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## ARIZONA: Wild West Birding



*The stunning Red-faced Warbler is one of the major highlights of our trip to Arizona © Chris Charlesworth*

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26 April – 8 May 2023

Leader: Chris Charlesworth

### SYSTEMATIC LIST

#### Birds

**Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna autumnalis*

Seven noted at the Amado Wastewater Treatment Plant (1 May).

**Canada Goose** *Branta canadensis*

Two noted at the Riparian Preserve at Gilbert (27 April).

**Blue-winged Teal** *Spatula discors*

Seven at the Willcox Sewage Pond on 7 May.

**Cinnamon Teal** *Spatula cyanoptera*

Four at the Willcox Sewage Pond (7 May).

**Northern Shoveler** *Spatula clypeata*

Small numbers at the Riparian Preserve at Gilbert and at Willcox Sewage Pond.

**Gadwall** *Mareca strepera*

Small numbers at the Willcox Sewage Pond.

**American Wigeon** *Mareca americana*

Small numbers at the Riparian Preserve at Gilbert and many at Willcox Sewage Pond.

**Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos*

Pure Mallards were seen at the Riparian Preserve at Gilbert, and other hybrids with Mexican Duck were found elsewhere.

**Mexican Duck** *Anas diazi*

Small numbers noted at a number of locations including the Amado Wastewater Treatment Plant, Patagonia Lake State Park, Blue Haven Road, along Sonoita Creek, and at Willcox Sewage Pond.

**Green-winged Teal** *Anas crecca*

Only found at the Willcox Sewage Pond (7 May).

**Ring-necked Duck** *Aythya collaris*

One male at Amado Wastewater Treatment Plant and a female at Willcox Sewage Pond.

**Ruddy Duck** *Oxyura jamaicensis*

Seen at most lakes we visited including Riparian Preserve at Gilbert, Amado Wastewater Treatment Plant, Patagonia Lake State Park, Pena Blanca Lake and Willcox Sewage Pond.

**Scaled Quail** *Callipepla squamata*

Small numbers noted between Portal and the New Mexico State Line. Two were also seen at the Willcox Sewage Pond.

**Gambel's Quail** *Callipepla gambelii*

Common throughout in desert habitats.

**Wild Turkey** *Meleagris gallopavo*

Seen on two visits to Madera Canyon, where birds frequented feeding stations at Santa Rita Lodge. Displaying turkeys also noted along Lower Carr Canyon Road, near Sierra Vista.

**Least Grebe** *Tachybaptus dominicus*

One, a local rarity, seen at Pena Blanca Lake on 3 May.

**Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus Podiceps*

Pairs were seen at both the Riparian Preserve at Gilbert and at Patagonia Lake State Park.

**Eared (Black-necked) Grebe** *Podiceps nigricollis*

A few at Willcox Sewage Pond on 7 May.

**Rock (Feral) Pigeon** *Columba livia*

Seen often in towns and cities.

**Eurasian Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto*

Common in cities and towns.

**Inca Dove** *Columbina inca*

First noted at Patagonia Lake State Park, and subsequently seen in numbers at the Paton Center for Hummingbirds, in Patagonia, as well as at various locations around Portal.

**Common Ground-Dove** *Columbina passerina*

Seen at the Patagonia Lake State Park and at Bob Rodrigues's feeders in Portal.

**White-winged Dove** *Zenaida asiatica*

Common throughout tour.



White-winged Dove © Chris Charlesworth

**Mourning Dove** *Zenaida macroura*

Common throughout the tour.

**Greater Roadrunner** *Geococcyx californianus*

First noted at Sabino Canyon near Tucson. One was seen along the roadside in Green Valley on 30 April. Another was along Mt. Hopkins Road at Montosa Canyon and one also at Ash Canyon Bird Sanctuary near Sierra Vista.

**Mexican Whip-poor-will** *Antrostomus arizonae*

Heard at Madera Canyon upper parking area on 30 April.

**White-throated Swift** *Aeronautes saxatalis*

Found at a number of locations: Riparian Preserve at Gilbert, Sabino Canyon, Montosa Canyon, Patagonia Roadside Rest Area, and at Carr Canyon.

**Rivoli's Hummingbird** *Eugenes fulgens*

Brief looks at one at a feeder at the Iron Door Restaurant at Mt. Lemmon in the Santa Rita Mountains near Tucson.

**Blue-throated Mountain-gem** *Lampornis clemenciae*

Seen well at feeders along the main street in Portal.

**Lucifer Hummingbird** *Calothorax lucifer*

A male at feeders at Ash Canyon Bird Sanctuary in Sierra Vista.

**Black-chinned Hummingbird** *Archilochus alexandri*

Common at feeding stations throughout.

**Anna's Hummingbird** *Calypte anna*

Fairly common at feeders throughout with our first record at the Riparian Preserve at Gilbert.

**Costa's Hummingbird** *Calypte costae*

Found at Sabino Canyon, and the Sonora Desert Museum. Also, along the Paseo del Canto in Green Valley and Montosa Canyon.

**Rufous Hummingbird** *Selasphorus rufus*

One female type at Patagonia Roadside Rest Area. Another at the Ash Canyon Bird Sanctuary near Sierra Vista.

**Broad-tailed Hummingbird** *Selasphorus platycercus*

Common at feeding stations. Also several males at flowers at the top of Mt. Lemmon.

**Broad-billed Hummingbird** *Cyanthus latirostris*

The most commonly seen hummingbird on the tour.

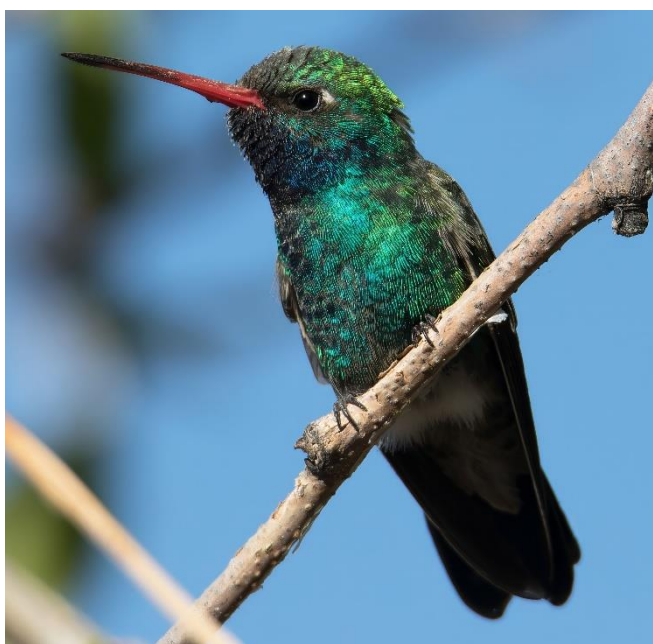
*Broad-billed Hummingbird* © Chris Charlesworth

**Violet-crowned Hummingbird** *Leucolia violiceps*

One at feeders at Paton Center for Hummingbirds in Patagonia.

**American Coot** *Fulica americana*

Seen at most lakes and ponds, including those at Riparian Preserve at Gilbert, Pena Blanca Lake, Patagonia Lake, and at the Willcox Sewage Ponds.



**Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus*

Found at the Riparian Preserve at Gilbert and at Wilcox Sewage Pond.



**American Avocet** *Recurvirostra americana*

Up to eight at the Willcox Sewage Pond on 7 May.



American Avocet © Chris Charlesworth

**Semipalmated Plover** *Charadrius semipalmatus*

One at the Willcox Sewage Pond on 7 May.

**Killdeer** *Charadrius vociferus*

Found at the Riparian Preserve at Gilbert, as well as at the Amado Wastewater Treatment Plant and at Willcox. One was also in desert habitat along Gin Road in New Mexico, near Portal.

**Least Sandpiper** *Calidris minutilla*

Five at the Riparian Preserve at Gilbert on 27 April.

**Western Sandpiper** *Calidris mauri*

Up to 30 at the Willcox Sewage Pond on 7 May.

**Long-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus scolopaceus*

Several at both the Riparian Preserve at Gilbert and at Willcox Sewage Pond.

**Wilson's Phalarope** *Phalaropus tricolor*

Twenty-five at Willcox Sewage Pond (7 May).

**Red-necked Phalarope** *Phalaropus lobatus*

Two, a male and female, at Willcox on 7 May.

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius*

Found at several locations including the Amado Wastewater Treatment Plant, Patagonia Lake, Pena Blanca Lake and the sewage pond at Willcox.

**Lesser Yellowlegs** *Tringa flavipes*

One at Willcox Sewage Ponds on 7 May.

**Double-crested Cormorant** *Nannopterum auritum*

One immature on rocks at Patagonia Lake State Park, amongst several Neotropic Cormorants.

**Neotropic Cormorant** *Nannopterum brasilianum*

Found at the Riparian Preserve at Gilbert, Patagonia Lake State Park and at Pena Blanca Lake.

**Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias*

One at the Riparian Preserve at Gilbert, and other singles at Patagonia Lake State Park and at the Patagonia Roadside Rest Area.

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba*

Found at the Riparian Preserve at Gilbert.

*Great Egret © Chris Charlesworth*

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*

One lone bird at Willcox Sewage Pond on 7 May.

**Green Heron** *Bufo virescens*

Brief sighting at Riparian Preserve at Gilbert, and better look at Pena Blanca Lake, west of Nogales.

**White-faced Ibis** *Plegadis chihi*

Four at the sewage ponds at Willcox on the last day (7 May).

**Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus*

Quite a few noted, mostly in the Green Valley and around Patagonia.

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura*

Common throughout the tour.

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*

One at the Riparian Preserve at Gilbert.



**Cooper's Hawk** *Accipiter cooperii*

Several sightings: along Paseo del Canto in Green Valley, at Pena Blanca Lake, in the Sonoita Grasslands soaring at Las Cienegas, at Ash Canyon Bird Sanctuary, and best of all a female drinking at the edge of a pond at Agua Caliente Park in Tucson.



Cooper's Hawk © Chris Charlesworth

**Common Black Hawk** *Buteogallus anthracinus*

Seen well at Aravaipa Canyon on 27 April and again at Patagonia Lake State Park where the bird was soaring (2 May).

**Harris's Hawk** *Parabuteo unicinctus*

One seen soaring overhead near Winkelman on Highway 77 on 27 April.

**Grey Hawk** *Buteo plagiatus*

Quite common near riparian habitat in southeastern Arizona. We had them at Aravaipa Canyon, along the Santa Cruz River at Tubac, at the Patagonia Roadside Rest Area, Patagonia Lake State Park and at other locations along Sonoita Creek near Patagonia. One over Bear Wallow on Mt. Lemmon was at an unusually high elevation.

**Swainson's Hawk** *Buteo swainsoni*

First noted along Madera Canyon Road near Florida Wash. Subsequent sightings at the Amado Wastewater Treatment Plant and at the Ash Canyon Bird Sanctuary in Sierra Vista.

**Zone-tailed Hawk** *Buteo albonotatus*

Surprisingly, just one seen on the trip. It was soaring at the Procter Road Parking area in lower Madera Canyon on 1 May.

**Red-tailed Hawk** *Buteo jamaicensis*

A fairly common *buteo* throughout the tour.



**Whiskered Screech-Owl** *Megascops trichopsis*

One was seen well at the upper parking area at Madera Canyon on 30 April.

**Great Horned Owl** *Bubo virginianus*

There was a pair nesting in a sycamore tree next to our lodge in Portal. We saw two fluffy young in the nest and one evening found the adult hooting on a chimney.



Elf Owl © Chris Charlesworth

**Elf Owl** *Micrathene whitneyi*

A pair was seen well at a nest cavity in a power pole at the Santa Rita Lodge on 30 April. Also heard in Portal.

**Burrowing Owl** *Athene cunicularia*

One in fields along the Arizona side of State Line Road, near Portal on 6 May.

**Elegant Trogon** *Trogon elegans*

A pair was seen inspecting a nest hole in an Arizona Sycamore along the lower section of Carrie Nation Trail in Madera Canyon on 30 April.

A male was also heard and briefly seen at the Bledsoe Loop Trail at Ramsey Canyon Nature Preserve, and another male was seen in South Fork Cave Creek Canyon near Portal.



Elegant Trogon © Chris Charlesworth



**Green Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle americana*

One was seen very briefly by just a couple of participants and the guide along the Sant Cruz River at Bridge Street near Tubac.

**Acorn Woodpecker** *Melanerpes formicivorus*

Common throughout in wooded canyons.

*Acorn Woodpecker © Chris Charlesworth*

**Gila Woodpecker** *Melanerpes uropygialis*

Common, especially where Saguaro Cactus is present.

**Ladder-backed Woodpecker** *Dryobates scalaris*

Fairly common in lowland habitats, including at feeding stations such as at Paton Center for Hummingbirds and at Ash Canyon Bird Sanctuary.

**Hairy Woodpecker** *Dryobates villosus*

Two were found at Bear Wallow on Mt. Lemmon. Another was at the top of Mt. Lemmon and one was at Rustler Park, near Portal in the Chiricahua Mountains.

*Ladder-backed Woodpecker © Chris Charlesworth*

**Arizona Woodpecker** *Dryobates arizonae*

Just three with two seen briefly in Madera Canyon and another in Ramsey Canyon Preserve.

**Northern Flicker** *Colaptes auratus*

Heard often in the mountains but only seen on our last visit to the higher elevations at Rustler Park in the Chiricahuas.



**American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius*

One was found east of Pena Blanca Lake, and another along Gin Road in New Mexico. On our last morning (7 May), a lovely male was perched up on a juniper near Paradise.

**Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus*

One immature bird, chasing swallows and shorebirds, at Willcox Sewage Ponds on 7 May.



**Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma imberbe*

Heard several times in riparian habitat, but seen only once, along Sonoita Creek at the Patagonia Roadside Rest Area.

**Olive-sided Flycatcher** *Contopus cooperi*

Three sightings: one at Madera Canyon at Procter Road on a hillside. Another was seen two days in a row atop a tall tree in Portal, and another near Paradise on 7 May.

**Greater Pewee** *Contopus pertinax*

Found in the Huachuca Mountains at the Reef Townsite Campground, Carr Canyon. Also at Rustler Park in the Chiricahua Mountains.



Greater Pewee © Chris Charlesworth

**Western Wood-Pewee** *Contopus sordidulus*

One seen along Carrie Nation Trail at Madera Canyon (30 April) with another seen perched in a sycamore on two consecutive days in Portal.

**Buff-breasted Flycatcher** *Empidonax fulvifrons*

At least three of these tiny, localised flycatchers were seen at Reef Townsite Campground at Carr Canyon in the Huchuca Mountains on 4 May.

**Black Phoebe** *Sayornis nigricans*

Usually present near water. We had two at the Riparian Preserve at Gilbert and another at Pena Blanca Lake. One was also seen in Portal.

**Say's Phoebe** *Sayornis saya*

Several sightings of this species. Some of the locations included Aravaipa Canyon, the De Anza Trail in Tubac, Patagonia Lake State Park, Pena Blanca Lake and in Portal area.

**Vermilion Flycatcher** *Pyrocephalus rubinus*

Common with the first sighting at Aravaipa Canyon on 27 April.

**Dusky-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer*

Common throughout. The smallest of the three local *myiarchus* flycatchers. Heard more often than seen, but we did find them in Madera Canyon, along the Santa Cruz River at the De Anza Trail in Tubac, Patagonia, Pena Blanca Lake, and at various spots in the Sierra Vista and Portal areas.

**Ash-throated Flycatcher** *Myiarchus cinerascens*

Medium sized of the three *myiarchus* flycatchers. Heard often. Seen less often. Noted at locations including Aravaipa Canyon, Agua Caliente Park in Tucson, Chihuahua Pines Picnic area on Mt. Lemmon, Madera Canyon, Patagonia Lake, amongst other spots.

**Brown-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tyrannulus*

Largest of the three local *myiarchus* flycatchers. Quite common throughout the tour and seen or heard nearly every day. Found in desert habitats, and lowland riparian woods.

**Cassin's Kingbird** *Tyrannus vociferans*

First seen at Patagonia Lake State Park, with subsequent sightings at Pena Blanca Lake, the San Pedro House near Sierra Vista, and in New Mexico, along Gin Road.

**Western Kingbird** *Tyrannus verticalis*

Found a few times: in open country at the Sonoita Grasslands at Las Cienegas, along the Gin Road in New Mexico and at the Willcox Sewage Ponds.

**Bell's Vireo** *Vireo bellii*

Heard very often in lowland desert and riparian areas. Seen less often.

**Hutton's Vireo** *Vireo huttoni*

Present in oak forests. We saw our first one at Mt. Lemmon at the Chihuahua Pines Picnic Area. Subsequent sightings in Madera Canyon, Carr Canyon, Ramsey Canyon and Miller Canyon. One came to have a drink at a pond at Ash Canyon Bird Sanctuary as well.

**Plumbeous Vireo** *Vireo plumbeus*

Found in some of the mountains and canyons later on in trip. First ones were at Reef Townsite Campground in Huachuca Mountains, and others at Ramsey Canyon, Miller Canyon and at Rustler Park in the Chiricahua Mountains.





*Plumbeous Vireo* © Chris Charlesworth

**Warbling Vireo** *Vireo gilvus*

One was seen high in the trees at Bear Wallow on Mt. Lemmon. Another was at the De Anza Trail in Tubac, and one more at Miller Canyon in the Huachuca Mountains.

**Loggerhead Shrike** *Lanius ludovicianus*

First sighting was at Las Cienegas in the Sonoita Grasslands. Another at the Willcox Sewage Ponds on 7 May.

**Steller's Jay** *Cyanocitta stelleri*

Seen several times in the mountains. First sightings were on Mt. Lemmon at Bear Wallow and at the Box Elder Picnic Area. We saw them later on in the trip in the Chiricahua Mountains, where they were interested in picking up scraps for lunch at Rustler Park.

**Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay** *Aphelocoma woodhouseii*

Just one at Montosa Canyon.

**Mexican Jay** *Aphelocoma wollweberi*

Common throughout in canyons, especially where feeders are present.

**Chihuahuan Raven** *Corvus cryptoleucus*

Not easily told apart from Common Raven, but we found them at the Sonoita Grasslands at Las Cienegas, as well as near the town of Rodeo, New Mexico, and finally at the Willcox Sewage Ponds.

**Common Raven** *Corvus corax*

Common throughout the tour.

**Mountain Chickadee** *Poecile gambeli*

Heard only in the Santa Catalina Mountains on Mt. Lemmon at Bear Wallow.

**Mexican Chickadee** *Poecile sclateri*

Just one seen, near Rustler Park in the Chiricahua Mountains.

**Bridled Titmouse** *Baeolophus wollweberi*

Fairly common in canyons, where they are attracted to feeding stations.

**Juniper Titmouse** *Baeolophus ridgwayi*

Two at Paradise Cemetery near Portal (7 May).

**Verdin** *Auriparus flaviceps*

Common resident in desert habitats.

**Horned Lark** *Eremophila alpestris*

A couple was seen well along roadside at Las Cienegas in Sonoita Grasslands, west of Sierra Vista.

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*

Found near water. Locations included the Riparian Preserve at Gilbert, as well as along Aravaipa Canyon Road, Patagonia Lake State Park and at the Willcox Sewage Ponds.

**Violet-green Swallow** *Tachycineta thalassina*

Seen at several spots along the road to the top of Mt. Lemmon on 28 April. Also found at Pena Blanca Lake, west of Nogales and at Miller Canyon in the Huachuca Mountains.

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*

Quite common throughout and seen most days. They were nesting outside our rooms at the Stage Stop Inn in Patagonia.

**Bushtit** *Psaltiriparus minimus*

Brief sighting of these tiny birds at Mt. Lemmon at Cypress Picnic Area on 28 May. Also seen at Reef Townsite Campground in the Huachuca Mountains and at the Paradise Cemetery, near Portal.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** *Corthylio calendula*

One brief encounter, high in the trees at Rustler Park in the Chiricahua Mountains on 6 May.

**White-breasted Nuthatch** *Sitta carolinensis*

Common throughout the tour.

**Pygmy Nuthatch** *Sitta pygmaea*

Heard at Bear Wallow on Mt. Lemmon but we did see some at Rustler Park in the Chiricahua Mountains.

**Brown Creeper** *Certhia americana*

Found at Mt. Lemmon at Bear Wallow, as well as along the Carrie Nation Trail in Madera Canyon, and at Rustler Park in the Chiricahua Mountains.

**Blue-grey Gnatcatcher** *Poliophtila caerulea*

A brief sighting at Chiricahua Pines Picnic Area on Mt. Lemmon.

**Black-tailed Gnatcatcher** *Poliophtila melanura*

One 'leader only' at Agua Caliente Park in Tucson but the group then saw a pair harassing an American Kestrel along Paradise Road, near Portal, on 7 May.

**Rock Wren** *Salpinctes obsoletus*

Seen on rocky habitats at Windy Point on Mt. Lemmon, and at the Patagonia Roadside Rest Area.

**Canyon Wren** *Catherpes mexicanus*

We saw one very well at Aravaipa Canyon on 27 April.

*Canyon Wren* © Chris Charlesworth

**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon*

Found at Bear Wallow on Mt. Lemmon, as well as along the Carrie Nation Trail in Madera Canyon, and at Rustler Park in the Chiricahua Mountains.

**Bewick's Wren** *Thryomanes bewickii*

Common throughout the tour.



**Cactus Wren** *Campylorhynchus bruneicapillus*

Fairly common in desert locations, such as at Sabine Canyon, the Sonoran Desert Museum and in Portal, amongst others.

**European Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris*

Just a few sightings, with up to a dozen at the Riparian Preserve at Gilbert. Two were at the Amado Wastewater Treatment Plant and two more at the De Anza Trail in Tubac.

**Curve-billed Thrasher** *Toxostoma curvirostre*

Common in desert areas throughout the tour.

**Bendire's Thrasher** *Toxostoma bendirei*

Two seen, both along Gin Road in New Mexico, near Portal, on 6 May.

**Crissal Thrasher** *Toxostoma crissale*

Two young birds at feeders at Bob Rodriguez's place in Portal (6 May).



Crissal Thrasher © Chris Charlesworth

**Northern Mockingbird** *Mimus polyglottos*

Not particularly common, but seen a few times: around our hotel in Phoenix, and at the Riparian Preserve at Gilbert, as well as at Proctor Road at Madera Canyon, the Las Cienegas area of the Sonoita Grasslands, at Ash Canyon B&B in Sierra Vista, and along Gin Rd in New Mexico.

**Eastern Bluebird** *Sialia sialis*

One male seen along the lower reaches of Carr Canyon Road, near Sierra Vista.

**Western Bluebird** *Sialia mexicana*

First sighting was at Box Elder Picnic Area near top of Mt. Lemmon. Also noted at Rustler Park in the Chiricahua Mountains.

**Townsend's Solitaire** *Myadestes townsendi*

One seen along Florida Wash, near Madera Canyon. Another at Rustler Park in the Chiricahua Mountains.

**Hermit Thrush** *Catharus guttatus*

One was seen at Bear Wallow on Mt. Lemmon and another at the Reef Townsite Campground at Carr Canyon in the Huachuca Mountains.



**American Robin** *Turdus migratorius*

Seen a few times in canyons and mountains. Noted at Bear Wallow and at the Box Elder Picnic Area on Mt. Lemmon. Also seen at Carr Canyon at the Reef Townsite Campground, as well as at Miller Canyon in the Huachuca Mountains, and at Rustler Park in the Chiricahua Mountains.

**Phainopepla** *Phainopepla nitens*

Fairly common throughout the tour.

**Olive Warbler** *Peucedramus taeniatus*

Heard a few times and seen very well at the top of Mt. Lemmon.

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*

Common throughout in developed areas.

**House Finch** *Haemorhous mexicanus*

Common throughout.

*Olive Warbler © Chris Charlesworth*

**Red Crossbill** *Loxia curvirostra*

Heard and briefly seen at Reef Townsite Campground at Carr Canyon in the Huachuca Mountains.

**Pine Siskin** *Spinus pinus*

Brief views at Mt. Lemmon and in Sabino Canyon. Better views at feeders in Portal and in Patagonia at the Paton Center for Hummingbirds.

**Lesser Goldfinch** *Spinus psaltria*

Common throughout especially at feeding stations.

**Rufous-winged Sparrow** *Peucaea carpalis*

One seen along Paseo del Canto in Green Valley on 30 April.

**Botteri's Sparrow** *Peucaea botterii*

Three seen in grassland area between Florida Wash and Madera Canyon (1 May).

**Black-throated Sparrow** *Amphispiza bilineata*

Fairly common in the desert. We had sightings at Aravaipa Canyon, Agua Caliente Park, Sabino Canyon, Montosa Canyon, and around the Portal area.



**Lark Sparrow** *Chondestes grammacus*

Seen several times with the best sightings at the Paton Center for Hummingbirds, and a group of 60 or more migrants at the Sonoita Grasslands.



**Yellow-eyed Junco** *Junco phaeonotus*

Found in canyons and mountains, such as at Cypress Picnic Area and Bear Wallow on Mt. Lemmon, and at the Reef Townsite Campground at Carr Canyon.

*Yellow-eyed Junco © Chris Charlesworth*

**White-crowned Sparrow** *Zonotrichia leucophrys*

Migrants were found at a number of locations including Riparian Preserve at Gilbert, the Paton Center for Hummingbirds, San Pedro House feeders and feeders in Portal.

**White-throated Sparrow** *Zonotrichia albicollis*

Somewhat rare. One was seen briefly at Agua

Caliente Park in Tucson, and another was seen well at Paton Center for Hummingbirds in Patagonia.

**Savannah Sparrow** *Passerculus sandwichensis*

Just one at the Willcox Sewage Pond (7 May).

**Song Sparrow** *Melospiza melodia*

Always near water: at the Riparian Preserve at Gilbert, as well as along the Santa Cruz River, the De Anza Trail in Tubac, at the Patagonia Roadside Rest Area, as well as at Patagonia Lake State Park, and the Paton Center for Hummingbirds.

*Song Sparrow © Chris Charlesworth*

**Canyon Towhee** *Melospiza fusca*

Briefly seen along the Proctor Road trails in lower Madera Canyon. Also noted at the Ash Canyon Bird Sanctuary and at various feeders in the Portal area.



**Abert's Towhee** *Melospiza aberti*

Fairly common in riparian areas, including Riparian Preserve at Gilbert, Agua Caliente Park, the De Anza Trail in Tubac, Patagonia Lake State Park, Paton Center for Hummingbirds and the San Pedro House feeders, east of Sierra Vista. Also noted at Bob Rodriguez's feeders in Portal.

**Spotted Towhee** *Pipilo maculatus*

Heard a few times, and seen once, at the Reef Townsite Campground in the Huachuca Mountains, Upper Carr Canyon.

**Yellow-breasted Chat** *Icteria virens*

Heard at several locations, but seen only twice, at Patagonia Lake State Park and along Blue Haven Road in Patagonia.

**Chihuahuan Meadowlark** *Sturnella lilianae*

Two were seen well in Sonoita Grasslands at Las Cienegas and two also noted at Willcox Sewage Pond.

**Hooded Oriole** *Icterus cucullatus*

Spotted in Aravaipa Canyon, as well as at Agua Caliente Park and the Sonoran Desert Museum in Tucson. Also found at Proctor Road in the lower Madera Canyon, as well as at Montosa Canyon and at Bob Rodriguez's feeder in Portal.



Hooded Oriole © Chris Charlesworth

**Scott's Oriole** *Icterus parisorum*

One briefly visited feeders at Kubo Cabin in Madera Canyon on 30 April. Noted also at Pena Blanca Lake, west of Nogales, and at Ash Canyon Bird Sanctuary near Sierra Vista. Also at Bob Rodriguez's feeder in Portal.

**Red-winged Blackbird** *Agelaius phoeniceus*

Small numbers were found near water. Noted at the Riparian Preserve at Gilbert, as well as at Patagonia Lake State Park, Pena Blanca Lake, San Pedro House feeder and at Willcox Sewage Pond.

**Bronzed Cowbird** *Molothrus aeneus*

One young male at feeders at Santa Rita Lodge in Madera Canyon. Another at Pena Blanca Lake.

**Brown-headed Cowbird** *Molothrus ater*

Common throughout.

**Great-tailed Grackle** *Quiscalus mexicanus*

Common especially around Phoenix and Tucson.

**Orange-crowned Warbler** *Leiothlypis celata*

Brief views at Riparian Preserve at Gilbert. One seen bathing in a small stream at Bear Wallow on Mt. Lemmon as well.

**Lucy's Warbler** *Leiothlypis luciae*

Common throughout in desert areas.

**Virginia's Warbler** *Leiothlypis virginiae*

Seen in upper Carr Canyon in the Huachuca Mountains.

**Common Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis trichas*

We got visuals on yellowthroats twice, once at the De Anza Trail in Tubac, and second time at Patagonia Lake State Park.

**Yellow Warbler** *Setophaga petechia*

Quite common in riparian habitat. A few of the spots we found them included the Riparian Preserve at Gilbert, Agua Caliente Park, Sabino Canyon, the Patagonia Roadside Rest Area and at Pena Blanca Lake.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** *Setophaga coronata*

We had looks at this species, all of the "Audubon's" race, at Madera Canyon, Florida Wash, Carr Canyon at Reef Townsite Campground and in Portal.



**Grace's Warbler** *Setophaga graciae*

Found on Mt. Lemmon at Box Elder Picnic Area, and in the Huachuca Mountains at the Reef Townsite Campground in upper Carr Canyon.

**Black-throated Grey Warbler** *Setophaga nigrescans*

A male was seen in Aravaipa Canyon (27 April) and another the next day at Windy Point on Mt. Lemmon. On 4 May we had one at Miller Canyon.

**Rufous-capped Warbler** *Basileuterus rufifrons*

One singing male at the Patagonia Roadside Rest Area. This species is a rarity from Mexico.

**Wilson's Warbler** *Cardellina pusilla*

A common migrant and found at a variety of spots we visited.

**Red-faced Warbler** *Cardellina rubrifrons*

Several seen very nicely on Mt. Lemmon at Bear Wallow. Also seen in Carr Canyon in the Huachuca Mountains.

*Red-faced Warbler* © Chris Charlesworth

**Painted Redstart** *Myioborus pictus*



A pair seen along the Carrie Nation Trail in Madera Canyon on 30 April. A nest was found and an adult was seen in Ramsey Canyon in the Huachuca Mountains on 4 May.

**Hepatic Tanager** *Piranga flava*

Found on our visits to the Madera Canyon in the Santa Rita Mountains, at Reef Townsite Campground in the Huachuca Mountains and at Rustler Park in the Chiricahua Mountains.

**Summer Tanager** *Piranga rubra*

Present in most canyons and riparian areas throughout.

*Summer Tanager* © Chris Charlesworth

**Western Tanager** *Piranga ludoviciana*

A fairly common migrant throughout.

**Northern Cardinal** *Cardinalis cardinalis*

Common throughout in desert areas, especially near feeders.

**Pyrrhuloxia** *Cardinalis sinuatus*

Noted in the desert along Mount Hopkins Road, enroute to Montosa Canyon. Also, at the feeders at San Pedro House, near Sierra Vista. Found in Portal at Bob Rodriguez's feeders as well.

**Black-headed Grosbeak** *Pheuticus melanocephalus*

Fairly common throughout, especially at feeders.

**Blue Grosbeak** *Passerina caerulea*

One male at feeders at San Pedro House, east of Sierra Vista.

**Lazuli Bunting** *Passerina amoena*

Found at various locations including Aravaipa Canyon, Florida Wash, Paton Center for Hummingbirds, Ash Canyon Bird Sanctuary and at Bob Rodriguez's feeder near Portal.

## Mammals

**Rock Squirrel** *Otospermophilus variegatus*

**Round-tailed Ground-Squirrel** *Spermophilus tereticaudus*

**Cliff Chipmunk** *Neotamias dorsalis*

**Arizona Gray Squirrel** *Sciurus arizonensis*

**Cotton Rat** (*Sigmodon*) Sp.

**Botta's Pocket Gopher** *Thomomys bottae*

**Black-tailed Jackrabbit** *Lepus californicus*

**Antelope Jackrabbit** *Lepus alleni*

**Desert Cottontail** *Sylvilagus audubonii*

**Coyote** *Canis latrans*

**Collared Peccary** *Pecari tajacu*

**White-tailed Deer** *Odocoileus virginianus*

**Pronghorn** *Antilocapra americana*

## Reptiles and Amphibians

**Lowland (Chiricahua) Leopard Frog** *Lithobates yavapaiensis*

**American Bullfrog** *Lithobates catesbeiana*

**Red-eared Slider** *Trachemys scripta*

**Sonora Spiny-tailed Iguana** *Ctenosaura macrolopha*

**Ornate Tree Lizard** *Urosaurus ornatus*

**Zebra-tailed Lizard** *Callisaurus draconoides*

**Clark's Spiny Lizard** *Sceloporus clarkia*

**Gila Monster** *Heloderma suspectum*

**Black-eared Garter Snake** *Thamnophis cyrtopsis*

**Coachwhip** *Masticophis flagellum*

**Sonoran Whipsnake** *Masticophis bilineatus*

**Gophersnake (Bullsnake)** *Pituophis catenifer*

**Western Diamondback Rattlesnake** *Crotalus atrox*

## **Butterflies**

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

**Marine Blue** *Leptotes marina*

**Fatal Metalmark** *Calephelis nemesis*

**Mourning Cloak** *Nymphalis antiopa*

**Common Buckeye** *Junonia coenia*

**Red-spotted Purple** *Limenitis arthemis*

**California (Arizona) Sister** *Adelpha bredowii*

**Empress Leila** *Asterocampa leilia*

**Nabokov's Satyr** *Cyllopsis pyracmon*