

Southeast Arizona: Spring Sky Island Sampler | Species List

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Summary:

A lovely group of folks met in southeast Arizona for a birding whirlwind around three of Arizona's most iconic sky islands: the Chiricahuas, Huachucas, and Santa Ritas. Along the way, we learned about how the unique blending of ecoregions that overlap here, along with a huge variety of habitats have led to a breath-taking display of biodiversity. Some of our favorite moments involved seven species of owl, eleven hummingbird species, warblers, snakes, coatis, and some great food and local culture.

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(I)= Introduced

Lesser Nighthawk by *Bryan Calk*

BIRDS (176 species recorded):

DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS: Anatidae

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis*— A few seen around Tubac including some circling the fairways at the golf resort and several hanging out at the Amado water treatment ponds

Cinnamon Teal *Spatula cyanoptera*— A few hanging out on the fringes of Lake Cochise at the Willcox golf course

Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata*— About a dozen were seen at Lake Cochise at the Willcox Twin Lakes Golf Course

Gadwall *Mareca strepera*— A few seen at Lake Cochise at the Willcox Twin Lakes Golf Course

American Wigeon *Mareca americana*— Several groups adding up to a couple dozen at Lake Cochise at the Willcox Twin Lakes Golf Course

Mexican Duck *Anas diazi*— A couple seen on Sonoita Creek at Patagonia Lake State Park near the turnaround point of our hike

Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca*— Just a handful seen at Lake Cochise at the Willcox Twin Lakes Golf Course

Ruddy Duck *Oxyura jamaicensis*— A group of around 20 at Lake Cochise at the Willcox Twin Lakes Golf Course plus smaller numbers at Patagonia Lake State Park and the Amado water treatment ponds

NEW WORLD QUAIL: Odontophoridae

Scaled Quail *Callipepla squamata*— One seen through the scope at Lake Cochise at the Willcox Twin Lakes Golf Course tucked into the branches and running away through the grass

Gambel's Quail *Callipepla gambelii*— Seen at many locations throughout the tour, including lots around Casa de San Pedro and Cave Creek Ranch

PARTRIDGES, PHEASANTS, AND ALLIES: Phasianidae

Wild Turkey *Meleagris gallopavo*— Seen many times during the tour, including strutting males at Cave Creek Ranch and at a few feeding stations

GREBES: Podicipedidae

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*— One out on the lake at Patagonia Lake State Park

Eared Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis*— A small group of birds in stunning breeding plumage at Lake Cochise at the Willcox Twin Lakes Golf Course

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* (**I**)— Seen several times, usually from the van when going through more populated areas

Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata*— A few perched at Cave Creek Ranch and in Portal, plus two that flew through the seating area at the George Walker House

Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* (**I**)— Seen well at the Jasper feeders in Portal as well as a couple other spots

Inca Dove *Columbina inca*— Commonly seen in the Portal area, also at Patagonia Lake State Park

Common Ground Dove *Columbina passerina*— A couple seen and heard at Patagonia Lake State Park along the birding trail

White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica*— Abundantly seen throughout the tour, often raiding feeders

Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura*— Commonly seen during the tour in relatively small numbers on each observation

CUCKOOS AND ALLIES: Cuculidae

Greater Roadrunner *Geococcyx californianus*— Seen incidentally on several occasions, usually in the road in front of the vehicle while driving. One under the feeders at Casa de San Pedro gave especially nice views

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae

Lesser Nighthawk *Chordeiles acutipennis*— We had a lot of fun watching these hawk insects midair above the Tubac Golf Resort ponds during our dinners there

SWIFTS: Apodidae

White-throated Swift *Aeronautes saxatalis*— A coupe seen briefly zipping through the canyons at Chiricahua National Monument and better at our Madera Canyon picnic

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae

Rivoli's Hummingbird *Eugenes fulgens*— First seen at George Walker House but best views were had at Miller and Madera Canyons

Blue-throated Mountain-gem *Lampornis clemenciae*— Came to the feeders at Cave Creek Ranch, and seen during several outings in the Portal area

Lucifer Hummingbird *Calothorax lucifer*— One seen well at the last minute at Ash Canyon feeders during our second visit

Black-chinned Hummingbird *Archilochus alexandri*— Seen many times throughout the tour, both at feeders and in the field

Anna's Hummingbird *Calypte anna*— Seen well at the Miller and Ash Canyon feeders, and female seen on a nest at Carr Canyon along the trail

Costa's Hummingbird *Calypte costae*— Exceptional views at Desert Meadows Park in Green Valley, posing for the cameras

Broad-tailed Hummingbird *Selasphorus platycercus*— Often heard buzzing overhead, and seen well at a few feeders like George Walker House and Miller Canyon

Broad-billed Hummingbird *Cyananthus latirostris*— Many seen throughout the tour, including nesting birds at Ramsey Canyon and at Tumacácori National Historical Site

Violet-crowned Hummingbird *Amazilia violiceps*— Seen very well coming to the feeders at the Paton's Center in Patagonia

White-eared Hummingbird *Hylocharis leucotis*— A beautiful adult male coming to the feeders in Miller Canyon

Berylline Hummingbird *Saucerottia beryllina*—One visited the feeders at the Santa Rita Lodge in Madera Canyon after some patience!

RAILS, COOTS AND ALLIES: Rallidae

American Coot *Fulica americana*— Several at Lake Cochise at the Willcox Twin Lakes Golf Course, a couple with babies at Willow Tank, and a few at Patagonia Lake State Park

STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*— A few gave nice views in the wetland area of Lake Cochise at the Willcox Twin Lakes Golf Course

American Avocet *Recurvirostra americana*— Around ten hanging out in the same area as the stilts at Lake Cochise at the Willcox Twin Lakes Golf Course

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus*— A few along the edge of Lake Cochise at the Willcox Twin Lakes Golf Course

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae

Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri*— A few hiding in the grassy areas around Lake Cochise at the Willcox Twin Lakes Golf Course

Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus*— A good size group seen well resting together at Lake Cochise at the Willcox Twin Lakes Golf Course and feeding among the grassy areas

Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor*— Lots spinning around in the water foraging for arthropods at Lake Cochise at the Willcox Twin Lakes Golf Course

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*— A couple beautiful females mixed in with the Wilson's Phalaropes

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*— Several around the edges of Lake Cochise at the Willcox Twin Lakes Golf Course and one at the Amado water treatment ponds

Willet *Tringa semipalmata*— A couple at Lake Cochise at the Willcox Twin Lakes Golf Course were nice migrants to see

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae

Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis*— One lingering individual hanging out with the other water birds at Lake Cochise at the Willcox Twin Lakes Golf Course

CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*— A few at Patagonia Lake State Park and one at the Amado water treatment pond

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*— One at the far shore of Patagonia Lake State Park

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*— One on the distant shore of Lake Cochise at the Willcox Twin Lakes Golf Course seen through the scope

Green Heron *Butorides virescens*— One bird that gave a couple views as a fly-by at Patagonia Lake State Park

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae

White-faced Ibis *Plegadis chihi*— Several seen distantly but well at Lake Cochise at the Willcox Twin Lakes Golf Course

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*— Several seen in the distance at Amado water treatment ponds and couple at Tubac

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*— Commonly seen throughout the tour including some eye-level views at Chiricahua National Monument

HAWKS, KITES AND EAGLES: Accipitridae

Cooper's Hawk *Accipiter cooperii*— A few seen during the week, including a couple doing an awesome courtship flight over Ash Canyon

Harris's Hawk *Parabuteo unicinctus*— A pair seen together in San Simone just after getting gas on our first afternoon

Gray Hawk *Buteo plagiatus*— Often heard along the San Pedro River, with good views at the Tubac Golf Resort during an afternoon walk

Swainson's Hawk *Buteo swainsoni*— Seen a few times around Casa de San Pedro, and one distant individual at the Amado water treatment ponds

Zone-tailed Hawk *Buteo albonotatus*— First seen along the road into Portal spotted over the van, then seen at the Southwest Research Station and a couple flying over with some vultures in Bisbee

Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*— Several seen during the tour out the van windows, also at Ash Canyon and flying over Patagonia Lake State Park

BARN OWLS: Tytonidae

Barn Owl *Tyto alba*— One heard and one seen hunting over a field with a spotlight at Casa de San Pedro after dinner

OWLS: Strigidae

Whiskered Screech-Owl *Megascops trichopsis*— One seen well in Cave Creek Canyon during an owling outing with James Peterson

Western Screech-Owl *Megascops kennicottii*— A couple heard with one seen well in the cottonwoods along the river at Casa de San Pedro

Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus*— A few babies seen in their nest cavity in Portal, very close to fledging

Northern Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium gnoma*— One hanging out in a Sycamore above the trail at Ramsey Canyon

Elf Owl *Micrathene whitneyi*— One seen well at Cave Creek Ranch during an owling outing with James Peterson

Spotted Owl *Strix occidentalis*— One heard well in Cave Creek Canyon during an owling outing with James Peterson, plus a roosting individual at Pinery Canyon

TROGONS: Trogonidae

Elegant Trogon *Trogon elegans*— A pair seen moving up and down the canyon at South Fork of Cave Creek

WOODPECKERS: Picidae

Acorn Woodpecker *Melanerpes formicivorus*— Seen abundantly throughout the week, including several family groups at Cave Creek Ranch and Ramsey Canyon

Gila Woodpecker *Melanerpes uropygialis*— Seen commonly in lower elevations, like the feeders at Casa de San Pedro

Ladder-backed Woodpecker *Dryobates scalaris*— Seen on many occasions throughout the tour, including at the Paton's Center and Jasper feeders in Portal

Hairy Woodpecker *Dryobates villosus*— A few seen at the higher elevations of the Chiricahuas, including Barfoot Park

Arizona Woodpecker *Dryobates arizonae*— First seen coming to the feeder at Cave Creek Ranch and George Walker House, but also out in the field at Carr and Ramsey Canyons

Northern Flicker *Colaptes auratus*— Several seen in the Chiricahua Mountains, including at Barfoot Park and Pinery Canyon

Gilded Flicker *Colaptes chrysoides*— A couple seen on our last morning at Sentinel Peak Park in Tucson

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*— A few seen on the lines as we were driving during the week, plus a few seen at Willow Tank near Portal

TITYRAS AND BECARDS: Tityridae

Rose-throated Becard *Pachyramphus aglaiae*— One female-type bird seen well high in the cottonwood trees along the Santa Cruz River in Tubac

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae

Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet *Camptostoma imberbe*— A couple seen very well at Patagonia Lake State Park on our way back on our hike

Olive-sided Flycatcher *Contopus cooperi*— One seen on a high distant snag in Portal and one at Carr Canyon

Greater Pewee *Contopus pertinax*— One seen well at Barfoot Park during our walk, plus good views at Carr Canyon and one heard at Pinery Canyon

Western Wood-Pewee *Contopus sordidulus*— Several heard throughout the week, with good views in Portal, at Carr Canyon, and along the San Pedro River at Casa de San Pedro

Hammond's Flycatcher *Empidonax hammondii*— Singles seen at Carr and Madera Canyons

Gray Flycatcher *Empidonax wrightii*— One at Madera Canyon during our picnic lunch

Dusky Flycatcher *Empidonax oberholseri*— One at Barfoot Park that mostly stayed high in the Ponderosas

Cordilleran Flycatcher *Empidonax occidentalis*— A couple seen very well at Pinery Canyon, plus a couple others heard-only at higher elevations

Buff-breasted Flycatcher *Empidonax fulvifrons*— Seen well at both Pinery and Carr Canyons, mostly staying high in the pines

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*— One at the Southwest Research Station in Portal and one at the Tubac Golf Resort

Say's Phoebe *Sayornis saya*— Good views in Portal on our way to Bob Rodrigues's feeders, plus individuals at Patagonia Lake State Park and the Southwest Research Station

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*— Good views at Casa de San Pedro and Patagonia Lake State Park as well as several other locations

Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer*— Often heard, with good views had at Sunny Flat Campgrounds in Portal and at Patagonia Lake State Park

Ash-throated Flycatcher *Myiarchus cinerascens*— First encountered at the Texas Canyon rest area, with good views also at Patagonia Lake State Park and Sentinel Peak

Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus*— Often heard whenever near riparian areas, but seen well at the Casa de San Pedro and the Tubac Golf Resort

Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher *Myiodynastes luteiventris*— Exceptional views and experience with one at Miller Canyon where we hiked up-canyon for a while, then again seen at Ramsey Canyon

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*— Great views at the Tubac Golf Resort during a walk there, also at the De Anza Trail in Tubac

Cassin's Kingbird *Tyrannus vociferans*— Commonly seen during the week with nice views at Casa de San Pedro and the Tubac Golf Resort

Thick-billed Kingbird *Tyrannus crassirostris*— We got very lucky with these during the tour as we encountered them tree separate times, first in Portal at Cathedral Rock Road, then at Patagonia Lake State Park and the Paton's Center

Western Kingbird *Tyrannus verticalis*— Often seen from the van while driving, with our first good views at Lake Cochise at the Willcox Twin Lakes Golf Course

VIREOS: Vireonidae

Bell's Vireo *Vireo bellii*— Heard more often than seen, with good views had in Portal and at Patagonia Lake State Park

Hutton's Vireo *Vireo huttoni*— Best vies at Carr Canyon, but also encountered in the Chiricahuas a couple times

Plumbeous Vireo *Vireo plumbeus*— Several seen through the week in the higher elevation habitats, best viewed at Pinery Canyon and Carr Canyon

Warbling Vireo *Vireo gilvus*— A couple at Pinery Canyon working the trees along the stream, and one at Chiricahua NM near the restrooms

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae

Steller's Jay *Cyanocitta stelleri*— Some gregarious individuals begging for handouts at Rustler Park during our picnic lunch and a windstorm

Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay *Aphelocoma woodhouseii*— Singles around Portal including at Jasper's feeders, and one at Carr Canyon

Mexican Jay *Aphelocoma wollweberi*— Commonly encountered whenever at slightly higher elevations, including during our lunch at Chiricahua NM and in Madera Canyon

Chihuahuan Raven *Corvus cryptoleucus*— A few seen as we were in the Willcox area on day one

Common Raven *Corvus corax*— Many seen during the week, notably several playing in the drafts of wind and lift at Chiricahua NM

TITS AND CHICKADEES: Paridae

Mexican Chickadee *Poecile sclateri*— Exceptional views at Barfoot Park, with brief encounters at Turkey Creek and Pinery Canyon

Bridled Titmouse *Baeolophus wollweberi*— Several seen during the week, with good views at Miller Canyon and at the Portal feeders

Juniper Titmouse *Baeolophus ridgwayi*— One came in for a drink and bite to eat at the George Walker House in Paradise

PENDULINE TITS: Remizidae

Verdin *Auriparus flaviceps*— Heard several times with great views at Jasper's feeders, Patagonia Lake State Park and Sentinel Peak

LARKS: Alaudidae

Horned Lark *Eremophila alpestris*— A couple of these did a quick fly-by at Lake Cochise at the Willcox Twin Lakes Golf Course

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae

Northern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*— A few flying around Tubac Golf Resort on our second day there

Violet-green Swallow *Tachycineta thalassina*— A small number seen flying high around Portal on a couple occasions

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*— Many seen during the week, with the best views at the Tubac Golf Resort where they were nesting under the eaves

Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*— Best views perhaps at the Amado Water Treatment Ponds, but always in flight and rather distant

BUSHTITS: Aegithalidae

Bushtit *Psaltriparus minumus*— Good views in the Chiricahuas on a few occasions, also at Carr Canyon

NUTHATCHES: Sittidae

White-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta carolinensis*— Seen several times during the tour, including at several feeder setups

CREEPERS: Certhiidae

Brown Creeper *Certhia americana*— A couple seen well in Pinery Canyon and along South Fork of Cave Creek Canyon

GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae

Black-tailed Gnatcatcher *Polioptila melanura*— A couple seen at the last minute of the tour at Sentinel Peak in Tucson

WRENS: Troglodytidae

Rock Wren *Salpinctes obsoletus*— A couple seen in Box Canyon as we sat along the drainage at the bottom of the canyon

Canyon Wren *Catherpes mexicanus*— One heard at Texas Canyon, but notably absent the rest of the tour

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*— Several throughout the tour at higher elevations, with great views at Barfoot Park

Bewick's Wren *Thryomanes bewickii*— Great views at the Paton's Center coming around the feeding areas and in the garden, plus at a couple other locations

Cactus Wren *Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus*— First seen at Texas Canyon, with great views also at many spots around Portal and at Casa de San Pedro where they were nesting

STARLINGS AND MYNAS: Sturnidae

European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* (I)— Commonly seen at the Tubac Golf Resort as well as whenever driving through urban areas

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae

Curve-billed Thrasher *Toxostoma curvirostre*— Seen at several spots throughout the tour, including at Rodrigues feeders in Portal and at Casa de San Pedro

Northern Mockingbird *Mimus polyglottos*— Many seen while driving during the week, with better views at a couple spots like the Amado Water Treatment Ponds and at the golf resort

THRUSHES: Turdidae

Western Bluebird *Sialia mexicana*— A few seen at Rustler Park as we were sheltering from the wind and eating lunch, and at least one at Carr Canyon

Hermit Thrush *Catharus guttatus*— A couple singing at Pinery Canyon and one hopping out in the open at Carr Canyon in the campground

Townsend's Solitaire *Myadestes townsendi*— One seen briefly at Rustler Park in the wind tunnel, while Olive Warblers and Steller's Jays distracted us

American Robin *Turdus migratorius*— Restricted to high elevations, abundant around Barfoot and Rustler parks in the Chiricahuas

WAXWINGS: Bombycillidae

Cedar Waxwing *Bombycilla cedrorum*— Great views in the mulberry tree at Patagonia Lake State Park along the birding trail

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS: Ptilonotidae

Phainopepla *Phainopepla nitens*— Great views at Patagonia Lake State Park including one on a nest, with more in the Tubac area

OLIVE WARBLER: Peucedramidae

Olive Warbler *Peucedramus taeniatus*— A couple came down for nice views at Rustler Park despite the wind there, and a single at Pinery Canyon the next morning

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* (I)— Abundant around certain feeders, and in urban areas we drove through

FINCHES: Fringillidae

House Finch *Haemorhous mexicanus*— Abundantly seen throughout the week

Pine Siskin *Spinus pinus*— A few coming to feeders in Portal still, and a good flock in the Barfoot Park area

Lesser Goldfinch *Spinus psaltria*— Commonly seen throughout the tour, often at feeders

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae

Rufous-winged Sparrow *Peucaea carpalis*— One singing in the garden at Desert Meadows Park in Green Valley

Botteri's Sparrow *Peucaea botterii*— Two chasing each other around the grasslands in the foothills below Madera Canyon

Black-chinned Sparrow *Spizella atrogularis*— One singing and seen in Box Canyon as we sat along the drainage at the bottom of the canyon

Five-striped Sparrow *Amphispizopsis quinquestrata*— One mostly hunkered down hiding from the wind, but still exceptionally close to us in Box Canyon

Black-throated Sparrow *Amphispiza bilineata*— First seen at feeders in Portal, with good views also at Sentinel Peak

Yellow-eyed Junco *Junco phaeonotus*— Nice views at Rustler Park and Pinery Canyon in the Chiricahuas, also singing and hopping around Carr Canyon

White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys*— A few lingering around various feeders in Portal

Song Sparrow *Melospiza melodia*— Many seen in the riparian areas around Patagonia and Tubac

Canyon Towhee *Melospiza fusca*— Great views under the feeders in Portal and at Ash Canyon

Abert's Towhee *Melospiza aberti*— Seen well on our walks around Casa de San Pedro, and around Tubac and Patagonia

Rufous-crowned Sparrow *Aimophila ruficeps*— One in Box Canyon along the stream at the bottom of the canyon where we sat

Spotted Towhee *Pipilo maculatus*— Basically heard only during the tour, usually at higher elevations

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: Icteriidae

Yellow-breasted Chat *Icteria virens*— First seen coming to the feeders at Rodrigues's in Portal, but also common along the riparian areas at PSLSP, Casa de San Pedro, and Tubac

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae

Chihuahuan Meadowlark *Sturnella lilianae*— One seen very well singing from a fence post at Lake Cochise at the Willcox Twin Lakes Golf Course

Hooded Oriole *Icterus cucullatus*— Several seen in the Portal area, often at jelly feeders

Bullock's Oriole *Icterus bullockii*— Several coming to the feeders around Portal and at Ash Canyon

Scott's Oriole *Icterus parisorum*— Seen well at George Walker House, Ash Canyon, and the Jasper feeders in Portal

Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*— Several around Lake Cochise at the Willcox Twin Lakes Golf Course and Patagonia Lake State Park

Bronzed Cowbird *Molothrus aeneus*— Best seen at the Jasper feeders in Portal and at the Santa Rita Lodge feeders where a male was trying to woo a few females

Brown-headed Cowbird *Molothrus ater*— Encountered several times during the tour, especially abundant around the cattle at the golf resort

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus*— Many seen around Lake Cochise at the Willcox Twin Lakes Golf Course and the golf resort

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae

Lucy's Warbler *Leiothlypis luciae*— First seen in Portal only briefly, often heard. Good views had by all once we made it to Casa de San Pedro and at several locations after

Virginia's Warbler *Leiothlypis virginiae*— A few seen well at Carr Canyon

Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas*— Mostly heard, but present at Casa de San Pedro, Patagonia Lake State Park, and the De Anza Trail

Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechia*— Abundant anywhere cottonwoods were present during the tour

Yellow-rumped Warbler *Setophaga coronata*— A few just at the highest elevations of the Chiricahuas like at Barfoot Park

Grace's Warbler *Setophaga graciae*— Seen very well at Carr Canyon and Barfoot Park among the Ponderosa Pines, with one even collecting nest materials

Black-throated Gray Warbler *Setophaga nigrescens*— Seen well at Chiricahua National Monument and Carr Canyon, with a couple also in Miller Canyon along the hike

Townsend's Warbler *Setophaga townsendi*— A couple seen briefly in the Chiricahuas, but better views had by most of us in Ramsey Canyon just after finding the redstart building a nest

Red-faced Warbler *Cardellina rubrifrons*— Great views at Carr Canyon, with our first views at Barfoot Park and Pinery Canyon in the Chiricahuas

Painted Redstart *Myioborus pictus*— Nice views first in South Fork, but the hams at Carr Canyon and the nesting bird at Ramsey were highlights

CARDINAL-GROSBEAKS: Cardinalidae

Hepatic Tanager *Piranga flava*— Great views of a pair at Barfoot Park that came down for nice photos, with good views at the feeders in Madera Canyon also

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra*— Commonly seen along the riparian areas around the San Pedro and Santa Cruz Rivers

Western Tanager *Piranga ludoviciana*— Often at feeders around Portal and coming to the mulberry at Patagonia Lake State Park

Flame-colored Tanager *Piranga bidentata*— Two moving together in Miller Canyon, seen briefly by some and heard well by all

Northern Cardinal *Cardinalis cardinalis*— Commonly seen during the tour, often at feeders

Pyrrhuloxia *Cardinalis sinuatus*— Several seen around the Portal area, including great views of a stunner as we got to Rodrigues's feeders

Rose-breasted Grosbeak *Pheucticus ludovicianus*— One coming to the feeders at Cave Creek Ranch that was exceptionally tame, rare for the area

Black-headed Grosbeak *Pheucticus melanocephalus*— Commonly seen during the tour, often at feeders

Blue Grosbeak *Passerina caerulea*— A singing male at Casa de San Pedro was our only observation for the week, oddly enough

Lazuli Bunting *Passerina amoena*— A few females seen at the feeders around Portal, with a male seen high in the cottonwood trees at the Southwest Research Station

Indigo Bunting *Passerina cyanea*— One adult male at the feeders right in Portal behind the post office

Mammals (14 species)

Pronghorn *Antilocapra americana*— A few seen in the grasslands of Sonoita, including one mom monitoring four little ones in the heat of the day

White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus*— The Coue's subspecies, seen commonly throughout the tour

Collared Peccary *Pecari tajacu*— Seen a few times loitering around Cave Creek Ranch

White-nosed Coati *Nasua narica*— Seen a couple times coming to the bird feeders at Cave Creek Ranch right off the porch

Striped Skunk *Mephitis mephitis*— seen around Cave Creek Ranch

Desert Cottontail *Sylvilagus audubonii*— Seen almost daily during the tour, often along the edge of the road

Black-tailed Jackrabbit *Lepus californicus*—Seen usually along the road while driving, in the Portal area and at Tubac

Harris's Antelope Squirrel *Ammospermophilus harrisi*— Great views cleaning up scraps under the feeders at Jasper's

Rock Squirrel *Otospermophilus variegatus*— encountered a couple times, like at the Ash Canyon feeders

Arizona Gray Squirrel *Sciurus arizonensis*— Seen well at Ash Canyon and in Ramsey Canyon

Mexican Fox Squirrel *Sciurus nayaritensis*—Great views in a few places in the Chiricahuas, like at South Fork and at Pinery Canyon

Hispid Cotton Rat *Sigmodon hispidus*—Great views cleaning up scraps under the feeders at Jasper's

White-footed Deer Mouse *Peromyscus leucopus*—Scampering around Cave Creek Ranch

Botta's Pocket Gopher *Thomomys bottae*—Poking up and feeding in the flower bed at Ash Canyon

Reptiles (6 species)

Yarrow's Spiny Lizard *Sceloporus jarrovi*— One chilling on a rock at the trailhead of Carr Canyon

Clark's Spiny Lizard *Sceloporus clarkii*— Several encountered, with great views at Desert Meadows Park where the males were posturing for females

Gopher Snake *Pituophis catenifer*— A pair gave us a performance at the Southwest Research station as the male pursued the female, latched on, and copulated, all the while the female tried to scrape him off

Black-necked Garter Snake *Thamnophis cyrtopsis*—One found crossing the road between Paradise and Portal

Sonoran Whipsnake *Masticophis bilineatus*—One seen crossing the road in Box Canyon

Bullfrog *Lithobates catesbeianus*—Heard several times but seen well along the birding trail at Patagonia Lake State Park