



Audubon

APPLETON-WHITTELL RESEARCH RANCH

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Dear Friends,

“Thank You!”

APACHERIA FELLOWSHIPS - Thanks to donations from friends of the Research Ranch, four student scientists received Fellowships in 2017.

Dawson Brown is a junior at Christopher Newport University, Newport News, VA. Dawson is studying aggressiveness and social dominance in long-tailed brush lizards, *Urosaurus graciosus*.



Caylee Falvo is a graduate student at Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO. She is using her Apacheria/Fleharty fellowship to determine the impact of climate change on the Uinta ground squirrel (*Urocitellus armatus*).



Anthony Gilbert, Ph.D. Candidate at Ohio University, is no stranger to our Honors Wall. This is the third year his work on the thermal dependence on locomotor performance of Ornate Tree Lizards (*Urosaurus ornatus*) has earned an Apacheria Fellowship.



Cheyenne Hertzog is an undergraduate at Arizona State University. Her fellowship supports Cheyenne's study to determine the abundance of meso-mammals in different forest types of the San Pedro and Gila Rivers.



WETLAND REHABILITATION(S)

What does it take to turn dry soil into functioning wetlands and water for wildlife? Water, of course, plus financial support from US Fish & Wildlife Partners Program, advice from AZGF, volunteers from Sky Island Alliance, Borderland Restoration's BECY team, our own volunteer crew, and willing hands from AZGF & USFWS. Let's not forget some big equipment (yes, that's Linda Kennedy (Director) at the controls of the excavator, but only for a few minutes!). Three professionally designed wetlands were shaped, lined, landscaped, and receive water via two new solar systems, also funded through a Partners grant.



Thanks to everyone who made this possible!





Did you know that you can now check the weather at the Research Ranch online? Thanks to a gift from Phil Williams (who also gives his time as a volunteer) we were able to install a weather station near HQ that archives data on site and shares weather conditions at <https://www.wunderground.com/weather/us/az/fort-huachuca/KAZELGIN17> ! Thanks, Phil, for your generous donation and thanks, Keegan Chapman and Tony Leonardini, for installing the equipment.

Classes!

Field Trips!

Conservation Meetings!

Living Gently on the Land Seminars!

Science on the

Sonoita Plain Symposium!



**Thanks to everyone for helping us
advance the Research Ranch Mission!**

“Thank You,” to the anonymous friend who is now a member of Audubon’s *Grinnell Legacy Society* because you included the Research Ranch in your estate planning—may it be a long, long time before your generosity is realized!

“Thank You,” to everyone who has given so generously to support the mission and goals of the Research Ranch. Every gift, whether volunteer time, advice, expertise, or financial support is so important!

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We apologize if we have omitted your name inadvertently.



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p.s. We hope you can continue to support the mission of the Research Ranch—we can’t do it without your help!

p.p.s. This is a bitter-sweet moment for me—this will be the last annual newsletter I will be sending. I am retiring in January after more than 18 years here at AWRR. It has been an honor to be part of the Research Ranch team and I thank each one of you for the contributions you have made—as a donor, a volunteer, or as a friend.

Linda