

# Tropical Birding Tours

*Arizona: Photo Tour 2024*



*Tour Guide: Ben Knoot*

## *Tour Introduction*

Well...what a trip! This 12-Day photo tour through Arizona's desert, sky islands, grasslands, forest and parks was one for the ages. Four friends from Quebec joined me late June through mid July for a sojourn around Arizona. This time of year, Arizona is warm there is no denying that. We employ a strategy that works well to get around being out in the middle of the day and besides, this is a photo tour right?? Because we're after the good light, we are out early in the morning and later in the afternoon with a nice rest period during the midday heat. This tour is broken up in sections where we spent roughly 3-days in each.

Our first section is the Tucson deserts, parks and Catalina Mountain ranges. Here the deserts are the hottest but offer some of the Sonoran specialties like Gilded Flicker, Rufous-winged Sparrow, Harris's Hawk and the spectacular Lesser Nighthawk. The rest of our time in this area is spent in various parks targeting things like Greater Roadrunner, Vermilion Flycatcher, Black-tailed Gnatcatchers and the iconic Pyrrhuloxia. When the desert gets to hot, we head up in altitude to the iconic Mount Lemmon. Here the warblers reign supreme and I am happy to say that even though this time of year is not the best time to photograph them, we still managed some really decent shots! Then we head for the Sky Islands...

The first of our sky-island sets were the Santa Ritas. The famous Madera Canyon calls this mountain range home and thankfully it produced some great birds for us. Birds like; Elegant Trogon, Bridled Titmouse, Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher, and a visiting Berylline Hummingbird. Here we also managed some great SW special owls, the Whiskered Screech and the worlds smallest owl, the fierce Elf Owl.

Our second set of mountain ranges are the Huachuca's. Here We visit several feeding stations and one, maybe two mountain roads where hummingbirds like; Violet-crowned and Lucifer await our lenses and more SW special birds like Greater Pewee and Buff-breasted Flycatcher and Virginia's Warbler are targeted.

We end the trip in the famed Chiricahua mountains and the small towns of Portal and Paradise. Here the Junipers, Pine and Chihuahuan Desert hold an incredible variety of special birds and photographic opportunities. We were pleased to pick up some great birds like the incredibly range restricted Mexican Chickadee, the feisty Scaled Quail, the spooky Mexican Whip-poor-will and even the elusive Montezuma Quail! From here, we traveled back to Tucson, had one final delicious sushi lunch and wrapped up our tour...pretty amazing and happy people all around for sure!



*Itinerary*

- June 29th.....Arrival in Tucson/Afternoon in the Desert
- June 30th.....Day up traveling Mount Lemmon
- July 1st.....Tucson Parks & Elephant Head Green Valley
- July 2nd.....Santa Rita Mountains
- July 3rd.....Santa Rita Mtns. to the Huachuca Mtns.
- July 4th.....Huachuca Mountains
- July 5th.....Huachuca Mountains
- July 6th.....Willcox and Patagonia Area
- July 7th.....Huachuca Mtns. to the Chiricahua Mtns.
- July 8th.....Chiricahua Mountains
- July 9th.....Chiricahua Mountains
- July 10th.....Chiricahua Mountains
- July 11th.....Chiricahua Mountains to Tucson via Willcox

## *Tour Summary*

### **Day 1 - (June 29th): Arrival Day/Afternoon around Tucson**

We start this tour on this first afternoon with a quick dinner. The method for this tour is to have early dinners and then stay out until sunset which is usually around 7:30pm. This works out well in most cases as we also have a brunch around 10:00am. We do this mainly because we generally have to start around 5am to get the best light from sunrise until about 9:00am. After which the sun is too intense and the heat has started. This is the pattern for the entire tour which allows a nice rest period in the middle of the day for editing photos, reading, relaxing or catching up on some sleep. After a nice dinner, we got to work.

In [several spots around Tucson](#), we visited mostly the stunning [Sonoran Desert](#). As this is my backyard, I know exactly where to get all of the specialties and on this first afternoon, that's exactly what we did. We managed some great shots of; [Pyrrhuloxia](#), [Verdin](#), [Curve-billed Thrasher](#), [Black-tailed Gnatcatcher](#), [Black-throated Sparrow](#), [Lesser Nighthawk](#) and [Rufous-winged Sparrow](#).



Black-tailed Gnatcatcher - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Black-throated Sparrow - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Rufous-winged Sparrow - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Verdin - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Pyrrhuloxia - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Curve-billed Thrasher - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Lesser Nighthawk - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



**Day 2 - (June 30th): A Day on Mount Lemmon**

The iconic Mount Lemmon called to us for this day. [Mount Lemmon](#) is really cool...over 7 different habitats call this mountain home and we enjoyed photographing our way through them all the way to the top. Not all of them are great for photos and hold birds we needed but overall we had great success on the mountain. We started at the base which is more [Sonoran Desert](#). Here we added; [Gilded Flicker](#), [Gila Woodpecker](#), [Brown-crested Flycatcher](#), [Bell's Vireo](#), [Blue Grosbeak](#), [Lucy's Warbler](#), and a fun and charismatic [Rock Wren](#). We essentially use the mountain as a temperature regulator. As the day goes on and the temperature rises, we continue go higher in elevation, experiencing a new set of habits every 800-1000ft. It really is a beautiful drive and a very fun mountain. Now it was time to leave the desert and continue headed up the hill, carefully avoiding the now growing density of cyclists! Next up...



Gilded Flicker - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Rock Wren - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Lucy's Warbler - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Gila Woodpecker - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Bell's Vireo - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot





Blue Grosbeak - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Brown-crested Flycatcher - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

I stopped briefly in the [Juniper hill section](#) to look for Black-chinned Sparrow and Woodhouse's Scrub Jay. Unfortunately, no luck on either but we did manage a really nice [Spotted Towhee](#).



Spotted Towhee - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

We continued up and made our first stop at the first real section of [Pine Forest, Rose Canyon Lake](#). This campground area is typically the best place on the mountain to find the warblers that most people know can be found on Mount Lemmon. The clients knew before coming on this tour that late June/early July IS NOT the time for warblers (that would be May) but even so, they still wanted to give them a try which of course, I was happy to do. Well...there is no other way to say it...we didn't get them. I heard just about all of them but they were uncooperative. No worries though, I know this mountain, I know these birds, I knew exactly where my backup spot was going to be so I was yet to worry. We did run into a few other targets like; [Yellow-eyed Junco](#), [Plumbeous Vireo](#) and we had a decent photoshoot with a [Painted Redstart](#). Once we were done here, I took the group up a little higher into some thinner pines where again, I got skunked out of finding a nice cooperative group of warblers. This was a "on the way" check that I sort of guessed wouldn't work out but felt I had to try it...ya know? Anyway, up next, it was time for the main location for these birds.



Plumbeous Vireo - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Yellow-eyed Junco - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Marshall's Gulch is the primo location for these birds and here is where we nailed both of our big warbler targets, the **Red-faced Warbler** and **Grace's Warbler**. We also managed a stunning **Hepatic Tanager**. Pretty excited to get these considering the timing!



Hepatic Tanager - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Red-faced Warbler - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot





Grace's Warbler - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Now at the [top of the mountain](#) in what can only really be described as [meadow and very thin pine trees mixed in with birch trees](#). Here we nailed our main target, the [Broad-tailed Hummingbird](#) and as a sweet bonus, we had a great photo shoot with a [Steller's Jay](#). After a fantastic lunch at the Sawmill Restaurant where I had a great pulled-pork sandwich, we began our long journey down the mountain. I missed one bird (by that I mean didn't hear it) that I thought was weird and as luck would have it, while driving down, I spotted my bird flying around in the gulch next to the road. So, back down in more of a [Sonoran Desert](#) mixed with a little [Western Riparian Woodland](#), we were able to find and photograph a stunning male [Hooded Oriole](#). A wonderful day in the mountains!





Hooded Warbler - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Steller's Jay - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Broad-tailed Hummingbird - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

***Day 3 (July 1st): Tucson Parks to Elephant Head Son (Green Valley)***

The first step for the day was to find a few more of our desert specialties and for this, I have just the spot north of Tucson. It may or may not be a [golf course](#) BUT it has some great birds. Here we found; [Vermilion Flycatcher](#), [Greater Roadrunner](#), [Ash-throated Flycatcher](#), [Ladder-backed Woodpecker](#), and we didn't get any really great shots but we didn't manage some decent ones of [Purple Martin](#) (a different race than the eastern bird). The highlight though as a pair of Bobcat that came out to entertain us for a few minutes...So cool! It was getting a bit late now but I had to continue to try and get some better shots of the martin and to find a bird I surprising didn't see at the gold course. So, I drove north towards [my own home to a local patch](#) I know held all of those birds. Again, nothing great on the Martin but we did add a nice [Harris's Hawk](#) (not great on light but still, great bird!). Once we were done here, we headed south towards Green Valley.



Vermilion Flycatcher - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Greater Roadrunner - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Harris's Hawk - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Ladder-backed Woodpecker - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Ash-throated Flycatcher - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot





Bobcat - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

After brunch, traveling down to Green Valley and taking a quick rest in our hotel, we ventured out for our appointment at [Elephant Head Pond](#). Again this is not prime time here at the pond but we were hoping to grab a few things. It was a bit slow but we managed some cool things like; [Gambel's Quail](#), [Hooded Oriole](#), [Northern Cardinal](#), [Canyon Towhee](#), [White-winged and Mourning Dove](#), [House Finch](#) and [House Sparrow](#). Haha - Oh well...not the sort of shoot we were hoping for but the good news is we had great luck previously in the desert and I intended to make even more luck later on in the trip. After this, we went back to our hotel and called it an evening.





Northern Cardinal - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

**Day 4 (July 2nd): Santa Rita Mountains (Madera and Box Canyons)**

The early morning was spent in [Madera Canyon](#). Here we spent some time at the [Santa Rita Lodge](#) bird feeders and then went on a quick walk up [Carrie Nation Trail](#) when I am happy to say we found our main target, the stunning [Elegant Trogon](#). Other great birds on the trail included, [Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher](#), [Painted Redstart](#), and the adorable [Bridled Titmouse](#). The time we spent at the feeders gave us some decent shots at [Rivoli's](#), [Broad-billed](#), [Costa's](#) and [Black-chinned Hummingbird](#). One of our main hummingbird targets did not reveal itself but we had another morning to try for that one. Overall, Madera Canyon was very good to us.

The afternoon was also spent in the Santa Rita Mountains but this time, over in [Box Canyon](#). Our main target for this afternoon is a summer time breeder to our great state. Just a few checks later and we were able to find our colorful [Varied Bunting](#). Spectacular bird, truly! Next up, a quick but productive photoshoot with the resident [Five-striped Sparrow](#)...easy as 1,2,3! So easy in fact that we decided to push our luck and try for some local nightlife. We couldn't manage a decent shot of a Mexican Whip-poor-will BUT we had some great luck in Madera Canyon with a [Whiskered Screech Owl](#) and the smallest member of the family, the [Elf Owl](#). What a great way to end the day, WHOOP!



Varied Bunting - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Five-striped Sparrow - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Bridled Titmouse - Photo by Guide: Ben Knot



Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher - Photo by Guide: Ben Knot



Broad-billed Hummingbird - Photo by Guide: Ben Knot





Painted Redstart - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Elf Owl - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Whiskered Screech Owl - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

**Day 5 (July 3rd): Santa Rita Mountains (Madera Canyon) to Huachuca Mountains**

The early morning was spent at [Santa Rita Lodge](#) and luckily this time we managed to get our hummingbird target...and just after a short wait! A stunning male **Berylline Hummingbird** made a quick appearance but choice a pretty sweet place to perch up for our cameras.



Berylline Hummingbird - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

We then took a trip over to [Las Cienegas NCA](#) area to look for two sparrows. Unfortunately, we only managed 1 out of the 2 sparrows and in fact, we'd never find that last one throughout the entire tour even though I checked countless times. The one we did manage however was a pretty cool little **Botteri's Sparrow**.





Botteri's Sparrow - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Anna's Hummingbird - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



White-winged Dove - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

Now in the Huachuca Mountains, I decided to check out one of my favorite gardens in the area, [Ash Canyon Bird Sanctuary](#). This location is great for all hummingbirds and a place that we would be visiting multiple times during our time in the Huachuca Mountains. This area is great for a lot of hummingbirds as I mentioned above but for one special one specifically and luckily we did not have to wait long to lay our eyes and cameras on the stunning **Lucifer Hummingbird**. We hung out here for the rest of the afternoon, picking up some cool birds like; **Lesser Goldfinch, Anna's, Costa's, Black-chinned and Broad-billed Hummingbirds, Phainopepla** (only one lucky guest managed to get the male, the rest of us settled for a stunning female), **Hooded and Bullock's Oriole, House Sparrows, Bushtit, Brown-headed Cowbird, White-winged Dove, Mexican Jay** and an adorable **Desert Cottontail**. A storm was starting to brew so we called in an evening and went into town for a nice dinner, Italian! Great stuff :D. The other good news with the storm rolling in is that typically, the mornings after a storm are quite cloudy and generally very productive. This was good news for my plan in the morning...continue reading to see what else we managed in the Huachuca's!



Phainopepla - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Lucifer Hummingbird - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

**Day 6 (July 4th): Huachuca Mountains Cont.**

YES! The morning indeed was clouded over just like I had hoped and predicted given the storm the night before. So, it was a perfect day to head up one of my favorite canyons in this region. So, bright and early we started up the bumpy and frankly poorly maintained (in terms of road conditions) [Carr Canyon](#). I love this canyon as typically the birds are quite cooperative and its not overly crowded with people...perfect. Given how well we had been doing, I actually only had 5 real targets for the morning and 2 of them I knew were going to be really tough. Nevertheless, we began and, we began well. I stopped off at my secret little spot (probably not but I like to think so...haha) and nailed a beautiful [Rufous-crowned Sparrow](#). We continued up the mountain and stopped off at [Reef Townsite Campground](#) to hopefully get our next target. Happily, right out of the car I picked up the chip note of the [Buff-breasted Flycatcher](#) and we were able to have a fun shoot with this bird. Continuing towards the end of the road, I stopped off at a hillside I knew to be good for our next bird and again, a short wait later landed us a fun visit by a pair of [Greater Pewee](#). Three out of five quite quickly! But... these were the three I was expecting...now for the hard ones. We searched very hard and we were rewarded with visuals and some very “eh” photos of the last two birds, a [Virginia’s Warbler](#) and a [Woodhouse’s Scrub Jay](#). Not the great quality I’d aim for but still great to see some new birds. I was quite happy with our haul so we went down the mountain for brunch.





Greater Pewee - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Acorn Woodpecker - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Rufous-Crowned Sparrow - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



The afternoon was spent back in Ash Canyon Bird Sanctuary in order for the guests to get more images of the Lucifer Hummingbird. I didn't take any new photos but of course, we enjoyed our time here immensely. After a great day, we enjoyed a fantastic dinner and then went off to bed.

**Day 7 (July 5th): Huachuca Mountains Cont.**

We spent another great morning at [Ash Canyon Bird Sanctuary](#)...this time hoping for the elusive Montezuma Quail to make an appearance. It had been coming in off and on for the last few weeks so we thought we'd give it a go considering the outrageously good success we were having. Unfortunately, after several hours of waiting, no Montezuma Quail's made an appearance but we did add a stunning **Bronzed Cowbird** and a feisty **Dusky-capped Flycatcher** to our growing portfolios. With the addition of the Dusky-capped Flycatcher, we managed to photograph all of the possible targets within the genus Myiarchus which is kind of fun! After a good morning, we continued towards brunch and then had our nice mid-day break.



Dusky-capped Flycatcher - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Bronzed Cowbird - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Violet-crowned Hummingbird - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

The afternoon was spent in another great canyon with hummingbird feeders. This time, we chose to spend our afternoon shooting time in [Beatty's Guest Ranch in Miller Canyon](#). Here we had one main target and thankfully, he was a territory one! The stunning **Violet-crowned Hummingbird** can sometimes be a tough bird to photograph on this tour during this time but this was so easy it was ridiculous! He used several really nice perches over and over again throughout the afternoon giving us plenty of opportunities to photograph him. With the light fading fast due to another incoming storm, we decided to call it a night and ventured towards our hotel. I wanted to get everyone back a little earlier for tonight because I wanted to take them all over to Willcox in the morning which is a decent drive so it was important that they and frankly, I, get some sleep for another big day ahead.

### **Day 8 (July 6th): Willcox and Patagonia**

As I mentioned above, we had a long drive today, about an hour and 20-min or so...so to be at our destination by sunrise, we left our hotel right about 4am and headed off in the night towards Willcox. We arrived at [Twin Lakes Golf Course \(Lake Cochise\)](#) in perfect time only to find my usual place for **Scaled Quail** had recently been shut...dam...well, no worries, a quick fix picking a different road gave us some decent opportunities at this bird but not what I was looking for... I'll keep that in mind for future shoots. Here we also had a fun shoot with the newly split **Chihuahua Meadowlark** (showing off the extra white tail and one of the reasons for it's split from Eastern Meadowlark!), **Northern Mockingbird** and a decent shoot (to be improved upon later) with a **Bendire's Thrasher**.



Chihuahuan Meadowlark - Photo by Guide: Ben Koot



Northern Mockingbird - Photo by Guide: Ben Knot



Swainson's Hawk - Photo by Guide: Ben Knot



Scaled Quail - Photo by Guide: Ben Knot



After this good luck, we checked out the lake. Here with some still decent light, we enjoyed some of the water birds of this pond. Birds like; **American Avocet**, **Black-necked Stilt**, **Killdeer** and the reason we came here, a stunning group of **Wilson's Phalarope**, with some females even in some good breeding plumage! We also ran into a very chill **Swainson's Hawk** that allowed us to get some decent photos just about the time the light started getting a bit on the harsh side.



Wilson's Phalarope - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

After our standard afternoon break, we ventured over to another far away destination, **Patagonia**. The guests really wanted to try and photograph the **Rose-throated Becard** and though I told them this was highly unlikely, we still gave it a shot. Though we saw it, we weren't able to get a photo of the female we saw. Around the same area we also had some decent luck with a **Thick-billed Kingbird** (weird side-lighting which I growing more fond of each time I look at it!), and a very cute **Northern Beardless Tyrannulet**. After these fun pics, I went towards one of my best spots for a normally difficult bird. I am happy to saw that just near the **Paton's Center for Hummingbirds**, we were able to have a very unusually excellent photo shoot with 4-5 **Yellow-breasted Chat**. Very great way to end the day!



Thick-billed Kingbird - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Northern Beardless Tyrannulet - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



American Avocet - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Yellow-breasted Chat - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

**Day 9 (July 7th): Huachuca to Chiricahua Mountains**

We went back to [Beatty's Guest Ranch in Miller Canyon](#) for the morning and unfortunately not many good shots came out of that experience for me. We were waiting for some Black-chinned and Rivoli's Hummingbirds to do some cool stuff but unfortunately, that never happened. Oh, well, that happens! After brunch, we hit the road towards [Portal](#). After a roughly 2hr drive, we checked into our lodge to pass the heat of the day and wait for the good light. Once we got a little of what we were looking for, we hit the road. We didn't have much success with the stuff I had hoped for but rather luckily, we did have some incredible luck with possibly the hardest target of this area, the skittish and elusive [Montezuma Quail](#)... unbelievable. This would be the only time we'd see this bird though we'd search many more times. That's birds for ya!



Montezuma Quail - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

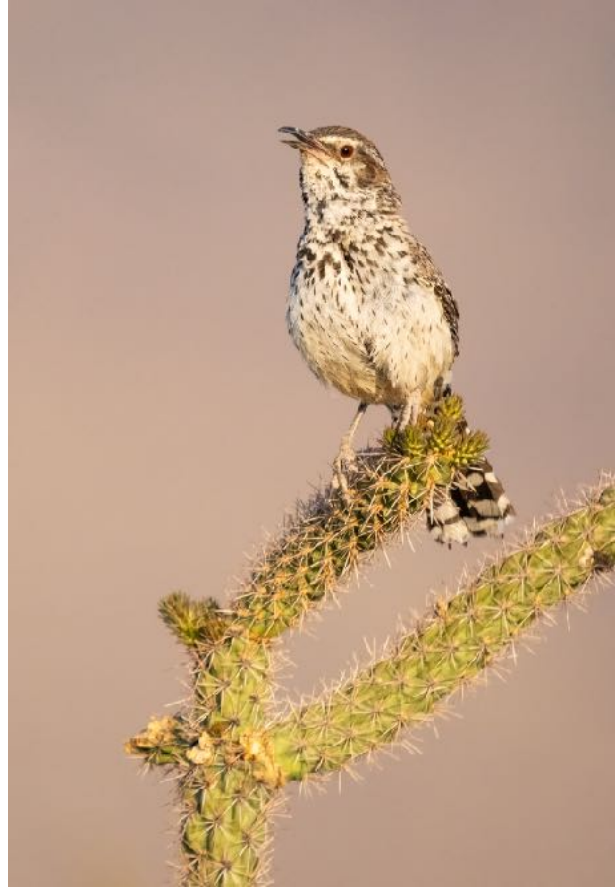
**Days 10-12 (July 8th -10th): Chiricahua Mountains to Tucson**

The last section of this tour takes place in the famous Chiricahua Mountains. I am going to combine this section because we visit the same few roads multiple times per day looking for various birds to photo. It is very similar to Sierra Vista in the sense that the same areas are visited multiple times in order to get the best photos of the birds we're after. Locations like; [The George Walker House](#) was this year's location for the stunning [White-eared Hummingbird](#). [The Portal-Paradise Road](#) held targets like; [Western Screech Owl](#), [Mexican Whip-poor-will](#), [Scott's Oriole](#), [Juniper Titmouse](#), and [Cassin's Kingbirds](#). Then there was our fantastic accommodation, [Cave Creek Ranch](#) which gave us some great opportunities at [Blue-throated Mountain Gem](#) and the special [Arizona Woodpecker](#). We also took advantage of access to the [Chihuahuan Desert](#) nearby on the New Mexico border. Here we picked up great birds like; [Crissal Thrasher](#), [Cactus Wren](#), [Scaled Quail](#), [Loggerhead Shrike](#) and [Canyon Towhee](#). And finally the mountainous pine-tree laden [Rustler and Barfoot Parks](#) held one of our most rare and range restricted species of the entire tour, the [Mexican Chickadee](#). Overall the Chiricahua's were very good to us. The guests loved this section of the tour, as did I!





Scaled Quail - Photo by Guide: Ben Knot



Cactus Wren - Photo by Guide: Ben Knot



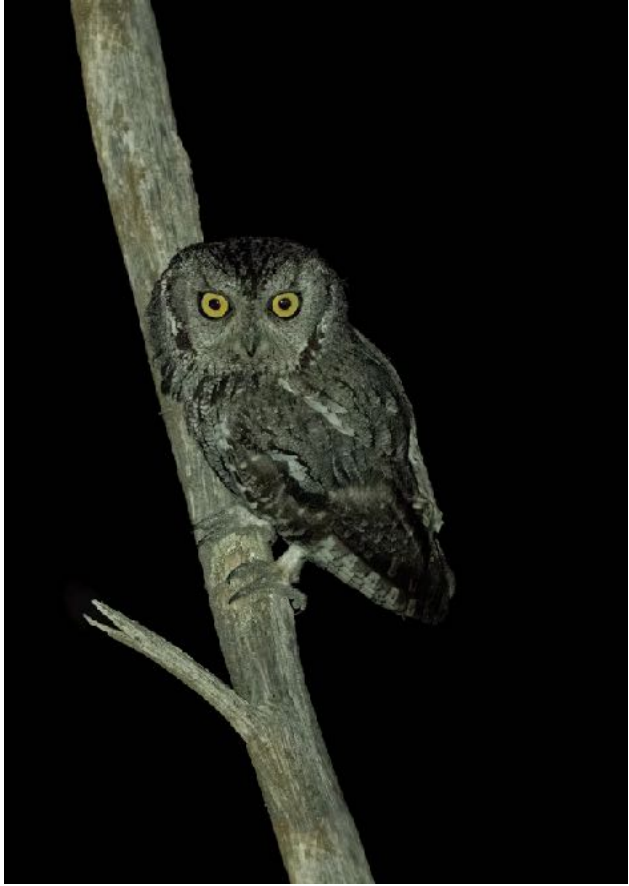
Blue-throated Mountain Gem - Photo by Guide: Ben Knot



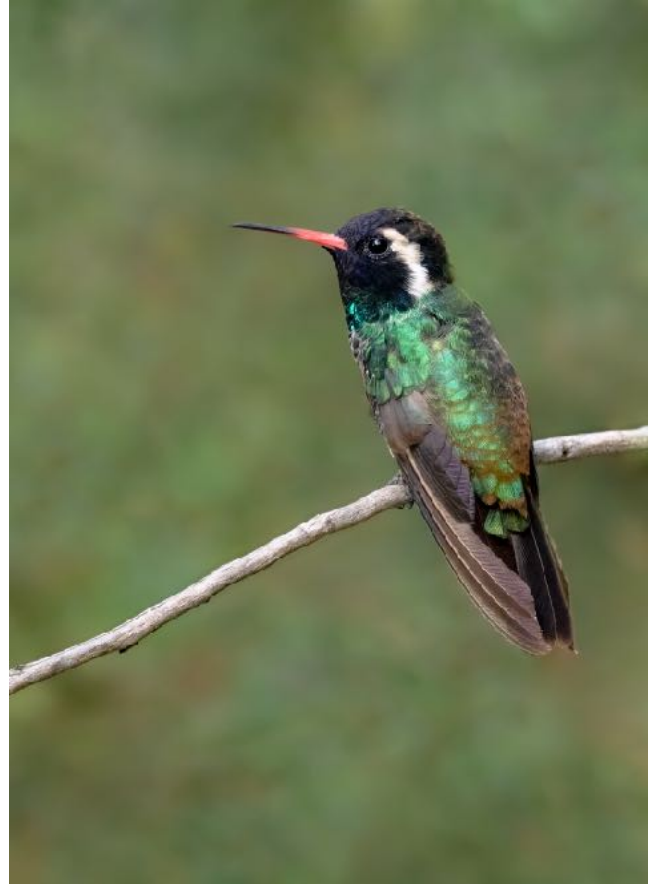
Crissal Thrasher - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Scott's Oriole - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Western Screech Owl - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



White-eared Hummingbird - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Mexican Whip-poor-will - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot





Juniper Titmouse - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Arizona Woodpecker - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Cassin's Kingbird - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot





Pygmy Nuthatch - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Bendire's Thrasher - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot



Loggerhead Shrike - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

**Day 13 (July 11th): Chiricahua Mountains to Tucson**

The last morning of this tour was spent slow driving our way out of the Chiricahua range. We picked up some great new photos of birds we had already managed and when we were done here, we took one last journey over to [Willcox and Lake Cochise](#) to try again for **Bendire's Thrasher**. We ended up getting a much better photo than the first time around so that was a real nice way to end the trip. I did try for some stuff around Tucson but frankly it was too hot and sunny so all of my efforts turned up blank so after a much deserved delicious Sushi lunch and a Coldstone Creamery ice cream dessert, we called it a tour, said our goodbyes and went our separate ways. A big thanks to the guests for making this a tour to remember!



Mexican Chickadee - Photo by Guide: Ben Knoot

## Species Account

<b>Species</b>	<b>Seen</b>	<b>Photographed</b>
<b>Ducks, Geese and Swans</b>		
Mallard		
<b>New World Quail</b>		
Scaled Quail		
Gambel's Quail		
Montezuma Quail		
<b>Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys and Old World Quail</b>		
Wild Turkey (Gould's)		
<b>Cormorants</b>		
Neotropical Cormorant	(I think you said you saw one before the tour)	
<b>New World Vultures</b>		
Cooper's Hawk		
American Goshawk		
Harris's Hawk		
Swainson's Hawk		
Red-tailed Hawk		
<b>Caracaras and Falcons</b>		
American Kestrel		
<b>Rains, Gallinules and Coots</b>		
American Coot		
<b>Lapwings and Plovers</b>		
Killdeer		
<b>Stilts and Avocets</b>		
Black-necked Stilt		

<u>Species</u>	<b>Seen</b>	<b>Photographed</b>
American Avocet		
<b>Sandpipers, Phalaropes and Allies</b>		
Lesser Yellowlegs		
Long-billed Curlew		
Baird's Sandpiper		
Stilt Sandpiper		
Wilson's Phalarope		
<b>Pigeons and Doves</b>		
Rock Dove (Feral Pigeon)		
Band-tailed Pigeon		
Inca Dove		
Common Ground Dove		
Eurasian Collared Dove		
White-winged Dove		
Mourning Dove		
<b>Cuckoos</b>		
Greater Roadrunner		
Yellow-billed Cuckoo		
<b>Owls</b>		
Whiskered Screech Owl		
Western Screech Owl		
Elf Owl		
<b>Goatsuckers</b>		
Lesser Nighthawk		
Mexican Whip-poor-will		
<b>Swifts</b>		
White-throated Swift		



<u>Species</u>	<b>Seen</b>	<b>Photographed</b>
<b>Hummingbirds</b>		
Rivoli's Hummingbird		
Blue-throated Mountain Gem		
Black-chinned Hummingbird		
Costa's Hummingbird		
Anna's Hummingbird		
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		
Broad-billed Hummingbird		
Lucifer's Hummingbird		
Berylline Hummingbird		
Violet-crowned Hummingbird		
White-eared Hummingbird		
<b>Trogons</b>		
Elegant Trogon		
<b>Woodpeckers</b>		
Acorn Woodpecker		
Gila Woodpecker		
Ladder-backed Woodpecker		
Arizona Woodpecker		
Hairy Woodpecker		
Northern Flicker		
Gilded Flicker		
<b>Tyrant Flycatchers</b>		
Northern Beardless Tyrannulet		
Greater Pewee		
Western Wood Pewee		
Western Flycatcher		

<u>Species</u>	<b>Seen</b>	<b>Photographed</b>
Buff-breasted Flycatcher		
Say's Phoebe		
Black Phoebe		
Vermillion Flycatcher		
Ash-throated Flycatcher		
Brown-crested Flycatcher		
Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher		
Cassin's Kingbird		
Thick-billed Kingbird		
Western Kingbird		
<b>Tityras and Allies</b>		
Rose-throated Becard		
<b>Shrikes</b>		
Loggerhead Shrike		
<b>Vireos</b>		
Bell's Vireo		
Hutton's Vireo		
Plumbeous Vireo		
Warbling Vireo		
<b>Crows and Jays</b>		
Steller's Jay		
Woodhouse's Jay		
Mexican Jay		
Chihuahuan Raven		
Common Raven		
<b>Larks</b>		
Horned Lark		

<u>Species</u>	<b>Seen</b>	<b>Photographed</b>
<b>Swallows</b>		
Purple Martin		
Tree Swallow		
Violet-green Swallow		
Barn Swallow		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow		
Cliff Swallow		
<b>Chickadees and Titmice</b>		
Mexican Chickadee		
Mountain Chickadee		
Bridled Titmouse		
Juniper Titmouse		
<b>Penduline Tits</b>		
Verdin		
<b>Long-tailed Tits</b>		
Bushtit		
<b>Nuthatches</b>		
Red-breasted Nuthatch		
White-breasted Nuthatch		
Pygmy Nuthatch		
<b>Creepers</b>		
Brown Creeper		
<b>Wrens</b>		
House Wren		
Rock Wren		
Bewick's Wren		
Cactus Wren		



<u>Species</u>	<u>Seen</u>	<u>Photographed</u>
<b>Gnatcatchers</b>		
Black-tailed Gnatcatcher		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		
<b>Thrushes</b>		
Western Bluebird		
Hermit Thrush		
American Robin		
<b>Mockingbirds and Thrashers</b>		
Cruve-billed Thrasher		
Bendire's Thrasher		
Crissal Thrasher		
Northern Mockingbird		
<b>Starlings</b>		
European Starling		
<b>Silky-Flycatchers</b>		
Phainopepla		
<b>Olive Warbler</b>		
Olive Warbler		
<b>Wood-Warblers</b>		
Lucy's Warbler		
Virginia's Warbler		
Yellow Warbler		
Grace's Warbler		
Black-throated Gray Warbler		
Red-faced Warbler		
Painted Redstart		
<b>New World Buntings and Sparrows</b>		



<u>Species</u>	<b>Seen</b>	<b>Photographed</b>
Rufous-winged Sparrow		
Botteri's Sparrow		
Black-throated Sparrow		
Five-striped Sparrow		
Yellow-eyed Junco		
Canyon Towhee		
Abert's Towhee		
Rufous-crowned Sparrow		
Spotted Towhee		
<b>Yellow-breasted Chat</b>		
Yellow-breasted Chat		
<b>Cardinal, Piranga Tanager, and Allies</b>		
Hepatic Tanager		
Summer Tanager		
Western Tanager		
Northern Cardinal		
Pyrrhuloxia		
Black-headed Grosbeak		
Blue Grosbeak		
Varied Bunting		
<b>Troupials and Allies</b>		
Chihuahuan Meadowlark		
Red-winged Blackbird		
Yellow-headed Blackbird		
Hooded Oriole		
Bullock's Oriole		
Scott's Oriole		



<b><u>Species</u></b>	<b>Seen</b>	<b>Photographed</b>
Bronzed Cowbird		
Brown-headed Cowbird		
Great-tailed Grackle		
<b>Fringilline and Cardueline Finches</b>		
House Finch		
Lesser Goldfinch		
<b>Old World Sparrow</b>		
House Sparrow		

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