# HERE TODAY... For Wildlife Tomorrow



#### Wildlife inspires | Wildlife connects | Wildlife nourishes our souls



### This is the playground our children will grow up on...

Arizona provides the opportunity for a unique outdoor experience. Whether it is hiking or hunting, canyoneering or canoeing, rafting or repelling, it doesn't get any better than recreating outdoors in Arizona. Arizona is our playground, and we share it with an incredibly diverse collection of wildlife.

We have a brief opportunity to bestow our love for the outdoors and share our stories with the next generation. The health of our future relies on the health of our environment. It is all of our responsibility to ensure that the Arizona we love today will be here, tomorrow, for our kids.

"There are some who can live without wild things, and some who cannot." - Aldo Leopold

Arizona ranks among the top five states for the number of native birds, reptiles, and mammal species, and ranks among the top ten states for overall diversity of vertebrates. How lucky we are to live here!



The Arizona Game and Fish Department supports 820 diverse wildlife species.

#### The incredible wildlife diversity in Arizona is an amazing blessing we all share! I invite you to become a key part of the reason our wildlife legacy will continue to enthrall future generations.

As a young high school aged man planning a career in wildlife conservation, I could not help but ponder what our wildlife future was to be. Our natural world was challenged in so many ways as our state became a destination for people from all over the country and, indeed, the world. With a human population approaching 1.7 million people, how could there possibly be sufficient habitats remaining to support our diversity of wildlife?

Over fifty years and an entire career have passed since those thoughts weighed on my mind, and yet Arizona—with its human population approaching 7.2 million people—is still home to over 820 species of wildlife. Although our wildlife diversity remains strong, the challenges faced by the natural world are greater than ever.

How can it be, with four times more people in our state, that this precious resource continues to excite and delight both young and old? Much of the success can be attributed to a small, underfunded state agency—the Arizona Game and Fish Department. This department, which is responsible for conserving Arizona's wildlife, is very unique in that it does not receive a single dollar of general fund money from Arizona tax payers. It is supported by hunting and fishing license sales, federal excise taxes on the sale of hunting and fishing equipment, and a number of other entrepreneurial sources. One critical source of funding comes from individuals' gifts to support conservation. Wildlife for Tomorrow was created to provide funding for expanded conservation efforts, providing an avenue for individuals and corporations to give financial support to the critical conservation efforts of the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Through your gifts, you become key to the continuation of our wildlife legacy.

Yours in Conservation,

Larry D. Voyles

We envision a future where all Arizonans are fully aware of the state's majestic and diverse wildlife resources, and are engaged in enjoying, conserving and protecting our wildlife forever!

Due to rising costs, the Arizona Game and Fish Department will require additional revenues of over \$10 million per year by the year 2028 to continue their great work and provide for Arizona's wildlife.

The future of our wildlife depends on the diligent work and service of the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Their essential work across the state to manage Arizona's diverse wildlife resources is key to our enjoyment of the recreation and resource opportunities available to us and future generations. Incredibly, this state agency approaches this vital and expansive mission without receiving any support from the state's general fund for its operations.

As the official 501(c)(3) partner of the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Wildlife for Tomorrow works to provide funds to advance key programs and initiatives beyond the department's self-funding capacity. The Arizona Game and Fish Department receives o% of the state's general tax fund. Not a single penny of Arizona general tax dollars are distributed to the department and its mission to conserve wildlife.

This means that most wildlife funding comes from public spending on items like fishing and hunting licenses, tags or stamps, and via a federal excise tax on firearms and ammunition.





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#### The time is now

We are at a critical point in the conservation of Arizona's wildlife and wild places. With years of simultaneous population growth and drought, the support needed to successfully steward the resources of the state have grown exponentially.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has put the infrastructure in place to manage hundreds of species in Arizona. Unlike other nonprofits that focus on a single wildlife species, this organization is a collective, comprehensive machine that works for the benefit of an entire, connected ecosystem.

#### The Arizona Game and Fish Department is responsible for:

Wildlife species conserved

Gallons of water hauled in 2021

3,700,000 3,000

Fire security assignments in 2021







Acres of habitat improved per year (five year average)

Water catchments maintained and managed

Pounds of fish produced and stocked annually





### Wildlife for Tomorrow Is...

Wildlife for Tomorrow is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that exists to accelerate and magnify the Arizona Game and Fish Department's mission to conserve and protect Arizona's wildlife. Created in 1990, the organization works closely with the Arizona Game and Fish Department to provide additional support for projects and educational activities where traditional resources are not adequate. Wildlife for Tomorrow's efforts focus entirely on worthy projects within Arizona and no funds are passed on to national offices or to projects in other parts of the country.

Through Wildlife for Tomorrow, individuals, businesses and organizations can make transformational change to benefit all of Arizona's fish and wildlife and the habitats upon which they depend.

Make an Impact We honor and protect Arizona's unique wildlife resources through:

OUTDOOR HERITAGE Recreational programming and access opportunities.

WILDLIFE EDUCATION Online wildlife cameras and wildlife center improvements.

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION Habitat enhancements and wildlife conservation program support.

STEWARDSHIP AND COMMUNITY Projects that support and encourage volunteer programs.



## Join us

By making a contribution to Wildlife for Tomorrow, you join the community of biologists, hunters, hikers and wildlife enthusiasts that appreciate and experience Arizona's unique outdoor environments.

Your investment today provides support for the management, use, conservation and enjoyment of wildlife for tomorrow.



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