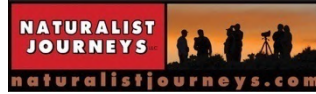


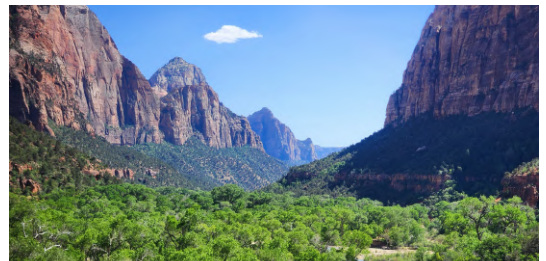
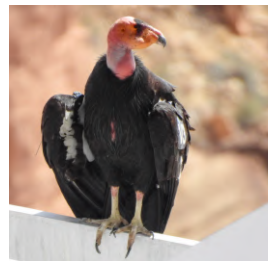
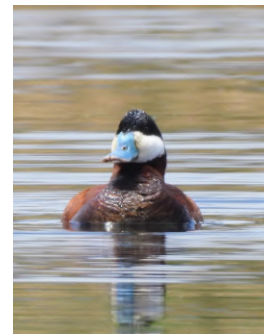
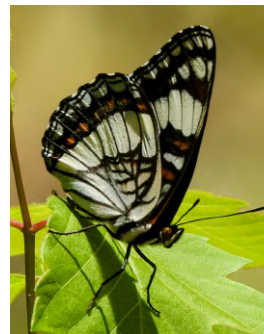
Birding Canyon Country | May 18–26, 2024

Trip Report | by Dave Mehlman



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“It’s Just a Rock”



Sat., May 18 St. George | Grafton | Zion National Park

Everyone had already arrived in St. George either yesterday or on previous days, so we all had breakfast at our leisure at the Wingate and then gathered in mid-morning in the hotel lobby, raring to start our adventure. Due to the early arrivals, we were able to add in a “bonus round” of early birding today by heading directly to Tonaquint Park, a City of St. George facility that has species of birds that we would not find elsewhere on the tour. Indeed, the tour got off to a great start as we staked out a fruiting mulberry tree that had a lot of traffic from Bullock’s Oriole, Western Tanager, and Lesser Goldfinch coming and going. Meanwhile, a few Abert’s Towhees scampered about (the only place we could find this species on the tour) while numerous Cliff Swallows cruised overhead from the nearby colony on a bridge. A visit to the small pond in the park allowed for excellent views and photos of Black Phoebes (apparently nesting under the platform) as well as uncountable numbers of



Red-eared Sliders in the water begging for food and several Mallards of dubious provenance lounging in the shadows. Other avian goodies included Verdin, several Red-tailed Hawks, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, and an Anna's Hummingbird, the latter the only one of the tour.

All these great birds worked up an appetite so we drove the short distance to the nearby Cliffside Restaurant for lunch, stopping for a moment to admire the spectacular view from the mesa over old St. George and the western edge of the Colorado Plateau rising in the distance to the east. After this enjoyable lunch, our first meal as a group together, we got in our vehicles and drove east to the old Mormon pioneer town of Grafton along the Virgin River. After arriving at Grafton, we admired the old pioneer homes from the 19th century and walked the town area looking for birds. Vermilion Flycatchers were real crowd pleasers, as were several perching Phainopeplas, providing great views of their fiery red eyes, crests, and white wing patches when they flew. We also dug up Lark, Chipping, and White-crowned Sparrow here along with a fly-by Osprey.

We then continued the short distance through the town of Springdale and into Zion National Park. Finding the entrance booths un-personed, we stopped at the Visitor Center to get our entrance passes. Parking proved to be easier than expected since the daily crowds were beginning to diminish at the end of the day. After obtaining our passes, we drove up the canyon to the lovely Zion Lodge, checked in at the front desk, and then found our rooms in the Watchman building. After a short break to get settled and gawk at the spectacular features of Zion, we had a great dinner on the deck patio at the Lodge—one of the greatest dining experiences of the tour. After dinner, we met in the downstairs lobby for our daily checklist and review of plans for the next day and then headed off to our rooms for our first night in Zion.

Sun., May 19 Zion National Park

We started the day with an outdoor breakfast at one of the most spectacular dining areas in the southwest: the patio at the dining room of Zion Lodge! Watching the rising sun light up the peaks on the west side of the valley is a sight not to be missed! And, good food and coffee to top it off—does life get any better?

After breakfast, we returned to our rooms to gather our gear and then walked over to the nearby Zion Shuttle stop (no driving for us today!) and got on board to travel all the way upcanyon to the Temple of Sinawava stop, the end of the line. We then walked the entire Riverside Walk trail to the start of the Narrows and back; fortunately, the crowds were large, but tolerable, as the National Park Service had just reopened the Narrows to hikers after closing it for several days due to the high flow of the Virgin River. Although bird activity was a bit slow due to the morning shade and chill, we saw or heard many Yellow Warblers, a few Warbling Vireos, a fly-by Common Merganser, and an outstanding 3 American Dippers in the river! The latter was a real favorite as a few



of them posed very nicely for extended views on rocks in the river. In addition to birds, the wildflowers were in full bloom, particularly on the Zion wall gardens (which must be seen to be believed). Particularly showy were Western Columbines, Scarlet Monkeyflowers, Black Maidenhair Fern, and the last Zion Shootingstars.

The walk being so delightful, we spent the entire morning there and then rode the shuttle bus back down to Zion Lodge for a brief break and lunch in the dining room. After lunch, we split into two smaller groups for the afternoon after all taking the shuttle to the Grotto stop. Dave and Rachel went for a longer, slightly harder hike to the Middle Emerald Pool while Steve led everyone else down the Grotto trail back to the Lodge to do some birding. The birding group had a very productive afternoon finding many species on the trail, including Cassin's Vireo, Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay, and Juniper Titmouse. The walkers also had a great hike, despite being in the full afternoon sun and being on a trail full of other hikers; in addition to the Pool itself (with a rock upon which 18 Canyon Tree Frogs were sitting!), they found a Black-throated Gray Warbler, Northern Rough-winged and Violet-green Swallows, and a House Wren. At the end of their hike, Rachel and Dave decided to spend a bit more time so they took the shuttle down to the Zion Human History Museum to explore the exhibits there, before returning to the Lodge. The entire group meeting up at the end of the day, we enjoyed another excellent dinner on the Zion Lodge's dining patio, basking in the glory of the setting sun on the east walls of the canyon while admiring the small herd of Mule Deer and a male Wild Turkey displaying to two females on the front lawn. What a great place!

Mon., May 20 Zion National Park, East Entrance | Navajo Bridge | Grand Canyon National Park: North Rim

The entire group gathered early at the Zion Lodge dining room to open the breakfast buffet, enjoying our fill at this lovely dining spot for the last time. Returning to our rooms, we checked out, loaded up the vehicles, and set off for more exploration of southwest Utah. Heading down to Canyon Junction, we turned left and began the climb up to the famed Zion-Mt. Carmel tunnel, finished in 1930 to facilitate early tourism between Zion, Grand Canyon, and Bryce Canyon National Parks. We stopped to enjoy the incredible early morning views from a switchback then joined the line of cars waiting to pass, as the narrow tunnel only runs one-way. Emerging onto the East Rim of Zion, we made several stops in the unique forested rocky habitat up there to look for birds and, in vain, Bighorn Sheep. Among the nice species found on the rim were Blue-gray Gnatcatcher; Virginia's, Grace's and Black-throated Gray Warbler; Broad-tailed Hummingbird; and a Hairy Woodpecker. In addition to birding, we admired the unique cross-faulting of the Checkerboard Mesa, a well-known landmark near the East Entrance.



Continuing, we stopped at the gas station in Mt. Carmel for fuel, taking note of the remarkably culturally inappropriate statues and signs in the area. Since we were making excellent time, the group drove through Kanab and visited the Jackson Flat Reservoir, one of the few accessible large bodies of water on the entire tour. Though water levels were high, and it was a bit windy, we found some nice birds for the tour with the aid of the spotting scope: Pied-billed, Eared, and Western Grebe; several Neotropical Cormorants; 2 Redhead; a Gadwall; and an Osprey. Finishing up at the Reservoir, we headed back into Kanab for a tasty lunch at the Wild Thyme Café to finish off the morning.

After lunch, there was a clear consensus among the group that our top priority for the afternoon was finding California Condor. Therefore, we got in our vehicles and made the run from Kanab to Navajo Bridge over the Colorado River, crossing into Arizona (and another time zone!) just south of Kanab. Passing up and over the forested Kaibab Plateau, we descended into the Colorado River valley, admiring the stunning views of the Vermilion Cliffs spread out before us. As we neared the bridge itself, we noticed some large birds soaring in the sky over the bridge and adjacent parking lot. Suspecting they were condors, we pulled in, parked rapidly, and piled out of the vehicles to confirm four different condors slowly circling overhead! Success almost instantly!! We ended up spending about an hour at the bridge, getting multiple views and photos of condors overhead and nearby, some perching on the bridge spans. Many in the group walked all the way across the old bridge to gaze at the river below. In addition to the condors, we also noted a Red-tailed Hawk, Rock Wren, and several White-throated Swifts hanging about the area. After a bit of looking around the visitor center, we reluctantly loaded back in the vehicles, as we had quite a way to go to reach our destination for the evening. So, we headed back up the Kaibab Plateau, turned south at Jacob Lake, and drove through the extensive Ponderosa Pine forests of the Kaibab, eventually arriving at the Grand Canyon North Rim Lodge on its amazing setting right at the lip of the Grand Canyon. After checking in, we found our little cabins and then enjoyed our first dinner at the Lodge. After dinner, we did our checklist in the Lodge lobby and then retired for the night, bringing an end to a fabulous day on the Colorado Plateau.

Tues., May 21 Grand Canyon National Park: North Rim

We began the day by negotiating the breakfast “scrum” at the North Rim Lodge and enjoying the ample buffet there. During breakfast, Dave made sure that everyone had gone down and rubbed Brighty’s nose to bring us good luck for the tour (based on our results, it apparently worked!). After breakfast, we returned to our cabins to prepare then went for about a 1.5 hour walk around the grounds of the Lodge and parking area. While distracted by the stunning views into Roaring Falls Canyon, we found a lot of great birds, probably highlighted by a pair of Pygmy Nuthatches at a nest hole in a Gambel’s Oak! Other sightings included Grace’s, Virginia’s, Black-throated Gray, and Yellow-rumped (Audubon’s) Warbler; Western Tanager; Red-breasted Nuthatch; and several



Dark-eyed (Gray-headed) Juncos (this is the breeding form here, at least one was clearly a Red-backed, the form found in the mountains of the southwest). Also, during the walk, Steve and Dave introduced everyone to the ancient art of “Ponderosa sniffing” and we found some trees with reasonably strong vanilla scents. After our walk, we foraged in the Deli in the Pines for lunch materials (sandwiches, salads, drinks) and then got in the vehicles for a day exploring the North Rim.

Driving out the North Rim Scenic Drive, our first stop was Point Imperial with its majestic views to the east. As White-throated Swifts and Violet-green Swallow zipped by we also saw our first Clark’s Nutcracker of the tour. We then continued to the end of the Drive at Cape Royal where we walked the paved trail out to the incredible viewpoints over the Grand Canyon among the pinyon-juniper forest and flowering Cliffrose. Ever-ready with the bins, we also spotted Grace’s and Black-throated Gray Warbler, Black-headed Grosbeak, a pair of Bushtits, and a Woodhouse’s Scrub-Jay along the way. Finishing our walk, we realized that we were quite famished, so we gathered under the shade of a tall Ponderosa Pine for lunch, the picnic tables being occupied by another tour group. After lunch, we got back in our vehicles, stopping one more time at the Walhalla Glades Vista for more canyon views and a short walk to the small pueblo ruin nearby. At this point in the afternoon, there was little avian activity except for a couple of Grace’s Warblers and Western Tanagers, but the climate was perfect as we pondered the ancient peoples who had lived here and would walk up and down into the Canyon from this point. Returning to the Lodge, we had a bit of a rest, then reassembled for dinner in the dining room. After a bit of a wait due to the large crowds, we got seats at our own large table and enjoyed our final dinner at Grand Canyon. Then, off to our cabins for another night’s rest.

Wed., May 22 Jacob Lake | Coral Pink Sand Dunes | Bryce Canyon

We began the day by attempting to have breakfast again in the Lodge dining room, but the crowds were large and wait times long, so we opted to go to the nextdoor Saloon and avail ourselves of breakfast burritos, cinnamon rolls, and/or coffee to tide us over until the next meal. After trundling our bags out to the loading area, we packed the vehicles and headed north over the Kaibab Plateau, noting numerous Mule Deer foraging in the open areas along the way. Our first stop was the small community of Jacob Lake (Arizona), a spot that Dave particularly likes, to spend a bit of time birding. Walking behind the Jacob Lake Inn property, we wandered through a Ponderosa Pine grove until we got to a large fountain with running water. Running water is a bird magnet, as Dave knew, and we stood quietly near the fountain and watched the traffic. This was a memorable stop; great sightings included large groups of Red Crossbills of all sorts of ages and sexes that came to drink (some even showing the juvenile streaked plumage, presumably birds hatched last year), a cooperative male



Broad-tailed Hummingbird (which sat in a small tree preening after bathing for a long time), many Cassin's Finches, Western Bluebird, and a Grace's Warbler up close.

Continuing our journey north, we pulled over for a short time at the La Fevre Overlook on highway 89A. This overlook provides the best views of the enormous geological sequence of layers known as the Grand Staircase. On a clear day like we had, you can see well up to the north to the towering plateaus of Bryce Canyon and see all the layers (the Pink, Gray, White, and Vermilion Cliffs) as they step down to the uplifted Kaibab limestone on which we were standing. Of course, though geology was the focus of this stop, we also took the time to note a very cooperative Pinyon Jay (the only one of the tour) along with a Juniper Titmouse and a Mountain Chickadee. After absorbing this great view, we continued north back into Utah (losing an hour) and stopped at Glazier's Market in Kanab for our picnic lunches. We then drove to the nearby Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park for lunch at their covered picnic area. This was a fascinating site, new to Dave, where the pink rocks have eroded into pink sand dunes, some of which are active and some stabilized by vegetation. Although the only bird we saw there was a female Brown-headed Cowbird, we did spend some time walking in the dunes. A diligent effort by Steve in the dunes resulted in the sighting of several of the rare and endemic Coral Pink Sand Dunes Tiger Beetle, found only in this state park.

Continuing to Bryce Canyon, we made quick stop at the Red Canyon Visitor Center of the Dixie National Forest to admire the first real hoodoos of the tour. Unfortunately, the visitor center was already closed for the day so we were not able to make this our planned bathroom stop! Therefore, we continued up onto the Paunsaugunt Plateau, stopped briefly at the Pines Rest Area for some relief, then continued into Bryce Canyon National Park. Fortunately, the entrance lines were very short at the park in the afternoon, so, after a brief stop to pay our fees, we continued to the Lodge at Bryce Canyon, checked in, then arrived at our excellent rooms in the Sunrise Building of the Lodge. We then had a great dinner in the Lodge dining room, reviewed our checklist for the day, and walked back to our rooms amid the tranquil setting of Bryce Canyon.

Thur., May 23 Bryce Canyon National Park

At the dining room before opening time in the morning, we were first in line for the ample buffet (which we did some serious damage too—the mixed strawberries/blueberries did not stand a chance!). After breakfast, we returned to our rooms to gather our gear for the day then drove to the General Store to forage for lunch materials—this group could forage, let me tell you! After that it was off to explore the Bryce scenic drive.

The first stop was Bryce Point, the first of many viewpoints for the day, all with stunning views. In between photos and just staring, we noted Violet-green Swallows and White-throated Swifts (which were pretty much at every stop in Bryce) along with the first Green-tailed Towhee of the tour. Next up was the combination of



Farview and Piracy Points, joined by a short trail, again providing amazing views and a few more birds such as Western Tanager, Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler, and a Dark-eyed (Gray-headed) Junco. After this was Natural Bridge then the last stop of the morning, Rainbow Point. At the latter site, we admired the views and then most set off on the Bristlecone Loop Trail for birds and pines. Though windy by this time, the hike was great for birds; we found our only Mountain Bluebirds of the tour along with House Wren, Cassin's Finch, another Green-tailed Towhee, and a Broad-tailed Hummingbird.

After returning from the hike and reuniting with those who walked a shorter distance, we extracted our lunch material from the vehicles and claimed a couple of picnic tables for a great lunch "in the wild." After lunch, at Dave's suggestion, we drove all the way out the scenic drive and out of the park to Bryce Canyon City to do some birding at the pond behind Ruby's Inn, which Dave had consistently found to be a great spot. Indeed, despite the windy conditions, the pond delivered the goods for us! Yellow-headed Blackbirds were chortling away from the cattails as Brewer's Blackbirds flew back and forth, chasing the ravens. Perhaps the most unexpected birds were a breeding-plumaged Red-necked Phalarope in the middle of the pond (identifiable with the scope) and a Bonaparte's Gull that dropped in. Also in the water were several Ruddy Ducks in addition to the usual complement of Mallards, coots, and Canada Geese (some of the latter with downy young already).

Having had our fill at Ruby's pond, we returned toward the park, making one last view stop at Fairyland Point. The views there were great, but we were very lucky and had super sightings of a couple of Clark's Nutcrackers perching in the top of some pines. Re-entering the park, we pulled off the road after the visitor center and found about 10 Utah Prairie-Dogs scattered about the colonies there. This federally threatened species has a very small range and is very much at home in the park. Returning to our rooms, we had a brief rest, convened to do the bird list, and then enjoyed our final dinner at Bryce, followed by another night's rest.

Fri., May 24 Escalante-Grand Staircase | Boulder Mountain | Torrey, UT

We started the day again with the great breakfast buffet at the Bryce Lodge then returned to our rooms to make final departure plans and gather all our belongings. We then left the park, headed north, and returned to the pond behind Ruby's Inn for a last crack at this great birding spot. Most of the usual suspects were still there (Barn Swallows, coots, Ruddy Duck, Say's Phoebe), but we also noted a few lovely Cinnamon Teal in the pond, a first for the tour. Finishing here, we continued our journey and headed east, down from the Paunsagunt Plateau on the way to Torrey. Coming down the long slope of the plateau, we first stopped at the Mossy Cave Trail, having to park in the extra parking area due to the full parking lot. We all walked along the lovely stream bed (full of water since the small canyon carries water from the Tropic Ditch down to the farmland below) admiring the flowers in full bloom. Although pretty quiet, the major avian highlight here was 2 Townsend's Solitaires (the

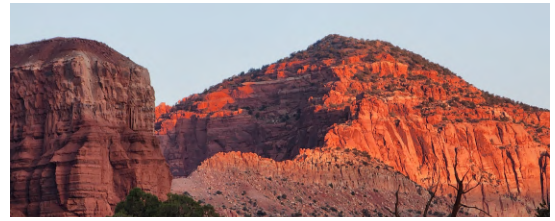
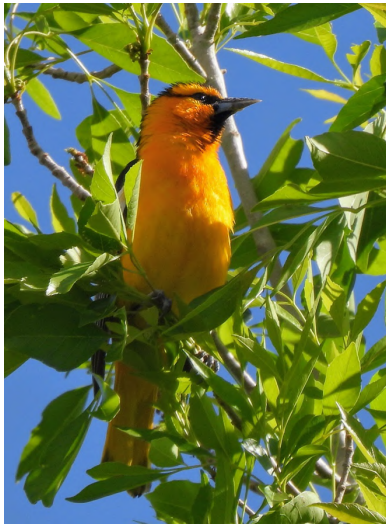


only ones of the tour) flying about the stream bed allowing for great looks. A few in the group hiked all the way up to the Cave itself, admiring the water dripping from the ceiling, and had great looks at a pair of Pygmy Nuthatches in a pine near the trail.

Proceeding on our way east and north, we passed under the looming cliff of Powell Point and drove through increasingly spectacular landscapes to the town of Escalante, where we stopped to pick up our pre-ordered lunches and had a coffee break. After getting our lunches, we continued our drive to the east, passing through amazing slickrock country and down into the Escalante River valley, before arriving at our picnic lunch destination: Calf Creek Campground, administered by the Bureau of Land Management, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Since it was Memorial Day weekend, the parking lot was pretty much full, so we dropped everyone off with the lunch materials and then parked the vehicles wherever we could. We then all sat down and dug into the delicious gourmet sandwiches and salads from Outfitters under the great shade of Gambel's Oaks—a delightful lunch setting. While eating, Charlotte and Dave noticed a MacGillivray's Warbler skulking in the shrubbery, but could not get anyone else on it in time.

After lunch, we took a short walk around the campground and along the lovely Calf Creek, stopping on the small suspension bridge to note a few Brown Trout lurking in the clear waters below. Although mid-day, we scored some nice birds, including a pair of Gray Catbirds, Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay, Green-tailed Towhee, White-crowned Sparrow, Warbling Vireo, and Yellow-breasted Chat (though the latter was mostly heard). After loading up in the vehicles again, we continued our journey east, soon arriving at the small town of Boulder, tucked into the base of the looming Boulder Mountain. We parked at the Boulder Inn and Dave led the group to a pond around back—one of his favorite birding spots on the tour. Much to our surprise, however, as soon as we got out of the car, Dave heard an Evening Grosbeak call over our heads and, after a bit of searching, we had awesome looks at a female grosbeak consuming seeds—an unexpected treat! The pond itself had a nice assortment of birds at close range, such as Red-winged and Yellow-headed Blackbird, Ruddy Ducks, more Cinnamon Teal, some Northern Rough-winged Swallows, and ubiquitous Yellow Warbler.

After leaving Boulder, we started our gradual ascent of Boulder Mountain, making a roadside stop a few miles out of town at a large, dead Ponderosa Pine. After getting out and carefully crossing the highway, we carefully searched the area and soon a Lewis's Woodpecker appeared, first in the pine and then again in some smaller Gambel's Oak. This unique woodpecker was a great highlight to the day and this spot has been reliable for them in recent years. Dave also had a glimpse of what was undoubtedly an Acorn Woodpecker in the pine when we first arrived (and we noted granary holes in the pine), but the bird never reappeared. Other birds in the area



include Morning Dove, Black-headed Grosbeak, Brewer's Blackbird, and some Clark's Nutcrackers. After this great stop, we continued up and over Boulder Mountain, stopping at Homestead Overlook to admire the great views to the south and east at the Henry Mountains and the Waterpocket Fold—the pass here was the highest elevation on the tour at over 9,600 feet. Winding our way down the mountain through extensive mixed conifer and ponderosa pine forests, we soon arrived in the town of Torrey and our destination for the last 2 nights: Capitol Reef Resort. Arriving late in the afternoon, we all got settled in our rooms and then met in the hotel lobby for the bird checklist and discussion of plans for the next day. After this, we walked across the highway for dinner at the lovely Rim Rock Restaurant with its great view from the hill. After dinner, we returned to our rooms for the night after a wonderful day of travel in Canyon Country.

Sat., May 25 Capitol Reef National Park

We began our day dedicated to exploring Capitol Reef National Park with breakfast in the Resort's dining room. Capitol Reef is the least visited of the 4 national parks on the tour (except that the Grand Canyon, North Rim alone, is probably visited the least), though it still receives 1.2 million visitors a year! After finishing breakfast, we loaded into the vehicles and headed for the town of Torrey to pick up our picnic lunches and any other needed supplies. We then traveled to the park, first visiting the crowded visitor center to check in with the rangers. After getting our permits, we drove to the nearby campground amphitheater and took a great walk along the Fremont River which flows through the park. It proved to be one of the best birding mornings of the tour, with Bullock's Orioles seemingly everywhere competing with Yellow Warblers, Yellow-breasted Chats, Lazuli Buntings, and a few Gray Catbirds for loudest and most outstanding bird! In addition to these showy species, our team dug up an Olive-sided Flycatcher (which we watched consume an enormous dragonfly it had caught), several Western Wood-Pewees (strangely, the only ones of the tour), Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Ash-throated Flycatcher, and a Wilson's Warbler (also, oddly, the only one of the tour). The birding turned out to be so good that we spent the entire morning on the River trail, finally returning to the amphitheater at mid-day to eat our lunches.

After lunch, we split up into two groups. Rachel and Steve wanted to hike more, so they hiked further up the Fremont River to the overlook, while Dave led everyone else down the River Trail further toward the Gifford House and the picnic area. Rachel and Steve found a Rock Wren, among other highlights, and the other group had continued great looks at all the fun and colorful species from the morning. Some in Dave's group passed through the Gifford House on the way back and found some great hand-carved kitchen implements for sale, though the famed fruit pies were long sold out. After the groups reunited, we drove to the nearby Petroglyphs pullout and found parking spaces, so we walked the short boardwalk trail to examine the magnificent petroglyphs panels carved into the vertical sandstone, made by the ancient peoples of the Fremont Culture.



While there, we noticed a very large aggregation of White-throated Swifts (maybe as many as 50) flying around the cliff face and entering and exiting a large crack in the rock high above—apparently a very substantial nesting colony was up there.

As we finished our walk here, the skies started to darken with ominous clouds, so we got back in the cars and headed back to town. We made a stop at the Goosenecks panorama site, but, as some of us got out to take a look, a large rain squall hit with strong winds driving raindrops into our faces. This made most of us turn around and scurry back to the cars, soaking wet, before we drove back to the Resort to dry off. After a brief rest and some time to begin organizing our belongings, we reconvened in the hotel lobby to do the final checklist of the tour and discuss departure plans for the next day. After that, with the sun having come back out, we walked across the highway for our farewell dinner at the Rim Rock Restaurant. After that, we returned to our rooms for final packing and the final night in Canyon Country.

Sun., May 26 drive to St. George | Departures

We all met again for another nice breakfast in the Resort's dining room, then loaded up the vehicles one last time. Heading out together we started the long drive back to St. George through some magnificent sagebrush covered hills, valleys with agricultural fields, and high mountains all around. We stopped for lunch in Cedar City, after which we said our final good-byes, as we split into two groups going to different parts of St. George. Half the group went directly to the St. George Shuttle for their bus to Las Vegas and the other half went either to a hotel in town or to the airport. That marked the end of a truly excellent Birding Canyon Country tour with everyone returning with great memories (and more than a few life birds!).

Photos: Group in Bryce (David Mehlman - DM), Western Tanager (Steve Grace - SG), Weidemeyer's Admiral (SG), Ruddy Duck (SG), Bryce Canyon National Park (SG), Zion National Park (SG), Desert Willow (SG), Black-chinned Hummingbird (SG) Greater Roadrunner (Charlotte Morris - CM), Vermilion Flycatcher (SG), Zion Rock Formations (SG), Virgin River (DM), Yellow Warbler (SG), Prickly Pear Cactus (DM), Group in Zion (SG), Pied-billed Grebe (SG), Marble Canyon (DM), California Condor and White-throated Swift (SG), Grand Canyon North Rim (SG), Pygmy Nuthatch (SG), Common Raven (SG), Broad-tailed Hummingbird (SG), Hoodoo (SG), Natural Bridge in Bryce Canyon National Park (SG), Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park (SG), Western Bluebird (SG), Yellow-headed Blackbird (SG), Utah Prairie Dog (SG), Green-tailed Towhee (CM), Uinta Chipmunk (SG), Arrowleaf Balsamroot (DM), Bryce Canyon National Park (SG), Townsend's Solitaire (SG), Evening Grosbeak (SG), Cinnamon Teal (SG), Bullock's Oriole (SG), Mule Deer (SG), Capitol Reef National Park (SG), Yellow-breasted Chat (SG), Gray Catbird (CM), Capitol Reef National Park (SG), Evening Primrose (SG)