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WILD *Connections*

A Celebration of Wildlife, Landscapes, and Community
NOVEMBER 10-11, 2012—Catalina State Park, Tucson, AZ

Tucson, AZ – The public is invited to join in a celebration of wildlife, landscapes, and community on November 10th – 11th at [Catalina State Park](#), hosted by [Sky Island Alliance](#) and the [Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection](#). **WILD Connections** provides the perfect opportunity to spend time outside with friends and neighbors as the pristine days of our Sonoran Desert autumn begin.

“For decades, the area between the Catalina Mountains and the Tortolita Mountains has been recognized as a critical wildlife and landscape connection,” says Jessica Lamberton-Moreno, [Wildlife Linkages Coordinator](#) at Sky Island Alliance. “Sitting right in the middle of this connection, Catalina State Park is a wonderful place for the community to celebrate the diversity of life found in this region.”

WILD Connections is a community event featuring local exhibitors, children’s activities, public presentations, workshops on monitoring wildlife using remote cameras and track and scat identification, hikes and birding walks, and wildlife demonstrations. On Saturday the public is invited to come learn about the many projects and organizations that are working to create connected landscapes throughout our region. The community is also invited to sign up on Saturday, or in advance online, for activities occurring on Sunday, free and open to the public, including small group hikes, biological surveys, and highway cleanup projects.

“With the [soon-to-be-built wildlife crossings](#) adjacent to Catalina State Park along Oracle Road, this community has shown that nature and healthy animal populations are valued,” says Gabe Wigtil, Program & Outreach Associate at the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection. “**WILD Connections** provides a great opportunity for the public to learn about and get involved in the ongoing work to protect this special place.”

For more information about the event, visit www.sonorandesert.org/wildconnections.

EVENT DETAILS:

When:

Saturday, November 10th 9am – 4pm
Exhibitor Booths, Public Presentations,
Wildlife Demonstrations, Guided Hikes,
Bird Walks, Children’s Activities & More

Sunday, November 11th

Register Saturday or online for these activities:
Wildlife Tracking & Other Biological Surveys,
Wildlife Camera Monitoring, Highway Cleanup & More

Who: Open to the public.

Where: Catalina State Park, 11570 N Oracle Rd, Tucson, AZ 85737

Admission: \$7 per vehicle or \$3 per bicycle, collected at park entrance



Sky Island Alliance and the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection work to ensure that southern Arizona’s wildlife linkages are fully protected and restored through advocacy, citizen-science initiatives, and simple appreciation of our treasured wild places.