



# Wildlife Linkages Program

Help Sky Island Alliance fulfill its mission to protect and restore the native biodiversity of our region.



**SKY ISLAND ALLIANCE**  
Protecting our Mountain Islands and Desert Seas

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# Wildlife Tracking Workshops

Fall 2009 workshop: **Oct 30, 31, Nov 1 and Dec. 5 - 6**



Can't make the Fall Workshop? In 2010, we are moving the annual workshop to Spring. The 2010 Workshop will be held Feb 26, 27, 28 & Mar 27 – 28.

We are seeking dedicated "citizen scientists" who can commit to an exciting conservation program on a long-term basis with an emphasis on surveying in **Cochise County, Arizona**.

This fall we will be staying at cabins in East Cochise Stronghold in the Dragoon Mountains for the first weekend, October 30, 31 and Nov. 1. The location for the second session has not been determined.

### ABOUT THE TRAINING WORKSHOP

During the workshop, regional wildlife experts join Sky Island Alliance staff to teach tracking techniques and wildlife sign recognition – such as the difference between canine and feline tracks. Workshop participants learn where to look for sign and about the ecology and behavior of local mammal species. Classroom instruction is supplemented with field trips. Cost: \$200 Sky Island Alliance members; \$250 for non-members. Fee covers materials, food, & lodging.

### ABOUT THE WILDLIFE LINKAGES PROGRAM

Our tracking volunteers monitor the presence of large mammals, such as mountain lion, black bear, jaguar, and Mexican gray wolf between the mountain ranges of the Sky Island region. Volunteers collect data by conducting "track surveys" where they search for and document signs left by wildlife. Volunteers follow strict guidelines and adhere to a six-week survey interval to ensure the scientific viability of data. Collected data strengthen Sky Island Alliance's efforts to advocate for protection of important wildlife linkages.

After completing the training, volunteers adopt tracking routes in one of our expanding project areas in Arizona and New Mexico with an emphasis on new effort in **Cochise County**.

- 1) Cienega Creek Watershed (AZ)
- 2) Tumacacori-Santa Rita Corridor (AZ)
- 4) Peloncillo Mountains (AZ-NM)
- 5) the Tortolita Linkages (AZ)



**TO QUALIFY** for the program volunteers must:

- 1) Call or email for an application.
- 2) Submit complete application by deadline (Oct 2)
- 3) Attend ALL five days of the training workshop
- 4) Commit to a full day of transect monitoring every six weeks for one year after completion of training.

*For more information or to request an application for the Fall or the Spring Workshop contact:*

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**Application deadline for FALL workshop: October 2, 2009**

