

## High Country Hummingbird Festival

**Saturday, July 28, 2018**

The 15th annual High Country Hummingbird Festival will again be sponsored by AZ G & F Department. Sheri Williamson, with Southeastern Bird Observatory, along with her banding crew will return to Sipe Wildlife Area for an activity filled morning on July 28th. Southeastern Bird Observatory is a non-profit scientific and educational organization located in Bisbee. Activities begin at 8am and end at approx. noon. Other organizations that partner with AZ G & F are White Mountain Audubon Society, U.S. Forest Service and the Round Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Activities will be ongoing during the morning, but the main event is watching the hundreds of hummingbirds that visit the area in summer and seeing Sheri and her volunteers collect, measure, weigh, assess, and band the birds. Some of the activities planned for this year are:



- Birding for kids - the kids may make their own hummingbird feeder
- Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center will have an exhibit with live birds and other wildlife
- Hummers that may be seen are Calliope, Broad-tailed, Black-chinned and Rufous. Many other bird species may be sighted in the area as well.

Remember to wear comfortable walking shoes, a hat, and sunscreen; bring water snacks/lunch and your camera in order to enjoy a morning in the beautiful White Mountains of eastern Arizona.

Sipe Wildlife Area is located south of Eagar. Take Hwy 191 going toward Alpine and turn right off of 191 approx. 2 miles at the signed turn off at the top of the first hill. Follow the dirt road for 5 miles. For more information call, AZ G &F Department in Pinetop at 928-367-4281.