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# Spring Escape to Arizona's Grasslands

**Donated by Appleton-Whittell Research Ranch (AWRR)  
and Audubon Southwest**



***A 2-night stay for 2 people in  
the AWRR's historic Swinging H  
Ranch House in April 2024***

***Gift Card to Pronghorn  
Pizza/Dos Cabezas  
WineWorks for drinks/dinner\****

***A naturalist-guided tour of the  
AWRR with visits to areas not  
normally accessible to public***

***A day pass for 2 to  
Patagonia Lake State Park***

**VALUE = \$1,000**

Located roughly 60 miles southeast of Tucson, Arizona, and with nearly 8,000 acres of Madrean oak-dominated desert grasslands within its boundaries, the AWRR is a hotspot for grassland specialties like Montezuma and Scaled Quail; Botteri's, Grasshopper, Cassin's, and Rufous-winged Sparrows; Chihuahuan Meadowlark; Eastern "Azure" Bluebird; and more. Nestled between southeastern Arizona's famous Sky Island mountain ranges, it's also home to southwestern classics like Vermillion Flycatcher, Elf Owl, Mexican Jay, Lucy's Warbler, and others.

The AWRR sits just outside the communities of Sonoita and Elgin, both small, rural towns with a history of ranching and a growing wine industry. Forty-five minutes up the road is the town of Patagonia, named for its location in the Patagonia Mountains. It's a birding destination like no other with Tucson Audubon's Patton Center for Hummingbirds boasting over a dozen hummingbird species and Patagonia Lake State Park offering glimpses of southwestern specialties like Green Kingfisher and Northern-beardless Tyrannulet.

This package includes a TWO-night stay for TWO in the AWRR's historic Swinging H Ranch House, an exclusive naturalist-guided tour of the property, pizza and wine\* at one of Sonoita's best vineyards, and a day pass to Patagonia Lake State Park.

**Important:** AWRR is extremely rural and offers only limited phone and internet access – few services are available in the nearby towns of Elgin and Sonoita. Roads are passable by passenger vehicles, but high clearance is recommended. While one meal is provided, visitors should plan to prepare all other meals at the Swinging H, which is equipped with a full kitchen. Plan to grocery shop in Tucson before you head down! AWRR is a biological sanctuary & research facility and opportunities for public visitation are limited. This is a unique opportunity to experience some of the Southwest's last remaining intact grasslands and the birds that call them home.



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