

Historical Chronology of Arizona Field Ornithologists (AZFO)

- 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.



Participants in the 2nd AZFO Field Expedition, Lower Colorado River Valley. Photo: AZFO.

- 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.



AZFO field trip to the Hualapai Mountains, October 28, 2012. Photo: Doug Jenness.

- 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.
- Nov. 30, 2018—Last issue of *AZFO News* sent to members.
- 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.
- Sept. 26-29, 2024—Seventeenth annual statewide meeting held in Tucson was a combined meeting with the Western Bird Banding Association. Amended bylaws to combine Treasurer and Membership Secretary positions. Gary Rosenberg received fifth AZFO Achievement Award.



16th Annual AZFO statewide meeting, Payson, September 15-17, 2023. Photo: AZFO.