

# Arizona: Monsoon Madness

## Species List | August 2 – 9, 2025

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The first Monsoon Madness tour of 2024 recorded 160 species of birds, 11 species of mammals, 8 species of reptiles and 9 species of butterflies with one species of dragonfly. Birding was challenging due to a weaker than average monsoon and above average temperatures, which had us sticking to shaded areas in the lowlands and the higher elevations. Despite the challenges, we still saw some amazing birds, which included most of the specialties of southeast Arizona. This included close looks at Red-faced Warbler, “Mexican” Spotted Owl, and a male Montezuma Quail that was sitting close to the road as well as 2 species of Rattlesnake. As we moved on to the Huachuca’s, we got great looks at many of the resident and migrant hummingbirds including Lucifer, Violet-crowned and a nesting Berylline Hummingbird at Ramsey Canyon as well as a Ornate Box turtle while it was crossing the road. We finished off the tour in the Santa Rita’s, hearing a distant singing Five-striped Sparrow while getting close looks at multiple species of hummingbirds that included Costa’s, Rivoli’s and another Berylline Hummingbird as well as a small flock of migrating Lucy’s Warblers. This all combined for an amazing trip through the sky Islands of southeast Arizona. We finished this fantastic tour of southeast Arizona with 160 species of birds, 11 species of Mammals, 8 species of reptiles, 9 species of Butterfly and 1 species of dragonfly!

BIRDS 160 species were recorded of which 11 were heard only and 3 were introduced. Details are included below.

The eBird link below details the 155 species of birds our group observed during the tour. 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. Of note, there were 5 species that were observed while traveling between sites throughout the trip that did not make it on to one of the checklists.

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Following is a list of the birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians we were fortunate to observe during the trip.

#### **Family or Species Common Name Scientific Name — (160)**

#### **DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS: ANATIDAE — (3)**

**Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna autumnalis* — We observed several of these ducks on the last day during our stop at Amado Water Treatment Plant. There was a family group with 4 ducklings swimming around the marsh!

**Cinnamon Teal** *Spatula cyanoptera* — Two female plumaged ducks with lighter faces seen while birding Lake Cochise—the only ones of the trip.

**Ruddy Duck** *Oxyura jamaicensis* — An adult plumaged individual was seen sleeping while birding Amado Water Treatment Plant.

#### **NEW WORLD QUAILS: Odontophoridae — (2)**

**Gambel's Quail** *Callipepla gambelii* — We observed these desert quail with top knots most days of the trip. They were a common feeder bird.

**Montezuma Quail** *Cyrtonyx montezumae* — A fantastic viewing of this hard-to-get quail. We had point blank views of a male that had walked off the road and then sat down among the rocks while coming down the western part of the Chiricahuas.

#### **PARTRIDGES, PHEASANTS AND ALLIES: Phasianidae — (1)**

**Wild Turkey** *Meleagris gallopavo* — We saw this turkey at all 4 of the sky Islands we visited (Chiricahuas, Patagonia Mountains, Huachuca's and the Santa Rita's). The race observed was the "Gould's" race and is the largest of the turkey races, with some males reaching 25 lbs!

#### **GREBES: Podicipedidae — (1)**

**Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus podiceps* — We only observed this species while birding the lake at Patagonia Lake State Park.

#### **PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae — (7)**

**Rock Pigeon (I)** *Columba livia* — Observed most often while driving through the more urban areas during the trip.

**Band-tailed Pigeon** *Patagioenas fasciata* — Observed in both the Chiricahuas and Huachuca's, with distant scope views of one after lunch at Rustler Park, and good views of a flock of 4 while driving up Carr Canyon.

**Eurasian Collared-Dove (I)** *Streptopelia decaocto* — This introduced dove was seen most days while birding at Casa San Pedro.

**Inca Dove** *Columbina inca* — The common "No hope" call was heard 4 out of the 8 days. These small scaly doves were also a common feeder bird.

**Common Ground-Dove** *Columbina passerina* — Only seen by a few clients, 2 flushed from the road as we were driving into Casa San Pedro. They were heard the next 2 days while birding the grasslands before breakfast.

**White-winged Dove** *Zenaida asiatica* — A common bird. They were seen every day of the trip. The best views came while on the De Anza trail, where two adults came down to drink at a small puddle.

**Mourning Dove** *Zenaida macroura* — Seen almost every day of the trip, a lot of the time flying overhead.

#### **CUCKOOS AND ALLIES: Cuculidae — (2)**

**Greater Roadrunner** *Geococcyx californianus* — Only seen once, the bird ran/flew across the road.

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo** *Coccyzus americanus* — We only heard the clacking of this cuckoo both while birding Hershaw Creek and while looking for the Five-striped Sparrow at Box Canyon.

#### **NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae — (2)**

**Lesser Nighthawk** *Chordeiles acutipennis* — Seen twice, both times fleeting glimpses, with one flying right in front of the van while driving back from the Cooper Pig.

**Mexican Whip-poor-will** *Antrostomus arizonae* — We heard the burry "whip-poor-will" call while birding Cave Creek Canyon at night.

#### **HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae — (13)**

**Rivoli's Hummingbird** *Eugenes fulgens* — A common species while birding the feeders at the high elevation sites, this species put on a show when in the correct lighting, exposing its bright green throat and deep purple crown.

**Blue-throated Mountain-gem** *Lampornis clemenciae* — Mainly seen in the Chiricahua's, where it was the dominant hummingbird at the feeder where all the other hummingbirds made way for it.

**Lucifer Hummingbird** *Calothorax lucifer* — This hummingbird with a deep purple throat and curved beak was only seen while at the Ash Canyon feeders.

**Black-chinned Hummingbird** *Archilochus alexandri* — A common hummingbird seen most days of the trip.

**Anna's Hummingbird** *Calypte anna* — A common hummingbird once we reached the Huachuca's onwads.

**Costa's Hummingbird** *Calypte costae* — This desert dweller was only seen the last two days of the trip, with a sub adult at the Santa Rita Lodge feeders and a few males seen while birding the Desert Meadows Park on the last day.

**Calliope Hummingbird** *Selasphorus calliope* — This migrant is the smallest hummingbird in the United States, and we were lucky to see both male and female multiple times throughout the trip. The best views came of a male that was coming into the feeders at Ash Canyon.

**Rufous Hummingbird** *Selasphorus rufus* — A common bird, seen most days of the trip.

**Broad-tailed Hummingbird** *Selasphorus platycercus* — Another common hummingbird, this red throated hummingbird was seen and heard at most feeding stations we visited.

**Broad-billed Hummingbird** *Cynanthus latirostris* — A flying peacock, this hummingbird was also observed most days of the trip.

**White-eared Hummingbird** *Hylocharis leucotis* — A rare hummingbird that sometimes comes up from Mexico; we got to observe a male of this species while enjoying breakfast at the George Walker House.

**Violet-crowned Hummingbird** *Amazilia violiceps* — This deep purple crowned hummingbird was only seen twice, with fantastic looks coming of an adult while at Beatty's. This is one of the few hummingbird species where both male and female look the same.

**Berylline Hummingbird** *Amazilia beryllina* — The other rare hummingbird for this area, we had an amazing 3 different individuals throughout the trip, which included one sitting on a nest at Ramsey Canyon!

#### **RAILS, COOTS, AND ALLIES: Rallidae — (1)**

**American Coot** *Fulica americana* — Only observed at the larger bodies of water we visited, Lake Cochise, Patagonia Lake State Park and Amado Water Treatment Plant.

#### **STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae — (2)**

**Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus* — These large black and white wading birds were only observed the first day while birding Lake Cochise in Wilcox.

**American Avocet** *Recurvirostra americana* — These black and white wading birds with an upturned bill were also only observed at Lake Cochise while in Wilcox.

#### **PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae — (1)**

**Killdeer** *Charadrius vociferus* — A common bird on the first day only, with multiple observed while birding Lake Cochise in Wilcox.

#### **SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae — (7)**

**Baird's Sandpiper** *Calidris bairdii* — A common migrant this time of year, we observed this species only at Lake Cochise.

**Least Sandpiper** *Calidris minutilla* — This yellow legged "peep" was only observed while birding Lake Cochise on the first day.

**Long-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus scolopaceus* — These long-billed shorebirds were only observed while at Lake Cochise.

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius* — A single bird in non-breeding plumage, we observed this species while birding Lake Cochise.

**Lesser Yellowlegs** *Tringa flavipes* — Another species that was only observed while birding Lake Cochise.

**Wilson's Phalarope** *Phalaropus tricolor* — A common migrant, we only observed this species on the first day, as they were spinning while at Lake Cochise.

**Red-necked Phalarope** *Phalaropus lobatus* — One individual of this species was mixed in with all the Wilson's Phalaropes while birding Lake Cochise.

### **GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae — (2)**

**Ring-billed Gull** *Larus delawarensis* — Another species that was only observed on Lake Cochise.

**Black Tern** *Chlidonias niger* — We observed three of this species in breeding plumage and perched on the rocks while birding Lake Cochise.

### **CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae — (1)**

**Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* — This small-billed cormorant with a white stripe by the bill was only observed the last two day, while birding Patagonia Lake State Park and at the Amado Water Treatment Plant.

### **HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae — (1)**

**Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias* — This species was observed three times throughout the trip with the best views of it seen at Patagonia Lake State Park of one tucked up against the reeds.

### **IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae — (1)**

**White-faced Ibis** *Plegadis chihi* — We observed a small flock of these dark Ibis while birding Lake Cochise in Wilcox.

### **NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae — (2)**

**Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus* — We only observed this small vulture with the white restricted to the outer primaries while birding Patagonia Lake State Park.

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura* — One of the few species we observed every day of the trip, using the thermals to look for food.

### **HAWKS, KITES AND EAGLES: Accipitridae — (8)**

**Golden Eagle** *Aquila chrysaetos* — Amazing looks at a perched adult on a rock ledge while birding Box Canyon.

**Northern Harrier** *Circus hudsonius* — An early migrant, we spotted a male of this species, also called a “Gray Ghost”, while doing some early morning birding at Casa de San Pedro.

**Cooper’s Hawk** *Accipiter cooperii* — Seen twice throughout the trip, with one making a run by the hummingbird feeders while birding at Beatty’s.

**Common Black Hawk** *Buteogallus anthracinus* — A stunning adult was observed perched in a cottonwood tree while at Patagonia Lake State Park.

**Gray Hawk** *Buteo plagiatus* — Seen several times throughout the trip, with the best views coming of an individual soaring over Box Canyon on our last full day.

**Swainson’s Hawk** *Buteo swainsoni* — A common species to see as we were driving between spots. The best views came of a young bird on a nest at Casa de San Pedro. We were lucky enough to observed it getting mobbed by a Cooper’s Hawk which in turn got chased by its parent.

**Zone-tailed Hawk** *Buteo albonotatus* — We only observed this species once, an adult that was soaring with 2 other Turkey Vultures the second time we were at Beatty’s.

**Red-tailed Hawk** *Buteo jamaicensis* — We observed this species a few times throughout the trip, with a good “Fuertes” race being observed while at Carr Canyon. The Fuertes race is the “common race” in Arizona and usually is pale and lacks the belly band field mark that other races have.

### **OWLS: Strigidae — (4)**

**Whiskered Screech-Owl** *Megascops trichopsis* — We only heard the morse-code like call of heard this species while night birding in the Chiricahuas.

**Western Screech-Owl** *Megascops kennicottii* — We only heard the bouncing ball like call of this species while night birding at Cave Creek Ranch.

**Great Horned Owl** *Bubo virginianus* — We had fantastic few days of looking at two young birds and an adult while staying at Casa de San Pedro.

**Spotted Owl** *Strix occidentalis* — We had fantastic views of a young Spotted Owl while birding Pinery Canyon. The race that is here is the “Mexican” race of Spotted Owl.

#### **TROGONS: Trogonidae — (1)**

**Elegant Trogon** *Trogon elegans* — We only had one observation of this species, but fantastic views as it called and flew along the road while birding South Fork.

#### **WOODPECKERS: Picidae — (6)**

**Acorn Woodpecker** *Melanerpes formicivorus* — One of the few species we had every day of the trip. We got good practice telling male from female (Three colors on top of head (female) vs. Two (Male)).

**Gila Woodpecker** *Melanerpes uropygialis* — A very common woodpecker from the Huachuca’s onwards. Absent in the Chiricahuas.

**Ladder-backed Woodpecker** *Dryobates scalaris* — A common woodpecker in the lower elevations of the trip.

**Hairy Woodpecker** *Dryobates villosus* — A heard only, we only came across this species while birding Rustler Park in the Chiricahuas.

**Arizona Woodpecker** *Dryobates arizonae* — We came across this brown backed woodpecker twice, once while working our way up the trail at Ramsey Canyon. We had the best looks at a female that was coming into the Santa Rita Lodge feeders while at Madera Canyon.

**Northern Flicker** *Colaptes auratus* — We heard this species often but only saw it while birding in the morning at Casa de San Pedro. The race here is the “red-shafted race” that has red shafts to the wing feathers.

#### **FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae — (1)**

**American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius* — This species was only seen by a few clients while birding at Casa de San Pedro.

#### **TITYRAS AND BECARDS: Tityridae — (1)**

**Rose-throated Becard** *Pachyramphus aglaiae* — Very brief looks at one of the adults leaving the nest while birding Hershaw Road in Patagonia.

#### **TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae — (13)**

**Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma imberbe* — One of the few heard only species. We heard the loud, high-pitched, descending “de-de-de” call of one while birding Box Canyon.

**Dusky-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer* — The mournful down slurred whistle was a common call in most of the canyons we visited. Our best look came while hiking up Miller Canyon where we had a family group come in to check us out.

**Brown-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tyrannulus* — We heard the chatter of this myiarchus flycatcher in most of the canyons we visited. Our best look came as we were birding the grasslands at Casa de San Pedro where we observed one along the riparian area.

**Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes luteiventris* — The squeaky toy like call was heard in both the Chiricahuas and Huachuca’s

**Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus* — A common species only around the Tubac area, where they were their twittering call was heard at the Golf Course we were staying at.

**Cassin’s Kingbird** *Tyrannus vociferans* — A common bird, observed every day of the trip.

**Thick-billed Kingbird** *Tyrannus crassirostris* — Only seen twice on the trip, once while birding Portal in the morning, perched out on a telephone wire. The second time was while birding the Paton’s Center in Patagonia.

**Western Kingbird** *Tyrannus verticalis* — A common bird, just like the Cassin’s, seen every day of the trip.

**Western Wood-Pewee** *Contopus sordidulus* — The “beer” call was a commonly heard call note throughout the trip; we also saw this species multiple times as well.

**Buff-breasted Flycatcher** *Empidonax fulvifrons* — We had two of this southeast Arizona specialty while birding Carr Canyon, where we were able to follow one individual through the forest.



**Black Phoebe** *Sayornis nigricans* — We observed this species multiple times, with the best look coming on the first day while at the small ponds at Lake Cochise.

**Say's Phoebe** *Sayornis saya* — We only observed this species once, while birding Lake Cochise in Wilcox.

**Vermilion Flycatcher** *Pyrocephalus rubinus* — We observed this flycatcher multiple times. Our best look at this brilliant red colored flycatcher was while we were birding Casa de San Pedro each morning.

### **VIREOS: Vireonidae — (3)**

**Bell's Vireo** *Vireo bellii* — We heard the quick chatter while birding the low elevations in the Chiricahuas and then didn't come across this species until the last day, where we had an individual come out while birding the last day.

**Hutton's Vireo** *Vireo huttoni* — We heard the call that sounds like someone jumping up and down in all three sky islands. We had the best looks while hiking up the Miller Canyon trail.

**Plumbeous Vireo** *Vireo plumbeus* — We heard the question-and-answer song multiple times throughout the trip. Our best looks came while birding the top of Carr Canyon, where we had good looks as it foraged in the Ponderosa Pines.

### **SHRIKES: Laniidae — (1)**

**Loggerhead Shrike** *Lanius ludovicianus* — Seen sporadically throughout the trip with our best views coming while birding Casa de San Pedro on the third morning.

### **CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae — (5)**

**Steller's Jay** *Cyanocitta stelleri* — We observed this species while birding the higher elevations of the Chiricahuas only, with our best looks coming while birding Rustler Park.

**Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay** *Aphelocoma woodhouseii* — We heard and briefly saw this species while birding the top of Carr Canyon in the burned areas.

**Mexican Jay** *Aphelocoma wollweberi* — A common species; our best views came at the Santa Rita feeders. The race we observed here is the "Arizona" race.

**Chihuahuan Raven** *Corvus cryptoleucus* — This smaller raven species was only observed while we were driving from Tucson to Wilcox on the first day only.

**Common Raven** *Corvus corax* — The common high elevation raven, with it being seen and heard most days we spent in the high elevations of each Sky Island.

### **PENDULINE-TITS: Remizidae — (1)**

**Verdin** *Auriparus flaviceps* — We observed this species in both the Chiricahuas and the Santa Rita's. Our best views of this species came while at Dave Jasper's feeders in Portal.

### **TITS AND CHICKADEES: Paridae — (1)**

**Mexican Chickadee** *Poecile sclateri* — This species was heard only while birding Pinery Canyon.

**Bridled Titmouse** *Baeolophus wollweberi* — This black and white faced titmouse was seen most days while in the more forested areas of the sky islands.

### **LARKS: Alaudidae — (1)**

**Horned Lark** *Eremophila alpestris* — We only had a brief look at one individual flying past us while at Lake Cochise.

### **SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae — (6)**

**Bank Swallow** *Riparia riparia* — We only observed one of these individuals while birding Lake Cochise on the first day.

**Tree Swallow** *Tachycineta bicolor* — We observed this species two days of the trip, once at Lake Cochise and several individuals a few days later flying over Casa de San Pedro.

**Violet-green Swallow** *Tachycineta thalassina* — We observed this species at Rustler Park only, flying overhead.

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx serripennis* — We observed 2 of these brown throated swallows while birding Lake Cochise and later had one on the last full day while at Amado Water Treatment Plant.

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* — This was a common bird near water only, with observations coming while at Lake Cochise, the Tubac Golf Resort and at Amado Water Treatment Plant.

**Cliff Swallow** *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota* — We only observed this species the last few days of the trip, with 5 seen while birding Patagonia Lake State Park, and 5 more seen while at Amado Water Treatment Plant.

#### **BUSHTITS: Aegithalidae — (1)**

**Bushtit** *Psaltirparus minimus* — We observed a flock of these tiny gray birds with long tails while birding Carr Canyon.

#### **SILKY-FLYCATCHERS: Ptilgonatidae — (1)**

**Phainopepla** *Phainopepla nitens* — Although looking like a cardinal, this silky flycatcher was a common bird from the Huachuca's onwards, seen most days.

#### **NUTHATCHES: Sittidae — (2)**

**White-breasted Nuthatch** *Sitta carolinensis* — A common bird in the higher elevations, seen in both the Chiricahua's and the Santa Rita's.

**Pygmy Nuthatch** *Sitta pygmaea* — We only observed this species in the Chiricahuas, with looks while birding Pinery Canyon.

#### **TREECREEPERS: Certhiidae — (1)**

**Brown Creeper** *Certhia americana* — We observed these two days of the trip, with the best looks coming while birding Ramsey Canyon.

#### **GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae — (1)**

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** *Polioptila caerulea* — We only heard this species while birding Sunny Flat Campground.

#### **WRENS: Troglodytidae — (4)**

**Rock Wren** *Salpinctes obsoletus* — We heard the bouncing single notes of this species while birding Box Canyon.

**Cactus Wren** *Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus* — A common bird in the lower elevations, we got nice looks at most of the feeding stations in the Chiricahuas.

**Bewick's Wren** *Thryomanes bewickii* — We heard the chattering call of this species a few times, but got brief looks at one while birding Casa de San Pedro.

**Northern House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon* — We only heard this species twice while birding the high elevations of the Chiricahuas. The race we heard is the "Brown-throated" race of Mexico.

#### **MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae — (4)**

**Curve-billed Thrasher** *Toxostoma curvirostre* — A common bird, the "whit-whit" call was heard most days in the lower elevations.

**Bendire's Thrasher** *Toxostoma bendirei* — We got great looks at this straight billed thrasher while birding Lake Cochise.

**Crissal Thrasher** *Toxostoma crissale* — We got amazing looks at this shy species as it came out for us while at Bob Rodrigues's feeders.

**Northern Mockingbird** *Mimus polyglottos* — Only seen once, while we were driving in the lowlands of the Huachuca's.

#### **STARLINGS AND MYNAS: Sturnidae — (1)**

**European Starling (I)** *Sturnus vulgaris* — We observed this species only on the first day.

#### **THRUSHES: Turdidae — (2)**

**Western Bluebird** *Sialia mexicana* — We got great views of several western bluebirds, including a young one while we ate lunch at Rustler Park.

**American Robin** *Turdus migratorius* — We observed this common thrush only while birding the Chiricahuas and the Huachuca's.

#### **OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae — (1)**

**House Sparrow (1)** *Passer domesticus* — Best views of this species came while at Casa de San Pedro.

#### **FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae — (2)**

**House Finch** *Haemorhous mexicanus* — One of the few species we observed almost every day of the trip, common in most habitats we visited.

**Lesser Goldfinch** *Spinus psaltria* — We observed this species thorough out the trip both at feeders and in the wild. We observed both types on this trip; both "Green-backed" and "Black-backed" races.

#### **NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae — (10)**

**Botteri's Sparrow** *Peucaea botterii* — We both heard the stuttering song and saw this species only while birding in the morning at Casa de San Pedro. This species is one of the few that wait for the monsoons to breed.

**Five-striped Sparrow** *Amphispiza quinquestriata* — We were only able to hear this species while birding Box Canyon on the last full day.

**Black-throated Sparrow** *Amphispiza bilineata* — We only came across this handsome species while birding the feeders at Bob Rodrigues in the morning.

**Lark Sparrow** *Chondestes grammacus* — A common sparrow, we had this harlequin faced sparrow with white tail corners while birding in several spots, with the best looks coming at Bob Rodrigues feeders.

**Yellow-eyed Junco** *Junco phaeonotus* — A common high elevation bird only in the Chiricahua's and Carr Canyon. Most of the individuals seen were very confiding.

**Song Sparrow** *Melospiza melodia* — Seen at both the Tubac Golf Resort and Casa de San Pedro. We had the best looks of this species while sitting at a watering hole on the Tubac entrance of the Anza Trail.

**Canyon Towhee** *Melospiza fusca* — A common bird in the Chiricahuas only.

**Abert's Towhee** *Melospiza aberti* — A common bird from the Huachuca's onwards.

**Rufous-crowned Sparrow** *Aimophila ruficeps* — We had fantastic views of this species while walking the South Fork Trail, with one individual posing for us by the creek.

**Spotted Towhee** *Pipilo maculatus* — We heard and saw this species only while in the Chiricahuas and Huachuca's.

#### **YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: ICTERIIDAE — (1)**

**Yellow-breasted Chat** *Icteria virens* — We heard and briefly saw this species while at Casa de San Pedro. We had the best looks of this species while at the Anza trail in Tubac where one came into the watering hole.

#### **NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae — (9)**

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus* — We only saw this species while birding at Lake Cochise.

**Chihuahuan Meadowlark** *Sturnella lilanae* — We heard the whistled "Spring of the year call" while birding Lake Cochise but got scope views of an adult the first morning at Casa de San Pedro.

**Hooded Oriole** *Icterus cucullatus* — We observed this species at most of the feeding stations we visited.

**Bullock's Oriole** *Icterus bullockii* — We only observed this species while birding at Dave Jasper's feeders.

**Scott's Oriole** *Icterus parisorum* — We only observed this species at the George Walker House.

**Red-winged Blackbird** *Agelaius phoeniceus* — Another species we observed only while at Lake Cochise.

**Bronzed Cowbird** *Molothrus aeneus* — We only observed this species during breakfast at Cave Creek Ranch. This species specializes in laying its eggs in Oriole nests.

**Brown-headed Cowbird** *Molothrus ater* — We observed this species most days of the trip outside of the Chiricahuas.



**Great-tailed Grackle** *Quiscalus mexicanus* — A common bird in the more developed environments.

#### **NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae — (7)**

**Lucy's Warbler** *Leiothlypis luciae* — We had fantastic looks at 4 of these individuals coming to the water hole at the Tubac portion of the Anza trail. We also observed this species while at Dave Jasper's feeders.

**Common Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis trichas* — We only heard this species on the first day while birding Lake Cochise.

**Yellow Warbler** *Setophaga petechia* — We only observed this species while birding the Casa de San Pedro and while at the Paton's Center.

**Black-throated Gray Warbler** *Setophaga nigrescens* — We only observed this species twice, once while on South Fork and once while up Carr Canyon.

**Hermit Warbler** *Setophaga occidentalis* — An early migrant, this yellow headed warbler was observed while leaving Rustler Park.

**Red-faced Warbler** *Cardellina rubrifrons* — We had fantastic close looks at this species while birding Pinery Canyon. Nicknamed the "embarrassed faced warbler"

**Painted Redstart** *Myioborus pictus* — We observed three individuals of this red breasted species while on the South Fork Trail.

#### **CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae — (10)**

**Hepatic Tanager** *Piranga flava* — We heard this species both at South Fork and at Beatty's feeders. Our best look came of 4 individuals that were observed right above us on our hike up the Miller Canyon Trail.

**Summer Tanager** *Piranga rubra* — We had one at Cave Creek Ranch, but our best views came of an adult feeding a young bird while birding Santa Gertrudis Lane on the last half day.

**Western Tanager** *Piranga ludoviciana* — A common bird seen at most of the high elevation sites at both the Chiricahua's and the Huachuca's.

**Flame-colored Tanager** *Piranga bidentata* — A rare bird in southeast Arizona, the male and female gave fantastic looks as it came into the chokecherry tree at Beatty's feeders.

**Northern Cardinal** *Cardinalis cardinalis* — A common bird seen throughout the trip.

**Pyrhuloxia** *Cardinalis sinuatus* — We only observed this yellow billed "desert cardinal" in the Chiricahuas; at both Bob's and Daves Jasper's feeders.

**Black-headed Grosbeak** *Pheucticus melanocephalus* — A common bird at most of the feeding stations we visited.

**Blue Grosbeak** *Passerina caerulea* — We had good looks at this species while birding the low elevation areas. The best looks came while birding at Casa de San Pedro.

**Lazuli Bunting** *Passerina amoena* — Seen in the lower elevations, with nice looks coming while at Casa de San Pedro grasslands.

**Varied Bunting** *Passerina versicolor* — We had a few coming into the water while at the Paton's Hummingbird center. We also observed this species at Box Canyon and at the Whitehouse Picnic area.

#### **MAMMALS: — (11)**

**White-tailed Deer** *Odocoileus virginianus* — A common species seen every day; the race of deer down here is the "Coues" White-tailed Deer.

**Collared Peccary** *Pecari tajacu* — We observed this species while driving in the lower areas of the Chiricahuas. Also, one came into the feeders while we were eating breakfast at Casa de San Pedro.

**Striped Skunk** *Mephitis mephitis* — One was observed on our way to looking for night critters while in the Chiricahua's.

**Coyote** *Canis latrans* — We observed only one of these walking in the grasslands our first morning at Casa de San Pedro.

**White-nosed Coati** *Nasua narica* — We observed this species on day 3 in the Chiricahua's.

**Desert Cottontail** *Sylvilagus audubonii* — We observed this species in the lower elevations of both the Chiricahuas and the Huachuca's.

**Black-tailed Jackrabbit** *Lepus californicus* — We only observed this species once while driving to Portal.

**Cliff Chipmunk** *Tamias dorsalis* — We had our best views of this striped chipmunk at the Cave Creek Ranch feeders.

**Rock Squirrel** *Otospermophilus variegatus* — We observed this species infrequently throughout the trip.  
**Arizona Gray Squirrel** *Sciurus arizonensis* — This gray squirrel was only observed while in the Huachuca's.  
**Mexican (Apache) Fox Squirrel** *Sciurus nayaritensis* — This large red squirrel was only observed while we were birding in the Chiricahuas during the first two days.

#### **REPTILES: — (8)**

**Ornate Box Turtle** *Terrapene ornata* — We observed this species as it finished crossing the road while leaving Casa de San Pedro to head to Carr Canyon.  
**Yarrow's Spiny Lizard** *Sceloporus jarrovi* — We observed this species multiple times with the best look coming as one was rescued from a building while up Carr Canyon.  
**Sonoran Spotted Whiptail** *Aspidoscelis sonora* — This striped lizard was observed almost every day of the trip. This species is entirely made up of females.  
**American Bullfrog** *Lithobates catesbeianus* — A common sound at the Casa, we heard the booming of this species in the morning by their water feature.  
**Chiricahua Leopard Frog** *Rana chiricahuensis* — This endangered species was only observed both at Cave Creek Ranch while in the Chiricahuas and in the small pond at Beatty's feeders.  
**Woodhouse's Toad** *Anaxyrus woodhousii* — This large toad was observed at night during our stay at the Casa de San Pedro.  
**Mojave Rattlesnake** *Crotalus scutulatus* — We came across a fantastic little example of this species while road cruising after listening for nightbirds.  
**Western Diamondback Rattlesnake** *Crotalus atrox* — We observed a 3.5-foot individual slithering across the road on our way back from dinner at Peg's.

#### **COMMON BUTTERFLIES & INVERTEBRATES OF NOTE: — (10)**

**Queen** *Danaus gilippus* — We observed this species of butterfly while at the Southwest Research Center. This butterfly uses Batesian mimicry, copying the look of the poisonous monarch butterfly.  
**Monarch Butterfly** *Danaus plexippus* — This species was only observed while birding at Ash Canyon.  
**Variegated Fritillary** *Euptoieta claudia* — We observed this species multiple times throughout the trip, with the best views coming while on the South Fork Trail.  
**Two-tailed Swallowtail** *Papilio multicaudata* — This large yellow swallowtail was seen multiple times throughout the trip as well, mainly flowing past us as we were on the various trails.  
**Giant Swallowtail** *Papilio cresphontes* — We only observed this species once, while stopped at the Whitehouse picnic area at Madera Canyon.  
**Pipevine Swallowtail** *Battus philenor* — We only observed this species on our Ash Canyon/Miller Canyon Day.  
**Ceraunus Blue** *Hemiargus ceraunus* — We only observed this small blue both of our days we were in the Chiricahuas.  
**Marine Blue** *Leptotes marina* — This small blue was only observed on our last day, while birding Box Canyon.  
**Cloudless Sulfur** *Phoebis sennae* — This was another species we only observed on our Ash Canyon/Miller Canyon Day.  
**Flame Skimmer** *Libellulasturata* — We observed this ruby red dragon fly while hiking up the Miller Canyon Trail.

#### **Locations:**

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Lake Cochise- Cave Creek Ranch  
**August 4<sup>th</sup>:** Cave Creek Ranch- Bob Rodriguez feeders- South Fork- Southwest Research Station- Sunny Flat Campground- Cave Creek Canyon- Portal Road  
**August 5<sup>th</sup>:** Dave Jaspers Feeders- South Cathedral Rock Road- The Walker House- Pinery Canyon- Rustler Park- FR 42- Casa San Pedro  
**August 6<sup>th</sup>:** Casa San Pedro- Miller Canyon (Beatty's feeders/Miller Canyon Trail)-Ash Canyon  
**August 7<sup>th</sup>:** Casa San Pedro- Ramsey Canyon- Paton's Hummingbird Center- Hershaw Creek- Patagonia Lake State Park  
**August 8<sup>th</sup>:** Box Canyon- Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Lodge feeders)- Armando Sewage Ponds- Tubac De Anza Trail  
**August 9<sup>th</sup>:** Santa Gertrudis Lane- Desert Meadows Park