

# Arizona and a bit of Northern Mexico

Finishing of Arizona and starting with N. Mexico

01 UNTIL 10-08-2017



*LeConte Thrasher Buckeye was a good start.*



*Crescent-crested Warbler by Mel Senac was a big target bird.*



*White-eared Hummingbird is far easier south of the US border.*

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## Legenda:

\*AAAA = New (Holarctic) Species, and on the ABA list (22) California Condor not counted

AAAAA = Good species for the trip or for me (because not often seen)

*The list order is conform the AOU checklist with the recent changes on the splitting and lumping issue mainly based on publications in the "important magazines". Subspecies is only mentioned when thought to be important and visible in the field. The Holarctic list of Klim is followed <http://holarcticlisting.webs.com>. The totals of birds per species are just a total of the birds I saw to give an idea how many of a species you encounter during a trip. Only species seen are mentioned and heard when no lifer.*

On this trip the weather was good with almost no rain, mostly sunny with (dry) temperatures far above the 30 C but often no wind.



*Sonora "room with a view"*

### Itinerary

**01-08** Flew from Amsterdam to Phoenix and slept there.

**02-08** Birded Mount d'Or in the morning and later in the day at the "Thrasher corner" near Phoenix. Drove in the afternoon to Camp Verde and birded there in the evening and slept there.

**03-08** Drove from Camp Verde to Marble Canyon and Vermillion Cliffs (Condor viewing point). Later that early afternoon drove back to Tubac and spent the night there.

**04-08** Birded on the Northern Anza trail also near Tumacacori on several places and in the evening around Patagonia.

**05-08** Birded in Ramsey Canyon, Miller Canyon and Ash B&B later drove to Tucson to spend the night.

**06-08** Drove with birding stops in the Sonoran Desert from Tucson to Hermosillo in Mexico and birded there around the sewage ponds.

**07-08** Drove with birding stops from the desert into the mountains to end the day in Yecora.

**08-08** Birded the whole day in the mountains near Yecora and spent the night there again.

**09-08** Drove with birding stops from Yecora in Mexico back to Tucson in Arizona. I took late in the night a shuttle back to Phoenix.

**10-08** Flew from Phoenix back to Amsterdam and twitched an Aquatic warbler on the way back home to my house.



*The often-visited valley near Yecora.*





Here in red the birding spots visited for the important species and in the black line the route into Mexico (back and for the same way)



These rainshowers can give a lot of water in a very short period, in Arizona they give out a warning on your phone when you are nearby.

## THE BIRD SPECIES

01. **Black-bellied Whistling Duck – *Dendrocygna autumnalis***

06-08

15 ex. at the Hermosillo Sewage ponds.

02. **Fulvous Whistling Duck – *Dendrocygna bicolor***

06-08

4 ex. at the Hermosillo Sewage ponds. Seems to be not common in northern Mexico.



*Fulvous W.D. not common in northern Mexico, photo by Mel Senac*



*Elegant Quail endemic to the region by Mel Senac*

03. **Mexican Mallard (Duck) – *Anas (platyrhynchos) fulvigula***

06-08

10 ex. at the Hermosillo Sewage ponds.

08-08

15 ex. In the wet fields near Yecora.

04. **Green-winged Teal – *Anas carolinensis***

06-08

1 ex. at the Hermosillo Sewage ponds.

05. **Blue-winged Teal – *Anas discors***

06-08

15 ex. at the Hermosillo Sewage ponds.

06. **Cinnamon Teal – *Anas cyanoptera***

06-08

2 ex. at the Hermosillo Sewage ponds, one nice male.

07. **Ruddy Duck – *Oxyura jamaicensis***

06-08

15 ex. at the Hermosillo Sewage ponds.

08. **Gambel's Quail – *Callipepla gambelii***

A total of 6 seen during the Arizona part of the trip.

09. **\*ELEGANT QUAIL - *Callipepla dougalsii***

07-08

4 ex. Seen well along the main road. Obvious reddish-brown parts in the plumage on the male. Good endemic species.

10. **Least Grebe – *Tachybatus dominicus***

06-08

1 ex. at the Hermosillo Sewage ponds.

11. **Pied-billed Grebe – *Podilymbus podiceps***

06-08

1 ex. at the Hermosillo Sewage ponds.

12. **Double-crested Cormorant – *Phalacrocorax auratus***

06-08

Common at the Hermosillo Sewage ponds.

13. **Neotropic Cormorant – *Phalacrocorax brasilianus***

06-08 Common at the Hermosillo Sewage ponds.  
09-08 7 ex. Seen on a pond along the way.

14. **Great Blue Heron – *Ardea herodias***

A total 14 birds seen spread over the Mexico part of the trip.

15. **Black-crowned Night-heron – *Nycticorax nycticorax***

06-08 5 ex. the Hermosillo Sewage ponds

16. **Great Egret – *Ardea alba***

02-08 2 ex. at “thrasher corner” near Phoenix.  
06-08 Common at the Hermosillo Sewage ponds.

17. **Snowy Egret – *Egretta thula***

06-08 Common at the Hermosillo Sewage ponds.

18. **Cattle Egret – *Bubulcus ibis***

06-08 Common at the Hermosillo Sewage ponds.

19. **Black Vulture – *Coragyps atratus***

04-08 1 ex. above Patagonia.  
06-08 1 ex. in flight along the way.

20. **Turkey Vulture – *Cathartes aura***

Common throughout the trip

21. **\*CALIFORNIA CONDOR – *Gymnogyps californianus***

03-08 1 near ad. seen soaring overhead at Vermillion Cliffs  
(Condor viewing point). A majestic bird with wing clips (I could not read the code, maybe a C). Uncountable,  
but it gives the feeling from how it once was...



22. **Osprey – *Pandion haliaetus***

06-08 1 ex. at the Hermosillo Sewage ponds.

23. **Cooper's Hawk – *Accipiter cooperii***

03-08 1 ex. in flight along the way.

24. **Gray Hawk – *Buteo nitidus***

A total of 7 birds seen spread over the whole trip.

25. **Short-tailed Hawk – Butao brachyurus ssp: fuliginosus**  
09-08 1 ex. a pale morph seen hunting above us while scanning for a Yellow Grosbeak (failed). Nice views. I searched a few years ago intensively in Florida before finding it, now you just come across it....
26. **Swainson's Hawk – Buteo swainsoni**  
05-08 1 ex. along the road in Arizona.  
06-08 1 ex. along the way into Mexico.
27. **Red-tailed Hawk – Buteo jamaicensis**  
A total of 13 seen spread over the total trip.
28. **Golden Eagle – Aquila chrysaetos**  
02-08 1 ex. sitting on a telegraph pole along the way.
29. **Crested Caracara – Caracara plancus**  
07-08 1 ex. seen along the way.
30. **American Kestrel – Falco sparverius**  
06-08 1 ex. along the way into Mexico.
31. **Common Gallinule – Gallinula galleata**  
06-08 1 ex. at the Hermosillo Sewage ponds.
32. **American Coot- Fulica Americana**  
06-08 15 ex. at the Hermosillo Sewage ponds.
33. **Killdeer – Charadrius vociferus**  
06-08 2 ex. at the Hermosillo Sewage ponds.
34. **Black-necked Stilt – Himantopus himantopus ssp: mexicanus**  
06-08 7 ex. at the Hermosillo Sewage ponds.
35. **Lesser Yellowlegs – Tringa flavipes**  
06-08 10 ex. at the Hermosillo Sewage ponds.
36. **Greater Yellowlegs – Tringa melanoleuca**  
06-08 20 ex. at the Hermosillo Sewage ponds.
37. **Solitary Sandpiper – Tringa solitaria**  
06-08 2 ex. at a sewage pond along the way. Nice views also in flight.
38. **Spotted Sandpiper – Actitis macularia**  
06-08 20 ex. at the Hermosillo Sewage ponds
39. **Eurasian Collared-Dove – Streptopelia decaocto**  
02-08 2 ex. seen along the way.
40. **White-winged Dove – Zenaida asiatica**  
Common throughout the trip.
41. **Mourning Dove – Zenaida macroura**  
Common throughout the trip
42. **White-tipped Dove – Leptotila verreauxi ssp: angelica**  
09-08 1 ex. seen at a stop along the way back.
43. **Inca Dove – columbina inca**  
A total of 4 birds seen, in Arizona and in Mexico.



44. **Common Ground-Dove - *Columbina passerine***

A total of 13 seen spread over the trip, north and south of the US border.

45. **Yellow-billed Cuckoo – *Coccyzus americanus***

04-08

2 ex. seen well at the Anza trail in Arizona.

07-08

2 ex. seen along the way into Mexico.

46. **Greater Roadrunner – *Geococcyx californianus***

05-08

1 ex. along the way in Arizona

07-08

2 ex. seen along the road in Mexico.

47. **Groove-billed Ani – *Crotophaga sulcirostris***

06-08

1 ex. at the Hermosillo Sewage ponds, giving great

views feeding.



*Photo of the Ani by Mel Senac*



*Nice views again of Mountain Pygmy Owl this trip.*

48. **Mountain Pygmy Owl – *Glaucidium gnoma* ssp: *californicum***

08-08

3 ex., of which one seen well around Yecora.

49. **Lesser Nighthawk – *Chordeiles acutipennis***

03-08

1 ex. seen in the evening while driving, in Arizona.

06-08

1 ex. at the Hermosillo Sewage ponds, nice daylight

views.

50. **White-throated Swift – *Aeronautes saxatalis***

Seen daily in northern Mexico, with about 70 birds on a day.

51. **Rivoli's Hummingbird - *Eugenes fulgens***

A total of 12 seen in total in Arizona and in the Mexican part (were there are no feeders).



*Nice "Maggie" but now renamed.*



*Anna's males are great to see.*



*Rufous (immature female).*

*Calliope, great to see after so many years.*

52. **Blue-throated Hummingbird – *Lampornis clemenciae***

A total of 4 seen in Sonora, spread over the day's, what a Hummer!

53. **Black-Chinned Hummingbird – *Archilochus alexandri***

The commonest hummer recorded in Arizona but not seen in Mexico.

54. **Costa's Hummingbird – *Archilochus costa***

05-08

3 ex. seen, two immatures at the feeders at Ramsey

Canyon and a very nice adult male in breeding plumage (with big round sticking out dark purple "moustache" feathers and a white spot behind the eye) at Ash Canyon B&B.

55. **Anna's Hummingbird – *Calypte anna***

Quite common at the visited feeders in Arizona but not seen in the Mexico part of the trip.

56. **Broad-Tailed Hummingbird - *Selasphorus platyceris***

02-08

2 ex. near the hotel I slept in.

57. **Rufous Hummingbird – *Selasphorus rufus***

05-08

3 ex. seen at the feeders at the end of Miller Canyon,

immature males, with their repeating "jumping" display flight and an immature female.

58. **Calliope Hummingbird – *Stelluna calliope***

05-08

3 ex. seen at the feeders at the end of Miller Canyon,

all immature males with some fine red/purple streaks on the throat.

59. **Broad-billed Hummingbird – *Cynanthus latirostris***

Seen in Arizona (7 birds) and quite common in Mexico.

60. **Lucifer Hummingbird – *Calothorax lucifer***

05-08

1 male seen at the feeders at the feeders at the Ash

Canyon B&B.

61. **Violet-Crowned Hummingbird – *Amazilia violiceps***

04-08

2 ex, a male and a female, seen at the feeders of

Patagonia.

62. **\*BERYLIN HUMMINGBIRD – *Amazila beryllina***

08-08

4 ex. near Yecora.

09-08

2 ex. near Yecora, both times giving great close up

views feeding in the trees near an often-visited little gorge close to the town.





*Beryline Hummer by Mel Senac.*



*White-eared Hummer, both new hummers for the Holarctic list...*

63. **\*WHITE-EARED HUMMINGBIRD – *Hylocharis leucotis***

08-03

3 ex. seen around Yecora, after a bit of search. Nice

small hummer easy to recognize.

64. **\*MOUNTAIN TROGON – *Trogon mexicanus***

08-03

1 ex seen very well near Yecora.

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*Great views photographed by Mel Senac*

65. **Green Kingfisher – *Chloroceryle americana***

07-08

1 ex seen along a stream near Yecora.

08-08

1 ex. on a stream just outside the town of Yecora.

66. **Acorn Woodpecker – *Melanerpes formicivorus***

Common in Arizona and a few in Mexico.

67. **Gila Woodpecker – *Melanerpes uropygialis***

Common in Arizona and Mexico, the commonest woodpecker.

68. **Ladder-backed Woodpecker - *Picoides scalaris***

04-08

2 ex. seen at Patagonia.

09-08

1 ex. seen along the way.

69. **Northern (red shafted) Flicker – Colaptes auratus (cafer) ssp: collaris**

04-08

2 ex. along the Anza trail

06-08

2 ex. seen along the way to Yecora.

70. **Gray-crowned Woodpecker – Piculus auricularis**

09-08

1 female seen well after many attempts in a little valley “below” Yecora. A quite small woodpecker. Strangely not Holarctic??



*Gray-crowned Woodpecker, endemic but not Holarctic and White-striped Woodcreeper, one of the few Holarctic Woodcreepers by Mel*

71. **\*WHITE-STRIPED WOODCREEPER – Lepidocolaptes leucogaster**

08-08

1 ex. seen well near Yecora, coming into tape.

09-08

2 ex. seen together in a little valley below Yecora.

72. **Northern-Beardless Tyrannulet - Campostoma imberbe**

07-08

1 ex. seen at one of the stops to Yecora.

73. **(Mexican) Tufted Flycatcher – Mitrephanes phaeocercus ssp: phaeocercus**

08-08

1 ex. seen well near Yecora.

09-08

1 ex. seen in a little valley below Yecora.

74. **Olive-sided Flycatcher – Contopus cooperi**

05-08

1 ex. at Ramsey Canyon.

08-08

1 ex. near Yecora.

75. **Greater Pewee – Contopus pertinax**

05-08

1 ex. in Ramsey Canyon. Nice views in the top of a tree.

08-08

1 ex. near Yecora.

76. **Western Wood Pewee – Contopus sordidulus**

05-08

1 ex. seen in Ramsey Canyon

07-08

2 ex. seen spread over the day.

08-08

1 ex. near Yecora.

77. **Hammond’s Flycatcher – Empidonax hammondii**

05-08

1 ex. at Ramsey Canyon.

78. **\*PINE FLYCATCHER – *Empidonax affinis***  
 09-08 1 immature in a feeding flock of other passerines close to Yecora. A large headed, long-tailed green empid. with an obvious white eye ring with a slight point behind the eye. Also an orange underbill and buffish wingbars.
79. **Pacific-slope Flycatcher – *Empidonax difficilis***  
 07-08 1 ex. at a stop on the way to Yecora.  
 09-08 1 ex. near Yecora. Good to see just after the Pine Fly so the comparison was good.
80. **Cordilleran Flycatcher – *Empidonax occidentalis***  
 05-08 1 ex. seen well in Ramsey Canyon, ID this time based on location...
81. **Black-Phoebe – *Sayornis nigricans***  
 A total of 6 seen spread over the trip.
82. **Say's Phoebe – *Sayornis saya***  
 03-08 2 ex. at Vermillion Cliffs.
83. **Vermilion Flycatcher – *Pyrocephalus rubinus***  
 Seen almost daily in low numbers, mainly in the Mexican part of the trip.
84. **Dusky-capped Flycatcher – *Myiarchus tuberculifer***  
 A total of 6 seen in northern Mexico, the most common Myiarchus.
85. **Nutting's Flycatcher – *Myiarchus nuttingi***  
 09-08 2 ex. seen very well along the way back from Yecora, greyer head than Dusky-capped and found on the obvious "wheep" call. Great to see again after so many years, and now with modern knowledge.
86. **Brown-crested Flycatcher – *Myiarchus tyrannulus***  
 A total of 5 birds seen spread over the trip in Arizona and Mexico.
87. **Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher – *Myiodynastes luteiventris***  
 Quite common in Arizona and also seen on 09-08 in Northern Mexico.
88. **Cassin's Kingbird – *Tyrannus vociferans***  
 06+07-08 Quite commonly seen along the way south.
89. **Tropical Kingbird – *Tyrannus melancholicus***  
 06+07-08 Quite commonly seen along the way south.
90. **Thick-billed Kingbird – *Tyrannus crassirostris***  
 04-08 1 ex near Patagonia  
 A total of 4 seen in Northern Mexico.
91. **\*GRAY-COLLARED BECARD – *Pachyramphus major***  
 07-08 2 ex. a pair at a stop along the way to Yecora.  
 09-08 1 male at the often-visited valley near Yecora.
92. **Rose-Throated Becard – *Pachyramphus aglaiae* ssp: *insularis***  
 04-08 2 ex. a pair near a new nest along the Anza Trail in Arizona. These birds were taking material from the old nest.  
 09-08 2 ex. at the often-visited valley near Yecora.





*Thick-billed Kingbird and Gray-Collared Becard both by Mel Senac.*



*Rose-Throated Becard along the Anza trail in Arizona.*

93. **Loggerhead Shrike – *Lanius ludovicianus***

03-08

2 ex. at Vermillion Cliffs (Condor viewing point).

07-08

1 ex. at an early morning stop along the way.

94. **Bell's Vireo – *Vireo bellii***

04-08

1 ex. near Patagonia.

06-08

10 ex. spread over several stops on the way to

Hermosillo.

95. **\*GRAY VIREO – *Vireo vicinior***

02-08

1 ex. seen extremely well at Mount d'Or, coming to have a prolonged look when I played the tape. A big (headed) grey vireo.

96. **Plumbeous Vireo – *Vireo plumbeus***

07-08

1 ex. along the way at a birding stop.

09-08

1 ex. along the way at a birding stop.

97. **Hutton's Vireo – *Vireo huttoni***

Common in the bird flocks in Mexico around Yecora.

98. **Warbling Vireo – *Vireo gilvus* ssp: *brewsteri***

A total of 16 seen in Mexico, in feeding flocks during stops along the way.

99. **Yellow-Green Vireo – Vireo flavoviridis**

07-08

25 ex. along the way at a birding stop.

09-08

20 ex. along the way at a birding stop. A very welcome

update with this species after many years for me.



*One of the Y.G. Vireo's by Mel Senac*



*Spotted Wren by Mel Senac.*

100. **Woodhouse's Scrub Jay – Aphelocoma woodhouseii**

02-08

1 ex. near Thrasher corner in Arizona.

101. **Mexican Jay - Aphelocoma wollweberi**

Common on the last day in Arizona and the whole of the Mexico part of the trip.

102. **Chihuahuan Raven – Corvus cryptoleucus**

02+04 several seen in Arizona, ID based on call and size. Often in pairs.

103. **Common Raven- Corvus corax**

Quite common, often in pairs, in Arizona and Mexico.

104. **Northern Rough-Winged Swallow – Stelgidopteryx serripennis**

08-08

1 ex. in a flock of Barn at the outskirts of Yecora.

105. **Barn Swallow – Hirundo rustica**

Common throughout the trip and seen on all days.

106. **Cliff Swallow – Petrochelidon pyrrhonota**

A total of 16 seen in Mexico on several locations.

107. **Bridled Titmouse - Baeolophus wollweberi**

Quite common in Arizona and a bit less in Mexico.

108. **Verdin – Auriparus flaviceps**

A total of 5 seen in Arizona and Mexico.

109. **Bushtit – Psaltriparus minimus**

Common in Mexico and 4 seen in Arizona (05-08).

110. **White-breasted Nuthatch – Sitta carolinensis ssp: mexicana**

A total of 7 seen in Arizona and Mexico.

111. **\*SPOTTED WREN – Campylorhynchus gularis**

A total of 9 seen in several family flocks in Mexico, a quite big noisy wren.

112. **Cactus Wren - Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus**

06+07-08

4 ex. seen in total while driving down into Mexico.

113. **\*SINALOA WREN – *Thryothorus Sinaloa***

07-08

10 ex. seen spread over the day and giving great

looks, often in song.

09-08

2 ex. seen well during birding stops.



*Happy Wren (buff underparts) and Sinaloa Wren (right) both by Mel Senac*

114. **\*HAPPY WREN – *Pheugopedius felix***

07-08

2 ex. seen very well at a birding stop in a river bed.

Nice buff breast and underparts. Also heard well singing.

115. **Bewick's Wren – *Thryomanes bewickii* ssp: *eremophilus***

Quite common in Mexico and the Arizona part.

116. **Northern House Wren – *Throglodytes aedon* ssp: *cahooni***

08-08

1 ex. near Yecora.

117. **Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher – *Poliophtila caerulea***

06+07-08

5 ex. in total at the birding stops along the way south.

118. **Black-capped Gnatcatcher – *Poliophtila nigriceps***

07-08

2 ex. in total seen at birding stops on the way south.

119. **Black-tailed Gnatcatcher – *Poliophtila mealnura***

02-08

4 ex. at "Thrasher Corner" in Arizona, two pairs.

06+07-08

2 ex, one nice male, seen on the birding stops on the

way south in Mexico.

120. **Eastern Bluebird – *Sialia sialis* ssp: *fulva***

08-08

2 ex. seen along the way.

121. **\*BROWN-BACKED SOLITAIRE – *Myadestes occidentalis***

A total of 8 seen (also with just fledged young) in Mexico at many stops.



*Brown-Backed Solitaire by Mel Senac, Orange-billed Nightingale Thrush by myself and Black-tailed Gnatcatcher by Mel Senac.*



122. **\*RUSSET (OLIVE-BACKED) NIGHTINGALE-THRUSH – *Catharus occidentalis* ssp: *olivascens***  
 08-08 1 ex. in a little stake-out near Yecora, like an Orange-billed but more olive on the upperparts with a dark(er) bill.
123. **Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush – *Catharus aurantirostris* ssp: *clarus***  
 A total of 10 seen around Yecora, often singing. Great to see them after so many years.
124. **American Robin – *Turdus migratorius***  
 08+09-08 6 ex. in total, migrants? around Yecora in the mountains.
125. **\*RUFIOUS-BACKED ROBIN – *Turdus rufopalliatus***  
 09-08 1 ex. seen very well at a birding stop on the way back to the U.S. border. Like a very rufous Fieldfare (familiar species for me), quite shy.
126. **White-throated Robin – *Turdus assimilis* ssp: *calliphthongus***  
 08+09-08 5 ex. seen around the mountains around Yecora, nice views, some in small groups, quite grey thrushes with an obvious white throat.
127. **Northern Mockingbird - *Mimus polyglottos***  
 A total of 9 birds recorded on the trip, in Arizona and Mexico.
128. **\*BLUE MOCKINGBIRD – *Melanotis caerulescens***  
 09-08 2 ex. seen and heard well at a well known little valley near Yecora. Great, really blue birds, with a melodious song. Shy and secretive.
129. **Bendire's Thrasher – *Toxostoma bendire***  
 02-08 3 ex. seen well at "Thrasher's Corner".  
 07-08 2 ex. seen well at a birding stop in the early morning on the way south. Great views in comparison with Curve-billed with a less curvy bill and less dark underparts.
130. **Curve-billed Thrasher – *Toxostoma curvirostre* ssp: *palmeri***  
 About 10 seen in Arizona (mainly on 05-08) and 1 seen in Mexico (on 08-08)
131. **\*LECONTE'S – *Toxostoma lecontei* ssp: *lecontei***  
 02-08 2 ex. seen well at "Thrasher corner" near Phoenix. Great views, out in the open. Quite plain (light) grey with peachy colored undertail coverts.



L.C. Thrasher made with my phone and Tropical Parula (by Mel Senac)

132. **European Starling – *Sturnus vulgaris***

Common in Arizona and (northern) Mexico.

133. **Phainopepla - *Phainopepla nitens***

Quite common in Arizona and northern Mexico in the right dry habitat.

134. **Lucy's Warbler – *Oreothlypis luciae***

A total of 6 seen, both in Arizona and Mexico.

135. **\*CRESCENT-CHESTED WARBLER – *Vermivora superciliosa***

08-08	3 ex. seen very well near Yecora, in a small flock.
09-08	1 ex. in a mixed feeding flock near Yecora. A very nice, parula like warbler. One of my most wanted.

136. **Tropical Parula - *Parula pitiayumi***

07-08	3 ex. seen at birding stops along the way.
09-08	2 ex. seen at birding stops along the way. Great to see this species again after so many years (93 Texas)

137. **Yellow Warbler – *Setophaga petchia* ssp: *castaneicepes***

04-08	1 ex. seen at one of the stops.
08-08	1 ex. near Yecora.

138. **Grace's Warbler – *Setophaga graciae***

08-08	1 ex. in the mountains near Yecora.
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139. **Hermit Warbler – *Setophaga occidentalis***

08+09-08	3 ex. nicely seen around Yecora, all early migrants.
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140. **Painted Redstart - *Myioborus pictus***

05-08	3 ex. in Ramsey Canyon.
08-08	1 ex. near Yecora.

141. **Slate-throated Redstart - *Myioborus miniatus* ssp: *miniatus***

A total of 3 birds seen around Yecora. Nice red bellies.

142. **Rufous-capped Warbler – *Basileuterus rufifrons* ssp: *caudatus***

A total of 13 seen spread over the days in Mexico, nice views.

143. **Yellow-breasted Chat - *Icterina virens***

Quite common at the feeders in Patagonia (Arizona) and 7 seen in Mexico.

144. **Hepatic Tanager - *Piranga flava***

04+05-08	4 ex. in total in Arizona, spread over these days.
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145. **Summer Tanager – *Piranga rubra***

A total of 7 seen spread over the trip, both in Arizona and in Mexico.

146. **Flame-colored Tanager – *Piranga bidentata***

05-08	1 male seen well in Ramsey Canyon. This bird was present for already one and a half year.
09-08	2 ex. seen and heard well around Yecora.

147. **Western Tanager – *Piranga ludoviciana***

A total of 16 seen spread over the trip, both in Arizona and in Mexico.

148. **\*RUFIOUS-CAPPED BRUSH-FINCH – Atlapetes pileatus**

08-08

2 ex. seen and hear well around a little valley near

Yecora.



*Flame-colored Tanagers, left in Ramsey Canyon (by myself), right in Yecora (by Mel Senac)*



*Rufous-capped Warbler, Rufous-capped Brush Finch and Rusty Sparrow all around a little valley at Yecora by Mel Senac.*

149. **Canyon Towhee – Melospiza fusca**

02-08

4 ex. seen at "Thrasher Corner".

07-08

2 seen at a desert stop in the early morning.

150. **Aberts Towhee - Melospiza aberti**

04-08

3 ex. seen at Patagonia.

151. **Spotted Towhee – Pipilo maculatus**

A total of 6 seen spread over the trip, both in Arizona and in Mexico.

152. **Rufous-winged Sparrow – Peucaea carpalis**

Seen in the northern part of our Mexico part, often singing.





*Rufous-winged Sparrow by Mel Senac, and the most wanted Cassin's Sparrow in Arizona by myself.*

153. **Cassin's Sparrow – *Peucaea cassinii***

02-08

7 ex. seen and hear well around Camp Verde

07-08

1 ex. seen and heard well at a desert stop in Mexico.

A very most wanted for me, since I had only one sighting in Texas in 93. The white edges on the tertials are one of the easiest ID feature on the included photo.

154. **Botteri's Sparrow – *Peucaea botterii***

02-08

1 ex. seen very well in song near Camp Verde, with a

reddish crown.

155. **Chipping Sparrow – *Spizella passerine***

02-08

2 ex. near Mount d'Or.

08-08

156. **\*BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW – *Spizella atrogularis***

02-08

10 ex. near Mount d'Or, singing and also with fledged

young. Some nice adult males. One of my last sparrow species needed.

157. **\*RUSTY SPARROW – *Aimophila rufescens***

07+08

A total of 3 singing birds near "our" little valley near

Yecora, quite a big long tailed sparrow.

158. **Five-stripped Sparrow – *Amphispiza quinquestriata***

07-08

1 ex. seen well at a birding stop in a lower down

valley.

09-09

1 ex. seen very well at a birding stop while searching

for Fan-tailed Warbler (not found).



*One of the nicest sparrows (Five-Striped) and buntings (Varied)*

**159. Lark Sparrow – Chondestes grammacus**

Seen in Arizona (a few at the Condor viewing point) and almost daily in Mexico.

**160. Black-throated Sparrow – Amphispiza bilineata**

02-08

1 ex. seen along the way.

06-08

4 ex. seen spread over the day while driving south.

**161. Song Sparrow – Melospiza melodia ssp: fallax**

02-08

2 ex. seen along the way.

**162. Yellow-eyed Junco – Junco phaeonotus**

A total of 6 seen spread over the Arizona part of the trip.

**163. Northern Cardinal – Cardinalis cardinalis**

05-08

1 ex. at the feeders of Ash Canyon B&B.

07-08

4 ex. on the way to Yecora.

**164. Pyrrhuloxia – Cardinalis sinuatus**

A total of 6 seen spread over the trip, both in Arizona and in Mexico.

**165. Black-headed Grosbeak – Pheucticus melanocephalus**

Quite common in Arizona and a bit less in Mexico.

**166. Blue Grosbeak – Passerina caerulea**

A total of 8 seen spread over the trip, both in Arizona and in Mexico.

**167. Lazuli Bunting – Passerina amoena**

A total of 4 birds seen spread over the trip, both in Arizona and in Mexico, also one nice male.

**168. Painted Bunting – Passerina ciris ssp: pallidor**

A total of 13 seen, with a lot nice males, in Arizona.

**169. Varied Bunting – Passerina versicolor**

A total of 14 seen, with a lot nice males, in Mexico.

**170. Red-winged Blackbird – Agelaius phoeniceus**

06-08

10 ex. at the sewage ponds near Hermosillo.

**171. Yellow-headed Blackbird – Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus**

06-08

1 ex. at the sewage ponds near Hermosillo, with the

Red-winged.

**172. Great-tailed grackle – Quiscalus mexicanus**

Commonly seen in small (family) flocks throughout the trip, in Arizona and Mexico.

173. **Brown-headed Cowbird – *Molothrus ater***

Commonly seen in small (family) flocks throughout the trip, in Arizona and Mexico

174. **\*BLACK-VENTED ORIOLE – *Icterus wagleri***

07+09-08

3 ex. in total seen at the often visited small valley near

Yecora.



*Great addition to my Holarctic list, this Black-vented Oriole and Streak-backed Oriole was a nice repeat, both by Mel Senac.*

175. **Hooded Oriole – *Icterus cucullatus***

07-08

1 ex. seen at a birding stop along the way.

176. **Streak-backed Oriole – *Icterus pustulatus* ssp: *microstictus***

07-08

1 ex. seen at the first and most northern birding stop

on the way south, just 50 km south of the border.

177. **Bullock's Oriole – *Icterus bullockii***

07-08

2 ex. seen at the first and most northern birding stop,

with the Streak-backed.

178. **House Finch – *Carpodacus mexicanus***

Quite common in Arizona and 1 (07-08) seen in Mexico.

179. **\*BLACK-HEADED SISKIN – *Spinus notatus***

08-08

10 ex. in and around Yecora, in small flocks.



*One of the Siskins by Mel Senac*

180. **Lesser Goldfinch – *Spinus psaltria***

Quite commonly seen, both in Arizona and in Mexico.

181. **House Sparrow – *Passer domesticus***

Quite common also in Mexico.





*Safe back in Arizona, but Mexico tastes like more.....*

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