



## Arizona Field Ornithologists

# Historical Chronology

Compiled by Doug Jenness

- Aug. 28, 2004—First formative meeting in Phoenix; 5 present (Troy Corman, Daniela Yellan, Josh Burns, Kurt Radamaker, Doug Jenness)
- Feb. 20, 2005—Second formative meeting in Fountain Hills; 12 present; adopted name and mission statement; selected first interim officers (President – Troy Corman; Secretary – Tracy McCarthy; Treasurer – Kurt Radamaker; Webmaster – Kurt Radamaker (with Rich Ditch as support); Newsletter Editor – Doug Jenness. Approved plan for website and online publication.
- Aug. 14, 2005—Third formative meeting at Ramsey Canyon; 9 present; adopted plan for seasonal reports and first field expedition; noted that AZFO website was up and running and first issue of *Arizona Birds Online* was posted.
- July 8-9, 2006—First AZFO field expedition to White Mountains.
- Sept. 10, 2006—Fourth formative meeting in Fountain Hills; 10 present; adopted bylaws, appointed interim board and officers (President: Troy Corman; Vice President: Keith Kamper; Treasurer: Doug Jenness; Recording Secretary: Cindy Radamaker; Membership Secretary: Steve Ganley; Editor: Roy Jones; Board members: Kurt Radamaker, Tracy McCarthy, and Janet Witzeman)
- Nov. 27, 2006—Incorporated as a nonprofit corporation with Arizona Corporation Commission.
- November 2006—Arizona Bird Committee votes to have its website hosted by AZFO.
- June 26, 2007—IRS approved tax-exempt status.
- Oct. 20-21, 2007—First statewide membership meeting in Gilbert; bylaws approved, and a board of directors and officers elected by members present.
- April 2008—First seasonal reports posted (Winter 2007-08).
- August 2008—Editorial committee of nine established with Pierre Deviche as editor.
- Oct. 4-5, 2008—Second annual statewide membership meeting in Flagstaff.
- Oct 23-25, 2009—Third annual statewide membership meeting in Tucson; first meeting with Saturday night dinner and dinner speaker.
- Feb. 8, 2010—Board of directors adopt AZFO logo.
- Feb. 9, 2010—First issue of *AZFO News* emailed to members.
- Mar. 14, 2010—Board of directors decides to offer two research grants of \$500 to be named the Gale Monson Research Grants.
- Oct. 8-10, 2010—Fourth annual statewide membership meeting in Prescott. Decision to raise amount for research grants from \$500 each to \$1,000.
- Jan. 21-24, 2011—AZFO coordinates Arizona Mountain Plover survey on behalf of US Fish and Wildlife.

- Oct. 21-23, 2011—Fifth annual statewide membership meeting at AZGFD facilities north of Phoenix. First Gale Monson Research Grant recipients announced.
- Jan. 13-16, 2012—AZFO coordinates Arizona Mountain Plover survey on behalf of US Fish and Wildlife.
- Oct. 26-28, 2012—Sixth annual statewide membership meeting in Lake Havasu City.
- October 2012—Gale W. Monson Trust donates to AZFO 200 copies of *Counting Birds With Gale Monson*, ed. by Bill Broyles and Richard Glinski.
- Apr. 26-28, 2013—AZFO cosponsored with Important Birding Areas a survey of Bendire's Thrashers in western Arizona.
- June 2013—AZFO sets up Facebook page.
- Oct. 4-6, 2013—Seventh annual statewide membership meeting in Sierra Vista. Meeting adopts plan to award scholarships to help youth attend AZFO state meetings. Changes bylaws to set two-year term limits for officers and board members.
- January 2014—Board established \$500 lifetime membership for AZFO.
- Sept. 2014—Board established mileage reimbursement for field expedition leaders.
- Oct. 3-5, 2014—Eighth annual statewide membership meeting held in Miami-Globe.
- Aug. 23, 2015—Board approves a proposal that beginning in 2016 the AZFO will merge its statewide coordination of the North American Migration Count with the recently established Global Big Day sponsored by eBird.
- Sept 18-20, 2015—Ninth annual statewide meeting held in Show Low. Bylaws amended to include nominations committee as the fourth standing committee.
- March 13, 2016—Board votes to change name of *Arizona Birds Online* to *Arizona Birds* and to move toward placing the journal on its own website, creating a style manual, and recruiting proofreaders.
- Sept 18, 2016—Board approves a proposal from the seasonal reports regional editors to end the seasonal reports with the winter 2015-16 report.
- Oct 21-23, 2016—Tenth annual statewide meeting held in Yuma.
- March 2017—New *Arizona Birds* website goes online.
- Oct. 22-24, 2017--Eleventh annual statewide meeting held in Cottonwood.
- Oct. 20-22, 2018—Twelfth annual statewide meeting held in Ajo. Members change bylaws to expand board of directors from 9 to 11 members.
- Oct. 21, 2018—Janet Witzeman received first AZFO Achievement Award.
- Sept. 25-27, 2019—Thirteenth annual statewide meeting held in Flagstaff drew 105 participants to at least one activity, making it the largest meeting to date.
- Sept. 26, 2019—Charles Babbitt received second AZFO Achievement Award.
- April 5, 2020—Board of directors adopts proposal for eBird Gaps Project, which is launched in July.
- Nov. 5-6, 2021—Fourteenth annual statewide meeting held online due to Covid19, with field trips throughout the state on Nov. 7.
- Sept. 23-25, 2022—Fifteenth annual statewide meeting held in Safford. The bylaws were amended to have no term limit for treasurer. Doug Jenness was awarded AZFO Achievement Award.
- Sept. 15-17, 2023—Sixteenth annual statewide meeting held in Payson. Sue Drown announced that AZFO has begun transferring to a new website. Carl Tomoff was awarded AZFO Achievement Award.