



Southeast Arizona Birding

April 17 – 22, 2023

6 Reservations Available

Price \$3,100 Double occupancy / \$3,800 Single occupancy

Overview

Day 1. Arrive in Tucson

Day 2. Tubac, Patagonia and more

Day 3 & 4. Birding Sierra Vista area

Day 5. Madera Canyon

Day 6. Depart

Our tour will begin in Tucson, AZ with participants arriving on Day 1 and meeting at our hotel. In the morning, we will quickly head out for our first day of birding. This will be a whirlwind trip packed full of as much birding as possible. We will head south to Tubac to bird in a riparian habitat that is great for desert species and has been the site several rare bird sightings over the years including Rose-throated Becard, Rufous-backed Robin and Sinaloa Wren. Specialty breeding birds, such as Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet have been found here as well. We will break for lunch in Tubac and head to our next location in Patagonia. We will stop at the famous Patton's Yard with its great feeder set up to attract lots of birds including Violet-crowned Hummingbirds. From there we will head to the San Rafael Grasslands to look for the newly split Chihuahuan Meadowlark as well as other grassland birds and with some luck a White-tailed Kite. From the grasslands, we have a quick 90 min drive to get to Sierra Vista for dinner and check into the hotel for the evening.

Sierra Vista holds several of my favorite spots to go birding in southern Arizona and we will do our best to hit as many of these spots as possible. Over the next two days we will head into Ramsey Canyon (be prepared for a decent hike here) the birding at this location can be wonderful but on hot days the hike can but fairly strenuous, with that being said, this is our best shot at seeing Red-faced Warbler and other birds that call these sky islands their home. We may also have a chance at seeing an Elegant Trogon here. We will also be going to several locations around town that are on private property/houses with feeders that are amazing opportunities for photographing many species including hummingbirds. We could see up to ten species of hummingbird while in this region.

After two days in the Sierra Vista area, we will head back closer to Tucson to bird at Madera Canyon. This canyon is easily accessible and has some spots nearby where rare birds have shown up over the years. We will also be doing some nighttime birding for owls and nightjars, if we get to town early enough the night before we can head up to Madera that night, if not we will make sure we are up there on our last night. We can get Common Poorwill as well as Whiskered-screech Owl, and the adorable and Elf Owl. Madera Canyon is a great way to experience the change in elevations and therefore the different habitats of this region. At Madera we also have a chance at seeing the Elegant Trogon as well as Arizona Woodpecker and amazing looks at several other species of bird that visit around the feeders. We will also do some shorter hikes this day.

In April of 2022, I guided a similar trip and we saw the following birds.

Species:

Cinnamon Teal - *Spatula cyanoptera*
Mallard - *Anas platyrhynchos*
Redhead - *Aythya americana*
Ring-necked Duck - *Aythya collaris*
Gambel's Quail - *Callipepla gambelii*
Wild Turkey - *Meleagris gallopavo*
Pied-billed Grebe - *Podilymbus podiceps*
Eurasian Collared-Dove - *Streptopelia decaocto*
Inca Dove - *Columbina inca*
Common Ground Dove - *Columbina passerina*
Ruddy Ground Dove - *Columbina talpacoti*
White-winged Dove - *Zenaida asiatica*
Mourning Dove - *Zenaida macroura*
Greater Roadrunner - *Geococcyx californianus*
Lesser Nighthawk - *Chordeiles acutipennis*
Mexican Whip-poor-will - *Antrostomus arizonae*
Rivoli's Hummingbird - *Eugenes fulgens*
Lucifer Hummingbird - *Calothorax lucifer*
Black-chinned Hummingbird - *Archilochus alexandri*
Anna's Hummingbird - *Calypte anna*
Costa's Hummingbird - *Calypte costae*
Calliope Hummingbird - *Selasphorus calliope*
Rufous Hummingbird - *Selasphorus rufus*
Broad-tailed Hummingbird - *Selasphorus platycercus*
Broad-billed Hummingbird - *Cynanthus latirostris*
White-eared Hummingbird - *Basilinna leucotis*
Violet-crowned Hummingbird - *Leucolia violiceps*
American Coot - *Fulica americana*
Killdeer - *Charadrius vociferus*
Spotted Sandpiper - *Actitis macularius*
Black Vulture - *Coragyps atratus*
Turkey Vulture - *Cathartes aura*
Northern Harrier - *Circus hudsonius*
Cooper's Hawk - *Accipiter cooperii*
Gray Hawk - *Buteo plagiatus*
Swainson's Hawk - *Buteo swainsoni*
Zone-tailed Hawk - *Buteo albonotatus*
Red-tailed Hawk - *Buteo jamaicensis*
Whiskered Screech-Owl - *Megascops trichopsis*
Elf Owl - *Micrathene whitneyi*
Elegant Trogon - *Trogon elegans*
Williamson's Sapsucker - *Sphyrapicus thyroideus*
Red-naped Sapsucker - *Sphyrapicus nuchalis*
Acorn Woodpecker - *Melanerpes formicivorus*
Gila Woodpecker - *Melanerpes uropygialis*
Ladder-backed Woodpecker - *Dryobates scalaris*
Arizona Woodpecker - *Dryobates arizonae*
Northern Flicker - *Colaptes auratus*
Gilded Flicker - *Colaptes chrysoides*
Rose-throated Becard - *Pachyramphus aglaiae*
Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet - *Camptostoma imberbe*
Hammond's Flycatcher - *Empidonax hammondii*
Gray Flycatcher - *Empidonax wrightii*
Dusky Flycatcher - *Empidonax oberholseri*
Pacific-slope Flycatcher - *Empidonax difficilis*
Cordilleran Flycatcher - *Empidonax occidentalis*
Buff-breasted Flycatcher - *Empidonax fulvifrons*
Black Phoebe - *Sayornis nigricans*
Vermilion Flycatcher - *Pyrocephalus rubinus*
Dusky-capped Flycatcher - *Myiarchus tuberculifer*
Ash-throated Flycatcher - *Myiarchus cinerascens*
Nutting's Flycatcher - *Myiarchus nuttingi*
Brown-crested Flycatcher - *Myiarchus tyrannulus*
Cassin's Kingbird - *Tyrannus vociferans*
Bell's Vireo - *Vireo bellii*
Gray Vireo - *Vireo vicinior*
Plumbeous Vireo - *Vireo plumbeus*
Loggerhead Shrike - *Lanius ludovicianus*
Steller's Jay - *Cyanocitta stelleri*
Mexican Jay - *Aphelocoma wollweberi*
Common Raven - *Corvus corax*
Bridled Titmouse - *Baeolophus wollweberi*
Verdin - *Auriparus flaviceps*
Northern Rough-winged Swallow - *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*
Violet-green Swallow - *Tachycineta thalassina*
Barn Swallow - *Hirundo rustica*
Cliff Swallow - *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*
Bushtit - *Psaltriparus minimus*
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - *Corthylio calendula*
White-breasted Nuthatch - *Sitta carolinensis*
Pygmy Nuthatch - *Sitta pygmaea*
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - *Poliophtila caerulea*
House Wren - *Troglodytes aedon*
Bewick's Wren - *Thryomanes bewickii*
Cactus Wren - *Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus*
European Starling - *Sturnus vulgaris*
Curve-billed Thrasher - *Toxostoma curvirostre*
Northern Mockingbird - *Mimus polyglottos*
Hermit Thrush - *Catharus guttatus*
American Robin - *Turdus migratorius*
Phainopepla - *Phainopepla nitens*
House Sparrow - *Passer domesticus*
House Finch - *Haemorhous mexicanus*
Pine Siskin - *Spinus pinus*
Lesser Goldfinch - *Spinus psaltria*

Rufous-winged Sparrow - *Peucaea carpalis*
Chipping Sparrow - *Spizella passerina*
Brewer's Sparrow - *Spizella breweri*
Black-throated Sparrow - *Amphispiza bilineata*
Lark Bunting - *Calamospiza melanocorys*
Yellow-eyed Junco - *Junco phaeonotus*
White-crowned Sparrow - *Zonotrichia leucophrys*
Song Sparrow - *Melospiza melodia*
Canyon Towhee - *Melospiza fusca*
Abert's Towhee - *Melospiza aberti*
Rufous-crowned Sparrow - *Aimophila ruficeps*
Green-tailed Towhee - *Pipilo chlorurus*
Spotted Towhee - *Pipilo maculatus*
Hooded Oriole - *Icterus cucullatus*
Bullock's Oriole - *Icterus bullockii*
Scott's Oriole - *Icterus parisorum*
Red-winged Blackbird - *Agelaius phoeniceus*
Bronzed Cowbird - *Molothrus aeneus*
Brown-headed Cowbird - *Molothrus ater*

Brewer's Blackbird - *Euphagus cyanocephalus*
Great-tailed Grackle - *Quiscalus mexicanus*
Orange-crowned Warbler - *Leiothlypis celata*
Lucy's Warbler - *Leiothlypis luciae*
Nashville Warbler - *Leiothlypis ruficapilla*
Virginia's Warbler - *Leiothlypis virginiae*
Common Yellowthroat - *Geothlypis trichas*
Yellow Warbler - *Setophaga petechia*
Yellow-rumped Warbler - *Setophaga coronata*
Grace's Warbler - *Setophaga graciae*
Wilson's Warbler - *Cardellina pusilla*
Red-faced Warbler - *Cardellina rubrifrons*
Painted Redstart - *Myioborus pictus*
Hepatic Tanager - *Piranga flava*
Summer Tanager - *Piranga rubra*
Northern Cardinal - *Cardinalis cardinalis*
Pyrrhuloxia - *Cardinalis sinuatus*
Black-headed Grosbeak - *Pheucticus melanocephalus*
Lazuli Bunting - *Passerina amoena*

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