



Friends of Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge

2017 Annual Report

This is our first-ever Annual Report and we hope it finds you well! We have made great strides this past year, thanks to the generosity of our funders and donors, and the tremendous commitment of our volunteers.

Achievement Highlights

- Thanks to National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, we received a grant to hire an organizational and fundraising consultant, Smith & Dale LLC, to help us build, train, and restructure our Board of Directors.
- We hired a consultant to identify eroded washes that we can repair with simple one-rock dams.
- Thanks to our volunteers, 22 miles of barbed wire fence was removed, which was injuring and sometimes killing wildlife.



- Thanks to our donors, we were able to purchase a wire winder, saving many, many labor hours and enabling even more fence removal at a much faster pace.



Fence removal is important as it allows wildlife to move freely on the refuge. Note the barbed wire scars on the beautiful Pronghorn pictured here.

Thanks to Volunteer Groups

Two Sierra Club Groups, Wilderness Volunteers and Volunteers for Outdoor Arizona, provided over 50 volunteers for a week each.

We also want to thank eight volunteers from Tucson who joined us regularly, Kathy Norris and Jerry Breecher who each stayed two weeks and Ray Abercrombie who stayed seven weeks. All of these volunteers helped us remove wire from the Refuge. We call it “barbed wire insanity.”

Julie Koivula, Sierra Club said “The Friends are a great team to work with...”

On the Horizon 2018

We have applied for a grant to fund a Yellow-billed Cuckoo survey to determine what habitat they use for breeding, allowing us to protect and improve the habitat. Eight volunteers will make 16 to 20 surveys between June and September of 2018, and some will stay at the Harm House.

We are conducting a small fundraising drive for replacement of the batteries at the Harm House. The Harm House is used by researchers, volunteers and environmental study groups and will be used during this summer's Cuckoo survey. Solar panels provide all of the electricity for the house and after the sun goes down, it is run by back-up batteries. The solar batteries are at the end of their lifespan and need replacement which will cost approximately \$5,000.



Harm House

2017 Board of Directors

Reta Rutledge, President
Evelyn Kelley, Vice President & Treasurer
Robert Farrell, Secretary
Ken Langton, Sierra Club Liaison
Craig Kelley
Bobbi Hall

We are seeking funds for the Harm House batteries and the following future projects:

- Adding a picnic area on manager's hill with a spotting scope to view surrounding grasslands.
- Purchasing rock to create dams to repair eroded washes.
- Purchasing wildlife friendly fencing materials to make our boundary fences safer for wildlife.
- Field kits for the Yellow-billed Cuckoo volunteers.

2017 Financial Summary

Income 2017

Nature Shop Store	\$4,300
Grant	\$3,000
Donations	\$3,243
Total	\$10,543

Expenses 2017

Consultant	\$3,000
Internet/Web Page	\$1,104
Nature Shop	\$2,211
Fence Removal	\$ 927
Refuge Assistance	\$1,403
Wire Winder	\$1,350
State Tax	\$10
Total	\$10,005

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