

Oaxaca Valley: Birds, Culture, & Crafts

August 1-9, 2026 | Species List

A Private Tour for St. Louis Audubon with Naturalist Journeys



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Summary: Our group enjoyed this wonderful tour that combined the best of central Mexico; birds and nature, beautiful scenery, delicious local cuisine, and the culture of the region. Around the Oaxaca area, we traveled in a comfortable bus to many areas and habitats, walking along paved and dirt roads finding the local birds and plants and many butterflies. We visited the archaeological sites of Yagul and Monte Alban and were lucky to experience four parades around the city celebrating local events.

After four days, we moved to the mountainous town of San Jose del Pacifico, providing us with new habitats, bird species, and comfortable mountain cabins with evening fires in our fireplaces. The weather was comfortable the entire tour, and cool temperatures were a nice summer treat in the mountains. We all agreed that Oaxaca and central Mexico are definitely a special destination that everyone should visit!

BIRDS: 142

28 CENTRAL MEXICO ENDEMICS WERE SEEN, ONE HEARD ONLY

BUTTERFLY SPECIES: 40

VOTED BIRD OF THE TRIP: BUMBLEBEE HUMMINGBIRD

The eBird link below details the 142 species our group observed on the tour. Click “Show All Details” on the right side of the list to see where and when each bird was seen and how many times.

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MAMMALS: (3)

Red-bellied Squirrel *Sciurus aureogaster*—Seen often on our hotel grounds and in the forested areas

Mexican Cottontail *Sylvilagus cunicularius*—Seen while traveling along the road

White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus*—Spotted only once while birding at the reservoir at Presa de Santo Domingo

REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS: (4)

Asian House Gecko *Hemidactylus frenatus*—Outside our rooms at the hotel in Oaxaca

Mexican Racerunner *Aspidoscelis guttatus*—Seen on the rocks at Monte Alban

Mexican Emerald Spiny Lizard *Sceloporus formosus*—Seen on the trip to Camino La Cumbre
Southern Crevice Spiny Lizard *Sceloporus aureous*—Seen twice, first time at Monte Alban

BUTTERFLIES: (39)

Dorantes Longtail
Julia Heliconia
Juno Heliconia
Zebra Heliconia
Mexican Heliconia
Banded Peacock
Great Southern White
Orange-barred Sulphur
Dainty Sulphur
Ceraunus Blue
Anna's Eighty-Eight
Navy Eighty-Eight
White-patched Eighty-Eight
Orange-striped Eighty-Eight
Magnificent Swallowtail
Two-tailed Swallowtail
Bordered Patch
Rosita Patch
Mexican Silverspot
Yellow Morpho
Blue Morpho
Rusty Page
Black-veined Mapwing
Orange Mapwing
Guatemala Tegosa
Mauve Bola
Long-winged Crescent
Mexican Crescent
Ardy's Crescent
Echo Azure
Somber Metalmark
Broken Silverdrop
Four-spotted Skipperling
Common Sootywing
Queen
Mexican Silverspot
Cloud-forest Monarch
Mexican Pine Satyr
Somber Metalmark