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Summary:
Alphonso made his exit from the project this week. Ironwood biologists cut open the fence enough for him to walk away unaided and by the end of the week he had wandered nearly a mile away to the north foraging for food along the way. The other primary residents of the project, the kit-foxes have apparently added 9 kit-fox pups to the population. Nesting bird surveys continue to show virtually no birds stopping on the project this spring.

Monday 26 Mar:
Tortoise clearance surveys resume in Blocks 5, 6, and 7. Bird survey checks in Blocks 10 & 11 showed no signs of nesting birds.

Tuesday 27 Mar:
Alphonso leaves the project! The ideal resolution was made by Alphonso himself, walking away on his own feet heading north.

Wednesday 28 Mar:
The second of 4 complete surveys were begun today.

Thursday 29 Mar:
After much consultation, the clearance surveys in Block 8 are curtailed until an exit methodology for desert tortoises that will be approved by the agencies is in hand. Other observations and surveys continue without unusual findings. Still no nesting birds on the project.

Friday 30 Mar:
The wanderings of tortoise 6001 once again bring him close to the northern edge of the project. Number 6007 (Alphonso) has walked nearly a mile from the project already.

Saturday 31 Mar:
A very warm day. Biologists made observations of the kit-foxes and tortoises. No other activities on site.

Sunday 1 Apr:
As for above, no construction on site today. Very strong winds.