

**Desert Alive! 2010**  
**Rockhound State Park**  
Saturday and Sunday April 10 - 11

This winter's moisture has provided a unique opportunity to observe one of the most impressive wildflower displays of the Florida Mountains, along with the associated populations of birds and butterflies. Join us for activities celebrating the beauty and mystery of life in the Chihuahuan Desert

Saturday, April 10

8:00 – noon (or until the plants run out) **NATIVE PLANT SALE**

The Friends of Rockhound State Park will sell native and desert adapted plants. Behind the **Visitor Center**

8:00 – 9:00 Bird walk led by Larry Malone, Luna County Bird expert.

Meet at the group shelter, **Spring Canyon**.

9:15 – 10:15 Wildflower walk led by Gene Jercinovic, Florida Mountains plant expert. Meet in front of the **Visitor Center**.

10:45 – noon Native Raptors presented by Laura Simmons of the New Mexico Raptors, Inc. **Visitor Center courtyard**. This live raptor presentation utilizes non-releasable birds to teach both young and old about the value of these birds of prey in our ecosystem. You don't want to miss it!

9:00 – noon (on-going)

- ◆ Wildlife of the Chihuahuan Desert. Displays and conversation with Interpretative Rangers Kevin Hansen and Rob Yaksich. **Visitor Center courtyard**.
- ◆ Daytime astronomy with Sally Allen. **Native Garden**

Sunday, April 11

8:30 – 9:10 Book signing; meet and greet the experts. **Visitor Center**

9:15 - ?? Butterfly hike and plant identification: **Spring Canyon**

- ◆ Steve Cary, chief naturalist for New Mexico State Parks, author of *Butterfly Landscapes of New Mexico*.
- ◆ Gene Jercinovic, botanist, author, and botanical historian.
- ◆ Gila Native Plant Society