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Bosque del Apache

Wetlands and farm fields on the Rio Grande at the edge of the Chihuahuan Desert, where tens of thousands of sandhill cranes and snow geese spend the winter, with ducks and eagles on the pools and roadrunners, quail and coyotes in the desert scrub.

137 animals 18 mammals, 100 birds, 10 reptiles, 4 amphibians, 3 butterflies and 2 dragonflies

Best time: Nov to Jan

Seen _____ of 137

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
01 Cranes, geese and swans 6	
☐ Sandhill Crane	
☐ Snow Goose	
☐ Ross's Goose	
☐ Canada Goose	
☐ Greater White-fronted Goose	
☐ Tundra Swan Rare	
02 Ducks and water birds 19	
☐ Northern Pintail	
☐ Northern Shoveler	
☐ Mallard	
☐ Mexican Duck	
☐ Green-winged Teal	
☐ American Wigeon	
☐ Gadwall	
☐ Cinnamon Teal	
☐ Bufflehead	
☐ Ring-necked Duck	
☐ Lesser Scaup	
☐ Common Merganser	
☐ Ruddy Duck	
☐ American Coot	
☐ Pied-billed Grebe	
☐ Eared Grebe	

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
02 Ducks and water birds continued	
☐ Neotropic Cormorant	
☐ Double-crested Cormorant	
☐ American White Pelican	
03 Herons, ibises and shorebirds 13	
☐ Great Blue Heron	
☐ Great Egret	
☐ Snowy Egret	
☐ Black-crowned Night Heron	
☐ White-faced Ibis	
☐ Sora	
☐ American Bittern Rare	
☐ Killdeer	
☐ Greater Yellowlegs	
☐ Long-billed Dowitcher	
☐ Wilson's Snipe	
☐ American Avocet	
☐ Black-necked Stilt	
04 Birds of prey and owls 14	
☐ Bald Eagle	
☐ Golden Eagle	
☐ Northern Harrier	
☐ Red-tailed Hawk	
☐ Ferruginous Hawk	

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04 Birds of prey and owls continued

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
☐ Rough-legged Hawk Rare	
☐ Cooper's Hawk	
☐ American Kestrel	
☐ Prairie Falcon	
☐ Peregrine Falcon	
☐ Swainson's Hawk	
☐ Turkey Vulture	
☐ Great Horned Owl	
☐ Burrowing Owl Rare	

05 Desert and scrub birds 21

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
☐ Gambel's Quail	
☐ Scaled Quail	
☐ Greater Roadrunner	
☐ Wild Turkey	
☐ Mourning Dove	
☐ Eurasian Collared Dove	
☐ Say's Phoebe	
☐ Loggerhead Shrike	
☐ Chihuahuan Raven	
☐ Common Raven	
☐ Verdin	
☐ Cactus Wren	
☐ Canyon Wren	
☐ Crissal Thrasher	
☐ Curve-billed Thrasher	
☐ Phainopepla	
☐ Canyon Towhee	
☐ Pyrrhuloxia Rare	
☐ Western Meadowlark	
☐ Western Bluebird	
☐ Mountain Bluebird	

06 Woodland, marsh and field birds 27

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
☐ Ladder-backed Woodpecker	
☐ Northern Flicker	
☐ Black Phoebe	
☐ Vermilion Flycatcher	
☐ Western Kingbird	
☐ Willow Flycatcher Rare	
☐ Yellow-billed Cuckoo Rare	
☐ Woodhouse's Scrub Jay	
☐ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	
☐ Marsh Wren	
☐ Northern Mockingbird	
☐ Yellow-rumped Warbler	
☐ Yellow-breasted Chat	
☐ Spotted Towhee	
☐ White-crowned Sparrow	
☐ Dark-eyed Junco	
☐ Song Sparrow	
☐ Red-winged Blackbird	
☐ Yellow-headed Blackbird	
☐ Brewer's Blackbird	
☐ Great-tailed Grackle	
☐ House Finch	
☐ Blue Grosbeak	
☐ Bullock's Oriole	
☐ Barn Swallow	
☐ Black-chinned Hummingbird	
☐ Belted Kingfisher	

07 Mammals 18

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
☐ Coyote	
☐ Mule Deer	
☐ Black-tailed Jackrabbit	
☐ Desert Cottontail	
☐ Rock Squirrel	
☐ Porcupine	

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE

07 Mammals continued

- [ ] North American Beaver
- [ ] Muskrat
- [ ] Raccoon
- [ ] Striped Skunk
- [ ] Bobcat
- [ ] Grey Fox
- [ ] Mexican Free-tailed Bat
- [ ] Ord's Kangaroo Rat Rare
- [ ] Badger (American) Rare
- [ ] Collared Peccary Rare
- [ ] Elk (Wapiti) Rare
- [ ] Cougar (Mountain Lion) Rare

08 Reptiles and amphibians 14

- [ ] Western Diamond-backed Rattlesnake
- [ ] Gopher Snake
- [ ] Coachwhip

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE

08 Reptiles and amphibians continued

- [ ] New Mexico Whiptail
- [ ] Common Side-blotched Lizard
- [ ] Southwestern Fence Lizard
- [ ] Ornate Tree Lizard
- [ ] Round-tailed Horned Lizard
- [ ] Spiny Softshell Turtle
- [ ] Ornate Box Turtle Rare
- [ ] Woodhouse's Toad
- [ ] American Bullfrog
- [ ] Couch's Spadefoot Rare
- [ ] Western Tiger Salamander Rare

09 Butterflies and dragonflies 5

- [ ] Painted Lady
- [ ] Monarch
- [ ] Queen
- [ ] Common Green Darner
- [ ] Variegated Meadowhawk

My trip

FROM _____ TO _____

TRAVELLING WITH _____

STAYING AT _____ SEEN _____ OF 137

FIRST ANIMAL WE SAW _____

BEST MOMENT _____

FIELD NOTES AND SKETCHES

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A guide, not a guarantee: what you see depends on season, luck and patience. Give wildlife space and never feed it. Follow the local rules on distance.