

Common Birds of the Rio Salado

- ___ Pied-billed Grebe
- ___ Neotropic Cormorant
- ___ Double-crested Cormorant
- ___ Great Blue Heron
- ___ Great Egret
- ___ Snowy Egret
- ___ Green Heron
- ___ Black-crowned Night Heron
- ___ Common Gallinule
- ___ American Coot
- ___ Pied-billed Grebe
- ___ Mallard
- ___ American Wigeon
- ___ Gadwall
- ___ Cinnamon Teal
- ___ Turkey Vulture
- ___ Cooper's Hawk
- ___ Red-tailed Hawk
- ___ Harris's Hawk
- ___ Osprey
- ___ Peregrine Falcon
- ___ American Kestrel
- ___ Common Raven
- ___ Burrowing Owl
- ___ Gambel's Quail
- ___ Verdin
- ___ Marsh Wren
- ___ Northern Mockingbird
- ___ Curve-billed Thrasher
- ___ Anna's Hummingbird
- ___ Costa's Hummingbird
- ___ Belted Kingfisher
- ___ Northern Flicker
- ___ Gila Woodpecker
- ___ Rock Pigeon
- ___ Mourning Dove
- ___ Black Phoebe
- ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler
- ___ Black-tailed Gnatcatcher
- ___ Song Sparrow
- ___ White-crowned Sparrow
- ___ Abert's Towhee
- ___ House Finch
- ___ Red-winged Blackbird

About the Rio

The Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area stretches along five miles of the Salt River just south of downtown Phoenix. Once a dump site, the area is now a lush riparian corridor with five miles of paved and dirt trails. It is a unique opportunity for visitors to view Sonoran riparian habitat right in the heart of Phoenix.

By bringing water and life back to this area, the constructed wetlands provide habitat and a much needed refuge for native wildlife in an ever expanding city.

Quick Facts

- 595 acres of Riparian Habitat
- Over 79,000 trees, plants and shrubs have been planted
- Habitat opened in 2005
- Over 225 species of birds have been recorded in addition to many species of mammal, reptiles and amphibian
- Operated and managed by the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department

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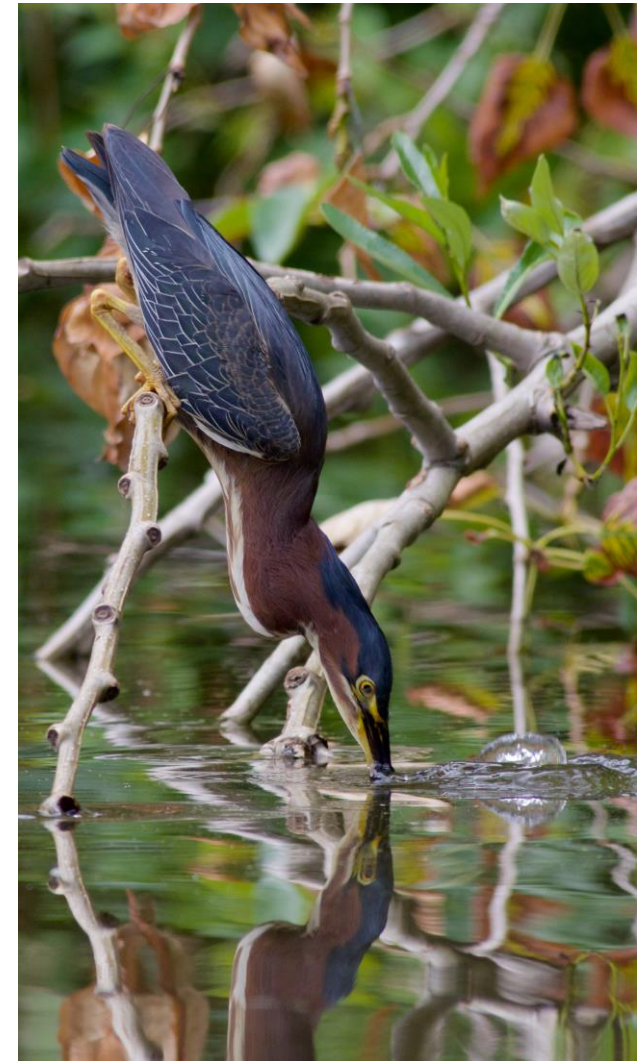
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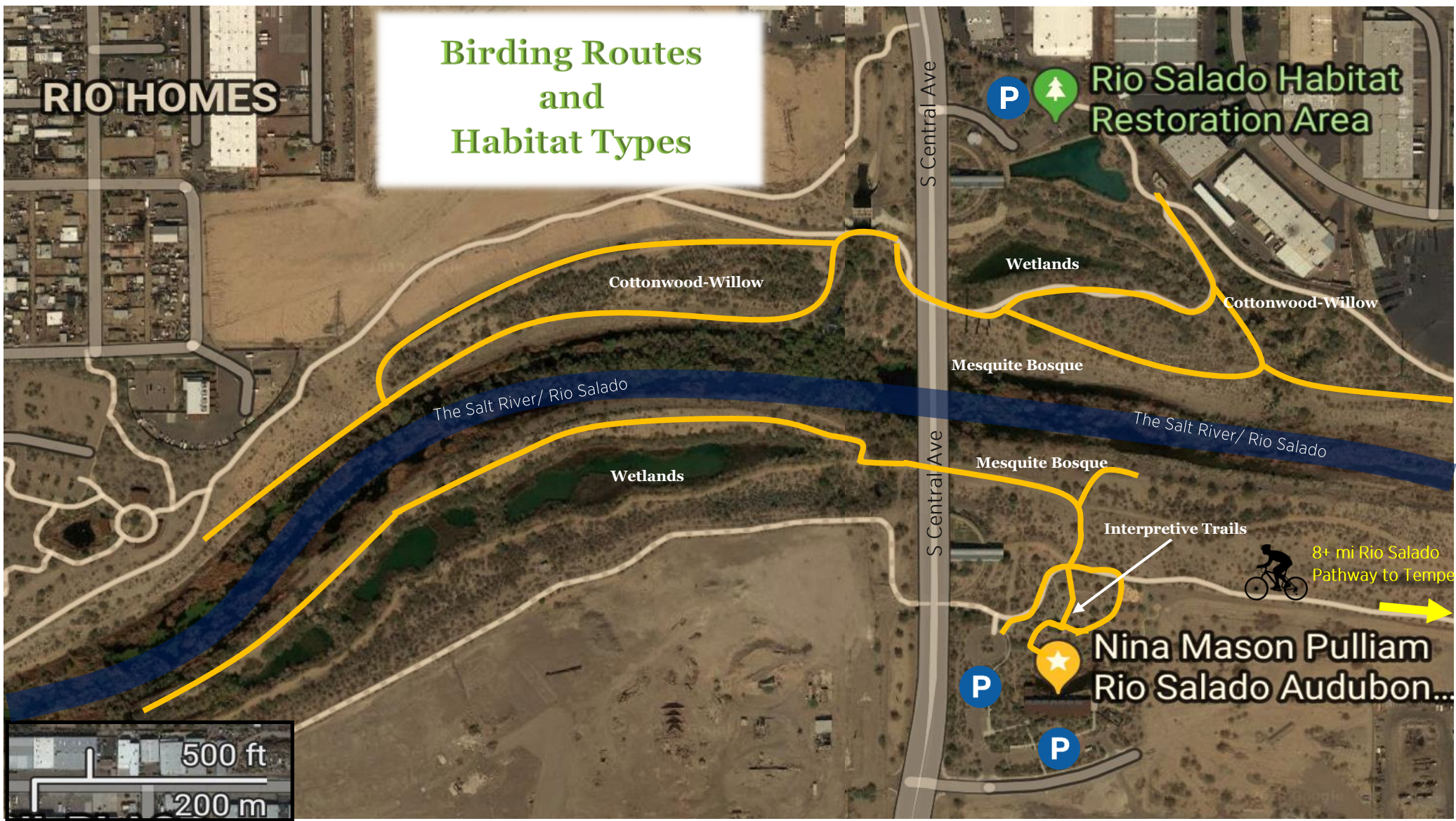
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Finding Birds in the Rio Salado Habitat



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Birds love the Rio!

The Sonoran desert landscape around the Nina Mason Pulliam Center is a great area to find classic Arizona birds such as the **Gambles Quail** and **Greater Roadrunner**. The demonstrative wetlands are incredibly productive for **waterfowl** and the surrounding trees host **warblers and finches**. The river itself is a good area to spot a **Black Phoebe** or **Marsh Wren** as well as roosting **Black Crowned Night Herons**. And don't forget to check the uplands and transmissions lines for large **birds of prey**! Be sure to submit your sightings to **Ebird!**

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