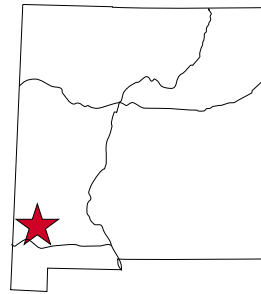
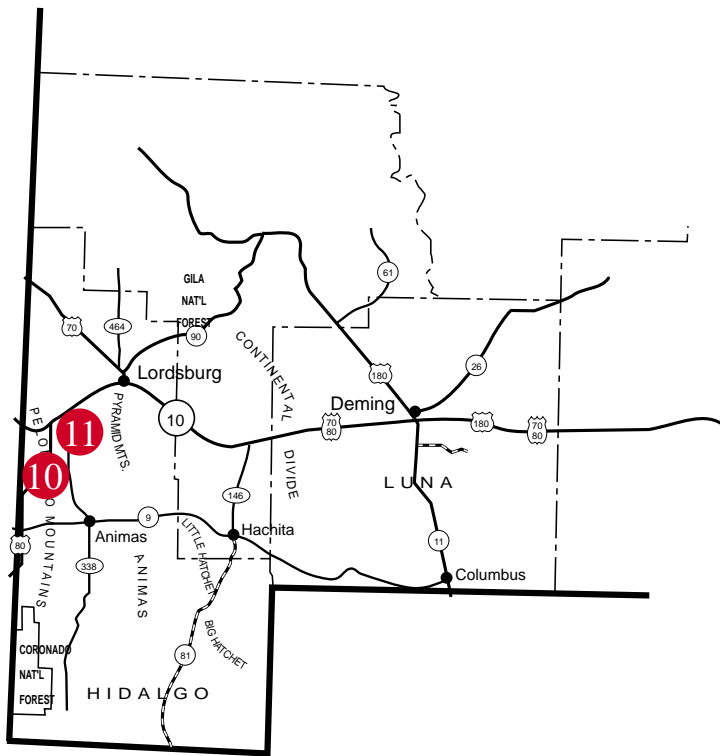




Southwest New Mexico Birding Trail



south on NM 80 go 11 miles onto an unmarked dirt track, then turn right. At the entrance to the site is a wire gate. Be sure to close the gate after entering the property. Take the left fork, go about a half mile along the sandy road and park near the first large rock cluster. Do not drive past the cut in the rocks. The road is impassable in wet weather.

Warning: Bring water. The nearest gas station and water source is at Road Forks, 11 miles to the north.



Site 11 - Lordsburg Playa

Private property. Bird from the public road only.

Services: Gasoline and food available about 5 miles away in Road Forks, and all services including motels can be found about 15 miles away in Lordsburg.

The Lordsburg Playa is a large alkaline lake 10 miles west of Lordsburg on I-10. Pull off the road on the west side of NM 338, south of the interstate. If there is water in the playa, scope the area. A number of shorebirds and waterfowl have been seen here.

Habitat: Very shallow, ephemeral, alkaline lake.

Directions: From Lordsburg go 10 miles west on I-10. Take Exit 11, turning on to NM 338. The playa will be visible just south of the interstate.



Rock Wren

Site 10 - Granite Gap

Bureau of Land Management (505) 525-4300

Services: Gasoline, and food are in Road Forks, about 12 miles north, or Rodeo, about 18 miles south.

West of NM 80, some rock formations can be glimpsed at a distance. Seemingly insignificant when viewed from the road, up close these rock formations are a world unto themselves — 1,750 acres of boulders and ridges rising from the surrounding plains. Granite Gap is best in early spring/late fall. Early morning in summers can also be good. Birdlife includes Crissal and Bendire's Thrashers, Black-throated Sparrow; Cactus and Rock Wrens, Mockingbird, Verdin, Greater Roadrunner, hummingbird species, Gambel's Quail, and, in winter, Northern Harrier. Mule deer; ringtail, coyote, javelina, lizards, various snakes (including rattlesnakes), and a small herd of desert bighorn sheep are also seen here.

Habitat: Chihuahua desert scrub.

Directions: Go 15 miles west of Lordsburg on Interstate 10 and take Exit 5 (Road Forks). Drive



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Check List

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