



January 2021 – Dawn at Black Mountain

FOBM has now operated for five years and during that time has successfully carried out the following activities:

- Created and managed a Bluebird monitoring program with over 20 bird boxes. Every year the boxes are cleaned and monitored from spring to summer, with reports published on our web site.
- Participated in a survey of the biodiversity of the Park; One of the birding survey identified over 60 bird species.
- Raised \$40,000 over three years for its ecological projects and for building new trails.
- Funded and established a water monitoring program for the ephemeral ponds;
- Contributed hundreds of volunteer hours for the establishment of 4kms of type 2 compacted granular trails; Over 220 students and 1,500 hours of volunteer work went into building the two main pedestrian trails (Ephemeral Pond and Coyote).
- Organized guided hikes in the Park;
- Created public awareness through a Web site and news stories;
- Provided feedback to RDCO on park maintenance issues;
- Promoted preservation and protection of the fragile grassland ecosystem;
- Contributed further volunteer time for the maintenance of trails;
- Donated two benches to improve the experience of Park Visitors.