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TWEETS WORTH FOLLOWING

Peel your eyes away from the screen already, and turn them to the branches instead. Fall is prime bird-watching season, as many species wing their way to warmer climes. We've scoped out some perches worth flocking to. BY LORA SHINN

● **THE BOULDERS, CAREFREE, ARIZONA** Nature photographer Linda Covey takes guests on a two-hour sunset adventure (\$45) that includes a glass of wine and tips on finding, approaching, and photographing Sonoran Desert songbirds, cactus wren, and Gila woodpeckers. Shoot (photos) anywhere on the resort's 1,300-acre property or from the balcony of one of its Southwestern adobe casitas. *From \$149 a night, theboulders.com*

● **SPRING CREEK RANCH, JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING** Set on a 1,000-foot-high butte, this luxurious ranch offers stunning views of the Teton Mountains and the opportunity to see birds of prey as they follow the ridgelines south for winter. Eagles nest on the property, and bird buffs can sign up for a four-hour excursion

(\$115) with the ranch's wildlife biologist, Kurt Johnson, who will help spot stately trumpeter swans and great horned owls. *From \$170 a night, springcreekranch.com*

● **TRAVAASA, AUSTIN, TEXAS** This resort partners with Travis Audubon for four-hour sunrise bird walks (*free*) to seek out ladder-backed woodpeckers and yellow-bellied sapsuckers. The hiking trail winds through Balcones Canyonlands Preserve and climbs high enough to afford a beautiful view of Lake Travis. Once you've had your fill of feathers, hit the horse trail, yoga studio, or infinity pool. *From \$163 per person a night, travaasa.com/austin*

● **SHAKER VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL, HARRODSBURG, KENTUCKY** Staff naturalists at this 3,000-acre nature preserve, formerly a Shaker community,

show birders how to spot sandhill cranes and migrating waterfowl amid the tall grass and woodlands (*free, one hour*). Check out the one-way glass near the "bird-blind" feeders for glimpses of chickadees and cardinals. At night, cozy up with a quilt and a rocking chair in the 19th-century National Historic Landmark lodgings. *From \$99 a night, shakervillageky.org*

● **TRAPP FAMILY LODGE, STOWE, VERMONT** At this attractive Austrian-style inn, the hills are alive with the sound of chirping. Perched right on the Atlantic Flyway, the property draws all manner of waterfowl, which drop by to eat and drink on their way to Central and South America. The staff naturalist runs 90-minute tours (\$15) from Wednesday to Sunday. *From \$270 a night, trappfamily.com*

Flying Blind? *The BirdsEye app (\$20, itunes.com) can act as your virtual guide. It provides directions to local birding hot spots, reports recent sightings, and offers identification tips, detailed photos, and birdcalls.*

Desert birds at the Boulders, in Carefree, Arizona



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