

Final Design - “Birds and Big Skies of Los Alamos” (revised design based on community input)



This mural honors the vibrant ecology of the Los Alamos region, highlighting the deep interdependence of native wildlife and plant life on the plateau. A blooming prickly pear cactus anchors the scene, joined by red yucca and Piñon pine, while a curious raven and a watchful deer move quietly through the landscape. Bees dance around apricot blossoms and delicate columbine flowers, pollinating as they go. A mountain bluebird, western tanager, and spotted towhee perch among vivid penstemon, and a graceful swallowtail flutters near spider milkweed, drawn by its nectar. A majestic brown bear and a striking acorn woodpecker round out the scene, surrounded by the dramatic mesas and mountains that define the Los Alamos horizon as seen from Anderson Overlook.

Sweeping across the sky, a flock of birds in flight evokes the power of community -many voices, many species, soaring together toward a shared future.