YOUR YARD IS A GOOD PLACE FOR GREATER ROADRUNNERS!

- **ICONIC AND FASCINATING:** These symbols of the desert are exciting to see up close.
- **AMAZING HUNTERS:** They eat lizards, large insects such as grasshoppers, and rodents.
- **MODERN DINOSAURS:** They safely hunt rattlesnakes and eat venomous scorpions.
- **LARGER DESERT HABITAT:** Multiple yards with native plants are needed to support a roadrunner family.

ROADRUNNERS LOVE LIZARDS

- Lizards love the desert and roadrunners need lots of lizards to thrive and feed chicks.
- Lizards need lots of insects. Avoid spraying pesticides and let the lizards eat the insects for you!
- Lizards need places to hide. Brush piles and rock piles, especially at the bases of trees, can help keep them safe.
- Do you see any of these lizards in your yard? Having lots of lizards and dense cover plants is the best way to get roadrunners in your yard.
INGREDIENTS

- **SHELTER:** Dense, thorny plants provide cover for nesting
- **HABITAT:** Patches of native desert plants and trees
- **FOOD:** Lizards, insects, and other small prey
- **SAFETY:** Keep dogs and cats inside to protect wildlife

PLANTS

- Desert hackberry
- Cholla
- Ironwood
- Creosote bush
- Prickly pear
- Graythorn

DIRECTIONS

- Keep cats indoors: they kill many lizards and other small animals.
- Provide thick, thorny plants for nest safety.
- Create complex ground structure including rock and brush piles.
- Leave leaf litter on the ground.
- Leave open dirt patches: lizards bury their eggs in loose soil to keep them safe.
- Increase patch size: encourage neighbors to make wildlife-friendly yards.
- Avoid insecticides: insects feed lizards, and roadrunners eat insects and lizards.

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