

**CAMP  
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**Like an invention with the potential to change lives, the debut of Camp Chiricahua in 1986 was an event of unprecedented significance. Young birders and nature enthusiasts, who previously held virtually no hope of meeting other birders in their peer groups, were suddenly handed a powerful gift that allowed them to find each other and share their passion for birding, nature, and the outdoors. Since that first camp, each summer has brought a new batch of enthusiastic kids, all eager to cultivate their developing interests, and all eager to discover the natural wonders of Southeast Arizona. Now, in 2006, the 20th anniversary of that first camp, we look back with great satisfaction on two decades of providing opportunities for young people to experience nature and take home memories that will last a lifetime.**

**Our 2006 Camp Chiricahua trip has to have been one of the best and most exciting ever. Featuring a super-talented and highly intelligent group of kids, we spent 12 days traipsing across the deserts and “sky islands” of Southeast Arizona. By the time we were finished we had logged 193 species of birds, 16 species of mammals, 14 reptile and amphibian species, 45 species of butterflies, and innumerable other insects. In addition, we experienced the vast open spaces of the southwest, and enjoyed spectacular scenery.**

**Our time in the Chiricahuas was unforgettable, and at times magical. Field trips to all the major habitats produced all the expected birds, while short lectures and presentations by VENT staff members introduced an educational component to our activities. The monumental rock formations that dominate the Chiricahuas proved a spectacular setting for exploration of the legendary Cave Creek Canyon. This beautiful canyon, a mecca for birders and naturalists for decades, produced some of the most exciting birds of the trip. Aside from the expected species, like Arizona Woodpecker and Dusky-capped and Sulphur-bellied flycatchers, we had intimate encounters with an immaculate male Elegant Trogon that lasted for at least 30 minutes, watched a family of “Apache” Northern Goshawks near a nest site, and were mesmerized by a family of Spotted Owls by day!**

**Local resident, guide, and naturalist extraordinaire David Jasper spent several days with us and wowed us by night with Elf Owl and Western and Whiskered screech-owls, and by day with Olive and Red-faced warblers.**

**Atop the Chiricahuas, at Rustler Park, we gained full insight into the “sky island” concept. Vastly different from the deserts and dry grasslands of the lower elevations, the forests and meadows of Rustler reminded us more of Colorado or Montana than Arizona. The premier event was our hike to the Barfoot Lookout, complete with higher elevation birds as well as Zone-**

tailed Hawk. A recent invader from Mexico, Short-tailed Hawk was easily seen by all atop the lookout, capping our high country birding for this trip.

The remainder of our trip saw us zigzagging across the deserts, mountains, and waterways of far southern Arizona. Based out of the impeccable San Pedro River Inn, we experienced several canyons of the dramatic Huachuca Mountains, en route to recording 12 species of hummingbirds. We journeyed to the Patagonia region for a very rare Black-capped Gnatcatcher, alongside encounters with more expected species like Gray Hawk, Violet-crowned Hummingbird, Vermilion Flycatcher, Thick-billed Kingbird, and Summer Tanager.

Time around the inn was amazingly productive. Campers were treated to Scaled Quail, Barn Owl, Gilded Flicker, Abert's Towhee, Botteri's Sparrow, and numbers of stunning Blue Grosbeaks. Also, we shouldn't forget the Tropical Kingbirds nesting in the ranch yard!

The final day of the trip was an exhilarating rampage through the canyons and far southern deserts south and west of Tucson. A plethora of spectacular birds awaited us seemingly around every turn, with the likes of Montezuma Quail, Golden Eagle, and Varied Bunting offering thrills. A summering Rufous-capped Warbler in Sycamore Canyon was the highlight for many. A decision to visit California Gulch was immeasurably rewarding. Aside from a singing Five-striped Sparrow, the surrounding Sonoran Desert was rife with canyons and mesas, and was further characterized by a beautiful cactus and thorn scrub plant community.

Had the trip ended there we all would have gone home satisfied, but a late afternoon trip to Madera Canyon provided a rousing finale, as we viewed Rufous-winged Sparrow and a vagrant male Flame-colored Tanager.

Though the birding was magnificent, other facets of the Southwest were equally compelling. Afternoon monsoonal thunderstorms exposed the variety of moods of the mountains and deserts. Such concentrated storms produced spectacular sunsets, rainbows, and massive, rising cloud formations. Nighttime was time for the moon, which lit up the cathedral-like rocks above our campground in an enchanting mix of shadow and light, form and texture.

Southeast Arizona is a living laboratory. The impressive reptile and insect demonstration put on by Barney Tomberlin is a strong example of this point. Like Barney, other naturalists live in and love the Chiricahua Mountains for the same reasons we have spent 12 days there each summer for the past 20 years. The mountains represent the basic fact that nature is truth, and that time outdoors, away from our cities and homes, instills a spirituality and sense of values impossible to replicate in any other way.

## ITINERARY

**July 6, 2006, Day 1:** All campers arrive in Tucson, Arizona for Camp Chiricahua, 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary camp; mid-afternoon orientation and introduction, followed by a late afternoon outing to Madera Canyon and the grasslands below.

**July 7, Day 2:** We left the hotel early this morning for the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum, where we spent the entire morning; en route, we stopped at Tucson Mountain Park at Gates Pass. Following the Desert Museum, we spent the remainder of the day driving to the Chiricahua Mountains. Our route took us through Texas Canyon, all the way around the north end of the Chiricahuas, to Road Forks, New Mexico, before dropping down along the eastern flank of the Chiricahuas and finally arriving in the Portal area in the late afternoon.

**July 8, Day 3:** For the first part of the day, the group was divided into two, with one group spending time in the riparian zone around Portal, and the other group visiting the desert. Though birding was an important element of our activities, our time in these two habitats was also spent learning about the butterflies, trees, and plants of the region. Supplemental discussions about summertime monsoons and keeping field journals were also part of the program. In the afternoon we made the drive to Paradise. Lying just northwest of Portal, this trip offered an interesting mix of habitats, including desert, riparian forest, and oak-juniper woodland.

**July 9, Day 4:** We spent the entire morning birding the road to the South Fork Trail and then the South Fork Trail itself. The South Fork Trail is one of the best-known and famous birding locations in North America. The magic of the canyon and the special birds that inhabit it provide an enchanting experience for all who spend time here. Around 11:00 a.m., our birding came to a halt as a driving rainstorm descended upon us. In the afternoon we birded around the town of Rodeo, New Mexico, in search of Bendire's Thrashers, before heading north to bird the desert en route to Road Forks. In the late afternoon we stopped at Granite Gap to look for reptiles and birds. The best find was a remarkable colony of leafcutter ants. We filled the vans with gas in Road Forks before returning to our campsite.

**July 10, Day 5:** We split the group again this morning, with each group doing the opposite of what it did on day 3. In the afternoon we started with a trip to Barney Tomberlin's place in Portal for a fantastic demonstration on reptiles and insects of the Southwest. Barney exhibited several rattlesnake species in addition to a variety of Black Widow spiders, scorpions, and centipedes. We then made another trip up the South Fork Trail, before finishing the afternoon with a short hike up to the vista point offering commanding views of Cave Creek Canyon. Tonight we had dinner at the Portal store, before going on an awesome owling expedition with David Jasper.

**July 11, Day 6:** After breaking camp, we spent the remainder of the morning with David Jasper searching for two of the most special birds of the Chiricahua Mountains, Northern Goshawk and Elegant Trogon. The Trogon proved difficult initially, as our vigil at a nest site failed to turn up any sign of the adult trogons. So we deviated to an area where Goshawks had successfully nested and raised at least two offspring. One adult and the two immatures were still hanging around, and we saw them well before departing. On the return to the vehicles, we passed through the property of local resident David Utterback, whose presence seemingly brought us good luck. While visiting with him, the male trogon was spotted in his yard! For those who know this bird, a more satisfying experience could not be had. We followed the bird around for at least 30 minutes as it fluttered from one perch to the next. This bird embodies the spirit of the Chiricahuas and our experience with it was unforgettable.

Following lunch, we headed up the mountain to Rustler Park, where we set up camp. In the late afternoon we made a roundtrip hike of about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile to a lookout offering sweeping views of the surrounding forests, distant Cave Creek Canyon, and the even more distant desert.

**July 12, Day 7:** This morning we made the  $1\frac{1}{4}$  mile hike to the top of Buena Vista peak via the Barfoot Trail. This was probably the best hike of the camp and certainly rewarding for birds. The views from atop the peak were spectacular. From our lofty perch, we gazed on scenic Barfoot Park far below, while tremendous views to the south, west and north seemed limitless. Short-tailed Hawk, Mexican Chickadee, Cordilleran Flycatcher, and Red-faced and Olive Warblers highlighted this exciting mountain traipse. We took another route back to camp on the way out, one that afforded us magnificent views of Zone-tailed Hawk. In the afternoon we birded our way back down the mountain to South Fork Road, in search of day-roosting Spotted Owls. We found the owls without difficulty, then went by the Southwestern Research Station, before finally winding up in Sunny Flat campground for dinner.

**July 13, Day 8:** Breaking camp early, we began the drive from Rustler Park by heading down the western slope of the Chiricahua Mountains via Pinery Canyon. Following a productive birding stop that produced a Pygmy-Owl, we continued all the way down the mountains, through the foothills (with Montezuma Quail), through the dry grasslands (with Prairie Falcon) and on into Willcox. A lengthy stop at the Twin Lakes Golf Course brought us our only shorebirds and waterbirds of the trip. Following lunch in Willcox, we made the lengthy drive to the San Pedro River Inn outside Sierra Vista, arriving late in the afternoon.

**July 14, Day 9:** Today marked the start of three terrific days of birding that would see us net a rich assortment of SE Arizona specialty birds, highlighted by 12 species of hummingbirds and a number of "Mexican" rarities. We spent  $\frac{3}{4}$  of today birding several canyons on the eastern side of the Huachuca Mountains, including Carr, Miller, and Ash canyons. Carr Canyon was a great trip for Buff-breasted Flycatcher and Greater Pewee, while Tom Beatty's feeders in Miller Canyon provided White-eared, Violet-crowned, Costa's, and Allen's hummers among others. Mary Jo Ballator's B & B in Ash Canyon was the site of a successful hummer vigil highlighted by male and female Lucifers. The rest of the day was spent birding the grounds of the San Pedro River Inn. The late afternoon was punctuated by an ethereal rain storm, complete with wind, dramatic cloud formations, and a gorgeous sunset.

**July 15, Day 10:** We departed the River Inn early this morning for a day of birding in the Patagonia region. Starting at Patagonia Lake State Park, we kicked off our birding in premium style, with a prolonged study of a male Black-capped Gnatcatcher. We then scooted over to the famous Patagonia roadside rest, where we quickly located a Thick-billed Kingbird. Our search for the Rose-throated Becard proved fruitless, but we did have excellent studies of Violet-crowned Hummingbird and Northern Beardless Tyrannulet at the Paton yard in town. On our return to the San Pedro River Inn, we stopped by the San Pedro House for birding and shopping. We returned to the River Inn for late afternoon birding.

**July 16, Day 11:** The final day of the camp was a terrific one as we covered a lot of ground and saw a lot of really great birds. Departing from the San Pedro River Inn early, we made our way to Sycamore Canyon to search for the Rufous-capped Warbler. En route, we encountered Varied Bunting, Montezuma Quail, and Golden Eagle. The warbler proved easy to locate and was an exciting bonus bird for the camp. After a short hike down the canyon, we returned to the vehicles and made our way to California Gulch, home of the Five-striped Sparrow. After negotiating five miles of bumpy, rocky roads, Jessie heard a singing sparrow, much to our delight. Scope views were had by all. After the

time-consuming drive out of the Gulch, via Arivaca, we made a return trip to the grasslands below Madera Canyon, where a stealthy Rufous-winged Sparrow was seen by all. On the spot, we made the decision to try for the Flame-colored Tanager one last time. After heading up the canyon and getting into position, several of the campers soon discovered our quarry. Initially seen by only part of the group, it eventually returned, giving scope-filling views to everybody there. What an incredible end to an incredible trip. Following our success with the tanager, we headed back to Tucson. Just before dinner we made a final stop at the Sweetwater wetlands, where we added several birds new to the trip. Following dinner we headed for the hotel and check-in. That night we had our final meeting.

**July 17, Day 12:** Campers depart Tucson for home.

## **BIRDLIST**

The A.O.U. Checklist of North American Birds is the official source on the taxonomy of birds found in North and Middle America. This list of birds recorded during Camp Chiricahua is arranged according to the seventh edition of the A.O.U. list through the 46<sup>th</sup> supplement.

### **Ducks**

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck  
Mallard  
Cinnamon Teal  
Northern Shoveler  
Redhead  
Ruddy Duck

### ***Anatidae***

*Dendrocygna autumnalis*  
*Anas platyrhynchos*  
*Anas cyanoptera*  
*Anas clypeata*  
*Aythya americana*  
*Oxyura jamaicensis*

### **New World Quail**

Scaled Quail  
Gambel's Quail  
Montezuma Quail

### ***Odontophoridae***

*Callipepla squamata*  
*Callipepla gambelii*  
*Cyrtonix montezumae*

Three pair seen in appropriate habitat; one pair on the west side of the Chiricahuas, another pair on the road south of Patagonia, and the final pair along the road to Sycamore Canyon.

### **Grebes**

Eared Grebe

### ***Podicipedidae***

*Podiceps nigricollis*

### **Cormorants**

Neotropic Cormorant

### ***Phalacrocoracidae***

*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*

Two or three at Patagonia Lake.

### **Hérons & Egrets**

Great Blue Heron  
Great Egret  
Green Heron  
Black-crowned Night-Heron

### ***Ardeidae***

*Ardea herodias*  
*Ardea alba*  
*Butorides virescens*  
*Nycticorax nycticorax*

### **New World Vultures**

Black Vulture  
Turkey Vulture

### ***Cathartidae***

*Coragyps atratus*  
*Cathartes aura*

### **Hawks & Eagles**

White-tailed Kite  
Sharp-shinned Hawk  
Cooper's Hawk  
Northern Goshawk

### ***Accipitridae***

*Elanus leucurus*  
*Accipiter striatus*  
*Accipiter cooperii*  
*Accipiter gentiles*

We saw an adult and two juveniles at a nest site in upper Cave Creek Canyon. The darker-backed "Apache" subspecies.

Gray Hawk  
Harris's Hawk

*Asturina nitidia*  
*Parabuteo unicinctus*

**Short-tailed Hawk***Buteo brachyurus*

Two light morph birds high over the Barfoot Lookout trail in the Chiricahua Mountains. At least one bird has been present at this location every summer for the past 5 or 6 years and represents an apparent range expansion from the mountains of Mexico.

Swainson's Hawk

*Buteo swainsoni*

Zone-tailed Hawk

*Buteo albonotatus*

Red-tailed Hawk

*Buteo jamaicensis*

Golden Eagle

*Aquila chrysaetos***Falcons****Falconidae**

American Kestrel

*Falco sparverius*

Peregrine Falcon

*Falco peregrinus*

Prairie Falcon

*Falco mexicanus***Gallinules & Coots****Rallidae**

Common Moorhen

*Gallinula chloropus*

American Coot

*Fulica americana***Plovers****Charadriidae**

Killdeer

*Charadrius vociferus***Stilts & Avocets****Recurvirostridae**

Black-necked Stilt

*Himantopus himantopus*

American Avocet

*Recurvirostra americana***Sandpipers & Allies****Scolopacidae**

Spotted Sandpiper

*Actitis macularius*

Long-billed Curlew

*Numenius americanus*

Western Sandpiper

*Calidris mauri*

Least Sandpiper

*Calidris minutilla*

Baird's Sandpiper

*Calidris bairdii*

Wilson's Phalarope

*Phalaropus tricolor***Pigeons & Doves****Columbidae**

Rock Pigeon

*Columba livia*

Band-tailed Pigeon

*Patagioenas fasciata*

Eurasian Collared-Dove (I)

*Streptopelia decaocto*

Mourning Dove

*Zenaida macroura*

White-winged Dove

*Zenaida asiatica*

Inca Dove

*Columbina inca*

Common Ground-Dove

*Columbina passerina***Cuckoos****Cuculidae**

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

*Coccyzus americanus*

Greater Roadrunner

*Geococcyx californianus***Barn Owls****Tytonidae**

Barn Owl

*Tyto alba*



**Typical Owls**

Flammulated Owl

Heard only at Rustler Park.

Western Screech-Owl

Whiskered Screech-Owl

Great-horned Owl

Spotted Owl

Spectacular looks, by day and night, at several birds in Cave Creek Canyon

Northern Pygmy-Owl

The "Mountain" Pygmy-Owl

Elf Owl

Burrowing Owl

**Strigidae***Otus flammeolus**Megascops kennicottii**Megascops trichopsis**Bubo virginianus**Strix occidentalis**Glaucidium gnoma**Micrathene whitneyi**Athene cunicularia***Nightjars & Allies**

Lesser Nighthawk

Common Nighthawk

Common Poorwill

Whip-poor-will

**Caprimulgidae***Chordeiles acutipennis**Chordeiles minor**Phalaenoptilus nuttallii**Caprimulgus vociferus***Swifts**

White-throated Swift

**Apodidae***Aeronautes saxatalis***Hummingbirds**

Broad-billed Hummingbird

**White-eared Hummingbird**

At least one bright male coming to the upper feeders at Tom Beatty's place in Miller Canyon.

Violet-crowned Hummingbird

Blue-throated Hummingbird

Magnificent Hummingbird

Lucifer Hummingbird

A pair at the feeders at the Ash Canyon B &amp; B.

Black-chinned Hummingbird

Anna's Hummingbird

Costa's Hummingbird

Broad-tailed Hummingbird

Rufous Hummingbird

Allen's Hummingbird

An apparent male at Beatty's place in Miller Canyon.

**Trochilidae***Cyanthus latirostris**Hylocharis leucotis**Amazilia violiceps**Lampornis clemenciae**Eugenes fulgens**Calothorax lucifer**Archilochus alexandri**Calypte anna**Calypte costae**Selasphorus platycercus**Selasphorus rufus**Selasphorus sasin***Trogon**

Elegant Trogon

**Trogonidae***Trogon elegans*

Stupendous views of a foraging bird in Cave Creek Canyon. We only saw one male bird the whole trip, but the show he put on was unforgettable.

**Woodpeckers**

Acorn Woodpecker

Gila Woodpecker

Ladder-backed Woodpecker

Hairy Woodpecker

**Picidae***Melanerpes formicivorus**Melanerpes uropygialis**Picoides nuttallii**Picoides villosus*

Arizona Woodpecker  
Northern Flicker  
Gilded Flicker

*Picoides arizonae*  
*Colaptes auratus*  
*Colaptes chrysoides*

**Tyrant Flycatchers**

Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet  
Greater Pewee  
Western Wood-Pewee  
Cordilleran Flycatcher  
Buff-breasted Flycatcher  
Black Phoebe  
Say's Phoebe  
Vermilion Flycatcher  
Dusky-capped Flycatcher  
Ash-throated Flycatcher  
Brown-crested Flycatcher  
Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher  
Tropical Kingbird  
Cassin's Kingbird  
Thick-billed Kingbird  
Western Kingbird

**Tyrannidae**

*Camptostoma imberbe*  
*Contopus pertinax*  
*Contopus sordidulus*  
*Empidonax occidentalis*  
*Empidonax fulvifrons*  
*Sayornis nigricans*  
*Sayornis saya*  
*Pyrocephalus rubinus*  
*Myiarchus tuberculifer*  
*Myiarchus cinerascens*  
*Myiarchus tyrannulus*  
*Myiodynastes luteiventris*  
*Tyrannus melancholicus*  
*Tyrannus vociferans*  
*Tyrannus crassirostris*  
*Tyrannus verticalis*

**Shrikes**

Loggerhead Shrike

**Laniidae**

*Lanius ludovicianus*

**Vireos**

Bell's Vireo  
Plumbeous Vireo  
Hutton's Vireo

**Vireonidae**

*Vireo bellii*  
*Vireo plumbeus*  
*Vireo huttoni*

**Jays & Ravens**

Steller's Jay  
Western Scrub-Jay  
Mexican Jay  
Chihuahuan Raven  
Common Raven

**Corvidae**

*Cyanocitta stelleri*  
*Aphelocoma californica*  
*Aphelocoma ultramarina*  
*Corvus cryptoleucus*  
*Corvus corax*

**Larks**

Horned Lark

**Alaudidae**

*Eremophila alpestris*

**Swallows**

Purple Martin  
Tree Swallow  
Violet-green Swallow  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow  
Bank Swallow  
Cliff Swallow  
Barn Swallow

**Hirundinidae**

*Progne subis*  
*Tachycineta bicolor*  
*Tachycineta thalassina*  
*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*  
*Riparia riparia*  
*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*  
*Hirundo rustica*

**Chickadees & Titmice**

Mexican Chickadee  
 Bridled Titmouse  
 Juniper Titmouse

**Paridae**

*Poecile sclateri*  
*Baeolophus wollweberi*  
*Baeolophus ridgwayi*

**Verdin**

Verdin

**Remizidae**

*Auriparus flaviceps*

**Bushtit**

Bushtit

**Aegithalidae**

*Psaltriparus minimus*

**Nuthatches**

Red-breasted Nuthatch  
 White-breasted Nuthatch  
 Pygmy Nuthatch

**Sittidae**

*Sitta canadensis*  
*Sitta carolinensis*  
*Sitta pygmaea*

**Creepers**

Brown Creeper

**Certhiidae**

*Certhia americana*

**Wrens**

Cactus Wren  
 Rock Wren  
 Canyon Wren  
 Bewick's Wren  
 House Wren

**Troglodytidae**

*Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus*  
*Salpinctes obsoletus*  
*Catherpes mexicanus*  
*Thryomanes bewickii*  
*Troglodytes aedon*

**Gnatcatchers**

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
 Black-tailed Gnatcatcher

**Sylviidae**

*Polioptila caerulea*  
*Polioptila melanura*

**Black-capped Gnatcatcher**

*Polioptila nigriceps*

This species has appeared irregularly in Arizona since the late 1970s. Traditionally it has shown up in small numbers and then disappeared for years at a time. The species has returned in numbers and seems to be slowly colonizing areas with appropriate habitat, and is now regularly found at a few select sites, such as at Patagonia Lake, where we enjoyed terrific looks at a male bird.

**Thrushes & Allies**

Western Bluebird  
 Hermit Thrush  
 American Robin

**Turdidae**

*Sialia mexicana*  
*Catharus guttatus*  
*Turdus migratorius*

**Mockingbirds & Thrashers**

Northern Mockingbird  
 Bendire's Thrasher  
 Curve-billed Thrasher  
 Crissal Thrasher

**Mimidae**

*Mimus polyglottos*  
*Toxostoma bendirei*  
*Toxostoma curvirostre*  
*Toxostoma crissale*

**Starlings**

European Starling (I)

***Sturnidae****Sturnus vulgaris***Silky-flycatchers**

Phainopepla

***Ptilonotidae****Phainopepla nitens***Olive Warbler**

Olive Warbler

***Peucedramidae****Peucedramus taeniatus***New World Warblers**

Virginia's Warbler

Lucy's Warbler

Yellow Warbler

Yellow-rumped Warbler

Black-throated Gray Warbler

Grace's Warbler

Common Yellowthroat

Red-faced Warbler

Painted Redstart

***Parulidae****Vermivora virginiae**Vermivora luciae**Dendroica petechia**Dendroica coronata**Dendroica nigrescens**Dendroica graciae**Geothlypis trichas**Cardellina rubrifrons**Myioborus pictus***Rufous-capped Warbler***Basileuterus rufifrons*

A bird summering in Sycamore Canyon was seen and heard easily by our group. This species has also appeared more often in SE Arizona in recent years, though its presence cannot be predicted or expected.

Yellow-breasted Chat

*Icteria virens***Tanagers**

Hepatic Tanager

Summer Tanager

Western Tanager

**Flame-colored Tanager*****Thraupidae****Piranga flava**Piranga rubra**Piranga ludoviciana**Piranga bidentata*

On our second try, we found the beautiful male bird that has been summering in Madera Canyon. Like all the other south-of-the-border species appearing in Arizona, this bird has been seen more often in recent years.

**Sparrows & Allies**

Spotted Towhee

Canyon Towhee

Abert's Towhee

Rufous-winged Sparrow

Cassin's Sparrow

Botteri's Sparrow

Rufous-crowned Sparrow

Five-striped Sparrow

***Emberizidae****Pipilo maculatus**Pipilo fuscus**Pipilo aberti**Aimophila carpalis**Aimophila cassinii**Aimophila botterii**Aimophila ruficeps**Aimophila quinquestrata*

Following our Rufous-capped Warbler search in Sycamore Canyon, we continued on to California Gulch, where Jessie's sharp ears detected a singing Five-striped. Within minutes, we were all enjoying scope views of this range restricted species.

Chipping Sparrow

*Spizella passerina*

Black-chinned Sparrow

*Spizella atrogularis*

Lark Sparrow

*Chondestes grammacus*

Black-throated Sparrow	<i>Amphispiza bilineata</i>
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>
Yellow-eyed Junco	<i>Junco phaeonotus</i>

<b>Cardinals, Grosbeaks, &amp; Buntings</b>	<b><i>Cardinalidae</i></b>
Northern Cardinal	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>
Pyrrhuloxia	<i>Cardinalis sinuatus</i>
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>
Black-headed Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>
Blue Grosbeak	<i>Passerina caerulea</i>
Varied Bunting	<i>Passerina versicolor</i>

<b>Blackbirds &amp; Allies</b>	<b><i>Icteridae</i></b>
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>
Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>
Yellow-headed Blackbird	<i>Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus</i>
Great-tailed Grackle	<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>
Bronzed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus aeneus</i>
Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>
Hooded Oriole	<i>Icterus cucullatus</i>
Bullock's Oriole	<i>Icterus bullockii</i>
Scott's Oriole	<i>Icterus parisorum</i>

<b>Finches</b>	<b><i>Fringillidae</i></b>
House Finch	<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>
Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>
Lesser Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis psaltria</i>

<b>Weaver Finches</b>	<b><i>Passeridae</i></b>
House Sparrow (I)	<i>Passer domesticus</i>

**Total: 193**

## MAMMAL LIST

The taxonomy of this mammal list is arranged according to the *Mammals of North America*, by Roland Kays and Don Wilson, Princeton University Press, 2002.

Desert Cottontail	<i>Sylvilagus audubonii</i>
Black-tailed Jackrabbit	<i>Lepus californicus</i>
Mexican Fox Squirrel	<i>Sciurus nayaritensis</i>
Also known as "Apache" Fox Squirrel.	
Arizona Gray Squirrel	<i>Sciurus arizonensis</i>
Rock Squirrel	<i>Spermophilus variegatus</i>
Harris's Antelope Squirrel	<i>Ammospermophilus harrisi</i>
Cliff Chipmunk	<i>Tamias dorsalis</i>
Kangaroo Rat Sp.	<i>Dipodomys sp.</i>
Bat Sp.	
Bobcat	<i>Lynx rufus</i>
Coyote	<i>Canis latrans</i>
Gray Fox	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>
Striped Skunk	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>
Hooded Skunk	<i>Mephitis macroura</i>
Collared Peccary	<i>Peccari tajacau</i>
White-tailed Deer	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>

**Total: 16**

## REPTILE AND AMPHIBIAN LIST

This list of reptiles and amphibians is arranged according to the *Western Reptiles and Amphibians*, by Robert C. Stebbins, Peterson Field Guides; Houghton Mifflin Company, 1985.

Plains Spadefoot Toad	<i>Scaphiopus bombifrons</i>
Great Plains Toad	<i>Bufo cognatus</i>
Bullfrog	<i>Rana catesbeiana</i>
Ramsey Canyon Leopard Frog	<i>Rana sp.</i>
Desert Tortoise	<i>Gopherus agassizii</i>
Regal Horned Lizard	<i>Phrynosoma solare</i>
The "Douglas" subspecies	
Striped Plateau Lizard	<i>Sceloporus virgatus</i>
Mountain (Yarrow) Spiny Lizard	<i>Sceloporus jarrovi</i>
Whiptail Lizards	<i>Cnemidophorus sp.</i>
The majority of the whiptails seen were Sonoran Whiptails, but owing to the complexity of specific identification, no other species were positively identified.	
Western Banded Gecko (Tucson)	<i>Coleonyx variegates bogerti</i>
Gopher Snake (Great Plains)	<i>Pituophis melanoleucus deserticola</i>
Mojave Rattlesnake	<i>Crotalus scutulatus</i>
Black-tailed Rattlesnake	<i>Crotalus molossus</i>

## **BUTTERFLY LIST**

This butterfly list was compiled by camper David Pavlik. It is taxonomically arranged according to the *Butterflies of North America*, by Jim P. Brock and Kenn Kaufman, Kaufman Focus Guides; Houghton Mifflin Company, 2003.

Western Tiger Swallowtail	<i>Papilio rutulus</i>
Two-tailed Swallowtail	<i>Papilio multicaudata</i>
Pipevine Swallowtail	<i>Battus philenor</i>
Black Swallowtail	<i>Papilio polyxenes</i>
Chiricahua White	<i>Neophasia terlootii</i>
Clouded Sulphur	<i>Colias philodice</i>
Sleepy Orange	<i>Eurema nicippe</i>
Gray Hairstreak	<i>Strymon melinus</i>
Juniper Hairstreak (“Siva”)	<i>Callophrys gryneus</i>
Arizona Hairstreak	<i>Erora quaderna</i>
Marine Blue	<i>Leptotes marina</i>
Western Pygmy-Blue	<i>Brephidium exile</i>
Ceraunus Blue	<i>Hemiargus ceraunus</i>
Reakirt’s Blue	<i>Hemiargus isola</i>
Zela Metalmark	<i>Emesis zela</i>
Variiegated Fritillary	<i>Euptoieta claudia</i>
Painted Crescent	<i>Phyciodes picta</i>
Tiny Checkerspot	<i>Dymasia dymas</i>
American Lady	<i>Vanessa virginiensis</i>
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>
Viceroy	<i>Limenitis archippus</i>
Weidemeyer’s Admiral	<i>Limenitis weidemeyerii</i>
Tawny Emperor	<i>Asterocampa clyton</i>
California Sister	<i>Adelphia bredowii</i>
Monarch	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>
Queen	<i>Danaus gilippus</i>
Red Satyr	<i>Megisto cymela</i>
Pine Satyr	<i>Paramacera allyni</i>
Golden Banded-Skipper	<i>Autochton cellus</i>
Desert Cloudywing	<i>Achalarus casica</i>
Arizona Skipper	<i>Codatractus arizonensis</i>
Acacia Skipper	<i>Cogia hippalus</i>
Northern Cloudywing	<i>Thorybes pylades</i>
Funereal Duskywing	<i>Erynnis funeralis</i>
Common/White Checkered-Skipper	<i>Pyrgus sp.</i>
Golden-headed Scallopwing	<i>Staphylus ceos</i>
Common Sootywing	<i>Pholisora catullus</i>
Fiery Skipper	<i>Hylephila phyleus</i>
Orange Skipperling	<i>Copaeodes aurantiaca</i>
Taxiles Skipper	<i>Poanes taxiles</i>
Cassus Roadside-Skipper	<i>Amblyscirtes cassus</i>
Large Roadside-Skipper	<i>Amblyscirtes exoteria</i>

Dotted Roadside-Skipper	<i>Amblyscirtes eos</i>
Orange-Headed Roadside-Skipper	<i>Amblyscirtes phylace</i>
Orange-Edged Roadside-Skipper	<i>Amblyscirtes fimbriata</i>

### **OTHER CRITTERS**

Tarantulas  
Scorpions