

# Utah: Birding Canyon Country Species List | September 17-25, 2024 with Naturalist Journeys



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On this tour, our intrepid group ventured into the legendary and spectacular landscapes of southwest Utah and northern Arizona, visiting 3 of the “Mighty Five” National Parks in Utah (Zion, Bryce Canyon, Capitol Reef) plus Grand Canyon National Park at its considerably less visited North Rim. Perhaps we should call this the Fabulous Four Tour? We were also able to add in a bit of birding in the Mojave Desert ecoregion around the city of St. George, Utah, our starting and ending point. The landscapes were incredible essentially everywhere we went: towering cliffs of Navajo Sandstone at Zion, the enormity of erosion at work at the Grand Canyon, hoodoo-mania at Bryce Canyon, and the intricate formations of Capitol Reef. All this was supplemented by great lodging, good food (and many picnics!), and about the best company you can imagine.

We came up with an amazing species list for this tour, too, finding bird after bird thanks to our hard-working (and -photographing) team. The 123 species is the highest number on any of the 5 times Dave has done this tour, even compared to spring! Some of the highlights (and there were many) included 3 different California Condors, an enormous flock of Pinyon Jays right by the highway, a Zone-tailed Hawk at Grand Canyon, Golden Eagles on 4 different days of the tour, a small group of Lewis’s Woodpecker, American Dippers in the Virgin River in Zion, and a veritable throng of Sage Thrashers in perfect morning light in Torrey. Many mammals and herps were found, too, including the ubiquitous Rock Squirrel, many chipmunks of various species, and the endearing Golden-mantled Ground Squirrel. A wonderful tour with a great cast of characters, we indeed had a great time in the Canyon Country.

The eBird link below details the 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, amphibians, and insects we were fortunate to observe during the trip.

**BIRDS** (123 species were recorded of which 3 were heard only and 1 was seen by the guides only):

## **DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS: Anatidae (10)**

**Canada Goose** *Branta canadensis*—Recorded on 4 days of the tour at Tonaquint, Jackson Flat, the pond behind Ruby’s Inn, and Wide Hollow Reservoir

**Wood Duck** *Aix sponsa*—2 males and a female in the pond at Tonaquint

**Blue-winged Teal** *Spatula discors*—A pair seen flying away at Jackson Flat

**Northern Shoveler** *Spatula clypeata*—A group seen at Wide Hollow were the only ones of the tour

**Gadwall** *Mareca strepera*—Several pairs were at Jackson Flat, identifiable with the scope

**Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos*—Recorded on 4 days of the tour at several of the ponds and lakes visited

**Green-winged Teal** *Anas crecca*—Small numbers found at Jackson Flat among the other waterfowl and coots present

**Redhead** *Aythya americana*—Quite a few at Wide Hollow

**Ring-necked Duck** *Aythya collaris*—Seen at Wide Hollow, mingling with Redheads

**Ruddy Duck** *Oxyura jamaicensis*—Recorded on 3 days of the tour at appropriate wetlands: Jackson Flat, Ruby's Inn pond, and Wide Hollow

#### **NEW WORLD QUAIL: Odontophoridae (1)**

**Gambel's Quail** *Callipepla gambelii*—Several seen at Confluence Park outside St. George

#### **PARTRIDGES, PHEASANTS, AND ALLIES: Phasianidae (1)**

**Wild Turkey** *Meleagris gallopavo*—Seen on all 3 days when in Zion National Park

#### **GREBES: Podicipedidae (3)**

**Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus podiceps*—Seen at Jackson Flat (where they were quite numerous), the pond behind Ruby's Inn, and Wide Hollow

**Eared Grebe** *Podiceps nigricollis*—Only found at Wide Hollow Reservoir

**Western Grebe** *Aechmophorus occidentalis*—Several seen in both Jackson Flat and Wide Hollow Reservoirs

#### **PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (3)**

**Rock Pigeon** *Columba livia*—Recorded on 2 days when in towns like St. George

**Eurasian Collared-Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto*—Reported on 4 days of the tour, mostly when in or passing through towns; an out of place individual was at Jacob Lake

**Mourning Dove** *Zenaida macroura*—Seen on 4 days of the tour at a variety of places

#### **CUCKOOS AND ALLIES: Cuculidae (1)**

**Greater Roadrunner** *Geococcyx californianus*—Great views of one running around, as they are wont to do, at Grafton

#### **SWIFTS: Apodidae (2)**

**Vaux's Swift** *Chaetura vauxi*—One seen from the vehicles in La Verkin as we left the parking lot at the Main Confluence Park trailhead

**White-throated Swift** *Aeronautes saxatalis*—Quite a few zipping by as we stood admiring the view at Confluence Park; Dave saw another at La Fevre Overlook

#### **HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae (1)**

**Anna's Hummingbird** *Calypte anna*—Several seen at Tonaquint Park; a low elevation species not found elsewhere on the tour

#### **RAILS, COOTS AND ALLIES: Rallidae (1)**

**American Coot** *Fulica americana*—By far the most abundant bird of the tour; large flocks seen at Jackson Flat and Wide Hollow, with smaller numbers at Ruby's Inn pond and the Boulder Mountain Lodge pond

#### **CRANES: Gruidae (1)**

**Sandhill Crane** *Antigone canadensis*—A pair at Wide Hollow reservoir were the only ones of the tour

#### **STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae (2)**

**Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus*—A small group of these were at Jackson Flat Reservoir

**American Avocet** *Recurvirostra americana*—One seen at Jackson Flat Reservoir was the only one of the tour

#### **PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae (1)**

**Killdeer** *Charadrius vociferus*—One heard at Tonaquint and several seen on the shoreline at Wide Hollow

#### **SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (4)**

**Least Sandpiper** *Calidris minutilla*—A few spotted with the scope at Jackson Flat Reservoir

**Long-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus scolopaceus*—Two were at Wide Hollow and identified with the scope

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius*—One flew across the water at Jackson Flat

**Lesser Yellowlegs** *Tringa flavipes*—Unusual for the tour and location, one was at Jackson Flat

#### **GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae (2)**

**Ring-billed Gull** *Larus delawarensis*—A lone individual was floating in the lake at Jackson Flat

**Forster's Tern** *Sterna forsteri*—Nice views of this single tern at Jackson Flat

#### **CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae (1)**

**Double-crested Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax auritus*—Seen swimming in Wide Hollow Reservoir

#### **HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (4)**

**Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias*—Seen on 4 days at several sites with wetlands; the largest number were in Wide Hollow Reservoir

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba*—Recorded on 3 days at Tonaquint Park, Jackson Flat, and Wide Hollow

**Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula*—One was perching in a roost tree at Jackson Flat

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*—Seen lurking in the lakeside bushes at Jackson Flat

#### **IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae (1)**

**White-faced Ibis** *Plegadis chihi*—Seen at Jackson Flat and Wide Hollow Reservoirs; a particularly large group of about 70 was at the former site

#### **NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae (2)**

**California Condor** *Gymnogyps californianus*—A top highlight of this tour, probably for everyone, was the sighting of 3 different condors. Although the traditional spot of Navajo Bridge did not come through this time, we found one immature bird at Zion (tag # 2Y) and 2 adults (tag #'s -6, 79) on the Kaibab Plateau, perching in burned out Ponderosa Pines, as we drove in to Grand Canyon North Rim. Here are the details on each bird from condorspotter.com:

- 2Y: female; Hatched: April 22, 2019; Age: 5 yrs 5 mos; Hatch Location: World Center for Birds of Prey; seen at Zion National Park, Big Bend
- -6: female; Hatched: April 10, 2003; Age: 21 yrs 5 mos; Hatch Location: World Center for Birds of Prey; seen on the Kaibab Plateau
- 79: male; Hatched: May 9, 2005; Age: 19 yrs 4 mos; Hatch Location: Oregon Zoo; seen on the Kaibab Plateau

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura*—Not unsurprisingly, seen every day of the tour at most locations visited and while driving

#### **OSPREY: Pandionidae (1)**

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*—One flew by some of the group when at Roosevelt Point, Grand Canyon

#### **HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (5)**

**Golden Eagle** *Aquila chrysaetos*—A highlight of the tour, we saw at least 5 separate eagles on 4 days of the tour; perhaps the most memorable sightings were the pair at Grafton consuming a rabbit and one that flew low overhead at the Upper Valley Granaries, possibly one of the ancient spirits that continue to guard that place

**Northern Harrier** *Circus cyaneus*—Only found at Jackson Flat during our time there

**Cooper's Hawk** *Accipiter cooperii*—Identified at Confluence Park, Grand Canyon, and on Boulder Mountain

**Zone-tailed Hawk** *Buteo albonotatus*—A surprise sighting at Cape Royal in Grand Canyon, this bird almost snuck by us while it imitated a Turkey Vulture

**Red-tailed Hawk** *Buteo jamaicensis*—As is usually the case, the most frequently encountered raptor of the tour; found on 5 days at several sites

### **OWLS: Strigidae (1)**

**Great Horned Owl** *Bubo virginianus*—(H) One was calling early in the morning one day at Grand Canyon; heard by a few in the group

### **KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae (1)**

**Belted Kingfisher** *Megasceryle alcyon*—Seen at Tonaquint and Jackson Flat

### **WOODPECKERS: Picidae (4)**

**Lewis's Woodpecker** *Melanerpes lewis*—One of the highlights of the tour for many, we found 4 individuals at a dead Ponderosa Pine on the road up Boulder Mountain and had lengthy views of them all, watching them forage and cache acorns

**Red-naped Sapsucker** *Sphyrapicus nuchalis*—Several seen foraging on trunks and fruit in the orchards at Fruita

**Downy Woodpecker** *Dryobates pubescens*—One seen during our picnic at Fruita

**Northern Flicker** *Colaptes auratus*—Seen or heard on almost all days of the tour at most sites; these birds were of the western, Red-shafted form

### **FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (1)**

**American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius*—Seen on 4 days of the tour at several sites, sometimes while driving

### **TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (6)**

**Western Wood Pewee** *Contopus sordidulus*—Seen on the Middle Emerald Pool trail by some in the group

**Gray Flycatcher** *Empidonax wrightii*—One found at Grafton doing its distinctive downward tail flipping

**Black Phoebe** *Sayornis nigricans*—Found at Tonaquint Park and again at Jackson Flat

**Say's Phoebe** *Sayornis saya*—Seen at Confluence Park and Jackson Flat

**Vermilion Flycatcher** *Pyrocephalus rubinus*—Great views of males and females at Grafton

**Western Kingbird** *Tyrannus verticalis*—One bird was at Grafton; oddly, this species was flagged as unusual by eBird

### **VIREOS: Vireonidae (1)**

**Plumbeous Vireo** *Vireo plumbeus*—(H) One was singing at Checkerboard mesa; Dave saw another one at Grand Canyon

### **SHRIKES: Laniidae (1)**

**Loggerhead Shrike** *Lanius ludovicianus*—One individual perched very nicely for us at Grafton

### **CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae (7)**

**Pinyon Jay** *Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus*—In one of the standout moments of the tour, we spotted a huge flock of 80—100 of these when leaving Grand Canyon; fortunately, they were near La Fevre Overlook, so we stopped and waited and they came in very close to forage on pinyon nuts

**Steller's Jay** *Cyanocitta stelleri*—The western "blue jay," we saw these on every day at Grand Canyon and Bryce Canyon, the two parks with higher elevation pine forest

**Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay** *Aphelocoma woodhouseii*—Recorded on 4 days of the tour at Zion, Grand Canyon, and near Torrey

**Black-billed Magpie** *Pica hudsonia*—This corvid has an interesting geographic distribution in Utah, being found mostly toward the northern part of the state; these were easy to see on the last two days when in or near Escalante

**Clark's Nutcracker** *Nucifraga columbiana*—This dramatic looking corvid was heard at Cape Royal and seen many times at Bryce Canyon, sometimes perching very close by in the tops of trees

**American Crow** *Corvus brachyrhynchos*—(H) Heard at Jackson Flat

**Common Raven** *Corvus corax*—Seen every day of the tour; a ubiquitous presence in Canyon Country

### **TITS AND CHICKADEES: Paridae (1)**

**Mountain Chickadee** *Poecile gambeli*—Recorded on all days at Grand Canyon and Bryce Canyon

### **PENDULINE TITS: Remizidae (1)**

**Verdin** *Auriparus flaviceps*—Several were seen or heard at Tonaquint Park

### **SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (4)**

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*—(G) Several picked out by Dave through the scope in the big swallow flock over Jackson Flat

**Violet-green Swallow** *Tachycineta thalassina*—Seen many times on the first day at Tonaquint, Confluence Park, and Grafton; found again at Jackson Flat, Navajo Bridge, and Grand Canyon

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*—Only seen at Tonaquint Park and Jackson Flat; apparently, most had left for the season

**Cliff Swallow** *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*—Two flew over the group when we were at Grafton

### **KINGLETS: Regulidae (1)**

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** *Regulus calendula*—Recorded on 4 days of the tour at Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Escalante Petrified Forest State Park, and Capitol Reef Resort

### **NUTHATCHES: Sittidae (3)**

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** *Sitta canadensis*—Several of these were found at Cape Royal, Grand Canyon, and Piracy Point, Bryce Canyon

**White-breasted Nuthatch** *Sitta carolinensis*—These were seen on 3 days at the Riverside Walk, Zion; Grand Canyon North Rim Lodge and Imperial Point; and at Bryce Canyon on the Bristlecone Loop Trail

**Pygmy Nuthatch** *Sitta pygmaea*—A favorite of many on the tour, these little “forest elves” were seen at Grand Canyon and Bryce Canyon several times

### **WRENS: Troglodytidae (4)**

**Rock Wren** *Salpinctes obsoletus*—We found these at Confluence Park, Jackson Flat, and Cape Royal

**Canyon Wren** *Catherpes mexicanus*—We had great luck with this species in Zion, finding them on our first hike of the day on the Riverside Walk and again on the Middle Emerald Pools trail

**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon*—Unexpectedly, one popped up out of a shrub at the Upper Valley Granaries

**Bewick’s Wren** *Thryomanes bewickii*—Great views of one at Tonaquint Park and again at the Upper Valley Granaries

### **DIPPERS: Cinclidae (1)**

**American Dipper** *Cinclus mexicanus*—Several seen foraging in the Virgin River in Zion; one heard along the Fremont River in Capitol Reef

### **STARLINGS AND MYNAS: Sturnidae (1)**

**European Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris*—Recorded on 3 days of the tour when driving or in towns

### **MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae (2)**

**Sage Thrasher** *Oreoscoptes montanus*—Many of these were in the shrubs during our morning walk in back of Capitol Reef Resort, providing stunning views in the morning sunlight

**Northern Mockingbird** *Mimus polyglottos*—Seen on 2 days in back of the Capitol Reef Resort

### **THRUSHES: Turdidae (4)**

**Western Bluebird** *Sialia mexicana*—This lovely species delighted us on 5 days of the tour at Grafton, Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, and elsewhere; occasionally, they were at very close range

**Townsend’s Solitaire** *Myadestes townsendi*—This elegant thrush species was seen at Point Imperial in Grand Canyon and at Piracy Point and Natural Bridge in Bryce Canyon

**Hermit Thrush** *Catharus guttatus*—Seen at Cape Royal and Jacob Lake

**American Robin** *Turdus migratorius*—Reported on 7 days of the tour at many locations; most abundant at Capitol Reef Resort on the morning walk there



### **SILKY-FLYCATCHERS: Ptiliogonatidae (1)**

**Phainopepla** *Phainopepla nitens*—A male was seen flying away rapidly from the group at Grafton

### **OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae (1)**

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*—Found at the Wingate in St. George, Ruby's Inn parking lot, and around Capitol Reef Resort

### **FINCHES: Fringillidae (5)**

**House Finch** *Haemorhous mexicanus*—Oddly, only recorded on the first and last days of the tour, though at multiple locations on each of those days!

**Cassin's Finch** *Haemorhous cassinii*—We spotted these at Cape Royal, Jacob Lake, and on Boulder Mountain; by far the best sightings were at the fountain at Jacob Lake

**Red Crossbill** *Loxia curvirostra*—Seen or heard at various stops on Grand Canyon North Rim; presumably of the type 2 or Ponderosa call type

**Pine Siskin** *Spinus pinus*—A few of these were around the fountain at Jacob Lake

**Lesser Goldfinch** *Spinus psaltria*—Seen by Dave at Tonaquint Park and by the whole group at Jacob Lake Inn (where a lovely adult male perched on the fountain), and Escalante Petrified Forest State Park

### **NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae (10)**

**Grasshopper Sparrow** *Ammodramus savannarum*—Fortuitously photographed by Jim, one was at the Confluence Park trailhead

**Chipping Sparrow** *Spizella passerina*—Recorded on 5 days of the tour at sites throughout

**Brewer's Sparrow** *Spizella breweri*—Quite a few were in the sagebrush at Confluence Park on our first day

**Dark-eyed Junco** *Junco hyemalis*—Seen on most days at Grand Canyon North Rim and Bryce Canyon; all individuals were of the Gray-headed form, which is the breeding race in the southwestern mountains

**White-crowned Sparrow** *Zonotrichia leucophrys*—Seen at Tonaquint Park, Jacob Lake, Capitol Reef Resort, and Capitol Reef National Park; just starting to arrive for the winter

**Vesper Sparrow** *Pooecetes gramineus*—Seen on the road while driving to Point Imperial at Grand Canyon North Rim

**Song Sparrow** *Melospiza melodia*—Observed at Confluence Park, Zion, and by Dave at Boulder Mountain Lodge pond

**Lincoln's Sparrow** *Melospiza lincolni*—One was seen hopping around the shrub oaks at Jacob Lake

**Abert's Towhee** *Melospiza aberti*—As expected, found at Tonaquint Park, the only site with appropriate habitat for this species on the tour

**Green-tailed Towhee** *Pipilo chlorurus*—Found at Confluence Park and Cape Royal

### **NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae (4)**

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*—A flock that flew overhead at Tonaquint was the only sighting of the tour

**Western Meadowlark** *Sturnella neglecta*—Oddly, seen on the first day at Grafton and on the last day near Fruita and at the Resort

**Brewer's Blackbird** *Euphagus cyanocephalus*—Seen at Jacob Lake, Ruby's Inn pond, and Capitol Reef Resort

**Great-tailed Grackle** *Quiscalus mexicanus*—Seen at Tonaquint and Jackson Flat

### **NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (7)**

**Orange-crowned Warbler** *Leiothlypis celata*—Found on the last 2 days of the tour at the Upper Valley Granaries and on the Fremont River Trail at Capitol Reef; most were of the gray-headed variety but the bird along the Fremont River was a very bright yellow one

**Nashville Warbler** *Leiothlypis ruficapilla*—First seen by Rick at Bryce Canyon, the entire group got great views of one at the Upper Valley Granaries pull-off

**Common Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis trichas*—Only seen on the first day of the tour at Tonaquint

**Yellow Warbler** *Setophaga petechia*—Found at Jackson Flat and Jacob Lake

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** *Setophaga coronata*—The most numerous warbler of the tour, these were found on 4 days at Jackson Flat, Grand Canyon, Capitol Reef Resort, and in Capitol Reef National Park; all those identified to form were of the western, Audubon's, variety

**Black-throated Gray Warbler** *Setophaga nigrescens*—An individual sighted by a few in the group in the morning off the back deck of the Grand Canyon Lodge was the only one of the tour

**Wilson's Warbler** *Cardellina pusilla*—Several were at Tonaquint Park, another was at Jacob Lake, and Dave found one individual at Capitol Reef Resort

#### **CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae (4)**

**Summer Tanager** *Piranga rubra*—Several were calling loudly (and constantly) at Tonaquint Park; another was seen at Zion

**Western Tanager** *Piranga ludoviciana*—Observed at Tonaquint and Jackson Flat

**Black-headed Grosbeak** *Pheucticus melanocephalus*—A female-type was seen at the Jacob Lake fountain

**Lazuli Bunting** *Passerina amoena*—A female or immature was seen by some in back of Capitol Reef Resort

#### **MAMMALS (10)**

**Mule Deer** *Odocoileus hemionus*—Recorded on almost every day of the tour at most parks; they grazed on the lawn at Zion like cattle and appeared totally gorged with fruit at Fruita!

**Pronghorn** *Antilocapra Americana*—Seen on the drive back from Torrey to St. George along the highway

**Coyote** *Canis latrans*—

**Desert Cottontail** *Sylvilagus audubonii*—One seen at Capitol Reef Resort

**White-tailed Antelope Squirrel** *Ammospermophilus leucurus*—A few of these were running around at Tonaquint Park

**Golden-mantled Ground Squirrel** *Callospermophilus lateralis*—Seen on 3 days at Bryce Canyon and on Boulder Mountain

**Rock Squirrel** *Otospermophilus variegatus*—A widespread and frequently seen mammal; recorded on 5 days at many sites

**Kaibab Squirrel** *Sciurus aberti kaibabensis*—Glimpsed by some in the group on our day in Grand Canyon while driving through the Ponderosa Pine

**Cliff Chipmunk** *Neotamias dorsalis*—The common chipmunk species in Zion

**Uinta Chipmunk** *Neotamias umbrinus*—The common chipmunk species in Bryce Canyon

#### **REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (7)**

**Plateau Fence Lizard** *Sceloporus tristichus*—

**Common Sagebrush Lizard** *Sceloporus graciosus*—

**Western Whiptail** *Aspidoscelis tigris*—

**Great Basin Skink** *Plestiodon skiltonianus utahensis*—

**Red-eared Slider** *Trachemys scripta*—Abundant in the pond at Tonaquint Park, where they have been introduced

**Arizona Toad** *Anaxyrus microscaphus*—Found in Zion

**Canyon Tree Frog** *Dryophytes arenicolor*—Some adults and many tadpoles in the Middle Emerald Pool, Bryce Canyon

#### **INSECTS (1)**

**Arizona Sister** *Adelpha eulalia*—Very numerous at Zion, but not seen elsewhere

#### **LOCATIONS AND NOTES:**

Day 1: Tuesday, September 17, 2024; St. George; Tonaquint Park; Confluence Park, Main Street Trailhead; Grafton; Zion National Park

Day 2: Wednesday, September 18, 2024; Zion National Park: Lodge, Riverside Walk, Big Bend, Middle Emerald Pool trail, Grotto Trail

Day 3: Thursday, September 19, 2024; Zion National Park, East Entrance Road; Jackson Flat Reservoir; Kanab; La Fevre Overlook; Navajo Bridge; AZ 67 across the Kaibab Plateau; Grand Canyon National Park, North Rim

Day 4: Friday, September 20, 2024; Grand Canyon National Park, North Rim: Lodge area, Point Imperial, Cape Royal, Walhalla Overlook, Roosevelt Point

Day 5: Saturday, September 21, 2024; Grand Canyon National Park, North Rim; Jacob Lake; La Fevre Overlook; Kanab; Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park; Red Canyon; Bryce Canyon National Park

Day 6: Sunday, September 22, 2024; Bryce Canyon National Park: Lodge area, Bryce Point, Farview/Piracy Points, Natural Bridge, Rainbow Point, Bristlecone Loop Trail, Fairyland Point, Bryce Canyon City Ponds (the ponds behind Ruby's Inn)

Day 7: Monday, September 23, 2024; Bryce Canyon National Park: Mossy Cave Trail; Tropic; Upper Valley Granaries wayside; Escalante Petrified Forest State Park and Wide Hollow Reservoir; Boulder Mountain Lodge; Lewis's Woodpecker tree; Homestead Overlook (Boulder Mountain); Capitol Reef Resort

Day 8: Tuesday, September 24, 2024; Capitol Reef Resort; Capitol Reef National Park: visitor center, Fremont River Trail, Fruita Campground, Petroglyph Panel, Goosenecks Overlook

Day 9: Wednesday, September 25, 2024; drive from Torrey to St. George