Bird Watching Opportunities and Protocols

The Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department has three water reclamation facilities that provide opportunities for bird watching. Each site is unique, and therefore protocols differ from site to site. Please carefully review the protocols for each site below and follow all rules/instructions provided on the website. You also are required to follow any rules posted on plant site and must always comply with directions provided by department staff even if instructions differ from rules found on the website or posted at the facility.

Thank you and enjoy your bird watching experience.

FACILITY	**Avra Valley Water Reclamation Facility** 10000 W. Snyder Hill Rd. Tucson, AZ	**Corona de Tucson Water Reclamation Facility** 1100 W. Sahuarita Rd. Corona de Tucson, AZ	**Green Valley Water Reclamation Facility** 2200 N. Nogales Hwy. Green Valley, AZ	**Roger Road Water Reclamation Facility** 2600 W. Sweetwater Dr. Tucson, AZ
HOURS	Ponds open daily, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. **DO NOT REMAIN INSIDE THE GATE AFTER 2 P.M. OR YOU WILL BE LOCKED IN.**	**CLOSED**	Bird watching daily, 6 a.m. – 2 p.m. **This site will be closed beginning Sunday, September 23, 2013**	Bird watching Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. **The facility is closed on weekends and holidays.**
INFORMATION	Park in the parking lot outside the main gate to the facility. From the parking lot, walk directly west and enter through a gate in the low fence between the parking area and the south end of the ponds and turn left. Bird watching is limited to the designated large ponds west of the facility. **DO NOT** go inside the high-security fence around the main plant facility. Do not go into the basins, touch or drink the water. ***Please note: Areas of the ponds may be inaccessible when heavy equipment and trucks are in operation. Please respect all chained areas and signage.***	Due to changes in wastewater treatment processing at this facility there is now little standing water in the ponds. As a result, birds are no longer attracted to this once popular bird watching location.	***Please note: Due to construction activities, this facility will be off limits to bird watchers until March 2014.*** Push the button at the gate to speak to a staff member who can provide you with access through the automated gate. You must sign in at the office before accessing the bird watching area.	Please bring identification with you and check in with the security guard before entering the facility. Bird watching is limited to designated pond areas only. We are happy to host bird watchers whenever possible. Please obey all signs, safety protocols and staff directives when on site. ***Please note: This facility will soon be decommissioned.*** ***Visitation to this site may become limited or denied during closure or demolition activities.*** ***Future opportunities for bird watching at this site are undeveloped at this time.***

Additional bird watching sites of interest include:

FACILITY	**Ed Pastor Kino Environmental Restoration Project (KERP)** 2500 E. Ajo Way Tucson, AZ	**Sweetwater Wetlands** **http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/water/sweetwater**
INFORMATION	Please obey all signs, safety protocols and staff directives when on site. Recorded bird calls are not permitted. To protect habitat value, access to any fenced area is prohibited except by prior agreement. Maintenance trails within the basin are not open to public access. The Tucson Audubon Society sometimes arranges field trips to the KERP. For more information about birds and local birding field trips at KERP, visit: **http://www.kinosportscomplex.com/kerp.shtml**	Gates open seven days a week, from sunrise to sunset. **Closures: Sweetwater Wetlands is closed on Monday mornings in the warm season (usually from late March to mid-November) for application of mosquito-control substances.** To schedule a guided tour, call (520) 791-4331 or e-mail Tucson Water's Public Information / Conservation Office (PICO). For more information about birds and local birding field trips to the Sweetwater Wetlands, visit: **www.tucsonaudubon.org/sweetwater**

For more information about birds and local bird watching, visit the Tucson Audubon Society website at: **http://www.tucsonaudubon.org/** or contact the Society at 520-629-0510 or info@tucsonaudubon.org.