

Tucson Herpetological Society

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Tucson City Council Ward 3, 1510 E Grant Road

Venomous Animals of the American Southwest: Beyond Snakes and Gilas



Raised in S. CA **Lawrence L. C. Jones** received a B.S. & M.S. in biology and zoology from CSU Long Beach. Larry worked on habitat relationships of mammals and stream-dwelling amphibians in the Pacific NW before he moved to SE Arizona. Working in both research and management for 30 years, he retired in Tucson to become a real biologist again. Larry studies lizard ecology and invertebrates. He has co-authored 3 books on reptiles and amphibians and authored 90 other publications.

He is currently assisting on an Arizona herp book, and working on a new tome, “Venomous Animals of the American Southwest.”

The geographic scope of the book and the presentation ranges from California and Hawaii to Texas, and includes all waters and terra firma across the region. The various venomous taxa are grouped into four categories: vertebrates & invertebrates of land & water. Some of the awesome invertebrates of the aquatic realm include cnidarians, mollusks, worms, and bugs. Aquatic vertebrates include a vast array of cartilaginous and bony fishes, and a seasnake. Larry will also talk about what it is like to be envenomed by various species, based on novel case reports of human envenomation. There are two kinds of people in this world: those that are somewhat cavalier about being envenomed and those that avoid it like the plague. A classification system of envenomation causes will be introduced to account for how people are bitten or stung, various prevention methods will be addressed.

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Pre-meeting gathering
5:30 PM at Rubio's
2906 N Campbell

