

# Texas Hill Country: Birding & Total Solar Eclipse | Species List April 5 – 10, 2024 | with Naturalist Journeys



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An amazing tour to the hill country of Texas based at Neals, Lodge in Concan, TX. This is always a popular birding destination, but this year we had the bonus of a total solar eclipse right in the middle of migration. Add to that several endemic breeders like Golden-cheeked Warbler and Black-capped Vireo and it was a wonderful trip. Besides the birds, seeing the seemingly never-ending river of bats at the Rio Frio bat cave is an unforgettable experience. The eclipse day was dramatic with clouds covering the sun most of the day, then miraculously clearing and giving us wonderful views of the eclipse during totality.

We had just over 100 species of birds during our tour. Here is a link to the ebird data with the bird lists and locations:

<https://ebird.org/tripreport/221427>

## **Mammals**

**Rock Squirrel** *Otospermophilus variegatus*  
**Fox Squirrel** *Sciurus niger*  
**North American Porcupine** *Erethizon dorsatum*  
**Mexican Free-tailed Bat** *Tadarida brasiliensis*  
**White-tailed Deer** *Odocoileus virginianus*  
**Blackbuck (I)** *Antelope cervicapra*  
**Ringtail** *Bassariscus astutus*

## **Butterflies & Dragonflies**

**Pipevine Swallowtail** *Battus philenor*  
**Red Admiral** *Vanessa atalanta*  
**Lyside Sylphur** *Kricogonia lyside*  
**Queen** *Danaus gilippus*  
**American Snout** *Libytheana carinenta*  
**Roseate Skimmer** *Orthemis ferruginea*  
**Blue Dasher** *Pachydiplax longipennis*

## **Reptiles/Amphibians**

**Green Anole** *Anolis carolinensis*  
**Texas Spiny Lizard** *Sceloporus olivaceus*  
**Common Spotted Whiptail** *Aspidoscelis fularis*  
**Red-eared Slider** *Trachemys scripta*  
**Diamond-back Water snake** *Nerodia rhombifer*  
**Western Ribbon Snake** *Thamnophis proximus*  
**Blanchard's Cricket Frog** *Acris blanchardi*