



Alamos, Mexico Where the Desert Meets the Tropics

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With local guide David MacKay, tour host and guide Peg Abbott,
and 7 participants:

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ALAMOS BIRDING and NATURE TOUR SUMMARY: A great short birding trip driving from Tucson, but touching complex elements of nature in Mexico where the Sonoran Desert meets the tropics. Alamos has strong ties to Tucson, in both the art and birding worlds, and it seemed a natural place for us to explore. We chose El Pedregal as our base, and were delighted that owner David MacKay could find a week for us in his busy schedule. We broke up the drive coming and going with a number of birding stops, and all of us would have enjoyed a few more days once there – a pretty magical spot where Blue Mockingbirds bathe in the fountain by lunch, common birds include such 5-star (in the glitz realm) species as Black-throated Magpie Jay, Elegant Trogon, and Squirrel Cuckoo – how about in the same tree! Once at El Pedregal we had little driving, lots of birding and time to explore this gem of a colonial Mexican town. We did quite well for winter birding, 210 species, and thoroughly enjoyed our quest to find them. We had a number of endemics including Purplish-backed Jay and Golden Vireo. We all gained weight on the great food and felt renewed by the gracious hospitality. Great to spend time in Mexico!

(#) in Family line = number of family members seen

(#) in Species Line = number of days of 7 seen

(E) = Mexican Endemic

Taxonomic order for this list follows that of eBird

BIRDS (210)

Anatidae: Ducks (14)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis* – (2) A small group were seen resting on an island at the oxidation ponds below Hermosillo, then a couple hundred were in the river oxbow lake at Navajoa City Park.

Brant *Branta bernicla* – (1) We had two flocks go by, perhaps 15 in all, at the beach stop we made with a picnic lunch, at Paredoncito en route back.

Blue-winged Teal *Spatula discors* – (1) Peg spotted one at the Hermosillo oxidation ponds.

Cinnamon Teal *Spatula cyanoptera* – (1) One pair spotted at the Hermosillo Oxidation lagoons.

Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata* – (2) Approximately 100 seen at Hermosillo Oxidation lagoons, also seen in big number along coastal estuaries returning home.

Gadwall *Mareca strepera* – (1) Four seen at the Hermosillo Oxidation lagoons.

American Wigeon *Mareca americana* – (2) Many seen across the bay as we stopped near San Carlos on the way in to scan tidal flats. Many more seen at estuary stops along the coast returning home.

Mallard (Mexican) Duck *Anas platyrhyncho* – (3) First seen at the San Miguel River, then spied on several small river areas.

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta* – (2) Approximately 30 seen at the Hermosillo Oxidation lagoon

Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca* – (2) 100+ seen at the Hermosillo Oxidation lagoons.

Redhead *Aythya americana* – (1) Three seen at the Hermosillo Oxidation lagoons.

Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris* – (1) Three were seen way across the Hermosillo Oxidation lagoons by the Western Grebe.

Bufflehead *Bucephala albeola* – (1) Twenty seen at the Hermosillo Oxidation lagoons

Ruddy Duck *Oxyura jamaicensis* – (1) Over a hundred seen at the Hermosillo Oxidation lagoons

Cracidae Guans & Chachalacas (1)

(E) Rufous-bellied Chachalaca *Ortalis wagleri* – (3) We heard them or had glimpses on two days before our Saturday morning walk to a small stream crossing and then an orchard area where we found a group of 13 in fruiting figs.

Odontophoridae: Quail (2)

(E) Elegant Quail *Callipepla douglasii* – (3) Becky had her own group the morning she stayed back for Yoga at El Pedregal. We had quite a covey at a small farm past the effluent runoff area, Las Cabras, and finally on our Saturday morning outing to lower Aduana arroyo, we had good views at several down in a small streambed. First ones there saw them out on the rocks, and others scope views of them hiding furtively.

Gambel's Quail *Callipepla gambelii* – (1) Seen as we were leaving a coastal estuary site en route home, scurrying through desert scrub.

Gaviidae: Loons (2)

Common Loon *Gavia immer* – (1) Heard and seen at quite a distance, with scopes, our final morning before leaving Guaymas.

Pacific Loon *Gavia pacifica* – (1) Two much closer than the Common, the last morning from the patio of our beachside hotel.

Podicipedidae: Grebes (4)

Least Grebe *Tachybaptus dominicus* – (1) Ten seen at the Hermosillo Oxidation lagoons.

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps* – (1) Four seen Hermosillo Oxidation lagoons.

Eared Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis* – (3) Six seen at Hermosillo Oxidation lagoons, then seen at all coastal stops, little rafts of 6-10 and many of them.

Western Grebe *Aechmophorus occidentalis* – (1) One individual seen and scoped at the Hermosillo Oxidation lagoons.

Phalacrocoracidae: Cormorants (2)

Neotropical Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* – (3) Common at the inland stops wherever there was water.

Double-crested Cormorant *Phalacrocorax auratus* – (3) Common at the coast in huge numbers at the estuary stops.

Pelecanidae: Pelicans (2)

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis* – (3) Present at all our coastal stops, memorable were the lines of them flying by at sunset, from the patio of our beachside hotel the last night.

American White Pelican *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos* – (2) A few seen en route down from the San Carlos area, then at least 600 were roosting on an island along the coast, due west of Navajoa, where a causeway to an island had broken through.

Ardeidae: Herons and Egrets (11)

Bare-throated Tiger Heron *Tigrisoma mexicanum* – (2) We had just a glimpse at the Cuchijaqui River one late afternoon, but we made up for it with great scope views at an adult, and a juvenile at the Navajoa City Park.

Great Blue Heron *Ardea Herodias* – (3) Seen at a variety of stops both coastal and inland.

Great Egret *Ardea alba* – (4) Common as lone individuals or a few at most water areas.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* – (4) Common in small number at water areas. We watched one very close oblivious to us as it fed on small fish below the patio of our beachside hotel.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* – (2) Lone individuals, coastal.

Tri-colored Heron *Egretta tricolor* – (2) Seen as lone individuals en route down at San Carlos and en route back at the island causeway estuary stop.

Reddish Egret *Egretta rufescens* – (2) Coastal, a few scattered individuals.

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* – (2) Seen only towards the end of our trip, the last two days around Navajoa and Guaymas.

Green Heron *Butorides virescens* – (2)

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* – (2) Seen along the coast and several at the Hermosillo Oxidation lagoons.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *Nyctanassa violacea* – (2) Coastal, seen at several spots, and we found a nearly tame one at Enplame by the fisherman's memorial.

Threskiornithidae: Ibises and Spoonbills (3)

White Ibis *Eudocimus albus* – (2) Coastal areas coming and going, first seen by San Carlos / Miramar.

White-faced Ibis *Plegadis chihi* – (1) Two spotted at the Hermosillo Oxidation lagoons.

Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja* – (2) Regina spotted one flying over the Hermosillo Oxidation lagoons just as we got out of the vans, and then we had them in the scopes at several estuary stops along the coast en route back to Tucson.

Cathartidae: Vultures (2)

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* – (4) Common, especially near towns and agricultural areas.

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* – (7) Common throughout, seen daily.

Pandionidae: Osprey (1)

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* – (4) Seen as individuals at almost every coastal stop and along some of the larger river areas.

Accipitridae: Kites and Hawks (8)

White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus* – (1) Great views of several individuals in the agricultural areas west of Navajoa.

Northern Harrier Hawk *Circus hudsonius* – (3) Seen on travel days, at the Hermosillo Oxidation lagoons and at the beach where we also had Peregrine Falcons at Pardenicitas.

Sharp-shinned Hawk *Accipiter striatus* – (1) One individual seen along the Aduana Arroyo below Alamos.

Cooper's Hawk *Accipiter cooperii* – (4) The most common raptor encountered, first seen and scoped at the San Miguel River stop on our first day.

Common Black Hawk *Buteogallus anthracinus* – (1) Finally encountered at the Navajoa City park along the Rio Mayo.

Harris's Hawk *Parabuteo unicinctus* – (3) Three were seen cozied up on a phone wire on the road to Carbo as we made our way to Hermosillo. Fairly common in the large saguaro desert areas with scrub.

Gray Hawk *Buteo plagiatus* – (2) Seen mainly on travel days on phone poles.

Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis* – (4) Commonly encountered, often on perches along the roadsides.

Rallidae: Gallinules, Coots and Rails (3)

Sora *Porzana Carolina* – (1) One individual was seen on a sheltered pond visited at the end of our loop at the Hermosillo Oxidation lagoons.

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata* – (1) Seen at the Hermosillo Oxidation lagoons.

American Coot *Fulica americana* – (3) Over 200 first seen at the Hermosillo Oxidation lagoons, we then found them at other inland water areas including the Rio Mayo at Navajoa City Park.

Recurvirostridae: Stilts and Avocets (2)

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus* – (2) At least sixty seen at the Hermosillo Oxidation lagoons, then along coastal areas they were present in small groups up to a dozen, more at the final estuary.

American Avocet *Recurvirostra Americana* – (2) Five were seen at the Hermosillo Oxidation lagoons, then again encountered at Paredonicitas in small number along the coast.

Haematopodidae: Oystercatchers (1)

American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus* – (2) First encountered at Emplame as we left Guaymas, then seen along coastal areas, sometimes 20 or more in a group!

Charadriidae: Plovers (5)

Black-bellied Plover *Pluvialis squatarola* – (2) Coastal areas, small numbers.

Snowy Plover *Charadrius nivosus* – (1) One individual spotted by Peg at Pardenicitas beach.

Wilson's Plover *Charadrius wilsonia* – (1) Several individuals at coastal stops en route back to Tucson.

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus* – (2) More common than other plovers, first seen at Emplame.

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferous* – (3) Seen at most inland river and pond areas.

Scolopacidae: Shorebirds and Allies (15)

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus* – (1) Seen only on our last day at the estuary stops west of Navajoa. Only a few individuals.

Long-billed Curlew *Numenius americanus* – (1) Seen only on our last day at the estuary stops west of Navajoa, but seen well at close range and in good number.

Marbled Godwit *Limosa fedoa* – (2) Seen on both coastal days in tidal flats in small number.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* – (1) Just two individuals right near the boat haul out at Paredonicitas, where the horse was working his cart so well for the fisherman.

Sanderling *Calidris alba* – (1) Seen at Paredonicitas and the island causeway area to its north.

Dunlin *Calidris alpina* – (2) Seen on both coastal days in the tidal mud flats.

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla* – (2) Seen in small groups, coastal tidal flats. Best looks at Paredoncitas.

Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri* – (1) Seen in massive numbers, thousands, by the island causeway on our way back to Guaymas.

Short-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus griseus* – (2) Coastal areas, most locations.

Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus* – (1) Inland water areas, Hermosillo Oxidation ponds.

Wilson's Snipe *Gallinago delicata* – (1) Mike spooked one up as he explored along the effluent run-off area, Las Cabras, with denser vegetation one morning from Alamos.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* – (4) We found individuals regularly, fresh and saltwater areas.

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* – (2) Rivers and estuaries.

Willet *Tringa semipalmata* – (2) Coastal tidal flats.

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes* – (1) Just one seen at the Hermosillo Oxidation lagoons.

Laridae: Gulls and Terns (10)

Bonaparte's Gull *Chroicocephalus philadelphia* – (1) Miramar, near San Carlos.

Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla* – (2) Both travel days along the Coast

Heermann's Gull *Larus heermanni* – (3) Plentiful along the coast, first seen at Empalme at the fisherman's shrine.

Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis* – (2) Not common but regularly spotted along the Coast.

Yellow-footed Gull *Larus livens* – (2) First seen at Miramar near San Carlos, then seen at most coastal stops on the two days we were alongside the Gulf.

Herring Gull *Larus argentatus* – (2) A few individuals seen on both coastal days.

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica* – (1) One seen flying and feed at Paredoncitas.

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia* – (3) Seen as individuals among the various gulls, each coastal day and our last morning from the hotel patio.

Forster's Tern *Sterna forsteri* – (2) Seen in small number, hovering and feeding with their graceful wings aflutter, both coastal days.

Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus* – (3) Not obvious, we had to scan and search, but present in small numbers.

Rynchopinae: Skimmers (1)

Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger* – (2) We saw them well at Empalme by the fisherman's shrine, then at Paredoncitas and the island causeway.

Columbidae Pigeons and Doves (8)

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* – (7) Seen daily, around towns and cities, agricultural areas.

Red-billed Pigeon *Patagioenas flavirostris* – (2) First seen at a distance in the scope at Aduana Canyon, then quite common on our walk along lower Aduana arroyo.

Eurasian Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* – (5) Common, travel days and towns.

Inca Dove *Columbina inca* – (5) Common and widespread in small number.

Ruddy Ground-Dove *Columbina talpacoti* – (1) Three individuals seen in the cemetery of Alamos.

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi* – (2) Heard at El Pedregal and seen at the lower Rio Chuchijaqui.

White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica* – (6) Seen on all but one day, regular.

Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura* – (4) Seen in biggest number on travel days, common.

Cuculidae; Cuckoos & Roadrunners (3)

Lesser Roadrunner *Geococcyx velox* – (1) Seen at the pools of Rio Cuchijaqui on the far shore.

Greater Roadrunner *Geococcyx californianus* – (3) Seen at several inland locations around Alamos, and one along the coast at Miramar, not expected there.

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana* – (3) Good views at Aduana Canyon (same tree as Black-throated Magpie Jay and Elegant Trogon -nice!), at El Pedregal.

Strigidae: Owls (3)

Western Screech-Owl *Megascops kennicottii* – (1) Heard only, El Pedregal.

Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus* – (1) Heard only, El Pedregal.

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum* – (3) Heard at El Pedregal and 2 were seen well on the lower Aduana arroyo walk Saturday morning.

Trochilidae: Hummingbirds (4)

Plain-capped Starthroat *Heliomaster constantii* – (2) First seen below the effluent area, Las Cabras, spotted by Mike as it perched in plain sight. We found them again in the lower Aduana arroyo area.

Broad-billed Hummingbird *Cynanthus latirostris* – (5) Also common throughout.

Beryline Hummingbird *Amazilia beryllina* – (1) Peg spied one very close as we started birding Aduana Canyon.

Violet-crowned Hummingbird *Amazilia violiceps* – (4) The second-most common hummingbird seen in the area, wow!

Trogonidae: Trogons (1)

Elegant Trogon *Trogon elegans* – (3) Ralph found this species on several days, and we all got superb views, male and female.

Momotidae: Motmots (1)

Russet-crowned Motmot *Momotus mexicanus* – (1) What a beauty! David heard them at Aduana Canyon and encouraged one in, Peg found it perched in a great spot for the scope and even a few pictures.

Alcedinidae: Kingfishers (2)

Belted Kingfisher *Megaceryle alcyon* – (4) Seen in several watered areas inland, individuals.

Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana* – (1) David spotted this little gem and got the scope on it on our first stop along the Rio San Miguel.

Picidae: Woodpeckers (3)

Gila Woodpecker *Melanerpes uropygialis* – (6) Common, seen almost daily.

Ladder-backed Woodpecker *Dryobates scalaris* – (4) We kept recording this species but often they occurred when we were focused on other species, or they flew in and out calling, present but not obvious!

Northern Flicker *Colaptes auratus* – (1) Seen the final day, final stop at the River San Miguel, yeah!

Falconidae: Falcons & Caracaras (4)

Crested Caracara *Caracara cheriway* – (7) Quite common, seen daily. Two perched on a post against a mountain backdrop are memorable.

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* – (5) Quite common, varied habitat.

Merlin *Falco columbarius* – (1) A pair seen very well at the effluent run-off area, Las Cabras, below town where birds abounded and this pair ruled the show.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* – (1) Three seen on our day returning up the coast, two perched on mudflat rocks in front of us, male and female, put on a good show.

Psittacidae: Parrots (3)

(E) Lilac-crowned Parrot *Amazona finschi* – (1) A silent flock of 5 flew over us at the effluent area, Las Cabras, near town.

White-fronted Parrot *Amazona albifrons* – (2) Seen well in the watered area below the effluent runoff, Las Cabras, in Alamos, and along the lower Aduana Arroyo.

(E) Mexican Parrotlet *Forpus cyanopygius* – (1) Aduana Canyon, a flock came buzzing by over us in rapid flight.

Tyrannidae: Tyrant Flycatchers (13)

Tufted Flycatcher *Mitrephanes phaeocercus* – (2) There were at least five near where we parked the afternoon we went to the lovely pools of the Rio Cuchijaqui, and then we had an outlier in Navojoa City Park.

Greater Pewee *Contopus pertinax* – (2) Seen in Aduana Canyon on a typical exposed perch, then again Saturday morning on the lower Aduana arroyo.

Gray Flycatcher *Empidonax wrightii* – (1) Seen on the effluent run-off area, Las Cabras, along the stream.

Pacific-slope Flycatcher *Empidonax difficilis* – (1) Calling, nice to sort out, in extensive vegetation by the effluent run-off stream, Las Cabras.

- “Western” Flycatcher *Empidonax sp.* – (2) Not calling, not sorting – encountered at several stops on two days both near Alamos.

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans* – (7) Common, anywhere there was water including the pool at El Pedregal.

Say’s Phoebe *Sayornis saya* – (3) Seen at several spots near Alamos and in the agricultural areas west of Navojoa.

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus* – (6) Common, a treat to see so many, pairs here and there, scattered but always present.

Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer* – (2) Aduana Canyon and lower Aduana arroyo.

Nutting’s Flycatcher *Myiarchus nuttingi* – (2) Best seen in upper Aduana Canyon, calling. Heard only the following day.

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus* – (2) Ralph spotted this species both times, at the effluent run-off area near town, Las Cabras, and at Navojoa City Park.

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis* – (4) Seen in watered areas often as a pair.

Cassin’s Kingbird *Tyrannus vociferans* – (6) Common throughout.

Thick-billed Kingbird *Tyrannus crassirostris* – (1) Heard only, on the effluent run-off spot below town, we were distracted by other species and forgot to chase this one down!

Tityridae: Becards (1)

Rose-throated Becard *Pachyramphus aglaiae* – (1) Seen along lower Rio Aduana arroyo Saturday morning, near our Ferruginous Pygmy Owl sightings.

Laniidae: Shrikes (1)

Loggerhead Shrike *Lanius ludovicianus* – (4) Seen traveling along roadsides and on phone wires.

Vireonidae: Vireos (5)

(E) Golden Vireo *Vireo hypochryseus* – (1) A great find, David says one wintered in upper Aduana Canyon last year as well, this was his first sighting of the year. Peg spied it in a mixed flock.

Bell's Vireo *Vireo bellii* – (3) Quite common.

Cassin's Vireo *Vireo cassinii* – (1) One seen in a mixed flock at the Rio Cuchijaqui late afternoon.

Plumbeous Vireo *Vireo plumbeus* – (1) One seen at the feeder at El Pedregal.

Warbling Vireo *Vireo gilvus* – (4) Quite common and widespread.

Corvidae: Magpies, Jays & Crows (4)

(E) Black-throated Magpie Jay *Calocitta colliei* – (4) Wonderfully common, a signature of El Pedregal, Alamos and the trip!

(E) Purplish-backed Jay *Cyanocorax beecheii* – (1) We had some great moments with a small flock feeding on fruiting fig trees near Alamos.

(E) Sinaloa Crow *Corvus sinaloae* – (3) First seen just out the gate of El Pedregal, we had several encounters with them including Navojoa City Park.

Common Raven *Corvus corax* – (7) Seen daily.

Hirundinidae: Swallows (2)

Tree Swallow *Tachycineta bicolor* – (1) Seen near Navajoa.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx serripennis* – (1) Rio Mayo, Navojoa.

Remizidae: Penduline Tits (1)

Verdin *Auriparus flaviceps* – (7) Quite common.

Troglodytidae: Wrens (6)

Canyon Wren *Catherpes mexicanus* – (2) Seen in the canyons, most memorable one in pipe coming out of the adobe building's roof tiles at Aduana, singing for us.

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon* – (5) Quite common.

Marsh Wren *Cistothorus palustris* – (2) Hermosillo Oxidation ponds and Navojoa City Park.

Cactus Wren *Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus* – (1) Seen in the desert vegetation on the road to Carbo.

(E) Happy Wren *Pheugopedius felix* – (2) Seen in the effluent run-off area, Las Cabras, below town and then we had a half a dozen or so at Navojoa City Park.

(E) Sinaloa Wren *Thryophilus Sinaloa* – (3) First seen at the San Miguel River one of our very first stops, they became pretty common.

Poliptilidae: Gnatcatchers (2)

Black-capped Gnatcatcher *Poliptila nigriceps* – (2) Aduana Arroyo and lower Aduana arroyo.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *Poliptila caerulea* – (4) Widespread and regular, individuals and small groups.

Regulidae: Kinglets (1)

Ruby-crowned Kinglet *Regulus calendula* – (2) Rio San Miguel and Navojoa City Park, a few other scattered individuals.

Turdidae: Thrushes (2)

Hermit Thrush *Catharus guttatus* – (2) A regular at the feeders at El Pedregal.

(E) Rufous-backed Robin *Turdus rufitorques* – (3) Seen in fruiting figs by the score, and one was very regular at the El Pedregal feeder.

Mimidae: Catbirds, Mockingbirds & Thrashers (4)

Blue Mockingbird *Melanotis caerulescens* – (4) Amazing, at El Pedregal a feeder, and water-bath bird! Peg even got video. Seen also in the two arroyos visited, furtive and seen flying there.

Curve-billed Thrasher *Toxostoma curvirostre* – (5) Widespread, regular.

Bendire's Thrasher *Toxostoma bendirei* – (1) Seen well, perched up and singing on the road to Carbo, a desert bird stop our first day.

Northern Mockingbird *Mimus polyglottos* – (7) Common and vocal!

Sturnidae: Starlings (1)

European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* – (2) Small groups in towns and cities on travel days.

Motacillidae: Pipits & Wagtails (1)

American Pipit *Anthus rubescens* – (1) Seen at the bridge crossing along the San Miguel River, two individuals, our first travel day.

Ptiliognathidae: Silky Flycatchers (1)

Phainopepla *Phainopepla nitens* – (3) Seen all around Alamos, in mistletoe and other fruiting shrubs.

Parulidae: New World Warblers (9)

Black-and-White Warbler *Mniotilta varia* – (2) Two individuals seen, one at Navajoa City Park and the other at Aduana Canyon.

Orange-crowned Warbler *Oreothlypis celata* – (4) Quite common throughout, seen mainly as 1-2 individuals in mixed flocks.

MacGillivray's Warbler *Geothlypis tolmiei* – (2) Furtive, we found a few.

Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas* – (2) Hermosillo Oxidation lagoons and Navajoa City Park.

Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechial* – (3) Hermosillo Oxidation lagoons, Navajoa City Park. And near San Carlos we walked out to coastal scrub to find some nice young male "Mangrove" variety with their rusty heads and faces.

Yellow-rumped Warbler *Setophaga coronate* – (7) Common, in groups of 2-100!

Black-throated Gray Warbler *Setophaga nigrescens* – (4) One of the most regularly distributed, seen all days around Alamos.

Wilson's Warbler *Cardellina pusilla* – (4) Quite common.

Painted Redstart *Myioborus pictus* – (2) Seen along the San Miguel River, and Peg found one at the effluent run-off area, Las Cabras near town.

Thraupidae: Tanagers (1)

White-collared Seedeater – (1) Seen at the effluent run-off creek, Las Cabras, at Alamos, 3 females.

Passerellidae: New World Sparrows & Towhees (14)

Rufous-winged Sparrow *Peucaea carpalis* – (3) A treat, seen regularly in desert and open areas. Road to Carbo provided our first good looks.

Chipping Sparrow *Spizella passerine* – (2) Good numbers on the road to Carbo and in Navajoa City Park.

Brewer's Sparrow *Spizella breweri* – (2) Road to Carbo and in the salt-scrub area near San Carlos.

Black-throated Sparrow *Amphispiza bilineata* – (1) Seen on the road to Carbo in low desert vegetation.

Five-striped Sparrow *Amphispiza quinquestrata* – (1) We found a pair below the effluent ponds, Las Cabras run-off area, on a steeper scrubby slope.

Lark Sparrow *Chondestes grammacus* – (3) Widespread in small numbers.

White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys* – (4) Common, seen in groups of 4-12.

Vesper Sparrow *Pooecetes gramineus* – (1) Seen on the road to Carbo, a few individuals in a mixed flock.

Savannah (Large-billed) Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis* – (1) Paredoncitas in coastal shrubbery at close range, a pair.

Song Sparrow *Melospiza melodia* – (1) Seen along the river San Miguel as we drove to Hermosillo.

Lincoln's Sparrow *Melospiza lincolni* – (4) Common, though mostly seen as individuals.

Canyon Towhee *Melospiza fusca* – (1) Seen along the San Miguel River by the bridge on our first day.

Rufous-crowned Sparrow *Aimophila ruficeps* – (1) Seen in thick shrubbery on the San Miguel River, same time and thicket as our first Sinaloa Wren, furtive.

Green-tailed Towhee *Pipilo chlorurus* – (2) Seen along the San Miguel River at first stop.

Cardinalidae: Cardinals, Grosbeaks & Allies (7)

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra* – (1) One bright male seen at Navajoa City Park.

Northern Cardinal *Cardinalis cardinalis* – (4) Common throughout.

Pyrrhuloxia *Cardinalis sinuatus* – (3) Common in desert habitats visited throughout.

Black-headed Grosbeak *Pheucticus melanocephalus* – (2) Seen on two days mainly at the El Pedregal feeders.

Blue Grosbeak *Passerina caerulea* – (1) Two individuals seen with the other buntings flocking to feed on fruiting shrubs at the lower Aduana arroyo we visited Saturday morning.

Lazuli Bunting *Passerina amoena* – (3) Great to see, some males still quite bright, lots of “unpainted” individuals too. El Pedregal feeders, and brushy areas by several creeks.

Varied Bunting *Passerina versicolor* – (3) Seen at the El Pedregal feeders well, males also still pretty bright, and encountered in all the streamside / dry hillside margin areas.

Icteridae: Orioles & Blackbirds (9)

Yellow-headed Blackbird *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus* – (1) A few seen near the feedlot we stopped at west of Navajoa.

Western Meadowlark *Sturnella neglecta* – (1) Peg spied this bright individual on the earthen berm alongside the road as we stopped to see White-tailed Kite so well in the agricultural area west of Navajoa.

(E) Black-vented Oriole *Icterus wagleri* – (1) Seen only in Aduana Canyon, we'd have loved a better view.

Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus* – (2) Agricultural areas on travel days.

Hooded Oriole *Icterus cucullatus* – (3) Seen at the El Pedregal feeders and in larger trees around Alamos.

Streak-backed Oriole *Icterus pustulatus* – (4) Widespread, easy to find around Alamos and surrounding drainages.

Brown-headed Cowbird *Molothrus ater* – (1) Seen by the dozen at a feedlot we stopped at in the agricultural areas west of Navajoa.

Brewer's Blackbird *Euphagus cyanocephalus* – (3) Steve called these out as we traveled, and we found them in agricultural areas in fair number.

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus* – (5) Quite common.

Fringillidae: (3)

(E) Scrub Euphonia *Euphonia affinis* – (1) Seen in the mixed flock up Aduana Creek where we also had Golden Vireo. It perched up on bare branches for some good viewing.

House Finch *Haemorhous mexicanus* – (4) Common.

Lesser Goldfinch *Spinus psaltria* – (4) Common.

Passeridae: Old World Sparrows (1)

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* – (6) Too common, mainly in towns and cities but widespread.

MAMMALS (4)

Rock Squirrel *Otospermophilus variegatus* – (1) Aduana Canyon.

Raccoon *Procyon lotor* – (1) We saw one individual at a water area near the dairy farm of the agricultural zone west of Navajoa.

California Sea Lion *Zalophus californianus* – (1) Seen from the patio of our final night hotel, San Carlos.

Pacific Bottle-nosed Dolphin *Tursiops aduncus* – (1) Becky spotted these in the morning from our San Carlos hotel, as we drank coffee and soaked in the view of the sea.

HERPS (2)

Turtle, sp. – Hermosillo Oxidation ponds.

Spiny-tailed Iguana *Ctenosaura sp.* – (1) Seen by feed lot area west of Navajoa.

BUTTERFLIES – a sampling.....

Painted Lady

Queen

Monarch

Julia

Mexican Bluewing