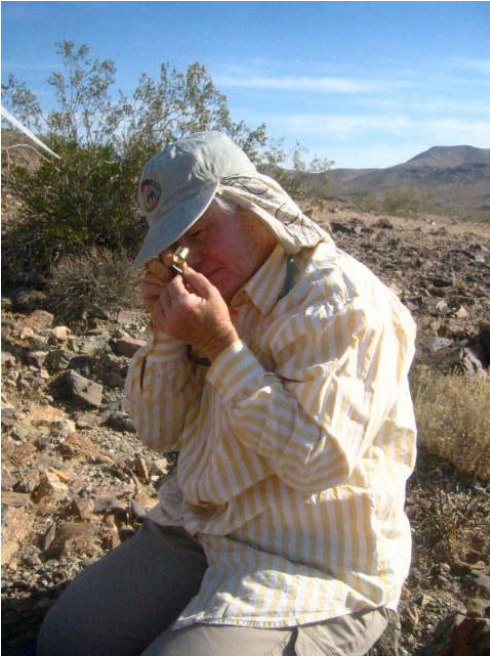


Denise LaBerteaux



Denise is the leading expert on the federally threatened and California endangered Inyo California Towhee and often conducts population studies within its range in the Argus Mountains for the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Navy.

Qualifications

Denise LaBerteaux began her professional career in 1980 as a biologist for the Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake, CA. For the next 7 years she conducted wildlife and plant surveys and prepared environmental reports for the Navy. Since 1987, Ms. LaBerteaux has been a biological consultant, conducting natural resource surveys and preparing environmental reports. She specializes in wildlife and plant studies in the desert regions of California and Nevada. Her work includes wildlife and plant inventories, threatened and endangered species surveys, baseline botanical studies, population monitoring, habitat evaluations, impact assessments, mitigation planning, and environmental compliance monitoring. Ms. LaBerteaux's client list includes government agencies (federal and local), utility companies, alternative energy companies, mining corporations, and urban developers.

Professional Experience

Ms. LaBerteaux conducts U.S. Fish and Wildlife protocol-level surveys for the federal and California listed desert tortoise, Least Bell's Vireo, Inyo California Towhee, and Southwestern Willow Flycatcher (Federal Permit TE-837575-6) and California protocol-level surveys for Mohave ground squirrel, Western Yellow-billed Cuckoo and Burrowing Owl. She has been listed as an Authorized Desert Tortoise Biologist on several U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinions.

Ms. LaBerteaux is very familiar with the flora of the Mojave Desert and regularly conducts rare plant surveys, species inventories, and habitat mapping in the Mojave and Sonoran Deserts. She collects

quantitative plant data on long-term study plots for the U.S. Geological Survey. She has collected and identified plants for the Flora of the Desert Tortoise Natural Area project.

Ms. LaBerteaux has conducted bird migration studies for proposed wind energy projects and breeding bird studies for mitigation monitoring projects using point count and transect count methods. She has been designated as a Nesting Bird Biologist to search for and monitor active nests on construction projects.

Ms. LaBerteaux served on the Mohave ground squirrel Working Group in the 1990s and continues to participate at the Mohave ground squirrel Technical Advisory Group meetings. Since 1997, she has operated a bird banding station for the Institute of Bird Populations' Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship Program. She conducts annual Breeding Bird Surveys for the U.S. Geological Survey and serves as Compiler for the South Fork Valley Christmas Bird Count.

Education

M.S., Biology, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff.
B.A., Zoology, University of California, Santa Barbara.

Permits and Certifications

- Federal Master Bird Banding Permit (21828)
- Endangered Species Recovery Permit (TE-837574-6) for Inyo California Towhee (includes nest monitoring) and Southwestern Willow Flycatcher
- Memorandum of Understanding, California Department of Fish and Wildlife for Inyo California Towhee, Southwestern Willow Flycatcher, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Tricolored Blackbird, Mohave ground squirrel, Palm Springs round-tailed ground squirrel, Owens Valley vole, and Tulare grasshopper mouse
- California Scientific Collector's Permit (SCP-1512)
- USFWS Authorized Desert Tortoise Biologist on several Biological Opinions
- Authorized Nesting Bird Biologist (BLM and California approved)
- Mine Safety and Health Administration Training
- CPUC Certified Woman-owned Business Enterprise
- Western Pond Turtle Workshop
- Biology and Management of Bats in Southern California Workshop
- Methods of Habitat Restoration Workshop
- California Gnatcatcher Workshop

Selected Publications

LaBerteaux, D.L. 2008. Inyo California Towhee (*Pipilo crissalis eremophilus*) survey in the Argus Range on the China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station, Inyo County, California. Unpubl. report prepared for Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ventura, CA. 84 pp. + appendices.

LaBerteaux, D.L., J.P Ward, Jr. 2009. 2008 Avian fall migration study at the proposed Little Lake Wind Energy Facility, Kern and Inyo Counties, California. Unpubl. report prepared for RES America Developments Inc., Broomfield, CO. 69 pp. + appendices.

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