

# Prescott Creekside E-News

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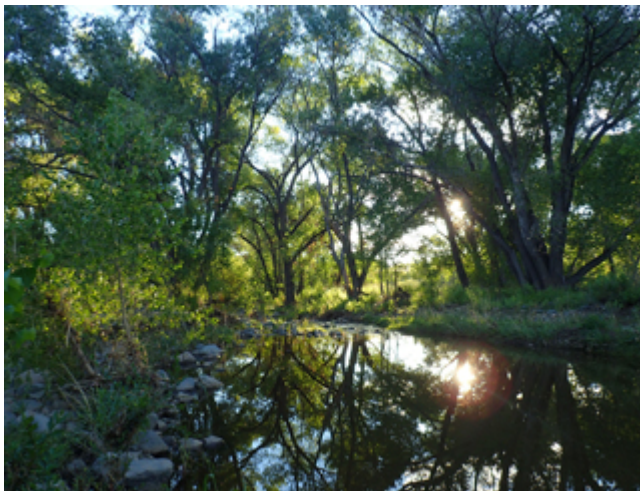
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Friend,

October 2017 was reported to be the [driest October](#) in Prescott during the record of 118 years. I believe my audible response was “Yikes!” when I read this. In context to our report of the past monsoon season being one of the wettest, it’s a bit confusing to understand what’s happening with the weather that impacts the waters of local creeks and lakes. The upshot is that things are looking great at Watson Woods Riparian Preserve! It’s dry, but great.

## You Make A Difference

Fall is that time of year when Prescott Creeks takes stock of all the successes during the preceding seasons. Did the on-the-ground work meet goals, what have we learned, and who has contributed to make it happen? The support of members, volunteers, partners, funders and friends like you made possible the restoration of riparian habitat in Watson Woods Riparian Preserve and the improvement of water quality throughout the Granite Creek Watershed. The coming year holds the promise of long-term protection at the Preserve, a new public bathroom along Miller Creek, expanded stewardship opportunities at the Granite Creek Cleanup, and new opportunities with new and existing partners. You make all this possible. Watch for the Prescott Creeks year-end appeal in your mailbox, or click here to see options to [make a contribution today](#).



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## Upcoming Events

### [Jay's Bird Barn - Bird Walks](#)

Thursday, Nov. 9th, 8-12 Noon

Wednesday, Nov. 15th, 8 AM-4 PM

Wednesday, Nov. 29th, 8-12 Noon

### [Prescott Audubon - Bird Walk](#)

Saturday, Nov. 11th, 9-11 AM

### [CWAG / Friends of the Verde River](#)

Saturday, Nov. 11th, 10-12 Noon

### [CREW Volunteer Event](#)

Thursday, Nov. 16th, 8-11 AM

### [NHI - Natural History of Galls](#)

Thursday, Nov. 16th, 7-8:30 PM

### [Natural History Institute - Book Club](#)

Friday, Nov. 17th, 9-11 AM

### [Watson Woods Late Autumn Tour](#)

Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 9-11 AM

## Business Supporter Spotlight



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## Saltcedar In Watson Woods

[Saltcedar](#) (*Tamarix spp.*), or tamarisk, is a large exotic shrub that has spread rapidly throughout the rivers and streams of the southwestern U.S., taking over areas normally dominated by willows. It thrives in disturbed areas, which are a majority of regional riparian corridors. It can also alter native ecosystems and harm biotic communities.



In 2016, Prescott Creeks engaged in a watershed-wide habitat enhancement project removing invasive plants, including saltcedar. Over 350 saltcedars were removed from Watson Woods. Notably, the Yavapai County Adult Probation Community Restitution Program volunteered to help. For the past two years, these probation crews have demonstrated a strong work ethic and dedication to giving back to the Prescott community. Over the last several months they have contributed 250 hours of labor, valued at \$6,000, toward the disposal of 10,000 pounds of cut saltcedar limbs from the Preserve. [Read the full story here](#). (Note: A Prescott Creeks volunteer is pictured above, not a probation crew member.)



the support of Business Members like [Quality Plastics](#). They bring dedication to quality and environmental conservation into all they do and have over 45 years of experience tooling for plastic parts and containers. Quality Plastics is proud to be an active and contributing member of the local community.

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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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