

Southeast Arizona: Winter Sky Islands | Species List

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SUMMARY: Our trip to southeast Arizona was indeed wintry, but the beautiful scenery, birding and nature didn't disappoint. Naturalist Journeys tours aren't focused solely on maximizing species counts, however, our guides Mason and Richard couldn't help but be pleased to have found 141 species, 19 more than any recent mid-winter tour in the area! This included a few rare or uncommon wintering birds for the area such as Greater Scaup, Green Kingfisher, Harris's Hawk and Crested Caracara, but the high count was mostly due to seeing so many of the expected or regular birds that nonetheless can be difficult to see. We saw 17 species of waterfowl, all of the expected hummingbirds, eight raptors and 18 sparrows. We owe a lot of our good fortune to Richard who birds this area year-round.

BIRDS (141 species, of which 2 were heard only)

HO = Distinctive enough to be counted as heard only.

DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS: Anatidae

Snow Goose *Anser caerulescens*— A few in the rain at the Santa Cruz River overflow north of Nogales, and at least 400 at Whitewater Draw.

Blue-winged Teal *Spatula discors*— Five at the Santa Cruz River overflow.

Cinnamon Teal *Spatula cyanoptera*— Close views of two pairs at Whitewater Draw.

Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata*— A few near the Santa Cruz River on Sunday, and then at least 400 at Whitewater Draw on Tuesday.

Gadwall *Mareca strepera*— Ten at the Santa Cruz River overflow, 50 at Whitewater Draw and a handful in the pond at San Pedro RNCA.

American Wigeon *Mareca americana*— More than 50 at various stops along the Santa Cruz River, and 45 at Whitewater Draw.

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*— Good numbers at Amado WTP, Canoa Ranch and at the Santa Cruz River overflow, and just a few at Whitewater Draw.

Mexican Duck *Anas diazi*— Richard gave us a good tutorial on differentiating this species from the similar-looking female Mallard. We first saw two in the rain at the Santa Cruz River overflow and got better looks at the Sierra Vista EOP, San Pedro RNCA and along the river by Casa de San Pedro.

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*— Seen best at Whitewater Draw where we got close looks.

Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca*— Seen on four days including at the Santa Cruz River overflow, Whitewater Draw, Sierra Vista EOP and the pond at San Pedro RNCA.

Canvasback *Aythya valisineria*— Just one at the Amado WTP.

Redhead *Aythya americana*— Great looks at a beautiful male at Canoa Ranch Conservation Park.

Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris*— At least 10 at the Amado WTP and nine on the pond at San Pedro RNCA.

Greater Scaup *Aythya marila*— We were lucky to see this Arizona rarity at the Amado WTP. Separating Greater and Lesser Scaup is tricky, but we were able to compare this female greater to several of the more common Lesser Scaup nearby.

Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis*— At least 20 at Amado WTP and one at Whitewater Draw.

Common Merganser *Mergus merganser*— We saw four at the Santa Cruz River overflow and one at Whitewater Draw.

Ruddy Duck *Oxyura jamaicensis*— Sixteen at Amado WTP, and at least 20 at Whitewater Draw.

NEW WORLD QUAIL: Odontophoridae

Gambel's Quail *Callipepla gambelii*— Barb, Michael and Mason saw one or two just before dark on our first night at the Amado Inn, and everyone got good looks at a handful at the Paton Center for Hummingbirds in Patagonia. We were surprised to see so few of this often-common bird.

PARTRIDGES, PHEASANTS AND ALLIES: Phasianidae

Wild Turkey *Meleagris gallopavo*— We saw three munching at the feeders at Santa Rita Lodge in Madera Canyon and nine during our cold morning walk at Ramsey Canyon Preserve.

GREBES: Podicipedidae

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*— Ones and twos at various spots where there was water.

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*— Surprisingly, only four during our drive through the agricultural fields north of Whitewater Draw.

Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*— Two seen briefly at the *i*

Inca Dove *Columbina inca*— Some got glimpses of one at Santa Rita Lodge and everyone had good looks along Santa Gertrudis Lane in Tubac and again at the Paton Center.

Common Ground-Dove *Columbina passerina*— Some saw four during an afternoon walk from Casa de San Pedro.

White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica*— Seen every day of the tour in good numbers.

Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura*— Also seen every day.

CUCKOOS AND ALLIES: Cuculidae

Greater Roadrunner *Geococcyx californianus*—A much wanted bird, we finally saw one at Ash Canyon and then the floodgates opened with another later the same day and more the following day.

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae

Rivoli's Hummingbird *Eugenes fulgens*— One at Ash Canyon and another at Ramsey Canyon a day later.

Anna's Hummingbird *Calypte anna*— First seen at the feeder before dark at Amado Inn and then better looks at the Paton Center, Ash Canyon and Ramsey Canyon.

Costa's Hummingbird *Calypte costae*— One juvenile and then very close looks at a beautiful male at Desert Meadows Park.

Broad-billed Hummingbird *Cyananthus latirostris*— Just one, perched up in a tree at Desert Meadows Park.

Violet-crowned Hummingbird *Leucolia violiceps*— Great looks at two at the Paton Center and a few in the group saw one at the feeder by the visitor center in Ramsey Canyon.

RAILS, COOTS AND ALLIES: Rallidae

Virginia Rail *Rallus limicola*— HO, first at Whitewater Draw and again at the pond at San Pedro RNCA.

Sora *Porzana carolina*— Mason caught a brief glimpse of one at Whitewater Draw and everyone heard one at the pond at San Pedro RNCA. Then, as we were leaving the same pond, Michael found one walking along the edge that most of the group saw.

American Coot *Fulica americana*— We saw a couple at two spots along the Santa Cruz River, and then more at Whitewater Draw, Sierra Vista EOP and San Pedro RNCA.

CRANES: Gruidae

Sandhill Crane *Antigone canadensis*— We first saw a few dozen feeding along Davis Road north of Whitewater Draw. Then 20 minutes later we saw thousands in flight, heading south. That spurred us to change plans and head directly to Whitewater Draw where we were treated to fantastic views of at least 10,000 in flight when a Golden Eagle cruised over the main pond.

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus*— First seen at Canoa Ranch and again on three other days later in the tour.

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*— Several feeding on the edge of the ponds at Whitewater Draw.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*— One in a tiny pond at Canoa Ranch with a Black Phoebe a few feet away.

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*— Distant looks at two during our rainy stop at the Santa Cruz River overflow.

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*— One at the Amado WTP and another in the pond at San Pedro RNCA.

Great Egret *Ardea alba*— One at the Santa Cruz River overflow.

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*— First a juvenile and then an adult at the Amado WTP.

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*— Three on wires near Santa Cruz River crossing after we left Nogales on the way to Patagonia.

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*— Although not common in winter, we were surprised to only see three during our full day east of the Santa Rita Mountains.

HAWKS, KITES AND EAGLES: Accipitridae

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos*— When thousands of Sandhill Cranes took flight at Whitewater Draw, we looked for the cause and saw an eagle cruising above the big pond. We initially thought it was likely a juvenile Bald Eagle but, after examining photos taken by KT and Richard, confirmed that it was a Golden Eagle.

Northern Harrier *Circus hudsonius*— We saw several including a beautiful male in the grasslands near Sonoita.

Sharp-shinned Hawk *Accipiter striatus*— One each at Santa Gertrudis Lane, San Pedro RNCA and Ash Canyon where a flyover scattered the passerines at the feeders.

Cooper's Hawk *Accipiter cooperii*— Everyone had close looks at one just after we arrived at Whitewater Draw, and Richard saw another at Casa de San Pedro.

Harris's Hawk *Parateo unicinctus*— Our best chance for Harris's Hawk was on our first day when we stopped on the edge of the saguaro zone near Gates pass – but no luck. A few days later we were thrilled to see one soaring above the grassy fields at San Pedro RNCA where they're uncommon any time of year.

Gray Hawk *Buteo plagiatus*— We first heard one calling from the cottonwoods near Casa de San Pedro. Then later that morning we saw two perched by the kingfisher pond, one vocalizing. Gray Hawks, which are common in summer, appear to be increasing in numbers in winter in southeast Arizona.

Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*— It's hard to know how many Red-taileds we saw during the tour, but they were seemingly everywhere, many the southwestern morph that is entirely white underneath.

Ferruginous Hawk *Buteo regalis*— We were lucky to see two of this largest buteo on the same day, first in the morning north of Whitewater Draw and again late in the afternoon, perched on a utility pole during our drive back to Casa de San Pedro.

BARN OWLS: Tytonidae

Barn Owl *Tyto alba*— We first saw one during our first stop at Whitewater Draw, hunkered down in the cottonwoods as the wind blew. When we returned to the same spot later in the afternoon, we saw three in the same spot. We also heard at least two screeching in the dark the next day at Casa de San Pedro.

OWLS: Strigidae

Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus*— HO by a few in the group after dark at Casa de San Pedro.

Northern Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium gnoma*— After a mostly quiet walk up Ramsey Canyon we were treated to a frenzy of activity when a Northern Pygmy-Owl started calling, drawing in dozens of passerines. Everyone got great looks at this supremely cute, small owl perched and flying between nearby trees.

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae

Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana*— While standing near the river on Santa Gertrudis Lane, we first heard the calls and then got good, if distant, looks at this uncommon, hard-to-see species, a life bird for at least a few in the group.

WOODPECKERS: Picidae

Red-naped Sapsucker *Sphyrapicus nuchalis*— One at Ramsey Canyon and another during our afternoon walk at Casa de San Pedro.

Acorn Woodpecker *Melanerpes formicivorus*— Everyone enjoyed watching these clownish-looking woodpeckers actively feeding at *Santa Rita Lodge* and other stops later in the tour.

Gila Woodpecker *Melanerpes uropygialis*— By far the most common woodpecker seen on the tour, seen every day, often in large numbers and constantly vocalizing.

Ladder-backed Woodpecker *Dryobates scalaris*— First seen at Desert Meadows Park and again at a few other stops later in the trip.

Arizona Woodpecker *Dryobates arizonae*— We saw two of this southeast Arizona mountain specialty during our stop at Santa Rita Lodge.

Northern Flicker *Colaptes auratus*— Just a few seen on three days.

Gilded Flicker *Colaptes chrysoides*— One of the primary targets for our stop in the saguaro zone, we saw two of this limited-range relative of the Northern Flicker when we stopped at the Brown Mountain Trail on the first day.

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae

Crested Caracara *Caracara plancus*— While examining an “unkindness” of ravens (look it up!) north of Whitewater Draw, Richard called out “Caracara!” It took a minute for everyone to get on the bird, which then took flight and landed in a more open spot. We were lucky to see this species which is rare in the Sulphur Springs Valley.

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*— Seen in small numbers throughout the trip and then seemingly everywhere during our walk at the San Pedro RNCA.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*— Almost everyone got brief looks at a flying bird in Alfrida on our drive back toward Whitewater Draw.

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae

Hammond's Flycatcher *Empidonax hammondii*— We got good looks at this cryptic Empidonax flycatcher in Ramsey Canyon. We'd normally mark this as Hammonds/Dusky Flycatcher in eBird, but the bird made it easier by vocalizing.

Gray Flycatcher *Empidonax wrightii*— Mason and Susan saw one during a walk by the river at Casa de San Pedro.

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*— Seen in small numbers in most locations with water.

Say's Phoebe *Sayornis saya*— Seen on five days, usually perched on bushes away from water.

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*— First seen at Desert Meadows Park, and again at several other locations, the striking males are always a favorite.

VIREOS: Vireonidae

Hutton's Vireo *Vireo huttoni*— Mason caught glimpses of one during the Northern Pygmy-Owl palooza in Ramsey Canyon.

Plumbeous Vireo *Vireo plumbeus*— We saw one perched and moving slowly in pecan trees at Desert Meadows Park.

SHRIKES: Laniidae

Loggerhead Shrike *Lanius ludovicianus*— Fairly common and widespread, perched on bushes, fences or power lines.

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae

Mexican Jay *Aphelocoma wollweberi*— First seen at Sant Rita Lodge and again at Ash Canyon and Ramsey Canyon, always in loose flocks.

Chihuahuan Raven *Corvus cryptoleucus*— We likely saw several, but only marked one in eBird during our drive north of Whitewater Draw.

Common Raven *Corvus corax*— More common and widespread than chihuahuan, seen every day of the tour in large numbers.

TITS AND CHICKADEES: Paridae

Bridled Titmouse *Baeolophus wollweberi*— We first saw this charismatic “little” at Santa Rita Lodge and again at several other stops including nine at Ramsey Canyon.

PENDULINE TITS: Remizidae

Verdin *Auriparus flaviceps*— First heard and then seen on our first stop at Gates Pass and again at Desert Meadows Park and Ash Canyon.

LARKS: Alaudidae

Horned Lark *Eremophila alpestris*— We saw small flock in the rancher's field near Sonoita, and then several flocks in the agricultural fields north of Whitewater Draw.

LONG-TAILED TITS: Aegithalidae

Bushtit *Psaltriparus minimus*— We saw a flock of 8-10 (has anyone ever seen just one bushtit?) early on our chilly walk up Ramsey Canyon.

KINGLETS: Regulidae

Ruby-crowned Kinglet *Corthylio calendula*— Another common and widespread bird, seen every day of the tour except the first, often in good numbers.

NUTHATCHES: Sittidae

Red-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta canadensis*— First seen in Patagonia Town Park (a surprise) and again in Ramsey Canyon.

White-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta carolinensis*— Much more common than Red-breasted, we saw good numbers at wherever there were feeders including Santa Rita Lodge, Paton Center, Casa de San Pedro, San Pedro House and Ramsey Canyon.

CREEPERS: Certhiidae

Brown Creeper *Certhia americana*— Just two, in Ramsey Canyon.

GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *Polioptila caerulea*— One on our first stop at Gates Pass.

WRENS: Troglodytidae

Rock Wren *Salpinctes obsoletus*— Two at Gates Pass.

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*— One at Santa Gertrudis Lane and again on two days at Casa de San Pedro.

Marsh Wren *Cistothorus palustris*— First heard-only at Canoa Ranch and then good looks at Whitewater Draw and along the river near Casa de San Pedro.

Bewick's Wren *Thryomanes bewickii*— We saw a few, first at Santa Gertrudis Lane and again at the Paton Center and Casa de San Pedro.

Cactus Wren *Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus*— We first had difficult looks at one across the gully at Gates Pass. Then we were treated to great looks at a pair perched on the top of a saguaro at the Brown Mountain Trailhead.

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae

Curve-billed Thrasher *Toxostoma curvirostre*— Common and widespread in the lowlands, sometimes vocalizing.

Bendire's Thrasher *Toxostoma bendirei*— We were fortunate to get good looks at two of this often difficult to see bird during our afternoon drive north of Whitewater Draw.

Northern Mockingbird *Mimus polyglottos*— We saw individuals at a few locations including Canoa Ranch, Casa de San Pedro and Ash Canyon.

THRUSHES: Turdidae

Western Bluebird *Sialia mexicana*— Some in the group saw a quick flock fly by at Santa Rita Lodge. Then the next day we were surprised to see five feeding on the ground in a field at Sonoita.

Mountain Bluebird *Sialia currucoides*— During our afternoon drive in the Sulphur Springs Valley north of Whitewater, we saw 11 feeding in the agricultural field that included Horned Larks.

Townsend's Solitaire *Myadestes townsendi*— First seen at Patagonia Town Park and again at Casa de San Pedro and Ramsey Canyon.

Hermit Thrush *Catharus guttatus*— One at Ramsey Canyon. Those who have seen them near the west or east coasts noticed differences in the interior subspecies we saw.

American Robin *Turdus migratorius*— Mostly seen in small numbers except at Patagonia Town Park where we recorded 100 in eBird.

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS: Ptilonotidae

Phainopepla *Phainopepla nitens*— Only one on our way down from Ramsey Canyon.

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*— Probably under-reported in our eBird lists where we recorded them at the Amado Inn, Patagonia Town Park and Casa de San Pedro.

PIPITS AND WAGTAILS: Motacillidae

American Pipit *Anthus rubescens*— At least four at Whitewater Draw.

FINCHES: Fringillidae

House Finch *Haemorhous mexicanus*— Common and widespread, especially where there were feeders.

Red Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra*— A flock of four landed briefly in a cottonwood at Casa de San Pedro before flying off, giving just a couple in the group brief looks.

Pine Siskin *Spinus pinus*— An irruptive species, there were noticeably fewer this year than last, with just a handful recorded at Santa Rita Lodge and Ramsey Canyon.

Lesser Goldfinch *Spinus psaltria*— After House Finch, the most common finch species with good numbers at Santa Rita Lodge, Casa de San Pedro, San Pedro RNCA, Ash Canyon and Ramsey Canyon.

Lawrence's Goldfinch *Spinus lawrencei*— Another finch with decreasing numbers in recent years, we saw a flock of 11 at Canoa Ranch.

American Goldfinch *Spinus tristis*— Not common in winter in southeast Arizona, we saw just one continuing bird at Ash Canyon.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae

Rufous-winged Sparrow *Peucaea carpalis*— After failing to find this very range restricted sparrow at Desert Meadows Park, we all saw a very accommodating individual just before we left Santa Gertrudis Lane.

Chipping Sparrow *Spizella passerina*— We saw a handful at the Paton Center and then hoards at Ash Canyon where we likely undercounted with 19 in our eBird checklist.

Brewer's Sparrow *Spizella breweri*— Somewhat surprisingly, we only saw a handful of this “sparrow without field marks” at Whitewater Draw.

Black-throated Sparrow *Amphispiza bilineata*— We had fantastic views of this beautiful, desert-scrub loving sparrow at Gates Pass.

Lark Sparrow *Chondestes grammacus*— At least seven at Desert Meadows Park and two at San Pedro RNCA.

Lark Bunting *Calamospiza melanocorys*— Just 10 days after Richard failed to find any, we saw at least 100 in the fields north of Whitewater Draw. They likely just arrived in the area from parts unknown.

Dark-eyed Junco *Junco hyemalis*— Only at Santa Rita Lodge where we got to compare the Pink-sided sub-species to the Yellow-eyed Juncos that fed close to where we were sitting.

Yellow-eyed Junco *Junco phaeonotus*— Another southeast Arizona specialty, we had very close looks at two at *Santa Rita Lodge*.

White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys*— Other than Lark Bunting, the most common sparrow. Seen every day, often in high numbers.

White-throated Sparrow *Zonotrichia albicollis*— An uncommon sparrow in southeast Arizona, we saw one continuing bird at the Paton Center.

Vesper Sparrow *Pooecetes gramineus*— We saw small numbers on three different days in grassland and agricultural fields.

Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis*— A dozen in the fields at or near Whitewater Draw.

Song Sparrow *Melospiza melodia*— Small numbers at a few spots including Canoa Ranch, the Paton Center, and along the river near Casa de San Pedro.

Lincoln's Sparrow *Melospiza lincolni*— We saw two of these shy sparrows at Canoa Ranch and then individuals at Santa Rita Lodge and San Pedro RNCA.

Canyon Towhee *Melospiza fusca*— One just before dark on our first night at the Amado Inn and again at San Pedro RNCA and Ash Canyon.

Abert's Towhee *Melospiza aberti*— We saw ones and twos of this large sparrow in several locations including Desert Meadows Park, Canoa Ranch, the Paton Center and near the San Pedro River.

Green-tailed Towhee *Pipilo maculatus*— HO at *Canoa Ranch* and then good looks at the Paton Center, San Pedro RNCA and Casa de San Pedro.

Spotted Towhee *Pipilo maculatus*— One at Ash Canyon.

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae

Western Meadowlark *Sturnella neglecta*— Only three in agricultural fields near Alfrida.

Chihuahuan Meadowlark *Sturnella lilianae*— Until the middle of last year this was considered a subspecies of Eastern Meadowlark (Lillian's). We saw six near Sonoita and five more in the Sulphur Springs Valley.

Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*— Small numbers around Casa de San Pedro, San Pedro RNCA and in the Sulphur Springs Valley.

Brewer's Blackbird *Euphagus cyanocephalus*— Many at the Santa Cruz River overflow and in the Sulphur Springs Valley.

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus*— Seen at a few locations including two dozen at the Santa Cruz River overflow and one at Patagonia Town Park.

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae

Orange-crowned Warbler *Leiothlypis celata*— Mason saw one in a mixed flock at Patagonia Town Park and then everyone got good looks at Ash Canyon.

Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas*— Only one confirmed sighting at Whitewater Draw.

Yellow-rumped Warbler *Setophaga coronata*— Very common and widespread, seen every day with high counts at Patagonia Town Park (25) and Ash Canyon (17).

Townsend's Warbler *Setophaga townsendi*— One in the sycamore trees at Santa Rita Lodge.

Painted Redstart *Myioborus pictus*— A few of us got very close but fleeting looks at Santa Rita Lodge. Then near the end of the trip, everyone got great looks at two during our visit to Ramsey Canyon. A stunner!

CARDINAL-GROSBEAKS: Cardinalidae

Hepatic Tanager *Piranga flava*— This is another common summer species that may be increasing in number in winter. We saw two males and two females at Santa Rita Lodge.

Northern Cardinal *Cardinalis cardinalis*— Seen most days including at Desert Meadows Park, the Paton Center, Casa de San Pedro and San Pedro RNCA.

Pyrrhuloxia *Cardinalis sinuatus*— A subtly beautiful bird, seen on four days including at the Paton Center, Casa de San Pedro and San Pedro RNCA.

Lazuli Bunting *Passerina amoena*— Most of us braved the rain and saw two at the feeders at the Paton Center.

MAMMALS

Mule Deer *Odocoileus hemionus*— Seen in small numbers on a few days at lower elevations.

White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus*— Seen in small numbers on a few days higher up.

Collared Peccary *Pecari tajacu*— First seen after our aborted dinner stop at the Stables Ranch Grill and then on a handful of other stops later in the trip.

Coyote *Canis latrans*— Heard one night after dinner at Casa de San Pedro, and then Greg and Mason saw one crossing the road when we were on our gas-station wine buying trip the following evening.

Cliff Chipmunk *Neotamias dorsalis*— At the Ramsey Canyon Inn.

Arizona Gray Squirrel *Sciurus arizonensis*— Seen several times, first at Santa Rita Lodge.

Rock Squirrel *Otospermophilus variegatus*— A few at Santa Rita Lodge and Ramsey Canyon.

Yellow-nosed Cotton Rat *Sigmodon ochrognathus*— First seen at Santa Rita Lodge and again at Ash Canyon.

Botta's Pocket Gopher *Thomomys bottae*— We saw this cute gopher working under the lower feeders at Ash Canyon.