

# Prescott Creekside E-News

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Hi Friend of Prescott Creeks,

Early summer heat gave way to the first monsoon season rains this past week. The rains gave us the opportunity to see our nearly-completed green infrastructure projects at work, performing beautifully in capturing rainfall and slowing runoff. Nesting birds in Watson Woods Riparian Preserve, from our office resident Say's phoebe to the black hawks (pictured below; one of the remarkable success stories in our Watson Woods restoration and preservation efforts) in the gallery old-growth cottonwoods, are busy rearing their nestlings. With the season, Prescott Creeks is looking ahead with renewed focus in our restoration and outreach work.



## Green Infrastructure Projects



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You can help Prescott Creeks in a number of ways. Consider becoming a [member](#), making a [donation](#) or [volunteering](#) on any number of projects designed to improve our community.

## WELCOME NEW STAFF



Prescott Creeks is delighted to have **Guy Whol** now working with us in the role of **Conservation Projects Manager**. Guy comes to us with extensive experience in watershed and riparian awareness and restoration in his native Israel and, more recently, in a leadership role with Prescott College's Butte Creek Restoration Council. We are pleased to have Guy's energy and experience continuing to be put to good use here in our community. For more on Guy and the rest of us here at Prescott Creeks, [please visit our website](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Prescott Creeks is wrapping up work on our Green Infrastructure projects at Whipple Basin and the Adult Center of Prescott. With interpretive signs and benches up, people can take the time to enjoy these natural sanctuaries and learn how this type of landscaping not only can offer a bit of beauty to our homes and community, but also improves the quality of our watersheds. With the remarkable new growth this year, the project areas are functioning wonderfully: slowing runoff, filtering sediment and pollutants, and allowing water to percolate into the soil and groundwater. The project areas are also proving to be a boon to wildlife, offering critical habitat for a variety of pollinator insects, including those pictured here encountered after the early monsoon rains.



Clockwise from top left: New interpretive signs at the Adult Center project; common (gray) hairstreak (*Strymon melinus*); northern cloudywing (*Thorybes pylades*); Sonoran bumblebee (*Bombus sonorus*). More pictures of the pollinating insects and other assorted fauna finding home at our restored project sites can be found on [our recent Facebook galleries](#).

## Rambling River at Tilted Earth Festival

Prescott Creeks rolled out Rambling River, our stream dynamics educational unit, at [Tilted Earth Wine and Music Festival](#) in Cottonwood June 19-20. The demonstration tool offered lessons in river formation and human impact



**SAVE THE DATE: Prescott Creeks 25th Anniversary Event** will be held Saturday, September 19. [Stay tuned for more information](#) on what promises to be a day filled with activities celebrating our 25 years of work in watershed health and water quality!

**Yavapai County Master Gardeners' Annual Monsoon Madness Plant and Yard Sale;** Saturday, July 11, 7:30AM to 1:00PM (or until items run out); Prescott Rodeo Grounds. For more information, [please see our calendar](#).

**Bird Walk: Aspen Creek Trail, with Jay's Bird Barn staff;** Thursday, July 23, 8:00AM-12:00PM; [Visit our calendar for more information](#) and reservations (required) for this and other guided bird walks.

**CWAG Prescott City Council Candidate Forum: Water Issues;** Saturday, August 1, 10:00AM-12:00PM; Granite Peak UU, 882 Sunset, Prescott. [More information on this event can be found on our calendar](#).

## BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

### Nick's Feed Your Face



What's in a name? As a local business (and to many, an institution) with close ties to the community, Nick and his crew have always been quick to pitch in with sandwiches and support for Prescott Creeks events. Next time you're indulging in some of Nick's good-old-fashioned sub sandwiches, tell them "thanks for their support."

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Make sure you check the [Prescott Creeks calendar](#) regularly for updates on our upcoming events, follow us on [Twitter](#), and 'like' our [Facebook](#) to get our post about the goings on here at Prescott Creeks!

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on watersheds for a wide audience. Prescott Creeks was privileged to benefit from the event's silent auction proceeds. Thanks to Tilted Earth for their support of community organizations like ours.



...and get out and enjoy our natural landscapes here in the Prescott area...and beyond!

Prescott Creeks is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to achieve healthy watersheds and clean waters in central Arizona for the benefit of people and wildlife through protection, restoration, education and advocacy.

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