

Southwestern Willow Flycatcher Survey Protocol Training

May 13-14, 2009

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New Mexico 87113**

The New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in coordination with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the Denver Technical Service Center of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, is offering southwestern willow flycatcher survey protocol training on May 13 and 14, 2009. The classroom portion of the training will be held on Wednesday, May 13, in Albuquerque at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Field Office, with sign-in beginning at 9:00 am. On May 14, starting at 6:15 am, there will be a field trip to southwestern willow flycatcher breeding habitat. There is no fee for this training.

For class agenda, on-line registration, maps, and visitor information go to:

http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/NewMexico/SWFCT_home.cfm

Please review the Current Survey Protocol, Year 2000 Revision, and Survey Data Form. These can be downloaded at:

<http://sbsc.wr.usgs.gov/cprs/research/projects/swwf/wiflnew.asp>

You don't need to bring any other documents, but see the following sites for more information on southwestern willow flycatchers: <http://sbsc.wr.usgs.gov/cprs/research/projects/swwf/cprsmain.asp> and <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/arizona/Southwes.htm>

During Wednesday's classroom presentations, the group will review permitting, flycatcher life history, distribution and status, survey protocol and field data forms, and audio-visual materials illustrating flycatcher identification and riparian habitats occupied by flycatchers. Occupied habitats in New Mexico will be specifically illustrated and emphasized. Brown-headed cowbird identification and parasitism will also be covered. For the field trip on Thursday, the group will drive to a site where flycatchers have been observed in previous years. A flycatcher vocalization tape will be used to demonstrate the play-back technique to course participants and provide an opportunity to hear and see how flycatchers respond. Flycatcher vocalization tapes/CDs and survey protocols will be available to participants who need them. Participants should bring their own equipment for the field trip, including items such as binoculars, lunch, water, a hat, sun screen, and possibly insect repellent.

This is also a reminder to those intending to conduct surveys in 2009 that an endangered species permit or subpermit is required. If you are not yet permitted, please contact Vanessa Martinez at (505) 248-6665 at our Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Office as soon as possible. The Service's web site for permit application is: <http://www.fws.gov/permits/> or get the form at <http://www.fws.gov/forms/3-200-55.pdf>.

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