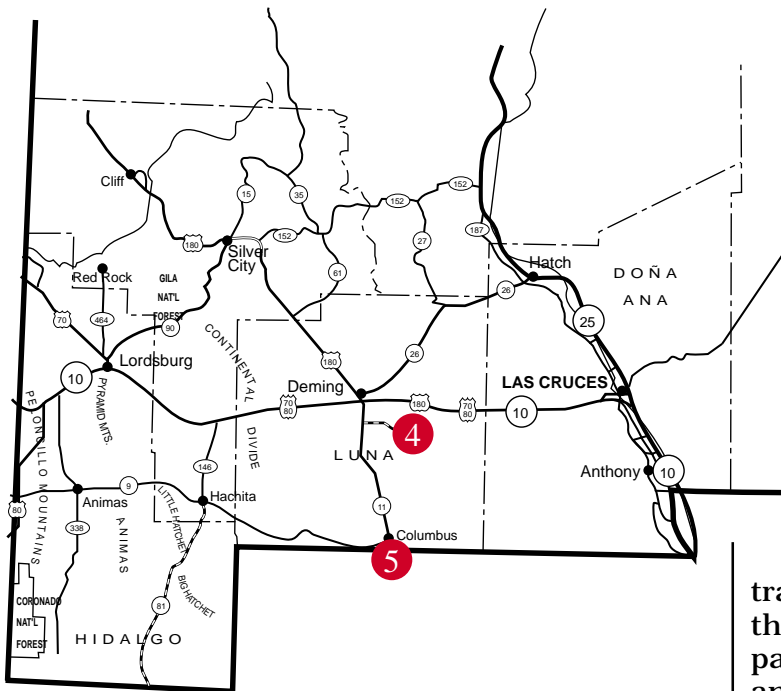




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trance road to Rock Hound State Park. Following the signs, drive up into the canyon, ending at the park gate. If the gate is not open, park outside and walk through to bird in the park.

Site 4 - Rock Hound/Spring Canyon State Park

New Mexico State Parks (505) 546-6182



This dramatic canyon (elevation 4,500 feet) is surrounded by the rugged peaks of the Florida Mountains. Spring Canyon State Park is a unit of Rock Hound State Park and is the more interesting area for birders, although the list of birds seen at Rock Hound is impressive. Fall, winter, and spring are the best times for viewing. Resident or wintering species include: Gambel's Quail; Hutton's Vireo; Western Scrub Jay; Bewick's, Rock, Cactus, and Canyon Wrens; Western Bluebird; Ruby-crowned Kinglet; Townsend's Solitaire; Phainopepla, Green-tailed and Canyon Towhees; Brewer's, Rufous-crowned, and Black-chinned Sparrows; and Lesser Goldfinch. Summer breeding birds include Lesser Nighthawk and Common Poor-will.

Habitat: Pinyon-juniper-oak; Chihuahuan desert scrub.

Directions: From Deming, take NM 11 south 5 miles and head east on NM 141 passing the en-

Site 5 - Pancho Villa State Park

New Mexico State Parks (505) 531-2711



The 60-acre park (elevation 4,000 feet) is located in the small border town of Columbus. The flora and water from irrigation draw many birds including Crissal, Bendire's and Curve-billed Thrashers; Cactus Wren; Greater Roadrunner; Great Horned and Barn Owls; White-winged and Inca Doves; Ladder-backed Woodpecker; Verdin; Pyrrhuloxia; Scaled and Gambel's Quail; and Black-throated Sparrow. In summer, look for Bullock's and Scott's Orioles and Bronzed Cowbirds. During winter, look for Lark Bunting, Brewer's and Sage Sparrows and for Eastern Meadowlark and McCown's and Chestnut-collared Longspurs.

Habitat: Chihuahuan Desert with more than 30 species of cacti as well as cottonwoods, mulberries, junipers and pine.

Directions: Take NM 11 south from Deming for 36 miles to the village of Columbus. The park is on the west side of the road.



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CHECK-LIST

DOVES		THRASHERS	
Inca Dove	<input type="radio"/>	Bendire's Thrasher	<input type="radio"/>
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		Curve-billed Thrasher	<input type="radio"/>
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QUAIL			
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Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<input type="radio"/>		
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SPARROWS			
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Canyon Wren