

Southeast Arizona Birding Tour

Organized by Seven Ponds Nature Center & East West Birding Tours

“Monsoon Magic in the Sky Islands”

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LODGING

Comfort Suites Tucson Airport – Tucson – August 15

Santa Rita Lodge – Madera Canyon – August 16, 17

Portal Peak Lodge – Portal – August 18, 19

Comfort Inn & Suites – Sierra Vista – August 20, 21

Comfort Suites Tucson Airport – Tucson – August 22

DINNERS

Thu, August 15 – **Saguaro Corners** – Tucson

Fri, August 16 – **Los Agaves Restaurant** – Green Valley

Sat, August 17 – **Pub 1922** – Sahuarita

Sun, August 18 – **Portal Peak Lodge** – Portal

Mon, August 19 – **Portal Peak Lodge** – Portal

Tue, August 20 – **Pizzeria Mimosa** – Hereford

Wed, August 21 – **Indochine** – Sierra Vista

Thu, August 22 – **Sentinel Peak Brewing Company** – Tucson

LUNCH STOPS

Thu, August 15 – **Aqui Con El Nene Restaurant** – Tucson

Fri, August 16 – **Patagonia Town Park** – Patagonia

Sat, August 17 – **Mt. Wrightson Picnic Area** – Madera Canyon

Sun, August 18 – **Portal Peak Lodge picnic area** – Portal

Mon, August 19 – **Rustler Park** – Chiricahua Mountains

Tue, August 20 – **Chiricahua National Monument** – Willcox

Wed, August 21 – **San Pedro House** – Sierra Vista

Thu, August 22 – **Huachuca Canyon** – Fort Huachuca

BIRDING LOCATIONS

Thursday, August 15

- **Santa Catalina Mountains – Mt. Lemmon—Molino Basin** (Pima County)
- **Santa Catalina Mountains – Mt. Lemmon—Bear Canyon (General Hitchcock Campground)** (Pima County)
- **Santa Catalina Mountains – Mt. Lemmon—Rose Canyon and Lake** (Pima County)
- **Santa Catalina Mountains – Mt. Lemmon—Palisades area (visitor center)** (Pima County)

Friday, August 16

- **Saguaro National Park—East—Javelina Picnic Area** (Pima County)
- **Saguaro National Park—East—Rincon Mountain Visitor Center** (Pima County)
- **Las Cienegas National Conservation Area, including prairie dog colony** (Pima County)
- **Las Cienegas National Conservation Area —Empire Gulch** (Pima County)
- **Patagonia Town Park** (Santa Cruz County)
- **Paton Center for Hummingbirds** (Santa Cruz County)
- **Santa Rita Mountains – Madera Canyon—Santa Rita Lodge** (Santa Cruz County)
- **Santa Rita Mountains – Madera Canyon—Madera Picnic Area** (Pima County)

Saturday, August 17

- **Santa Rita Mountains – Box Canyon** (Pima County)
- **Santa Rita Mountains – Madera Canyon—Proctor Road** (Pima County)
- **Santa Rita Mountains – Mt. Wrightson Picnic Area & upper canyon trails** (Santa Cruz County)
- **Santa Rita Mountains – Madera Canyon—Santa Rita Lodge** (Santa Cruz County)
- **Santa Rita Mountains – Madera Canyon—road to Bog Springs Campground** (Pima County)

Sunday, August 18

- **Santa Rita Mountains – Box Canyon** (Pima County)
- **Willcox—Lake Cochise** (Cochise County)
- **Portal (town)** (Cochise County)

Monday, August 19

- **Chiricahua Mountains – Cave Creek Canyon—South Fork** (Cochise County)
- **Chiricahua Mountains – Crystal Cave Trail #382 – stakeout Berylline Hummingbird** (Cochise County)
- **Chiricahua Mountains – Rustler Park** (Cochise County)

Tuesday, August 20

- **Chiricahua Mountains – Herb Martyr Campground—Cima Creek trail – stakeout White-eared Hummingbird** (Cochise County)
- **Chiricahua Mountains – Pinery Canyon** (Cochise County)

Wednesday, August 21

- **Huachuca Mountains – Miller Canyon—Beatty's Guest Ranch** (Cochise County)
- **Huachuca Mountains – Miller Canyon Trail** (Cochise County)
- **San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area—San Pedro House and trails** (Cochise County)

Thursday, August 22

- **Huachuca Mountains – Fort Huachuca—Garden Canyon—upper picnic area** (Cochise County)
- **Huachuca Mountains – Fort Huachuca—Sawmill Canyon** (Cochise County)
- **Huachuca Mountains – Fort Huachuca—Huachuca Canyon—lower picnic area** (Cochise County)

BIRDS (152)

Mallard – semi-tame birds seen at the lake at Rose Canyon

Gambel's Quail – we saw these quail at Saguaro NP East near the visitor center, at the Paton Center for Hummingbirds, and in Portal

Montezuma Quail – this bird was high on everybody's target list, and we finally crossed paths with a pair on day 6 in the Chiricahuas while we were driving – seen by everybody from the van

Wild Turkey – a small flock was feeding at the Santa Rita Lodge feeders on day 2

Rock Pigeon – not a highly sought-after bird, so we didn't stop in Willcox when we saw these birds from the van

Eurasian Collared-Dove – seen during our picnic lunch in Patagonia Town Park, and again in Portal

Inca Dove – these small doves were seen by our group at the Paton Center for Hummingbirds, in Portal, and at the San Pedro House

Common Ground Dove – we had one lone bird at Proctor Road in Madera Canyon (unusual habitat for them) and at the trails along the San Pedro River (more appropriate habitat)

White-winged Dove – seen numerous times on at least four of our birding days

Mourning Dove – numerous throughout the tour

Greater Roadrunner – always a treat to see, we had looks at this speedster at Empire Ranch, in Box Canyon, and near Lake Cochise in Willcox – always from the van

Yellow-billed Cuckoo – seen and heard twice during the tour, both times in riparian habitat: Empire Gulch and San Pedro River trails

Lesser Nighthawk – we had nice looks at several of these birds during the evening we spent at the San Pedro House on day 7

Common Nighthawk – like the Lesser Nighthawk, these were also seen during our evening at the San Pedro House

Common Poorwill – heard only during our nighttime foray at Proctor Road (at least three separate birds), then unexpectedly seen midday while we were birding up in Sawmill Canyon in the Huachucas when a robin appeared to flush and pursue a bird across the trail in front of us

White-throated Swift – seen on day 1 when we were standing along the shore of the lake in Rose Canyon when a large number of Violet-green Swallows came through, with at least four swifts in the mix

Rivoli's Hummingbird – we saw Rivoli's (formerly Magnificent) during five days of our tour: Mt. Lemmon—Palisades Visitor Center, Santa Rita Lodge, Cave Creek Canyon, Beatty's Guest Ranch, and Miller Canyon Trail

Blue-throated Mountain-gem – we had great looks at this stunning hummer on three separate days, including Mt. Lemmon—Palisades Visitor Center, Portal feeders (Bud & Debb’s Bird Haven), and the Berylline stake-out on the Crystal Cave Trail in the Chiricahuas

Lucifer Hummingbird – these small, long-billed hummers were seen during our trips to Box Canyon on days 3 and 4

Black-chinned Hummingbird – common throughout our trip in a wide range of habitats, we only missed this bird on day 1

Anna’s Hummingbird – we had Anna’s on four different days, including at the Santa Rita Lodge, Paton Center, and Beatty’s Guest Ranch

Costa’s Hummingbird – seen on two days, both times in Box Canyon

Broad-tailed Hummingbird – very numerous at the Palisades Visitor Center on Mt. Lemmon, we also saw broad-tails at Cave Creek Canyon, the Berylline stakeout, Beatty’s Guest Ranch, and the Miller Canyon Trail

Rufous Hummingbird – another hummer we had in multiple locations, including the Palisades Visitor Center, Box Canyon, Cave Creek Canyon, Pinery Canyon, and Beatty’s Guest Ranch

Calliope Hummingbird – during our visit to Beatty’s Guest Ranch we had eight different hummingbird species at the feeders, including our one and only Calliope, which was our 13th hummingbird species of the tour!

Berylline Hummingbird – a highlight of the tour, we hiked up Crystal Cave Trail #382 in the Chiricahua Mountains to the stakeout for this rare hummer, where a feeder had been placed in the woods to help keep this bird regular. After several quiet, patient minutes, this magical little bird suddenly appeared, first checking out Ken’s red shirt and Georgia Bulldogs hat before visiting the feeders. We had several excellent looks at this amazing bird before quietly heading back to the trailhead.

Violet-crowned Hummingbird – what a stunning hummingbird – and one we were fortunate to see twice, at the Paton Center and at Beatty’s Guest Ranch

White-eared Hummingbird – a dream bird on stake-out! After we put aside the harsh warnings of the grueling uphill grind to see this bird, we all started up the Cima Creek Trail (Herb Martyr Campground in the Chiricahuas) with high hopes. Once on site, it didn’t take long to spot not just the adult female, but both of her recently-fledged young, which eagerly awaited a feeding visit by mom. We felt truly fortunate to have the opportunity to witness this rare bird, and even more so watch her interact with her young. WOW!

Black-necked Stilt – as with all of our shorebirds, seen on day 4 at Lake Cochise in Willcox on the way to Portal; estimated 90

American Avocet – Lake Cochise in Willcox; estimated 150

Long-billed Curlew – Lake Cochise in Willcox; actual count 72

Marbled Godwit – Lake Cochise in Willcox; good looks at a lone individual

Baird's Sandpiper – Lake Cochise in Willcox; estimated 20

Least Sandpiper – Lake Cochise in Willcox; about 6 birds

Western Sandpiper – Lake Cochise in Willcox; about 7 birds

Long-billed Dowitcher – Lake Cochise in Willcox; 2 birds seen

Wilson's Phalarope – Lake Cochise in Willcox; estimated 200

Great Blue Heron – Lake Cochise in Willcox; there were 4 individual herons at the lake

Turkey Vulture – seen every day of our tour

Golden Eagle – distant looks at multiple birds soaring high overhead at the South Fork of Cave Creek Canyon

Cooper's Hawk – at Empire Gulch, just before we loaded into the vans after our bird walk

Northern Goshawk – we had the typical view of a Northern Goshawk when one flew low over the trees just over our heads while we walked the Garden Canyon Trail in the Huachucas in Fort Huachuca

Common Black Hawk – one of the highlight surprises of the tour, we had great looks at this beautiful hawk at Rose Canyon and lake on Mt. Lemmon in the Santa Catalinas

Gray Hawk – adults and a juvenile hawk seen in the riparian area of the San Pedro House and trails

Swainson's Hawk – our lone Swainson's Hawk was seen from the van, perched on a utility pole near Lake Cochise in Willcox

Red-tailed Hawk – seen every day of the tour

Whiskered Screech-Owl – another highlight of the tour! While owling along the road leading to Bog Springs Campground in Madera Canyon of the Santa Rita Mountains, we first we heard a distant individual. Satisfied, and thinking that was all we were going to get, we started back toward the van. Then a few other owls chimed in, piquing our interest even more. Eventually Ken pursued a bird he thought was in a nearby tree, scrambling up the hillside a bit – and putting a spotlight on a Whiskered Screech-Owl, just 30 feet from the road!

Western Screech-Owl – seen peeking out of the heart-shaped hole in the giant cottonwood at the San Pedro House during our evening of nighthawking

Great Horned Owl – some members of our group went out for an owling excursion in Portal and heard a Great Horned Owl calling

Northern Pygmy-Owl – wonderful looks at a perched individual at Rustler Park, high in the Mighty Chiricahuas

Burrowing Owl – seen at the prairie dog colony at Las Cienegas National Conservation Area; at least 4 individuals

Elegant Trogon – another premier bird of Southeast Arizona, first seen down the road from the Santa Rita Lodge in Madera Canyon (thanks, Katrina!), then seen (and heard) in the South Fork of Cave Creek Canyon (at least 3 birds)

Acorn Woodpecker – seen every day of our tour, and we never grew tired of their fun antics and crazy calls

Gila Woodpecker – seen at a number of locations, including Saguaro NP East, Empire Gulch, Paton Center, and most numerous at the San Pedro House & trails

Ladder-backed Woodpecker – we saw this small woodpecker at a handful of locations, including Saguaro NP East, Empire Gulch, Box Canyon, and Proctor Road (Madera Canyon)

Hairy Woodpecker – seen high in the Chiricahuas at Rustler Park and Pinery Canyon

Arizona Woodpecker – first seen in the Santa Ritas at the Mt. Wrightson Picnic Area and visiting the feeders at the Santa Rita Lodge, we also saw them in the Chiricahuas (South Fork, Cave Creek Canyon) and Huachucas (Sawmill Canyon)

Northern Flicker (Red-shafted) – seen on at least five days of our tour, including General Hitchcock Campground (Santa Catalinas), South Fork of Cave Creek Canyon, Rustler Park, and the Cima Creek Trail (Chiricahuas), San Pedro River Trails, and Sawmill Canyon (Huachucas)

American Kestrel – Box Canyon and San Pedro House and trails

Prairie Falcon – a surprise and unexpected young bird seen perched in the treetops above the lake in Rose Canyon

Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet – good looks at this tiny flycatcher at both Empire Gulch and Proctor Road

Greater Pewee – tracked this bird down in the high conifers in Sawmill Canyon of the Huachucas

Western Wood-Pewee – seen multiple times throughout the tour in several locations, including Empire Gulch, Box Canyon, Cave Creek Canyon, Miller Canyon, San Pedro House and trails, Garden Canyon, Sawmill Canyon, and Huachuca Canyon

Hammond's Flycatcher – our lone Hammond's Flycatcher was seen while birding the South Fork of Cave Creek Canyon in the Chiricahuas

Pacific-slope Flycatcher – we had three individuals while birding the trails at Proctor Road in Madera Canyon

Cordilleran Flycatcher – seen in the Santa Catalinas (General Hitchcock Campground) and Huachucas (Garden Canyon)

Buff-breasted Flycatcher – one of our final target birds, we found at least 2 individuals in Garden Canyon and another 4 individuals in Sawmill Canyon on the same bird hike

Black Phoebe – Empire Gulch and San Pedro River trail

Vermilion Flycatcher – Patagonia Town Park (during our picnic lunch) and San Pedro House and trails

Dusky-capped Flycatcher – we had 3 birds at Proctor Road in Madera Canyon (Santa Ritas) and additional birds in the Chiricahuas (Cave Creek Canyon and Miller Canyon)

Ash-throated Flycatcher – we saw 2 of these birds (closely related to our Great-crested Flycatcher) at Saguaro NP East while hiking the trail near the Javelina Picnic Area

Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher – another Southeast Arizona specialty, we saw this flycatcher at three different “sky islands” – Santa Ritas (Santa Rita Lodge and Proctor Road), Chiricahuas (Cave Creek Canyon), and Huachucas (Beatty’s Guest Ranch and Huachuca Canyon)

Cassin’s Kingbird – Box Canyon, San Pedro House and trails, and Sawmill Canyon

Western Kingbird – seen several days of our tour, including Molino Basin (Mt. Lemmon), Las Cienegas NCA prairie dog colony, Empire Ranch Road, Lake Cochise in Willcox, and San Pedro House and trails; also seen regularly from the van on power lines and fences while driving

Bell’s Vireo – seen at Proctor Road in Madera Canyon

Hutton’s Vireo – we saw this little vireo several times throughout our tour, including at General Hitchcock Campground (Santa Catalinas), Mt. Wrightson Picnic Area (Santa Ritas), Cima Creek Trail (Chiricahuas), and Beatty’s Guest Ranch, Miller Canyon, and Garden Canyon (Huachucas)

Plumbeous Vireo – another vireo we saw in several locations, including Mt. Wrightson Picnic Area (Santa Ritas), the Cima Creek Trail (Chiricahuas), and Miller Canyon, Garden Canyon, Sawmill Canyon (Huachucas)

Warbling Vireo (Western) – Empire Gulch, Miller Canyon, Sawmill Canyon

Loggerhead Shrike – we saw the “butcher bird” at Box Canyon, Lake Cochise, and San Pedro House and trails

Steller’s Jay – we had about 5 of these beautiful jays at Rustler Park in the Chiricahuas

Woodhouse’s Scrub-Jay – a lone scrub-jay was seen in Portal near the feeders...did we ever have any others?

Mexican Jay – these large, vocal jays were seemingly present throughout our tour – we only missed them on day 2

Chihuahuan Raven – we stopped the van along Highway 90 near Sierra Vista on the way back from birding at the San Pedro House for a look at these ravens, which confirmed they were of the Chihuahuan variety

Common Raven – seen all but the final two days of our tour

Mountain Chickadee – one day 1 we saw a couple of these eyebrowed chickadees at the Palisades Visitor Center on Mt. Lemmon. Mountain Chickadees reach their southward limit in Arizona in the Santa Catalina Mountains.

Mexican Chickadee – peering into the tops of the high-elevation conifers, we spotted these small birds at Rustler Park and again at the White-eared Hummingbird stakeout, both in the Chiricahuas

Bridled Titmouse – these wonderful titmice were seen throughout our tour at numerous locations, including in Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Lodge, Madera Picnic Area, Proctor Road, Mt. Wrightson Picnic Area), Cave Creek Canyon, Cima Creek Trail, Miller Canyon, Garden Canyon, and Sawmill Canyon

Verdin – seen early in the tour at Molino Basin (Mt. Lemmon) and Saguaro NP East (Javelina Picnic Area)

Horned Lark – we saw the very pale Southeast Arizona version of our familiar Horned Larks at the prairie dog colony at Las Cienegas National Conservation Area

Northern Rough-winged Swallow – at least two birds were seen at Lake Cochise near Willcox

Violet-green Swallow – a feeding flock of perhaps 15 birds swooped briefly through the sky above the lake at Rose Canyon in the Santa Catalinas on day 1

Barn Swallow – seen at a number of locations, including Empire Ranch Road, Patagonia Town Park, Lake Cochise, Willcox (town), and San Pedro House and trails

Cliff Swallow – we saw a few confirmed individuals along the trail near the Javelina Picnic Area at Saguaro NP East

Bushtit – seen at Molino Basin (Mt. Lemmon), Cima Creek Trail, and Garden Canyon

White-breasted Nuthatch (Interior West) – seen and/or heard nearly every day

Pygmy Nuthatch – we had about a half-dozen of these tiny birds at the Palisades Visitor Center on Mt. Lemmon

Brown Creeper (*albescens* subspecies) – seen and heard several times on the back end of our tour, at Cave Creek Canyon, Rustler Park, Cima Creek Trail, Pinery Canyon, Garden Canyon, and Sawmill Canyon

Black-tailed Gnatcatcher – seen at Saguaro NP East and again at Box Canyon

Black-capped Gnatcatcher – a Southeast Arizona regional specialty, we saw this gnatcatcher at Proctor Road in Madera Canyon

Rock Wren – we had at least 4 individuals at Box Canyon, seen on days 3 and 4

Canyon Wren – seen (more often heard) throughout our tour, including at General Hitchcock Campground, Saguaro NP East, Box Canyon, Cave Creek Canyon, Crystal Cave Trail, and Sawmill Canyon

House Wren – seen or heard on at least five days during our tour

Bewick's Wren – Molino Basin, Proctor Road, Mt. Wrightson Picnic Area, Box Canyon, Cave Creek Canyon, Cima Creek Trail, Garden Canyon, Sawmill Canyon

Cactus Wren – seen and heard in numbers at Saguaro NP East and Box Canyon

Curve-billed Thrasher – we had this desert thrasher at Saguaro NP East (Javelina Picnic Area and Rincon Mountain Visitor Center), plus at Paton Center and Box Canyon

Northern Mockingbird – seen in Saguaro NP East, Box Canyon, and Portal

Eastern Bluebird (Mexican) – we enjoyed lengthy looks at this Southeast Arizona counterpart to our own Eastern Bluebird in Sawmill Canyon in the Huachuca Mountains

American Robin – a mountain bird in Arizona, we saw our Michigan state bird at Rose Canyon, Palisades Visitor Center, Cima Creek Trail, and Sawmill Canyon – where one individual apparently flushed and pursued a Common Poorwill

Phainopepla – we enjoyed this beautiful member of the silky flycatcher family at several locations, including Molino Basin, Paton Center, and Proctor Road, but most notably and in largest numbers at Box Canyon (30+)

House Sparrow – yes, we saw House Sparrows...but not very many! Notably in Portal where we had a few.

House Finch – seen throughout the tour, most days, many locations

Red Crossbill – we enjoyed lengthy scope views of a male and female atop a conifer tree in Pinery Canyon in the Chiricahuas as they methodically shredded green cones with their uniquely-shaped bill

Lesser Goldfinch – seen every day of our tour

Rufous-winged Sparrow – another Southeast Arizona specialty bird, we found about 3 of these desert-dwelling sparrows at Saguaro NP East on the trail near the Javelina Picnic Area

Botteri's Sparrow – we found this dry-grassland sparrow at Las Cienegas National Conservation Area

Cassin's Sparrow – another grassland bird we found at Las Cienegas NCA, near the prairie dog colony

Chipping Sparrow – a lone chipper was seen in Portal

Black-throated Sparrow – seen at Saguaro NP East and Las Cienegas NCA

Five-striped Sparrow – heard by some, seen by a few at Box Canyon; this Southeast Arizona specialty was definitely the BVD (better view desired) bird of the trip

Lark Sparrow – we saw these colorful sparrows at Las Cienegas NCA, Portal (feeders), and San Pedro House and trails

Lark Bunting – we had about 7 of these handsome sparrows at Las Cienegas NCA

Yellow-eyed Junco – good looks at these interesting juncos at General Hitchcock Campground, Rose Canyon and lake, Cave Creek Canyon—Southwestern Research Station, Rustler Park, Garden Canyon, and Sawmill Canyon

Song Sparrow – Empire Gulch, Paton Center, and San Pedro House and trails

Canyon Towhee – seen at several locations, including Molino Basin (Mt. Lemmon), Saguaro NP East, Paton Center, Box Canyon, Proctor Road (Madera Canyon), Portal, Beatty's Guest Ranch (Miller Canyon), and San Pedro House and trails

Rufous-crowned Sparrow – we saw and heard these large, towhee-like sparrows at several locations, including Rose Canyon and lake (Mt. Lemmon), Santa Rita Lodge, Box Canyon, Cave Creek Canyon, Crystal Cave Trail, and Garden Canyon

Spotted Towhee – General Hitchcock Campground, Cave Creek Canyon, Cima Creek Trail, Miller Canyon (numerous), Garden Canyon, Sawmill Canyon

Yellow-breasted Chat – we saw 2 individuals along the river trail near the San Pedro House

Eastern Meadowlark (Lilian's) – good looks at this subspecies at Lake Cochise in Willcox

Hooded Oriole – at least 3 individuals seen in Box Canyon

Bullock's Oriole – we had a lone bird at Beatty's Guest Ranch in Miller Canyon

Scott's Oriole – we had a half-dozen of these southwest orioles at Box Canyon, observed feeding on the agave blooms

Great-tailed Grackle – seen from the van (perhaps not by all) while driving through Willcox on the way to Portal

Northern Waterthrush – a lone bird was seen by some of us along the river bank on the San Pedro trail before it disappeared into the vegetation

Nashville Warbler – seen by some members of the group a few times, and finally seen by everybody along the Miller Canyon trail

Common Yellowthroat – seen and heard at Empire Gulch

Yellow Warbler – at several locations, including Rose Canyon, Empire Gulch (numerous), Cave Creek Canyon, Miller Canyon, San Pedro trails, and Garden Canyon

Grace's Warbler – we had this colorful warbler at a handful of locations, including General Hitchcock Campground, Cave Creek Canyon, Rustler Park, Cima Creek Trail (great looks), and Sawmill Canyon

Black-throated Gray Warbler – another warbler we saw in several different locations, including General Hitchcock Campground, Cave Creek Canyon, Cima Creek Trail, Miller Canyon, and Sawmill Canyon

Townsend's Warbler – the Cima Creek Trail leading up to the White-eared Hummingbird stakeout gave us good looks at several birds, including our only Townsend's Warblers of the tour

Hermit Warbler – another bird only seen during our tour on the Cima Creek Trail

Rufous-capped Warbler – a highly-sought after Southeast Arizona specialty, we got on our pair in Miller Canyon shortly after our only Red-faced Warblers of the tour

Wilson's Warbler – seen in a few different locations, including Empire Gulch, Cave Creek Canyon, Beatty's Guest Ranch, and Miller Canyon

Red-faced Warbler – another Southeast Arizona specialty, and part of the one-two warbler punch in Miller Canyon along with the Rufous-capped Warblers, where we had a pair of each

Painted Redstart – we never tired of seeing this stunning warbler, and were treated to it several times, including General Hitchcock Campground, Rose Canyon and lake, Santa Rita Lodge, Cave Creek Canyon, Cima Creek Trail, Beatty's Guest Ranch, Miller Canyon, Garden Canyon, and Sawmill Canyon

Hepatic Tanager – seen in numerous locations, including Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Lodge and Madera Picnic Area), Cima Creek Trail, Pinery Canyon, Miller Canyon, Garden Canyon, and Sawmill Canyon

Summer Tanager – we had this tanager just a few times, at Portal, Miller Canyon, and Huachuca Canyon

Northern Cardinal – we enjoyed seeing this high-crested version of our familiar cardinal at the feeders at Bud & Debb's Bird Haven in Portal

Pyrrhuloxia – we had multiple birds along the trail near the Javelina Picnic Area at Saguaro NP East, and at least one bird at the feeders in Portal

Black-headed Grosbeak – seen all but the first day, at several locations, and in good numbers – most notably at the South Fork trail of Cave Creek Canyon

Blue Grosbeak – seen in several locations during the tour, but perhaps best seen at the San Pedro House, where we had sizeable numbers of them

Lazuli Bunting – good looks at Bud & Debb's Bird Haven in Portal, and also at the San Pedro House

Varied Bunting – this stunning Southeast Arizona specialty gave great looks in Box Canyon (both times) and again at Proctor Road (Madera Canyon)

TOTAL BIRDS SEEN/HEARD BY OUR GROUP: 152

(your personal total may differ)

NOTABLE BIRD GROUPS

- (6) **Columbidae** (doves, pigeons)
- (3) **Caprimulgidae** (goatsuckers)
- (13) **Trochilidae** (hummingbirds)
- (9) **Scolopacidae** (sandpipers, phalaropes), **Recurvirostridae** (avocets & stilts)
- (0) **Laridae** (gulls, terns)
- (10) **Accipitridae** (hawks, eagles), **Cathartidae** (vultures), and **Falconidae** (falcons)
- (5) **Strigidae** (typical owls)
- (6) **Picidae** (woodpeckers)
- (14) **Tyrannidae** (tyrant flycatchers)
- (4) **Vireonidae** (vireos)
- (5) **Corvidae** (jays & ravens)
- (5) **Troglodytidae** (wrens)
- (13) **Passerellidae** (sparrows, towhees)
- (5) **Icteridae** (blackbirds, orioles)
- (12) **Parulidae** (wood-warblers)
- (8) **Cardinalidae** (cardinals, tanagers, buntings)

MAMMALS (14)

Cliff Chipmunk
Harris's Antelope Ground Squirrel
Western (Arizona) Gray Squirrel
Rock Squirrel
Apache Squirrel
Antelope Jackrabbit
Black-tailed Jackrabbit
Desert Cottontail
Black-tailed Prairie Dog
Coati (aka Coatimundi)
Coyote
Bobcat
Whitetail Deer
Pronghorn

REPTILES and AMPHIBIANS (5)

Banded Rock Rattlesnake
Black-tailed Rattlesnake
Striped Plateau Lizard
Yarrow's Spiny Lizard
Chiricahua Leopard Frog

INSECTS and other ARTHROPODS (7)

Stripe-tailed Scorpion *Paravaejovis spinigerus*
Beetle sp. *Stenaspis solitaria* (black beetle with long antennae)
Round "darkling" beetle *Eusattus reticulatus*
Flame Skimmer *Libellula saturata* (red dragonfly)
Arizona Sister (butterfly)
Two-tailed Swallowtail (butterfly)
Pipevine Swallowtail (butterfly)