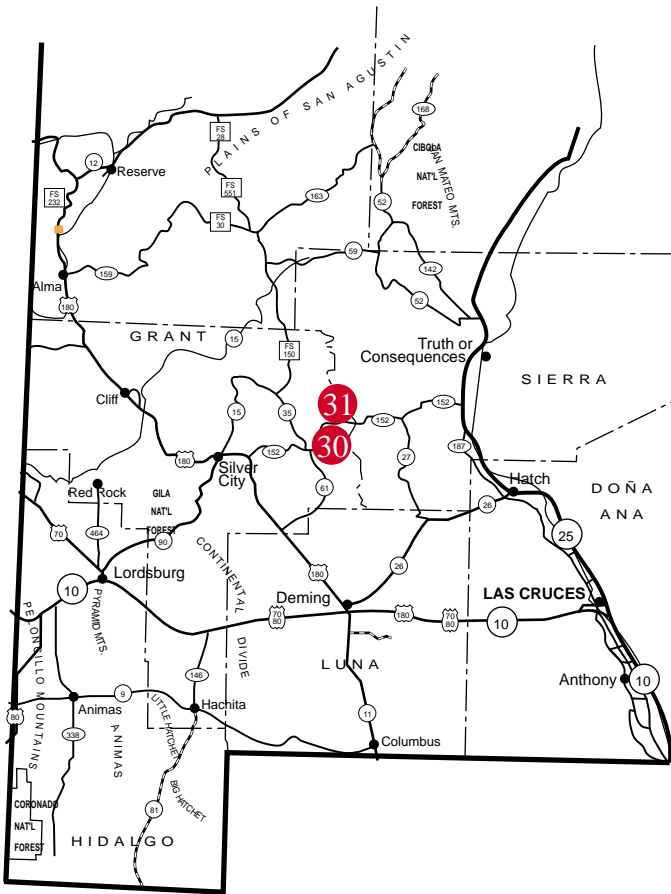




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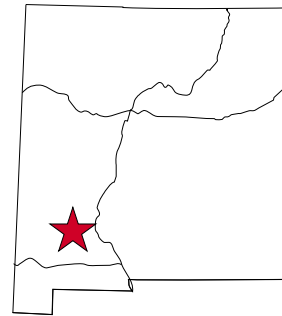


Site 30 - Iron Creek Campground to Lower Gallinas Campground

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In the Black Range west of Emory Pass, the Gila National Forest maintains three campgrounds. Iron Creek is 3.5 miles west of the pass, Upper Gallinas is 1.6 miles west of Iron Creek, and Lower Gallinas is 1.6 miles west of Upper Gallinas. These campgrounds are good locations for Grace's Warbler, Red-faced Warbler, and Painted Redstart in summer. Night birding may produce Spotted and Northern Pygmy-Owls all year and Whip-poor-will in late April-August. Note: Using tapes to attract Spotted Owl is illegal.



Habitat: Mixed deciduous and coniferous forest.

Directions: From Silver City, take US 180 east to Central and turn left on NM 152. Stay on NM 152 to Lower and then Upper Gallinas Campgrounds on the south side of the road at 25.1 and 26.5 miles respectively. Iron Creek

Campground appears further east along NM 152 on the right.

From I-25 take the Hillsboro exit 63 (NM 152) and go west 27.5 miles to Iron Creek Campground.



Site 31 - Emory Pass

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Located in the Black Range, Emory Pass (elevation 8,500 feet) affords panoramic views of the Rio Grande Valley to the east and the Black Range. Birding is best from May to September along the crest hiking trail. In summer look for Band-tailed Pigeon; Broad-tailed Hummingbird; Western Wood-pewee; Cordilleran Flycatcher; Violet-green Swallow; Northern Pygmy-Owl; Hermit Thrush; Virginia's, Grace's, Olive, and Red-faced Warblers; Hutton's Vireo; and Painted Redstart. Resident species include Western Bluebird; Steller's Jay; Common Raven; Mountain Chickadee; and Spotted Owl (rare). In winter, Cassin's Finch; Clark's Raven; Mountain Chickadee; and Spotted Owl (rare.) In winter, Cassin's Finch; Clark's Nutcracker; Evening Grosbeak; chickadees; and nuthatches may be seen along the road below the pass.

Directions: From Silver City, take US 180 east to Central and turn left on NM 152. Stay on NM 152 to the pass.

From I-25 take the Hillsboro exit 63 (NM 152) and go west 24 miles. Parking areas provided.



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Check-List

- Band-tailed Pigeon
- Broad-tailed Hummingbird
- Cassin's Finch
- Clark's Nutcracker
- Common Raven
- Cordilleran Flycatcher
- Evening Grosbeak
- Hermit Thrush
- Hutton's Vireo
- Mountain Chickadee

OWL

- Northern Pygmy-Owl
- Spotted Owl

- Painted Redstart
- Steller's Jay
- Violet-green Swallow

WARBLER

- Grace's Warbler
- Olive Warbler
- Red-faced Warbler
- Virginia's Warbler
- Yellow-rumped Warbler

- Western Bluebird
- Western Wood-Pewee
- Whip-poor-will

WOODPECKER

- Acorn Woodpecker
- Hairy Woodpecker



Mexican Spotted Owl



Whip-poor-will