

SE Arizona Sky Island Sampler Species List | May 3 – 12, 2024 with Naturalist Journeys



With Naturalist Journeys Guides Mason Flint and Michael Marsden and clients Rebecca, Garry, Sandy, Bob, Ellen, Ted, Elizabeth, Geoffrey, Sandy, and Meade

Our group explored three of Arizona's Sky Island Mountain ranges and the desert and grassland lowlands that separate them. We saw 9 species of hummingbird including Lucifer at Ash Canyon, American Goshawk in Pinery Canyon, Mexican Spotted Owl, amazing looks at Elegant Trogon at Ramsey Canyon and Madera Canyon, Buff-breasted and Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher, Mexican Chickadee, Olive and Red-faced Warbler, Five-striped Sparrow.

In total we recorded 171 species of birds. We also saw 14 species of mammals including several Coyote, the charismatic White-nosed Coati, and a rarely seen Ringtail in Cave Creek. Relatively cool temperatures during most of the trip limited reptiles but we saw at least four species of lizard, two of which we identified when this report was published.

The eBird link below includes all of the birds recorded during the tour including dates and locations. If you're new to eBird, be sure to click "Show All Details" on the right side of the list to expand the report and reveal where and when each of the birds were seen and how many. Photos uploaded to eBird by the guides and other tour participants will appear in the trip report.

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MAMMALS (15):

Pronghorn *Antilocapra americana* – a few in the group caught glimpses during our drive to Patagonia.

Mule Deer *Odocoileus hemionus* – a few near Casa de San Pedro.

White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus* – We saw many of the small Coues sub-species at Cave Creek Ranch and other locations.

Collared Peccary *Pecari tajacu* – Bob and Sandy saw at least one in the fields near Casa de San Pedro.

Coyote *Canis latrans* – We saw 3 or 4 at a few locations including during our drive to dinner in Rodeo, New Mexico.

White-nosed Coati *Nasua narica* – One rotund individual visited the bird feeders at Cave Creek Ranch daily.

Desert Cottontail *Sylvilagus audubonii* – Common and widespread including at Cave Creek Ranch.

Black-tailed Jackrabbit *Lepus californicus* – Some in the group saw at least two in the lowlands near Portal.

Harris's Antelope Squirrel *Ammospermophilus harrisi* – One in Portal during our stop at Bob Rodrigues feeders.

Rock Squirrel *Otospermophilus variegatus* – Common throughout most of the trip.

Cliff Chipmunk *Tamias dorsalis* – Seen commonly in the Chiricahua's.

Arizona Gray Squirrel *Sciurus arizonensis* – We saw at least a few in the Huachuca's.

Mexican Fox Squirrel *Sciurus nayaritensis* – At least a few in the Chiricahua's.

Lesser Long-nosed Bat *Leptonycteris yerbabuenae* – One in the Chiricahua's.

Ringtail *Bassariscus astutus* – Some in the group saw one up in a tree during our drive to look for Whiskered Screech-owls on the South Fork of Cave Creek.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (2):

Clark's Spiny Lizard *Sceloporus clarkia* – One of at least 3 or 4 species seen at Desert Meadows Park in Green Valley.

Desert Spiny Lizard *Sceloporus magister* – Another seen at Desert Meadows Park in Green Valley.