

# Sonoran Desert Endangered Species Card Game



## Southwestern Willow Flycatcher *Empidonax traillii extimus*

### Description:

The Southwestern Willow Flycatcher is a small bird standing six inches high and weighing half an ounce. It has a green-gray back and wings, a white throat, a light olive breast, and a pale yellow belly.

### Habitat:

The SW Willow Flycatcher occurs in dense riparian habitats, along streams, rivers, and other wetlands. At low elevations, the flycatcher breeds in stands of dense cottonwood, willow, and tamarisk thickets, as well as other lush woodland areas near water. At higher elevations, it occurs in pure stands of Geyer willow. The destruction of riparian habitats has caused a severe decline in the populations of the southwestern willow flycatcher.

### Range:

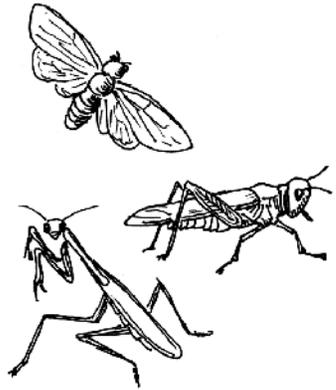
The San Pedro River has been designated as critical habitat for the southwestern willow flycatcher, including sections in Pima County. The flycatcher is a migratory bird with little known about its winter range. It is currently thought that it winters in Mexico, Central America, and northern South America.

### Diet:

The SW Willow Flycatcher is an insectivore, taking insects from the air, or picking them from the foliage.

### Status:

The southwestern willow flycatcher was declared endangered March, 29, 1995, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Shelter</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">shade trees</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Habitat</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">cottonwood, willow thickets</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Range</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">riparian areas</p>