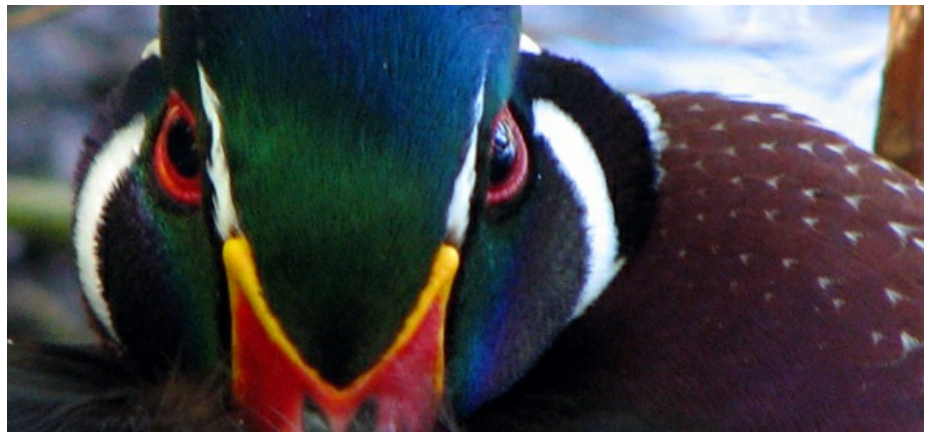




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But sound aloud the praises, and give the victor-crown
 To our noble-hearted Firemen, who fear not danger's frown.
 ~Frederic G.W. Fenn,
 "Ode to our Firemen"
 1878



Rivers and Water

The State of the Verde River



The Grand Canyon Chapter of the Sierra Club has released the Going With the Flow report, summarizing the results of over five years of volunteer flow monitoring on the upper

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In the arid West we are all connected by rivers; they are the lifeblood of our land, our economy, our way of life. Western rivers, like the Colorado River and its tributaries, provide water for tens of millions of people, including twenty-two Native American tribes and the major cities of Denver, Phoenix, Albuquerque and Tucson.

We aren't alone in our reliance on western rivers. Many birds in our flyway depend on these river habitats.

Unfortunately the health of these rivers and the livelihood of the people and the wildlife that depend on them are in jeopardy. A combination of drought, invasive species, over-allocation and unsustainable management are running our rivers dry. Many of the birds that depend on them, like the Western Yellow-billed Cuckoo and Bell's Vireo, are in decline, and the

Verde River by the Arizona Water Sentinels, a grassroots citizen science program that focuses on monitoring and protecting Arizona rivers and streams.

We all love the Verde. [Learn more about this important topic.](#)

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future of the communities and economies surrounding the rivers is uncertain.

However, we can help. Together we can advocate for conservation actions that will increase river flow, enhance the health of our environment and restore valuable wetlands and forests.

[Click here to join Audubon's Western Rivers Action Network](#) as we rise to this historic challenge to create healthier western rivers for the birds, wildlife and people.



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