



Raptor Flight Show and White Mountain Nature Center

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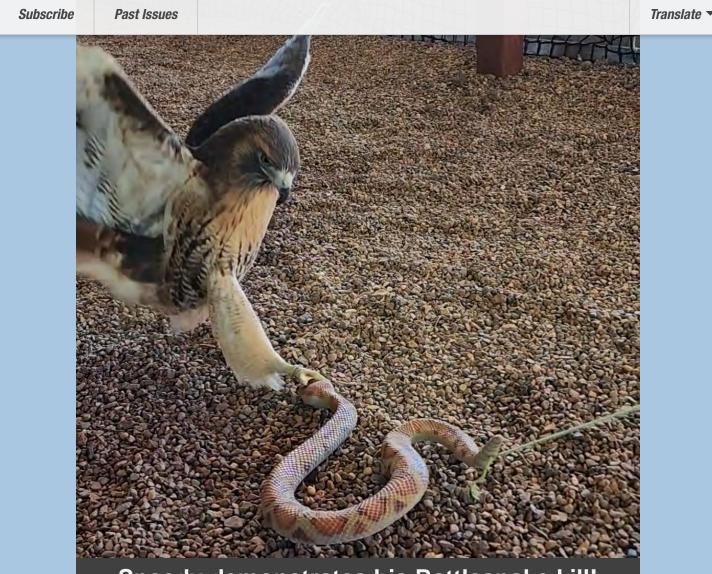
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Raptor Show news for this week:

- Speedy demonstrates his Rattlesnake technique
- Owl show-offs Simon & Garfunkel
 - No kidding, that IS Simon the 'baby' owl!
- The perfect Christmas gift for anyone on your Very Nice list

If you want to donate, <u>Click here</u> and then click the Raptor Show Donation button - <u>we need your help</u> to feed and care for our show ambassadors and to build their new enclosures and viewing area.

Thank you so much!



Speedy demonstrates his Rattlesnake kill!

Red Tail Hawks are the only hawk in North America that routinely catch and eat rattlesnakes in the wild. We are training Speedy, our 2 year-old RTH, to catch a realistic rattler to demonstrate his lightning-fast talon speed. Speedy said, "Yum! and I don't have to compete with any other raptor for these!"

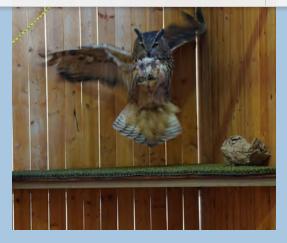
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Those huge, powerful wings can't belong to a six month old owl, can they? **They do! That is Simon!**



You catch mice your way, I will catch them with my feet like nature intended! Funky shows how its done.





Presented to: Your Name Here

This certificate entitles the person named above to participate in a Funky Experience presented by Land On Sky Wildlife Experiences at the White Mountain Nature Center in Pinetop, Arizona.

An appointment is required and can be scheduled via email to: funky@landonsky.org



The perfect gift for someone who has everything but excitement in their life! Your \$50 donation gives that special someone fun, thrills, and a once in a lifetime experience! You haven't lived till an owl with a 6'4" wingspan lands on your arm. Don't be a chicken! (he eats chickens)

On sale **now** at the White Mountain Nature Center Store which is open 10-2 Wednesdays & Fridays in December. Or, email: funky@landonsky.org Subscribe

News from the White Mountain Nature Center

Finance/Accounting ~ The Nature Center needs you!

A vacancy in the Treasurer position will occur at the end of this year QuickBooks knowledge required. Must attend monthly Board Meetings. Email: president@wmnature.org with your qualifications

Audubon Year End Party held at the Nature Center

On December 7th, about 45 people attended a fascinating presentation by Sue Sitko about her recent travels in Uganda, East Africa. Sue showed her stunning slides of birds, wildlife, landscapes, and the Ugandan people. She shared interesting facts & amusing anecdotes about finding rare birds and other exotic wildlife.

The December presentation and party were the last of 2022 for the White Mountain Audubon Society. They plan to begin their 2023 monthly presentations in April. Audubon is grateful to the White Mountain Nature Center for the use of the facilities and we look forward to being back in 2023.





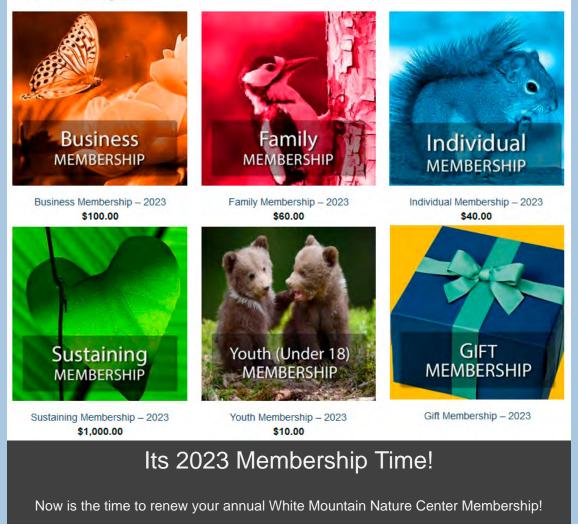
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Above: The Audubon Xmas party included a presentation about Sue Sitko's excursion to Uganda, and plenty of yummy food! (photos courtesy of Susie Walker) Below: Sue Sitko's slides of Mountain Gorillas & a Crowned Crane

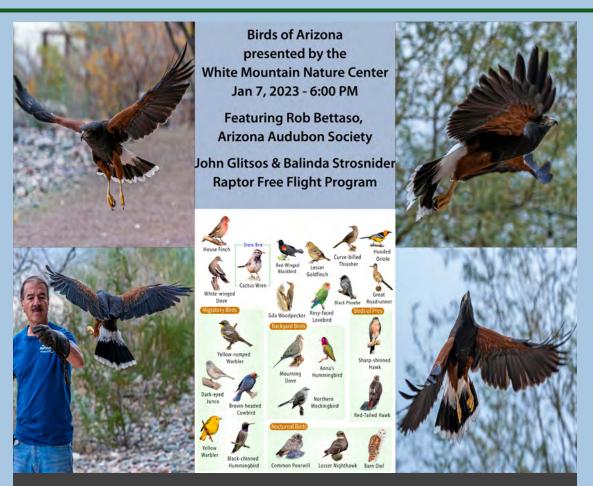
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membership in Oct, Nov, or Dec of 2022 it will be good through the end of 2023.

NEW Gift Memberships allow you to specify the recipient and the amount you are giving. Members get discounts on our events and educational programming. Plus, we are planning Member's Only events and programs in 2023, so don't miss out! You will be supporting us in our critical mission of connecting people with wildlife through educational experiences that inspire appreciation, responsibility, and respect for the inter-relationships among humans, other living organisms and the natural world we share. Your support is critical. Please join in person or by clicking this link: https://wmnature.org/store/



Our first program of 2023 is in recognition of International Bird Day in January. It will feature Rob Bettaso, our resident birding expert from the Audubon Society and John Glitsos and Balinda Strosnider from our Raptor Free-Flight Program. Slide show, videos, refreshments, and three experts who can answer your questions! They are planning a surprise for those in attendance, so don't miss it!

