

# Grand Canyon River Runners Association

PRESERVING PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE COLORADO RIVER



**The Grand Canyon River Runners Association** is a non-profit group working to preserve public access to the Colorado River in Grand Canyon National Park for those who rely on the National Park Service's professional river concessioners.

Our goal is to preserve for the public the quality and quantity of professional river services traditionally available in the Grand Canyon.

We seek to educate the public about Grand Canyon history and science, to keep the public informed about river access issues, and to promote the highest ideals of resource stewardship and conservation for the Colorado River corridor within the Grand Canyon.

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## GRAND CANYON RIVER RUNNERS WILDLIFE CENSUS PROGRAM

On your Grand Canyon – Colorado River trip you will navigate the river's rapids, take hikes to secret and amazing places, and enjoy the many and varied beauties of this special place. Grand Canyon's geology, biology, and history are unique; this rugged looking place is both fragile and threatened.

Many of us are convinced that this grand canyon needs to be protected, and through the efforts of the organizations we belong to, people are actively engaged in conducting studies and gathering data to present to the agencies that make the decisions that determine the future.

If you are fortunate, during this trip you may meet some of the people who are conducting studies here in the Grand Canyon. They will be eager to tell you about their work. They could also use your help. Whether you meet them or not, we would like to offer you an opportunity to assist them with their research by collecting some data as you raft down the river. Don't worry, we promise that it will be fun and that it will be easy!

Download the .pdf files for the studies that interest you, they will introduce you to our researchers and provide you with some interesting background information about the animals being studied. Then, print the Log Sheets and take them with you. At the end of your trip please mail, or email your completed logs to the address provided. Feel free to copy information for other passengers, or to add additional notes.

We hope that you will select one or more of these studies and record your observations. Remember, any observation that you report will provide useful information. Don't worry if you forget to record a sighting, or even if you miss a day, every observation helps. We also hope that after your trip is over you will stay connected to the organizations you helped by supporting their continued efforts to preserve this canyon for generations to come. Thank you!