

Arizona Monsoon Madness | Species List

August 7 – 13, 2017 | Compiled by Guide Bob Behrstock



**Guides, Bob Behrstock and Bob Meinke, with 10 participants:
Chuck, Ken & Gretchen, Ursula & Rudolf, Roslyn, Nina, Joann,
Edna, and Marie**

No "leader only" birds included.

BIRDS

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	Several at Whitewater Draw
Mallard (Mexican Duck)	Amado water treatment plant and Whitewater Draw
Cinnamon Teal	Several rather drab birds at Whitewater Draw
Ruddy Duck	Amado water treatment pond and Whitewater Draw
Scaled Quail	Two north of Casa de San Pedro on Vista Montosa
Gambel's Quail	Seen four days; best on Casa de San Pedro's grounds
Pied-billed Grebe	One at Whitewater Draw
Neotropic Cormorant	A couple at the Amado water treatment pond
Brown Pelican	A stray youngster at the Amado water treatment pond
Great Blue Heron	Over Hwy 19 and at Whitewater Draw
White-faced Ibis	A flock at great distance at Whitewater Draw
Black Vulture	(Pre-tour only) Several on Ruby Road
Turkey Vulture	Seen throughout the tour
Cooper's Hawk	One or two nearly every day including noisy fledglings
Gray Hawk	One immature at the Burrowing Owl reintroduction site
Swainson's Hawk	Seen several days; numerous near the San Pedro River
Zone-tailed Hawk	Seen on the pre-tour and again in Patagonia
Red-tailed Hawk	Observed daily; common on utility poles
Sora	One at Whitewater Draw, three at Brown Canyon pond
American Coot	Seen four days including Amado and Whitewater Draw
American Avocet	A flock at extreme distance at Whitewater Draw
Killdeer	One or two at Whitewater Draw
Lesser Yellowlegs	Three fly-bys at whitewater Draw
Long-billed Curlew	About six distant birds at Whitewater Draw
Wilson's Phalarope	Eight or so at Whitewater Draw
Rock Pigeon (Introduced)	Seen four days, mostly around towns
Band-tailed Pigeon	Seen in Ramsey Canyon on Beers private excursion
Eurasian Collared-Dove (Introduced)	Seen daily; common at feeders

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White-winged Dove	Seen daily; common in most habitats and at feeders
Mourning Dove	Seen daily; a common fence bird and at feeders
Inca Dove	A few present at the Amado territory Inn
Common Ground-Dove	Easily seen at the Kino Springs golf course
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Heard several days; seen twice
Greater Roadrunner	Small numbers found on most days
Barn Owl	Seen by some participants at the Casa de San Pedro
Great Horned Owl	Two or three at the Casa de San Pedro
Elf Owl	Heard pre-tour in California Gulch
Burrowing Owl	About five at the reintroduction site in Palominas
Lesser Nighthawk	Seen by insomniacs at Amado and Casa de San Pedro
Vaux's Swift	Seen by participants in Bob M's van near Sierra Vista
Rivoli's (Magnificent) Hummingbird	Seen at various feeding stations
Lucifer Hummingbird	Several seen; Behrstock's, Ash Canyon B&B, Beatty's B&B
Black-chinned Hummingbird	Numerous at all feeding stations
Anna's Hummingbird	Common at various feeding stations
Rufous Hummingbird	A few; Behrstock's, Ash Canyon B&B, Beatty's B&B
Broad-billed Hummingbird	Numerous at various feeding stations
Violet-crowned Hummingbird	Paton Hummingbird Center, Patagonia
Elegant Trogon	Several seen, other heard in Huachuca Canyon
Acorn Woodpecker	Numerous in the canyons and at feeding stations
Gila Woodpecker	Common; Amado, Sierra Vista, and in mesquites
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	Seen three days, best at Ash Canyon B&B
Arizona Woodpecker	Singles observed in Huachuca and Miller canyons
Northern (Red-shafted) Flicker	One or two in Carr Canyon
American Kestrel	Seen three days--generally singles
Tufted Flycatcher	Two (half the U.S. population?) seen well in Carr Canyon
Greater Pewee	One seen by Bob M's car in Carr Canyon
Western Wood-Pewee	Numerous and noisy in all canyons
"Western" Flycatcher	A silent individual seen by the Beers in Ramsey Canyon
Buff-breasted Flycatcher	Nice looks at several in Carr Canyon
Black Phoebe	Seen on four or five occasions around ponds
Say's Phoebe	Seen on the pre-tour and near Casa de San Pedro
Vermilion Flycatcher	Observed on four days, a perennial favorite
Dusky-capped Flycatcher	One in Madera canyon and one in Huachuca Canyon
Ash-throated Flycatcher	One near the Burrowing Owl reintroduction site
Brown-crested Flycatcher	Seen at Amado and at the becard site in Tumácori
Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher	Proctor Rd. glimpse then Huachuca and Ramsey canyons
Tropical Kingbird	Several around Tumacácori and Amado Territorial Inn
Cassin's Kingbird	Numerous on fences and utility wires
Thick-billed Kingbird	Two or three at the Patagonia roadside rest
Western Kingbird	Seen most days on utility wires and fences

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Rose-throated Becard	Two during the pre-tour in Tumacácori, then later the male with the tour group at the only U.S. nesting site
Loggerhead Shrike	Pre-tour then one near Amado
Bell's Vireo	Numerous early in the tour; seen at several sites
Plumbeous Vireo	Seen in canyons in the Huachucas
Hutton's Vireo	Seen well in the Huachucas
Warbling Vireo	One pre-tour at Tumacácori
Steller's Jay	Quick looks for some folks in upper Carr Canyon
Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay	A few not very cooperative birds in upper Carr Canyon
Mexican Jay	Seen frequently in upper and lower canyons
Chihuahuan Raven	Seen three days in grasslands
Common Raven	A flock at the top of Carr Canyon
Horned Lark	A few seen at Las Cienegas Nat. Conservation Area
Purple Martin (ssp. <i>hesperia</i>)	One pre-tour and a migrant at Las Cienegas
Tree Swallow	Seen a couple days; numerous at Whitewater Draw
Violet-green Swallow	A few seen at Whitewater Draw
N. Rough-winged Swallow	Found on two days including Whitewater Draw ponds
Cliff Swallow	Around the Santa Cruz River and at the Kino Springs ponds
Barn Swallow	Numerous throughout
Bridled Titmouse	Seen several days--closely in Huachuca Canyon
Verdin	Seen early in the tour-common and noisy
Bushtit	Beers during trek up Ramsey Canyon and in Carr Canyon
White-breasted Nuthatch	Seen five days; best looks at Paton Center feeders
Brown Creeper	Seen by Beers in upper Ramsey Canyon
Canyon Wren	Nice looks in Montosa Canyon
House Wren	Seen a couple days; Huachuca and Ramsey canyons
Cactus Wren	The State Bird; two at a nest in lower Ramsey Canyon
Bewick's Wren	Seen five days, closely at the Paton Center feeders
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	A couple in Carr Canyon
Black-tailed Gnatcatcher	Seen on the pre-tour, also Patagonia roadside rest
E. (Azure) Bluebird (Mexican form)	Several at the Reef Townsite Campground. Carr Canyon
Hermit Thrush	A few in Carr Canyon
American Robin	Numerous in Huachuca Canyon, also in Ramsey Canyon
Curve-billed Thrasher	Seen three days, best looks at Ash Canyon B&B
Northern Mockingbird	Small numbers pretty much daily
European Starling (Introduced)	A couple in Amado near the water treatment pond
Phainopepla	Seen several days, mostly west of the Santa Ritas
Orange-crowned Warbler	One seen by the Beers in Ramsey Canyon
Lucy's Warbler	One or two cooperative birds in Patagonia
Common Yellowthroat	Three (one seen) at the Kino Springs golf course ponds
Yellow Warbler	Pre-tour then later at Brown Canyon Ranch
Grace's Warbler	Carr Canyon and by the Beers in Ramsey

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Black-throated Gray Warbler	Small numbers three days in the Huachucas
Wilson's Warbler	Two seen by a couple folks in upper Huachuca Canyon
Red-faced Warbler	Seen by Beers during trek up Ramsey Canyon
Painted Redstart	One at Kubo B&B and a few in the Huachucas
Yellow-breasted Chat	A few early in the trip; nice looks at Kino Springs
Spotted Towhee	Seen very well in brush at Carr Canyon
Canyon Towhee	Pre-tour, then at feeders at Amado and Ash Canyon B&B
Abert's Towhee	Seen pre-tour and two days at Amado
Rufous-winged Sparrow	Pre-tour then Amado, Montosa and Kino Springs
Botteri's Sparrow	Close looks at Las Cienegas and Brown Canyon Ranch
Cassin's Sparrow	One seen on approach to Madera Canyon; heard later
Lark Sparrow	Five days at feeders, roadsides, fence wires, etc.
Five-striped Sparrow	Prolonged views pre-tour in California Gulch
Black-throated Sparrow	Pre-tour only, several in California Gulch
Lark Bunting	Small flocks at Las Cienegas and near Casa de San Pedro
Grasshopper Sparrow	Seen well at entrance to Las Cienegas Nat. Cons. Area
Song Sparrow	One at the Kino Springs Golf Course
Yellow-eyed Junco	Kubo B&B (Madera Canyon); numerous in Carr Canyon
Hepatic Tanager	Kubo B&B, Santa Rita Lodge, Carr Canyon, Ramsey Canyon
Summer Tanager	Pre-tour, Tumacácori, Patagonia, and in the Huachucas
Western Tanager	Pre-tour, Patagonia and Ramsey Canyon. Sparse.
Flame-colored Tanager	Heard by Beers on trek up Ramsey Canyon
Northern Cardinal (<i>ssp. superbus</i>)	Tumacácori, Patagonia, and Ash Canyon B&B
Pyrrhuloxia	Pre-tour, Tumacácori, and lower Ramsey Canyon
Black-headed Grosbeak	Seen several days; good looks at Santa Rita Lodge
Blue Grosbeak	Seen several days; feeders and around mesquites
Lazuli Bunting	Numerous at impoundment edges at Whitewater Draw
Varied Bunting	Great looks at Montosa Canyon
Red-winged Blackbird	A couple at Whitewater Draw
E. (Lilian's) Meadowlark	Las Cienegas National Conservation Area
Yellow-headed Blackbird	One at Whitewater Draw
Great-tailed Grackle	A few in towns (Nogales, Sierra Vista) and around Amado
Bronzed Cowbird	Pre-tour then feeders at Amado and Casa de San Pedro
Brown-headed Cowbird	Amado and other locations
Hooded Oriole	Amado Territory Inn and Proctor Road
House Finch	Numerous throughout
Lesser Goldfinch	Numerous throughout at all altitudes
House Sparrow (Introduced)	Seen all days; feeders and in the wild

MAMMALS

Desert Cottontail	A couple seen on the east side of the Santa Ritas
Eastern Cottontail	A couple in the canyons

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Antelope Jackrabbit	Amado Territory Inn
Arizona Gray Squirrel	Seen in several canyons
Rock Squirrel	Seen at many sites
White-nosed Coati	Both vans saw coatis crossing the road in Carr Canyon
Pronghorn	One seen by Chuck near Sonoita
Javelina	One seen by Chuck and Bob B. in Amado
Mule Deer	San Pedro River at Gordon's owl project
White-tailed Deer	Various Canyons (Coues race)

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

Bullfrog (Introduced)	Heard at Casa de San Pedro
Woodhouse's Toad	Several at the Casa de San Pedro
Sonoran Whipsnake	Seen from the van by Bob B. and Edna
Western Diamondback Rattlesnake	One seen by Bob M. and others at Casa de San Pedro
Clark's Spiny Lizard	Various canyons (lower)
Yarrow's Spiny Lizard	Various canyons (higher)

DRAGONFLIES AND DAMSELFLIES

Flame Skimmer	Brown Canyon Ranch, Ramsey Canyon
Red Rock Skimmer	Proctor Road
Variiegated Meadowhawk	Whitewater Draw
Red Saddlebags	Whitewater Draw
Black Saddlebags	Brown Canyon Ranch pond

BUTTERFLIES

Pipevine Swallowtail	Throughout the trip
Two-tailed Swallowtail	The State Butterfly: Montosa and Huachuca canyons
Cloudless Sulphur	Small numbers seen throughout the trip
Mexican Yellow	Miller Canyon
Western Pygmy-Blue	Photographed by Joann
Marine Blue	Proctor Road trail
Reakirt's Blue	Montosa Canyon
Spring (Echo) Azure	Seen in various canyons
Fatal Metalmark	Paton Hummingbird Center garden in Patagonia
Zela Metalmark	Ramsey Canyon on a hummingbird feeder
American Snout	Montosa Canyon
Bordered Patch	Numerous in canyons
Tiny Checkerspot	Paton Hummingbird Center garden in Patagonia
Elada Checkerspot	Numerous around Patagonia, Montosa Canyon
Pearl Crescent	Paton Hummingbird Center garden in Patagonia
Texan Crescent	Paton Hummingbird Center garden in Patagonia
American Lady	Patagonia

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Painted Lady	Various sites
Red-spotted Purple	Ramsey Canyon
Arizona Sister	Various Canyons
Monarch	Bob's yard
Queen	Casa de San Pedro on vine milkweed
Dull Firetip	Huachuca Canyon
Golden-banded Skipper	Madera and other canyons
Golden-headed Scallopwing	Montosa canyon
Many-spotted Skipperling	Proctor Road at stream crossing, Huachuca Canyon
Moon-marked Skipper	Madera Canyon
Large Roadside-Skipper	Huachuca Canyon

GRASSHOPPERS

Oakleaf Grasshopper	Carr Canyon
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