

**Janie Agyagos Presents “Rare Species in the Verde Valley” at
Keep Sedona Beautiful, Inc.’s Speaker Series on Wednesday, January 8**

“*Rare Species in the Verde Valley*” will be the topic at Keep Sedona Beautiful, Inc.’s *Preserving the Wonder™* Speaker Series on Wednesday, January 8th. The evening will begin at 5:30 pm, with complimentary offerings of appetizers donated by El Rincon Restaurante Mexicano and refreshments provided by KSB. The presentation will begin at 5:45 pm.

Come join the fun at Keep Sedona Beautiful and discover what species swoop, soar, slither, crawl and bloom around the diverse Verde Valley ecosystem. U.S. Forest Service District Wildlife Biologist Janie Agyagos will talk about the variety of special status mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, fish, invertebrate and plant species found right here in Sedona and its surrounds. She will discuss various issues within our unique ecosystem as well as survival requirements. The Forest Service is required by law and policy to track these species and their habitat and to ensure that activities on Forest Service lands are mitigated to lessen or eliminate adverse effects.

Janie Agyagos currently works on the Red Rock Ranger District of the Coconino National Forest where she has served as district wildlife biologist since 1994. Janie's main duties include inventorying and monitoring special status plant, fish and wildlife species; designing and implementing habitat improvement projects; managing area closures for the protection of rare fish, wildlife and plant species and/or their habitat; conducting project effect analyses and consultations; and coordinating with multiple agencies in the management of plant, fish, and wildlife species and their habitat. In 2010, Janie received the third Norman B. Herkenham Award for Native Plant Landscaping, which is presented by Keep Sedona Beautiful annually at its Native Plant Workshop held each spring.

Keep Sedona Beautiful welcomes the community and visitors alike to its monthly *Preserving the Wonder™* Speaker Series, which takes place at its historic Pushmataha Center on 360 Brewer Road in Sedona. Please note that the Speaker Series is now held the second Wednesday each month from September to June, beginning at 5:30 pm with refreshments. The series presents an interesting diversity of programs relevant to the unique environment of our region. Keep Sedona Beautiful, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that, by acting through the stewardship of its members and volunteers, is committed to protecting and sustaining the unique scenic beauty and natural environment of the Greater Sedona Area. For more information about Keep Sedona Beautiful, please call 928.282.4938, or visit <http://www.keepersedonabeautiful.org/>.