

The Owls and Raptors of Sabino Springs

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Red-tailed Hawk

Cooper's Hawk

Harris's Hawk

American Kestrel

Great Horned Owl

Western Screech Owl

Turkey Vulture

Common Raven

Resources:

An entertaining (and short) podcast that NPR broadcasts regularly is **Birdnote**:
<https://www.birdnote.org>

Tucson Audubon Society offers classes and field trips and many more opportunities for learning and community involvement: <https://tucsonaudubon.org/>

The Cornell Lab is a world renown authority on everything related to birds and the understanding and protection of the natural world. They have a fantastic website to learn about any particular species of bird. Each bird has several easy-to-read pages along with links to several recordings of their songs/calls.
<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/>

Cornell developed **Merlin**, an interesting and free app for your phone. Among other features you can identify birds based on their calls or on your description of what you see.
<https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org>

Pima County's Natural Resources Department offers free Environmental and Interpretive Programs: https://webcms.pima.gov/government/natural_resources_parks_and_recreation/environmental_education_and_interpretive_programs/

To experience raptors close-up, visit the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum's renowned Raptor Free Flight program: https://www.desertmuseum.org/visit/rff_index.php

A friend and local Tucsonan, Steve Kessel, has a regular photography blog on birds of our area:
<https://sonoranimages.wordpress.com/>

A retired science teacher, Ron Dudley, in Utah has a wonderful photography blog:
<https://www.featheredphotography.com/blog/>

Ron Dudley often photographs with a friend, Mia Macpherson, who has a great nature blog:
<https://www.onthewingphotography.com/wings/>

And here are a few articles that may interest you on the health benefits of watching birds:

The Pandemic Has Made Birding Cool <https://www.aarp.org/home-family/friends-family/info-2020/bird-watching-popularity.html>

Birding With Benefits: How Nature Improves our Mental Minds <https://www.audubon.org/magazine/winter-2019/birding-benefits-how-nature-improves-our-mental>

Top 10 Health Benefits of Bird Watching during Covid-19 <https://www.healthfitnessrevolution.com/top-10-health-benefits-of-bird-watching/>

Birdwatching for peace of mind and better health <https://www.cnn.com/2018/11/12/health/sw-birding-for-health/index.html>

On Pack Rat control and rodenticides:

<https://sabino-hoa.com/packrats/>

<https://foothillsclusters.com/poison-doesnt-control-pack-rats>

<https://www.audubon.org/magazine/january-february-2013/poisons-used-kill-rodents-have-safer>

<https://www.audubon.org/magazine/winter-2021/the-internet-has-rat-poison-problem>