today we are talking about migratory birds and what kinds you might spot this fall in Arizona.



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Migrating Birds in Arizona

Migrating animals travel to warmer climates in the fall and to cooler places in the spring. Today, Nicole and Taylor talk about what it means for an animal migrate, what kinds of migrating birds you might start seeing across Arizona, and why riparian areas (like the San Pedro River) are so important to all migrating animals. Check it out!



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Birds to look for!

In addition to orioles, tanagers, and yellow headed blackbirds, look out for hawks, water fowl, and even loons that may be migrating through your area and resting at riparian areas.



Hooded Oriole

Photo courtesy of All About Birds, the Cornell Lab



Yellow Headed Blackbird

Photo courtesy of All About Birds, the Cornell Lab



Western Tanager

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Riparian Areas to Discover

If you live in the greater Phoenix metro area, you can still find riparian habitats! Check out the different areas below:

- [Riparian Preserve at Water Ranch](#) (Gilbert)
- [Hassayampa River Preserve](#) (Wickenburg)
- [Rio Salado Riparian Restoration Area](#) (Phoenix)

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Nicole Kallman, Education Manager

Nicole loves science and exploration. In college, she studied physics and biology. Now, she shares her excitement about science with others, encouraging everyone to follow in the footsteps of Miss Frizzle: "take chances, make mistakes, and get messy!"

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