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WILDLIFE-FRIENDLY GARDENS ARE TRENDING IN URBAN SPACES

Glendale offers free class about how to create a home for desert wildlife

GLENDALE, Ariz. - Everyone needs a home and desert wildlife such as quail, hummingbirds, sparrows and butterflies are no different. An emerging trend in urban gardening is a return back to our desert roots through the use of native plants and sustainable landscape practices that are done in a way that would encourage these pollinators to visit our gardens.

Hear from a West Valley homeowner about how she was inspired by the Sonoran Desert to create her own wildlife-friendly yard at the free Welcome Wildlife to Your Garden class on March 11. The class is held from 10 a.m. to noon at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

If you build it (a habitat), they (wildlife) will come! Give desert wildlife a new lease on life and in your garden by creating a welcoming and water wise habitat. Class attendees will receive a free copy of Glendale's award-winning "Welcome Wildlife to Your Garden" guide.

Glendale Water Services Conservation and Sustainable Living Division's free "Green-Living" class series runs monthly with new topics, guest speakers and resources for creating a more sustainable home. The next class will be held on April 8 at 9 a.m. and will cover irrigation repair and maintenance. For a complete listing of Glendale's "Green-Living" class series, visit www.glendaleaz.com/green. Classes are free and open to both Glendale and non-city residents, but advance registration is required by calling 623-930-3760 or emailing greenliving@glendaleaz.com.

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