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... from the editor's desk

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How many readers have yet to see a Painted Redstart? Red-faced Warbler? Strickland's Woodpecker? Blue-throated Hummingbird? Rufous-winged Sparrow? Take advantage of a special opportunity to not only bird Arizona but also to renew your commitment to conservation. Attend the biennial convention of the National Audubon Society in Tucson, Arizona, September 12-16, 1989. The convention is timed to occur at the end of the rainy season so the bird- and plant-rich Sonoran Desert (in which Tucson is located) will be plentiful and magnificent. There are both pre- and post-convention trips and tours planned that promise exploration in a wide range of ecosystems. Kenn Kaufman and I will be leading one pre- and one post-convention tour, both co-sponsored by Tucson Audubon Society and *American Birds*. I invite you to study the convention announcement on page 194 and to write immediately for a detailed brochure. Join us for what I'm sure will be a most wonderful natural history, issues, and birding get-together. Treat yourself to a new assessment of critical environmental issues germane nationwide. Become more informed on the high priority campaigns of the Society. Immerse yourself in the wild scenic beauty of southeastern Arizona, provocative forums, workshops, and an array of birds fit to knock the socks off even the most die-hard birder. See you there.

Take special note of the new maps in our regional reports section of the magazine. Let us know your reactions to them.

In Volume 42, Number 5 we put special emphasis on our upcoming Birdathon. Our team has mobilized to generate contributions that help us pay for consistent improvement in *American Birds*. This should be a compelling enough reason for you to back our efforts. Show us in a tangible way that you appreciate your bigger, more timely, more colorful *American Birds*. Support us with your dollars by completing the form on page 188. Thanks for the vote of confidence.

Stay tuned!

—S.R.D.

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AMERICAN BIRDS' only annual fund-raising event

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On May 2, our super-birding team will take to the field in Arizona. They'll scour the area around Tucson to find as many bird species as possible in 24 hours.

Pledge as much as you can per species in support of *American Birds*. Your pledge will be multiplied times the number of species seen to determine your donation.

Your Team

This year's group of intrepid birders includes: editor of *American Birds* Susan Roney Drennan, associate editor of *American Birds* Kenn Kaufman, National Audubon Society Vice President and Director of Research Sandy Sprunt, NAS board members Joe Siphron and Bart Rea, and special friends of *American Birds* Steve Russell and Liz Rea.

Bonus Prize

Last year, our team found 118 species; two years ago they found 153. How many will they find this year? Guess the correct number of species and win an *American Birds* thermos.

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