



**April 19–26, 2021**

## **Texas' Big Bend National Park**

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(GO) = Seen by guides 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:** 155 species of birds, 12 species of mammals, 6 species of reptiles, 1 species of amphibian, and 6 species of insects, and 1 species of fish.

### **BIRDS (155 species recorded, of which 1 was seen by guides only):**

#### **DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS (Anatidae)**

Gadwall (*Anas strepera*): One pair seen on the small pond on the way in to The Post.

American Wigeon (*Anas americana*): Seen on two days, at The Post and at the Study Butte/Terlinga Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mexican Duck (*Anas diazi*): One pair seen on the small pond on the way in to The Post.

Cinnamon Teal (*Anas cyanoptera*): Seen at the Study Butte/Terlinga Wastewater Treatment Plant.

#### **NEW WORLD QUAIL (Odontophoridae)**

Scaled Quail (*Callipepla squamata*): On two days, first on the road into The Post and again on one of the days in Big Bend.

Gambel's Quail (*Callipepla gambelii*): Seen in Study Butte by few during a mid-lunch bathroom run.

#### **PARTRIDGES, PHEASANTS, AND ALLIES (Phasianidae)**

Wild Turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*): Seen along the road in the Davis Mountains.

#### **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*): Found on the pond at The Post.

#### **PIGEONS AND DOVES (Columbidae)**

Rock Pigeon (I) (*Columba livia*): Seen in El Paso at the start of the trip.

Eurasian Collared-Dove (**I**) (*Streptopelia decaocto*): Noted on three days of the trip when in towns.  
Inca Dove (*Columbina inca*): Found twice, once at the Johnson Ponds (Alpine) and again on one day in Big Bend NP.  
White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*): Found on every day of the trip, heard or seen at numerous sites.  
Mourning Dove (*Zenaida macroura*): Found on six of seven days of the trip

### **CUCKOOS (Cuculidae)**

Greater Roadrunner (*Geococcyx californianus*): Seen on four days of the trip, perhaps the most notable one being “Gimpy” at the Chisos Basin.

### **NIGHTJARS (Caprimulgidae)**

Lesser Nighthawk (*Chordeiles acutipennis*): Seen on three days, perhaps best in the early morning when foraging and sitting under the street lights in front of Big Bend Resorts & Adventures.  
Common Poorwill (*Phalaenoptilus nuttallii*): One heard calling in the early morning of our last field day, before leaving Chisos Basin.

### **SWIFTS (Apodidae)**

White-throated Swift (*Aeronautes saxatalis*): Seen twice (and heard on one more day), first at the Point of Rocks Picnic Area and again in Big Bend NP.

### **HUMMINGBIRDS (Trochilidae)**

Lucifer Hummingbird (*Calothorax lucifer*): Well seen by all perched on a dead agave and feeding at the Christmas Mountains Oasis.  
Black-chinned Hummingbird (*Archilochus alexandri*): Seen on five days, including one building a nest at Point of Rocks Picnic Area.  
Broad-tailed Hummingbird (*Selasphorus platycercus*): Reported on one day of the trip.

### **RAILS, COOTS, AND ALLIES (Rallidae)**

American Coot (*Fulica americana*): Found both on the pond at The Post and at the Study Butte/Terlinga Wastewater Treatment Plant.

### **LAPWINGS AND PLOVERS (Charadriidae)**

Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*): Seen once in Big Bend NP at the flooded campsites at Rio Grande Village CG.

### **SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES (Scolopacidae)**

Baird's Sandpiper (*Calidris bairdii*): Found at the Study Butte/Terlinga Wastewater Treatment Plant.  
Wilson's Phalarope (*Phalaropus tricolor*): A small flock foraging in the water at the Study Butte/Terlinga Wastewater Treatment Plant.  
Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularius*): Seen once in Big Bend NP along the Rio Grande on the Rio Grande Village Nature Trail.  
Solitary Sandpiper (*Tringa solitaria*): Found on three days, at The Post and on both days in Big Bend NP.  
Willet (*Tringa semipalmata*): A flock of 13 observed flying around the Far Flung Outdoor Center's coffee shop, apparently in desperate need of both a wetland and coffee!

### **HERONS AND EGRETS (Ardeidae)**

Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*): Seen on two days, at The Post and in Big Bend NP.

### **IBIS AND SPOONBILLS (Threskiornithidae)**

White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*): Seen once in Big Bend NP at the flooded campsites at Rio Grande Village CG.

### **NEW WORLD VULTURES (Cathartidae)**

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*): Seen on three days when in Big Bend NP.

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*): Seen on all days of the trip, from the vehicles, soaring, and perched in the morning on trees or cliffs.

### **HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES (Accipitridae)**

Northern Harrier (*Circus cyaneus*): seen on three days, both while driving and while in the field in Big Bend NP.

Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*): Fly-over at Fort Peña Colorado Park (The Post), Marathon

Cooper's Hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*): Seen at Davis Mountains State Park (where nesting in the campground) and at Lawrence E. Wood Picnic Area.

Common Black Hawk (*Buteogallus anthracinus*): Seen on two days on the visits to Rio Grande Village, where nesting.

Gray Hawk (*Buteo plagiatus*): Well observed on two days during the visits to Rio Grande Village.

Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*): Seen very well soaring in circles over The Post.

Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainson*): Seen on four days of the trip, probably the most frequently seen hawk while driving.

Zone-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albonotatus*): Seen once at Davis Mountains State Park, where one cooperatively soared with Turkey Vultures (as if in a bird ID training video!).

Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*): Found on four days of the trip in several sites

Ferruginous Hawk (*Buteo regalis*): Seen soaring at a great distance at the Marathon prairie dog town.

### **OWLS (Strigidae)**

Western Screech-Owl (*Megascops kennicottii*): Found on two days, first seen (thanks to Bryan) perched in the trees outside the Cattleman's Guesthouse and then again at Big Bend NP.

Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*): Seen on three days at Cattleman's Guesthouse and on both visits to Cottonwood Campground.

Elf Owl (*Micrathene whitneyi*): Seen briefly at its hole in the Davis Mountains State Park campground, perhaps intimidated by the large crowd of birders watching it!

Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia*): Two picked out sitting and/or flying at the Marathon prairie dog town.

### **KINGFISHERS (Alcedinidae)**

Belted Kingfisher (*Megaceryle alcyon*): Seen at The Post.

### **WOODPECKERS (Picidae)**

Acorn Woodpecker (*Melanerpes formicivorus*): Seen at Davis Mountains State Park and on all days in Big Bend NP.

Golden-fronted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes aurifrons*): Loud and conspicuous, this woodpecker was seen at The Post and during our visits to the lower elevation areas of Big Bend NP.

Ladder-backed Woodpecker (*Dryobates scalaris*): Found on six days of the trip at a variety of sites.

Northern Flicker (*Colaptes auratus*): Found on two days in the Davis Mountains and again at Big Bend NP.

### **FALCONS AND CARACARAS (Falconidae)**

American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*): Found on two days near Fort Davis.

### **TYRANT FLYCATCHERS (Tyrannidae)**

Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*): Seen on the last field day in the Chisos Basin.

Western Wood-Pewee (*Contopus sordidulus*): Probable sighting on the last field day in the Chisos Basin.

Gray Flycatcher (*Empidonax wrightii*): Found on one day in the Davis Mountains.

Black Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*): Found two days in Big Bend NP.

Say's Phoebe (*Sayornis saya*): Found on five days at several sites.

Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*): This colorful flycatcher was found at or near riparian and irrigated sites at The Post, Davis Mountains State Park, and in Big Bend NP.

Ash-throated Flycatcher (*Myiarchus cinerascens*): Found on six days at several sites.

Brown-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*): Found on one day at Cottonwood CG.

Cassin's Kingbird (*Tyrannus vociferans*): Found on three days, but most conspicuous at Davis Mountains State Park.

Western Kingbird (*Tyrannus verticalis*): Found on five days, sometimes while driving, at a variety of sites.

### **SHRIKES (Laniidae)**

Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*): Seen at the Marathon prairie dog town and on two days in Big Bend NP.

### **VIREOS (Vireonidae)**

Bell's Vireo (*Vireo bellii*): Way more often heard than seen, this denizen of mesquite scrub and similar habitats was found on four days.

Gray Vireo (*Vireo vicinior*): Heard singing on one day in Big Bend NP.

Plumbeous Vireo (*Vireo plumbeus*): Seen by a few on the Madera Canyon after being spotted by Dave.

### **CROWS AND JAYS (Corvidae)**

Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay (*Aphelocoma woodhouseii*): The common jay of the Davis Mountains, this species was seen on both days there.

Mexican Jay (*Aphelocoma wollweberi*): The common jay of the Chisos Mountains, this species was seen on all three days there, including from some of the room balconies!

Chihuahuan Raven (*Corvus cryptoleucus*): Very difficult to separate from the following species, but we definitely saw this on the first day and most likely on at least two other days.

Common Raven (*Corvus corax*): Found on five days of the trip, flying or calling.

### **CHICKADEES AND TITS (Paridae)**

Black-crested Titmouse (*Baeolophus atricristatus*): Seen on four days of the trip, in both the Davis and Chisos Mountains.

### **PENDULINE TITS (Remizidae)**

Verdin (*Auriparus flaviceps*): Seen on the two full field days in Big Bend NP.

### **SWALLOWS AND MARTINS (Hirundinidae)**

Northern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*): Seen on the two full field days in Big Bend NP when on or near the Rio Grande.

Tree Swallow (*Tachycineta bicolor*): Seen only at The Post.

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*): Found on the first three days of the trip on the way to and near Fort Davis and Marathon.

Cliff Swallow (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*): Found on two days, at The Post and in Big Bend NP.

Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*): Found at The Post, where some perched for an incredible comparison in the same tree with the preceding species.

### **BUSHTITS (Aegithalidae)**

Bushtit (*Psaltriparus minimus*): Seen on two days, once in the Davis Mountains and again in the Chisos Basin.

### **KINGLETS (Regulidae)**

Ruby-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus calendula*): This fairly common migrant in the region was seen on six days at a variety of sites visited.

### **NUTHATCHES (Sittidae)**

Red-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta canadensis*): Seen twice, once at Johnson Ponds in Alpine and again in the Chisos Basin.

White-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis*): Found on our visit to Davis Mountains State Park at the wildlife viewing area.

### **GNATCATCHERS (Polioptilidae)**

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila caerulea*): Found on all three days in the Chisos Mountains.

Black-tailed Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila melanura*): Found on the two full field days in Big Bend NP.

### **WRENS (Troglodytidae)**

Rock Wren (*Salpinctes obsoletus*): Found on one day in Big Bend NP.

Canyon Wren (*Catherpes mexicanus*): Found on two days in Big Bend NP at Lower Burro Mesa Pour-off.

Marsh Wren (*Cistothorus palustris*): A very good view, but brief, at The Post.

Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*): Seen on one day at the Rio Grande Village Nature Trail.

Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*): Seen on two days, once at Davis Mountains State Park and again on the Chisos Basin Loop Trail hike.

Cactus Wren (*Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus*): Most often heard, but occasionally seen, on four days at The Post and on all the days in Big Bend NP.

### **STARLINGS (Sturnidae)**

European Starling (I) (*Sturnus vulgaris*): Seen on three days in various cities.

### **MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS (Mimidae)**

Curve-billed Thrasher (*Toxostoma curvirostre*): Seen on four days at Johnson Ponds, Christmas Mountains Oasis, and in Big Bend NP.

Brown Thrasher (*Toxostoma rufum*): A west Texas rarity (though very familiar to eastern birders), this previously reported bird was well seen at the Davis Mountains State Park Interpretive Center blind.

Crissal Thrasher (*Toxostoma crissale*): Seen on one day in the Chisos Basin.

Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*): Seen (and/or heard!) on five days on birding trips and while driving at a variety of sites.

### **THRUSHES (Turdidae)**

Western Bluebird (*Sialia mexicana*): Seen on two days in Big Bend NP.

Townsend's Solitaire (*Myadestes townsendi*): Seen on two days, once at Davis Mountains State Park and again on the Windows Trail in Chisos Basin.

Hermit Thrush (*Catharus guttatus*): Seen on four days in the Davis Mountains, The Post, Christmas Mountains Oasis, and Big Bend NP.

Wood Thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*): A west Texas rarity (from eastern North America), this bird was seen at Johnson Ponds by some in the group; it had been reported previously.

### **WAXWINGS (Bombycillidae)**

Cedar Waxwing (*Bombycilla cedrorum*): A very large flock seen at the wildlife viewing blind at Davis Mountains State Park.

### **SILKY-FLYCATCHERS (Ptilonotidae)**

Phainopepla (*Phainopepla nitens*): Seen on four days at Christmas Mountains Oasis and in Big Bend NP.

### **OLD WORLD SPARROWS (Passeridae)**

House Sparrow (I) (*Passer domesticus*): Seen on five days in a variety of urban/suburban settings.

### **PIPITS AND WAGTAILS (Motacillidae)**

American Pipit (*Anthus rubescens*): Seen on three days at The Post, Study Butte/Terlingua Water Treatment Plant, and Rio Grande Village CG.

### **FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS (Fringillidae)**

House Finch (*Haemorhous mexicanus*): Seen on six days of the trip in a variety of human-associated and natural habitats at several sites.

Pine Siskin (*Spinus pinus*): Seen, often in quite large numbers, on four days at Davis Mountains State Park, The Post, and in Big Bend NP.

Lesser Goldfinch (*Spinus psaltria*): Seen on three days at Davis Mountains State Park, The Post, and in Big Bend NP.

### **NEW WORLD SPARROWS (Passerellidae)**

Chipping Sparrow (*Spizella passerina*): Found on all seven days of the trip, often in relatively large numbers, at numerous areas visited.

Clay-colored Sparrow (*Spizella pallida*): One observed by Dave's group coming to drink at a puddle in the road at Dugout Wells.

Black-chinned Sparrow (*Spizella atrogularis*): Seen by many from the Windows Trail hike in the Chisos Basin.

Field Sparrow (*Spizella pallida*): Seen by Bryan's group at Cottonwood Campground

Brewer's Sparrow (*Spizella breweri*): Seen on four days of the tour in many places, including The Post, Johnson Ponds, Christmas Mountains Oasis, and in many of the places visited in Big Bend NP.

Black-throated Sparrow (*Amphispiza bilineata*): This beautiful desert sparrow was seen on five days of the tour at Davis Mountains State Park, Christmas Mountains Oasis, and in Big Bend NP.

Lark Sparrow (*Chondestes grammacus*): This large, colorful sparrow was seen on five days on the Madera Canyon Trail, The Post, Christmas Mountains Oasis, and several times in Big Bend NP.

Lark Bunting (*Calamospiza melanocorys*): Seen on four days, mostly molting or still in winter plumage, at The Post and on all the days in Big Bend NP.



Dark-eyed Junco (*Junco hyemalis*): The Gray-headed form was seen at Davis Mountains State Park and at the Lower Burro Mesa Pouroff on one visit there.

White-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*): Seen on five days at many sites visited, particularly near feeders.

Vesper Sparrow (*Pooecetes gramineus*): Found on four days, though in small numbers, on the drive into The Post and at sites in Big Bend NP such as the Rio Grande Village Nature Trail and Sam Nail Ranch.

Savannah Sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis*): Seen on the two full days in Big Bend NP along the Boquillas Canyon Trail and at Rio Grande Village.

Song Sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*): Found once at The Post.

Lincoln's Sparrow (*Melospiza lincolni*): Found on three days, at Davis Mountains State Park, Christmas Mountains Oasis, and Sam Nail Ranch.

Swamp Sparrow (*Melospiza georgiana*): Well seen, to Dave and Bryan's delight, drinking from the water flowing down the dam at The Post.

Canyon Towhee (*Melospiza fusca*): Pretty widespread and ubiquitous in both the Davis and Chisos Mountains.

Rufous-crowned Sparrow (*Aimophila ruficeps*): Seen reasonably well at the Davis Mountains State Park wildlife blind and on the Basin Loop Trail, Chisos Basin.

Green-tailed Towhee (*Pipilo chlorurus*): This very handsome towhee as seen on five days at several sites.

Spotted Towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*): Only found on two days, once at Davis Mountains State Park and again in the Chisos Basin.

#### **YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT (Icteriidae)**

Yellow-breasted Chat (*Icteria virens*): This large, colorful, and noisy "used-to-be-a-warbler" was found at The Post and at many lower elevation sites in Big Bend NP.

#### **NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS (Icteridae)**

Yellow-headed Blackbird (*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*): Found at the feeders by the trailer next to the Study Butte/Terlingua Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*): Seen walking on the ground in the Rio Grande Village CG on one visit.

Orchard Oriole (*Icterus spurius*): Seen by Bryan's group at Cottonwood Campground

Hooded Oriole (*Icterus cucullatus*): One female seen at Fort Peña Colorado Park (The Post), Marathon.

Bullock's Oriole (*Icterus bullockii*): Found on three days at The Post, Christmas Mountains Oasis, and Chisos Basin.

Scott's Oriole (*Icterus parisorum*): Our most frequently encountered oriole, Scott's was found on six days of the trip in many sites, most notably singing outside the lodge rooms in the Chisos Basin.

Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*): Found on two days at The Post (where singing and displaying) and a lone female seen at Cottonwood CG on one visit there.

Brown-headed Cowbird (*Molothrus ater*): Seen on four days at The Post, Christmas Mountains Oasis, and in Big Bend NP.

Brewer's Blackbird (*Euphagus cyanocephalus*): Found on four days at Study Butte/Terlingua WTP and in various sites in Big Bend NP.

Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*): Seen at the start of the trip at the Pilot in Van Horn and again in Fort Davis.

#### **NEW WORLD WARBLERS (Parulidae)**

Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*): one seen by Dave's eastside Big Bend group at Dugout Wells.

Orange-crowned Warbler (*Oreothlypis celata*): Found on three days in Big Bend NP.

Lucy's Warbler (*Oreothlypis luciae*): (GO) One heard by Bryan at Cottonwood Campground.

Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*): Found on four days at Johnson Ponds and in Big Bend NP.  
Northern Parula (*Setophaga americana*): one seen by Dave's eastside Big Bend group at Dugout Wells.  
Yellow Warbler (*Setophaga petechia*): One found by the Rio Grande at the Rio Grande Village Nature Trail.  
Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Setophaga coronata*): A common and ubiquitous migrant, this species was found on six days of the trip at many sites, almost all of the Audubon's (western) form, although at least one Myrtle (eastern) form was seen at Cottonwood CG by Dave's westside group.  
Black-throated Gray Warbler (*Setophaga nigrescens*): one seen by Dave's eastside Big Bend group at Dugout Wells  
Wilson's Warbler (*Cardellina pusilla*): The most frequently encountered warbler, found on all seven days of the trip, almost anywhere there was some form of tree or shrub habitat.

### **CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND ALLIES (Cardinalidae)**

Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*): Seen on four days of the trip when it appropriate riparian habitat, such as at The Post and in Big Bend NP.  
Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*): This migrant species of tanager was seen on the last two days at Big Bend NP, most notably a large group on the Basin Loop Trail hike.  
Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*): Encountered on four days, either by sight or sound, at most desert habitats during the trip.  
Pyrrhuloxia (*Cardinalis sinuatus*): Found on five days at The Post, Christmas Mountains Oasis, and at various sites in Big Bend NP.  
Black-headed Grosbeak (*Pheucticus melanocephalus*): Found on four days at Davis Mountains State Park, Christmas Mountains Oasis, and in the Chisos Basin.  
Blue Grosbeak (*Passerina caerulea*): A few males found at The Post.  
Lazuli Bunting (*Passerina amoena*): Found on three days while in Big Bend NP.  
Indigo Bunting (*Passerina cyanea*): Found on one day in Big Bend NP.  
Varied Bunting (*Passerina versicolor*): A male seen briefly by a few at Christmas Mountains Oasis.  
Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*): Although hard to see well, despite its outrageous colors, a few were seen on three days at sites in Big Bend NP near the Rio Grande.

### **MAMMALS (12 species recorded):**

Desert Cottontail (*Sylvilagus auduboni*): Found on three days of the trip.  
Rock Squirrel (*Spermophilus variegatus*): Reported on two days, once at Davis Mountains State Park and again when feeding in an Ocotillo at Lower Burro Mesa Pour-off on one of the visits there.  
Black-tailed Prairie Dog (*Cynomys ludovicianus*): Found, as expected, at the colony NE of Marathon.  
Collared Peccary/Javelina (*Tayassu tajacu*): Found on three days, at the Cattlemen's Guesthouse and in Big Bend NP at Rio Grande Village.  
White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*): A few individuals of the Sierra del Carmen subspecies seen around the lodge buildings at Chisos Basin.  
Mule Deer (*Odocoileus hemionus*): The most commonly seen deer, even from the vehicles, it was seen on four days of the trip.  
Pronghorn (*Antilocarpa americana*): Found on three days of the trip, often while driving, but also at the Marathon prairie-dog town.  
Gray Fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*): One seen at Chisos Basin on the last full day of the trip.  
Coyote (*Canis latrans*): Seen twice, including at the Marathon prairie dog town and in Big Bend NP.  
Feral pig (*Sus scrofa*): Seen by few while driving through the Davis Mountains.  
Barbary Sheep/Aoudad (*Ammotragus lervia*): Seen on two days at Davis Mountains State Park and in Big Bend.



Black Bear (*Ursus americanus*): Mother and cubs seen by some participants from the lodge buildings at Chisos Basin; also found by a small sub-group during an owling (“bear-ing”) hike led by Bryan.

**REPTILES (6 species), AMPHIBIANS (1 species), INSECTS (6 species), FISH (1 species):**

Greater Earless Lizard (*Cophosaurus texanus*): Well seen in the wash at Lower Burro Mesa Pouroff by Dave’s westside group (“lizards are just like cats”).

Side-blotched Lizard (*Uta stansburiana*): Seen on one day of the trip.

Western Coachwhip Snake (*Masticophis flagellum*): One individual very well observed while hiding under a cactus along the Boquillas Canyon Trail.

Plain-bellied Watersnake (*Nerodia erythrogaster*): One seen swimming in the ponds on the Rio Grande Village Nature Trail.

Big Bend Slider (*Trachemys gaigeae*): At least one perched on a log in the ponds on the Rio Grande Village Nature Trail.

Spiny Soft-shelled Turtle (*Apolone spinifera*): Seen on both visits to the ponds along the Rio Grande Village Nature Trail.

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

Darkling Beetle (Tenebrionidae sp.): One observed ambling along during the Madera Canyon Trail hike.

Red Satyr (*Megisto rubricata*): Many individuals of this species, clearly an early spring flyer, seen on the Madera Canyon Trail hike, Davis Mountains.

Empress Leilia (*Asterocampa leilia*): Seen on one day at Rio Grande Village.

Monarch (*Danaus plexippus*): Seen on two days during the trip.

Marine Blue (*Leptotes marina*): Seen on one day at Johnson Ponds.

Tarantula Hawk (Pompilidae sp.): Seen on one day of the trip.

Blue Tilapia (I) (*Oreochromis aureus*): Many individuals seen guarding next excavations in the ponds on the Rio Grande Village Nature Trail.

**LOCATIONS AND NOTES:**

Day 1: April 19, 2021; El Paso, Sierra Blanca, Van Horn (Pilot Travel Center, Cemetery), Point of Rocks Roadside Picnic Area, Fort Davis

Day 2: April 20, 2021; Davis Mountains State Park, Lawrence E. Wood Picnic Area, Madera Canyon Trail (TNC Davis Mountains Preserve)

Day 3: April 21, 2021; Fort Davis, Fort Peña Colorado Park (The Post), Marathon prairie dog town, Johnson Ponds

Day 4: April 22, 2021; Cattleman’s Guesthouse (Alpine), Christmas Mountains Oasis, Barton Warnock Visitor Center, Study Butte/Terlingua Wastewater Treatment Pond

Day 5: April 23 2021; Study Butte/Terlingua, 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: April 24, 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 7: April 25, 2021; Chisos Basin (Window Trail, Basin Loop Trail, Window Overlook Trail, campground & wastewater treatment plant)