

Kathe Anderson October 2019 Seminar

Oct 4-6, 2019: Condors and Vultures and Migration.

This is a full weekend program focusing on birds morning and evening, with afternoons free to relax at la Casa or explore the many natural and cultural resources of the area.

Class the first evening will feature nature's remarkable recyclers—the large avian carrion eaters of this continent, with a peek into worldwide species and issues. Class the second evening is an interactive program focusing on the amazing journeys of bird migration, with a bit of fun duplicating the hardships of this seasonal phenomenon. Choose one or both classes below, each \$30. Field trips included.

Friday, Oct 4:

- **5:15-5:45pm** – *Early Bird Bonus!* Feeder watch (meet in the dining room).
- **6-7pm** – dinner on your own, or bring dinner and eat with Kathe and other participants in the dining room.
- **7pm – Condors and Vultures.** An interactive program taking a closer look at vultures generally and worldwide, including information on our common Turkey Vulture, less common (in AZ) Black Vulture, and endangered California Condor.

Saturday, Oct 5:

- **7-8am** - *Early Bird Bonus!* A slow wander around la Casa to see what's showing up at the feeders and immediate environs.
- **Right after breakfast (and we won't rush the delicious meal!):** Approximately 3 hour field trip--we'll carpool to Whitewater Draw, about an hour away where we may see migrating Turkey Vultures, and possibly catch the late migration of songbirds and early migration of some waterfowl, as a preview for the evening migration class.
- **5:15pm – Optional participant dinner at a nearby restaurant.**
- **7pm – Migration.** This is a chance to test your migration savvy – with some teammates – to see how far you'd get if you were a bird faced with a long and challenging journey. No flying expected!

Sunday, Oct 6:

- **7-8am** - *Early Bird Bonus!* A slow wander in the area around la Casa to look for whatever shows up.
- **Right after breakfast (and we won't rush the delicious meal!):** Approximately 3+ hour field trip: Lower Coronado National Monument and Brown Canyon Ranch to see what's showing up at these two diverse habitats.

Leave the program with handouts that provide notes from the evening programs, with an appreciation of remarkable lives of some birds.

