

# **MEXICO: BARRANCA DEL COBRE**

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**TOUR REPORT**  
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From the tropical lowlands around El Fuerte to the cool pine forests of the Sierra Madre Occidental, we birded an amazing cross section of northwest Mexico. On our first morning in the unusually cool Parque Sinaloa, right in the middle of Los Mochis, we found our first Mexican birds. Plain-capped Starthroat, Happy Wren, Rufous-backed Robin, White-collared Seedeater, and Streak-backed Oriole were all tallied. Migrants from north of the border were also in evidence: MacGillivray's Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, flycatchers, orioles, vireos, and most commonly, Western Tanagers were all on the move to their wintering grounds. Early in the morning a Peregrine Falcon passed over, on its first hunt of the morning.

As we left the busy city behind, we found our first of many endemic Sinaloa Crows. In El Fuerte, founded in 1563, we enjoyed the colonial charm of this old pueblo and the birds that live along the river on the edge of town. Vermilion Flycatchers, Bare-throated Tiger-Herons, Green Kingfishers, Social Flycatchers, Mexican Parrotlets, and many warblers call the river home.

The next morning we watched the river again from the edge of town. Rufous-bellied Chachalacas called, but never revealed themselves. An obliging flock of parrotlets flew in from great distance to settle into a Montezuma bald cypress right in front of us, only to be flushed again by a dashing Merlin. Birds were everywhere; as the sun warmed the woodland across the river, orioles, flycatchers, robins, warblers, and grosbeaks vied for the highest sunlit branches to shake off the morning chill. Upstream we found a male Elegant Quail taking in the morning from a derelict wall, a spectacular bird with his rusty headdress flared in the sun. Along the river we were thrilled to find White-fronted Parrots screeching and flying about and occasionally settling on the pitaya cactus to dine. Not to be outdone, a flock of Black-throated Magpie-Jays crossed the river and briefly harassed a family of Gray Hawks before heading over the ridge. Common Black-Hawks were flying around the river as well, hoping for a hapless frog. In a weedy cornfield near the river, a couple of male Painted Buntings delighted everyone with their primary colors. At mid-morning, a Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl revealed itself to us and its tormentors in the thorn forest of the Brand Ranch.

The following morning our time at the train station was brief, and we were soon swept up to see the rising Sierra Madre Occidental. The thorn forest yielded slowly to curving tracks as we climbed the foothills; the tropical forest with *Bursera* trees and enormous figs along the rocky canyon was a different habitat that we would see just from the train. On we climbed, into steep rocky canyons, the Sierra Madre soaring above us. The stream curved below us and we even witnessed a few small waterfalls despite the drought. Soon we found our first pine trees, and the Tropics were gone. Oaks dominated the steep, rocky slope around us now, home to an entirely new suite of birds. We rattled along a dirt road after disembarking the train in Bahuichivo.

The bear at Paraiso del Oso greeted us for lunch. The following morning we had a great stop at an overlook of Cerocahui. The Greater Pewee remained on his perch for a half-hour as we called out directions to other birds in relation to him. Crescent-chested Warbler; Painted Redstart; and Townsend's, Black-throated Gray, and Grace's warblers were all around the pewee tree. One of my favorite west Mexican experiences is to hear the Brown-backed Solitaire's cascading song echo

through a canyon. We moved farther into the mountains and found a wonderful breakfast spot. Right out of the car we found a White-striped Woodcreeper. Forty minutes later we would return to a wonderful breakfast in an amazing setting. Mesa de Arturo didn't produce the hoped-for Mountain Trogon, but we did find Gray Silky-flycatchers flying over, Mexican Chickadees, and a Hermit Warbler. Finally we reached the spectacular overlook at Cerro Gallegos. The towns of Urique and Guapilina were more than a mile below us in Urique Canyon. Just hours after a great breakfast we were treated to a wonderful lunch on the amazing overlook. While we dined, a Peregrine, clinging to the cliff face, watched the canyon from below.

Between birding trips we had plenty of time to enjoy the surroundings of the Paraiso del Oso Lodge. Berylline, Blue-throated, Anna's, and Black-chinned hummingbirds all dined on the feeders in the courtyard. In the front yard, fledgling Lesser Goldfinches were learning the ropes as anxious parents urged them on, and nearby, a beautiful Buff-breasted Flycatcher pleased everyone.

The following morning we had some nice birds in the Arroyo Ranchito behind Paraiso del Oso, but the highlight was the incomparably camouflaged banded rock rattlesnake. Lichen-green, granite-pink, grays and blacks all combined in beautiful patterns to disguise this little viper in plain sight. After observing him for 20 minutes, we headed back to the lodge and then off to the train station for another leg of our journey, farther into the Sierra Madre.

We climbed for much of the train ride, eventually cruising at more than 7,000 feet. After the amazing engineering of our first leg of the train, the second leg held "the Lasso," where we loop over the tracks after a mile-long climbing circle. The Divisadero stop is always thrilling for its view and its brevity; Tararecua, Cobre, and Urique Canyons all sprawled in front of us. Soon we were all aboard again and pulling into Creel an hour later. Before the lodge we found a family group of Striped Sparrows, a handsome high elevation endemic.

The Cabañas Cañon del Cobre is one of the most charming places I have stayed in Mexico. With Eared Quetzals as a yard bird and gas lamps lining the tiled front porch of the log building, what else could you need to be transported to another time? On our first evening we watched a beautiful Eared Quetzal fly over in evening light; at least, I thought to myself, there is one Eared Quetzal in this parched canyon today!

The next morning was one of the quietest I have ever experienced as a birder. Steller's Jays were evident, but not much else was. Finally, a singing quetzal answered my call and sat in a pine, brilliantly illuminated by the morning sun. There were scope views for everyone before he flew across the canyon and into our minds. While contemplating our next move and sunning ourselves, a Mountain Trogon chuckled to announce his presence. He ended up coming in and sitting for us a few times; fore and aft scope views were had by all. This was one of my most successful mornings birding, and we had hardly seen twenty birds! We all hiked on to Cascada Cusarare and enjoyed our burritos for lunch. The falls were beautiful despite the near lack of water.

Our last day was spent in transit from Creel to Chihuahua through the apple country around Ciudad Guerrero and Cuahatemoc. Our final outing was to the Pancho Villa Museum in Chihuahua where we learned of his exploits as a hero, villain, revolutionary, and lover.

I hope everyone enjoyed our trip through Mexico. I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

## ITINERARY

**October 8th** - Arrival in Los Mochis, trip introduction and dinner.

**October 9th** – Parque Sinaloa, Los Mochis, Sinaloa; Drive to El Fuerte, afternoon town tour and birding along the El Fuerte River until dusk.

**October 10th** – Birding the El Fuerte River Valley (River Overlook, Ocolome & Brand Ranch) and Miguel Hidalgo Reservoir in the evening with an optional return to Brand Ranch.

**October 11th** – El Fuerte Train Station, train to Bahuichivo and transfer to Paraiso del Oso in Cerocahui. Evening birding around the grounds and Arroyo Ranchito behind Paraiso del Oso

**October 12th** – Van to Cerro Gallegos, breakfast along the way, and the Urique canyon overlook birding along the way. Lunch at the overlook. Buff-breasted Flycatcher late afternoon.

**October 13th** – Predawn Owling, birding behind the Paraiso del Oso along the canyon trail into Arroyo Ranchito. Transfer to Bahuichivo where we took the train to Creel with a stop at Divisadero and a van on to Cabanas Canon del Cobre. Evening Queztal hunt.

**October 14th** – Birding hike to Cascada Cusarare, Lunch at the falls. Afternoon Creel trip for some. Evening birding around lodge for a few folks.

**October 15th** – Birding around the lodge. Quick stop at Lago Arareco. Quick stop at the cave house. Lunch at Casa Carolina in Guerrero, and on to Chihuahua and the Pancho Villa Museum.

**October 16th** – Departures for points north

Mexican endemics and regional-endemics are marked with and (E) or (RE) respectively. Location codes Lowlands refers to Los Mochis and El Fuerte areas. PS = Parque Sinaloa, Los Mochis, EF = El Fuerte and the river valley up to PMH = Presa Miguel Hidalgo, PDO = Paraiso del Oso, AR = Arroyo Ranchito (small canyon behind PDO), CCC = Cabanas Canon del Cobre. HO = heard only. During our explorations of the Copper Canyon we saw and heard 205 species of birds.

### Waterfowl

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck  
American Wigeon  
Mallard  
Blue-winged Teal  
Cinnamon Teal  
Northern Shoveler  
Northern Pintail  
Green-winged Teal  
Ring-necked Duck

### Anatidae

*Dendrocygna autumnalis* A few seen along the EF river  
*Anas americana* A couple flyovers, EF river  
*Anas platyrhynchos* "Mexican" ducks, EF and Creel  
*Anas discors* EF river  
*Anas cyanoptera* EF river  
*Anas clypeata* EF river  
*Anas acuta* A couple flyovers, EF river  
*Anas crecca* Single Lago Arareco  
*Aythya collaris* Lago Arareco

Ruddy Duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	A couple Lago Arareco
<b>Guans, Chachalacas &amp; Curassows</b>	<b>Cracidae</b>	
Rufous-bellied Chachalaca (E)	<i>Ortalis wagleri</i>	HO EF area
<b>New World Quail</b>	<b>Odontophoridae</b>	
Elegant Quail (E)	<i>Callipepla douglasii</i>	Good looks EF
<b>Grebes</b>	<b>Podicipedidae</b>	
Western Grebe	<i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>	A few distant birds PMH
Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	Lago Arareco
<b>Cormorants</b>	<b>Phalacrocoracidae</b>	
Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	EF area
Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	EF area
<b>Pelicans</b>	<b>Pelecanidae</b>	
Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	PMH
<b>Hérons, Egrets and Bitterns</b>	<b>Ardeidae</b>	
Bare-throated Tiger-Heron	<i>Tigrisoma mexicanum</i>	A fine adult and a juv EF river
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	EF area
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	EF area and near Creel
Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	EF river
Tricolored Heron	<i>Egretta tricolor</i>	EF river
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	EF river
Green Heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>	Parque Sinaloa and EF river
Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	EF river
<b>Ibises and Spoonbills</b>	<b>Threskiornithidae</b>	
White-faced Ibis	<i>Plegadis chihi</i>	Flyovers EF river
White Ibis	<i>Eudocimus albus</i>	One flyover EF river
<b>New World Vultures</b>	<b>Cathartidae</b>	
Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	Seen daily
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	Seen daily
<b>Osprey</b>	<b>Pandionidae</b>	
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	EF river
<b>Hawks, Eagles and Kites</b>	<b>Accipitridae</b>	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	A few seen in the mountains
Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	Lowlands and seen in the mountains
Common Black-Hawk	<i>Buteogallus anthracinus</i>	EF river at Ocolome
Gray Hawk	<i>Buteo nitidus</i>	Fairly common in lowlands
Short-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo brachyurus</i>	1 bird glimpsed, Mesa de Arturo
<b>Falcons and Caracaras</b>	<b>Falconidae</b>	
Crested Caracara	<i>Caracara cheriway</i>	EF area
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	EF area and a few in the mountains
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	1 zipped past, EF river
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	PS & EF area, Great look Cerro Gallegos
<b>Rails, Gallinules and Coots</b>	<b>Rallidae</b>	
Common Gallinule	<i>Gallinula galeata</i>	EF river
American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>	EF river and Lago Arareco
<b>Plovers and Lapwings</b>	<b>Charadriidae</b>	
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	EF area and Cascada Cusarare
<b>Stilts and Avocets</b>	<b>Recurvirostridae</b>	
Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	PMH
<b>Jacanas</b>	<b>Jacaniidae</b>	
Northern Jacana	<i>Jacana spinosa</i>	EF river
<b>Sandpipers and Allies</b>	<b>Scolopacidae</b>	
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>	EF river

Greater Yellowlegs  
Wilson's Snipe

**Pigeons and Doves**

Rock Pigeon (I)  
Red-billed Pigeon  
Band-tailed Pigeon  
Eurasian Collared-Dove (I)  
White-winged Dove  
Mourning Dove  
Inca Dove  
Common Ground-Dove  
Ruddy Ground-Dove

**Parrots**

White-fronted Parrot  
Mexican Parrotlet (E)

**Cuckoos**

Greater Roadrunner  
Groove-billed Ani

**Barn Owls**

Barn Owl

**Owls**

Northern (Mountain) Pygmy-Owl  
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl

**Nightjars and Allies**

Lesser Nighthawk

**Swifts**

White-throated Swift  
Vaux's Swift

**Hummingbirds**

Broad-billed Hummingbird  
White-eared Hummingbird  
Berylline Hummingbird  
Violet-crowned Hummingbird  
Blue-throated Hummingbird  
Plain-capped Starthroat  
Black-chinned Hummingbird  
Anna's Hummingbird  
Broad-tailed Hummingbird

**Trogons**

Mountain Trogon  
Eared Quetzal (E)

**Kingfishers**

Belted Kingfisher  
Green Kingfisher

**Woodpeckers**

Acorn Woodpecker  
Gila Woodpecker  
Red-naped Sapsucker  
Ladder-backed Woodpecker  
Arizona Woodpecker  
Northern Flicker  
Gilded Flicker

**Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers**

*Tringa melanoleuca*  
*Gallinago delicata*

**Columbidae**

*Columba livia*  
*Patagioenas flavirostris*  
*Patagioenas fasciata*  
*Streptopelia decaocto*  
*Zenaida asiatica*  
*Zenaida macroura*  
*Columbina inca*  
*Columbina passerina*  
*Columbina talpacoti*

**Psittacidae**

*Amazona albifrons*  
*Forpus cyanopygius*

**Cuculidae**

*Geococcyx californianus*  
*Crotophaga sulcirostris*

**Tytonidae**

*Tyto alba*

**Strigidae**

*Glaucidium gnoma gnoma*  
*Glaucidium brasilianum*

**Caprimulgidae**

*Chordeiles acutipennis*

**Apodidae**

*Aeronautes saxatalis*  
*Chaetura vauxi*

**Trochilidae**

*Cynanthus latirostris*  
*Hylocharis leucotis*  
*Amazilia beryllina*  
*Amazilia violiceps*  
*Lampornis clemenciae*  
*Heliomaster constantii*  
*Archilochus alexandri*  
*Calypte anna*  
*Selasphorus platycercus*

**Trogonidae**

*Trogon mexicanus*  
*Euptilotis neoxenus*

**Alcedinidae**

*Megasceryle alcyon*  
*Chloroceryle americana*

**Picidae**

*Melanerpes formicivorus*  
*Melanerpes uropygialis*  
*Sphyrapicus nuchalis*  
*Picoides scalaris*  
*Picoides arizonae*  
*Colaptes auratus*  
*Colaptes chrysoides*

**Furnariidae**

PMH  
Cascada Cusarare hike

Common in towns  
PS & EF area  
Flocks seen in the mtns a few times  
Common in towns  
Very common in lowlands  
Most common in the lowlands  
Seen almost daily  
EF area  
EF area

EF river at Ocolome  
EF river

EF area and a couple in the mtns  
Lowlands

HO by some folks, glimpsed by a couple, EF

HO PDO and Cascada Cusarare  
Seen on the Brand Ranch, heard EF area

Over El Fuerte

Cerro Gallegos  
A couple flybys EF river

Common in lowlands  
1 tailless bird, Cerro Gallegos  
Common in the courtyard, PDO  
Common in the lowlands  
1 zipped into the PDO courtyard a few times  
PS  
PDO courtyard  
PDO courtyard  
HO a couple times in the mtns

Great looks, Cascada Cusarare hike  
Scope views & flyovers, Cascada Cusarare

EF river and a couple in the mtns  
EF river and PDO

Common in the mtns  
Common in the lowlands  
A few seen in the mtns  
EF area  
Seen along Cerro Gallegos drive  
Creel area  
EF area

White-striped Woodcreeper (E)

**Tyrant Flycatchers**

Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet  
Tufted Flycatcher  
Greater Pewee  
Hammond's Flycatcher  
Cordilleran Flycatcher  
Pacific-slope Flycatcher  
Buff-breasted Flycatcher  
Black Phoebe  
Say's Phoebe  
Vermilion Flycatcher  
Ash-throated Flycatcher  
Brown-crested Flycatcher  
Great Kiskadee  
Social Flycatcher  
Tropical Kingbird  
Cassin's Kingbird  
Thick-billed Kingbird  
Western Kingbird

**Shrikes**

Loggerhead Shrike

**Vireos**

Bell's Vireo  
Hutton's Vireo  
Warbling Vireo

**Crows, Jays and Magpies**

Black-throated Magpie-Jay (E)  
Steller's Jay  
Mexican Jay  
Sinaloa Crow (E)  
Chihuahuan Raven  
Common Raven

**Swallows**

Purple Martin  
Tree Swallow  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow  
Barn Swallow

**Chickadees and Tits**

Mexican Chickadee  
Bridled Titmouse

**Penduline-Tits**

Verdin

**Long-tailed Tits**

Bushtit

**Nuthatches**

White-breasted Nuthatch  
Pygmy Nuthatch

**Creepers**

Brown Creeper

**Wrens**

Cactus Wren

*Lepidocolaptes leucogaster*

**Tyrannidae**

*Camptostoma imberbe*  
*Mitrephanes phaeocercus*  
*Contopus pertinax*  
*Empidonax hammondii*  
*Empidonax occidentalis*  
*Empidonax difficilis*  
*Empidonax fulvifrons*  
*Sayornis nigricans*  
*Sayornis saya*  
*Pyrocephalus rubinus*  
*Myiarchus cinerascens*  
*Myiarchus tyrannulus*  
*Pitangus sulphuratus*  
*Myiozetetes similis*  
*Tyrannus melancholicus*  
*Tyrannus vociferans*  
*Tyrannus crassirostris*  
*Tyrannus verticalis*

**Laniidae**

*Lanius ludovicianus*

**Vireonidae**

*Vireo bellii*  
*Vireo huttoni*  
*Vireo gilvus*

**Corvidae**

*Calocitta colliei*  
*Cyanocitta stelleri*  
*Aphelocoma wollweberi*  
*Corvus sinaloae*  
*Corvus cryptoleucus*  
*Corvus corax*

**Hirundinidae**

*Progne subis*  
*Tachycineta bicolor*  
*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*  
*Hirundo rustica*

**Paridae**

*Poecile sclateri*  
*Baeolophus wollweberi*

**Remizidae**

*Auriparus flaviceps*

**Aegithalidae**

*Psaltriparus minimus*

**Sittidae**

*Sitta carolinensis*  
*Sitta pygmaea*

**Certhiidae**

*Certhia americana*

**Troglodytidae**

*Campylorhynchus  
brunneicapillus*

Nice looks, Cerro Gallegos

PS and EF area  
Cerro Gallegos drive  
Cerro Gallegos drive  
PDO and Arroyo Ranchito  
Arroyo Ranchito  
EF area  
PDO, great looks  
Seen almost daily, around water  
PDO and Creel area  
Common in EF area, a few in the mtns  
EF area  
Common in PS & EF area  
Common in PS & EF area  
EF area  
PS and EF area  
PS and EF area, mtns too  
PS and EF area  
The most common kingbird, lowlands

PDO & a few in the mtns

PS & EF area

Mountains

EF area

EF river at Ocolome

Common in the mtns

Common in the mtns

Common in EF area

In the high elevation grasslands

EF area and in the mtns

EF river

EF river

EF river

EF river

Mountains

Cerro Gallegos drive

PS and EF area

Mountains

Mountains

CCC

Mountains

EF river

Rock Wren	<i>Salpinctes obsoletus</i>	PDO and mtns
Canyon Wren	<i>Catherpes mexicanus</i>	Mountains
Sinaloa Wren (E)	<i>Thryophilus sinaloa</i>	EF area
Happy Wren (E)	<i>Pheugopedius felix</i>	PS and EF area
Bewick's Wren	<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>	Mountains
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	Lowlands & "Brown-throated" form in Mtns
<b>Gnatcatchers</b>	<b>Poliptilidae</b>	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	<i>Poliptila caerulea</i>	Lowlands
Black-capped Gnatcatcher (RE)	<i>Poliptila nigriceps</i>	Brand Ranch
<b>Dippers</b>	<b>Cinclidae</b>	
American Dipper	<i>Cinclus mexicanus</i>	PDO and CCC
<b>Kinglets</b>	<b>Regulidae</b>	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>	Common in mtns
<b>Thrushes and Allies</b>	<b>Turdidae</b>	
Western Bluebird	<i>Sialia mexicana</i>	Creel area
Brown-backed Solitaire	<i>Myadestes occidentalis</i>	Heard near Cerocahui, seen by some AR
Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	PS
Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	Mountains
Rufous-backed Robin (E)	<i>Turdus rufopalliatus</i>	PS and EF area
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	Cascada Cusarare hike
<b>Mockingbirds and Thrashers</b>	<b>Mimidae</b>	
Northern Mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	Lowlands
Curve-billed Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma curvirostre</i>	Seen daily
<b>Starlings</b>	<b>Sturnidae</b>	
European Starling (I)	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	PS
<b>Wagtails and Pipits</b>	<b>Motacillidae</b>	
American Pipit	<i>Anthus rubescens</i>	Cascada Cusarare hike
<b>Silky-flycatchers</b>	<b>Ptilonotidae</b>	
Gray Silky-Flycatcher (RE)	<i>Ptilonotus cinereus</i>	Mesa de Arturo area of Cerro Gallegos drive
<b>Olive Warbler</b>	<b>Peucedramidae</b>	
Olive Warbler	<i>Peucedramus taeniatus</i>	Mesa de Arturo area of Cerro Gallegos drive
<b>New World Warblers</b>	<b>Parulidae</b>	
Louisiana Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>	PDO
Crescent-chested Warbler	<i>Oreothlypis superciliosa</i>	Cerro Gallegos drive
Orange-crowned Warbler	<i>Oreothlypis celata</i>	Common in lowlands, a few seen in mtns
Lucy's Warbler	<i>Oreothlypis luciae</i>	EF area
MacGillivray's Warbler	<i>Geothlypis tolmiei</i>	PS and EF area
Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	PS and EF area
Black-and-White Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	EF area
Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga petechia</i>	PS and EF area
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Setophaga coronata</i>	Lowlands and mountains
Grace's Warbler	<i>Setophaga graciae</i>	Mountains
Black-throated Gray Warbler	<i>Setophaga nigrescens</i>	EF area and mountains
Townsend's Warbler	<i>Setophaga townsendi</i>	Mountains
Hermit Warbler	<i>Setophaga occidentalis</i>	Mountains
Wilson's Warbler	<i>Cardellina pusilla</i>	mostly seen in the lowlands
Painted Redstart	<i>Myioborus pictus</i>	Mountains
Slate-throated Redstart	<i>Myioborus miniatus</i>	One uncooperative bird near Cerocahui
Yellow-breasted Chat	<i>Icteria virens</i>	EF area
<b>Genus Incertae Sedis</b>	<b>Genus Incertae Sedis</b>	
Grayish Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>	PS and EF area
<b>Buntings, Sparrows and Allies</b>	<b>Emberizidae</b>	
White-collared Seedeater	<i>Sporophila torqueola torqueola</i>	PS, a single female of the west Mexican

(Cinnamon-rumped Seedeater)  
 Green-tailed Towhee  
 Spotted Towhee  
 Canyon Towhee  
 Rufous-winged Sparrow  
 Striped Sparrow (E)  
 Chipping Sparrow  
 Brewer's Sparrow  
 Clay-colored Sparrow  
 Vesper Sparrow  
 Lark Sparrow  
 Savannah Sparrow  
 Grasshopper Sparrow  
 Lincoln's Sparrow  
 White-crowned Sparrow  
 Yellow-eyed Junco

*Pipilo chlorurus*  
*Pipilo maculatus*  
*Melospiza fusca*  
*Peucaea carpalis*  
*Oriturus superciliosus*  
*Spizella passerina*  
*Spizella breweri*  
*Spizella pallida*  
*Poocetes gramineus*  
*Chondestes grammacus*  
*Passerculus sandwichensis*  
*Ammodramus savannarum*  
*Melospiza lincolni*  
*Zonotrichia leucophrys*  
*Junco phaeonotus*

subspecies  
 PS and EF area  
 Mountains, glimpsed a few times  
 Seen almost every day  
 HO EF area  
 Good looks near CCC  
 Seen in EF area and common in mtns  
 PDO  
 PDO  
 PDO  
 EF area  
 PDO  
 PDO  
 PDO and CCC  
 PDO and CCC  
 Mountains

**Cardinals and Allies**

**Cardinalidae**

Hepatic Tanager  
 Summer Tanager  
 Western Tanager  
 Northern Cardinal  
 Pyrrhuloxia  
 Black-headed Grosbeak  
 Yellow Grosbeak  
 Varied Bunting  
 Painted Bunting

*Piranga flava*  
*Piranga rubra*  
*Piranga ludoviciana*  
*Cardinalis cardinalis*  
*Cardinalis sinuatus*  
*Pheucticus melanocephalus*  
*Pheucticus chrysopleus*  
*Passerina versicolor*  
*Passerina ciris*

Mountains  
 EF area  
 PS and EF area common  
 EF area  
 EF area  
 EF area  
 One elusive bird PS  
 EF area  
 Nice looks near the river, EF

**Troupials and Allies**

**Icteridae**

Red-winged Blackbird  
 Brewer's Blackbird  
 Great-tailed Grackle  
 Bronzed Cowbird  
 Brown-headed Cowbird  
 Orchard Oriole  
 Hooded Oriole  
 Streak-backed Oriole  
 Bullock's Oriole

*Agelaius phoeniceus*  
*Euphagus cyanocephalus*  
*Quiscalus mexicanus*  
*Molothrus aeneus*  
*Molothrus ater*  
*Icterus spurius*  
*Icterus cucullatus*  
*Icterus pustulatus*  
*Icterus bullockii*

Flyovers EF river  
 PDO and in the mtns  
 Common in lowlands and near Chihuahua  
 Lowlands  
 EF area  
 PS and EF area  
 Lowlands  
 Lowlands  
 PS

**Siskins, Crossbills and Allies**

**Fringillidae**

House Finch  
 Lesser Goldfinch

*Carpodacus mexicanus*  
*Spinus psaltria*

Common in PS & EF area, a few in mtns  
 Seen almost daily, nest w/ fledglings PDO

**Old World Sparrows**

**Passeridae**

House Sparrow (I)

*Passer domesticus*

Common in towns

Other fauna  
 Cliff Chipmunk  
 Sierra Madre Ground Squirrel  
 Rock Squirrel  
 Mexican Gray Squirrel  
 Desert Cottontail  
 Antelope Jackrabbit  
 Canyon Tree Frog  
 Mountain Spiny Lizard  
 Banded Rock Rattlesnake

Endemic to Mexico

