



*While the world was changing around us, birding proceeded to thrive...
... and Southwest Wings Birding and Nature Festival turned 30 years old.
Now, that's something to celebrate!*



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Greetings Southwest Wingsters,

Southwest Wings Birding and Nature Festival is Arizona's oldest birding festival. We began offering trips in 1991 and that means 2021 is a year to celebrate - our 30th Anniversary! Despite last year's challenges we've been busy. For this momentous occasion we're creating something special that we hope you'll enjoy. Come celebrate with us!

You're cordially invited to join us for our -

Virtual Spring Fling, May 5-8, 2021
30th Anniversary Summer Festival! August 4-7, 2021

After much deliberation, we decided that our festivals, again, cannot go on as in pre-pandemic times. As some of you know, last Summer we went completely virtual. We stayed connected with wonderful monthly online presentations by some of our most fascinating speakers. These continued through March 2021. This year our Spring Fling festival in May will also be virtual, with limited short pre-recorded presentations, talks and the release of an exciting new film by Mike Foster, and perhaps a sprinkling of other Spring surprises.

In August, for our 30th Anniversary Summer Festival, we're planning a "hybrid" festival with small-group, Covid-safe, caravan style guided field trips in participants' own vehicles (no group vans). These will be combined with online virtual speaker talks and presentations (live and pre-recorded). There will be no indoor activities such as registration, pre-festival Jamboree, our talks, Keynote Speaker dinner or vendor/exhibit floor in the college library. We had considered a one-day outdoor version of that, but the logistics and possibility of winds and monsoon preclude it.

At the end of April be on the lookout for details of how to access the virtual Spring Fling, May 5-8, 2021

Details about registration for our gala hybrid 30th Anniversary Summer Festival, August 4-7, 2021 caravan field trips and virtual presentations will be on our website on May 1.

We can't wait to see you again!

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