

# Texas Hill Country | Species List

## April 22 – 27, 2023 | with Naturalist Journeys



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This Naturalist Journey's tour to the Texas Hill Country enjoyed comfortable but cool weather and visited many beautiful areas in this unique area of Texas. We visited Uvalde, Cook's Slough, and Chalk Bluff Park in the southern section of the area where many of the Western U.S. bird species can be found. We stayed the entire time at Neal's Lodges, exploring the area around the lodge and experiencing the nearby natural phenomena of an estimated 3 million Mexican Free-tailed Bats emerging from the Rio Frio Bat Cave. We traveled north to the lovely Lost Maples Natural Area and Kerr Wildlife Management Area to get good looks at the rare Black-capped Vireo and Golden-cheeked Warbler. This energetic group worked well together to see 146 species of birds.

The eBird species report link below details where the birds were observed by clicking on "Show All Details" on the right side of the species.

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The following is a list of additional mammals, reptiles, and butterflies that were observed during the tour.

### **Mammals (11)**

**Rock Squirrel** *Otospermophilus variegatus*—Seen at Chalk Bluff Park

**Fox Squirrel** *Sciurus niger*—Seen often around Neal's Lodge

**Mexican Free-tailed Bat** *Tadarida brasiliensis*—Millions seen at our evening visit to the Rio Frio Bat Cave.

**White-tailed Deer** *Odocoileus virginianus*—Seen often during drives to birding locations

**Blackbuck** *Antelope cervicapra*—Seen on our drive to Kerr Wildlife Management Area

**Scimitar-horned Oryx** *Oryx dammah*—Seen with other exotic animals at hunting clubs when driving to Kerr Wildlife Management Area

**Gray Fox** *Urocyon cinereoargenteus*—Spotted around the cabins at Neal's Lodge

**Desert Cottontail** *Sylvilagus audubonii*—Seen while driving to birding locations

**Addax** *Addax nasomaculatus*—Exotic species seen while driving to Kerr

**Fringed-eared Oryx** *Gazella callotis*—Another exotic seen at hunting clubs on drive to Kerr

**Bison** *Bison bison*—Seen in fields with exotics on drive to Kerr Management Area

### **Reptiles and Amphibians (5)**

**Texas Spiny Lizard** *Sceloporus olivaceus*—Seen at Kerr Management Area

**Common Spotted Whiptail** *Aspidoscelis gularis*—Seen on drive to Kerr WMA

**Rio Grande leopard frog** *Lithobates berlandieri*—Seen at a pond around Neal's

**Blanchard's Cricket Frog** *Acris blanchardi*—Loud, high pitched call heard; found in the pond behind the restaurant on the evening walk at Neal's

**Common Map Turtle** *Graptemys geographica*—Seen on walk at Rio Frio River

### **Butterflies (6)**

**Pipevine Swallowtail**

**Gulf Fritillary**

**Varigated Fritillary**

**Monarch**

**Red Admiral**

**Tawny Emperor**