

Texas' Big Bend | Species List

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HO = Distinctive enough to be counted by guides and clients as heard only

GO = Heard and/or seen by guide only

(#) = Number of days each species was encountered, out of 7 days of birding on the trip

Note that the following locations were all inside Big Bend National Park: Boquillas Canyon; Rio Grande Village (incl. Nature Trail); Dugout Wells; Sam Nail Ranch; Pinnacles Trail; Chisos Basin (incl. all sites in the Chisos Mtns.); Santa Elena Canyon; Cottonwood Campground; and Panther Junction.

Summary:

In one of the most remote corners of Texas and at the northern end of the expansive Chihuahuan Desert, Big Bend National Park features a surprisingly diverse array of habitats, from the Rio Grande River to the Chisos Mountains. We started in El Paso, with a stop in the Davis Mountains and three full days in the park, ending with key birding oases in Marathon and the Christmas Mountains. A few wetlands padded the list with several water birds, and we found many Chihuahuan desert specialties, including the much-sought-after Colima Warbler. We also enjoyed some impressive thunderstorms with stunning scenic backdrops. Here is a summary of the birds and other wildlife we encountered.

BIRDS (148 species recorded, of which only one each were HO and GO):

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae

Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors*—(3) We found small flocks of about 10 birds each at Balmorhea Lake and on the Rio Grande at Boquillas Canyon.

Cinnamon Teal *Anas cyanoptera*—(2) Single birds seen at Balmorhea Lake (GO) and the Terlingua sewage ponds.

Mexican Duck *Anas diazi*—(2) A pair seen at Balmorhea Lake and two surprisingly seen at Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca*—(1) Two birds seen at Balmorhea Lake.

NEW WORLD QUAIL: Odontophoridae

Scaled Quail *Callipepla squamata*—(2) First seen by GO at Dugout Wells, then a small covey seen by all at the feeders at Christmas Mountains Oasis; also seen well at Terlingua sewage ponds.

GREBES: Podicipedidae

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*—(2) Single birds found at Balmorhea Lake and along the Rio Grande at the Village Nature Trail.

Western Grebe *Aechmophorus occidentalis*—(1) Several seen among at least 34 Western/Clark's-types at Balmorhea Lake.

Clark's Grebe *Aechmophorus clarkii*—(1) At least one confirmed among the flock of grebes at Balmorhea Lake.

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*—(2) Seen only twice, in El Paso and Ft. Davis.

Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*—(5) Quite common, including birds at Davis Mtns. State Park, The Post, and Rio Grande Village Nature Trail.

Inca Dove *Columbina inca*—(1) Only seen once, at Gage Gardens in Marathon.

White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica*—(7) White-winged Doves occurred pretty much everywhere we visited, with small flocks at Dugout Wells, Rio Grande Village, Cottonwood Campground, Dugout Wells, Terlingua, Christmas Mountains Oasis, and Gage Gardens in Marathon; one seen on a nest in Chisos Basin Campground.

Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura*—(4) Not so widespread and only in small numbers, including birds at The Post, Village Nature Trail, Christmas Mountains, and Gage Gardens.

CUCKOOS: Cuculidae

Greater Roadrunner *Geococcyx californianus*—(5) Besides regular sightings of "Gimpy" at the Chisos Basin Lodge area, we found birds at three Rio Grande sites, including Santa Elena Canyon and two juveniles with an adult at the Village Nature Trail.

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae

Lesser Nighthawk *Chordeiles acutipennis*—(2) Five seen coursing over the desert floor at sunset at Dugout Wells, and then four at Christmas Mountains Oasis.

SWIFTS: Apodidae

White-throated Swift *Aeronautes saxatalis*—(2) Twittering flock of 15 seen by the hiking group on the Pinnacles Trail, and four feeding high above Santa Elena Canyon.

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae

Blue-throated Mountain-gem *Lampornis clemenciae*—(1) One seen—along with Broad-tailed—by the hiking group on the Pinnacles Trail.

Lucifer Hummingbird *Calothorax lucifer*—(1) As anticipated, both male and female seen well by all at Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Black-chinned Hummingbird *Archilochus alexandri*—(3) Though not common, still our most widespread hummer, with our first at The Post, and then nine at Christmas Mountains Oasis and three at Gage Gardens in Marathon.

Broad-tailed Hummingbird *Selasphorus platycercus*—(1) Two seen by the hikers on the Pinnacles Trail.

RAILS, COOTS, AND ALLIES: Rallidae

American Coot *Fulica americana*—(3) Flock of 13 at Balmorhea Lake, one at The Post, and then one on the Rio Grande at the Village Nature Trail.

STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*—(1) Flock of seven among other migrating shorebirds at Balmorhea Lake.

LAPWINGS AND PLOVERS: Charadriidae

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus*—(4) Seen in several locations, including five at Balmorhea Lake, three at The Post, and a couple along the river at Boquillas Canyon overlook.

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae

Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii*—(2) Two at Balmorhea Lake and two along the Rio Grande at Boquillas Canyon.

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*—(1) Flock of 12 at Balmorhea Lake.

Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus*—(1) Single bird with other shorebirds at Balmorhea Lake.

Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor*—(1) Several seen at Terlingua sewage ponds.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*—(2) Two among other sandpipers at Balmorhea Lake, then again at Terlingua sewage ponds.

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*—(1) Two among other sandpipers Balmorhea Lake.

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae

Franklin's Gull *Leucophaeus pipixcan*—(1) A nice discovery of 10 birds at Balmorhea Lake.

Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis*—(1) Five along the shoreline at Balmorhea Lake.

Forster's Tern *Sterna forsteri*—(1) A flock of 10 scattered around at Balmorhea Lake.

CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae

Double-crested Cormorant *Phalacrocorax auritus*—(1) Single bird at Balmorhea Lake.

PELICANS: Pelecanidae

American White Pelican *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*—(1) Two birds at Balmorhea Lake.

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*—(1) RG Village Nature Trail.

Great Egret *Ardea alba*—(1) 2 Balmorhea Lake

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*—(1)

Green Heron *Butorides virescens*—(1) Seen only once along the river at the Village Nature Trail.

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae

White-faced Ibis *Plegadis chihi*—(2) Seen along the river at both ends of the park, at Boquillas Canyon and Cottonwood Campground.

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*—(2) Only a handful seen with one at the Village Nature Trail and four at Santa Elena Canyon.

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*—(7) Widespread throughout the trip, with the highest concentrations of 14 at Rio Grande Village and 11 at Santa Elena Canyon.

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae

Mississippi Kite *Ictinia mississippiensis*—(1) Nice surprise, with one bird seen at Santa Elena Canyon.

White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus*—(1) Seen only once, from the highway en route to Fort Davis.

Common Black Hawk *Buteogallus anthracinus*—(1) Both individuals of the breeding pair seen at Rio Grande Village, with one circling low over the river and the other on the nest.

Swainson's Hawk *Buteo swainsoni*—(4) Small numbers of migrants seen widespread in the desert areas, and one seen from the Pinnacles Trail.

Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*—(4) Individuals seen at The Post, the Pinnacles Trail, and Christmas Mountains Oasis, as well as small numbers in our travels.

OWLS: Strigidae

Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus*—(1) Pair of resident birds found at Cottonwood Campground.

Elf Owl *Micrathene whitneyi*—(1) We waited patiently at Davis Mtns. State Park for one bird to emerge from its nest cavity, and we weren't disappointed; one of the most charismatic birds of the trip.

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae

Belted Kingfisher *Megaceryle alcyon*—(2) Two birds seen at Balmorhea Lake and one at Gage Gardens.

WOODPECKERS: Picidae

Acorn Woodpecker *Melanerpes formicivorus*—(4) Widespread in both the Davis and Chisos Mountains, with the highest numbers seen on the Pinnacles Trail and in the Chisos Basin.

Golden-fronted Woodpecker *Melanerpes aurifrons*—(4) Widespread in the lowlands, including birds found at The Post, Rio Grande Village, and Cottonwood Campground; one seen attempting to subdue a side-blotched lizard at Gage Gardens, only to have it stolen by a Great-tailed Grackle.

Ladder-backed Woodpecker *Dryobates scalaris*—(5) Most widespread woodpecker, with birds seen in the park at Chisos Basin, Dugout Wells, Rio Grande Village, Sam Nail Ranch, and Cottonwood Campground, among other spots; also at Madera Canyon Trail and Gage Gardens in Marathon.

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae

Western Wood-Pewee *Contopus sordidulus*—(3) Single silent birds found at The Post, Rio Grande Village, and the Pinnacles Trail.

Gray Flycatcher *Empidonax wrightii*—(2) Likely migrants found at Madera Canyon and the Chisos Basin.

Dusky Flycatcher *Empidonax oberholseri*—(2) Possibly the same bird seen twice in the Chisos Basin.

Cordilleran Flycatcher *Empidonax occidentalis*—(1) Three individuals seen along the Pinnacles Trail.

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*—(1) One bird seen in its 'regular' spot on the Rio Grande at Santa Elena Canyon.

Say's Phoebe *Sayornis saya*—(6) One of the most common flycatchers, with three each seen at The Post and at Gage Gardens in Marathon; also found at multiple locations in the Chisos Mountains, with a pair seen daily around the lodge; active nest at the fossil exhibit at the entrance to the park.

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*—(4) Fairly widespread at lower elevations, with a pair seen at The Post, six at Rio Grande Village, seven birds—including adults feeding fledglings—at Cottonwood Campground, and seven at Gage Gardens in Marathon.

Ash-throated Flycatcher *Myiarchus cinerascens*—(6) Widespread and common, including singles at Madera Canyon and The Post, and then three at Rio Grande Village and two in the Chisos Basin.

Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus*—(2) Seen at both ends of the park along the Rio Grande, at Rio Grande Village and Cottonwood Campground.

Cassin's Kingbird *Tyrannus vociferans*—(1) Only one seen at Balmorhea Lake.

Western Kingbird *Tyrannus verticalis*—(6) Our most widespread flycatcher, including birds seen at Balmorhea Lake, Davis Mtns. State Park, Dugout Wells, Cottonwood Campground, and seven each at The Post and Gage Gardens.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus forficatus*—(2) Seen well but only twice, at The Post and Terlingua sewage ponds.

SHRIKES: Laniidae

Loggerhead Shrike *Lanius ludovicianus*—(2) One seen outside Marathon and one inside the park.

VIREOS: Vireonidae

Bell's Vireo *Vireo bellii*—(4) We had crazy numbers of Bell's singing all over the place on four days, with our first pair at The Post and our last at Christmas Mountains Oasis and Gage Gardens; birds were also conspicuous at lower elevations in the park, including Dugout Wells, Sam Nail Ranch, along the river, and an amazing 13 found at Rio Grande Village; one bird seen on a nest at Cottonwood Campground.

Hutton's Vireo *Vireo huttoni*—(1) Three birds of the southwestern subspecies seen on the Pinnacles Trail.

Plumbeous Vireo *Vireo plumbeus*—(3) First HO in the Davis Mountains (sounding very much like a Gray Vireo!), and then seen at The Post and in the Chisos Basin.

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae

Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay *Aphelocoma woodhouseii*—(1) Seen only in Madera Canyon in the Davis Mtns.

Mexican Jay *Aphelocoma wollweberi*—(3) Commonly encountered in the Chisos Mountains with 15 seen on the Pinnacles Trail.

Chihuahuan Raven *Corvus cryptoleucus*—(5) Widespread around the Chihuahuan Desert lowlands.

Common Raven *Corvus corax*—(3) Scattered birds seen in the Davis and Chisos Mountains.

CHICKADEES AND TITS: Paridae

Black-crested Titmouse *Baeolophus atricristatus*—(3) We found individuals of this south Texas specialty bird in both the Davis and Chisos Mountains.

PENDULINE TITS: Remizidae

Verdin *Auriparus flaviceps*—(3) This cute little desert dweller was vocal and conspicuous in several lowland locations, including three at Rio Grande Village, two at Village Nature Trail, and singles at Sam Nail Ranch, Santa Elena Canyon, Cottonwood Campground, and Christmas Mountains Oasis.

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae

Northern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*—(2) Small groups of four seen in two locations on the Rio Grande, at Santa Elena Canyon and Cottonwood Campground.

Tree Swallow *Tachycineta bicolor*—(1) Seen once along the river.

Violet-green Swallow *Tachycineta thalassina*—(1) Seen by the hiking group on the Pinnacles Trail.

Bank Swallow *Riparia riparia*—(1) One picked out of the swallow flock at Gage Gardens in Marathon.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*—(4) Fairly widespread in the lowlands, with 17 seen at The Post.

Cliff Swallow—(1) One picked out of the swallow flock at Gage Gardens in Marathon.

Cave Swallow *Petrochelidon fulva*—(1) Four found in the swallow flock at Gage Gardens in Marathon.

BUSHTITS: Aegithalidae

Bushtit *Psaltriparus minimus*—(2) Seen only twice, in Davis Mtns. State Park and Chisos Basin.

KINGLETS: Regulidae

Ruby-crowned Kinglet *Regulus calendula*—(2) Found twice, at The Post and HO at Rio Grande Village.

NUTHATCHES: Sittidae

White-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta carolinensis*—(1) HO on the Pinnacles Trail.

GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *Polioptila caerulea*—(1) Seen easily at higher elevations in the Chisos Mountains, with four on the Pinnacles Trail and five on the Chisos Basin Trail.

Black-tailed Gnatcatcher *Polioptila melanura*—(2) Found twice in the park, on the Pinnacles Trail and at Sam Nail Ranch.

WRENS: Troglodytidae

Rock Wren *Salpinctes obsoletus*—(2) Found only twice but seen well both times, with one on the Chisos Basin Trail and two at Santa Elena Canyon.

Canyon Wren *Catherpes mexicanus*—(2) HO in the Chisos Basin and then lovely serenades of at least four birds led us to decent looks in Santa Elena Canyon.

Bewick's Wren *Thryomanes bewickii*—(4) Singles seen in the Davis and Chisos Mountains, with a pair on the Pinnacles Trail.

Cactus Wren *Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus*—(5) Widespread from the lowlands to the mountains, with our first bird HO at The Post, at least four seen in the Chisos Basin, four at Dugout Wells, two at Sam Nail Ranch, and finally again at Christmas Mountains Oasis.

STARLINGS: Sturnidae

European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*—(2) Seen on the two days that we passed through Marathon.

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHER: Mimidae

Curve-billed Thrasher *Toxostoma curvirostre*—(4) Widespread in small numbers, seen at The Post, Dugout Wells, Panther Junction, and in the parking lot at Far Flung Outdoor Center in Terlingua.

Crissal Thrasher *Toxostoma crissale*—(2) One pair seen well very close to the lodge in the Chisos Basin, then another at Sam Nail Ranch.

Northern Mockingbird *Mimus polyglottos*—(6) Texas' state bird was seen almost daily, from the river to the Chisos Basin, with 12 birds singing persistently—and mimicking chats, thrashers, and others—at Dugout Wells; also at The Post and Gage Gardens.

THRUSHES: Turdidae

Swainson's Thrush—(1) One bird seen by few at Gage Gardens in Marathon.

Hermit Thrush *Catharus guttatus*—(3) Likely migrants seen at The Post and Gage Gardens, and seven counted on the Pinnacles Trail.

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS: Ptilonotidae

Phainopepla *Phainopepla nitens*—(2) Seen only twice, at Davis Mtns. State Park and The Post.

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*—(5) Found in several developed areas, with a busy flock of five at Panther Junction and four at Far Flung Outdoor Center in Terlingua.

PIPITS AND WAGTAILS: Motacillidae

American Pipit *Anthus rubescens*—(5) First seen well on the shoreline at Balmorhea Lake, then again at The Post, Dugout Wells, and Chisos Basin Campground, with at least 10 counted in the grassy fields next to Gage Gardens in Marathon.

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae

House Finch *Haemorhous mexicanus*—(6) Small flocks seen almost daily and in a wide range of habitats from the Davis and Chisos Mountains to the river, as well as five at Gage Gardens.

Pine Siskin *Spinus pinus*—(2) Seen only twice, in the Davis Mountains and Chisos Basin.

Lesser Goldfinch *Spinus psaltria*—(3) Individuals seen in Ft. Davis and Dugout Wells, with a half-dozen at Gage Gardens in Marathon.

American Goldfinch *Spinus tristis*—(1) Two birds seen at Gage Gardens.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae

Chipping Sparrow *Spizella passerina*—(3) Seen in Ft. Davis and Marathon, with five at Chisos Basin Campground.

Clay-colored Sparrow *Spizella pallida*—(3) Five seen at Christmas Mountains Oasis, as well as individuals at Chisos Basin Campground and Gage Gardens.

Black-chinned Sparrow *Spizella atrogularis*—(3) Singing birds seen well on the Madera Canyon and Chisos Basin Trails; HO singing on the hills behind The Post.

Black-throated Sparrow *Amphispiza bilineata*—(3) Singing birds seen repeatedly in the Chisos Basin; three at the Village Nature Trail, and singles at Sam Nail Ranch and Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Lark Sparrow *Chondestes grammacus*—(3) Small flock of four at Balmorhea Lake, then individuals seen twice along the river.

White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys*—(5) Most commonly encountered sparrow, with three birds seen at four different locations: The Post, Cottonwood Campground, Christmas Mountains Oasis, and Gage Gardens.

White-throated Sparrow *Zonotrichia albicollis*—(1) One bird seen by few at Gage Gardens in Marathon.

Vesper Sparrow *Pooecetes gramineus*—(2) Two birds seen twice along the river at Rio Grande Village and Cottonwood Campground.

Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis*—(2) One bird seen in the trail at Dugout Wells and another at Terlingua sewage ponds.

Lincoln's Sparrow *Melospiza lincolnii*—(3) Two birds seen at The Post, with singles at Dugout Wells and Terlingua sewage ponds.

Canyon Towhee *Melospiza fuscata*—(4) Seen daily in the Chisos Basin, as well as in the Davis Mountains and The Post.

Rufous-crowned Sparrow *Aimophila ruficeps*—(3) Elusive birds HO twice, but seen by both hiking groups on the Pinnacles and Chisos Basin Trails.

Green-tailed Towhee *Pipilo chlorurus*—(2) Two individuals seen, one on the Chisos Basin Trail and one at Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Spotted Towhee *Pipilo maculatus*—(2) First found in Madera Canyon in the Davis Mountains, then seen by both hiking groups, with five on the Pinnacles Trail and three on the Chisos Basin Trail.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: Icteriidae

Yellow-breasted Chat *Icteria virens*—(3) Chats were chatty, as usual, in several locations; after finding three at 3 The Post, the rest were in the park, with a handful along the river and an estimated 10 at Sam Nail Ranch.

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae

Yellow-headed Blackbird *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*—(1) One found at Terlingua sewage ponds.

Orchard Oriole *Icterus spurius*—(2) All found were likely migrants, with five at The Post and a couple at Gage Gardens.

Bullock's Oriole *Icterus bullockii*—(4) Individuals seen at lower elevations, including The Post, Dugout Wells, and Cottonwood Campground.

Scott's Oriole *Icterus parisorum*—(5) Our most regularly seen oriole, surely because of conspicuous birds in the Chisos Basin; HO at Santa Elena Canyon.

Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*—(2) A meager two seen at The Post and a few along the river.

Bronzed Cowbird *Molothrus aeneus*—(2) Seen only twice, at The Post and at Gage Gardens in Marathon.

Brown-headed Cowbird *Molothrus ater*—(5) Definitely the most widespread Icterid, with flocks seen at The Post, Dugout Wells, Sam Nail Ranch, Gage Gardens, and a very busy 17 at Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Brewer's Blackbird *Euphagus cyanocephalus*—(2) One large flock of 25 at Dugout Wells, and one at Chisos Basin Campground.

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus*—(4) Seen in towns and other lowland areas outside the park, including five at Balmorhea Lake and five at Gage Gardens.

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae

Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia*—(1) One bird seen by GO on the Pinnacles Trail.

Orange-crowned Warbler *Oreothlypis celata*—(1) A single bird seen by the group on the Pinnacles Trail.

Colima Warbler *Oreothlypis crissalis*—(1) This special warbler was seen by the entire hiking group at the top of the Pinnacles Trail; congrats to all!

Nashville Warbler *Oreothlypis ruficapilla*—(2) One bird seen on the Pinnacles Trail and another at Terlingua sewage ponds.

Virginia's Warbler *Oreothlypis virginiae*—(1) One difficult bird seen and photographed at Terlingua sewage ponds.

MacGillivray's Warbler *Geothlypis tolmiei*—(2) Two seen on the Chisos Basin Trail and another at Dugout Wells.

Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas*—(3) Seen and heard along the river at multiple locations, then again at Gage Gardens.

Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechia*—(4) Individuals seen at Dugout Wells and Sam Nail Ranch, and two at Rio Grande Village,

Yellow-rumped Warbler *Setophaga coronata*—(6) The most expected and most common migrant warbler, with mostly the 'Audubon's' subspecies seen at all elevations in the park, including four at Rio Grande Village and two on the Pinnacles Trail; seven at Gage Gardens included the 'Myrtle' subspecies.

Townsend's Warbler *Setophaga townsendi*—(3) A half-dozen seen by the hikers on the Pinnacles Trail, but also in the Chisos Basin and Santa Elena Canyon; three at Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Wilson's Warbler *Cardellina pusilla*—(6) Wilson's Warblers were notoriously late migrating across the continent this year, hence our regular sightings of individual birds; sites included The Post, Dugout Wells, Chisos Basin Campground, two river sites, and Christmas Mountains Oasis.

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae

Hepatic Tanager *Piranga flava*—(2) One individual of this southwestern breeding specialty seen at Madera Canyon in the Davis Mountains, and three on the Pinnacles Trail.

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra*—(5) First seen in the Davis Mountains, then four found at The Post; found at multiple locations on the Rio Grande, including one seen drinking from the river at Santa Elena Canyon; also at Dugout Wells and Gage Gardens.

Western Tanager *Piranga ludoviciana*—(3) This species breeds in the Davis Mountains, so birds in the park may have been migrants, with a few along the river and in the Chisos Basin, two on the Pinnacles Trail, and one at Dugout Wells.

Northern Cardinal *Cardinalis cardinalis*—(6) Individuals seen at The Post, Sam Nail Ranch, Gage Gardens, and multiple sites along the Rio Grande.

Pyrrhuloxia *Cardinalis sinuatus*—(6) Always a fun bird to see on visits to the southwest, we enjoyed their widespread occurrence from Balmorhea Lake to the Rio Grande and the Christmas Mountains Oasis, with four singing on territories at Dugout Wells.

Black-headed Grosbeak *Pheucticus melanocephalus*—(4) Likely breeders seen in the Davis and Chisos Mountains, including six on the Pinnacles Trail; individuals also at Dugout Wells and Cottonwood Campground.

Blue Grosbeak *Passerina caerulea*—(3) Four birds seen on the lawn at The Post, and then seen again in the Chisos Basin and Terlingua Sewage Ponds.

Indigo Bunting *Passerina cyanea*—(1) One handsome male seen at Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Varied Bunting *Passerina versicolor*—(2) Only one seen in the park, at Sam Nail Ranch, and then two at Christmas Mountains Oasis and one at Gage Gardens.

Painted Bunting *Passerina ciris*—(4) What a stunning bird to cap off the list! We found at least three singing at Rio Grande Village, another on the Village Nature Trail, one at Chisos Basin Campground, one at Santa Elena Canyon, and five at Gage Gardens in Marathon.

MAMMALS (10 species recorded):

Desert Cottontail *Sylvilagus auduboni*—Seen twice.

Black-tailed Jackrabbit *Lepus californicus*—GO

Mexican Ground Squirrel *Spermophilus mexicanus*—Seen once.

Collared Peccary (Javelina) *Tayassu tajacu*—Seen once.

White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus*—Carmen Mountains subspecies seen on multiple days.

Mule Deer *Odocoileus hemionus*—Seen once by client only.

Pronghorn *Antilocarpa americana*—Seen on two days in the desert.

Coyote *Canis latrans*—Seen once, HO once.

Wild Boar *Sus scrofa*—Seen on day one.

Barbary Sheep *Ammotragus lervia*— Seen once in the Chisos Mountains.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (8 species recorded):

Canyon Lizard *Sceloporus merriami*—Several seen in Santa Elena Canyon.

Chihuahuan Spotted Whiptail *Aspidoscelus exsanguis*—Seen by client only.

Common Checkered Whiptail *Aspidoscelis tesselata*—Seen at Santa Elena Canyon.

Eastern Collared Lizard *Crotaphytus collaris*—Seen once.

Common Side-blotched Lizard *Uta stansburiana*—Seen along the Rio Grande.

Spiny Soft-shelled Turtle *Apolone spinifera*—Seen twice along the Rio Grande.

Yellow Mud Turtle *Kinosternon flavescens*—Seen at Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Red-eared Slider *Trachemys scripta elegans*—Seen at Rio Grande Village Nature Trail.

Gopher Snake *Pituophis catenifer*—Sonoran subspecies *P.c. affinis* seen by GO.

American Bullfrog *Lithobates catesbeianus*—Seen in the pond at Christmas Mountains Oasis.

MISC. WILDLIFE:

Arizona Sister *Adelpha Eulalia*—butterfly

Reakirt's Blue *Echinargus Isola*—butterfly

Giant Avage Bug *Acanthocephala thomasi*—True bug

Blue Tilapia *Oreochromis aureus*—Seen at the river

Eastern Ringtail *Erpetogomphus designates*—dragonfly