



Archaeology Southwest

A Rare Opportunity

HELP US COMPLETE ACQUISITION OF A CRITICAL PARCEL IN SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA'S SAN PEDRO RIVER VALLEY BY SUPPORTING OUR LANDSCAPE AND SITE PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Thanks to our long-standing relationships and collaborations with San Pedro River Valley residents, **Archaeology Southwest is presented with an opportunity to purchase a nearly 120-acre parcel of land.** With your support, we can help protect its resources and habitat for future generations, building on our proven track record of strategic landscape and site protection.



Paige Canyon Preserve. PHOTO: RICK WICKER

WHY HERE?

The San Pedro Valley is a place of exceptional beauty and historical, cultural, spiritual, and ecological importance. **The San Pedro is Arizona's last free-flowing river**, and the valley holds ongoing connections to diverse communities—including many places that are significant in O'dham, Apache, Hopi, and Zuni culture and religion.

Unfortunately, **this extraordinary landscape is constantly threatened by industrial fragmentation.** Our ownership and stewardship of this parcel will keep it out of developers' hands.

The Paige Canyon Preserve spans the canyon a mile above its mouth on the San Pedro River near the forward-thinking community of Cascabel. Groves of mesquite trees thrive on both sides of the canyon. Desert willow trees in the bottomlands attest to a high water table.

Because the surrounding lands have formal protections in place, **the Paige Canyon parcel is a critical and documented wildlife corridor.** Mountain lions, bobcats, deer, turkeys, javelina, coatimundi, coyotes, and even black bears cross these acres to travel between the surrounding "sky island" mountain ranges and access springs in neighboring canyons.



The parcel is bounded by federal and state lands, and the federal land is designated as part of an Important Bird Area. Southwestern willow flycatchers and yellow-billed cuckoos (pictured here) are just a few of the species that alight here, and the habitat that sustains them is specially protected. PHOTOS (LEFT): DOMINIC SHERONY. (ABOVE): LINDA PIERCE



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WHY US?

For decades, Archaeology Southwest and its community and Tribal partners have **fiercely and publicly defended the San Pedro Valley against mining and other industrial incursions**. We understand and share the sense of place, security, and belonging found here.

We are committed to protecting and stewarding 22 properties across the American



Southwest in perpetuity. In practical terms, that means erecting and mending fencing, as appropriate; routinely monitoring conditions; identifying, documenting, and addressing any concerns, such as invasive plants and signs of trespass; monitoring for changes wrought by climate change; and **maintaining relationships with landowners and community members—forever**.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

By contributing to our fund to purchase and protect this parcel in the San Pedro River Valley, you will help safeguard a critical ecological landscape that is tightly interwoven with a cherished cultural landscape, **preserving regional integrity for future generations**.

Protecting this land not only ensures the survival of unique riparian habitats, but also upholds the legacy of stewardship for one of the last untouched places in the Southwest. **Together, we can ensure that the quiet wonder of this place endures.**

A place of exceptional beauty and historical, cultural, spiritual, and ecological importance—and you can help it stay this way.



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