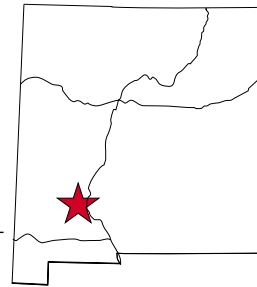
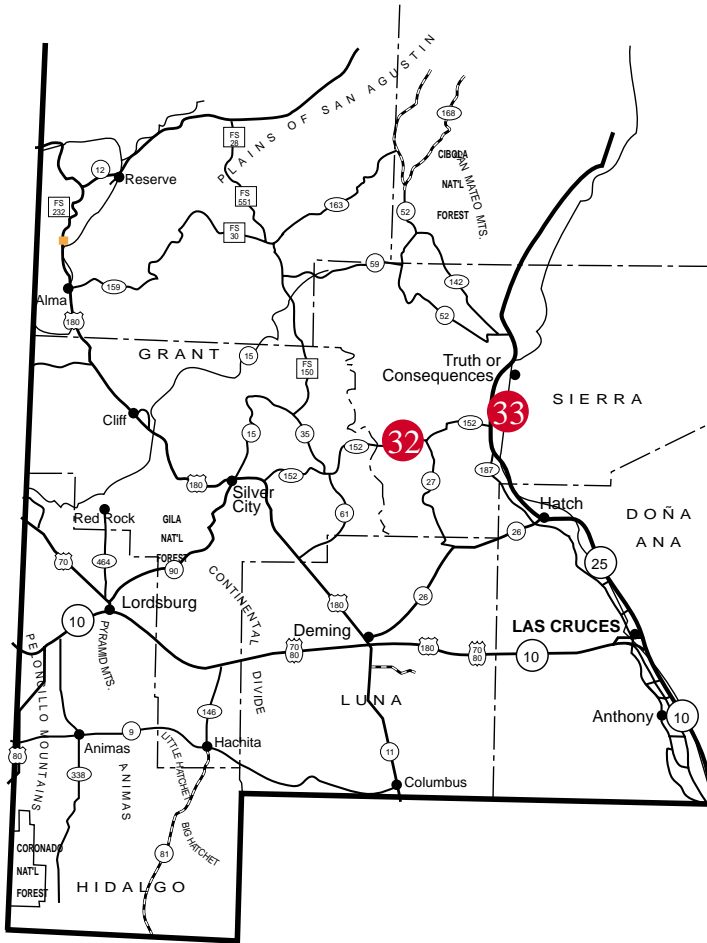




Southwest New Mexico Birding Trail



patic Tanager; and Black-throated Gray Warbler. Between Kingston and Hillsboro (much of this is private property), look for resident Western Scrub-Jay; Juniper Titmouse; Bushtit; Canyon Towhee; Rufous-crowned Sparrow; Lark Sparrow; and Rock

and Canyon Wrens. In summer look for Cassin's Kingbird; Bridled Titmouse; Hepatic Tanager; Blue Grosbeak; Bullock's Oriole; and Lesser Goldfinch.

Directions: From Silver City, take US 180 east to Central and turn left on NM 152 proceeding 39 miles to Kingston.

From I-25 take the Hillsboro exit 63 (NM 152) and go west 17 miles to Hillsboro.

Site 33 - Las Animas Creek

Private property. Bird from the public road only.

Las Animas Creek (also referred to as Animas Creek) is north and west of I-25 and flows into Caballo Lake. The creek bed hosts a beautiful stand of Arizona Sycamores, creating an ideal environment for such southwestern riparian species as Elf Owl, Brown-crested Flycatcher, Acorn Woodpecker, and Bridled Titmouse. The first few miles desert scrub harbors Verdin, Cactus Wren, Curve-billed and Crissal Thrashers, Rufous-crowned and Black-throated Sparrows. Farther west, sycamore groves host Acorn Woodpecker and Bridled Titmouse. Summer residents include White-winged Dove, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Elf Owl, Lesser Night-Brown-crested and throated Flycatchers, Cassin's Kingbird, Lucy's Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, and Summer Tanager. Listen for Western Screech-Owl at night.

Habitat: Desert scrub; sycamore riparian woodland.



White-winged Dove

Site 32 - Kingston-Hillsboro Area

Gila National Forest (505) 388-8201
Private property. Bird from the public road only.



Kingston has a USFS campground on the north side of NM 152. In Hillsboro, stop at the public park just west of the bridge on the north side of the road and investigate the riparian area. The 10-mile drive between the two towns follows a riparian corridor that can be viewed from the road. Kingston summer birds include Gray Flycatcher, Bridled Titmouse; He-

Location: Take I-25 Exit 63 (NM 152) and drive east a short distance to a frontage road that runs north-south on the west side of Caballo Lake. Turn north about 1 mile. Before the bridge over the creek, turn left (west) onto a paved road passing under the interstate. Bird only on the roadway as the surrounding land is private property. After 5 miles the road comes to a creek crossing, where it becomes private and is closed to the public.

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Summer Tanager

Check-List

- Acorn Woodpecker
- Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher
- Blue Grosbeak
- Bridled Titmouse
- Bullock's Oriole
- Bushtit
- Canyon Towhee
- Cassin's Kingbird

- FLYCATCHER**
- Ash-throated Flycatcher
 - Brown-crested Flycatcher
 - Gray Flycatcher

- Juniper Titmouse
- Lesser Goldfinch
- Lesser Nighthawk

- OWL**
- Elf Owl
 - Western Screech-Owl

- SPARROW**
- Black-throated Sparrow
 - Lark Sparrow
 - Rufous-crowned Sparrow

- TANAGER**
- Hepatic Tanager
 - Summer Tanager

- THRASHER**
- Crissal Thrasher
 - Curve-billed Thrasher

- Verdin

- WARBLER**
- Black-throated Gray Warbler
 - Lucy's Warbler

- Western Scrub Jay
- White-winged Dove

- WREN**
- Cactus Wren
 - Rock Wren

- Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- Yellow-breasted Chat