

Birds of the Mojave Desert: Natural History & Conservation

DATES AND TIMES OF MEETING: October 12, 13, 14, 2012 beginning Friday at 8:00 P.M. and ending Sunday at 3:00 P.M.

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Oases in the Mojave Desert are used by a wide variety of bird species every fall as stopping points during their southward migration. You will be amazed by the numbers and kinds of species we will encounter at this time of year. Beginning on Friday evening we will examine the important role of these stopover areas in the conservation of neotropical migrant birds and learn the techniques used to identify the common families of birds found in the vicinity of the Desert Studies Center. As we observe both migrant and resident birds in their natural habitats, we will learn about their ecology, natural history and special adaptations to the harsh desert environment.