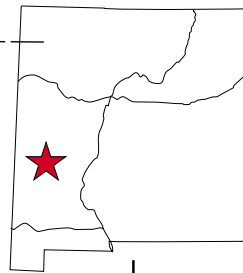
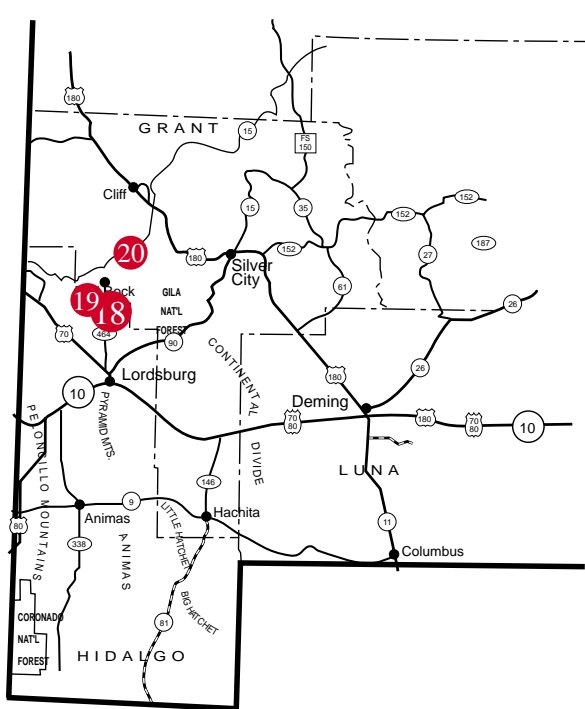




Southwest New Mexico Birding Trail



old house). Check with Game & Fish personnel (if present) to determine which parts of the area are open to the public. If staff are not present, birders may continue along the main dirt road for a mile in areas that are not posted. Do not leave the road.

Habitat: Riparian with large deciduous trees. Desert scrub covered hills.

Directions: From Silver City, NM, go northwest on US 180 about 13 miles, turn left (south) on Mangas Valley Road toward the Tyrone Mine. After going 4.8 miles, turn right (southwest) on to Forest Road 851. Proceed 24 miles to NM 464, and turn right (north). Shortly you will come to the bridge across the Gila River. From Lordsburg, drive northwest for 2 to 3 miles on US 70, turn right (north) on NM 464 and proceed for 21 miles through desert terrain to the bridge across the Gila River.

Site 18 - Redrock Road

New Mexico Game & Fish (505) 476-8000

NO SERVICES

Red Rock Area. Private property. Bird only from public roads.

Bendire's Thrashers can be seen atop shrubs on Forest Road 851 or NM 474 on your way to Redrock. Birding in the riparian area along the Gila River is only possible from the bridge, as the remainder is privately owned. Residents include Gila Woodpecker, Abert's Towhee, Gambel's Quail, Greater Roadrunner, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Black Phoebe, Verdin, Cactus Wren, Curve-billed and Crissal Thrashers, Phainopepla, Black-throated Sparrow and Northern Cardinal. In summer, Common Black Hawk, White-winged Dove, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Cassin's Kingbird, Brown-crested Flycatcher, Vermilion Flycatcher, Bell's Vireo, Lucy's Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, Summer Tanager, Blue Grosbeak, Bronzed Cowbird, Scott's Oriole, and Hooded Oriole are present. Zone-tailed Hawk is sometimes seen. To reach the NM Game and Fish area, cross at the bridge, turn right. At 1.5 miles the NM Game & Fish headquarters is visible (an

Site 19 - Burro Mountains Forest Road 851

Gila National Forest (505) 388-8201

No services

Forest Road 851 passes through a variety of habitats including scrub, oak woodlands, and pinyon-oak woodlands. In spring and summer, Mexican Jay; Plumbeous and Hutton's Vireos; Virginia's and Black-throated Gray Warblers; Gray Flycatcher; Hepatic and Western Tanagers; Crissal Thrasher; Black-chinned, Black-throated, Chipping, and Rufous-crowned Sparrows can be seen. An occasional Gray Vireo can be spotted.

Habitat: Desert scrub: oak and pinyon-juniper: oak woodland: ponderosa pine forest.

Directions: Drive northwest from Silver City on US 180 about 13 miles. Turn left on Mangas Valley Road as it heads toward Tyrone Mine. At 4.8 miles, turn right onto Forest Road 851. From Lordsburg or Redrock, Forest Road 851 [Corral Canyon Road] goes east off NM 464 a few miles south of the Gila River.



Site 20 - Gila River Bird Habitat Area

Gila National Forest (505) 388-8201



The Gila River Bird Habitat Area, located at the base of the Big Burro Mountains, is an excellent birding destination. Amidst huge cottonwoods, lush willows and Arizona walnuts, the beautiful Gila River runs through the bird habitat attracting as many as 180 species. Summer Tanagers and Vermilion Flycatchers are regular breeders. During spring and summer Brown-crested Flycatchers are present but rare and Vermilion Flycatchers are common. Bridled Titmouse and Northern Cardinal are resident. Wild Turkey, Gambel's Quail, Belted Kingfisher, Rock and Canyon Wrens, Brown-crested Flycatcher, Hooded and Bullock's Orioles, Lucy's and Yellow Warblers, Yellow-breasted Chat, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Common Black Hawk, Bell's Vireo, Blue Grosbeak, Bridled Titmouse, and Southwestern Willow Flycatcher can be spotted along the river. Northern Harrier and Sharp-shinned Hawk can be seen in winter and during migration. The paved and gravel road leading to the area offers excellent riparian birding along the winding Gila River. All birding must be done from the road because the riverbanks are private property.

Habitat: Riparian areas with large trees, scrub hill-sides.

Directions: Take US 180 northwest of Silver City toward Cliff and Glenwood. At 25.7 miles turn left on Bill Evans Lake Road and travel through private property along the Gila River for 3.4 miles. Drive straight ahead on to a gravel road as the road forks, [the left turn goes to Bill Evans Lake]. The gravel road, which can be rough at times due to wash-outs, leads into the bird area. Drive across Mangas Creek (Note: Do not attempt during high water). After another 1.5 miles, you will reach the Gila National Forest boundary cattle guard, marking the bird area.



Hooded Oriole

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Check List

- Abert's Towhee
- Belted Kingfisher
- Black-chinned Hummingbird
- Black Phoebe
- Blue Grosbeak
- Bridled Titmouse
- Bronzed Cowbird
- Cassin's Kingbird

- FLYCATCHER**
- Brown-crested Flycatcher
- Southwestern Willow Flycatcher
- Vermilion Flycatcher
- Gray Flycatcher

- Gambel's Quail
- Greater Roadrunner

- HAWK**
- Common Black Hawk
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Zone-tailed Hawk

- Mexican Jay
- Northern Harrier

- ORIOLE**
- Bullock's Oriole
- Hooded Oriole
- Scott's Oriole

- Phainopepla

- SPARROW**
- Black-chinned Sparrow
- Black-throated Sparrow
- Rufous-crowned Sparrow
- Chipping Sparrow

- TANAGER**
- Hepatic Tanager
- Summer Tanager
- Western Tanager

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

- Verdin

- VIREO**
- Bell's Vireo
- Gray Vireo
- Hutton's Vireo
- Plumbeous Vireo

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

- WOODPECKER**
- Gila Woodpecker
- Ladder-backed Woodpecker

- WREN**
- Cactus Wren
- Canyon Wren
- Rock Wren

- White-winged Dove
- Wild Turkey
- Yellow-breasted Chat
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo