

## SUPPORT THE CAUSE

### Lend a Hand

The Sonoran Desert Weedwackers and other local groups are shining examples of community activism. Join their fight against buffelgrass. Visit [www.buffelgrass.org](http://www.buffelgrass.org).

### Beat Back Buffelgrass Day

Every February, hundreds of dedicated volunteers come together in a regionwide effort to eliminate buffelgrass in the Sonoran Desert. Registration opens December 2010 at [www.buffelgrass.org](http://www.buffelgrass.org).

### Set an Example

Identify and remove invasive grasses in your yard, and encourage neighbors and friends to do the same.

### Provide Financial Support

Your generous donations will help us coordinate removal efforts, improve volunteer opportunities, increase public outreach and much more.

The Southern Arizona Buffelgrass Coordination Center is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Please send a tax deductible contribution to:

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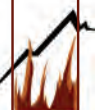
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## BUFFELGRASS

Buffelgrass is the region's most pressing environmental issue. As buffelgrass spreads, flameproof deserts are converted into flammable grasslands. We are standing on the brink of an ecological disaster.

Buffelgrass and other non-native grasses increase fire risks because desert shrublands are not adapted to wildfires. Non-native grasses regrow quickly after each wildfire, replacing less fire-adapted native species. This increases the frequency, intensity and extent of wildfires over time.

Buffelgrass also outcompetes native plants and destroys the habitat for native species. We must act now to preserve our unique Sonoran Desert environment.



[www.buffelgrass.org](http://www.buffelgrass.org)

## BOARD MEMBERS

SABCC board members represent many different interests, each providing a unique perspective on the buffelgrass problem.

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## FEDERAL LIAISONS

Federal liaisons are critical to our fight against buffelgrass. They provide expertise, and link us to federal land management agencies.

### Julio Betancourt

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Superintendent,  
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## SABCC:

Promoting a regionally  
integrated approach to  
control buffelgrass

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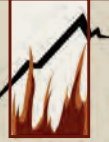
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## SABCC

SABCC is committed to working with government, businesses and other organizations throughout southern Arizona to manage the buffelgrass threat.

[www.buffelgrass.org](http://www.buffelgrass.org)

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA BUFFELGRASS COORDINATION CENTER



### Goals

- Create a private/public partnership to combat buffelgrass
- Connect active partners to synchronize regional efforts
- Engage and educate legislators and the public
- Bring additional resources to the region

### Strategies

Discussions among our management partners have identified five key strategies for successfully managing buffelgrass:

1. Minimize the spread of buffelgrass
2. Set and implement control priorities
3. Restore treated areas
4. Reduce wildfire risks
5. Motivate legislation and seek federal funding

SABCC partners continue to meet and refine management practices in the region.

### Programs

- Clearinghouse for buffelgrass information, meetings and volunteer opportunities
- Beat Back Buffelgrass Day
- Regional Mapping Program
- Federal Lands Mitigation Projects



Volunteer Opportunities



Federal Lands Mitigation



Beat Back Buffelgrass Day

# Buffelgrass is a wildfire waiting to happen.



Regional Mapping

## PARTNERS

### Government

Arizona Department of Transportation – Tucson  
Arizona State Parks Resource Division  
Bureau of Land Management – Tucson Field Office  
National Park Service – Saguaro National Park  
Tohono O’odham Nation  
USDA Forest Service Coronado National Forest  
U.S. Geological Survey

### Municipal

City of Tucson, Office of Conservation and Sustainable Development  
Pima County  
Town of Marana  
Town of Oro Valley  
Town of Sahuarita

### Non-Profit

Arizona Native Plant Society  
Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum  
Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection  
Pima Association of Governments  
Sonoran Arthropod Studies Institute  
Sonoran Desert Weedwackers  
Sonoran Institute  
Southern Arizona Leadership Council  
Tucson Audubon Society  
Tucson Clean and Beautiful

### Private

Comcast  
Cox Communications  
Rural/Metro Fire Department  
Southwest Gas  
Tucson Electric Power  
Tucson Association of Realtors  
Trico Electric Cooperative

### University

University of Arizona  
- Department of Agricultural Economics (Extension)  
- Office of Arid Lands Studies  
- School of Natural Resources and the Environment