



Happenings

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A U T U M N C H I L L I S I N T H E A I R !

SEPTEMBER-
DECEMBER

BIRD SIGHTINGS

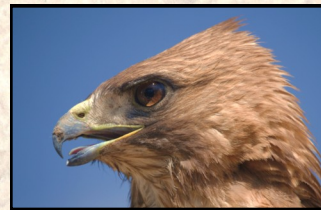
- Red-Tailed Hawk
- Cooper's Hawk
- Harrier Hawk
- Ferruginous Hawk
- Sharp-Shinned Hawk
- Peregrine Falcon
- Loggerhead Shrike
- Western Kingbird
- Great Horned Owl
- Chihuahuan Raven
- Northern Mockingbird
- Mexican Jay
- Northern Cardinal
- Pyrrhuloxia
- Canyon Towhee
- Abert's Towhee
- Green-Tailed Towhee
- Gambel's Quail
- Scaled Quail
- Hummingbird's
- Dark-eyed Junco
- House Finch
- Lesser Goldfinch
- Mourning Dove
- Curved-billed Thrasher
- Bendire's Thrasher
- Northern Flicker
- Red-shafted Flicker
- Gila Woodpecker
- Cactus Wren
- Bewick's Wren
- White-crowned Sparrow
- Chipping Sparrow
- Roadrunner
- Pine Siskin
- Say's Phoebe
- Black Phoebe
- American Robin
- Lucy's Warbler
- Yellow-Rumped Warbler
- Western Bluebird
- Mountain Bluebird

Don't hibernate yet!

The annual grass cycle is now mature. This year brought the best grass crop since 2005. The tanks & ponds are now in heavy use by wildlife. Once again, **Cochise Stronghold Ranch** prepares for it's winter wonderland. Time to hike the trails & enjoy the clear, crisp days. Watch for afternoon clouds preparing for another **spectacular sunset!**

Keep watch at *Round Pond* for the arrival of wintering birds. Last year we spotted **Savannah Sparrows & Blue Mockingbirds!**

Hawks are abundant this time of year, watch for them around watering sites, on high wires & perched atop trees.



Hawk Watch!



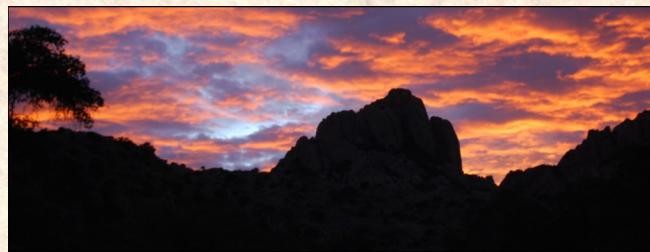
The **Whitetail Deer** herd has grown & roam the ranch unafraid! The generations have come to expect safe haven. This year we have a young mother with twins near the house. They feel at ease munching grass, searching out acorns & lapping water from the *Koi Pond*.

Flocks of **Mountain Bluebirds & Western Bluebirds** are returning early this year, hanging out at the ponds.

Enjoy the new **Interpretative Trail Walk**. View artifacts, metates & stone tools found in the ancient village sites.

The **Northwest Wine Drinking Station** is a great place to enjoy appetizers & drinks while watching a gorgeous sunset.

Unobstructed 360° views of the Sulphur Springs Valley & surrounding mountains.



As always, we emphasize... **Preservation, Conservation and Education.**

B I R D I N G ~ H I K I N G ~ C A M P I N G

If you or your group is interested in visiting the Ranch to enjoy birding, hiking, camping or a history tour, feel free to contact us for arrangements.

The Ranch boasts **5 Seasons!** **Winter** brings occasional snow and crisp clear skies. During **Early Spring** the wildflowers & grasses begin peeking out. Mesquites & manzanitas come alive. Our ponds are abuzz with

happy birds, dragonflies & Koi. Late April & May bring the most birds. Check the **"Birds-Birds-Birds"** page on our web site for a list of our sightings. This early Spring green-up often recedes into a dry period until the much anticipated monsoons begin. This is known as the fifth or **Spring Dry Season**. Although we don't see much rain during this time, the birdlife, nesting &

newborn wildlife is abundant. **Summer** shows off tall green grasses and the bluest skies in Arizona. Since we are at 4848 feet, temperatures are 10-15 degrees cooler than Tucson or Phoenix. Many years have not seen 100° and the maximum only 101-103°. **Fall** begins with cooler temps changing colors & evolves into the best weather in the entire country!



watch for pics on our "Visitors" page at:
www.strongholdranch.com

Jen & Jerry are Gettin' Hitched! at Cochise Stronghold Ranch

They & their guests will be
Cowboyed Up & Whoopin' it Up!

Campin' • Hikin' • Dancin' • Birdin' • Throwin' Horseshoes & Relaxin'
 Good friend, Chuck Wagon Cook, Steve Hopkins will be roasting pigs
 & turkeys with plenty of Dutch Oven Cobblers & side dishes!
 Doug will provide a guided History Tour for all the guests.
 All while the noble Rockfellow Dome looks on!

CAMP-O-ROMA

THE TRAVELLING GALS
AKA: "THE WILD BUNCH"
 WILL BE CAMPING, COOKING &
 EXPLORING THE RANCH
 NOVEMBER 12-15

Archaeology

Recent finds exhibiting the ancient history
 of Cochise Stronghold Ranch



Metates used for grinding
 acorns, mesquite beans & maize
 The hand piece is called a "Mano"

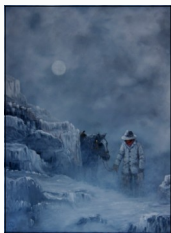


Enjoy our new **Interpretive Trail Walk** through
 the ancient village sites.

Check our website for more pics!

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