



WEST DESERT TRAILS, GREEN VALLEY

Birding Excursion

March 21, 2019
Thursday, 8:00 a.m.



Lucy's Warbler

Trip difficulty: Easy | **Walking Distance:** 2 miles | **Ground Conditions:** Dirt trails
Items to bring: Hats, sunscreen, water, gloves and sturdy closed toed shoes or boots

Explore the West Desert Trails and observe how this habitat preserve is now attracting and supporting a broader community of nesting species. West Desert Trails are unmaintained trails in lowland desert habitat with transecting washes on approximately 1,830 acres of open space adjacent to the Sierrita Mine in Green Valley. The property was purchased by Freeport-McMoRan Sierrita Inc. in 2012,

and with the help of Tucson Audubon, the Sierrita Mine has received certification from the Wildlife Habitat Council for conservation efforts improving the habitat value there for cavity-nesting birds. Nestboxes for owls, flycatchers, and Lucy's Warblers have been installed and we'll check some of these boxes to see what kind of activity they're attracting this year.

Meet at the West Desert Trails entrance gate at Trail 340 and 337.

Directions from Interstate 19 & Esperanza Blvd: drive west on Esperanza Blvd., turn right on North Desert Bell Dr., turn left on Golden Desert Way and the gate to West Desert Trails is at the end of Golden Desert Way.

**Please contact: Eric Scheuering or Olya Phillips at
520-209-1808 for more information.**

No online registration necessary.