

- Department staff and volunteers provided live wildlife education and hands-on learning experiences to more than 102,815 people at nearly 94 events, workshops, expos and fairs.
- Approximately 8,184 4th-grade students in 281 classrooms across Arizona received a live wildlife education program correlated to Arizona's Academic Content standards.
- Approximately 5,830 educators received training on and used Focus Wild Arizona's educational resources, potentially providing 168,000 K-12 students with wildlife education.
- 1,400 K-12 students and 600 chaperones participated in the department's Youth Day at the Outdoor Expo, where students gained hands-on experience in outdoor recreation and wildlife education activities.
- More than 4,200 K-12 students participated in hands-on wildlife education activities throughout the state through summer camps, classroom programs and field-based research events.
- Department staff serves on a variety of boards and committees that provide community support and resources throughout the state: State Testing chair for the Envirothon, Arizona Council for Social Studies board member, Be Outdoors Arizona Board member and the AIMS content and bias review committee.
- The Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center provided immediate triage and care for more than 1,000 sick, injured or orphaned wildlife brought into the facility.

PUBLIC LANDS ACCESS

The Department's Public Lands Access program works collaboratively to enhance opportunities for the public to enjoy wildlife and wildlife-related recreation by identifying and opening lands and waters that are closed to the public or that do not have sufficient access.

Heritage Access funds were used during the reporting period to complete a number of significant projects. The Department's Landowner Relations program completed nine recreational stewardship agreements with private landowners, using Heritage Access funds as match (25 percent) to receive additional federal funds (75 percent). In addition, the Department's Respect program worked with approximately 300 landowners, and the Department assisted with 36 Adopt-A-Ranch programs where volunteers partnered with the Department and private landowners to help ensure that recreationists respect private land. Adopt-A-Ranch programs involved 1,173 volunteers, who gave a total of 11,313 volunteer hours.

Some project examples include:

- Babbitt Ranches Access Extension located near Flagstaff: Heritage Access funds contributed \$50,000 toward this project in exchange for unlimited recreational access to three ranches in northern Arizona. This agreement ensured unlimited recreational access to nearly 1.5 million acres of land that could have been closed due to scattered private landholdings throughout the

ranch. The Access funding was matched by \$125,000 of Arizona Department of Agriculture (ADA) grant funding and \$125,000 in landowner cash, to clean out 50 dirt tanks to improve water availability for wildlife on more than 500,000 acres of rangeland.

- D’Ambrose Pond located near Kingman: Heritage Access funds were provided in exchange for five years of fishing access for four youth fishing clinics per year to ponds stocked with sport fish. This project will help improve the Department’s ability to provide a quality experience for young anglers and help encourage people to try fishing.
- Yellow Pine Ranch Access Project located southeast of Kingman: Heritage Access funds were used to work with the rancher to provide funding to upgrade a windmill to a solar pumping system, which will provide year-round water for wildlife and ensure recreational access to more than 45,000 acres managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The Access funding was matched by \$3,000 in landowner cash and in-kind efforts in exchange for two years of hunter access to the ranches.

OTHER REPORT REQUIREMENTS

The following information represents Department expenditures:

- Spent for:

(a) Property acquisition	\$2,571,182
(b) Identification, inventory, protection and management of sensitive habitat	\$2,459,272
(c) Habitat evaluation and protection	\$890,000
(d) Urban wildlife	\$957,202
(e) Environmental education	\$406,125
(f) Public access	\$302,175
- Spent \$2,766,389 for employee personnel services, and \$1,083,686 for employee-related expenses.
- Four employees charged time to Heritage funds, when involved with potential Heritage funded property acquisition. However, these employees also charge other non-Heritage fund sources.
- Employed 65 full-time employees for all of the Heritage-funded programs.
- \$1,335,100 was the total legislatively transferred from the Heritage Fund in FY2010 to help address fiscal shortfalls in state general fund supported programs.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department did not award Heritage-funded grants for this fiscal year.