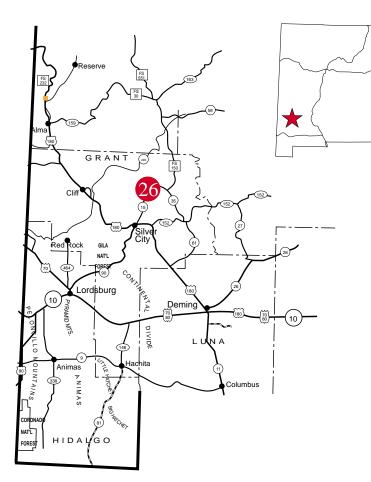


Southwest New Mexico Birding Trail



Site 26 - Lake Roberts Area

Gila National Forest (505) 536-2250



Best waterbird location in southwest NM. Lake Roberts is located in the Gila National Forest near the Continental Divide. Birds on or near the lake include Pied-billed Grebe; Gadwall; American Widgeon; Lesser Scaup; Bufflehead; Common Merganser; Northern Shoveler; Northern Pintail; Ruddy Duck; Ring-necked Duck; Spotted Sandpiper; Common Black Hawk; Bald Eagle; Common Loon (winter); Say's Phoebe; Killdeer; Violet-green Swallow; Cliff Swallow; Townsend's Solitaire; Bridled Titmouse; Bushtit; Purple Martin; Ruby-crowned Kinglet; Western Bluebird; Yellow and Yellow-rumped Warblers; Western Tanager; Cedar Waxwing; Swamp (uncommon), Song, Lincoln's, White-crowned

Sparrows, and Lesser Goldfinch. Hummingbirds are a big attraction at feeders located at Spirit Canyon Lodge (505) 536-9459) and Grey

Feathers Lodge (505) 536-3206) along NM 35. The hummingbirds are banded at both locations during the summer. The following species are usually present: Broad-tailed and Black-chinned (both April-August); Rufous (July-early September), and Calliope (mid-July-August). Magnificent Hummingbird is possible, and Bluethroated is rare.

Painted Redstart

Directions: From Silver City, take US 180 east to Central. Turn left on NM 152 and after reaching the Mimbres Valley turn left on to NM 35. After approximately 32 miles you will reach the Lake Roberts area. If you are at Cherry Creek/McMillan Campgrounds, Signal Peak, or Gila Cliff Dwellings, take NM 15 to its junction with NM 35 and take NM 35 a few miles to Lake Roberts.

Check-List	
BLACKBIRD Red-winged Blackbird Yellow-headed Blackbird	O O
BUNTING Indigo Bunting Lazuli Bunting	O O
Canyon Wren	О
GOLDFINCH American Goldfinch Lesser Goldfinch	O O
GROSBEAK Black-headed Grosbeak Blue Grosbeak	O O
JAY Pinion Jay Steller's Jay Western Scrub Jay	O O O
Painted Redstart Pine Siskin Warbling Vireo Western Tanager	O O O