

# Oaxaca Valley: Birds, Culture & Crafts

## July 22-30, 2024 | Species List

### With Naturalist Journeys



**With guides Amy McAndrews, Jorge Montejo Díaz, and Lena Moser and Norita, Bill, Jon, Dru, Ken, Joelle, Lynne, Howard, and Audie**

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**Summary:** This fun, 9-day tour was filled with good, clear weather, gorgeous vistas, delicious meals worthy of indulgence, beautiful birds, and plenty of cultural exploration. We birded scrubby oak woodlands, brushy cactus scrub, and grasslands of the dry Oaxaca Valley. We also rose high in elevation to enjoy the cool, humid pine oak forests of the Sierra Norte. Going south of the Sierra Madres, we dipped our toes into tropical montane forests, too. Summertime is a challenging time for birding, as birds are quieter and more reclusive since they're busy raising young. Yet the variety of habitats we visited yielded plenty of avian rewards (139 total species), and we saw many of the target endemics we were after.

#### **BIRDS (139)**

We detected a total of 139 species. A couple of additions to the tour checklist (species which were not present in our hard-copy checklist) were the Strong-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphocolaptes promeropyrhynchus*) and Red-lored Parrot (*Amazona autumnalis*, an introduced species).

To view what was seen during the tour, click on the eBird Trip Report link provided or scan through the list below. (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, as well as how many.)

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**(I) = Introduced**

#### **MAMMALS (1):**

**Red-bellied Squirrel** *Sciurus aureogaster* — Common around the hotel Misión de los Angeles

#### **REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (5):**

**Asian House Gecko (I)** *Hemidactylus frenatus*

**Southern Crevice Spiny Lizard** *Sceloporus aureolus*

**Peter's Shiny Peeping Frog** *Eleutherodactylus nitidus* — Commonly heard at night throughout the tour. This species is endemic to Mexico.

**Spiny Lizard sp.** *Sceloporus sp.*

**Whiptail Lizard sp.** *Cnemidophorus sp.*

## **INSECTS (16) :**

**Fig eater Beetle** *Cotinis mutabilis* — Howard found this large, colorful scarab beetle among some flowers on one of our walks in the morning around Monte Albán

**Golofa Scarab** *Golofa imperialis* — The huge, brown rhinoceros beetle in the potted plant on the porch of Puesta del Sol, our lodge in San José del Pacífico

**Mexican Fritillary** *Euptoieta hegesia*

**Great Southern White** *Ascia monuste*

**Anna's Eighty-eight** *Diaethria anna*

**Turquoise-spotted Navy Eighty-eight** *Diaethria astala*

**Mexican Pine Satyr** *Paramacera xicaque*

**Two-tailed Swallowtail** *Papilio multicaudata*

**Sleepy Orange** [Abaeis nicippe](#)

**Marina Checkerspot (a.k.a. Red-spotted Patch)** *Chlosyne marina*

**Mexican Dart White** *Catantix nimbice*

**Clearwing Mimic-Queen** *Lycorea ilione*

**Orange Mapwing** *Hypanartia lethe*

**Blue Morpho** *Morpho menelaus*

**Cloudywing sp.** *Erynnis sp.*

**Crescent sp.** *Anthanassa sp.*