



April 27 – May 4, 2021

Texas Big Bend: Birding & Wildlife Tour

With guides David Mehlman, Steve Shunk, and Kathleen Hall; and participants: Cynthia, Dan, Dennis, Ginger, Harry, Jeff, Marcia, Mark, Pat, and Phil

(GO)= Seen by guides only

(HO)= Heard only

(I)= Introduced

Sites visited (see detailed day-by-day itinerary at end of document: Davis Mountains, The Post, Alpine, Christmas Mountains Oasis, and Big Bend National Park.

Summary: 141 species of birds, 11 species of mammals, 3 species of reptiles, 1 species of amphibian, and 5 species of insects.

BIRDS (141 species recorded, of which 4 were seen by guides only and 2 of which were heard only):

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae

Gadwall *Anas strepera*— Seen on two days, once while driving out of The Post and again at the Marfa Settling Ponds.

American Wigeon *Anas americana*— Only seen once at the Marfa Settling Ponds.

Mexican Duck *Anas diazi*— At least a dozen seen at the Marfa Settling Ponds.

Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors*— Only seen once at the Marfa Settling Ponds.

NEW WORLD QUAIL: Odontophoridae

Scaled Quail *Callipepla squamata*— Found on three days on the road into The Post, in Big Bend NP, and (though a bit skittish) under the feeders at the Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Montezuma Quail *Cyrtonyx montezumae*— Three individuals flushed from the grasses by the Madera Canyon Trail.

PARTRIDGES, PHEASANTS, AND ALLIES: Phasianidae

Wild Turkey *Meleagris gallopavo*— Seen on two days in the Davis Mountains and on the road into The Post.

GREBES: Podicipedidae

Least Grebe *Tachybaptus dominicus*— A west Texas rarity, this bird had been reported for weeks and was well seen by all at the Study Butte/Terlinga Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*— One individual seen at The Post in the pond.

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* (I)— Seen on two days in Fort Davis and Alpine.

Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* (I)— Seen on five days when in or near towns and suburbs.

Common Ground-Dove *Columbina passerina*— Seen once in Big Bend NP.

White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica*— Seen on all seven days of the trip, by far the most ubiquitous dove species observed.

Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura*— Found on four days of the trip.

CUCKOOS: Cuculidae

Greater Roadrunner *Geococcyx californianus*— Found on five days of the trip, most memorably “gimpy” in the Chisos Basin, who had an inordinate fondness for french fries.

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae

Lesser Nighthawk *Chordeiles acutipennis*— Quite visible on one day in Big Bend NP, possibly out and about foraging after the rains.

Common Poorwill *Phalaenoptilus nuttallii*— (GO) Heard by the guides on the last morning in the Chisos Basin.

SWIFTS: Apodidae

White-throated Swift *Aeronautes saxatalis*— Seen on three days at Boquillas Canyon and on the Basin Loop Trail hike.

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae

Lucifer Hummingbird *Calothorax lucifer*— Well seen by all perched and feeding at the Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Black-chinned Hummingbird *Archilochus alexandri*— Seen on four days at Davis Mountains State Park, The Post, in Big Bend NP, and at Christmas Mountains Oasis.

RAILS, COOTS, AND ALLIES: Rallidae

Sora *Porzana carolina*— One heard at Rio Grande Village Nature Trail.

American Coot *Fulica americana*— Seen on two days at The Post and on the Rio Grande Village Nature Trail.

LAPWINGS AND PLOVERS: Charadriidae

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus*— Found two days, first at The Post and again at the Marfa Settling Ponds.

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae

Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii*— Several found at the Marfa Settling Ponds.

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*— Seen at Study Butte/Terlingua Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri*— Seen at Study Butte/Terlingua Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus*— Seen at Study Butte/Terlingua Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor*— Seen at Study Butte/Terlingua Wastewater Treatment Plant and at Marfa Settling Ponds.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*— Seen twice, at The Post and at Study Butte/Terlingua Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*— One found at the Marfa Settling Ponds.

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae

Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis*— One seen, seemingly very lost, at the Study Butte/Terlingua Wastewater Treatment Plant.

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*— One found at the Marfa Settling Ponds.

Green Heron *Butorides virescens*— Only found once at the Rio Grande Village Nature Trail.

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae

White-faced Ibis *Plegadis chihi*— Seen on three days, twice in Big Bend NP and again at the Marfa Settling Ponds.

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*— Found on both days in Big Bend NP at or near the Rio Grande Village area.

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*— Frequently seen and found on all seven days of the tour, most often soaring while driving or hiking, but sometimes perched in the morning when it was cool and/or wet.

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae

Northern Harrier *Circus cyaneus*— Seen on the first day while driving to Fort Davis and again on the last day at Marfa Settling Ponds.

Cooper's Hawk *Accipiter cooperii*— Seen at Davis Mountains State Park (where nesting in a tree by the Elf Owl camp site) and in Big Bend NP.

Common Black Hawk *Buteogallus anthracinus*— First found perched along the highway while driving to Davis Mountains State Park from Fort Davis and also again on two days at or near Rio Grande Village, where it was nesting.

Gray Hawk *Buteo plagiatus*— Seen by Steve's westside group on one day in Big Bend NP.

Swainson's Hawk *Buteo swainsoni*— Found on four days at The Post, in Big Bend NP, and at Marfa Settling Ponds.

Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*— Seen on two days at The Post and in Big Bend NP.

OWLS: Strigidae

Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus*— Found by Dave's westside group roosting in the trees at Cottonwood CG.

Elf Owl *Micrathene whitneyi*— This well-known bird put in a fine appearance, as if by clockwork, at dusk (8:34 PM CDT, to be precise) at its hole in the telephone pole in the Davis Mountains State Park campground.

WOODPECKERS: Picidae

Acorn Woodpecker *Melanerpes formicivorus*— Both the bird and its granary poles seen at Davis Mountains State Park and on two days at Big Bend NP, where one put on an instructional show of aerial foraging during the Basin Loop Trail hike.

Golden-fronted Woodpecker *Melanerpes aurifrons*— Found on three days at The Post, Rio Grande Village, and Cottonwood CG.

Ladder-backed Woodpecker *Dryobates scalaris*— Found on five days, first at Davis Mountains State Park and then again at multiple sites in Big Bend NP.

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*— Seen on two days of the trip, mostly on wires while driving.

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae

Western Wood-Pewee *Contopus sordidulus*— Found on three days while in Big Bend NP.

Gray Flycatcher *Empidonax wrightii*— Found on the Madera Canyon Trail hike and identified by guides on one other day of the trip.

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*— Found on both visits to the Rio Grande Village Nature Trail, where apparently nesting under the boardwalk bridges.

Say's Phoebe *Sayornis saya*— Found on four days of the trip at several sites, once with a bird on a nest under the eaves of the Fossil Discovery Exhibit!

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*— Encountered on four days of the trip at almost all sites with riparian habitat or near water such as Davis Mountains State Park, The Post, Rio Grande Village, and Cottonwood CG (where a female was seen feeding newly hatched young on a nest).

Ash-throated Flycatcher *Myiarchus cinerascens*— Found on six days of the trip at almost all wooded sites visited.

Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus*— (GO) Identified by Dave on his group's visit to Cottonwood CG.

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*— Found and photographed by Steve on his group's visit to Cottonwood CG.

Couch's Kingbird *Tyrannus couchii*— Found and photographed by Steve on his group's visit to Cottonwood CG.

Cassin's Kingbird *Tyrannus vociferans*— Found at Davis Mountains State Park, where quite conspicuous and vocal.

Western Kingbird *Tyrannus verticalis*— Sighted on four days, sometimes while driving, at The Post and at several sites in Big Bend NP.

SHRIKES: Laniidae

Loggerhead Shrike *Lanius ludovicianus*— This predatory songbird was seen on three days, on the drive into The Post and on two days while driving in Big Bend NP.

VIREOS: Vireonidae

Bell's Vireo *Vireo bellii*— This vireo, most readily detected by its song, was found on four days at The Post at several sites in Big Bend NP.

Plumbeous Vireo *Vireo plumbeus*— Found on two days at Gage Gardens and Cottonwood CG on one of the visits there.

Warbling Vireo *Vireo gilvus*— (GO) Seen by Dave at Cottonwood CG.

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae

Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay *Aphelocoma woodhouseii*— Seen in the Davis Mountains, where it is the common jay species.

Mexican Jay *Aphelocoma wollweberi*— Seen or heard on every day when in the Chisos Mountains (though not in the lowlands), including right around the lodge buildings.

Chihuahuan Raven *Corvus cryptoleucus*— Officially recorded on three days of the tour (but difficult to separate from the following species).

Common Raven *Corvus corax*— Found on five days of the tour at Davis Mountains State Park, The Post, in Boquillas and Santa Elena Canyons, and in the Chisos Basin.

CHICKADEES AND TITS: Paridae

Black-crested Titmouse *Baeolophus atricristatus*— Found on five days of the tour at Davis Mountains State Park, in Fort Davis, and on three days when in the Chisos Basin.

PENDULINE TITS: Remizidae

Verdin *Auriparus flaviceps*— Found on three days in Big Bend NP, mostly in lower desert sites, but also one seen surprisingly higher up near the Chisos Basin Group CG.

LARKS: Alaudidae

Horned Lark *Eremophila alpestris*— One heard at The Post.

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae

Northern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*— Encountered on four days, generally over or very near water, at The Post and when at or near the Rio Grande in Big Bend NP.

Violet-green Swallow *Tachycineta thalassina*— Seen by Dave's eastside group at the entrance to Boquillas Canyon from the overlook on the trail,

Bank Swallow *Riparia riparia*— Seen on two days, once at The Post and again flying over the Rio Grande at the Rio Grande Village Nature Trail.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*— The most commonly encountered swallow of the trip, found on five days at a diversity of sites, including Fort Davis, The Post, Rio Grande Village Nature Trail, Terlingua/Study Butte Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Marfa Settling Ponds.

Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*— Seen on only two days, both in Big Bend NP.

BUSHTITS: Aegithalidae

Bushtit *Psaltriparus minimus*— Heard at Davis Mountains State Park and again by Steve in Big Bend NP.

KINGLETS: Regulidae

Ruby-crowned Kinglet *Regulus calendula*— Found on two days in Big Bend NP at Cottonwood CG and on the Basin Loop Trail hike.

NUTHATCHES: Sittidae

White-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta carolinensis*— Found once at Davis Mountains State Park near the wildlife blind feeders.

GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *Polioptila caerulea*— Heard by Steve during his eastside Big Bend NP visit and seen by the group in the Chisos Basin.

Black-tailed Gnatcatcher *Polioptila melanura*— (HO) Heard by Steve at The Post.

WRENS: Troglodytidae

Rock Wren *Salpinctes obsoletus*— Seen or heard on four days, at Fort Davis National Historic Site and several times in Big Bend NP.

Canyon Wren *Catherpes mexicanus*— Also seen or heard on four days at The Post, on both visits to Lower Burro Mesa Pouroff, and in the Chisos Basin.

Carolina Wren *Thryothorus ludovicianus*— Seen once, a bird singing loudly at the entrance to the Rio Grande Village Nature Trail.

Bewick's Wren *Thryomanes bewickii*— (HO) Heard on two days and found by Dave only at Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Cactus Wren *Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus*— Encountered by sight or sound on five days at The Post and at many sites in Big Bend NP, including the Chisos Basin.

STARLINGS: Sturnidae

European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* (I)— Seen on two days when driving through (I) Alpine and Marfa.

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHER: Mimidae

Curve-billed Thrasher *Toxostoma curvirostre*— Heard or seen on five days at Davis Mountains State Park, all days when in Big Bend NP, and at Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Brown Thrasher *Toxostoma rufum*— A west Texas rarity, this previously reported bird was found at the Davis Mountains State Park Interpretive Center blind.

Crissal Thrasher *Toxostoma crissale*— Found on three days in Big Bend NP, including one well-observed during the Basin Loop Trail hike.

Northern Mockingbird *Mimus polyglottos*— Seen (or heard!) on every day of the trip almost everywhere, including while driving.

WAXWINGS: Bombycillidae

Cedar Waxwing *Bombycilla cedrorum*— Seen or heard on six days of the trip at Davis Mountains State Park, Gage Gardens, Rio Grande Village, CG, Chisos Basin, and Christmas Mountains Oasis.

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS: Ptilogonatidae

Phainopepla *Phainopepla nitens*— Heard or seen on four days when in Big Bend NP.

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* (**I**)— Found on five days when in or near several towns.

PIPITS AND WAGTAILS: Motacillidae

American Pipit *Anthus rubescens*— Found on one day in Big Bend NP and again by Steve at Marfa Settling Ponds.

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae

House Finch *Haemorhous mexicanus*— Encountered six days at numerous sites visited.

Cassin's Finch *Haemorhous cassinii*— One female/sub-adult male well seen at the feeders at the Davis Mountains State Park wildlife blind.

Pine Siskin *Spinus pinus*— Seen or heard on five days at Davis Mountains State Park (visiting thistle feeders), Gage Gardens, Cottonwood CG, Chisos Basin, and Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Lesser Goldfinch *Spinus psaltria*— Found three times at Davis Mountains State Park, Cottonwood CG, and Christmas Mountains Oasis.

American Goldfinch *Spinus tristis*— Found only twice at Davis Mountains State Park and on one day in Big Bend NP.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae

Chipping Sparrow *Spizella passerina*— Frequently observed throughout the trip, chippies were found on six days.

Black-chinned Sparrow *Spizella atrogularis*— Found on two days (and on one more by the guides), these were seen on the Madera Canyon Trail and again in the Chisos Basin.

Brewer's Sparrow *Spizella breweri*— This sparrow, similar in size and behavior to Chipping, was found at The Post, in the Chisos Basin, and at the Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Black-throated Sparrow *Amphispiza bilineata*— This handsome desert sparrow was found four times, at Davis Mountains State Park, in Big Bend NP, and at Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Lark Sparrow *Chondestes grammacus*— A very elegant sparrow, Lark's were seen on three days at The Post, Rio Grande Village, and Cottonwood CG.

Lark Bunting *Calamospiza melanocorys*— Seen twice, at The Post and the Rio Grande Village CG.

Dark-eyed Junco *Junco hyemalis*— Found by Dave's westside group at Lower Burro Mesa Pouroff, where several Gray-headed and one Pink-sided were seen.

White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys*— Found on four days, often under feeders, at Davis Mountains State Park, Gage Gardens, Cottonwood CG, and Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Vesper Sparrow *Pooecetes gramineus*— Found on two days at The Post and once in Big Bend NP.

Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis*— Seen at the Terlingua/Study Butte Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Lincoln's Sparrow *Melospiza lincolnii*— Only found on two days at Gage Gardens and very well seen under the feeders at Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Canyon Towhee *Melospiza fusca*— Widespread and fairly ubiquitous this non-descript towhee (but with a great personality!) was found on six days.

Rufous-crowned Sparrow *Aimophila ruficeps*— This inconspicuous sparrow was seen or heard on five days at Davis Mountains State Park, at several sites in Big Bend NP (including Chisos Basin), and Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Green-tailed Towhee *Pipilo chlorurus*— Found on four days, often at or near feeders, at Davis Mountains State Park, Cottonwood CG, Chisos Basin, and Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Spotted Towhee *Pipilo maculatus*— Found only once on the Basin Loop Trail.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: Icteriidae

Yellow-breasted Chat *Icteria virens*— This colorful "ex-warbler" was seen or heard on two days in Big Bend NP near the Rio Grande.

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae

Yellow-headed Blackbird *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*— Found at The Post and again at Marfa Settling Ponds.

Eastern Meadowlark *Sturnella magna*— Seen, presumably this species, at Fort Davis National Historic Site and Marfa Settling Ponds.

Orchard Oriole *Icterus spurius*— We encountered an unexpectedly large concentration of these at Gage Gardens, where they were feeding in hedgerows and occasionally making forays into open grass lawns.

Bullock's Oriole *Icterus bullockii*— Seen on the same day at The Post and Gage Gardens and again by the guides at Marfa Settling Ponds.

Scott's Oriole *Icterus parisorum*— This spectacular oriole was seen on six days at many sites and its cheerful song greeted us every morning in the Chisos Basin right around the lodge buildings.

Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*— Found at The Post and at Marfa Settling Ponds.

Brown-headed Cowbird *Molothrus ater*— Found on five days at Davis Mountains State Park, The Post, various places in Big Bend NP, Terlingua/Study Butte Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Brewer's Blackbird *Euphagus cyanocephalus*— Seen on three days at The Post and at several sites in Big Bend NP.

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus*— Found in Fort Davis and by the guides at the Terlingua/Study Butte Wastewater Treatment Plant.

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae

Virginia's Warbler *Oreothlypis virginiae*— (GO) One found by Dave at the Stone Cabins in Chisos Basin.

MacGillivray's Warbler *Geothlypis tolmiei*— Found on two days in Big Bend NP.

Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas*— Found at Gage Gardens and on both visits to the Rio Grande Village Nature Trail.

American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla*— A spectacular male observed foraging by the entire group at Gage Gardens.

Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechia*— Found at Gage Gardens and on one day in Big Bend NP.

Yellow-rumped Warbler *Setophaga coronata*— Found on six days, this widespread and common migrant Parulid was found at most of the sites visited, all (that were identified to form) of the western Audubon's race.

Wilson's Warbler *Cardellina pusilla*— Also found on six days at Davis Mountains State Park, Gage Gardens, on all days in Big Bend NP, and at Christmas Mountains Oasis.

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra*— Encountered four days at Davis Mountains State Park (where seen at close range enjoying the suet feeders), The Post, Gage Gardens, and at areas in Big Bend NP near the Rio Grande.

Western Tanager *Piranga ludoviciana*— Apparently in the full swing of migration during the tour, this tanager was seen on six days at many sites.

Northern Cardinal *Cardinalis cardinalis*— Found on five days, males often observed perching high in trees singing, at Davis Mountains State Park, The Post, the Rio Grande Village area, Sam Nail Ranch, and Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Pyrrhuloxia *Cardinalis sinuatus*— The beautiful "desert cardinal" was seen and heard on four days in Big Bend NP (several sites) and Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Black-headed Grosbeak *Pheucticus melanocephalus*— Seen on five days at Davis Mountains State Park (at the observation blind feeders), on all days in Big Bend NP, and Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Blue Grosbeak *Passerina caerulea*— Found on four days at Davis Mountains State Park, The Post (where Steve and Dave counted a minimum of 40 individuals, mostly males, in several flocks foraging in the grass- stupendous!), in Big Bend NP, and at Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Lazuli Bunting *Passerina amoena*— Two females very well observed coming to the feeders at Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Indigo Bunting *Passerina cyanea*— A male nicely observed by Dave's westside group at Cottonwood CG.

Varied Bunting *Passerina versicolor*— First seen by Mark and Dave at Cottonwood CG, another, very cooperative male, visited the feeders at Christmas Mountains Oasis for very good views (and, oddly, seeming to prefer to like the shade of the feeder pole!).

Painted Bunting *Passerina ciris*— Seen on two days in Big Bend NP on visits to areas near the Rio Grande on both east and west sides.

Dickcissel *Spiza americana*— One bird seen by some of the group at the large retention pond at Christmas Mountains Oasis.

MAMMALS (11 species recorded):

Desert Cottontail *Sylvilagus auduboni*— Seen on two days of the trip.

Rock Squirrel *Spermophilus variegatus*— Found once at Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Black-tailed Prairie Dog *Cynomys ludovicianus*— Seen, as expected, at the colony NE of Marathon.

Collared Peccary (Javelina) *Tayassu tajacu*— Seen on one day in Big Bend NP in the Rio Grande Village area.

White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus*— Several individuals of the Sierra del Carmen subspecies that is restricted to the Chisos Mountains were seen on all days when in the Chisos Basin.

Mule Deer *Odocoileus hemionus*— Seen on two days in the Davis Mountains or near Fort Davis.

Pronghorn *Antilocarpa americana*— Seen on three days, generally while en-route from one place to another, although quite a few were grazing on fresh forage at the Marfa Settling Ponds at close range.

Coyote *Canis latrans*— Encountered on three days in Big Bend NP.

Barbary Sheep/Aoudad *Ammotragus lervia*— Seen from the vehicles on one day.

Black Bear *Ursus americanus*— The resident mother and cubs seen by some in the group on at least one day near the lodge buildings in Chisos Basin.

Pocket Gopher *Thomomys/Cratogeomys sp.*— One very well observed at Cottonwood CG, unusually posing in daylight by its workings.

REPTILES, AMPHIBIANS (4 species recorded) and INSECTS (5 species):

Western Coachwhip Snake *Masticophis flagellum*— Seen on one day in the Chisos Basin.

Red-eared Slider *Trachemys scripta*— Seen in the ponds on the Rio Grande Village Nature Trail.

Spiny Soft-shelled Turtle *Apolone spinifera*— A very curious and inquisitive individual seen in the Rio Grande at the mouth of Santa Elena Canyon by Dave's westside group.

American Bullfrog (I) *Lithobates catesbeianus*— Heard from the Rio Grande Village Nature Trail.

Red Satyr *Megisto rubricata*— A few individuals flying while on the Madera Canyon Trail.

Flame Skimmer *Libelula saturata*— Several seen flying around the reservoir at Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Tarantula Hawk *Pompilidae sp.*— Seen on one day of the trip

Millipede *Diplopoda sp.*— Abundant in the desert and on roads and trails during and immediately after the rainy days in Big Bend NP.

Texas Brown Tarantula *Aphonopelma hentzi*— Found on two days by both eastside groups along the side of the road, apparently out and about after the rains.

LOCATIONS AND NOTES:

Day 1: April 27, 2021; El Paso, Van Horn, Point of Rocks Roadside Picnic Area, Fort Davis

Day 2: April 28, 2021; Davis Mountains State Park, Lawrence E. Wood Picnic Area, Madera Canyon Trail (TNC Davis Mountains Preserve), Fort Davis National Historic Site

Day 3: April 29, 2021; Fort Davis, Fort Peña Colorado Park (The Post), Marathon prairie dog town, Gage Gardens, Big Bend National Park (Fossil Discovery Exhibit, Chisos Basin)

Day 4: April 30, 2021; Sam Nail Ranch, Sotol Vista, Lower Burro Mesa Pouroff Trail, Cottonwood Campground, Santa Elena Canyon, Castolon, Dugout Wells, Rio Grande Village (campground, nature trail), Daniel's Ranch, Boquillas Canyon

Day 5: May 1 2021; Sam Nail Ranch, Sotol Vista, Lower Burro Mesa Pouroff Trail, Cottonwood Campground, Santa Elena Canyon, Castolon, Dugout Wells, Rio Grande Village (campground, nature trail), Daniel's Ranch, Boquillas Canyon

Day 6: May 2, 2021; Chisos Basin (Basin Loop Trail, group campground, Stone Cabins)

Day 7: May 3, 2021; Chisos Basin, Study Butte/Terlingua Wastewater Treatment Plant, Christmas Mountains Oasis, Marfa Lights Viewing Area, Marfa, Marfa Settling Ponds