



Birding Southeast Arizona – August 30 – September 7, 2019

At the confluence of four major biomes – the Rocky Mountains, Sierra Madre Mountains, Sonoran Desert and the Chihuahuan Desert – lies 15,000 square miles of birding oasis. Each of these biogeographical regions contributes its own unique flora and fauna, resulting in a landscape that is both scenic and teeming with bird diversity.

During this 8-day experience, we will search for birds as we explore the thornscrub and desert grassland, cottonwood, mesquite, and madrean oak-pine woodlands. Well-appointed accommodations will be planned in Green Valley, Sierra Vista and Douglas; each location was selected to reduce travel time to our daily destinations. Participants will be immersed in local culture as we enjoy southwestern cuisine.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Compare a dozen or more species of hummingbirds at famed locations such as the Paton's residence.
- Spot **Elegant Trogon** quietly scanning the Silverleaf Oak woodlands of Madera and Ramsey Canyons.
- Enjoy **Varied Bunting**, **Cactus Wren** and **Rufous-winged Sparrow** in the bajada zones of the canyons.
- Search for more difficult specialties such as **Black-capped Gnatcatcher**, **Rufous-capped Warbler** and **Five-striped Sparrow**.
- Marvel in the scenic beauty of Cave Creek Canyon and look for residents such as **Yellow-eyed Junco** and **Montezuma Quail**.

TRIP ITINERARY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30 - ARRIVAL

Arrive in Tucson and transfer to the hotel.
Birding in route. (D)

Overnight at Best Western Green Valley

SATURDAY, AUG. 31 - SANTA RITA MNTS.

Breakfast at the hotel followed by a full day at Madera Canyon. Today's targets include Rufous-winged Sparrow, Elegant Trogon, Mexican Jay and Greater Pewee. (B, L, D)

Overnight at Best Western Green Valley



SUNDAY, SEPT. 1 - SANTA RITA MTNS.

Breakfast at the hotel. Birding will be in Box Canyon and Montosa Canyon where we will search for Black-capped Gnatcatcher and the difficult to find, Five-striped Sparrow. We will retire to the hotel mid-afternoon and prepare for an evening excursion at Madera Canyon for owls and nightjars. (B, L, D)

Overnight at Best Western Green Valley

MONDAY, SEPT. 2 – PATAGONIA

Breakfast at the hotel. Today is a travel day. We move from the Santa Rita Mountains to the Huachuca Mountains. In route, we will explore Patagonia and visit the famed Paton's House for an array of hummingbirds. (B, L, D)

Overnight at Best Western Plus Sun Canyon

TUESDAY, SEPT. 3 – HUACHUCA MNTS.

Breakfast at the hotel, and then on to Ramsey Canyon. A stop at the feeders will reveal some higher elevation hummingbirds that we may

have missed so far. The trail above the nature center is ideal for Arizona Woodpecker, Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher and Red-faced Warbler.



In the afternoon, we will visit another local canyon for specialties. (B, L, D)

Overnight at Best Western Plus Sun Canyon

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4 – HUACHUCA MNTS.

Breakfast at the hotel. Today is a travel day, however, we will stay in the Huachuca Mountains in the morning for more local specialties. In the afternoon, a stop at Whitewater Draw Wildlife Refuge will undoubtedly produce an assortment of birds not yet seen. Shorebirds, waterfowl, Chihuahuan Raven and Bendire's Thrasher are some of our targets. (B, L, D)

Overnight at Best Western Douglas Inn

THURSDAY, SEPT. 5 – CHIRICAHUA MNTS.

Breakfast at the hotel and then on Cave Creek Canyon. We will explore the South Fork area with short hikes along the way, searching for Montezuma Quail, Band-tailed Pigeon, Grace's Warbler, and Yellow-eyed Junco. If we are lucky, we may find Northern Pygmy-Owl. (B, L, D)

Overnight at Best Western Douglas Inn

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6 – CHIRICAHUA MNTS.

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we will continue to explore the Chiricahua mountains and the Cave Creek Area. We will stop at a few locations we skipped over yesterday, including Big Thicket to try for Crissal Thrasher. We may elect to revisit a particularly birdy area of Cave Creek today too. This evening at dinner, we will review our week in Southeast Arizona. (B, L, D)
Overnight at Best Western Douglas Inn

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7 – DEPARTURE

Breakfast at the hotel, and then departure for the airport for our return flight. (B)



B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

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ALL INCLUSIVE PRICING

\$2495 (ASWP Member)

\$2695 (Non-member)

Limited to 12 participants, prices are based on double occupancy.

Pricing includes airfare from Pittsburgh International Airport to and from Tucson International Airport, 8-night accommodations, meals as denoted in the itinerary, private ground transportation, activities as denoted in the itinerary, entrance fees, ASWP leader-guides and carbon offsetting.

Does not include alcoholic beverages or items of personal nature.

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Pricing is based on double occupancy. Single occupancy is available at an additional cost of \$400 per person. A 50% non-refundable deposit is required at the time of booking – this deposit covers group reservation fees and pre-payments that also are non-refundable to ASWP. Optional, third-party travel insurance is highly recommended for all participants. Final payments are due on or before August 15th.



BIRDING SOUTHEAST ARIZONA

AUG. 30 – SEPT. 7, 2019

NAME _____
 LAST *FIRST* *MIDDLE*

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

BIRTH DATE _____

ACCOMMODATIONS

I prefer double occupancy (X) _____ I prefer single occupancy (X) _____

I wish to room with (name) _____

PAYMENT

My 50% non-refundable deposit payable to "ASWP" is enclosed (X) _____

Visa, MasterCard or Discover number and expiration _____
(if using card, you may call ASWP if you prefer not to write card number)

TERMS

To secure my spot for this experience, I understand that my registration is not complete until my deposit is made, and that participants are registered on a first-come, first-served basis. ASWP cannot guarantee my registration until all registration materials are received.

SIGNATURE

DATE



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INDEMNIFICATION, WAIVER AND RELEASE

In consideration for my participation in the above titled experience, I agree to the following waiver and release:

I _____ understand that any travel experience, including this one, involves inherent dangers, hazards and risks that cannot be eliminated in any environment or setting, regardless of my actions, or the actions of my leader(s).

Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania Inc. (hereby Audubon), its officers, trustees and/or employees act only as an agent for the participant and thus accepts no responsibility, in whole or in part, for any delays, delayed transit or missed transit connections; loss, damage, injury, or death, to persons or property, or mechanical defects or failures of any manner, however caused; or for the substitution of vendors, with or without notice or for any additional expenses occasioned thereby.

The liability of the arranged carriers for luggage or for other property accompanying passengers is limited to their liability as common carriers; this liability is independent of Audubon.

No revisions of the final itinerary are expected, however, Audubon reserves the right to make changes necessary to the common good of the group with the mutual understanding that any added expense may be required by the individual participants. Audubon does not provide insurance of any kind or part to participants.

I, for myself, my heirs, and their successors, executors and subrogates, hereby knowingly and intentionally waive and release, indemnify and hold harmless the officers, trustees, employees, volunteers and/or agents of Audubon from and against any and all claims, actions, causes of action, liability, suits, and/or expenses which arise out of, or are in any way connected to my participation in this experience, regardless of location, setting and/or environment, and including, but not limited to, negligence of any kind or nature, whether foreseen or unforeseen, arising directly or indirectly out of any damage, loss, injury of any kind, or death to me as a result of my participation and actions.

I HAVE READ AND CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE, AND BY SIGNING BELOW, I CERTIFY THAT I AM OF CLEAR MIND, AND HEREBY VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO THE WAIVER AND RELEASE.

SIGNATURE

DATE