

## **Burque Birding GeoFlight**

The Burque Birding GeoFlight caches all have a bird theme in celebration of Albuquerque's highly esteemed designation as a member city of the Urban Conservation Treaty for Migratory Birds (UCTMB). Discover what makes Albuquerque a special place for birds, name the common birds, and have fun geocaching at some of the area's most scenic birding sites. Limited, trackable bird coins are available for cachers who find at least nine out of the twelve geocaches on their GeoFlight.

## **Migratory Birds (UCTMB)**

This program works with cities and partners to conserve migratory birds through education, hazard reductions, citizen science, conservation actions, and conservation and habitat improvement strategies in urban/suburban areas.

The UCTMB is a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service project started in 1999. Albuquerque and Denver were named as national cities in 2014 due to the abundant local, state and federal protected land that supports wildlife and serves as an ideal nesting and migratory bird habitat.

## **Burque Birding Featured Birds**

Each geocache site in the Burque Birding GeoFlight features a different migratory bird corresponding to the month you might see the bird. When visiting the site, pick up a collectible card and get all 12 in addition to the one-of-a-kind trackable coin.

- January– Sandhill Crane, *Grus Canadensis*
- February– White-Crowned Sparrow, *Zonotrichia leucophrys*
- March– Yellow-Rumped Warbler, *Setophaga coronata*
- April– Red-Winged Blackbird, *Agelaius phoeniceus*
- May–Western Tanager, *Piranga ludoviciana*
- June– Black-Chinned Hummingbird, *Archilochus alexandri*
- July– Indigo Bunting, *Passerina cyanea*
- August– Western Bluebird, *Sialia mexicana*
- September– Blue-winged Teal, *Anas discors*
- October– Ruby-crowned Kinglet, *Regulus calendula*
- November– Northern Shoveler, *Anas clypeata*
- December– Bald Eagle, *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*

## **Trackable Coins**

To receive your one-of-a-kind trackable coin, complete at least nine of twelve questions on this passport and have it validated at the City of Albuquerque Open Space Visitor Center located at 6500 Coors NE, Albuquerque, NM 87120. They are open Tuesday—Sunday 9a.m.-5p.m. Call ahead at 505-897-8831.

## Getting Started

1. Download the GeoFlight passport [here](#).
2. Create an account at Geocaching.com – it's FREE!
3. Start exploring! Each cache container has a question inside the cache. Write your answers on your passport. Answers must be provided in order to validate your passport. While at the cache site, take a collectible bird card that is specific to each birding and geocache location. Don't forget to sign the logbook inside the cache, and log your find at geocaching.com.
4. When you have complete at least 9 out of the 12 caches and answered the questions in your passport, have the passport validated at the City of Albuquerque Open Space Visitor Center to get your trackable coin.
5. Click on the link for other tips on geocaching: <http://www.geocaching.com/about/finding.aspx>
6. If you experience any problems with this program such as a missing cache, question card or bird cards, make a comment on geocaching.com and call BernCo Open Space at 505-314-0398.