

Texas Big Bend: Birding & Wildlife Species List | April 18 – 26, 2024 with Naturalist Journeys



Compiled by guide Troy Corman with David Mehlman and 10 wonderful clients that included Janice & George, Kathy, Janet, Patricia, Brenda, Kathryn and Maria. Unfortunately, Donna and Ken had to leave us soon after the tour began due to a family emergency.

This species report eBird link below details the 169 species of birds our group either observed or heard during the tour. If you're new to eBird, be sure to click on "Show All Details" on the right side of the list as this will expand the report to show you where and when all of the birds were seen and how many.

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The following is a list of additional mammal and reptile/amphibian species we observed/heard during the trip.

MAMMALS (13):

- Pronghorn** *Antilocapra americana*—Noted on several different days in mixed brush and grasslands.
White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus*—Noted in the Davis and Chisos Mountains.
Mule Deer *Odocoileus hemionus*—Observed them in the Chisos Mountains and along the Hwy 90 the last day.
Elk *Cervus Canadensis*—Apparently introduced populations in West Texas. Seen along Hwy 90 the last day.
Aoudad (Barbary Sheep) *Ammotragus lervia*—(Non-native) large group observed at Davis Mountain State Park.
Collared Peccary (Javelina) *Pecari tajacu*—Observed a lone individual at Rio Grande Village.
Feral Hog *Sus domesticus*—(Non-native) Observed cross the road in the Davis Mountains.
North American Porcupine *Erethizon dorsatum*—Unfortunately, the only one that we encountered was DOR (dead on road) in the Davis Mountains.
Coyote *Canis latrans*—Noted briefly at Rio Grande Village and again the last day at a road killed elk.
Desert Cottontail *Sylvilagus audubonii*—A few were seen at Dougout Wells and along the road to Post Park.
Black-tailed Jackrabbit *Lepus californicus*—Also noted along the road back to Post Park.
Rock Squirrel *Otospermophilus variegatus*—Several spotted during the Chisos Mountain hike.
Black-tailed Prairie Dog *Cynomys ludovicianus*—Observed at the "dog town" northeast of Marathon.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (10):

- Ornate Tree Lizard** *Urosaurus ornatus*—Observed several on the Madera Canyon Trail, Davis Mountains.
Southwestern Fence Lizard *Sceloporus cowlesi*—The first were on the Madera Canyon Trail.
Marbled Whiptail *Aspidoscelis marmoratus*—There were a few noted at the Christmas Mountains Oasis.
Checkered Whiptail *Aspidoscelis tesselata*—Adult and juveniles were seen at the Gage Gardens.
Little Striped Whiptail *Aspidoscelis inornatus*—One of these beauties was briefly seen at the Gage Gardens.
Western Coachwhip *Masticophis flagellum testaceus*—The Christmas Mountains Oasis produced 2 for us.
Western Black-necked Garter Snake *Thamnophis cyrtopsis ocellatus*—The only one was at the frog pond at Christmas Mountains Oasis.

Big Bend Slider *Trachemys gaigeae*—Individual sunbathing along the Rio Grande in Big Bend NP.
Rio Grande Leopard Frog *Lithobates berlandieri* —Many were at the cement frog pond at the Christmas Mountains Oasis.
American Bullfrog *Lithobates catesbeianus*—Heard only along Rio Grande in Big Bend NP.