

A Birding Trip to U.S.A. 7th - 27th March 1998

South-Eastern Arizona - Grand Canyon - Southern California

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Itinerary

Two first weeks birding in SE Arizona (HK, KK, OK, TT), third week sightseeing and birding Grand Canyon - Vermilion Cliffs - Death Valley - Sequoia National Park - Morro Bay - Los Angeles (HK, KK, OK).

7.3.

Flights Ivalo - Helsinki 9.05 - 10.40 (928 km), Helsinki - New York 14.15 - 15.45 (6613 km), New York - Arizona, Phoenix 17.55/18.30 - 21.15. Night at Phoenix, "Rodeway Inn".

8.3.

Phoenix - Casa Grande - Marana Pecan Grove - Tucson - Benson (177 miles/285 km).

9.3.

Benson - Willcox Twin Lakes - Sulphur Springs Valley: Kansas Settlement Rd & Central Highway - Douglas (196 km).

10.3.

Douglas - Douglas 9th Ave. - Cochise College - Hyannis Pond - Tombstone - San Pedro House - Sierra Vista (203 km).

11.3.

Sierra Vista - Palominas Rd. - San Pedro River - Ramsey Canyon - Sierra Vista - Sonoita - Patagonia (196 km).

12.3.

Patagonia area: Patons', Sonoita Creek Preserve, Patagonia Lake (71 km).

13.3.

Patagonia - Kino Springs - Nogales - MEXICO, Nogales - Nogales Wastewater Treatment Plant - Green Valley - Tucson (223 km).

14.3.

Tucson - Santa Rita Mountains: Santa Rita Lodge (Madera Canyon) and Florida Canyon Trail - Tucson (187 km).

15.3.

Tucson - Arizona City - Marana Pecan Grove - Tucson (343 km).

16.3.

Tucson - Arivaca - Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge - Sells - Tucson - Willcox - New Mexico, Road Forks (590 km).

17.3.

NM, Road Forks - AZ, Chiricahua Mountains, Portal - Spoffords' - Cave Creek - South-west Research Station - Onion Saddle Road - Portal - Rodeo - Willcox Twin Lakes - Willcox (278 km).

18.3.

Willcox - Chiricahua National Monument - Massai Point - Sulphur Springs Valley: Hyannis Pond/Whitewater Draw Wildlife Area- Cochise College - Douglas - Sierra Vista (323 km).

19.3.

Sierra Vista - Ramsey Canyon Road - San Pedro River - Ramsey Canyon - Tucson : Agua Caliente Park - Tucson (277 km).

20.3.

Tucson - Marana Pecan Grove - Arizona City - Picacho Reservoir - Phoenix (320 km).

21.3.

Phoenix (TT left for Finland)- Flagstaff - Grand Canyon - Navajo Bridge - Vermilion Cliffs (637 km).

22.3.

Vermilion Cliffs - Utah, Kanab - Zion National Park - Hurricane - Nevada, Mesquite - Las Vegas - Beatty (681 km).

23.3.

Nevada, Beatty - California, Death Valley - Furnace Creek - Olancho - Lake Isabella - Alta Sierra - California Hot Springs - Porterville - Sequoia National Park - Hanford - Paso Robles (875 km).

24.3.

Paso Robles - Morro Bay - Pismo Beach - Morro Bay - Santa Barbara - Carpinteria (364 km).
El Ninjo-rainstorm somewhat changed our plans and tried to disturb birding in the afternoon as well as next morning.

25.3.

Carpinteria - Ventura - Point Mugu - Camarillo - Thousand Oaks - Los Angeles: Santa Monica - Venice (199 km).

26.3.

Los Angeles, Venice - Anaheim, Disneyland - Venice (148 km)

27.3.

Los Angeles, Venice - International Airport. A total of 3995 miles/6428 km driven. Flights Los Angeles - New York 8.00-16.00 (3952 km), New York - Helsinki 17.55/19.00 -

28.3.

-9.30 Flight, Helsinki - Ivalo 11.30-13.00.

Flight Helsinki - Phoenix/Los Angeles - Helsinki cost FIM 4435,- (USD 850) per person. Car hire, class F, Mercury Sable -97 (19218 miles in the odometer), FIM 5085,- (USD 975) for three weeks. Lodging mostly in chain motels (mainly "Motel 6"), USD 37 - 80 for a double.

Systematic bird list

The sequence and the names as in the National Geographic Society "Field Guide to the Birds of North America", 2nd edition

AZ = Arizona, CA = California, NM = New Mexico, UT = Utah

Common Loon *Gavia immer*

CA: 50 at Morro Bay on 24th and 1 at Ventura harbour on 25.3.

Red-throated Loon *Gavia stellata*

CA: 1 in winter plumage at Morro Bay on 24.3.

Western Grebe *Aechmophorus occidentalis*

CA: 3 at Morro Bay on 24th and 2 at Ventura harbour on 25.3.

Horned Grebe *Podiceps auritus*

CA: 2 at Morro Bay on 24.3.

Eared Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis*

AZ: 3 at Willcox Twin Lakes on 9th and 17.3., 100 at Patagonia Lake on 12.3. and 2 at Picacho Reservoir on 20.3.

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*

AZ: 1 at Willcox Twin Lakes on 9th, 2 at Patagonia Lake on 12th, 3 at Kino Springs on 13th and 3 at Picacho Reservoir on 20.3.

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis*

CA: 30 at Morro Bay and 50 at Margo Dodd Park, Shell Beach on 24.3.. 1 in a channel at Venice, Los Angeles on 25.3.

Olivaceous Cormorant *Phalacrocorax olivaceus*

AZ: 4 at Patagonia Lake on 12.3.

Double-crested Cormorant *Phalacrocorax auritus*

AZ: 10 at Patagonia Lake on 12th, 1 at Kino Springs on 13th, 3 at Picacho Reservoir on

20.3..

CA: 15 at Morro Bay and 15 at Shell Beach on 24th and 30 at Ventura harbour on 25.3.

Brandt's Cormorant *Phalacrocorax penicillatus*

CA: 1 at Margo Dodd Park, Shell Beach on 24.3.

Pelagic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax pelagicus*

CA: 15 at Morro Bay on 24.3.

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

CA: 2 roosting (Marina) and 1 flying at Morro Bay on 24.3.

Green-backed Heron *Butorides striatus*

CA: 1 adult in the moat of Disneyland "Sleeping Beauty Castle", Anaheim on 26.3.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*

AZ: 1 at Picacho Reservoir on 20.3..

CA: 5 at Morro Bay on 24th and 3 Venice, Los Angeles on 25.3.

Great Egret *Casmerodius albus*

AZ: 1 at Picacho Reservoir on 20.3..

CA: 5 at Morro Bay and 2 in fields south of Morro Bay on 24th, 8 at Mugu Lagoon on 25.3.

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*

AZ: seen on six days, max. 20 at nests in Patagonia on 12.3..

CA: 3 at Lake Isabella on 23rd and 1 at Morro Bay 24.3.

White-faced Ibis *Plegadis chihi*

CA: 15 in fields near Mugu Lagoon (Las Posas Road) on 25.3.

Sandhill Crane *Grus canadensis*

AZ: flocks of 60 circling on 9th and 160 flying on 17.3. at Willcox Twin Lakes.

Brant *Branta bernicla*

CA: in all 1200 in marsh and tidal flats near Marina and 50 at harbour and near Morro Rock at Morro Bay on 24.3.

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*

AZ: 1-3 birds seen on four days and additionally **Mexican Duck** 1 pair at Cochise College near Douglas on 18th and 3 birds at Agua Caliente Park, Tucson, on 19.3..

CA: Mallards: 10 Morro Bay area 24th and 10 Ventura harbour and Mugu Lagoon on 25.3.

Gadwall *Anas strepera*

AZ: fairly common, max 30 at Willcox Twin Lakes on 9th, additionally 2-6 birds seen on four days.

CA: 1 pair at Mugu Lagoon on 25.3.

Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca carolinensis*

AZ: fairly common, max 30 at Willcox Twin Lakes on 9th and 30 at Hyannis Pond/Whitewater Draw Wildlife Area on 18.3.

American Wigeon *Anas americana*

AZ: fairly common, max 500 grazing on Kino Springs Golf Course on 13th, 300 at Willcox Twin Lakes on 17th and 200 at Hyannis Pond on 18.3..

CA: 8 at Morro Bay 24.3.

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*

AZ: 1 male at Willcox Twin Lakes on 9th and 1 near Arizona City on 15.3.

Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*

AZ: fairly common, max 400 at Willcox Twin Lakes on 17th - 300 counted on 9.3. there, 50 at Hyannis Pond on 18.3.

Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors*

AZ: 1 male at Willcox Twin Lakes on 9th and 17.3.

Cinnamon Teal *Anas cyanoptera*

AZ: 10 at Willcox Twin Lakes on 9th and 30 there on 17.3.. 3 at Whitewater on 18.3..

UT: 3 males between Mt.Carmel Junction and Zion National Park on 23.3.

Ruddy Duck *Oxyura jamaicensis*

AZ: fairly common, max at Willcox Twin Lakes 50 on 9th and 17.3..40 at Patagonia Lake on 12.3., 1-15 elsewhere on four other days.

Wood Duck *Aix sponsa*

AZ: 10 at Agua Caliente Park, Tucson, on 19.3.

Canvasback *Aythya valisineria*

AZ: 1 male 6 fem. at Nogales Wastewater Treatment Plant on 13th and 1 at Willcox Twin Lakes on 17.3.

Redhead *Aythya americana*

AZ: 1 male at Willcox Twin Lakes on 9th, 10 at Patagonia Lake on 12th and 1 male at Nogales Wastewater Treatment Plant on 13.3.

Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris*

AZ: 3 at Patagonia Lake on 12th, 230 at Nogales Wastewater Treatment Plant on 13th and 60 at Agua Caliente Park, Tucson on 19.3..

CA: 1 pair at Lake Kaweah on 23.3.

Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis*

AZ: 10 on 9th and 50 on 17.3. at Willcox Twin Lakes. 1 male at Patagonia Lake on 12.3..

CA: 1 at Lake Kaweah on 23.3.

Surf Scoter *Melanitta perspicillata*

CA: 130 at Morro Bay and 30 at Shell Beach on 24th, 30 at Ventura harbour on 25.3.

Bufflehead *Bucephala albeola*

AZ: 2 males 1 fem. at Willcox Twin Lakes on 9th and 1 there on 17.3., 2 males 1 fem. at Patagonia Lake on 12.3.

Common Merganser *Mergus merganser*

AZ: 2 fem. at Willcox Twin Lakes on 9th and 14 at Patagonia Lake on 12.3.

Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator*

CA: 3 males at Morro Bay on 24th and 2 fem. at Ventura harbour on 25.3.

American Coot *Fulica americana*

AZ: fairly common, max 200 at Willcox Twin Lakes on 17th and 150 there on 9.3. 2-100 seen at other localities on five days.

CA: 2 at Lake Kaweah on 23rd and 3 at Ventura harbour on 25.3.

Black Oystercatcher *Haematopus bachmani*

CA: 1 at Margo Dodd Park, Shell Beach on 24.3.

American Avocet *Recurvirostra americana*

AZ: 10 at Hyannis Pond on 18.3..

CA: 250 at Mugu Lagoon on 25.3.

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*

CA: 10 in fields near Mugu Lagoon on 25.3.

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus*

AZ: fairly common, max 45 south of Arizona City on 20th, 30 there on 15th and 40 at Willcox Twin Lakes on 17.3., 3-15 ind. seen on five days elsewhere.

CA: 3 in fields near Mugu Lagoon on 25.3.

Mountain Plover *Charadrius montanus*

AZ: 15 in fields at "Western Sod", Green Reservoir Rd., south of Arizona City at 12.15 o'clock on 20.3., found after two hours hard searching and a tentative four hour visit on 15th.

Black-bellied Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*

CA: 10 in fields near Mugu Lagoon on 25.3.

Lesser Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica*

CA: 1 Mugu Lagoon and 20 in fields near Mugu Lagoon on 25.3.

Marbled Godwit *Limosa fedoa*

CA: 250 at Morro Bay on 24th and 30 Mugu Lagoon on 25.3.

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*

CA: 1 on the beach near Ventura harbour on 25.3.

Long-billed Curlew *Numenius americanus*

AZ: 1 in fields at Marana Pecan Grove on 15th, 26 near and 65 at Hyannis Pond on 18th and 1 at "Western Sod", south of Arizona City on 20.3..

CA: 70 at Morro Bay on 24.3.

Willet *Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*

CA: 40 at Morro Bay on 24th and 30 at Mugu Lagoon 25.3.

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*

AZ: 1 at Hyannis Pond on 18th and 1 near Marana Pecan Grove on 20.3.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularia*

CA: 1 at Morro Bay Marina on 24.3.

Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus*

AZ: 7 at Hyannis Pond on 18.3.

Dowitcher sp. *Limnodromus griseus/scolopaceus*

CA: 25 at Mugu Lagoon, 30 in fields near Mugu Lagoon and 20 in a channel at Venice, Los Angeles on 25.3.

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago delicata*

AZ: 1 at Willcox Twin Lakes on 9th and 3 there on 17.3., 2 at "Western Sod", south of Arizona City on 20.3.

CA: 1 in fields near Mugu Lagoon on 25.3.

Dunlin *Calidris alpina*

CA: 10 in fields near Mugu Lagoon on 25.3.

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*

AZ: 20 at "Western Sod", south of Arizona City on 15th and 15 there on 20.3., 15 at Hyannis Pond on 18.3..

CA: 10 in fields near Mugu Lagoon and 8 in a channel at Venice, Los Angeles on 25.3.

Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*

AZ: 1 seen on two occasions at "Western Sod", south of Arizona City on 20.3. Description: standing in a field with Least Sandpipers; Dunlin-sized, legs longer and pale-coloured, shortish dark bill, streaked breast.

Heermann's Gull *Larus heermanni*

CA: 15 1st w at Morro Bay on 24th and 4 1st w at Ventura harbour on 25.3.

Bonaparte's Gull *Larus philadelphia*

CA: 100 in and over the fields near Mugu Lagoon on 25.3.

Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis*

AZ: 5 flying north at Willcox on 18.3.

CA: 30 at Isabella Reservoir, near Kernville on 23rd, 3 at Morro Bay on 24th and 200 in and over the fields near Mugu Lagoon on 25.3.

Mew Gull *Larus canus*

CA: 2 2nd w at Morro Bay on 24.3.

Herring Gull *Larus argentatus*

CA: 20 at Disneyland parking area, Anaheim on 26.3.

California Gull *Larus californicus*

CA: 10 at Morro Bay and 20 at Shell Beach on 24th, 60 flying west at Mugu Lagoon on 25.3.

Western Gull *Larus occidentalis*

CA: 180 at Morro Bay and 40 at Shell Beach on 24th, 50 at Ventura harbour on 25.3.

Glaucous-winged Gull *Larus glaucescens*

CA: 1 2nd w at Morro Rock on 24.3.

Black-legged Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla*

CA: 2 winter adults flying north at ca. 15 o'clock at Margo Dodd Park on 24.3.

Forster's Tern *Sterna forsteri*

CA: 1 winter ad 2 transition-plumaged ad at a channel at Venice, Los Angeles on 25.3.

Royal Tern *Sterna maxima*

CA: 3 flying west at Mugu Lagoon on 25.3.

Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia*

CA: 5 at Morro Bay on 24.3.

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*

Fairly common,

AZ: max 31 at Portal, Chiricahua Mts on 17.3., elsewhere seen 1-25 birds on eight days.

CA: 13 near Kernville and 19+34 on the west side of Sierra Nevada between Kernville and Sequoia National Park on 23rd, 11+10+15 between Paso Robles - Morro Bay - Shell Beach on 24.3.

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*

AZ: 20 in Santa Cruz Valley, north of Nogales on 13.3.

California Condor *Gymnogyps californianus*

AZ: 5 at feeding station near House Rock, Vermilion Cliffs on 22.3.

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos*

AZ: 4 birds seen 14.-17.3., one on each day, 1 at Florida Canyon Trail, 1 ad at south of Arizona City, 1 ad in Altar Valley and 1 at Portal .

NM: 1 2nd cal at Rodeo on 17.3..

CA: 1 near Alta Sierra, Greenhorn Mts on 23.3.

Bald Eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*

AZ: 1 ad and 1 immature at Hyannis Pond on 18.3.

Northern Harrier *Circus cyaneus*

AZ: fairly common, max 10 in Sulphur Springs Valley on 9.3., 1-8 (37 in all) seen on nine days additionally.

Sharp-shinned Hawk *Accipiter striatus*

AZ: 1-2 seen on six days, 7 in all.

Cooper's Hawk *Accipiter cooperii*

AZ: 1 Sulphur Springs Valley on 9th, 2 at Patagonia on 12th and 1 at Marana Pecan Grove on 15.3.

Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*

AZ: 1 east of Jakob Lake on 22.3.

Red-shouldered Hawk *Buteo lineatus*

CA: 1 at Sequoia National Park on 23rd and 1 near Morro Bay on 24.3.

Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*

Common,

AZ: seen every day 8.-21.3., 3-20 on 14 days (total 138),

UT: 5 at Hurricane on 22.3.,

CA: 3 near Kernville and 7 on west side of Sierra Nevada on 23rd and 2 near Morro Bay on 24.3.

Swainson's Hawk *Buteo swainsoni*

AZ: 1 intermediate phase perched on a roadside pole between Friendly Corners and Eloy on 20.3.

Ferruginous Hawk *Buteo regalis*

AZ: 1 in field between Sunizona and Elfrida on 9th, 1 at "Western Sod", south of Arizona City on 15th and 1 near Pinal Airpark on 20.3.

Harris' Hawk *Parabuteo unicinctus*

AZ: 4 east of Sells on 16th, 1 perched on a pole at "Speedway 9350", and 1 "Soldier Tr. 3000" in Tucson on 19th, 4 at Picacho Reservoir on 20.3.

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*

AZ: common, seen almost daily, 1-12 birds on 12 days, 65 in all.

CA: 2 in Morro Bay area 24.3.

Merlin *Falco columbarius*

AZ: 1 female at Papago Springs Estate, Sonoita on 11th and 1 near Phoenix Airport on 21.3.

Scaled Quail *Callipepla squamata*

AZ: 2 at Green Valley on 13.3.

Gambel's Quail *Callipepla gambelii*

AZ: fairly common, max 30 in a garden along 9th Ave, Douglas on 10.3. 2-22 (total 59) birds seen on other eight days.

Mountain Quail *Oreortyx pictus*

CA: 1 at Sequoia National Park on 23.3.

Rock Dove *Columba livia*

Common,

AZ: 8.-21.3. 5-50 seen every day on 14 days, 285 counted in all.

CA: still more numerous: 20-400 on three days 23.-25.3., 620 in all.

Mourning Dove *Zenaidura macroura*

Common,

AZ: 8.-21.3. 52-400 seen every day on 14 days, 1777 in all.
CA: 2-50 on three days, 72 in all.

White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica*

AZ: 5 in Douglas on 10th, 1 on 16th and 1 near Ramsey Canyon on 19.3.

Common Ground-dove *Columbina passerina*

AZ: 3 at Patagonia Sewage Pond and 2 in Patagonia - Sonoita Creek Preserve on 12.3.

Inca Dove *Columbina inca*

AZ: 31 on 8th, 16 on 15th and 3 on 20.3. at Marana Pecan Grove. 2 at Douglas on 10th and 3 at Arivaca on 16.3.

Greater Roadrunner *Geococcyx californianus*

AZ: fairly "common"= frequently seen, 1-4 birds on nine days, 18 in all.

Short-eared Owl *Asio flammeus*

AZ: 1 at Marana Pecan Grove at 13.20 o'clock on 15.3.

Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus*

AZ: 1 at Marana Pecan Grove on 8.3.

White-throated Swift *Aeronautes saxatalis*

AZ: 2-30 seen on four days, max 30 at Portal on 17.3.

CA: four groups, 80 in all, on 23.3.

Broad-billed Hummingbird *Cynanthus latirostris*

AZ: 6 at Patons', Patagonia and 1 male at Patagonia Lake on 12th, 2 males at Santa Rita Lodge on 14.3.

Violet-crowned Hummingbird *Amazilia violiceps*

AZ: 1 male at Mendoza Alley and 4 at Patons', Patagonia on 12.3.

Blue-throated Hummingbird *Lampornis clemenciae*

AZ: 1 male 1 fem. at Ramsey Canyon on 11.3.

Magnificent Hummingbird *Eugenes fulgens*

AZ: 1 male at Ramsey Canyon on 11th and 1 male + 1 there on 19th, 1 fem. at Santa Rita Lodge on 14.3.. 1 male at Spoffords', Portal and 1 male at SW Research Station on 17.3.

Black-chinned Hummingbird *Archilochus alexandri*

AZ: 1 male at Patons', Patagonia on 12th and 1 male at San Pedro River on 19.3.

CA: 1 male at Sequoia National Park on 23.3.

Costa's Hummingbird *Calypte costae*

AZ: 1 male at a Speedway filling station in eastern Tucson on 19.3.

Anna's Hummingbird *Calypte anna*

AZ: 1 male at Patons', Patagonia on 12th and 1 male at Arizona City on 15.3..

CA: 1 male at Morro Bay Marina on 24.3.

Broad-tailed Hummingbird *Selasphorus platycercus*

AZ: 1 male at Casa Grande on 8.3.

Allen's Hummingbird *Selasphorus sasin*

CA: 1 male at Morro Bay Marina on 24.3.

Belted Kingfisher *Ceryle alcyon*

AZ: 1 at Kino Springs on 13.3.

Gila Woodpecker *Melanerpes uropygialis*

AZ: fairly common, max 20 on 13.3., majority of which in Kino Springs area, 1-15 birds seen on eight other days.

Northern Flicker *Colaptes auratus*

AZ: "Red-shafted" form fairly common, 1-10 seen on 11 days. "**Gilded**" form: a nest found in saguaro and 5 birds seen in Altar Valley on 16.3.

CA: 1 "red-shafted" at Paso Robles on 24.3.

Red-headed Woodpecker *Melanerpes erythrocephalus*

AZ: 1 at Marana Pecan Grove on 8th and 20.3.

Acorn Woodpecker *Melanerpes formicivorus*

AZ: fairly common, max 20 at Madera Canyon area on 14.3., 1-4 seen on six other days.

CA: 15 Kernville area and westwards and 5 at Sequoia National Park on 23.3.

Lewis' Woodpecker *Melanerpes lewis*

AZ: 1 at Marana Pecan Grove on 8th and 20.3.

Red-naped Sapsucker *Sphyrapicus nuchalis*

AZ: 1 at Marana Pecan Grove on 8.3.

Ladder-backed Woodpecker *Picoides scalaris*

AZ: 1-4 seen on five days, 10 in all.

Nuttall's Woodpecker *Picoides nuttallii*

CA: 1 at "General Sherman Tree", Sequoia National Park on 23.3.

Strickland's Woodpecker *Picoides stricklandi*

AZ: 5 at Ramsey Canyon on 11th and 1 in Cave Creek Canyon on 17.3.

Pileated Woodpecker *Dryocopus pileatus*

CA: 1 at Sequoia National Park on 23.3.

Western Kingbird *Tyrannus verticalis*

AZ: 1 at Kino Springs on 13.3.

CA: 3 along the road on west slopes of Sierra Nevada between Kernville and California Hot Springs on 23.3.

Cassin's Kingbird *Tyrannus vociferans*

AZ: 1 at Tubac area on 13.3.

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*

AZ: 1-5 seen on eight days, 15 in all.

Say's Phoebe *Sayornis saya*

AZ: fairly common, 1-8 seen on 11 days, 40 in all.

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*

AZ: fairly common, max 19 on 13th in southern Santa Cruz River Valley. 1-10 seen on nine other days. Total number 61.

Gray Flycatcher *Empidonax wrightii*

AZ: 1 at Patagonia Sewage Pond on 12.3.

Hammond's Flycatcher *Empidonax hammondii*

AZ: 1 at Marana Pecan Grove on 8.3.

Horned Lark *Eremohila alpestris*

AZ: 20-55 seen on four days 8.-20.3., max 50 near "Western Sod", south of Arizona City on 15.3.

CA: 1 near Kernville on 23.3.

Tree Swallow *Tachycineta bicolor*

AZ: 4 at Kino Springs on 13th, 2 at Hyannis Pond on 18.3.

CA: 3 on 23rd and 3 on 24.3. plus at Paso Robles 200 Swallow sp., most likely this species on 24.3.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*

AZ: 1-9 seen on five days 13.-20.3., max 9 at Picacho Reservoir on 20.3.

CA: 2 on 23rd and 1 on 24.3.

Cliff Swallow *Hirundo pyrrhonota*

CA: 10 over fields near Mugu Lagoon on 25.3.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

AZ: 2 at Kino Springs on 13.3.

CA: 1 on 24th, 10 near Mugu Lagoon on 25.3.

Scrub Jay *Aphelocoma coerulescens*

CA: a total of 18 on western slopes of Sierra Nevada between Kernville and Sequoia National Park on 23.3.

Gray-breasted Jay *Aphelocoma ultramarina*

AZ: easy to find in SE mountain forests, 6-35 seen on six days.

Pinyon Jay *Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus*

AZ: 3 near House Rock, Vermilion Cliffs on 22.3.

Steller's Jay *Cyanocitta stelleri*

AZ: 2 in Madera Canyon on 14 th and 3 at Chiricahua National Monument on 18.3.

CA: 1 near Paso Robles on 24.3.

American Crow *Corvus brachyrhynchos*

CA: 5-20 seen daily on 23.-25.3.

Chihuahuan Raven *Corvus cryptoleucus*

AZ: 2-30 identified on six days.

Common Raven *Corvus corax*

Fairly common,

AZ: max 60 at House Rock, Vermilion Cliffs on 22.3., 1-35 identified on additional eight days.

CA: 50 on 23rd, 20 on 24.3.

Plain Titmouse *Parus inornatus*

CA: 3 at Sequoia National Park on 23.3.

Bridled Titmouse *Parus wollweberi*

AZ: 1-15 seen on six days.

Mexican Chickadee *Parus sclateri*

AZ: 3 along the road between SW Research Station and Bear Spring, Chiricahuas on 17.3.

Mountain Chickadee *Parus gambeli*

CA: 1 at Sequoia National Park on 23.3.

Verdin *Auriparus flaviceps*

AZ: 1-2 seen on five days,

CA: 1 at Furnace Creek, Death Valley on 23.3.

Bushtit *Psaltiparus minimus*

CA: 3 along the road between Kernville and California Hot Springs on 23rd, 1 at Morro Bay on 24.3.

White-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta carolinensis*

AZ: 1-10 on four days, 23 in all.

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*

AZ: 1 at Marana Pecan Grove on 20.3.

Bewick's Wren *Thryomanes bewickii*

AZ: 1-6 on four days, total number 15.

Marsh Wren *Cistothorus palustris*

AZ: 1-3 on three days, 6 in all.

Canyon Wren *Catherpes mexicanus*

AZ: 1 along a mountain road near Patagonia - Sonoita Creek Preserve on 12.3.,

CA: 2 at Morro Rock on 24.3.

Rock Wren *Salpinctes obsoletus*

AZ: 1 between Gleeson and Tombstone on 10.3.

CA: 1 between Death Valley and Owens Lake on 23.3.

Cactus Wren *Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus*

AZ: fairly common, 1-20 seen on 10 days, 60 in all.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet *Regulus calendula*

AZ: fairly common, 1-10 seen on 10 days,

CA: 5 on 23.3.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *Polioptila caerulea*

AZ: 1 near Madera Canyon Road and 3 at Florida Canyon Trail on 14th, 2 at Picacho Reservoir on 20.3.

Black-tailed Gnatcatcher *Polioptila melanura*

AZ: 1 at Green Valley on 13.3.

Western Bluebird *Sialia mexicana*

AZ: 1 at Sonoita on 11th, 1 at Kino Springs on 13th and 2 near House Rock, Vermilion Cliffs on 22.3.

CA: 2 between Kernville and California Hot Springs on 23.3.

Mountain Bluebird *Sialia currucoides*

AZ: 2 males near House Rock, Vermilion Cliffs on 22.3.

CA: 1 female near Kernville on 23.3.

Townsend's Solitaire *Myadestes townsendi*

CA: 1 on mountains between Kernville and California Hot Springs on 23.3.

Hermit Trush *Catharus guttatus*

AZ: 2 Florida Canyon Road on 14th, 1 in Cave Creek Canyon on 17th and 1 on 19.3.

American Robin *Turdus migratorius*

AZ: 30 Florida Canyon Road on 14th, 12 Portal - Cave Creek Canyon on 17.3.

CA: 2 near Kernville and 3 at Sequoia National Park on 23.3.

Loggerhead Shrike *Lanius ludovicianus*

AZ: common, 2- 30 seen on 12 days, 133 in all.

CA: 2 seen on 23rd, 2 on 24.3.

Northern Mockingbird *Mimus polyglottos*

AZ: fairly common, 1-15 seen on 10 days, 39 in all.

CA: 2 seen on 23rd, 1 on 24.3.

Curve-billed Trasher *Toxostoma curvirostre*

AZ: fairly common, 1-8 seen on 8 days, 30 in all.

Bendire's Trasher *Toxostoma bendirei*

AZ: 2 at Kansas Settlement Road on 9th, 2 south of Arizona City on 15th, 2 on 17th, 1 south of Willcox and 1 near Hyannis Pond on 18.3.

Crissal Trasher *Toxostoma crissale*

AZ: 1+2 at Kansas Settlement Road on 9th and 1 at Picacho Reservoir on 20.3.

American Pipit *Anthus rubescens*

AZ: common in fields, seen on six days, max 200 near Elfrida on 9.3.

CA: 20 in fields near Mugu Lagoon on 25.3.

Sprague's Pipit *Anthus spragueii*

AZ: 1 at Papago Springs estate, Sonoita on 11.3.

Cedar Waxwing *Bombcilla cedrorum*

AZ: 40 at Florida Canyon Road on 14.3.

Phainopepla *Phainopepla nitens*

AZ: fairly common, 1-20 seen on seven days, 55 in all.

European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*

fairly common, AZ: 1-50 seen on eight days,

CA: 20- 30 on three days.

Yellow-rumped Warbler *Dendroica coronata*

AZ: fairly common, 1-6 seen on 11 days.

CA: 2 seen on 23rd and 24.3.

Yellow Warbler *Dendroica petechia*

AZ: 1 male 1 female near San Pedro House on 19.3.

Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas*

AZ: 1 male at Marana Pecan Grove on 8.3.

Painted Redstart *Myioborus pictus*

AZ: 2 on 11th at Ramsey Canyon and 1 there on 19th, 5 at Madera Canyon on 14th and 2 at Spoffords', Portal on 17.3.

Northern Cardinal *Cardinalis cardinalis*

AZ: 1-5 seen on seven days, total number 19.

Pyrrhuloxia *Cardinalis sinuatus*

AZ: 1-5 seen on eight days, 18 in all.

Lazuli Bunting *Passerina amoena*

AZ: 1 1st w male at Patons', Patagonia on 12.3.

Green-tailed Towhee *Pipilo chlorurus*

AZ: 1-3 seen on seven days, 11 in all.

Rufous-sided Towhee *Pipilo erythrophthalmus*

AZ: 1 at Florida Canyon Road on 14th and 3 at Portal on 17.3.

Brown Towhee *Pipilo fuscus*

AZ: fairly common, 3-10 seen on seven days, total number 40.

CA: **California Towhee** 2 between Kernville and California Hot Springs on 23.3.

Abert's Towhee *Pipilo aberti*

AZ: 6 at Marana Pecan Grove on 8th and 15th and 3 there on 20th. 3 near San Pedro House on 11th and 2 at Picacho Reservoir on 20.3.

Grasshopper Sparrow *Ammodramus savannarum*

AZ: 1 at Hyannis Pond on 18.3.

Baird's Sparrow *Ammodramus bairdii*

AZ: 1 at Hyannis Pond on 18.3.

Vesper Sparrow *Poocetes gramineus*

AZ: fairly common, 1-20 seen on seven days, max 20 at Kino Springs on 13.3.

Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis*

AZ: common, 5-100 seen on 11 days, 85 of which between Willcox and Chiricahua National Monument on 18.3.

CA: 2 at Isabella Reservoir on 23.3.

Song Sparrow *Melospiza melodia*

AZ: 1 near Pinal Airpark on 8th, 5 south of Arizona City on 15.3.

Lark Sparrow *Chondestes grammacus*

AZ: 2 near Pinal Airpark on 8th, 80 in Santa Cruz Valley, north of Nogales on 13th and 4 at Marana Pecan Grove on 15.3.

Black-throated Sparrow *Amphispiza bilineata*

AZ: 2 in a garden along 9th Ave, Douglas on 10th, 2 on 14th Madera Canyon area and 1 at Picacho Reservoir on 20.3.

NM: 1 pair at Rodeo on 17.3.

Rufous-winged Sparrow *Aimophila carpalis*

AZ: 5 near Madera Canyon Road on 14.3.

Rufous-crowned Sparrow *Aimophila ruficeps*

AZ: 2 at Papago Springs estate, Sonoita on 11.3.

Chipping Sparrow *Spizella passerina*

AZ: fairly common: 1-100 on seven days, max 100 at Patagonia area on 12.3.

Brewer's Sparrow *Spizella breweri*

AZ: 2 in a garden along 9th Ave, Douglas on 10th, 3 along Palominas Road, east of Sierra Vista and 5 at Papago Springs estate, Sonoita on 11th, 4 at Kino Springs and 100 at Nogales Wastewater Treatment Plant on 13.3.

Dark-eyed Junco *Junco hyemalis*

AZ: fairly common, 1-50 seen on six days, max 50 at Madera Canyon area on 14.3. A group of 11 there consisted of 6 Gray-headed, 2 White-winged and 1 Slate-colored, 1 Oregon and 1 Oregon pink-sided form.

CA: 1 Oregon pink-sided near Kernville on 23.3.

Yellow-eyed Junco *Junco phaeonotus*

AZ: 6 at Santa Rita Lodge on 14th, 2 in Cave Creek Canyon and 6 at Southwestern Research Station, Chiricahuas on 17.3.

White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys*

AZ: common, 5- 50 seen on 12 days.

CA: 5 at Morro Bay 24.3.

Golden-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia atricapilla*

AZ: 1 seen in the hand at Marana Pecan Grove on 20.3.

CA: 6 at Morro Bay marina on 24.3.

Lincoln's Sparrow *Melospiza lincolnii*

AZ: 1 at Marana Pecan Grove on 8th and 20th, 45 at Patagonia Sewage Pond on 12.3., 1 in Sulphur Springs Valley on 18.3.

Swamp Sparrow *Melospiza georgiana*

AZ: 3 near Marana Pecan Grove junction on 8th, 4 south of Arizona City on 15th, 1 at Hyannis Pond on 18th and 1 near San Pedro House on 19.3.

McCown's Longspur *Calcarius mccownii*

CA: 12 in fields south of Pinal Airpark on 8.3.

Lark Bunting *Calamospiza melanocorys*

AZ: fairly numerous, 7-300 on six days, max 300 along Kansas Settlement Road on 9.3.

Eastern Meadowlark *Sturnella magna*

AZ: 1-50 identified on five days, 5-40 unidentified Meadowlarks seen on six other days.

Western Meadowlark *Sturnella neglecta*

AZ: 5 at Cochise College on 10th and 1 south of Arizona City on 15.3.

CA: 1 on 23rd and 1 on 24.3.

Yellow-headed Blackbird *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*

AZ: 500 along Kansas Settlement Road on 9th, 3 at Portal and 200 at Willcox Twin Lakes on 17th, 1400 at Cochise College on 18th and 1 at Marana Pecan Grove on 20.3.

Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*

AZ: common, 2-1000 on ten days, max 1000 in Sulphur Springs Valley on 9.3.

CA: 1-50 on 23.- 25.3.

Brewer's Blackbird *Euphagus cyanocephalus*

AZ: common, 10-1000 on nine days, max 1000 in Sulphur Springs Valley on 9.3.

CA: 2-70 on 23.-25.3.

Brown-headed Cowbird *Molothrus ater*

AZ: 10 at San Pedro House on 10th and 20 there on 19.3.

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus*

AZ: common, 2-200 seen on 13 days, max 200 in Patagonia area on 12.3.

Scott's Oriole *Icterus parisorum*

AZ: 1 male at Florida Canyon Trail and 1 1st spring male at Santa Rita Lodge on 14th, 1 male near Spoffords', Portal on 17.3.

Northern Oriole *Icterus galbula*

AZ: 1 male "**Bullock's Oriole**" at Santa Rita Lodge on 14.3.

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

Common,

AZ: 5-60 seen on 12 days.

CA: 10-10 seen on three days.

Pine Siskin *Carduelis pinus*

AZ: 2 at Patons', Patagonia on 12th and 50 at Portal on 17.3.

CA: 5 at Morro Bay marina on 24.3.

American Goldfinch *Carduelis tristis*

AZ: 1 at Agua Caliente Park, Tucson on 19.3.

Lesser Goldfinch *Carduelis psaltaria*

AZ: 3 – including a nest-building female – at Marana Pecan Grove on 8th and 1 male there on 20th, 6 in a garden along 9th Ave, Douglas on 10th, 10 at Portal on 17.3.

CA: 2 at Furnace Creek, Death Valley on 23.3.

Cassin's Finch *Carpodacus cassinii*

AZ: fairly common, 1-8 seen on eight days, max 8 at Portal on 17.3., total number 35.

House Finch *Carpodacus mexicanus*

AZ: fairly common, 1-32 seen on seven days, max 17 in a garden along 9th Ave, Douglas on 10.3.

A total of **211 species** seen, 111 of which not in California and 45 not in Arizona.

The main sources of information were:

- ABA Lane "**A Birders Guide to Southeastern Arizona**", 1995 revised edition – for sites
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