



# JANUARY ECO-BLITZ CHALLENGE

## CURVE-BILLED THRASHER



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Curve-billed Thrasher (*Toxostoma curvirostre*)

- Curve-billed Thrasher, a large brown songbird with yellow eyes, is one of four thrasher species living in the Sonoran Desert. Three key facts about Curve-billed Thrashers:
  1. Each spring, they make bowl-shaped nests of twigs in cholla cacti or dense shrubs, laying 3-4 blue-brown speckled eggs.
  2. Their call is one of the characteristic sounds of the Sonoran Desert, a loud “whit-wheet,” in addition to a melodic song.
  3. They use their black scythe-shaped beak to sift through leaves and debris on the ground to look for insects and seeds.

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