



Prescott Creekside E-News

2021 Year End (30 December)

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Hello Friend,

At the end of each year, we take stock of what you've helped Prescott Creeks accomplish, who key players were that made it happen, and look forward to what next year's priorities are. Generous community support has protected creeks, controlled pollution, and conserved wildlife in the Prescott area and the Granite Creek Watershed since 1990.

We also ask for your support to keep it all going. If you have already responded with a gift, **Thank you!** If you have not, [please consider making a donation now to Prescott Creeks.](#)

You make the difference!

2021 was another distinctive year for Prescott Creeks. While "COVID-consciousness" was pervasive throughout, on-the-ground work continued at Watson Woods Riparian Preserve. Community volunteers made it all possible.

Highlights of successes your support made possible include: A return of the Granite Creek Cleanup, Bird conservation progress; New partnerships; and a return to volunteerism!



"We love the cleanup. My dad and I used to do it when I was in middle school. I've done it with my kids for years now and last year with the kids and my parents. It's a whole family event."

- Hilary H.

Watson Woods Riparian Preserve Video Showcase

In cooperation with the City of Prescott and the Prescott Chamber of Commerce, Prescott Creeks is [pleased to present a video](#) showcasing Watson Woods Riparian Preserve.

Join Michael Byrd, Prescott Creeks Executive Director, and others in this approximately 7 minute video to learn about Watson Woods Riparian Preserve - a rare and threatened cottonwood/willow forest being protected and restored! Prescott Creeks and the Preserve are supported by the community. [You can help ensure this area is protected for all time.](#)



Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteerism increased by over 230% in 2021 with a diversity of activities involving data management, planning, bird monitoring, invasive species treatments, trash cleanup, trail maintenance, and more. In 2022 there will be more [opportunities for you to lend a hand](#) in the conservation work with Prescott Creeks. Opportunities exist in the field (with physical work where you're guaranteed to get dirty!) and in the office (in a more behind-the-scenes capacity). There's something to suit most interests and abilities. The main pre-requisite is a desire to help. Below, check out the following ways you can take action



Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities:

Just show up and lend a hand

- **Monthly Conservation Projects**
1st* Saturday of each month. 10 AM – Noon
(*Next Opportunity: January 8th, 2022 due to the New Year Holiday)
- **Weekly Conservation Projects**
Thursdays 10 AM – Noon
(Times may vary depending on season or weather - Call to confirm)

Other Volunteer Opportunities:

Structured Volunteer Positions

- **Administrative Assistant** - Help in the office with data entry, file management, and special projects

- **Social Media Assistant** - Community outreach and engagement raising awareness via social media
- **Website/Database Tech** - Assist with nerdy technical stuff that is outside our areas of expertise
- **Handy-Helper** - Help with small repair jobs, maintenance tasks, and other construction-like projects in the office and in the field

Visit the [Prescott Creeks website](#) for additional information or to [apply](#).

Bird Conservation



Common Black Hawks nested in Watson Woods Riparian Preserve with one fledgling after a several year absence (presumably due to drought). American Kestrels also are being seen in the Preserve. And, we observed our first special status (Threatened) species since completion of the ecological restoration work conducted between 2008 and 2013. [Read more...](#)

Granite Creek Cleanup



Granite Creek Cleanup is scheduled for 2022! We're hoping to trend back toward "normal" with the inclusion of special projects (like tree planting, stream restoration, trail building) in addition to trash pickup, while retaining some of the last year's positive adaptations resulting from COVID.

Save the Date: [Saturday April 23rd, 2022](#)

Community Support Protects Creeks

With your donations we plan to secure at least \$25,000 to support these and other projects. Please click through to [securely make your year-end tax-deductible contribution](#) in support of Prescott Creeks. *Thank you for all your support!*

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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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