

Prescott Creekside E-News

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Hello {FIRST_NAME|Friend},

The first ice forms on the shallow wetland pools. Genuine cold fronts bring gray skies, flurries, and the first winter storms. Bundle up for a walk

through Watson Woods. Step off on a side path to one of the wetland ponds. Approach the pool quietly, and you may catch a glimpse of a belted kingfisher or a great blue heron lingering with the still



open water. Hooded mergansers stopping by on their migration dive for minnows and snails.

We are fortunate to have these little treasures of wild places right here in the heart of our community. It is critical that we utilize some foresight and restore and preserve these natural landscapes as our community continues to expand.



[Prescott Creeks relies on contributions from people like you](#) to support outreach, education, and program activities such as wildlife habitat restoration and monitoring.

Please consider [making a year-end tax-deductible donation](#) to sustain the work ahead.



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Annual Seasonal Cards Now Available

Prescott Creeks' annual [Seasonal Greeting Cards are available](#), in packs of ten for \$10, at the local retailers and community organizations listed below. This year's cards feature a winter Prescott landscape: "Sierra Prieta Fresh Snow," by local photographer [Aaron Burrows](#).

Proceeds from card sales go to restore and preserve the waterways and wild places in and around our community.

Stop in and pick up cards at these local businesses...and thank them for their support for our waterways and natural places:

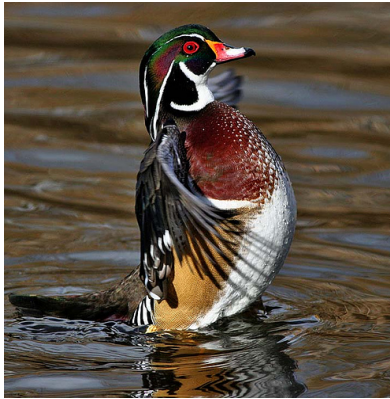
- [Prescott Chamber of Commerce](#)
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Upcoming Events

Look for Appeal notices in your mail, or [visit our website and make a donation](#) today.

Teaming Up for Wood Duck Recovery

Restored riparian areas of the Upper Granite Creek Watershed offer nesting habitat for many species of birds, among them the wood duck (*Aix sponsa*). After numbers fell through the 1900's, wood duck populations are on the rise nationally as a result of habitat restoration, hunting regulation, and public awareness. In the arid Southwest, wood ducks rely on dwindling riparian areas, such as Watson Woods, for habitat and nesting.



[Prescott Audubon Society](#) and Prescott Creeks are collaborating to install nesting boxes to boost wood duck nesting success in local riparian areas. As snow flurries fell, we recently looked ahead to spring, surveying potential locations. The restored wetlands in the Watson Woods Preserve and less disturbed sites near Willow Lake will provide ideal habitat for wood duck broods to be reared on.

Get out this holiday season, and keep an eye out for an occasional wintering wood duck in wooded wetlands and ponds.

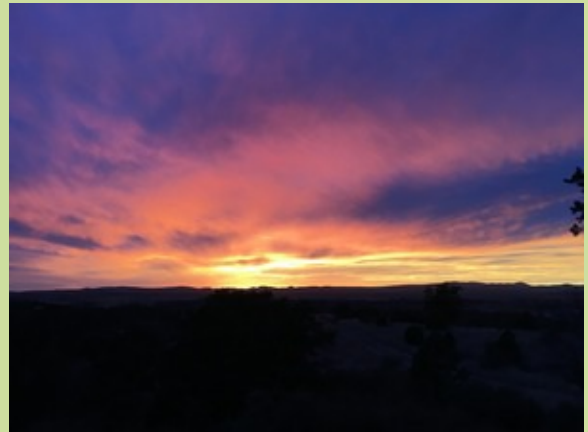
[Acker Night](#): Friday, December 9, 5:30-8:30 (Look for Prescott Creeks Seasonal Cards at downtown businesses noted below while you're out for this Prescott tradition)

[CREW Volunteer Event](#): Thursday, December 15, 8:00-11:00AM

[CREW Volunteer Event](#): Thursday, January 5, 8:00-11:00AM

Tentative CREW projects include installing signs for Watson Woods monarch waystations and working on wood duck nesting box installation.

Check the [Prescott Creeks Calendar](#) for updates on upcoming events, follow us on [Twitter](#) and 'Like' our [Facebook page](#) to keep up on the goings on here at Prescott Creeks!



Get Involved

Memberships and donations from supporters like you have made twenty-five years of watershed restoration and preservation possible. Please take a moment to join us and [renew your membership](#), [become a new member](#), or [make a donation](#).

[Visit our website](#) for more information on getting involved. There are opportunities for [volunteers](#) to help on a number of projects, including our regularly scheduled [CREW \(Conservation, Restoration, Education for our Watersheds\) Volunteer Activities](#).

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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