

Southern Arizona Birding Extravaganza: May 11 - 18, 2012



From High desert to the Rocky Mountains, southeastern Arizona is one of the most biologically diverse areas in North America. This is where the Sonoran and the Great Basin deserts come together. This is also where the Rocky Mountains and the subtropical Sierra Madres meet. This diversity of habitat is the reason this area has more species of birds, mammals, reptiles and insects. There are 547 species of birds on the Arizona checklist. As a testament to

the region's diversity, many areas have been identified as "Important Bird Areas" by the National Audubon Society.

A trip here in May means migration!!! Owls and warblers rule.

Day 1: Arrival into Tucson by 2:00 pm.

Afternoon birding at **Sweetwater Wetlands** for the spectacle of Lesser Nighthawks by the score..

Day 2: Madera Canyon for Elegant Trogon, Hepatic Tanager

Day 3: Catalina State Park, Dudleyville, Aravaipa, Oak Flat Campground for Gray Vireo, Black-chinned Sparrow and Black Hawk.

Day 4: Patagonia: featuring lots of flycatchers and a visit to Paton's for the Violet-crowned Hummingbird

Day 5: Catalina Mountains for bouquets of warblers dripping from the trees.

Day 6: Huachuca Mountains: Huachuca Canyon, Beatty's and Ash Canyon and Carr Canyon for hummingbirds.

Day 7: Chiricahua Mountains for the Mexican Chickadee and Juniper Titmouse.

Day 8: California Gulch for the Five-striped Sparrow. We will also Owl this evening.



Cost is \$995.00 per person double occupancy based on 8 participants.

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Southeast Arizona always has something to offer. Birds like the Elegant Trogon, Buff-collared Nightjar, Five-striped Sparrow, Mexican Chickadee, Red-faced Warbler, Buff-breasted Flycatcher and Thick-billed Kingbird are specialties of Arizona. With the Mexican border along our southern edge, the potential for Mexican rarities just adds to the excitement. *ft P*

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