Where to Photograph around Phoenix

Desert plants and birds:

Desert Botanical Garden <http://dbg.org>

Boyce Thompson Arboretum State Park <http://ag.arizona.edu/bta/btsa.html>

Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum <https://www.desertmuseum.org/>

Gilbert Water Ranch <http://www.gilbertaz.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/parks/riparian-preserve-at-water-ranch>

Landscape:

Lost Dutchman State Park in the Superstitions <http://azstateparks.com/Parks/LODU/>

Phoenix Mountain Preserves <https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/trails/locations>

County Parks: <http://www.maricopa.gov/parks/> see San Tan Mountain, Usery Mountain, Lake Pleasant

Wildflowers:

Highly recommend the book Wild in Arizona by Paul Gill and Colleen Miniuk-Sperry <http://www.wildinarizona.com/> . There is a blog on the site with some current information.

For current bloom reports check the Desertusa site: <http://www.desertusa.com/wildflo/az.html>

And also the DBG wildflower tracking site <https://www.dbg.org/wildflower-tracking-site>

Old West:

Goldfield Ghost Town in Apache Junction <http://goldfieldghosttown.com/>

Pioneer Living History Museum <http://pioneeraz.org/>

Going North: Sedona and Oak Creek Canyon, Red Rock State Park, Slide Rock State Park

Going South (Tucson): Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum , Saguaro National Park

Grand Canyon: <http://www.outdoorphotographer.com/how-to/shooting/10-tips-for-the-grand-canyon.html#.VrNre1KpLW4>

<http://loadedlandscapes.com/grand-canyon-photography-guide/>