

Texas Big Bend: Birding & Wildlife | Species List

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(I) = Introduced

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BIRDS (145 species recorded):

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae (6)

Canada Goose *Branta canadensis*—One lone goose seen at Lake Balmorhea

Blue-winged Teal *Spatula discors*—Found at Sandia Wetlands, Lake Balmorhea, and The Post

Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata*—A pair were flushed off the ponds at Sandia Wetlands

Mexican Duck *Anas diazi*—Found at Sandia Wetlands, The Post, and as a fly-by on the Rio Grande Village Nature Trail

Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca*—A flock of 10 flew by rapidly at The Post

Ruddy Duck *Oxyura jamaicensis*—Small numbers floating out in Lake Balmorhea

NEW WORLD QUAIL: Odontophoridae (1)

Scaled Quail *Callipepla squamata*—This lovely desert quail was seen at Lake Balmorhea, along the Post Road, and at Christmas Mountains Oasis; many times, males were singing loudly

PARTRIDGES, PHEASANTS, AND ALLIES: Phasianidae (1)

Wild Turkey *Meleagris gallopavo*—Seen by one van during the drive into The Post from Marathon

GREBES: Podicipedidae (2)

Western Grebe *Aechmophorus occidentalis*—A few out on Lake Balmorhea

Clark's Grebe *Aechmophorus clarkii*—Many apparently out on Lake Balmorhea

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (5)

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* (I)—Only recorded on the first day when leaving El Paso

Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* (I)—Found on 4 days at numerous sites visited

Common Ground-Dove *Columbina passerina*—One heard calling and briefly seen when perched by Mark S. and Dave at Cottonwood Campground

White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica*—One of the most commonly encountered species of the tour, these were seen and/or heard on 7 days

Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura*—Regularly encountered at most places visited in the Davis Mountains and Big Bend

CUCKOOS: Cuculidae (1)

Greater Roadrunner *Geococcyx californianus*—Found on 4 days of the tour at various places in Big Bend, including the Chisos Basin

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae (1)

Lesser Nighthawk *Chordeiles acutipennis*—Several seen flying over the road in Big Bend when driving back to the Basin from dinner in Terlingua

SWIFTS: Apodidae (1)

White-throated Swift *Aeronautes saxatalis*—Seen on 3 days in Big Bend either in the canyons or in the mountains

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae (3)

Lucifer Hummingbird *Calothorax lucifer*—Seen very well at Christmas Mountains Oasis

Black-chinned Hummingbird *Archilochus alexandri*—The most commonly encountered hummingbird of the tour, these were seen on 5 days at many sites, especially those with feeders

Broad-tailed Hummingbird *Selasphorus platycercus*—One male perched very clearly and buzzed the group during the Chisos Mountains loop hike

RAILS, COOTS, AND ALLIES: Rallidae (1)

American Coot *Fulica americana*—Observed at Lake Balmorhea and The Post

STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae (2)

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*—Found at Sandia Wetlands Project and Lake Balmorhea

American Avocet *Recurvirostra americana*—Easily seen near the shore at Lake Balmorhea

LAPWINGS AND PLOVERS: Charadriidae (1)

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus*—Seen at Sandia Wetlands, Lake Balmorhea, and The Post

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (5)

Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii* —Found at Balmorhea Lake

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*—Found at Balmorhea Lake and Marfa Settling Ponds

Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor*—Large flock seen at a distance at Balmorhea Lake

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*—Foraging along the shore at Balmorhea Lake and The Post

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*—Found at Balmorhea Lake

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae (1)

Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis*—Found at Balmorhea Lake

CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae (1)

Double-crested Cormorant *Nannopterum auritum*—At least one positively identified in Lake Balmorhea

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae (2)

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*—One soaring overhead from the Rio Grande Village Nature Trail

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*—Seen on 7 days, one of the most widespread species of the tour

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (8)

Northern Harrier *Circus cyaneus*—One found flying off in the distance at Lake Balmorhea

Sharp-shinned Hawk *Accipiter striatus*—One seen in flight over Lawrence Wood Picnic Area, Davis Mountains

Cooper's Hawk *Accipiter cooperii*—One seen by Peter's group at Limpia Crossing

Common Black Hawk *Buteogallus anthracinus*—Seen flying and perched on the nest along the Daniels Ranch Road, Rio Grande Village

Gray Hawk *Buteo plagiatus*—A highlight of the tour, this elegant raptor was very well seen in flight on 2 days at Rio Grande Village and Cottonwood Campground

Swainson's Hawk *Buteo swainsoni*—Seen on at least 3 days of the tour, generally when flying overhead and sometimes from the vans

Zone-tailed Hawk *Buteo albonotatus*—One seen by Peter's group at Limpia Crossing

Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*—Seen by the Chisos Mountains hikers

OWLS: Strigidae (2)

Western Screech-Owl *Megascops kennicottii*—One very cleverly ensconced in a large, nearly dead, cottonwood at Dugout Wells

Elf Owl *Micrathene whitneyi*—As expected, found at its telephone pole roost/nest cavity in Davis Mountains State Park near the Interpretive Center, but found again, most unexpectedly, when Carolyn Ohl-Johnson showed us a roosting pair at very close range in some shrubs at Christmas Mountains Oasis; the latter was one of the highlights of the tour!

WOODPECKERS: Picidae (4)

Acorn Woodpecker *Melanerpes formicivorus*—Encountered on 4 days in the Davis and Chisos Mountains

Golden-fronted Woodpecker *Melanerpes aurifrons*—The common woodpecker of cottonwood riparian areas, these were found at The Post and at sites with appropriate habitat in Big Bend

Ladder-backed Woodpecker *Dryobates scalaris*—Found on 4 days at Davis Mountains State Park and at several localities in Big Bend

Northern Flicker *Colaptes auratus*—Found twice at The Post and in Big Bend

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (10)

Western Wood-Pewee *Contopus sordidulus*—A foraging bird well seen at Cottonwood Campground

Dusky Flycatcher *Empidonax oberholseri*—Seen by some in the group on the Chisos Mountains Loop Hike

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*—Seen at Rio Grande Village Nature Trail and in Santa Elena Canyon

Say's Phoebe *Sayornis saya*—Found on 7 days of the tour at multiple sites; apparently nesting in the rafters on the porch at Chisos Mountains Lodge and by the dining room

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*—Commonly encountered by the group in almost all low elevation areas either near water or with irrigated grass

Ash-throated Flycatcher *Myiarchus cinerascens*—Found on 7 days of the tour at many sites; this is the common desert flycatcher of the Southwest

Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus*—Seen in the cottonwoods at Rio Grande Village and Cottonwood

Cassin's Kingbird *Tyrannus vociferans*—The higher elevation kingbird in west Texas, these were seen at most sites visited in the Davis Mountains and at Cottonwood Campground

Western Kingbird *Tyrannus verticalis*—The common lower elevation kingbird, these were found on 4 days, often while driving

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus forficatus*—Seen by Terri and Dan at Sandia Wetlands before the group arrived and again one day while driving

VIREOS: Vireonidae (3)

Bell's Vireo *Vireo bellii*—Definitely one of those species far more often heard than seen, these were recorded on 3 days throughout Big Bend and at Christmas Mountains Oasis

Hutton's Vireo *Vireo huttoni*—Several birds encountered during the Chisos Mountains hike, where they were quite vocal

Plumbeous Vireo *Vireo plumbeus*—Only found once at Cottonwood Campground

SHRIKES: Laniidae (1)

Loggerhead Shrike *Lanius ludovicianus*—A perching bird was very well seen along the Post Road

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae (4)

Pinyon Jay *Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus*—A large flock that had been hanging out in Limpia Crossing was easily found by all with the help of Dell Little and Mike Gray

Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay *Aphelocoma woodhouseii*—The jay of the Davis Mountains, these were seen at Lawrence Wood Picnic Area, Davis Mountains State Park, and Limpia Crossing

Mexican Jay *Aphelocoma wollweberi*—The jay of the Chisos Mountains, these were readily seen every day in Big Bend, even around the Lodge on occasion

Common Raven *Corvus corax*—Found on at least 5 days of the tour at sites in and near the Davis and Chisos mountains

CHICKADEES AND TITS: Paridae (1)

Black-crested Titmouse *Baeolophus atricristatus*—Seen on 3 days at Limpia Crossing, Chisos Basin, and many times on the Chisos Mountains Loop Hike

PENDULINE TITS: Remizidae (1)

Verdin *Auriparus flaviceps*—Seen or heard at Dugout Wells and Rio Grande Village Nature Trail on the same day

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (5)

Northern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*—A few flying over the Rio Grande at the end of the Rio Grande Village Nature Trail and several more seen in Santa Elena Canyon on our respective visits to those places

Bank Swallow *Riparia riparia*—A small group flew over the ponds at Sandia Wetlands

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*—The most commonly encountered swallow of the tour, these were found on 4 days at Sandia Wetland Project, Lake Balmorhea, Hotel Limpia, The Post, Gage Gardens, and in Big Bend

Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*—Only definitively recorded at Sandia Wetlands Project on the first day

Cave Swallow *Petrochelidon fulva*—Only found at Gage Gardens

BUSHTITS: Aegithalidae (1)

Bushtit *Psaltriparus minimus*—Seen on 2 days in and around the Chisos Basin

KINGLETS: Regulidae (1)

Ruby-crowned Kinglet *Regulus calendula*—Seen on 2 days at Rio Grande Village Nature Trail, Sam Nail Ranch, and Cottonwood Campground

NUTHATCHES: Sittidae (1)

White-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta carolinensis*—Only found once at Lawrence Wood Picnic Area, Davis Mountains

GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae (2)

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *Polioptila caerulea*—Only found on the Chisos Mountains Loop Hike, though encountered several times during that day

Black-tailed Gnatcatcher *Polioptila melanura*—A memorable bird for many, a very noisy male foraged and was well observed in a mesquite right over our picnic table at Cottonwood Campground

WRENS: Troglodytidae (5)

Rock Wren *Salpinctes obsoletus*—Found on 2 days in Big Bend National Park

Canyon Wren *Catherpes mexicanus*—Found on 2 days in Big Bend National Park

Marsh Wren *Cistothorus palustris*—One heard singing from the cattails on the Rio Grande Village Nature Trail on the walk back.

Bewick's Wren *Thryomanes bewickii*—Found at Davis Mountains State Park and then again on several of the hikes in Big Bend

Cactus Wren *Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus*—A frequently encountered species, these were seen or heard every day in Big Bend at many sites and on the Post Road and at Christmas Mountains oasis

STARLINGS: Sturnidae (1)

European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* (1)—Only recorded once, in Balmorhea on the way to lunch

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHER: Mimidae (3)

Curve-billed Thrasher *Toxostoma curvirostre*—The common thrasher of west Texas, these were found on 5 days

Brown Thrasher *Toxostoma rufum*—A rarity in west Texas, one was foraging in the grass at The Post

Northern Mockingbird *Mimus polyglottos*—Seen or heard on 6 days of the tour at most sites visited

THRUSHES: Turdidae (3)

Mountain Bluebird *Sialia currucoides*—Previously reported rarity at The Post, one individual was very cooperative and easily seen by the whole group

Hermit Thrush *Catharus guttatus*—One seen during the Chisos Mountains Loop Hike

American Robin *Turdus migratorius*—One found at Gage Gardens

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae (1)

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* (1)—Seen on 5 days at various sites, often in or near towns or feeders

PIPITS AND WAGTAILS: Motacillidae (1)

American Pipit *Anthus rubescens*—One individual well seen walking on the shore of Lake Balmorhea

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae (5)

House Finch *Haemorhous mexicanus*—Regularly encountered throughout the tour in the field and at feeders; some of the males were a quite intense shade of red, redder than most of us normally see

Cassin's Finch *Haemorhous cassinii*—A female or young male plumage type bird came to drink at the Interpretive Center water feature in Davis Mountains State Park

Pine Siskin *Spinus pinus*—Observed on 3 days of the tour at Davis Mountains State Park, Limpia Crossing, Gage Gardens, and Christmas Mountains Oasis

Lesser Goldfinch *Spinus psaltria*—Seen on 4 days of the tour at several sites from Sandia Wetland Project to Big Bend

American Goldfinch *Spinus tristis*—A pair seen in a mesquite at Cottonwood Campground

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae (17)

Cassin's Sparrow *Peucaea cassinii*—Several seen perched and singing along the road into The Post

Chipping Sparrow *Spizella passerina*—Presumably still migrating, these were found on many days of the tour at numerous sites

Clay-colored Sparrow *Spizella pallida*—Surprisingly commonly encountered on this tour, compared to prior tours, these were seen on 5 days at sites across the tour, including a large flock of 14 at The Post

Black-chinned Sparrow *Spizella atrogularis*—One heard singing and seen briefly on the Laguna Meadow trail, Chisos Mountains

Brewer's Sparrow *Spizella breweri*—Seen several times on the tour at Sandia Wetland Project, Lake Balmorhea, The Post, Sam Nail Ranch, and Christmas Mountains Oasis

Black-throated Sparrow *Amphispiza bilineata*—Found on 3 days at Davis Mountains State Park, Dugout Wells, and Sotol Vista

Lark Sparrow *Chondestes grammacus*—Seen on the Post Road and at The Post and again at Rio Grande Village Nature Trail

Lark Bunting *Calamospiza melanocorys*—Found twice, first on the first day at Lake Balmorhea and again on the last day at Christmas Mountains Oasis

White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys*—One of the more regularly encountered sparrows, these were found at sites throughout the tour, especially those with feeders like Davis Mountains State Park and Christmas Mountains Oasis

White-throated Sparrow *Zonotrichia albicollis*—Unusual for west Texas, 2 very brightly plumaged individuals were at the Interpretive Center feeders in Davis Mountains State Park

Vesper Sparrow *Pooecetes gramineus*—Seen along the Post Road and again at Sotol Vista

Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis*—Seen twice at Sandia Wetlands and Rio Grande Village Nature Trail

Lincoln's Sparrow *Melospiza lincolni*—Found at The Post and Christmas Mountains Oasis

Canyon Towhee *Melospiza fuscata*—Seen on at least 4 days of the tour at the Davis Mountains State Park feeders, The Post, and several times in Chisos Basin

Rufous-crowned Sparrow *Aimophila ruficeps*—Seen during the Chisos Mountains loop hike

Green-tailed Towhee *Pipilo chlorurus*—One seen only by Dan and Dave at The Post

Spotted Towhee *Pipilo maculatus*—Several found and heard during the Chisos Mountains hike

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: Icteriidae (1)

Yellow-breasted Chat *Icteria virens*—Voted by many as the best bird of the tour, these were seen and heard at Rio Grande Village Nature Trail and at Sam Nail Ranch; at the latter site, several males put on a show with their conspicuous aerial display flights

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae (7)

Orchard Oriole *Icterus spurius*—Found at The Post where numerous birds were singing and flying about in the large trees

Bullock's Oriole *Icterus bullockii*—One heard at Sandia Wetland Project on arrival and found again at Gage Gardens and Cottonwood Campground

Scott's Oriole *Icterus parisorum*—Found on 6 days of the tour at many lower desert sites, they were particularly noticeable around the Chisos Basin where their mellifluous songs greeted us every morning upon leaving our rooms

Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*—Only seen on the first day at Sandia Wetland Project and Lake Balmorea and at The Post

Brown-headed Cowbird *Molothrus ater*—Seen on 4 days of the tour, sometimes in moderate sized flocks, at The Post, Gage Gardens, various sites in Big Bend, and Christmas Mountains Oasis

Brewer's Blackbird *Euphagus cyanocephalus*—Found on 5 days of the tour, usually in flocks, at numerous sites

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus*—Found on 3 days of the tour, usually near towns or agriculture

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (12)

Northern Waterthrush *Parkesia noveboracensis*—One very well seen by all while foraging around the impoundment at Christmas Mountains Oasis

Orange-crowned Warbler *Oreothlypis celata*—Seen by some in the group at the water drip at Christmas Mountains Oasis

Colima Warbler *Oreothlypis crissalis*—An estimated 4 seen or heard during the Chisos Mountains loop hike

Virginia's Warbler *Oreothlypis virginiae*—Found on 2 days in Big Bend

Kentucky Warbler *Geothlypis formosa*—Definitely a rarity for west Texas, a bird was well observed at close range by the whole group along the fence at The Post

Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas*—Heard in the wetlands along the Rio Grande Village Nature Trail and at Santa Elena Canyon

American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla*—A lovely adult male was seen in the shrubs at Sam Nail Ranch

Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechia*—Seen at Gage Gardens and in Santa Elena Canyon

Yellow-rumped Warbler *Setophaga coronata*—Found on 6 days of the tour at many sites visited; clearly still migrating through; almost all were of the western, Audubon's, form

- Townsend's Warbler** *Setophaga townsendi*—Found during the Chisos Mountains loop hike and again by some at Christmas Mountains Oasis
- Hermit Warbler** *Setophaga occidentalis*—Found during the Chisos Mountains loop hike
- Wilson's Warbler** *Cardellina pusilla*—One of the more numerous migrant warblers, these were reported on 5 days at sites throughout the tour in the Davis Mountains and Big Bend

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae (11)

- Hepatic Tanager** *Piranga flava*—The high elevation tanager of west Texas, these were seen at Lawrence Wood Picnic Area and on the Chisos Mountains Loop Hike
- Summer Tanager** *Piranga rubra*—A commonly encountered bird, these were seen very well many times in Davis Mountains State Park, The Post, Gage Gardens, Rio Grande Village, Sam Nail, and Cottonwood Campground
- Western Tanager** *Piranga ludoviciana*—A migrant in west Texas, nicely plumaged males were seen at Davis Mountains State Park and Cottonwood Campground
- Northern Cardinal** *Cardinalis cardinalis*—Found on 4 days of the tour, these are rather common on the tour, to the surprise of many; seen well at several sites in the Davis Mountains and in Big Bend
- Pyrhuloxia** *Cardinalis sinuatus*—The “desert cardinal” was very well seen on this tour on 4 days at many sites visited, perhaps best at Sam Nail Ranch and at Christmas Mountains Oasis
- Black-headed Grosbeak** *Pheucticus melanocephalus*—Seen at Davis Mountains State Park, Limpia Crossing, Chisos Basin, and on the Laguna Meadows Trail
- Blue Grosbeak** *Passerina caerulea*—Seen twice at The Post and Cottonwood Campground
- Indigo Bunting** *Passerina cyanea*—Seen at Limpia Crossing, in Big Bend, and at Christmas Mountains Oasis
- Varied Bunting** *Passerina versicolor*—Very well seen by all when they came to the seed feeder at Christmas Mountains Oasis
- Painted Bunting** *Passerina ciris*—One of our most attractive native birds, these were seen on the Rio Grande Village Nature Trail and in Santa Elena Canyon
- Dickcissel** *Spiza americana*—Seen by some in the group at Rio Grande Village Nature Trail

MAMMALS (11 species recorded):

- Rio Grande Ground Squirrel** *Ictidomys parvidens*—Seen on a few days of the tour near roads, where it lives in burrows
- Rock Squirrel** *Spermophilus variegatus*—One seen in a shrub at Davis Mountains State Park
- Black-tailed Prairie Dog** *Cynomys ludovicianus*—Quite a few observed at the Marathon prairie dog town
- Collared Peccary (Javelina)** *Tayassu tajacu*—Two seen by the side of the road when driving from Fort Davis to Alpine
- White-tailed Deer** *Odocoileus virginianus*—Seen every day of the tour when at or near Big Bend, where they are relatively tame and feed on grass by the Lodge buildings
- Mule Deer** *Odocoileus hemionus*—Found on 3 days of the tour, mostly in the Davis Mountains
- Pronghorn** *Antilocarpa americana*—Seen by some on the tour from the vans while driving through grasslands near Fort Davis, Alpine, and Marfa
- Aoudad (Barbary Sheep)** *Ammotragus lervia (l)*—Seen by some in the tour while driving through the Davis Mountains on the first 2 days of the tour
- Coyote** *Canis latrans*—One seen at Daniel’s Ranch during our picnic
- Black Bear** *Ursus americanus*—A lucky sighting of one large individual down low as it crossed the main park highway when we drove out to the west side
- Elk** *Cervus canadensis*—Two individuals foraging in a field during the drive from Fort Davis to Alpine

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (7 species recorded):

Greater Earless Lizard *Cophosaurus texanus*—One spotted by Dave along the side of the road when driving out of Christmas Mountains Oasis

Crevice Spiny Lizard *Sceloporus poinsetti*—Identified and shown to us by Dell Little at Limpia Crossing hiding in a wall crevice

Southwestern Fence Lizard *Sceloporus cowlesi*—One seen in the Davis Mountains

Western Coachwhip Snake *Masticophis flagellum*—One crossed the road in front of Dave’s van on arrival at Davis Mountains State Park

Spiny Soft-shelled Turtle *Apolone spinifera*—Several seen at Rio Grande Village on the Nature Trail

Rio Grande Leopard Frog *Lithobates berlandieri*—In the pond at Christmas Mountains Oasis

American Bullfrog *Lithobates catesbeianus*—This invasive species was heard at the Rio Grande Village Nature Trail

INSECTS (1 species recorded):

Arizona Sister *Adelpha eulalia*—One seen at Davis Mountains State Park on the park road

LOCATIONS AND NOTES:

Day 1: April 24, 2023; Sandia Wetlands Project, Balmorhea Lake, drive from El Paso to Fort Davis

Day 2: April 25, 2023; Lawrence Wood Picnic Area, Davis Mountains Preserve, Davis Mountains State Park, Limpia Crossing, Fort Davis

Day 3: April 26, 2023; The Post (Fort Peña Colorado Park) and entrance road, Gage Gardens, Marathon, prairie dog town, drive to Chisos Basin

Day 4: April 27, 2023; Dugout Wells, Rio Grande Village and nature trail, Daniel’s Ranch, Chisos Basin

Day 5: April 28, 2023; Chisos Basin, Chisos Mountains trails (loop hike on Laguna Meadows, Colima, Boot Canyon and Pinnacles Trails; Basin Loop Trail)

Day 6: April 29, 2023; Chisos Basin, Sam Nail Ranch, Sotol Vista, Cottonwood Campground, Santa Elena Canyon, Terlingua

Day 7: April 30, 2023; Chisos Basin, Christmas Mountains Oasis, Marfa

Day 8: May 1, 2023; drive from Marfa to El Paso