

# Kimberly I. Fonseca



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Major: B.S. in Biology. Minor in Wildlife Science.

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## About Yourself:

I was born in El Paso TX, and proudly raised in Ciudad Juárez, México. I started college in El Paso Community College, and then I transferred to the New Mexico State University, to pursue a major in Biology, and a minor in Wildlife Sciences. I really enjoy spending time outdoors learning about nature, hiking, and birding, but I mostly love practicing wildlife photography everywhere I go. My interests focuses in wildlife conservation, behavioral ecology, and public education.

## Career Experiences:

As a member of the Southwest Natural Resources Career Tracks program, I had the opportunity to become an undergraduate research assistant at NMSU. Thanks to this program I have conducted field work as a wildlife technician intern twice. First in Phoenix AZ, for a Western Burrowing Owl translocation program (to artificial burrows) study. In addition, for the U.S.F.S. in Ruidoso, NM., primarily conducting Mexican Spotted Owls surveys, in the Lincoln National Forest. Furthermore, I have volunteered for many different organizations, such as the Liberty Wildlife and El Paso Zoo. There I practiced caring for baby orphan songbirds, and in the second one, public education and animal observations.

## Plans after Graduation:

I would like to get a position with the Forest Service or the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service because these two agencies are concerned with the conservation of our ecosystems and wildlife.

## Skills:

I am proficient with VHF- tracking telemetry, GPS navigation, driving 4WD vehicles, hiking on difficult terrain, identifying native species of birds, and utilizing DSLR cameras as well as utilizing Photoshop and Light-room programs. I am familiar deploying field camera traps, Sherman traps, acoustic recorders such as song Meter (SM4), as well as creating maps on ArcMap. I have the ability to work with diverse groups of people, and I am also fully articulated in English and Spanish.

## Accomplishments/ Clubs/ other:

- Member of the
  - Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)
  - Southwest Natural Resources Career Tracks (SWNRCT)
  - The NMSU Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society (NM-TWS)
- NMSU Biology Herbarium Volunteer, 2018
- S-STEM Scholarship, 2016