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Something about Arizona had captivated me for years, I remember as a child being given two postcards from a neighbour who had been on a birding trip there and maybe it was this that ignited the interest. However, due to flight prices, set teacher's holidays and just general life constraints I was beginning to give up on the idea of being able to go. However, mindlessly searching Skyscanner one morning I found pretty reasonable direct flights to Phoenix during February half-term and thus saw my opportunity to go!

## **Timing**

February is not necessarily a bad time to visit Arizona, there are lots of species wintering there, but of course many summer and transit species will be missed. However, I was going to experience the scenery as much as the birds and hopefully enjoy some warm weather - how wrong I was!

#### Weather

I kept a casual eye on the weather up until we left, every day looked sunny and calm, temperatures up to 20 C. The week we went it all changed. Every day was very different: -11 C, gusts of 40mph, rain, snow and the odd period of 25 C. Being British I was very vocal about the weather but in hindsight 20 C+ everyday and bright sun might have been as tricky as the cold and grey.

#### Day 1. 11th Feb

A crippling 10h 45m flight squashed between two others finally ended and we were out in the Phoenix sunshine, our first hire car had a damaged screen so we had to swap it to Hyundai Tucson - appropriate as that is where we were heading. We picked up some snacks and our first **Great-tailed grackles** before heading to our first stop which was a Sod Farm in the Santa Cruz flats area. Our main target was a flock of wintering **Mountain Plover** and we eventually scoped a small group. We managed to drive around and gained fantastic views in the perfect evening light of 45 individuals feeding together and coming to about 50 feet of the car - great birds and a specie that is pretty hard to catch up with! Other birds started creeping into the list including: **Say's Phoebe**, **American kestrel**, **Loggerhead Shrike**, **Red-tailed hawk** (5), **White-crowned Sparrows** (16), **Red-winged blackbird** (1000+), **Horned Lark** (3), **Mourning Dove**, **Western Meadowlark**, American Pipit (200+), **Orange-crowned Warbler**. Very tired but elated at the success of such a big target showing so well we headed to Tucson with a Subway for dinner.



#### Day 2. 12th Feb

The absolute luxury that is an Air B and B with a good coffee machine was a great start to the day. Up early and high on caffein and the thought of an exciting day ahead the first port-of-call was Desert Valley Park in Pima County. A really nice and well managed suburban area which had been sensitively planted with native species. Although not a "wild area" it was still a nice visit and our main target was a vagrant Couch's kingbird - which we dipped. We spent a couple of good hours here in the sunshine and saw a variety of species: many White-crowned sparrow, Lark sparrow and Rufous-winged sparrow which showed down to 2 meters. Gila and Ladder-backed woodpeckers, Costa's and Broad-billed hummingbird, Curve-billed thrasher, Vermillion Flycatcher and Cassin's Kingbird, Sharp-shinned hawk, American Kestrel, Lesser Goldfinch and many House finch, one of which was mobbing an Inca dove. The walk is pretty simple and straightforward but worth an early morning session, we walked as far as the golf course and added Green-tailed towhee, Abert's towhee, Yellow-rumped warbler, Northern cardinals and a Phainopepla. Here we met Kaydnn Hatfield who seemed to have spent most of the last week dipping the Kingbird but who was of great help during the rest of our trip.









Moving on, we headed to the famous Madera Canyon and gained altitude. The vegetation changed from Agave and Ocatillo to mixed woodland with beautiful pale Sycamores lining the mountain stream. Our first stop was at the

Whitehouse carpark. The lack of birds was immediate and in the warmth of the day it was easy to forget that Spring had not really started yet. However, after a small mooch around I found a **Cassin's Vireo** loosely associated with **Ruby-crowned kinglets**. Several birders were looking for an American Dipper that had been discovered here and was the 3rd County record. Moving up to the Madera main carpark a short walk added our only **Greater peewee**, **Townsend's warbler**, Brown creeper, **Hepatic Tanager** and **White-breasted nuthatch**, which I find truly beautiful birds. I am really interested in the American flycatchers and tyrants so to see **Greater peewee** well was

a real bonus, especially in February. We followed the river down as K had texted us about the dipper, after a couple of hundred meters we saw the bird hiding under a rock - not the greatest of views but with a bit of scrambling we managed acceptable views - and it became my first **American Dipper**. Further up the road again, we stopped at Santa Rita lodge and I managed to get a much needed coffee. Here at the feeding station we saw our only **Rivoli's hummingbird** of the trip, feeding down to 3 feet from our faces. **Mexican** and a single **Stellar's jay** were present as were a pair of **Hepatic Tanager**, many **Acorn woodpeckers**, 2 **Arizona woodpecker**, **Kinglets**, Nuthatches, **Dark-eyed Junco**, **Pine Siskin**, **Lesser Goldfinch**, **Townsend's warbler** and **Turkeys**. **Rock squirrel** also made an appearance. Kaydnn and his friend Michael offered to drive with us to Box Canyon which is relatively close to Madera.

The wind was beginning to pick up here but birding was still good. We managed fantastic views of the big target **Five-striped sparrow** down to 10 feet, **Rock wren**, **American kestrel** and an adult **Golden eagle**. **Rufous-crowned** and **Black-chinned sparrow** were both seen badly. An odd noise got us thinking about what was hiding in the bushes when suddenly a **Bobcat** walked out calling, slowly following a second cat slightly in the lead of it. We were treated to astounding and prolonged views of one adult stalking slowly down the hillside, looking perhaps for some shade and which was mobbed by wrens and sparrows including our first **Spotted Towhee**. This was the first "big cat" species that I have seen, so I was over the moon! Driving out the other side of the canyon I picked up a **Coyote** in a field, my first ever, in fact we did pretty well for them throughout the trip.

We headed towards the famous Paton Centre for hummingbirds in the "city" of Patagonia. We were to visit this special garden three times during our stay and each time we missed the wintering Violet-crowned Hummingbird! However, we did experience great views of many birds including: **Anna's** and **Broad-billed hummingbirds**, up to 11 **Gila woodpecker**, **Ladder-backed woodpecker**, several sparrows including **Song** (Fallax group) and **Chipping**, loads of **White-winged dove** and some **Inca dove**. We also had our first and only **Lazuli buntings** including a beautiful male. Whilst the birding and photographic chances are great here, it is not really my type of birding. It is very useful for learning finer details of some birds but does feel a bit tame.

Our last stop of the day was a part of the Las Cinegas grasslands. It was now too windy to do any proper birding but the scenery and sunset were terrific. Highlights included about 20 **Pronghorn Antelope**, **10 Northern Harrier**, 2 **White-tailed Kite**, **Chihuahuan Meadowlark** and **Red-tailed Hawks** which I managed to scope from the boot of the car.

#### Day 3. 13th Feb

Miserable start to the day with rain showers, some heavy throughout. We started at La Posta Quemada Ranch. Lots of fantastic Saguero Cacti were enjoyed here as we parked up. The road to the ranch was closed so we continued on foot to the campground. Ebird alerted us to a Rufous-backed robin that had been present for a few weeks and so that was high on our list! As we walked to the camparound, the sun struggling to break the clouds, we disturbed a cracking Cooper's hawk. We saw double figures throughout the week and found them very approachable, their demeanour and eye give them a very reptilian look. Other birds here included Mourning dove, Cardinal, Pyrrhuloxia, Spotted, Green-tailed and Abert's Towhee, Black-throated, Lincoln's, Chipping and White-crowned sparrow, Hermit thrush, Yellow-rumped and Blackthroated grey warbler (what a cracker), Cactus, House and Bewick's wren, Western Bluebird. and American Robins. Despite scrutinising them we could not see its close relative! Compensation came with a small feeding flock in which I found a Grey Flycatcher, with its sloping head and tail pumping and a Plumbeous Vireo! We also managed to see Red-naped sapsucker, Gila and Ladder-backed woodpeckers. It was a worthwhile stop despite dipping the thrush. I hadn't come to Arizona specifically for it by any means but it would have been a cool bird to see.







The weather was not playing ball and driving through showers and with cloud overhead we skirted Tucson and headed to the Catalina State Park. There is an entry fee of \$5 per person, but it is an amazing place and well worth it, especially if staying the day. In the carpark we picked up a pair of tame Northern Raven, Townsend's solitaire and House finch. We followed the birder's trail and saw a good selection of birds over the next 90 mins as well as some cracking scenery and lots of impressive Saguaro. Sadly, there had been a really bad fire a few years ago and the damage was apparent still, however, it was still "birdy". One thing noticeable is that sites have a lot more scrub and brush and weeds compared to UK reserves and these weedy. messy margins were full of sparrows including several Black-throated which showed brilliantly. A lot of the birds seen here were seen at other sites but the standout highlights were 2 roosting Long-eared owl, Say's **Phoebe** and incredible views of **Roadrunner** patrolling a dried up river bed. I never expected them to be so large and we enjoyed really special views of this amazingly charismatic specie. Previous trip reports

showed Roadrunner to be quite hit and miss but we managed 7 during the week.

The rain was really setting in and visibility in the car was terrible, we opted to go and get some lunch and wait it out. There were a couple of pauses and we took our chance to race to Reid Park in Tucson to twitch a **Lewis's woodpecker** that had been very faithful to a couple of telegraph poles. We saw it quickly and enjoyed really nice views as it dried itself after the latest

shower. This was not a bird I was expecting to see in Arizona, I knew of one or two winter records in the large Pecan groves occasionally, but that gave a "needle-in-a-haystack" vibe. In the park we also saw c100 Yellow-rumped warblers in loose flocks feeding on chips on the floor. They were very approachable and it was quite odd to watch them under picnic tables. Here we also saw several Vermillion flycatcher, 20+ Red Crossbill, Gila woodpeckers, Verdin, American robin and Cedar waxwings. The ponds held lots of ducks including 100+ American Wigeon, Canvasback, Mallard, Ring-necked ducks, Gadwall, Pied-billed grebe, American coot, Neo-tropic cormorant and a very good candidate for a pure Mexican duck.







Unbelievably, the sun began to break through just in time for our last stop at Sweetwater Wetlands. This suburban oasis was a mitigation project due to loss of habitat to urban sprawl and produced a really nice couple of hours birding, despite the obvious "tameness" to the setting. Several singing **Song Sparrow** were the first birds near the carpark and a nice start, with them showing really well. We picked up a couple of **Orange-crowned warbler** and a **Wilson's warbler** showed very briefly. A nice lifer for me, it was a shame I only saw it for a second or two. There were a few ducks about including **Green-winged** and **Cinnamon Teal**. Three vocal **Cooper's hawk** patrolled the area, it seemed as if two adults were trying to move on a clingy juvenile and again they were very tame allowing us to walk right underneath them. Our first **Black Phoebe** was also seen, scooping insects up off the pools and showing their affinity for water well. Sora was heard but not seen. A couple of **Northern-rough winged swallow** were also present, zipping above us, a **Sora** was heard, **Ruddy duck** and **American coot** floated about.

#### Day 4. 14th February

We woke to snow and wind. Not what we were expecting or hoping for...but we had to make the most of it. Our first stop was Madera Canyon, which was pretty spectacular in the snow with bright blue skies ahead. Other than a very showy and beautiful **Painted Redstart** the same birds

as before were seen at Santa Rita, albeit this time with a snowy background. The Redstart showed down to a couple fo feet and was feeding on a sugar feeder and under the eaves of the shop. I went for a walk and found three **Olive warbler** feeding actively in the pines, pretty cool and unexpected! We took a few more photos, including of the **Rivoli's hummingbird** in the snow and then headed to Montosa.

Montosa canyon was really windy and cold. It was pretty unpleasant and birds were hiding. After about 40 mins trudging around we heard an old cackling sound. I didn't clock it at first until the shout went up that Oliver had seen a **Trogan!** God - what an idiot, I blame it on tiredness but of course that was what the noise was. I ran (the first time in nearly a year since a serious injury) to get to him but it had gone! We spent the next 30 mins crawling through a riverbed, slowly making our way following the noise. It was very flighty but I eventually managed to get several minutes of views! An outstanding bird and in winter a very rare sighting - I was delighted and it more than made up for the weather. The bird looked to be a young female/first winter from the views we got.

Elated with our success we headed back to Patagonia and the Hummingbird centre. Still really windy, we found some sheltered spots. Lots of the same birds gave really nice views and 3 **Black vulture** cruised overhead. Again we dipped the VCHB! The wind was really making things difficult so we decided to check out a longspur stakeout on the way back, somewhere we hoped to return to on a calmer morning. We drove through the grasslands and picked up a hideously distant **Ferruginous hawk**, an equally distant **Prairie falcon** and a few **Northern harrier**. There were several **Horned lark** and a flock of longspurs were flushed, never to be identified or seen again in the wind. The weather had made today tough at times, but we still had a very good day with lots of exciting species. The only disappointment was the two raptors being so distant and them being our only ones of the trip.



#### Day 5. 15th Feb

We headed back to the Tucson area today, the wind had dropped and the sun had come out. Our first stop was La Posta Quemada again. We were luckier this time and after an hour managed really great views of the **Rufous-backed thrush!** It flew in at tree top height and sat out allowing excellent looks. The same birds as before were added but it was a nice way to start the day and we again got good views of the **Grey flycatcher**, its tail pumping away at us.





An hour's drive took us up to El Rio open space preserve, which is basically a small lake in a suburban setting. Here we had cracking views of **Greater yellowlegs** and a **Least sandpiper**, a **Spotted sandpiper** 

showed less well but was a welcome addition to the list. We watched c100 **Tree swallow**, **Violet-green swallow**, **Barn swallow** and a single **Cliff swallow** too and saw our first Common Yellowthroat of the trip as it searched for food in the muddy, rushy edges. **Say's** and **Black Phoebe** showed well here and a pair of **Red-tailed hawk** elegantly soared overhead. A local gave us some advice for thrashers and Sagebrush sparrow nearby, which we followed but sadly we did not have success. One probable and distant singing **Crissal thrasher** and a heat hazed possible Sagebrush sparrow was all we got, although we did have great views of 3! **Roadrunner** including a pair together and **Loggerhead shrike**.

We drove back through Saguaro National Park enjoying the alien like Cacti covering the hillsides, a super tame coyote was our only notable sighting but the scenery was spectacular. We wanted to head up Mt. Lemmon as the weather was so nice and on route stoped at Lakeside Park. This is my least favourite type of birding, artificial recreational ground birding...we did add **Night heron**, **Great white egret** and **Great blue Heron**.

As we approached the ascent road for Lemmon we managed to find a **Harris's hawk** sitting on a telegraph pole, we saw another on the way back too and I managed to get several cacti spines in me trying to get a look! The climb up Lemmon was breathtaking, the snow adding to the majesty of this incredible site. We enjoyed an hour's drive to Summerhaven, where the temperature was a chilly -6 C. Here we did a short walk around the village adding: **Golden eagle** with a full crop, **Raven**, **White-breasted** and cute little **Pygmy nuthatch**, **Mountain chickadee**, **Red-tailed hawk**, **Acorn** and **Hairy woodpecker** and **Yellow-eyed junco**. Well worth the climb, the views were outstanding and the birds showed really well. We had a half-hearted attempt for a couple of owl species but it was just too cold and we retired for the day.



## Day 6. 16th Feb

A stunning morning dawned. Crisp and calm, we headed to a known longspur stakeout at Davis Pasture. It was a nippy minus 12C but with no wind we didn't feel it too much! Shortly after arriving we gained really nice views of lots of **Horned Lark** whilst **Northern Harrier** drifted around in all directions. It wasn't long until small numbers of longspurs started arriving and over the next hour we had fantastic views of **Lapland** and **Chestnut-collared**. I thought it would have been easier to id a couple in flight but they were whirling around flushing each other and it took some perseverance to finally see **Thick-billed Longspur**. These were by far the least common and from memory only two were seen! San Pedro House and trails was next as we tried to maximise our time in the good weather. This is a really nice spot with a house and feeders and a riparian and grassland walk. We had lots of sparrows here, towhees and **Pyrrhuloxia** and had really nice views of **Lincoln's** and **Vesper's** as well as lots of **White-crowned**. I really enjoyed the walking and the highlight for me was a **Hammond's flycatcher**, another Empid for me to get to grips with and I feel quite a distinctive one with that steep forehead. I think in Spring this could be a really

productive migrant site, but even in winter I do recommend it.



We checked another couple of sites close to the Mexican border, the border fence in full view! We didn't see much, just a small flock of **Chipping Sparrow**, but the scenery was good and it made me day-dream about a trip there one da. Moving on wee headed for a couple of hours to the famous Whitewater Draw - because who doesn't like close up cranes! We picked up a random flock of **Mountain Bluebird** on the way which were very skittish and sadly, only poor views were obtained of these beautiful birds.

Whitewater was good fun and easy birding, there were a few people there watching the cranes and so we took our time birding some pools until the light was a bit nicer for photography. We had really good views of Brewer's sparrow as well as lots of White-crowned Sparrow and one or two Common Yellowthroat here as well as fabulous views of two Sora which crept on the edge of the water down to about 4 meters from us. I had really wanted to see Sora and so to see them so well with Marsh wrens for company was really great, although the light was too harsh. There were quite a few ducks including some nice Pintail and some assorted waders including Long-billed Dowitchers, Killdeer and Least sandpiper. The cranes were the real spectacle and to get so close to them was really special. Snow, Ross's and a single Greater White-fronted goose were all seen too. Northern harrier were showing really well here as did a couple of Vermillion flycatcher and towards dusk a flock of Yellow-headed blackbird came to roost.



In hindsight we should have waited another 20 mins for the best light but we still had a really good experience. On the way back stopped as some quail flew over the car. I managed to get brief views of one on the ground and "secured" Scaled quail! These really are cute little birds and I had really wanted to see them! There were quite a few Gambell's quail about here too. hiding from the ever-present harriers floating about. On the drive back we had our only Barn **owl** of the trip, sadly it had been recently hit by a passing vehicle.

#### Day 7. 17th Feb

We headed back to Patagonia today in a last ditched attempt for the missing hummer. Sadly, no luck but we did had three new species to the list. A **White-throated sparrow** was my first since a trip to New York and a notable bird down here. It saw in amongst it's **White-crowned** cousins and showed for only a couple of minutes. In Patagonia town park, we saw a long-staying male **Williamson's sapsucker**. A really striking bird and a new one for me, it had a favoured pine that had been tapped for its sap. Also in the park was a **Red-breasted nuthatch** and a few Orange-crowned warbler. I decided to try some of the dried river beds for a pair of **Gray hawk** that had apparently over-wintered. No luck!

Kaydnn texted us about a **Gray vireo** that had been showing near Montosa Canyon. And were thinking of heading back up that way on a loop home. We missed the Vireo but did see **Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet** pretty well! Being so near we tried at the culvert and were rewarded with much better views of the **Trogan** again and could really spend some time watching and listening to it - what an awesome bird! We did a short walk and picked up a couple of **Hutton's Vireo**, **Hermit thrush**, **Townsend's Solitaire** and **Black-throated sparrow.** After this successful stop we continued on to our final go in Montosa, stopping on route at Amado water treatment pond and seeing Lesser Scaup, Ring-necked duck, Ruddy duck, American Wigeon and Mallard.

The same birds were seen at Montosa but it was a nice final trip up into the canyon. We met a chap who told us he had seen some very fresh mountain lion tracks.

## Day 8. 18th Feb

This was to be our last day. We raced back to Las Cienegas in hope for Baird's sparrow. No luck, but we had several **Savannah sparrow** and **Horned lark** plus a cracking **Chestnut-collared** 

**longspur**. We were treated to three **coyote** also. Two of these were looking for the afterbirth from a calf and another was being mobbed by 9! **Northern harriers**. Brilliant views of **Chihuahuan Meadowlark** were enjoyed here too.

We then had the long drive back to Phoenix to look forward to. We stopped at Picacho Peak and dipped Gilded flicker but did manage terrible views of **White-throated swift.** Our final stop of the trip was the Riparian Preserve at Gilbert water ranch. It was now 25 degrees and crowded with people. I was walking around in a black hoody with a telescope and it really was not the sort of birding I enjoy. There were lots of families, dogs and its all very managed. Still, it was bird and we had 50 species in a couple of hours. The new birds for the trip were White and Brown pelican, **American avocet**, **Black-necked stilt** and **Western grebe**. These are really elegant birds and bigger than I thought they would be. We also, after some marching around, managed fantastic views of **Snowy egret**, **Black-crowned Night heron**, **Green heron** and **Little bittern**. The bittern showed so well and it was a really fitting end to a great trip. On route to the airport we added our last additions of **Osprey** and a **Zone-tailed hawk** - seen so badly but specie 176 nether-the-less.

## Final thoughts.

I love North American avifauna and birding. Arizona offered the chance to bird in some pretty wild places at times which I find really fulfilling. We saw a fantastic 176 species in a week and had several mammalian encounters too, of course we missed some spring and summer migrants and even a few resident birds, but with two weeks and maybe more favourable weather we would have had better chances for these. We met some really friendly and helpful people and it has left me itching to continue birding in the states.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Turkey Vulture	Cathartes aura	
Snow Goose	Anser caerulescens	Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	
Ross's Goose	Anser rossii	White-tailed Kite	Elanus leucurus	
Cinnamon Teal	Spatula cyanoptera	Golden Eagle	Aquila chrysaetos	
Northern Shoveler	Spatula clypeata	Northern Harrier	Circus hudsonius	
Gadwall	Mareca strepera	Sharp-shinned Hawk	Accipiter striatus	
American Wigeon	Mareca americana	Mareca americana Cooper's Hawk		
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	Harris's Hawk	Parabuteo unicinctus	
Mexican Duck	Anas diazi	Zone-tailed Hawk	Buteo albonotatus	
Northern Pintail	Anas acuta	Red-tailed Hawk	Buteo jamaicensis	
Green-winged Teal	Anas crecca	Ferruginous Hawk	Buteo regalis	
Canvasback	Aythya valisineria	Great Horned Owl	Bubo virginianus	
Ring-necked Duck	Aythya collaris	Long-eared Owl	Asio otus	
Lesser Scaup	Aythya affinis	Elegant Trogon	Trogon elegans	
Hooded Merganser	Lophodytes cucullatus	Williamson's Sapsucker	Sphyrapicus thyroideus	
-	Oxyura jamaicensis	Red-naped Sapsucker	Sphyrapicus nuchalis	
Ruddy Duck		Lewis's Woodpecker	Melanerpes lewis	
Scaled Quail	Callipepla squamata	Acorn Woodpecker	Melanerpes formicivorus	
Gambel's Quail	Callipepla gambelii	Gila Woodpecker	Melanerpes uropygialis	
Wild Turkey	Meleagris gallopavo	Ladder-backed Woodpecker	Dryobates scalaris	
Pied-billed Grebe	Podilymbus podiceps	Hairy Woodpecker	Dryobates villosus	
Western Grebe	Aechmophorus occidentalis	Arizona Woodpecker	Dryobates arizonae	
Rock Pigeon	Columba livia	Northern Flicker	Colaptes auratus	
Eurasian Collared-Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	American Kestrel	Falco sparverius	
Inca Dove	Columbina inca	Prairie Falcon	Falco mexicanus	
Common Ground Dove	Columbina passerina	Northern Beardless-Tyrannule	Camptostoma imberbe	
White-winged Dove	Zenaida asiatica	Greater Pewee	Contopus pertinax	
Mourning Dove	Zenaida macroura	Hammond's Flycatcher	Empidonax hammondii	
Greater Roadrunner	Geococcyx californianus	Gray Flycatcher	Empidonax wrightii	

House Wren	Troglodytes aedon		
Marsh Wren	Cistothorus palustris		
Bewick's Wren	Thryomanes bewickii		
Cactus Wren	Campylorhynchus brunneica		
American Dipper	Cinclus mexicanus		
European Starling	Sturnus vulgaris		
Curve-billed Thrasher	Toxostoma curvirostre		
Northern Mockingbird	Mimus polyglottos		
Western Bluebird	Sialia mexicana		
Mountain Bluebird	Sialia currucoides		
Townsend's Solitaire	Myadestes townsendi		
Hermit Thrush	Catharus guttatus		
American Robin	Turdus migratorius		
Rufous-backed Robin	Turdus rufopalliatus		
Cedar Waxwing	Bombycilla cedrorum		
Phainopepla	Phainopepla nitens		
Olive Warbler	Peucedramus taeniatus		
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus		
American Pipit	Anthus rubescens		
House Finch	Haemorhous mexicanus		
Red Crossbill	Loxia curvirostra		
Pine Siskin	Spinus pinus		
Lesser Goldfinch	Spinus psaltria		
Lapland Longspur	Calcarius Iapponicus		
Chestnut-collared Longspur	Calcarius ornatus		
Thick-billed Longspur	Rhynchophanes mccownii		
Rufous-winged Sparrow	Peucaea carpalis		
Chipping Sparrow	Spizella passerina		
Black-chinned Sparrow	Spizella atrogularis		
Brewer's Sparrow	Spizella breweri		
Five-striped Sparrow	Amphispizopsis quinquestria		

White-throated Swift	Aeronautes saxatalis	Black Phoebe	Sayornis nigricans	Black-throated Sparrow	Amphispiza bilineata
Rivoli's Hummingbird	Eugenes fulgens	Say's Phoebe	Sayornis saya	Lark Sparrow	Chondestes grammacus
Anna's Hummingbird	Calypte anna	Vermilion Flycatcher	Pyrocephalus rubinus	Dark-eyed Junco	Junco hyemalis
Costa's Hummingbird	Calypte costae	Cassin's Kingbird	Tyrannus vociferans	Yellow-eyed Junco	Junco phaeonotus
Broad-billed Hummingbird	Cynanthus latirostris	Hutton's Vireo	Vireo huttoni	White-crowned Sparrow	Zonotrichia leucophrys
Sora	Porzana carolina	Cassin's Vireo	Vireo cassinii	White-throated Sparrow	Zonotrichia albicollis
Common Gallinule	Gallinula galeata	Plumbeous Vireo	Vireo plumbeus	Vesper Sparrow	Pooecetes gramineus
				Savannah Sparrow	Passerculus sandwichensis
American Coot	Fulica americana	Loggerhead Shrike	Lanius Iudovicianus	Song Sparrow	Melospiza melodia
Sandhill Crane	Antigone canadensis	Steller's Jay	Cyanocitta stelleri	Lincoln's Sparrow	Melospiza lincolnii
Black-necked Stilt	Himantopus mexicanus	Mexican Jay	Aphelocoma wollweberi	Canyon Towhee	Melozone fusca
American Avocet	Recurvirostra americana	Chihuahuan Raven	Corvus cryptoleucus	Abert's Towhee	Melozone aberti
Killdeer	Charadrius vociferus	Common Raven	Corvus corax	Rufous-crowned Sparrow	Aimophila ruficeps
Mountain Plover	Charadrius montanus	Mountain Chickadee	Poecile gambeli	Green-tailed Towhee	Pipilo chlorurus
Least Sandpiper	Calidris minutilla	Bridled Titmouse	Baeolophus wollweberi	Spotted Towhee	Pipilo maculatus
Long-billed Dowitcher	Limnodromus scolopaceus	Verdin	Auriparus flaviceps	Yellow-headed Blackbird	Xanthocephalus xanthocephalu
Wilson's Snipe	Gallinago delicata	Horned Lark	Eremophila alpestris	Western Meadowlark	Sturnella neglecta
Spotted Sandpiper	Actitis macularius	Northern Rough-winged Swa		Chihuahuan Meadowlark	Sturnella lilianae
•		Tree Swallow	Tachycineta bicolor	Red-winged Blackbird	Agelaius phoeniceus
Greater Yellowlegs	Tringa melanoleuca		•	Brown-headed Cowbird	Molothrus ater
Double-crested Cormorant	Nannopterum auritum	Violet-green Swallow	Tachycineta thalassina	Great-tailed Grackle	Quiscalus mexicanus
Neotropic Cormorant	Nannopterum brasilianum	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	Orange-crowned Warbler	Leiothlypis celata
American White Pelican	Pelecanus erythrorhynchos	Cliff Swallow	Petrochelidon pyrrhonota	Common Yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas
Brown Pelican	Pelecanus occidentalis	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Corthylio calendula	Yellow-rumped Warbler	Setophaga coronata
Least Bittern	Ixobrychus exilis	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta canadensis	Black-throated Gray Warbler	Setophaga nigrescens
Great Blue Heron	Ardea herodias	White-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta carolinensis	Townsend's Warbler	Setophaga townsendi
Great Egret	Ardea alba	Pygmy Nuthatch	Sitta pygmaea	Wilson's Warbler	Cardellina pusilla
Snowy Egret	Egretta thula	Brown Creeper	Certhia americana	Painted Redstart	Myioborus pictus
Green Heron	Butorides virescens	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Polioptila caerulea	Hepatic Tanager	Piranga flava
				Northern Cardinal	Cardinalis cardinalis
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	Rock Wren	Salpinctes obsoletus	Pyrrhuloxia	Cardinalis sinuatus
Black Vulture	Coragyps atratus	Canyon Wren	Catherpes mexicanus	Lazuli Bunting	Passerina amoena