

Field Trip

Southeast Arizona Sparrows

January 10-13, 2019

with Homer Hansen



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Mid-winter is an ideal time to see sparrows and towhees in southeast Arizona. With 28 species present during this time of year, well over half of these should be seen during the three days of birding planned for this field trip. Grassland species, such as a Vesper, Savannah, Grasshopper, and Baird's Sparrows will be a focus for the trip, but more common species such as Rufous-winged, Black-throated, and Song Sparrows will be studied as well. We will be on the lookout for other resident and winter migrants too, including Chestnut-collared and McCown's Longspurs, Ferruginous Hawk, Scaled Quail, and Bendire's Thrasher. A workshop component will be offered during the first two evenings with a review of the sparrow species observed, Passerellidae taxonomic updates, and other useful bits of information.

Field Trip Leader: Homer Hansen grew up in Willcox, Arizona surrounded by Sandhill Cranes in winter and Cassin's Sparrows in summer. Homer has a passion for sharing bird watching with others and is a regular field trip leader for several festivals and also is the co-founder of the Sulphur Springs Valley Young Birders Club and the annual Arizona Young Birders Camp. He instructs workshops on sparrows, raptors, flycatchers, warblers, birding by ear, and bird ecology, including the Lifelong Learning courses for the Tucson Audubon Society and the Southwestern Sparrows IFO for the American Birding Association. Homer is a life member of the WFO, Cooper Ornithological Society (COS), and Wilson Ornithological Society (WOS), and currently serves as a director on the WFO board and is chairman of the Youth Programs Committee.

General Logistics: This field trip is limited to eight (8) participants. The field trip will be based out of Hereford, Arizona, with the lodging at [Battiste Bed, Breakfast & Birds](#) located at 4700 East Robert Smith Lane. The field trip will start at this location at 5:30 pm on Thursday evening, January 10th. The field trip will conclude in Tucson, Arizona on Sunday evening, January 13th. Participants are expected to provide their own transportation during the field trip; however, car pooling is encouraged.

The field trip fee includes three (3) nights lodging at Battiste Bed, Breakfast & Birds for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights as well as and breakfast and lunch for Friday through Sunday. Registration at the B&B is included with the fee. The fee **does not include** transportation and associated costs to and from Hereford, Arizona (i.e. airfare, car rental, gasoline, etc.) or dinners for any of the nights. Arrangements for transportation **are not included** within the field trip fee. Also not included are State Park entrance fees or other similar costs (estimated to be less than \$25 for the field trip).

Field Trip Fee:
\$850 per person

Single Occupancy Supplement:
\$275 per person

