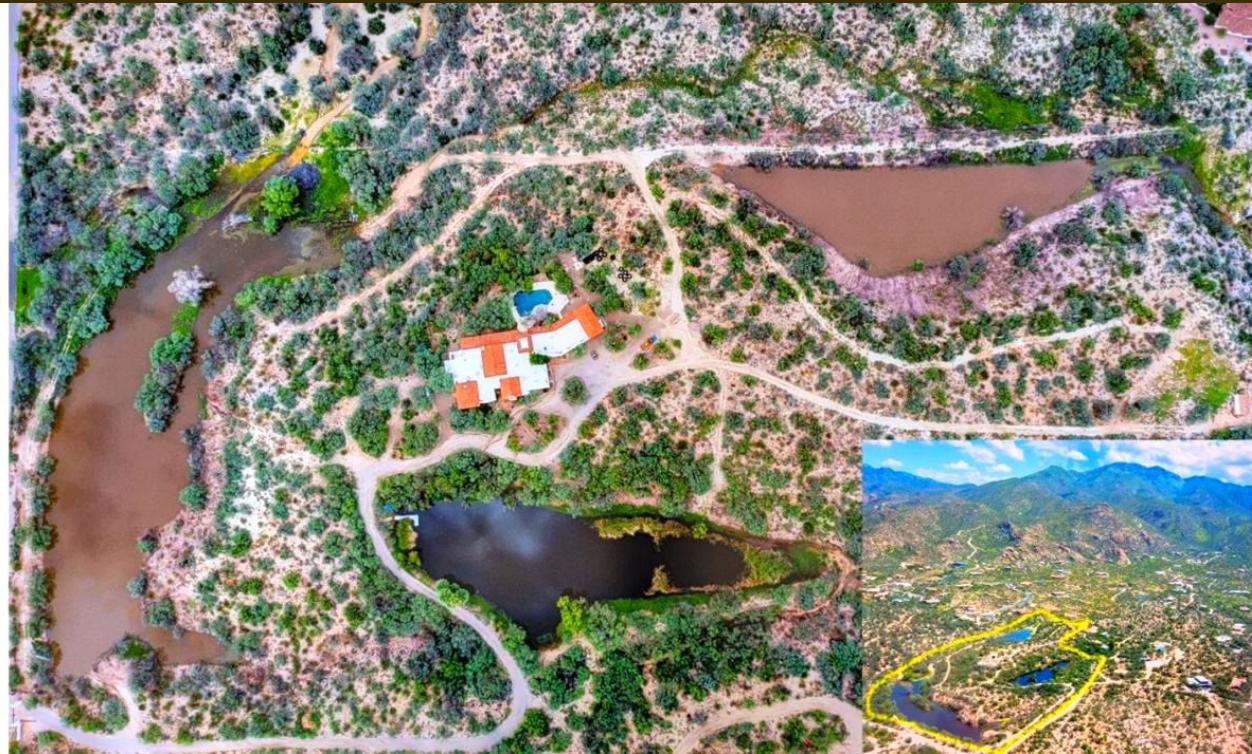




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The Snyder Preservation Area

Located in the Tanque Verde Valley of Tucson, AZ, the Snyder Preserve is a 16.5-acre wildlife refuge that serves as both a sanctuary for diverse wildlife and as a field school for aspiring conservation scientists. Once part of a larger 640-acre cattle ranch with historic ties to the Old West, today the Snyder Preserve now provides six trails and immersive educational experiences for visitors. In Summer 2024, Dr. Wim Van Leeuwen and his undergraduate student Addie Leimroth partnered with the Campus Arboretum to create a self-guided plant walk throughout the preserve. This walk will feature native flora, each identified by signage with QR codes linking to detailed web pages. These pages created by Addie, contain comprehensive information about the botanical characteristics, ecological roles, and ethnobotanical values of each species. In addition to the educational value for Addie, this project also benefits educational outreach, conservation awareness and community engagement.

To learn more about the project and the more than 50 native plant species included in the plant walk, visit this project page:

<https://arboretum.arizona.edu/student-projects/2024-snyder-preserve-plant-walk>



globe mallow



netleaf hackberry



hopseed bush



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Addie's Favorite Snyder Preserve Plants:



Addie told me it's hard to pick, but believes the ocotillo (above) and saguaro (below) are his favorite plants at the Snyder Preserve. He said "Even though they're common, it's still hard to beat huge columnar cacti and strange spiny desert plants like ocotillo!" Working on the Snyder preserve has helped him learn more native plant species and get better at paying attention to plants in the field. This connection to nature and refined capacity for observation support his education and fuel his passion

for conservation.



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