

Arizona Monsoon Madness Species List | August 11 – 18, 2024 with Naturalist Journeys



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We started this tour by meeting in Tucson and working our way through 4 of the major Sky Islands (Chiricahuas, Huachucas, Patagonia and Santa Rita's) of southeast Arizona. Some of the highlights for this trip included getting amazing views of Elegant Trogons and 2 Mexican Spotted Owls in the Chiricahuas. Another highlight in the Chiricahuas was a productive warbler flock at Rustler Park which included multiple Mexican Chickadees, Virginia's Warblers and a Red-faced Warbler. We then moved on to the Huachucas where we had great looks at an Ornate Box Turtle and four Lucifer Hummingbirds at Ash Canyon. We later continued to both Patagonia Mountains and the Santa Rita's where we had nice looks at a Northern Beardless Tyrannulet as well as a rare female American Redstart. We ended with the Santa Rita's here we had a nice morning in Box Canyon filled with several Thick-billed Kingbirds and a Five-striped Sparrow. With a nice monsoon season in 3 out of 4 sky Islands; we finished with 162 species of birds 13 mammal species, 12 reptile species and 17 species of butterflies for the trip.

BIRDS: 162 species were recorded of which 1 was heard only and 4 were introduced. Details are included below.

The eBird link below details the 162 species of birds our group observed during the tour. If you're new to eBird, be sure to click "Show All Details" on the right side of the list to expand the report and reveal where and when each of the birds were seen and how many.

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Following is a list of the birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians we were fortunate to observe during the trip. The number seen before the species is how many days of the trip the species was seen. The number after the family is how many of that group were seen.

Family or Species Common Name Scientific Name — (162)

DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS: ANATIDAE — (4)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis* (1) — Four individuals seen on the last day of the trip. The best views were of them loafing at the Amado Water Treatment Plant.

Cinnamon Teal *Spatula cyanoptera* (2) — Both times were female type plumages with 2 seen on the first day at Lake Cochise and 2 seen by the reed at Patagonia Lake State Park.

Mexican Duck *Anas diazi* (3) — Several seen flying into Lake Cochise, also seen at other water bodies we visited (Patagonia Lake State Park and the Amado Water Treatment Plant).

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta* (1) — A female type bird, only seen on the first day while birding Lake Cochise.

NEW WORLD QUAILS: Odontophoridae — (1)

Gambel's Quail *Callipepla gambelii* (6) — Almost seen every day of the trip, a very common bird in the lower elevation habitats.

PARTRIDGES, PHEASANTS AND ALLIES: Phasianidae — (1)

Wild Turkey *Meleagris gallopavo* (1) — Only seen once while leaving Cave Creek Ranch for the day. The race seen here is the Gould's race of Wild Turkey with it being the largest race of Wild Turkeys.

GREBES: Podicipedidae — (1)

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps* (1) — Only seen once, while birding Patagonia Lake State Park.

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae — (7)

Rock Pigeon (I) *Columba livia* (1) — Seen while driving through urban areas.

Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata* (1) — Only seen while birding the high elevations of the Chiricahuas, but common up there.

Eurasian Collared-Dove (I) *Streptopelia decaocto* (4) — A common bird, most often seen perched on telephone wires as we traveled between locations.

Inca Dove *Columbina inca* (3) — This small scaly dove was both heard and seen multiple days; most often feeding on the ground underneath the feeders at both Cave Creek Ranch and the Paton's Hummingbird Center.

Common Ground-Dove *Columbina passerine* (3) — Seen multiple days with the best views at Casa San Pedro where one would come out to feed on the seed underneath the feeders.

White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica* (7) — A common bird seen every day of the trip.

Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura* (7) — A common bird seen every day of the trip.

CUCKOOS AND ALLIES: Cuculidae — (2)

Greater Roadrunner *Geococcyx californianus* (4) — Seen multiple times with the best views coming when we were driving up to Barfoot Park in the Chiricahuas. It flew up and perched in a dead tree halfway up the mountain!

Yellow-billed Cuckoo *Coccyzus americanus* (1) — This cuckoo was both seen and heard both with birding the Sonoita Creek Nature Conservancy Property and while birding the Paton's Hummingbird Center. This western race is endangered.

SWIFTS: Apodidae — (1)

White-throated Swift *Aeronautes saxatalis* (2) — Seen twice, with the best views coming while eating lunch at the Coronado National Memorial where we were essentially looking down on a few low flying swifts!

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae — (12)

Rivoli's Hummingbird *Eugenes fulgens* (5) — A common hummingbird in the higher elevations away from the Chiricahuas.

Blue-throated Mountain-gem *Lampornis clemenciae* (3) — A common hummingbird in the Chiricahuas, seen well at most hummingbird feeders at it chased all other hummers away.

Lucifer Hummingbird *Calothorax lucifer* (1) — This curved billed, purple throated hummingbird was seen well as it came into to feeder at Ash Canyon. We saw a total of 4 individuals while there including both males and females.

Black-chinned Hummingbird *Archilochus alexandri* (6) — A common hummingbird seen most days of the trip, both males and females seen.

Anna's Hummingbird *Calypte anna* (5) — Both males and females seen throughout the trip.

Costa's Hummingbird *Calypte costae* (1) — This hummingbird was only seen on the last day while birding Desert Meadows Park.

Rufous Hummingbird *Selasphorus rufus* (4) — A common hummingbird at many of the feeders, nice looks at one while watching Thick-billed Kingbirds in Box Canyon.

Broad-tailed Hummingbird *Selasphorus platycercus* (6) — A common hummingbird both at the feeders and heard flying over while birding the higher elevations of the Chiricahuas and Huachucas.

Broad-billed Hummingbird *Cynanthus latirostris* (7) — A common hummingbird seen every day of the trip.

White-eared Hummingbird *Hylocharis leucotis* (1) — A single adult male was observed coming into the feeders at the George Walker House in Paradise.

Violet-crowned Hummingbird *Amazilia violiceps* (5) — Surprisingly common, this hummingbird was best seen at Miller

Canyon when it perched in front of everyone showing its deep purple crown with its snow-white breast.

Berylline Hummingbird *Amazilia beryllina* (1) — Seen twice, once at the Southwest Research Station and once at the Santa Rita Lodge feeders. This hummingbird is another rare visitor to southeast Arizona and not easy to see.

RAILS, COOTS, AND ALLIES: Rallidae — (1)

American Coot *Fulica americana* (1) — Only seen while birding Patagonia Lake State Park.

STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae — (2)

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus* (1) — Very common bird only at Lake Cochise on day one.

American Avocet *Recurvirostra americana* (1) — Very common bird at Lake Cochise with both adults and non-adults seen (red headed vs. white headed birds).

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae — (1)

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus* (1) — A few individuals seen while birding Lake Cochise.

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae — (10)

Long-billed Curlew *Numenius americanus* (1) — A single distant long billed bird observed while birding at Lake Cochise.

Stilt Sandpiper *Calidris Himantopus* (1) — A handful of these long-legged downcurved billed sandpipers were mixed in with the other shorebirds. Some were still in breeding plumage while others had molted out to wintering plumage.

Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii* (1) — Our most common peep seen at Lake Cochise, most of them were mixed in with the Stilt Sandpipers.

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla* (1) — One small, squat peep was seen loafing at the waters edge when we first pulled up to Lake Cochise.

Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri* (1) — A group of these small peeps was foraging by the lakeshore while birding at Lake Cochise

Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus* (1) — A single winter plumaged bird was probing the mud while we were at Lake Cochise.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* (1) — A few of these sandpipers were mixed in with all the shorebirds at Lake Cochise.

Willet *Tringa semipalmatus* (1) — A single "western" race willet was seen on the far side of the lake while at Lake Cochise.

Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor* (1) — There were large numbers of these phalaropes spinning across most of Lake Cochise.

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus* (1) — A few of these rarer phalaropes with a black eye patch were scattered throughout the large numbers of Wilson's Phalaropes.

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae — (1)

Forster's Tern *Sterna forsteri* (1) — A single light-colored turn flew over while we were birding Lake Cochise.

CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae — (1)

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* (1) — Three to four of these cormorants were observed across the lake before the thunderstorm while at Lake Patagonia State Park.

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae — (1)

Great Blue Heron *Ardea Herodias* (3) — Seen three days over the course of the trip with the best looks coming of one standing in the water while birding the San Pedro house area.

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae — (1)

White-faced Ibis *Plegadis chihi* (1) — One bird seen while birding Lake Cochise on the first day.

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae — (2)

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* (1) — Only seen while birding the Patagonia area, with one bird perched on a telephone pole as

we drove to the Patagonia-Sonoita creek Preserve.

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* (7) — Common bird, seen every day of the trip soaring in the sky.

HAWKS, KITES AND EAGLES: Accipitridae — (7)

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos* (1) — Fantastic looks at an adult bird as it flew over Lake Cochise. It was escorted out of the area by a pair of upset Swainson's Hawks.

Cooper's Hawk *Accipiter cooperii* (2) — Seen twice, with brief looks at one circling over the picnic area at Madera Canyon as we started to eat lunch.

Harris's Hawk *Parabuteo unicinctus* (1) — Seen on the first day after stopping for gas in San Simone. An adult was perched on top of a telephone pole and later flew further away to the nearby cell tower.

Gray Hawk *Buteo plagiatus* (2) — Seen twice on the trip, with good looks of a perched adult at Cave Creek Ranch and brief looks while birding the Sonoita Creek area in Patagonia.

Swainson's Hawk *Buteo swainsoni* (4) — Seen sporadically throughout the trip, mainly perched on telephone poles as we drove between stops.

Zone-tailed Hawk *Buteo albonotatus* (1) — Observed only once, a soaring bird as we drove up to the higher elevations while birding the Chiricahuas.

Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis* (7) — Common bird seen every day of the trip, mostly seen perched on telephone poles as we traveled between stops.

OWLS: Strigidae — (3)

Whiskered Screech-Owl *Megascops trichopsis* (1) — Heard and seen as it flew in and perched right above the group. Fantastic views of this owl.

Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus* (2) — Seen perched in the trees on both the morning walk and during Robert's butterfly talk while at the Casa San Pedro.

Spotted Owl *Strix occidentalis* (1) — Fantastic look at a pair of these rare birds perched next to each other while birding the Chiricahuas.

TROGONS: Trogonidae — (1)

Elegant Trogon *Trogon elegans* (1) — Only seen while birding South Fork but seen and heard calling just below the bridge.

WOODPECKERS: Picidae — (5)

Acorn Woodpecker *Melanerpes formicivorus* (7) — Very Common, seen every day.

Gila Woodpecker *Melanerpes uropygialis* (5) — Common woodpecker seen most days from Huachucas onwards.

Ladder-backed Woodpecker *Dryobates scalaris* (4) — Seen sporadically in all Sky Islands visited, best views came while visiting Dave Jasper's feeders.

Arizona Woodpecker *Dryobates arizonae* (2) — Only seen while watching the feeders at the George Walker house in Paradise.

Northern Flicker *Colaptes auratus* (3) — Only seen while in the Chiricahuas and the Huachucas. The race observed here is the red-shafted birds.

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae — (1)

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* (4) — Seen multiple times with the best looks coming from a pair of birds while in Box Canyon.

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae — (15)

Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet *Camptostoma imberbe* (1) — This small bird with a big voice was both heard and seen only while birding the Sonoita creek area in Patagonia.

Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer* (1) — Surprisingly only seen once, while birding the Sonoita creek area in Patagonia.

Ash-throated Flycatcher *Myiarchus cinerascens* (1) — This dull flycatcher was observed on the very last day while birding Sentinel Peak Park in Tucson.

Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus* (1) — Only seen once while at the Sonoita Creek Area in Patagonia.

Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher *Myiodynastes luteiventris* (2) — This large streaky flycatcher was seen and heard in both the Chiricahuas and Miller Canyon in the Huachucas.

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* (2) — Normally a rare bird for this area, multiple birds were observed in the Tubac and at the Golf Course we were staying at.

Cassin's Kingbird *Tyrannus vociferans* (2) — This kingbird was seen two days of the trip with the best views coming while at Cave Creek Ranch where we were able to see its white malar stripe that differentiated it from Western Kingbird.

Thick-billed Kingbird *Tyrannus crassirostris* (1) — This uncommon kingbird gave fantastic views while two were perched on telephone wires in the dam area of Box Canyon.

Western Kingbird *Tyrannus verticalis* (5) — Common bird, seen most of the time perched on telephone wires as we drove between spots.

Greater Pewee *Contopus pertinax* (1) — Two of these large flycatchers observed, both at the higher elevations in the Chiricahuas, one at Pinery and one on the road between Onion Saddle and the Barfoot Junction.

Western Wood-Pewee *Contopus sordidulus* (2) — Only seen two days of the trip, with one bird high in the Chiricahuas while heading to the Barfoot Junction and one bird seen briefly while birding Box Canyon.

Willow Flycatcher *Empidonax traillii* (1) — A bird seen briefly while birding Box Canyon, Kathi was able to get a recording of the bird calling to confirm the identification.

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans* (2) — Only seen twice with the best views coming at Paton's Hummingbird Center.

Say's Phoebe *Sayornis saya* (2) — Only seen twice with the best views coming while birding the road by the De Anza trail in Tubac, was perched on a fence line.

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus* (4) — This bright flycatcher was a common bird from the Huachucas onwards.

VIREOS: Vireonidae — (3)

Bell's Vireo *Vireo bellii* (2) — Only bird of the trip that was essentially heard only, with some getting quick glimpses of a bird in a dense bush while birding Sonoita creek area in Patagonia.

Plumbeous Vireo *Vireo plumbeus* (2) — Only seen and heard while birding the first two sky islands: three while on South Fork Road and one on Miller Canyon Trail while in the Huachucas.

Warbling Vireo *Vireo gilvus* (3) — Only seen while in the lowlands with several birds seen while birding Casa San Pedro, the San Pedro House and the Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Preserve.

SHRIKES: Laniidae — (1)

Loggerhead Shrike *Lanius ludovicianus* (3) — Seen infrequently throughout the trip, mainly perched on telephone wires. The most memorable sighting was of a bird trying to catch a Lesser Goldfinch while birding Box Canyon.

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae — (5)

Steller's Jay *Cyanocitta stelleri* (1) — Only seen once, but common in the high elevation areas in the Chiricahuas.

Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay *Aphelocoma woodhouseii* (1) — Only seen once while driving back from the George Walker House. Was seen perched from the road.

Mexican Jay *Aphelocoma wollweberi* (5) — Seen and heard on many of the Sky Island Mountains, great views at Cave Creek Ranch and the George Walker House as they came into feeders.

Chihuahuan Raven *Corvus cryptoleucus* (1) — Many Ravens were seen, but only one for sure Chihuahuan, perched on the side of the road with good views of the long nasal bristles giving it a short-billed appearance while on the first day.

Common Raven *Corvus corax* (3) — Both heard and seen, with best views common of birds perched on telephone poles while birding Box Canyon.

PENDULINE-TITS: Remizidae — (1)

Verdin *Auriparus flaviceps* (2) — This small yellow headed bird was seen twice, coming into Dave Jasper's feeders while in the Chiricahuas and on the last day while birding the Desert Meadows Park in Green Valley.

TITS AND CHICKADEES: Paridae — (2)

Mexican Chickadee *Poecile sclateri* (1) — Really nice views of multiple Chickadees that were part of a mixed flock coming into a small stream while birding Rustler Park in the Chiricahuas.

Bridled Titmouse *Baeolophus wollweberi* (3) — Seen several times, most of the time coming into feeders.

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae — (5)

Bank Swallow *Riparia riparia* (1) — Only seen the first day while mixed in with other swallows at Lake Cochise.

Violet-green Swallow *Tachycineta thalassina* (2) — Only seen in the Chiricahuas, with several observed on the road between Onion Saddle and the Barfoot Junction.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx serripennis* (1) — Only seen the first day, while mixed in with the other swallows at Lake Cochise.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* (4) — Seen multiple times throughout the trip. The best views came after finishing lunch in Patagonia—where 3 nestlings were seen crowded in a nest.

Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota* (2) — Seen two times during the trip with the best views coming of these light rumped swallows while birding Canoa Ranch on the last full day of the trip.

BUSHTITS: Aegithalidae — (1)

Bushtit *Psaltriparus minimus* (2) — Seen on two days with the best looks coming from a flock of 10 birds that came into to drink while sitting at Ash Canyon.

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS: Ptilonotidae — (1)

Phainopepla *Phainopepla nitens* (2) — A number of these dark silky flycatchers with red eyes were seen perched on the Octillo while birding Box Canyon.

NUTHATCHES: Sittidae — (3)

Red-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta canadensis* (1) — Only seen once while picking through the mixed flock that was coming down to the water at Rustler Park.

White-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta carolinensis* (6) — Common, heard more often than seen. Seen at most feeding areas we visited.

Pygmy Nuthatch *Sitta pygmaea* (1) — Seen and heard only at Barfoot Park, stayed high up in the trees.

TREECREEPERS: Certhiidae — (1)

Brown Creeper *Certhia americana* (2) — Only seen in the Chiricahuas, nice looks at these birds that look like “Moving Bark” while birding on South Fork.

GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae — (1)

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *Polioptila caerulea* (1) — This small gray bird was only seen while hiking Miller Canyon to look for the Flame-colored Tanager. Was heard and then quickly flew over the trail and disappeared.

WRENS: Troglodytidae — (4)

Rock Wren *Salpinctes obsoletus* (2) — Best views of this bird where at Montezuma Pass in Coronado National Memorial while we were looking at the White-throated Swifts.

Cactus Wren *Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus* (7) — Common bird heard and seen every day of the trip.

Bewick’s Wren *Thryomanes bewickii* (3) — Multiple birds heard and seen throughout the trip.

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon* (1) — Only seen while birding in Rustler Park while in the Chiricahuas.

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae — (2)

Curve-billed Thrasher *Toxostoma curvirostre* (6) — Another common bird, seen and or heard most days of the trip. It was a common feeder bird.

Northern Mockingbird *Mimus polyglottos* (3) — Seen a few times over the course of the trip, most of the time perched on telephone wires as we drove between stops.

STARLINGS AND MYNAS: Sturnidae — (1)

European Starling (I) *Sturnus vulgaris* (1) — Only seen the last 2 days, both times in Green Valley.

THRUSHES: Turdidae — (2)

Western Bluebird *Sialia mexicana* (1) — Only seen while birding Rustler Park—very common with mainly young spotted birds seen.

American Robin *Turdus migratorius* (2) — Seen two days of the trip, with a number of these orange breasted thrushes seen while birding Rustler Park.

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae — (1)

House Sparrow (I) *Passer domesticus* (4) — Common bird, especially at the feeders at Casa San Pedro.

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae — (3)

House Finch *Haemorhous mexicanus* (7) — Common bird, seen every day of the trip

Pine Siskin *Spinus pinus* (1) — One bird mixed in with a few Lesser Goldfinches while birding Rustler Park.

Lesser Goldfinch *Spinus psaltria* (6) — Very common, seen most days of the trip.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae — (13)

Rufous-winged Sparrow *Peucaea carpalis* (1) — This specialty of the Sonoran Desert was found only on the last day while birding the Desert Meadows Park in Green Valley.

Botteri's Sparrow *Peucaea botterii* (2) — This plain monsoon breeding grassland sparrow was seen on two days, once perched in the open after the entrance to the Coronado National Memorial and the other of multiple singing birds in the grasslands below Box Canyon.

Cassin's Sparrow *Peucaea cassinii* (1) — This monsoon breeder was only seen and heard while birding the grasslands below Box Canyon.

Five-striped Sparrow *Amphispiza quinquestrata* (1) — Heard and seen only in box Canyon, a bird perched on the Ocotillo on the other side of the canyon.

Black-throated Sparrow *Amphispiza bilineata* (1) — Surprisingly, only seen in the Chiricahuas at Dave Jasper's feeders where we go great looks at a few birds.

Lark Sparrow *Chondestes grammacus* (5) — Pretty common throughout the trip with good views coming during our stay at Casa de San Pedro.

Chipping Sparrow *Spizella passerina* (2) — Seen two times with great views while birding at both Rustler Park and at the Ash Canyon feeders.

Yellow-eyed Junco *Junco phaeonotus* (3) — Common in the high elevation areas of the Chiricahuas, with good views of these yellow eyed birds at Rustler Park.

Song Sparrow *Melospiza melodia* (3) — Heard at Casa San Pedro but decent looks while birding the Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Preserve and at the Paton's hummingbird center.

Canyon Towhee *Melospiza fusca* (4) — Seen just over half the days of the trip, with the best looks coming at most of the feeders we visited throughout the trip.

Abert's Towhee *Melospiza aberti* (4) — Common bird once out of the Chiricahuas, decent looks while at the Paton hummingbird center.

Rufous-crowned Sparrow *Aimophila ruficeps* (2) — Seen and heard twice, with good looks at a singing bird as we traveled up to the higher elevations of the Chiricahuas.

Spotted Towhee *Pipilo maculatus* (2) — Heard more often than seen but seen briefly while between Onion Saddle and the Barfoot Junction.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: ICTERIIDAE — (1)

Yellow-breasted Chat *Icteria virens* (3) — Another bird heard more often than seen. One was seen while on the morning bird walk at Casa San Pedro.

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae — (8)

Yellow-headed Blackbird *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus* (2) — Small flocks of these birds were seen on both the first day at Lake Cochise and on the morning walk at Casa San Pedro.

Chihuahuan Meadowlark *Sturnella lilanae* (2) — One was seen at Casa San Pedro, and they were seen and heard both in the lower elevations of the Cornado National Memorial.

Hooded Oriole *Icterus cucullatus* (3) — Seen in both the Chiricahuas and the Santa Rita's, with good looks at several birds while birding Box Canyon.

Bullock's Oriole *Icterus bullockii* (2) — One young bird seen at Dave Jasper's feeders and 2 young birds seen flying over the grasslands while on a morning walk at Casa San Pedro.

Scott's Oriole *Icterus parisorum* (2) — One seen while at Dave Jasper's feeders; also seen while birding Box Canyon in the Santa Rita's.

Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus* (1) — Only seen once on the trip, being at Lake Patagonia State Park.

Brown-headed Cowbird *Molothrus ater* (4) — Several seen while birding Casa San Pedro, also seen in the lower elevations in the other Sky Islands.

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus* (3) — A small number were seen while birding Lake Cochise, but better looks and way more common walking around the picnic area at Lake Patagonia State Park.

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae — (14)

Orange-crowned Warbler *Oreothlypis celata* (2) — Seen twice, both briefly with one seen at Cornado National Memorial and one seen at the San Pedro House.

Lucy's Warbler *Leiothlypis luciae* (2) — Seen twice, with decent looks at both Casa San Pedro and at the San Pedro House.

Nashville Warbler *Leiothlypis ruficapilla* (1) — This yellow-bellied warbler with a bold eye ring was seen only on the very last day while birding Sentinel Peak Park in Tucson.

Virginia's Warbler *Leiothlypis virginiae* (2) — This bird with a yellow breast and undertail coverts was seen at both the creek area of Rustler Park and at Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Preserve.

Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas* (2) — Only heard and briefly seen while doing the morning walks at Casa de San Pedro and at Patagonia Lake State Park.

American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla* (1) — This uncommon eastern warbler was seen by all while birding Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Preserve. Female type plumage with light yellow squares on tail and yellowish on the sides.

Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechia* (6) — Seen most days of the trip.

Yellow-rumped Warbler *Setophaga coronata* (1) — Only seen once while coming into the creek while part of the mixed flock we came across up at Rustler Park.

Grace's Warbler *Setophaga graciae* (2) — Only seen while in the higher elevations of the Chiricahua's, multiple birds at Barfoot Park.

Townsend's Warbler *Setophaga townsendi* (1) — Only seen once, while in the mixed warbler flock at Rustler Park.

Hermit Warbler *Setophaga occidentalis* (1) — Common bird in the high elevations of the Chiricahuas, multiple birds coming into the water while at Rustler Park.

Wilson's Warbler *Cardellina pusilla* (2) — This black capped yellow warbler was seen while birding the riparian corridor at the Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Preserve.

Red-faced Warbler *Cardellina rubrifrons* (1) — Only seen in the mixed warbler flock we had coming to the water while at Rustler Park.

Painted Redstart *Myioborus pictus* (4) — Seen in both the Chiricahuas and the Huachucas, multiple good looks of both the red-breasted adults and young birds lacking the red breast.

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae — (8)

Hepatic Tanager *Piranga flava* (2) — Observed only in the Chiricahua's while birding both South Fork and the road between Onion Saddle and Barfoot Junction.

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra* (2) — Seen coming into the feeder at Dave Jasper's place. Also seen/heard at Casa de San Pedro and the Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Preserve.

Northern Cardinal *Cardinalis cardinalis* — Great looks at these birds coming into the feeders while in the Chiricahuas, not seen very many other places on the trip.

Pyrrhuloxia *Cardinalis sinuatus* (4) — Really great looks at this cardinal look-a-like coming into the feeders at Dave Jasper's Place.
Black-headed Grosbeak *Pheucticus melanocephalus* — Seen/heard every day of the trip with multiple individuals seen while at many of the feeders in the Portal area.

Blue Grosbeak *Passerina caerulea* (5) — Common bird, seen mainly in the lower elevations during the trip.

Lazuli Bunting *Passerina amoena* (4) — Uncommon bird, but best seen in decent flocks while on the morning bird walks at Casa de San Pedro.

Varied Bunting *Passerina versicolor* — This brilliant purple-blue bunting was only seen on the last day while birding Box Canyon. Great views of it both singing and perching on the Ocotillo.

MAMMALS: — (13)

Pronghorn *Antilocapra americana* (1) — Briefly seen from the road while driving from Sierra Vista to Patagonia.

Mule Deer *Odocoileus hemionus* — Seen only once after coming down from the western side of the Chiricahuas. Deer with a black tail.

White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus* (6) — The "Coues" race which is the 2nd smallest race in the United States was seen most days while in the Chiricahuas, Huachucas, and Santa Ritas.

Collared Peccary *Pecari tajacu* (2) — Seen twice throughout the trip, in the lowlands.

Striped Skunk *Mephitis mephitis* (1) — Seen while birding the Cave Creek Ranch property only.

Bobcat *Lynx rufus* (2) — Seen twice, both times in the Chiricahua's. The first time was of one in the lowlands while we were cruising for snakes.

Gray Fox *Urocyon cinereoargenteus* (1) — Fantastic looks at a family of Gray Foxes as the kits were on one side of the road and the adult on the other. We watched a second adult jump down and retrieve a dead rabbit it had been carrying.

Desert Cottontail *Sylvilagus audubonii* (2) — Seen days 2 and three of the trip, most of the time on the shoulders of the road as we drove between stops.

Cliff Chipmunk *Tamias dorsalis* (2) — Common chipmunk seen at the feeding stations in the Chiricahuas only.

Harris's Antelope Squirrel *Ammospermophilus harrisi* (1) — Seen scrambling up the rocky slope while birding Box Canyon.

Rock Squirrel *Otospermophilus variegatus* (3) — Most often seen at the feeders in the Chiricahuas only.

Arizona Gray Squirrel *Sciurus arizonensis* (3) — This large gray squirrel was common from the Huachucas onwards. Surprisingly not found in the Chiricahuas.

Mexican (Apache) Fox Squirrel *Sciurus nayaritensis* — This big red squirrel was seen only in the Chiricahuas on the 2nd and 3rd days as we were driving between stops.

REPTILES: — (12)

Ornate Box Turtle *Terrapene ornata* — Two of these species seen at Casa de San Pedro. One was trying to cross the road; the other was crossing a trail during one of the morning walks.

Yarrow's Spiny Lizard *Sceloporus jarrovi* (2) — Only seen on the 3rd day when we were birding the Chiricahuas.

Clark's Spiny Lizard *Sceloporus magister* (1) — Only seen in the lower elevations of the Huachucas. The best views were from the one that was on the wall at Ash Canyon.

Ornate Tree Lizard *Urosaurus ornatus* — Seen on day 5 while birding in the Huachucas.

Sonoran Spotted Whiptail *Aspidoscelis sonorae* — Really common lizard seen most areas.

Coachwhip *Masticophis flagellum* (1) — Only seen once while driving between stops. The snake slithered across the road at lighting speed.

Gopher Snake *Pituophis catenifer* (1) — Only seen once while driving, the snake had to be escorted off the road.

Western Diamondback Rattlesnake *Crotalus atrox* (1) — Numerous baby rattlers of this species were seen while road cruising on the 2nd night in the Chiricahuas.

Regal Ring-necked Snake *Diadophis punctatus* (2) — Seen two different days with the best views coming while driving in Box Canyon.

Sonoran Desert Toad *Incilius alvarius* (1) — Only seen one day of the trip, with a toad making an appearance by the van when we were leaving Elvira's.

Chiricahua Leopard Frog *Lithobates chiricahuensis* (2) — These endangered frogs were seen both in the Chiricahua's and the Huachucas. The best views came while at Miller Canyon of several frogs sitting on the lily pads at Beatty's.

American Bullfrog *Lithobates catesbeianus* (3) — Also seen in Miller Canyon as well as Casa de San Pedro. Best views were of a

large frog in the pond at Casa de San Pedro.

COMMON BUTTERFLIES & INVERTEBRATES OF NOTE: — (17)

Two-tailed Swallowtail *Papilio multicaudata* (4) — This yellow swallowtail with two tails was a very common butterfly while birding the Chiricahuas with multiple sightings of them flying by the roads.

Pipevine Swallowtail *Battus philenor* (1) — A single sighting while birding in the Chiricahua's.

Black Swallowtail *Papilio polyxenes* (1) — Multiple sightings of this butterfly but only in the Chiricahua's.

Giant Swallowtail *Papilio cresphontes* (1) — One sighting of this uncommon butterfly as we were getting out to bird the Southwest Research Station.

Orange Sulphur *Colias eurytheme* (2) — Seen two days of the trip, but in the Chiricahuas only.

Mexican Yellow *Eurema Mexicana* (1) — Only seen while birding the Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Preserve in the riparian corridor.

Cloudless Sulphur *Phoebis sennae* (1) — Another butterfly that was seen while birding the Chiricahuas only.

Marine Blue *Leptotes marina* (2) — Common butterfly, mostly seen puddling along pools of water in the Chiricahuas and Huachucas.

Spring Azure *Celastrina ladon* (2) — Common butterfly, mostly seen puddling along pools of water throughout the trip.

Variegated Fritillary *Euptoieta Claudia* (1) — Only seen while birding the South Fork trail, several of them were on the flowering plants right at the start of the trail.

Bordered Patch *Chlosyne lacinia* (2) — This dark butterfly was only seen by a few small puddles as we were birding Coronado National Monument.

Red-spotted Purple *Limenitis arthemis* (1) — This large dark butterfly was only seen as we were heading up the trail while birding Miller Canyon.

Arizona Sister *Adelpha eulalia* (2) — This fantastic brown and white butterfly with orange tips was seen on multiple occasions as we were birding the different spots in the Chiricahuas.

Queen *Danaus gilippus* (1) — This look-a-like Monarch butterfly was seen while birding in the Chiricahuas.

Red Satyr *Megisto rubricata* (1) — This small brown butterfly was only seen once while birding the South Fork trail after seeing a trogon.

Dull Firetip *Apyrrothrix Araxes* (1) — This butterfly was seen while birding the southwest research station.

Golden-headed Scallopwing (2) — A few of these butterflies were observed while birding the Patagonia and Santa Rita sky Islands. Good views of them while birding Box Canyon.