

Prescott Creekside E-News

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Hello Friend,

Your support has protected a threatened riparian area, restored important wildlife habitats, and improved impaired surface water quality in the Granite Creek Watershed. **Thank you!** We truly couldn't have done it without you.

While on-the-ground projects are largely funded by grants, most grants require a match of up to 50% - your donations are essential to securing funding. Your donations contribute to project development, implementation, and performance monitoring.

Your investment in Prescott Creeks provides a strong foundation and is a catalyst for new opportunities.

Next year, Prescott Creeks will work with over 25 partners to protect and restore riparian habitats while addressing watershed impairments. Installing a public bathroom on Miller Creek to improve water quality and securing long-term protection for the Watson Woods Preserve top the list in 2018. You can help ensure these projects succeed. **With your donations we plan to secure at least \$21,000** of the unfunded portion of these projects. Won't you help us to bridge the gap?

You can make your year-end tax-deductible contributions to the creeks securely online at www.PrescottCreeks.org/Donate



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Upcoming Events

[Acker Night - TONIGHT](#)

Friday, Dec. 8th, 5-8:30 PM

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

Thursday, Dec. 14th 8-12 Noon

Saturday, Dec. 23rd 8-12 Noon

[Natural History Institute - Book Club](#)

Friday, Dec. 15th 9-11 AM

[C.R.E.W. Volunteer Event](#)

Thursday, Dec. 21st 8-11 AM

[Prescott Creeks Offices Closed](#)

Monday - Tuesday Dec. 25th - 26th

[New Year's Eve Boot Drop](#)

Sunday, Dec. 31st 8 PM - 12:30 AM

Businesses Supporter Spotlight



Located on the left bank of Granite Creek just downstream of Goodwin St., [El Gato Azul](#) is a steadfast supporter of Prescott Creeks. Offering a casual, yet sophisticated atmosphere, El Gato Azul is a great place to meet friends and hosts a Happy Hour from 3 - 6 pm. Whether dining on their covered outdoor patio,

[Biodiversity and Invasive Plants](#)

Nature loves diversity. A walk through a healthy central Arizonan streamside corridor would reveal a rich forest composed of around a dozen species of trees, plus numerous shrubs and grasses. Each of these plants provides unique physical structure and resources to wildlife, allowing wild critters to specialize in their food sources and nesting behavior.

Prescott's riparian forests are dominated by Siberian elm, which is capable of rapid growth in the most marginal soils and can tolerate severe drought. Early each spring, before native trees are even flowering, mature Siberian elms drop thousands of half-inch round, winged seeds. This allows the Siberian elms to colonize disturbed riparian areas and grasslands. These disturbed areas are in the greatest need of robust, diverse habitat, but instead are converted into near-monocultures.



As a part of its mission, Prescott Creeks invests substantial effort into management of invasive plant species. Our regular [semi-monthly volunteer C.R.E.W. events](#) have most recently focused on removal of Siberian elm from Watson Woods Riparian Preserve, and we have seen compelling results without using herbicides.

If you'd like to help improve habitat in the Prescott area, please consider [volunteering with Prescott Creeks](#). We'd love to have you join us.

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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creekside, or at the bar... you'll surely feel at home.

Proprietor Barry Barbe has always been enthusiastic about lending a hand for special events, a sponsorship, or hosting a Creek Tour group. And not just for Prescott Creeks - El Gato Azul is known to be involved in many community efforts through the year. Thanks Barry. Stop in and let them know that you support Prescott Creeks too.

Businesses and organizations can show their commitment to local waters by joining Prescott Creeks as a Business Member. [Learn how you can join.](#)

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