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Guided Birding Hikes at Montezuma Well

Park Ranger and naturalist John Lewis will be conducting guided birding and nature hikes at Montezuma Well, a detached unit of Montezuma Castle National Monument, located near Rimrock, AZ. These walks will be offered every Sunday, now through April 18, at 9am, weather permitting.

The walks will start with an overview of basic birding for those new to this hobby. Lewis will also outline some of the birds recently observed at Montezuma Well, Montezuma Castle National Monument, and Tuzigoot National Monument near Clarkdale.

Ranger Lewis is a graduate of Northern Arizona University. He has worked at seven national parks, specializing in wildlife observation and identification. Currently, some of Ranger Lewis' major interests are the birds and habitat of Arizona's endangered riparian, or streamside, areas.

There is no fee for the guided walks, which will last approximately one hour. Participants should bring water, binoculars if you have them, and wear clothing and footwear suitable for an easy to moderate hike. Meet up with Ranger Lewis at the Montezuma Well picnic area.

For additional information, contact the Montezuma Castle Visitor Center at 567-3322, x0.

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