



JUNE ECO-BLITZ CHALLENGE

SAGUARO CACTI



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SAGUARO CACTUS & WHITE-WINGED DOVE



WHITE-WINGED DOVE

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Did you know that the White-winged Doves are Saguaro specialists? Their breeding season is synchronized with the reproductive cycle of the Saguaro and they rely on Saguaros almost solely for nutrients and water during the breeding season. The White-winged Dove is a migratory species and also a game species, making it rather unique.

Saguaro cacti are a keystone species in the Sonoran Desert and provide nesting, shelter, and/or food for many birds, insects, and bat species. They are the largest and tallest cactus in the U.S. with arms stretching skyward as if they are saying “light shine upon me”. Although their opulent white flowers bloom at night, many will remain open in the morning. In 1931 they were designated as Arizona's state flower.



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