



Prescott Creekside E-News

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Hello Friend,

The summer monsoon season is here. Recent regular afternoon storms are bringing much-needed rains, but also hail, jarring lightning, and severe flash-flooding in some areas. With the rains comes a second green-up season in the central Arizona high desert. The new growth and flowering brings a noticeable boost in insect activity, with mosquitoes and swarming flying beetles at times moving people indoors at dusk.



Photo Credit: Denise & Rob Gibbs

Late July and August also bring the first wave of monarch butterflies to the area. The scientific community has only recently understood the complex migration patterns of monarchs in the Southwest. Thanks to the tagging and monitoring efforts of volunteer citizen scientists with [Southwest Monarch Study](#), we are learning that the monarchs emerging during the summer will be joined by the main migrations in the fall and fly to their wintering grounds in Mexico, California, and lower elevations in Arizona.

[Please visit our website](#) for more on monarch migrations, regional tagging programs, [upcoming volunteer opportunities in milkweed planting](#), and how you can turn your yard and garden into critical monarch habitat.



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[Only 3 Days Left: Auction Ends July 31](#)



The [Tilted Earth Silent Auction](#) continues online through Monday, July 31. Help support restoring and preserving our local waterways and wild places, while getting a bargain on local and regional dining, escape, and recreation packages, fine wines, original art, and more! All proceeds benefit Prescott Creeks and Yavapai Big Brothers and Sisters.

Upcoming Events

[CREW Volunteer Activity-Transplanting Milkweed](#): Thursday, August 3 8:00-11:00AM

[CWAG City Candidate Water Forum](#): Saturday, Aug 5 10:00AM-12:00PM

[CREW Volunteer Activity](#): Thursday, August 17 8:00-11:00AM

Reaching Out to Local Businesses



Click on image for a better view of the freshly-laid monarch egg in this horsetail milkweed...and video of monarch laying the egg in a Prescott area monarch-friendly garden. Photo Credit: Suzanne Yoder

Watson Woods Construction Update

Part of the City of Prescott's long-term infrastructure plans is a needed upgrade of the wastewater treatment system, which includes moving treatment from the Sundog Wastewater Treatment Plant to a facility near the airport. The current phase of the project involves installing a new wastewater line crossing Watson Woods Riparian Preserve.



The original plan to cross Watson Woods was to excavate a trench for the new pipeline, which would have required removing mature native trees and digging straight through the creek bed in the restored riparian preserve. Prescott Creeks worked with receptive City staff and their partner contractor to arrive on a revised plan that included horizontal drilling under Granite Creek, allowing us to minimize surface disturbance. Prescott Creeks will continue to work with the City after project completion to revegetate disturbed areas with native grasses, wildflowers, shrubs, and trees.



We're inviting local businesses and organizations to show their commitment to our waterways and green corridors as vital parts of a dynamic, thriving community. Whether your customers, clients, and staff enjoy a view of a flowing creek and healthy riparian forest right outside your windows, or you are simply aware of the value our natural landscapes offer our community, we encourage you to consider becoming a [Prescott Creeks Business Member](#) today!



Find out the benefits of becoming a Business Member by [visiting our website](#) or calling 928-445-5669...and be recognized as a partner in restoring and preserving the creeks and natural places that add so much to Prescott's remarkable quality of place.

[Watch our calendar](#), ["Like" us on Facebook](#), and [follow us on Twitter](#) for upcoming events and activities.

Thanks to all who have [taken the step to support](#) preserving our creeks and wild places!



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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