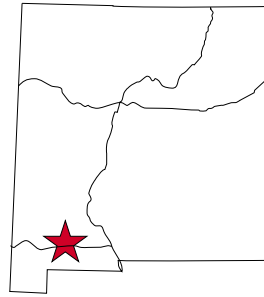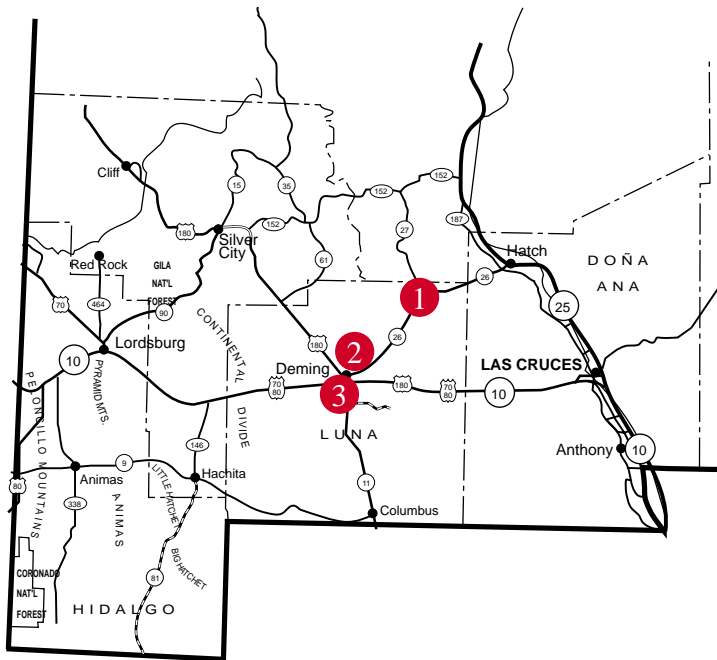Directions: From US 180 just north of Deming, turn right on to NM 26 and drive toward Hatch. From Hatch take NM 26 toward Deming.

Site 2 - Mount View Cemetery

City of Deming (505) 544-8386

All services are available in Deming.

Mount View Cemetery, open for cars 8:00 am to 4:00 pm daily, is located on the east side of Deming. The cemetery, with its irrigation, provides an oasis in the middle of the desert. Park to the side and out of the way along any of the numerous gravel lanes. The best birding is in the eastern section of the cemetery where the vegetation is mature and relatively dense. Possible migrants, particularly in fall, include hummingbirds; Red-naped Sapsucker; *Empidonax* flycatchers; Pyrrhuloxia; Black-throated Gray Warbler; Plumbeous, Hutton, and Warbling Vireos; Hermit Thrush; and various warblers and sparrows. Both Curve-billed and Crissal Thrashers are typically resident in the desert areas of the cemetery. In winter, the cemetery sometimes hosts high-elevation species such as Mountain Chickadee, Red-breasted and White-breasted Nuthatches, and Cassin's Finch. Summer is a less productive time to visit, though a few breeding species such as Black-chinned Hummingbird, Bullock's Oriole, and Blue Grosbeak are often present.

Habitat: Grasses and trees such as Arizona cypress, mulberry, cottonwood, junipers and pine.

Directions: In Deming at Pine and Gold streets, go east on Pine Street for 2.2 miles. The cemetery is on the south side. Within the cemetery, park on the sides of the gravel lanes.
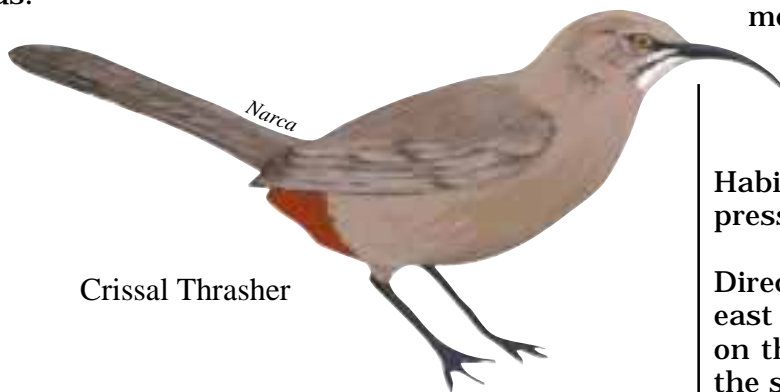
Site 1 - Hatch to Deming - NM 26–Raptor Route

Private property. Bird from the public road only.

Food and gasoline are available in Hatch and Deming. Motels are available in Deming.

This route crosses the open grasslands of the Uvas Valley. In summer, look for Swainson's Hawk, Burrowing Owl, and Scott's Oriole (on the soaptree yuccas). The area is good for raptors in winter, when American Kestrel, Red-tailed Hawk, Golden Eagle and Prairie Falcon can be seen. White-tailed Kite and Rough-legged Hawk are rare but possible.

Habitat: Desert grasslands with yucca, cholla cactus.

Narca

Crissal Thrasher

Site 3 - Deming Water Treatment Area

City of Deming (505) 544-8386

No services

This area, open to the public from 7:00am to 2:00pm Monday-Friday, is located southeast of Deming on 160 acres, which includes treatment ponds, farmlands, and desert shrub lands. Visitors are asked to check in at the office before birding. If the office is closed, one can still bird the area. Best seasons for birding are spring, fall and winter. The area attracts a large variety of waterfowl, raptors, shorebirds, and sparrows. To view waterfowl and shorebirds, drive the embankment roads around the treatment ponds. To get to the best birding areas for raptors and sparrows, take the road behind the office next to the row of pine trees. Go south on this dirt road and turn left at the end of the treatment ponds. Proceed about 100 yards and turn right on the road that passes through a low sandy ridge. A large stand of four-wing saltbush usually harbors many sparrow species.

Habitat: Open water. Desert flora and introduced pine, cypress, and deciduous trees.

Directions: From the center of Deming at Pine and Gold Streets, go east on Pine St. for 1.5 miles and turn right on to Country Club Road. Go south on Country Club Road 1.7 miles to "J" Street Turn left on "J" Street and go 1.4 miles to the entrance of the treatment area on the left.

CHECK LIST

American Kestrel ◯
Black-chinned Hummingbird ◯
Black-throated Gray Warbler ◯
Blue Grosbeak ◯
Burrowing Owl ◯
Cassin's Finch ◯
Empidonax Flycatchers ◯
Golden Eagle ◯

HAWKS
Red-tailed Hawk ◯
Rough-legged Hawk ◯
Swainson's Hawk ◯

Hermit Thrush ◯
Mountain Chickadee ◯

NUTHATCHES
Red-breasted Nuthatch ◯
White-breasted Nuthatch ◯

ORIOLES
Bullock's Oriole ◯
Scott's Oriole ◯

Prairie Falcon ◯
Pyrrhuloxia ◯
Red-naped Sapsucker ◯

THRASHERS
Crissal Thrasher ◯
Curve-billed Thrasher ◯

VIREOS
Hutton Vireo ◯
Plumbeous Vireo ◯
Warbling Vireo ◯

White-tailed Kite ◯