



August 3 - 9, 2019
Arizona Monsoon Madness
Birding & Nature in a Season of Wonder!
Species List
With Guide Pat Lueders & 6 participants:
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Summary: This group of great birders and nature enthusiasts enjoyed a delightful week exploring the Southeast Arizona desert during the monsoon season, marveling at the lush green appearance of the desert landscape. With the group working together, we found most of our target bird species and many mammals and reptiles seen only in this unique habitat, in addition enjoying comfortable lodges and delicious meals. Definitely this was a memorable week none of us would ever forget!

(HO)= Distinctive enough to be counted as heard only

(I)=introduced

BIRDS (123 species recorded, of which 2 were heard only):

DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS: Anatidae (2)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis*—What a thrill to find a pair with three chicks at our first stop at Amado Water Treatment Ponds

Mexican Duck *Anas diazi*—Mallard subspecies; found at our first stop at Amado WTP

NEW WORLD QUAIL: Odontophoridae (2)

Gambel's Quail *Callipepla gambelii*—An adult & two chicks seen our first evening at the Casa feeders

Montezuma Quail *Cyrtonyx montezumae*—(HO) We worked hard to see this beautiful quail but only heard it at Bob Behrstock's yard & Ash Canyon B & B

PARTRIDGES, PHEASANTS AND ALLIES: Phasianidae (10)

Wild Turkey *Meleagris gallopavo*—Adult with chicks seen around the Ash Canyon feeders; one individual at Ramsey Canyon

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (6)

Rock Pigeon (I) *Columba livia*—Seen often while driving near cities

Eurasian Collared-Dove (I) *Streptopelia decaocto*—Seen daily; best when perched at Rancho Santa Cruz

Inca Dove *Columbina inca*—Seen near rooms at Rancho; also at Casa & at Ash Canyon feeders

Common Ground Dove *Columbina passerina*—Seen on the ground at feeders & flying during visit to San Pedro House

White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica*—This large & vocal dove was seen daily at all locations

Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura*—Seen often on wires including Amado WTP & Casa de San Pedro

CUCKOOS AND ALLIES: Cuculidae (2)

Greater Roadrunner *Geococcyx californianus*—A target species, seen on our first stop at Amado; other sightings include near Casa & trip to Box Canyon

Yellow-billed Cuckoo *Coccyzus americanus*—We heard this species often; seen well by Linda

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae (1)

Lesser Nighthawk *Chordeiles acutipennis*—We had good luck seeing this species feeding at dawn & during the evening at Casa de San Pedro

SWIFTS: Apodidae (1)

White-throated Swift *Aeronautes saxatalis*—A few seen flying near Nogales & at Miller Canyon

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae (11)

Rivoli's Hummingbird *Eugenes fulgens*—Best looks at Santa Rita Lodge; also at Ash Canyon & Beatty's

Plain-capped Starthroat *Heliomaster constantia*—Quick look by Sue & Abigail when we arrived at Paton's feeders in Patagonia

Blue-throated Hummingbird *Lampornis clemenciae*—(GO) Quick look at one hovering at Paton's

Lucifer Hummingbird *Calothorax lucifer*—Lifer for many! Male & female seen often at Ash Canyon B & B

Black-chinned Hummingbird *Archilochus alexandri*—Most frequently seen hummer at all locations

Anna's Hummingbird *Calypte anna*—Seen often at most feeders; first at Santa Rita Lodge

Costa's Hummingbird *Calypte costae*—Seen best at Bob Behrstock's feeders

Broad-tailed Hummingbird *Selasphorus platycercus*—Seen at Ash Canyon, Bob's feeders, & Beatty's

Rufous Hummingbird *Selasphorus rufus*—Seen best at Beatty's feeders, Miller Canyon

Broad-billed Hummingbird *Cynanthus latirostris*—Frequent visitor to all feeders

Violet-crowned Hummingbird *Amazilia violiceps*—This beauty was seen often at Paton's & Beatty's

RAILS, COOTS, AND ALLIES: Rallidae (1)

Sora *Porzana carolina*—(HO) We heard this species vocalize while visiting Whitewater Draw WA

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (1)

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*—Seen on our first stop at Amado WTP

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae (2)

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*—Only seen once; was soaring at De Anza Trail-Tumacacori

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*—Seen daily in good numbers at all locations

HAWKS, KITES AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (5)

Cooper's Hawk *Accipiter cooperii*—Seen often; fun finding one feeding on a lizard at De Anza Trail

Gray Hawk *Buteo plagiatus*—Adult perched on a pole at Rancho Santa Cruz; heard calling at Casa

Swainson's Hawk *Buteo swainsoni*—Most common hawk on trip; seen well on many occasions

Zone-tailed Hawk *Buteo albonotatus*—Nesting pair with juvenile seen often at Rancho Santa Cruz

Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*—Many seen perched on poles on drive to Whitewater Draw

BARN OWLS: Tytonidae (1)

Barn Owl *Tyto alba*—At Casa de San Pedro; seen hunting at dawn around the pool area

OWLS: Strigidae (1)

Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus*—Heard calling and found in a tree at Rancho; 3 seen at Casa in the trees around the pool and parking area

TROGONS: Trogonidae (1)

Elegant Trogon *Trogon elegans*—Two juveniles, a male & female, found in Huachuca Canyon; adult

heard close by but not seen

WOODPECKERS: Picidae (5)

Acorn Woodpecker *Melanerpes formicivorus*—First seen at Santa Rita Lodge; seen & heard many often

Gila Woodpecker *Melanerpes uropygialis*—Seen daily at most locations

Ladder-backed Woodpecker *Dryobates scalaris* —Close looks feeding on peanut butter at Paton's

Arizona Woodpecker *Dryobates arizonae*—Luckily, seen at Santa Rita Lodge, only sighting for the trip

Northern Flicker *Colaptes auratus*—Pair heard & seen on sycamores at San Pedro House

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (1)

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*—Pair seen at Rancho Santa Cruz; others on wires along the roads

BECARDS AND TITYRAS: Tityridae (1)

Rose-throated Becard *Pachyramphus aglaiae*—Exciting sighting of this rare US species! Worked with other birders to find the nest & calling male on the De Anza Trail-Tumacacori

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (13)

Western Wood-Pewee *Contopus sordidulus*—First seen in Box Canyon; 3 seen in Huachuca Canyon

Willow Flycatcher *Empidonax traillii*—Heard vocalizing, then spotted perched, in Huachuca Canyon

Dusky Flycatcher *Empidonax oberholseri*—Seen & identified in Ramsey Canyon

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*—Seen almost daily in most locations

Say's Phoebe *Sayornis saya*—Near Huachuca playground, we found 3 flycatching in the grass

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*—Fun species! Many males & females in the field at Rancho

Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer*—We found this bird along the San Pedro River bed near Casa

Ash-throated Flycatcher *Myiarchus cinerascens*—Three birds were seen in the field above Box Canyon

Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus*—Seen & vocalizing in trees at Rancho's parking area

Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher *Myiodynastes luteiventris*—We were lucky to get great looks at this species at two locations-Huachuca Canyon & Ramsey Canyon

Cassin's Kingbird *Tyrannus vociferans*—Seen at many locations; often enough to easily identify from Western

Thick-billed Kingbird *Tyrannus crassirostris*—Scope views of the white throat & broad bill at the Huachuca playground

Western Kingbird *Tyrannus verticalis*—Seen daily at most locations & along the roads

VIREOS: Vireonidae (3)

Bell's Vireo *Vireo bellii*—Heard at Rancho Santa Cruz; seen well on Proctor Rd trail at Madera

Plumbeous Vireo *Vireo plumbeus*—Good looks at an individual in Huachuca Canyon

Warbling Vireo *Vireo gilvus*—(HO) A few were vocalizing around the Rancho parking area

SHRIKES: Laniidae (1)

Loggerhead Shrike *Lanius ludovicianus*—Scope looks at one hunting in the field at Casa de San Pedro

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae (3)

Mexican Jay *Aphelocoma wollweberi*—Seen first in Madera Canyon; many seen at Ash Canyon B & B

Chihuahuan Raven *Corvus cryptoleucus*—Seen on trip to Whitewater Draw; one perched with white neck feathers visible in the wind

Common Raven *Corvus corax*—Seen daily at all locations & while driving

TITS AND CHICKADEES: Paridae (1)

Bridled Titmouse *Baeolophus wollweberi*—Fun little bird, first seen at Madera Kubo B & B feeders

PENDULINE TITS: Remizidae (1)

Verdin *Auriparus flaviceps*—Seen often; close looks along Proctor Road trail at Madera Canyon

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (5)

Northern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*—Many seen feeding over the water on visit to Amado WTP

Violet-green Swallow *Tachycineta thalassina*—Flying over the wetland at Whitewater Draw WA

Bank Swallow *Riparia riparia*—A few seen feeding over the marsh at Whitewater Draw

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*—Seen feeding over the fields at many locations

Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*—Seen with other swallows at Whitewater Draw WA

LONG-TAILED TITS: Aegithalidae (1)

Bushtit *Psaltriparus minimus*—Nice size flock flew into the feeders at Ash Canyon B & B

NUTHATCHES: Sittidae (1)

White-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta carolinensis*—Seen well daily at all locations with feeders

GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae (3)

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *Polioptila caerulea*—Two individuals first heard, then seen, on walk on Proctor Trail at Madera Canyon

Black-tailed Gnatcatcher *Polioptila melanura*—Two seen during walk at De Anza Trail

Black-capped Gnatcatcher *Polioptila nigriceps*—First we heard, then watched an individual feeding low in a bush above Box Canyon

WRENS: Troglodytidae (3)

Canyon Wren *Catherpes mexicanus*—Heard often in Box Canyon; long distance view of one on a rock across the valley; heard often at other locations

Bewick's Wren *Thryomanes bewickii*—We saw this species daily at many locations

Cactus Wren *Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus*—Often heard, good looks at two individuals at Casa and scope views of one in the valley at Box Canyon

STARLINGS AND MYNAS: Sturnidae (1)

European Starling (1) *Sturnus vulgaris*—Seen at various locations while driving

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae (2)

Curve-billed Thrasher *Toxostoma curvirostre*—Best looks around the feeders at Casa de San Pedro

Northern Mockingbird *Mimus polyglottos*—Nice looks in the parking area at Rancho Santa Cruz

THRUSHES: Turdidae (2)

Eastern Bluebird *Sialia sialis*—Male & female seen at the Fort Huachuca playground

American Robin *Turdus migratorius*—Two flocks flew over us at Ramsey Canyon

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS: Ptilobonidae (1)

Phainopepla *Phainopepla nitens*—Fun to see so many of this species around the parking area of Rancho Santa Cruz & to study the variety of colors of adults & juveniles

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae (1)

House Sparrow (1) *Passer domesticus*—Seen daily at many locations

FINCHES: Fringillidae (3)

House Finch *Haemorhous mexicanus*—Seen daily at many locations

Pine Siskin *Spinus pinus*—Seen visiting the feeders with Lesser Goldfinch at Santa Rita Lodge feeders

Lesser Goldfinch *Spinus psaltria*—Seen daily at all locations with feeders

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae (12)

Rufous-winged Sparrow *Peucaea carpalis*—Heard & quick looks on De Anza Trail

Botteri's Sparrow *Peucaea botterii*—Seen perched & singing on walk at Casa de San Pedro road

Cassin's Sparrow *Peucaea cassinii*—Seen at Rancho & Casa on morning walks

Five-striped Sparrow *Amphispiza quinquestriata*—Target bird & lifer for many! Perched close to us while vocalizing on ocotillo on visit to Box Canyon; at least two, possibly four, individuals

Lark Sparrow *Chondestes grammacus*—Seen on levee while visiting Whitewater Draw WA

Lark Bunting *Calamospiza melanocorys*—Seen twice, at Rancho & flying at Whitewater Draw MA

Yellow-eyed Junco *Junco phaeonotus*—What a surprise for Sue to see this bird at her feet on the patio at Kubo B&B; then seen on their feeder by all

Song Sparrow *Melospiza melodia*—Seen & heard frequently, best on De Anza Trail

Canyon Towhee *Melozona fusca*—First seen well in parking area at Rancho; seen often elsewhere

Abert's Towhee *Melozona aberti*—Found around water; family of 3 seen at Casa

Rufous-crowned Sparrow *Aimophila ruficeps*—Heard & seen by a few at San Pedro House; again at Ramsey Canyon

Spotted Towhee *Pipilo maculatus*—Many males, females & juveniles along the trail at Miller Canyon

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: Icteriidae (1)

Yellow-breasted Chat *Icteria virens*—Always heard daily, finally great looks on the wire at Rancho

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteriidae (6)

Eastern Meadowlark *Sturnella magna*—Sadly, now a species of concern, we worked hard for one along the road to Casa

Hooded Oriole *Icterus cucullatus*—Seen by a few flying in the valley at Box Canyon

Scott's Oriole *Icterus parisorum*—One female came to the oranges in Bob's yard

Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*—Males & females in flocks during visit to Whitewater Draw

Brown-headed Cowbird *Molothrus ater*—Seen often, first time around the feeder at Rancho

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus*—Seen on our first stop at Amado WTP

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (4)

Lucy's Warbler *Leiothlypis luciae*—Seen feeding at close range on hill above Box Canyon

Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas*—Nice looks on morning walks at Casa de San Pedro

Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechia*—Seen often at all locations

Painted Redstart *Myioborus pictus*—Three seen on walk at the Madera Amphitheatre trail; heard & seen again in Huachuca Canyon

CARDINAL-GROSBEAKS: Cardinalidae (10)

Hepatic Tanager *Piranga flava*—Male & female found in tree above the Ramsey Canyon Visitor Center

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra*—Heard & seen often at most locations; good looks at Casa

Western Tanager *Piranga ludoviciana*—Male at Rancho; pairs on Proctor Trail & Miller Canyon

Northern Cardinal *Cardinalis cardinalis*—This more colorful Western species seen often at feeders

Pyrrhuloxia *Cardinalis sinuatus*—First spotted at Rancho; also seen by a few at Casa's feeders

Black-headed Grosbeak *Pheucticus melanocephalus*—Another species always spotted around feeders

Blue Grosbeak *Passerina caerulea*—Fun seeing this species often at many locations

Lazuli Bunting *Passerina amoena*—Exciting seeing over 100 of this colorful species at Whitewater Draw

Varied Bunting *Passerina versicolor*—Sadly, only a quick look at a beautiful male on the walk at Proctor Rd.

Painted Bunting *Passerina ciris*—What great luck to spot this rare bunting on the sand bar with other species on our walk at De Anza Trail-Tumacacori

Mammals (9 species)

Pronghorn *Antilocapra americana*—Spotted from the van on our drive to Sierra Vista

White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus*—Seen often in good numbers at many locations

Collared Peccary *Pecari tajacu*—Wow! Good spotting of five crossing the road in Tubac

White-nosed Coati *Nasua narica*—We watched this mammal spend a lengthy time under Santa Rita Lodge's feeders

Desert Cottontail *Sylvilagus audubonii*—A couple were spotted around Casa

Black-tailed Jackrabbit *Lepus californicus*—Lucky sighting of one when we stopped along the road to Casa de San Pedro

Rock Squirrel *Otospermophilus variegatus*—Seen around the feeders at Santa Rita Lodge

Arizona Gray Squirrel *Sciurus arizonensis*—Seen on walks at Madera Canyon

Round-tailed Ground Squirrel *Spermophilus tereticaudus*—Best seen stuck in traffic in Sierra Vista on drive to Huachuca Canton

Reptiles (5 species)

Clark's Spiny Lizard *Sceloporus clarkii*—Seen on our walk at De Anza Trail

Woodhouse's Toad *Anaxyrus woodhousii*—Many on concrete walks at Rancho Santa Cruz

Striped Plateau Lizard *Sceloporus virgatus*—Most often seen lizard at most locations

Sonora Desert Toad *Bufo alvarius*—We saw this largest toad in the US on the road in Tubac

Ring-necked Snake *Diadophis punctatus*—Quick look; spotted by Mary on the levee at Casa