

SPRING RIO GRANDE VALLEY

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Every year Victor Emanuel Nature Tours connects with the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology's Golden-wing Society to host unique birding experiences in special areas. One of these joint tours was offered in April combining the ecologically vibrant landscape and birds of the Lower Rio Grande Valley with the legendary King Ranch birding experience. Fabulous birding was topped with delectable dining. It's all about savoring the local sights, sounds, and flavors of this exciting region.

We spent our first morning of the tour at Bentsen Rio-Grande State Park. Upon arriving at the park, we were welcomed with chattering Plain Chachalacas, blaze-orange Altamira Orioles, and ornately-plumaged Inca Doves. The whirlwind of Rio Grande Valley birds had just begun. A walk through the park indulged our senses. The sweet yet pungent aroma of mesquite trees filled the air. Charismatic Golden-fronted



Common Pauraque

Woodpeckers fed along tree trunks. Turkey Vultures and Black Vultures soared high overhead, providing great study and comparison of the two species. A Bobcat was spotted running along a *Resaca* (isolated



Elf Owl with scorpion

bend of water). We enjoyed binocular and scope views of this beautiful mammal before it ran off. The vultures caught our eyes again, this time with dozens of Swainson's Hawks and hundreds of Broad-winged Hawks. There were SO MANY BIRDS up in the sky. Following some Mexican cuisine for lunch, we headed to Estero Llano Grande State Park where ducks and wading birds filled the waterways. Eagle-eyed Caily Bridgeland picked out a Common Pauraque sleeping snug against the leaf litter on the ground. The bird and its surroundings blended in immaculately. What a cool bird,

and what a find! After dinner, we had unreal experiences with two Elf Owls. The pair fed each other scorpions and called into the night.

Our next morning was packed with varying landscapes. We started out enjoying the presence of nesting Red-crowned Parrots. Their raucous chatter could be heard blocks away, and scope views of these birds took our breaths away. Ruby-red crowns complemented their emerald-green bodies wonderfully. A mid-morning coffee break fueled our senses for birding towards the lower Texas coast, following a scenic drive.



Red-crowned Parrots

The south Texas brushlands soon blended into vast coastal prairies, dotted with cacti. An outstanding show of White-tailed Hawks took place right before us. We saw them both soaring in the sky and perched on fence posts. Our target bird, the Aplomado Falcon, was just around the bend. This mid-sized falcon plowed through the air with ease. Its helmet of white and black accented its dark chest, dark wings, and red underbelly. The Brownsville Landfill offered great studies of gulls, Crested Caracaras, and Chihuahuan Ravens. We picked out a Lesser Black-backed Gull among the many Laughing Gulls. Birding South Padre Island was on the agenda for the afternoon. A whirlwind of Neotropical migrants were arriving right before our eyes. Cherry-red Summer Tanagers flitted through the understory. The South Padre Island Birding and Nature Center offered an outstanding show of wading birds, gulls, and terns. Squadrons of Brown Pelicans soared out over the bay as Black Skimmers skimmed the closest waters. Colorful Roseate Spoonbills and Tricolored Herons meticulously fed among the mudflats. Recently-arrived flocks of Cattle Egrets took shelter along the shore, falling asleep in the low bushes after their night and day-long flights across the Gulf of Mexico. After a scenic drive home, we topped the day off with hearty calzones and delicious microbrews.



Summer Tanager

Every day of this birding adventure was filled with highlights, and the upcoming day was a highlight within itself. It was our day of birding the King Ranch. This expanse of cattle ranch/habitat conservation is renowned worldwide. We were welcomed with open arms by our two local guides, Jim Sinclair and Whitney LanFranco. Birds of the grassland, brushlands, and forests bounded all over during our visit. Green Jays and a pair of Tropical Kingbirds were some of the first birds we encountered on the property.



Tropical Parula at the King Ranch

With a few moments of persistence, we tracked down a pair of Ferruginous Pygmy-Owls. Long and satisfactory views of them left us in awe. A black and lemon-yellow Audubon's Oriole called deep in the woods. Receiving this call was a hybrid Audubon's x Altamira Oriole, a special bird showing tones of glowing orange as well as vibrant yellows. The landscape throughout this region is spectacular, and the birding goes strong all day long. We birded our way to lunch

in a rustic cabin, where a homemade feast of fried chicken, potato salad, fresh-baked cookies, and fruit salad (all from scratch) awaited us. After refueling our energy for the afternoon, we rocked great views of a pair of Tropical Parulas (another south Texas specialty) and spotted a Great Horned Owl deep in the woods. Scissor-tailed Flycatchers fluttered beautifully over grassy fields of bluebonnets. Northern Bobwhite waddled low throughout the fields. A few White-tailed Hawks and rivers of Broad-winged Hawks took hold of the high-up clouds. Birds were all over! We all had a fantastic time visiting the King Ranch. The history, the ecology, and the birding there are topnotch!

The next morning was our departure day for heading up the Valley. We first birded Salineño, where we scanned along a secluded opening of the beautiful Rio Grande River. A small Green Kingfisher fluttered low over the water as the robust and loud-cackling Ringed Kingfisher flew by. Olive Sparrows gently put forth their call notes of dropped ping-pong balls. A little hike along a riverside trail led us to one of our target birds, the White-collared Seedeater. A low-flying adult Gray Hawk pushed overhead. The arid upper Valley landscape showed itself proudly and beautifully. The air smelled sweet, and birdsong filled the air. Picnics are the way to go when the conditions are right, and we enjoyed a lovely picnic at Falcon Dam State Park. Accompanying us in this dry brushland were Verdin and Cactus Wrens. A Greater Roadrunner sprinted swiftly across our path. Our last moments of birding for the day were near the town of Zapata. Mesmerizingly beautiful views of a sunlit pair of Pyrrhuloxia followed.

Our last morning of the tour started off on a special note. From atop the private Santa Margarita Ranch, we looked down over the majestic Rio Grande. Below our feet was an impressive drop-off that led into the river, and on the other side of the river was Mexico. Arriving shortly after sunrise, we were greeted with birds flying back and forth over the river, simultaneously calling and carrying food as they tended to their nests on either side of the river. Soft cooing upriver...we focused our



Red-billed Pigeon

line of sight slightly upriver, and not one, not two, but twelve Red-billed Pigeons were seen feeding atop the trees (essentially at eye level for us). Their scarce presence and morning-lit plum-colored feathers were a trip highlight for many! This specialty species has an incredibly limited range within south Texas. Altamira Orioles sang cheerfully. White-tipped Doves produced their “blow air into a glass bottle” coos from the thickets. An adult Peregrine Falcon was seen migrating upriver. As we were heading out of the ranch, we found a dapper Black-throated Sparrow. It was Rio Grande Valley zen, and it was beautiful. The birdsong was nonstop, and the scenery was breathtaking.

During the latter part of our day we headed through San Ygnacio where we birded along more of the Rio Grande, specifically throughout a little preserve called Seedeater Sanctuary. Tall riverside meadows of phragmites created walls of green. Fragrant huisache trees of yellow blossoms lined the trails. White-collared Seedeaters sang energetically from the phragmites. Green Jays chattered among the mesquite trees. Inca Doves sang of “no hope.” Impressive swarms of mixed butterflies fluttered over the forest floor. After a few more scenic spots, we made our way to the final hotel of the tour, where we enjoyed a delicious Mexican dinner together. El fin.

Every location has its charm. Every birding hotspot is different. The landscape of deep south Texas is special, beautiful, and welcoming. The locals make us feel at home, and the birding is truly one of a kind. This tour was a truly memorable experience for all.

BRG - Bentsen Rio Grande State
 Park
 ELG - Estero Llano Grande State
 Park
 H - Harlingen
 OPIR - Old Port Isabel Road
 SPI - (South Padre Island Birding & Nature Center/Convention Center/Sheepshead Birding Area)
 BL - Brownsville Landfill
 KR - King Ranch
 S - Salineño
 F - Falcon Dam/Zapata
 SMR - Santa Margarita Ranch
 SY - San Ygnacio/Seedeater
 Sanctuary

| COMMON NAME | SCIENTIFIC NAME | |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Waterfowl | | |
| | Anatidae | |
| Black-bellied Whistling-Duck | <i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i> | Seen every day |
| Fulvous Whistling-Duck | <i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i> | ELG |
| Blue-winged Teal | <i>Spatula discors</i> | ELG, S, SY |
| Cinnamon Teal | <i>Spatula cyanoptera</i> | ELG |
| Northern Shoveler | <i>Spatula clypeata</i> | ELG, SPI |
| Gadwall | <i>Mareca strepera</i> | ELG |
| Mottled Duck | <i>Anas fulvigula</i> | ELG, SPI, SY |
| Green-winged Teal | <i>Anas crecca</i> | ELG |
| Guans, Chachalacas & Curassows | | |
| | Cracidae | |
| Plain Chachalaca | <i>Ortalis vetula</i> | BRG, ELG, SMR |
| New World Quail | | |
| | Odontophoridae | |
| Northern Bobwhite | <i>Colinus virginianus</i> | KR, FD |
| Pheasants, Grouse and Allies | | |
| | Phasianidae | |
| Wild Turkey | <i>Meleagris gallopavo</i> | BRG, KR |
| Grebes | | |
| | Podicipedidae | |
| Least Grebe | <i>Tachybaptus dominicus</i> | ELG |
| Pied-billed Grebe | <i>Podilymbus podiceps</i> | BRG, SPI |
| Pigeons and Doves | | |
| | Columbidae | |
| Rock Pigeon (I) | <i>Columba livia</i> | Seen every day in the cities |
| Red-billed Pigeon | <i>Patagioenas flavirostris</i> | SMR |
| Eurasian Collared-Dove (I) | <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i> | Seen every day, rural |
| Inca Dove | <i>Columbina inca</i> | BRG, ELG, SMR, SY |
| Common Ground-Dove | <i>Columbina passerina</i> | ELG |
| White-tipped Dove | <i>Leptotila verreauxi</i> | BRG, ELG, S, SY |
| White-winged Dove | <i>Zenaida asiatica</i> | BRG, ELG, FD, SMR, SY |
| Mourning Dove | <i>Zenaida macroura</i> | Seen every day |
| Cuckoos | | |
| | Cuculidae | |
| Greater Roadrunner | <i>Geococcyx californianus</i> | KR, F, SMR |
| Nightjars | | |
| | Caprimulgidae | |
| Lesser Nighthawk | <i>Chordeiles acutipennis</i> | SMR |
| Common Pauraque | <i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i> | ELG |
| Swifts | | |
| | Apodidae | |
| Chimney Swift | <i>Chaetura pelagica</i> | Seen every day |
| Hummingbirds | | |
| | Trochilidae | |

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| Ruby-throated Hummingbird | <i>Archilochus colubris</i> | BRG, ELG, SPI, KR |
| Buff-bellied Hummingbird | <i>Amazilia yucatanensis</i> | BRG |
| Rails, Gallinules and Coots | Rallidae | |
| Virginia Rail | <i>Rallus limicola</i> | SPI |
| Sora | <i>Porzana carolina</i> | ELG, SPI |
| Common Gallinule | <i>Gallinula galeata</i> | ELG, SPI |
| American Coot | <i>Fulica americana</i> | ELG, SPI, S |
| Stilts and Avocets | Recurvirostridae | |
| Black-necked Stilt | <i>Himantopus mexicanus</i> | SPI, S |
| Plovers and Lapwings | Charadriidae | |
| Black-bellied Plover | <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> | SPI |
| Killdeer | <i>Charadrius vociferus</i> | ELG, SPI, KR |
| Sandpipers and Allies | Scolopacidae | |
| Upland Sandpiper | <i>Bartramia longicauda</i> | KR |
| Willet | <i>Tringa semipalmata</i> | SPI |
| Long-billed Curlew | <i>Numenius americanus</i> | OPIR |
| Whimbrel | <i>Numenius phaeopus</i> | SPI |
| Least Sandpiper | <i>Calidris minutilla</i> | ELG |
| Pectoral Sandpiper | <i>Calidris melanotos</i> | SPI |
| Marbled Godwit | <i>Limosa fedoa</i> | SPI |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper | <i>Calidris pusilla</i> | SPI |
| Spotted Sandpiper | <i>Actitis macularius</i> | ELG, SPI |
| Lesser Yellowlegs | <i>Tringa flavipes</i> | SPI |
| Short-billed Dowitcher | <i>Limnodromus griseus</i> | SPI |
| Gulls, Terns and Skimmers | Laridae | |
| Laughing Gull | <i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i> | Seen every day except at King Ranch (inland birding away from water) |
| Franklin's Gull | <i>Leucophaeus pipixcan</i> | BL, KR (big migrating kettle flying over the ranch) |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull | <i>Larus fuscus</i> | BL |
| Ring-billed Gull | <i>Larus delawarensis</i> | BL, SPI |
| Herring Gull | <i>Larus argentatus</i> | BL |
| Caspian Tern | <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i> | SPI, S, FD, SMR |
| Royal Tern | <i>Thalasseus maximus</i> | SPI |
| Gull-billed Tern | <i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i> | BRG, SMR (unexpected find at both locations!) |
| Sandwich Tern | <i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i> | SPI |
| Forster's Tern | <i>Sterna forsteri</i> | SPI |
| Cormorants | Phalacrocoracidae | |
| Neotropic Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i> | SPI, SMR |
| Double-crested Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i> | BRG, ELG, FD, SMR |
| Anhinga | Anhingidae | |
| Anhinga | <i>Anhinga anhinga</i> | BRG, ELG, S |
| Pelicans | Pelecanidae | |
| American White Pelican | <i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i> | FD, SMR |
| Brown Pelican | <i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i> | SPI |
| Hérons, Egrets and Bitterns | Ardeidae | |
| Great Blue Heron | <i>Ardea herodias</i> | SPI, SMR |
| Great Egret | <i>Ardea alba</i> | BRG, ELG, S, SMR |
| Reddish Egret | <i>Egretta rufescens</i> | SPI |
| | | Seen everyday. Often near water, many times as flyovers |
| Snowy Egret | <i>Egretta thula</i> | SPI, KR, SMR |
| Little Blue Heron | <i>Egretta caerulea</i> | |

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| Tricolored Heron | <i>Egretta tricolor</i> | SPI |
| Cattle Egret | <i>Bubulcus ibis</i> | OPIR, SPI, BL, KR, SMR |
| Green Heron | <i>Butorides virescens</i> | SPI, KR, SMR |
| Yellow-crowned Night-Heron | <i>Nyctanassa violacea</i> | ELG |
| Ibises and Spoonbills | Threskiornithidae | |
| White Ibis | <i>Eudocimus albus</i> | SPI |
| White-faced Ibis | <i>Plegadis chihi</i> | ELG |
| Roseate Spoonbill | <i>Platalea ajaja</i> | SPI |
| New World Vultures | Cathartidae | |
| Black Vulture | <i>Coragyps atratus</i> | Seen everyday. |
| Turkey Vulture | <i>Cathartes aura</i> | Seen everyday. |
| Osprey | Pandionidae | |
| Osprey | <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> | Seen every day except at KR |
| Hawks, Eagles and Kites | Accipitridae | |
| White-tailed Kite | <i>Elanus leucurus</i> | BRG |
| Northern Harrier | <i>Circus hudsonius</i> | BRG, ELG, KR, S, SMR |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | <i>Accipiter striatus</i> | BRG, S |
| Cooper's Hawk | <i>Accipiter cooperii</i> | BRG, SMR |
| Harris's Hawk | <i>Parabuteo unicinctus</i> | Seen every day over fields. |
| White-tailed Hawk | <i>Geranoaetus albicaudatus</i> | BRG, ELG, OPIR, KR, S |
| Gray Hawk | <i>Buteo plagiatus</i> | BRG |
| Broad-winged Hawk | <i>Buteo platypterus</i> | BRG, S, SMR. Impressive kettles of them on day 1! |
| Swainson's Hawk | <i>Buteo swainsoni</i> | BRG, KR, S, SMR |
| Owls | Strigidae | |
| Eastern Screech-Owl | <i>Megascops asio</i> | ELG, H |
| Great Horned Owl | <i>Bubo virginianus</i> | KR |
| Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl | <i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i> | KR |
| Elf Owl | <i>Micrathene whitneyi</i> | BRG |
| Kingfishers | Alcedinidae | |
| Ringed Kingfisher | <i>Megaceryle torquata</i> | S, SMR |
| Belted Kingfisher | <i>Megaceryle alcyon</i> | KR, S |
| Green Kingfisher | <i>Chloroceryle americana</i> | BRG, S, SMR. |
| Woodpeckers | Picidae | |
| Golden-fronted Woodpecker | <i>Melanerpes aurifrons</i> | Seen every day. One of the first birds of the tour! |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | <i>Sphyrapicus varius</i> | |
| Ladder-backed Woodpecker | <i>Picoides scalaris</i> | Seen every day |
| Falcons and Caracaras | Falconidae | |
| Crested Caracara | <i>Caracara cheriway</i> | OPIR, BL, KR, S, FD, SMR |
| American Kestrel | <i>Falco sparverius</i> | SMR |
| Aplomado Falcon (I) | <i>Falco femoralis</i> | OPIR |
| Peregrine Falcon | <i>Falco peregrinus</i> | SMR |
| African & New World Parrots | Psittacidae | |
| Red-crowned Parrot (I) | <i>Amazona viridigenalis</i> | H |
| Tyrant Flycatchers | Tyrannidae | |
| Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet | <i>Camptostoma imberbe</i> | KR |
| Black Phoebe | <i>Sayornis nigricans</i> | BRG |
| Vermilion Flycatcher | <i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i> | KR |
| Ash-throated Flycatcher | <i>Myiarchus cinerascens</i> | SMR |
| Great Crested Flycatcher | <i>Myiarchus crinitus</i> | SMR |
| Great Kiskadee | <i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i> | Seen every day in brushland habitat except at SPI |
| Brown-crested Flycatcher | <i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i> | SMR |

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| Tropical Kingbird | <i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i> | BRG, ELG, SPI, KR |
| Couch's Kingbird | <i>Tyrannus couchii</i> | BRG, ELG, KR, S, SMR, SY |
| Eastern Kingbird | <i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i> | SPI |
| Scissor-tailed Flycatcher | <i>Tyrannus forficatus</i> | Seen every day. Exception show of them at KR! |
| Shrikes | Laniidae | |
| Loggerhead Shrike | <i>Lanius ludovicianus</i> | BRG, OPIR, KR |
| Vireos | Vireonidae | |
| White-eyed Vireo | <i>Vireo griseus</i> | BRG, ELG, KR, S, SMR |
| Crows, Jays and Magpies | Corvidae | |
| Green Jay | <i>Cyanocorax yncas</i> | BRG, ELG, KR, SMR, SY |
| Chihuahuan Raven | <i>Corvus cryptoleucus</i> | BL, S, FD, SMR |
| Swallows | Hirundinidae | |
| Purple Martin | <i>Progne subis</i> | BRG, ELG, H, SPI, KR, SMR |
| Tree Swallow | <i>Tachycineta bicolor</i> | SPI, KR, SMR |
| Northern Rough-winged Swallow | <i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i> | ELG, S, FD, SMR |
| Bank Swallow | <i>Riparia riparia</i> | SMR |
| Cliff Swallow | <i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i> | S, FD, SMR |
| Cave Swallow | <i>Petrochelidon fulva</i> | BRG, ELG |
| Barn Swallow | <i>Hirundo rustica</i> | H, SPI, KR, SMR |
| Chickadees and Tits | Paridae | |
| Black-crested Titmouse | <i>Baeolophus atricristatus</i> | BRG, ELG, KR, S, FD, SMR, SY |
| Penduline-Tits | Remizidae | |
| Verdin | <i>Auriparus flaviceps</i> | BRG, KR, S, FD, SMR, SY |
| Wrens | Troglodytidae | |
| House Wren | <i>Troglodytes aedon</i> | ELG, S |
| Marsh Wren | <i>Cistothorus palustris</i> | ELG |
| Bewick's Wren | <i>Thryomanes bewickii</i> | S, FD, SMR |
| Cactus Wren | <i>Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus</i> | FD |
| Gnatcatchers | Poliopitilidae | |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | <i>Poliopitila caerulea</i> | SMR |
| Thrushes and Allies | Turdidae | |
| Clay-colored Thrush | <i>Turdus grayi</i> | BRG, ELG, S, SMR |
| Mockingbirds and Thrashers | Mimidae | |
| Curve-billed Thrasher | <i>Toxostoma curvirostre</i> | KR, S, FD, SMR |
| Long-billed Thrasher | <i>Toxostoma longirostre</i> | BRG, KR, S |
| Northern Mockingbird | <i>Mimus polyglottos</i> | Seen every day. Texas state bird! |
| Starlings | Sturnidae | |
| European Starling (I) | <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> | Seen every day in the cities |
| Old World Sparrows | Passeridae | |
| House Sparrow (I) | <i>Passer domesticus</i> | BRG, H, KR, SY |
| Siskins, Crossbills and Allies | Fringillidae | |
| House Finch | <i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i> | S |
| Lesser Goldfinch | <i>Spinus psaltria</i> | ELG, S |
| New World Sparrows | Passerellidae | |
| Olive Sparrow | <i>Arremonops rufivirgatus</i> | BRG, ELG, KR, S, FD, SMR, SY |
| Chipping Sparrow | <i>Spizella passerina</i> | S, FD, SMR |
| Black-throated Sparrow | <i>Amphispiza bilineata</i> | SMR |
| Savannah Sparrow | <i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i> | OPIS, SPI, OPIR, SPI, KR, S, FD |
| Lincoln's Sparrow | <i>Melospiza lincolni</i> | SPI |
| Lark Sparrow | | KR, S, FD |
| Grasshopper Sparrow | | S |
| Cassin's Sparrow | | S. Fantastic and close study of this species. |

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| Troupials and Allies | | |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird | | |
| Eastern Meadowlark | | |
| Western Meadowlark | | |
| Orchard Oriole | | |
| Hooded Oriole | | |
| Bullock's Oriole | | |
| Altamira Oriole | | |
| Audubon's Oriole | | |
| Baltimore Oriole | | |
| Red-winged Blackbird | | |
| Bronzed Cowbird | | |
| Brown-headed Cowbird | | |
| Great-tailed Grackle | | |
| New World Warblers | | |
| Orange-crowned Warbler | | |
| Common Yellowthroat | | |
| Tropical Parula | | |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler | | |
| Yellow-breasted Chat | | |
| Cardinals and Allies | | |
| Summer Tanager | | |
| Northern Cardinal | | |
| Pyrrhuloxia | | |
| Indigo Bunting | | |
| Painted Bunting | | |
| Tanagers and Allies | | |
| White-collared Seedeater | | |
| MAMMALS | | |
| Squirrels, Prairie Dogs & Marmots | | |
| Eastern Fox Squirrel | | |
| Mexican Ground-Squirrel | | |
| Rabbits & Hares | | |
| Swamp Rabbit | | |
| Desert Cottontail | | |
| Cats | | |
| Bobcat | | |
| Deer | | |
| White-tailed Deer | | |
| Bison, Sheep & Goats | | |
| Nilgai (I) | | |
| REPTILES | | |
| Red-eared slider | | |
| Texas Spotted Whiptail | | |
| Cane Toad | | |
| American Alligator | | |
| BUTTERFLIES | | |
| Giant Swallowtail | | |
| Icteridae | | |
| <i>Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus</i> | | SMR, a fun find! |
| <i>Sturnella magna</i> | | OPIR, KR, S |
| <i>Sturnella neglecta</i> | | KR |
| <i>Icterus spurius</i> | | SPI |
| <i>Icterus cucullatus</i> | | KR, S, FD, SMR |
| <i>Icterus bullockii</i> | | S, FD, SMR |
| <i>Icterus gularis</i> | | BRG, ELG, S, SMR |
| <i>Icterus graduacauda</i> | | KR, S, SMR |
| <i>Icterus galbula</i> | | SPI, KR, S |
| <i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i> | | Seen everyday |
| <i>Molothrus aeneus</i> | | BRG, ELG, KR, S, FD, SMR |
| <i>Molothrus ater</i> | | OPIR, BL, KR, S, FD, SMR, SY |
| <i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i> | | Seen everyday through cities and rural areas |
| Parulidae | | |
| <i>Oreothlypis celata</i> | | SPI |
| <i>Geothlypis trichas</i> | | ELG, SPI |
| <i>Setophaga pitiayumi</i> | | KR |
| <i>Setophaga coronata</i> | | SPI |
| <i>Icteria virens</i> | | SMR |
| Cardinalidae | | |
| <i>Piranga rubra</i> | | SPI, KR, S, FD, SMR |
| <i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i> | | BRG, ELG, KR, S, FD, SMR, SY |
| <i>Cardinalis sinuatus</i> | | KR, S, FD, SMR |
| <i>Passerina cyanea</i> | | BRG, ELG, SPI, KR |
| <i>Passerina ciris</i> | | ELG, SPI, KR |
| Thraupidae | | |
| <i>Sporophila torqueola</i> | | S, SY |
| Sciuridae | | |
| <i>Sciurus niger</i> | | BRG |
| <i>Spermophilus mexicanus</i> | | S |
| Leporidae | | |
| <i>Sylvilagus aquaticus</i> | | SPI |
| <i>Sylvilagus audubonii</i> | | BRG, FD, SMR |
| Felidae | | |
| <i>Lynx rufus</i> | | BRG. Two different sightings! |
| Cervidae | | |
| <i>Odocoileus virginianus</i> | | KR |
| Bovidae | | |
| <i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i> | | KR |

Gulf Fritillary
Red Admiral
Black Swallowtail
Pipevine Swallowtail
Mournful Duskywing
Mexican Yellow
Phaon Crescent

Agraulis vanillae
Vanessa atalanta
Papilio polyxenes
Battus philenor
Erymis tristis
Eurema mexicana
Phyciodes phaon

DRAGONFLIES

Roseate Skimmer

Orthemis ferruginea

SPIDER WASPS

Tarantula Hawk

Pompilidae