

“Dual State Birding Trip” – Carlsbad National Caverns National Park in New Mexico and the Guadalupe Mountains National Park in West Texas

Sunday, September 24 to Wednesday, September 27, 2023

The Fort Worth Audubon Society’s September four day field trip to New Mexico and West Texas was a wonderful excursion. The group birded at Rattlesnake Springs and Camp Washington Ranch in Carlsbad Caverns National Park as well as at a number of locations in the Guadalupe Mountains National Park.



Back row Left to right: Rusty, Debbie, Paula, Tom, Charley, Grey
Front row: Jennifer, Amanda, Joy and Donna

Some of the birds observed: An uncommon Gray Hawk, Black Phoebe, Bell's Vireos, Western Flycatchers, a Hermit Thrush, Northern Flickers (Red-shafted), Canyon and Rock Wrens, Rufous-crowned Sparrows, Black-throated Sparrows, Green-tailed Towhees, Scott Orioles, Crissal and Sage Thrashers, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Pine Siskins, Woodhouse Shrub Jays, Acorn Woodpeckers, Red-naped Sapsuckers, Wilson's Warblers, Canyon Towhees, Summer Tanagers, Lark Sparrow, Lazuli Bunting, Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's) and Cassin's Kingbirds..



Observing the Red Crossbill at Frijole Ranch (FWTX 16)



One of the group's highlights included a lunch stop at the picnic tables at Frijole Ranch Museum where a pair of Red Crossbills provided close up looks as they flew down from the top of a tall pine to the nearby water feature. (see photo taken by Amanda)

The trip ended where it began at Camp Washington Ranch, New Mexico where *Wild Turkey's* really run *wild*.

Many new birds were added to many lists and a great trip was had by all!!

Tom Haase
Trip Leader