

SIGNATURE BIRDS OF ARIZONA'S SKY ISLANDS

These species are top attractions to birders in our area

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Legend:

*** Within the U.S., species generally limited in range to the Sky Islands of SE Arizona and for some, adjacent SW New Mexico. A few of these species are rare or local in West Texas.

** Within the U.S. these species may have a wider range than *Signature* designated species but still share a strong affinity with the Sky Islands or adjacent riparian or scrub habitats. Many are at the northern edge of their range.

+ TX These species are also regular breeders in the Sky Islands of West Texas.

Twenty-five SIGNATURE SPECIES:

Main Occurrence is in Pine Oak Woodland & Sycamore Canyons

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|-----|----------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|
| 1) | Whiskered Screech-Owl | *** | |
| 2) | Broad-billed Hummingbird | *** | |
| 3) | White-eared Hummingbird | *** | + TX, RARE |
| 4) | Berylline Hummingbird | *** | RARE |
| 5) | Magnificent Hummingbird | *** | + TX |
| 6) | Elegant Trogon | *** | Sycamore canyons |
| 7) | Arizona Woodpecker | *** | |
| 8) | Greater Pewee | ** | |
| 9) | Buff-breasted Flycatcher | *** | Open pine/grass understory |
| 10) | Dusky-capped Flycatcher | ** | |
| 11) | Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher | *** | Sycamore riparian |
| 12) | Mexican Jay | *** | +TX |
| 13) | Mexican Chickadee | *** | Chiricahuas, Animas, Peloncillos |
| 14) | Bridled Titmouse | *** | |
| 15) | Olive Warbler | *** | |
| 16) | Red-faced Warbler | *** | |
| 17) | Yellow-eyed Junco | *** | |

Main Occurrence is in Drier and Lower Elevation Habitats

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|-----|----------------------------|-----|---------------------------|
| 18) | Buff-collared Nightjar | *** | LOCAL in SEAZ, scrub |
| 19) | Violet-crowned Hummingbird | *** | Scrub, riparian |
| 20) | Thick-billed Kingbird | *** | Sycamore riparian & scrub |
| 21) | Tropical Kingbird | ** | Riparian, often by ponds |
| 22) | Rose-throated Becard | ** | Sycamore Riparian |
| 23) | Black-capped Gnatcatcher | *** | LOCAL IN SEAZ, scrub |
| 24) | Five-striped Sparrow | *** | LOCAL in SEAZ, scrub |
| 25) | Rufous-winged Sparrow | *** | Scrub, grasslands |

A Dozen Additional AFFINITY SPECIES

These species also attract birders to our region, but are not as limited within the US to SE Arizona & SW New Mexico. They are generally as common in Madrean Oak Woodland of the Sky Islands of West Texas and their associated habitats: riparian, grassland or scrub.

Pine Oak Woodland

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| 1) | Montezuma Quail | ** | +TX |
| 2) | Blue-throated Hummingbird | ** | +TX |
| 3) | Painted Redstart | ** | +TX |

Grasslands, Scrub, & Associated Riparian & Aquatic Habitats

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| 4) | Black-bellied Whistling Duck | ** | + TX, aquatic |
| 5) | Common Black-Hawk | ** | + TX, riparian |
| 6) | Gray Hawk | ** | + TX, riparian |
| 7) | Lucifer Hummingbird | ** | + TX, scrub |
| 8) | Northern Beardless Tyrannulet | ** | + So. TX, scrub |
| 9) | Rose-throated Becard | ** | + TX, riparian |
| 10) | Baird's Sparrow | ** | winter only, grasslands |
| 11) | Botteri's Sparrow | ** | + TX, scrub, grasslands |
| 12) | Varied Bunting | ** | + TX, scrub |

HIGHLY UNEXPECTED, BUT POSSIBLE:

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| 1) | Eared (Trogon) Quetzal | VERY RARE |
| 2) | Thick-billed Parrot | VERY RARE |
| 3) | Crescent-chested Warbler | VERY RARE |
| 4) | Blue Mockingbird | VERY RARE |
| 5) | Yellow Grosbeak | VERY RARE |

WATCH FOR THESE widely-recognized subspecies:

- (Mexican) Mallard
- (Apache) Goshawk
- (Mexican) Whip-poor-will
- (Mexican) Brown Creeper
- (Brown-throated) House Wren

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