

FAR WEST TEXAS WILDLIFE TRAIL



GUIDE TO USING THE MAP

This map furnishes information about the Trail locations, including detailed instructions on how to reach each site. An illustrated highway map shows the designated sites. Each site is marked with a symbol signifying the following:

Circle: The site is open daily, and developed camping is available.

Triangle: The site is open for day use only.

Square: Call ahead, access to the site is restricted, visitation may be arranged by contacting the managing entity at the website and telephone number provided.

NOTE: If the symbol is outlined in black, an entrance fee or donation may be required (subject to change).

In addition, each symbol is colored to distinguish the segment or loop to which the site belongs. Each site has been assigned to one of the designated loops, organized to help travelers plan their trips.

Descriptions of the sites are on the back of the map, and include directions to each location, examples of wildlife that can be seen, and contacts for additional information. The text, like the map, is organized by loops. A list of regional contacts (chambers of commerce, convention and visitors bureaus) begins each section. Information about food, lodging, and local points of interest may be obtained from these organizations.

To aid travelers, each site is marked with a brown sign illustrated with the familiar Scaled Quail logo, as well as a unique site number that corresponds with the map. Just look for the logo sign to verify that you've reached your location.

TPWD may be contacted about state parks and wildlife management areas (see website and telephone numbers below). Texas Mountain Trail Region and Texas Pecos Trail Region may be contacted for information about cultural sites within their regions (see website and telephone numbers below). Information about traveling Texas highways may be requested from TxDOT (www.dot.state.tx.us).

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- Upper Texas Coast - Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail
- Central Texas Coast - Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail
- Lower Texas Coast - Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail
- Heart of Texas Wildlife Trail - East
- Heart of Texas Wildlife Trail - West
- Panhandle Plains Wildlife Trail
- Prairies and Pineywoods Wildlife Trail - East
- Prairies and Pineywoods Wildlife Trail - West
- Far West Texas Wildlife Trail

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Texas Parks and Wildlife Information: (800) 792-1112
Trail Map Edits and Updates: (512) 389-4500
www.tpwd.texas.gov/wildlifetrails

Texas Mountain Trail Region (432) 284-0002
www.texasmountaintrail.com

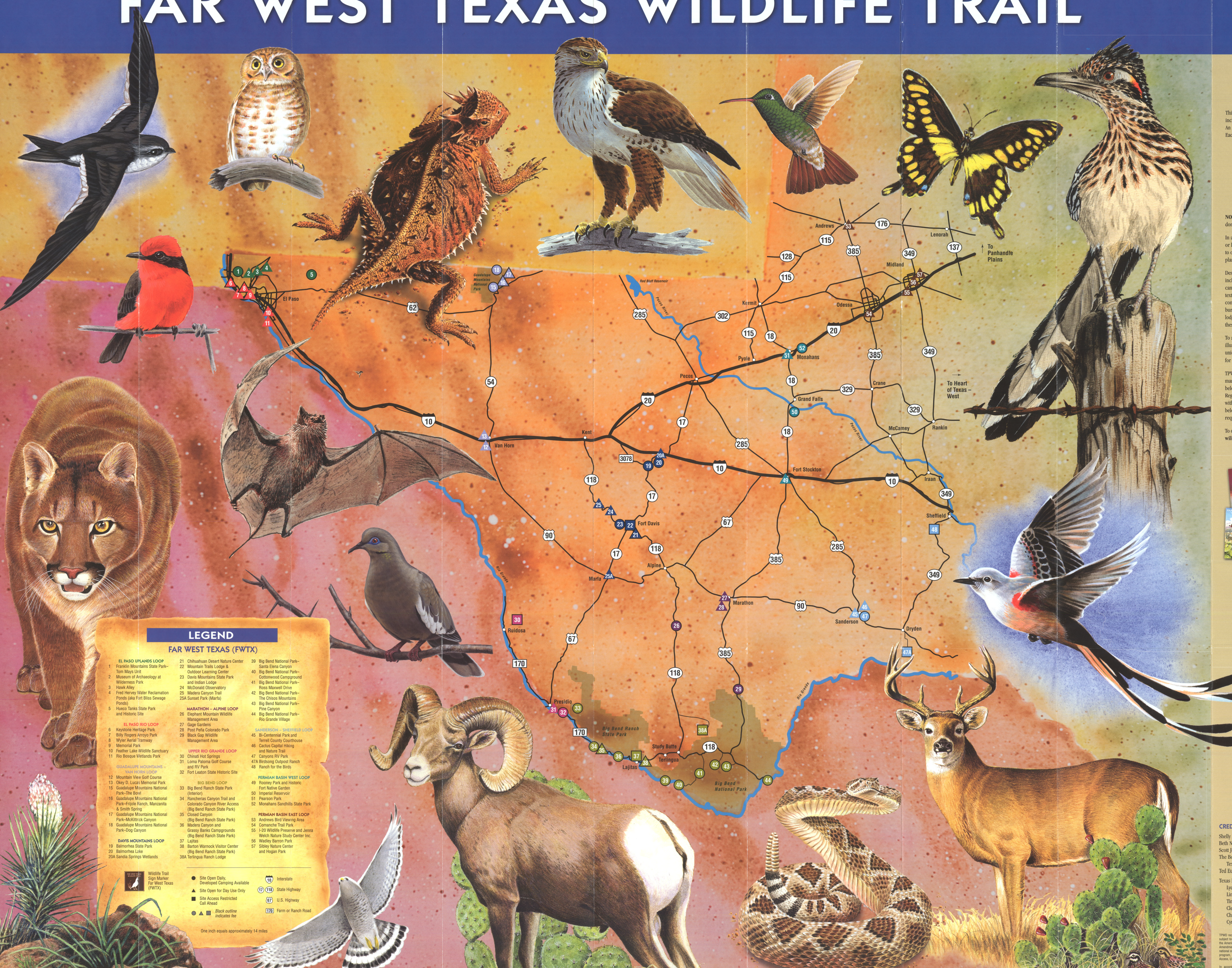
Texas Pecos Trail Region (325) 387-3900
www.texaspecostrail.com

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- ▲ Site Open for Day Use Only
- Site Access Restricted Call Ahead
- Black outline indicates fee
- 10 Interstates
- 17, 118 State Highway
- 67 U.S. Highway
- 176 Farm or Ranch Road

One inch equals approximately 1.4 miles

EL PASO UPLANDS LOOP

El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau	800-351-6024
www.visitel Paso.com	

- FWTX 1** **FRANKLIN MOUNTAINS STATE PARK–TOM MAYS UNIT**

Entrance is located 3.5 miles east of I-10 (or 7.5 miles west of US 54) on Transmountain Rd.

At the Tom Mays Unit of Franklin Mountains State Park, visitors watch Scaled Quail, Mourning Dove and White-winged Dove coming back and forth for water and food at the Wildlife Viewing Area. Critical Thrasher, Canyon Towhee, Black-throated Sparrow and Lesser Goldfinch frequent the area throughout the year. The canyons above are home to a diverse sparrow population in winter, including Black-chinned. During spring and summer Black-chinned Hummingbirds can be seen arriving in the park with Rufous, Broad-tailed and occasionally Calliope throughout in later summer. Golden Eagle (primarily in the winter), Red-tailed Hawk, Swainson's Hawk (summer), Northern Harrier (winter), American Kestrel, and other raptors can be observed soaring in the air or perched on top of sntal and yucca stalks.

915-566-6441	www.texasstateparks.org
915-566-6441	915-566-6441

- FWTX 2** **MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY AT WILDERNESS PARK**

From I-10 in El Paso, take exit 23 onto US 54. Follow US 54 north 8.3 miles to Loop 375/Transmountain Rd. Turn left (west) onto Loop 375 and the museum will be immediately on the right (north).

Here an interpretive nature trail leads visitors through native vegetation, augmented by the presence of water in the gardens. Look and listen for Cactus, Canyon and Bewick's Wren, Gambel's and Scaled Quail, and Black-throated Sparrow. Depending on the season, Verdin, migratory sparrows and Horned Lark may be present. Flowering vegetation attracts Black-chinned Hummingbird in summer, and additional hummingbird species in fall. Even the shy Crossbill Black-throated Green with a little patience. During migration periods look for Wilson's, Yellow-rumped (Audubon's), Townsend's and Black-throated Gray Warblers.

915-755-4332	www.ci.el-paso.tx.us/arch_museum
915-755-4332	915-755-4332

GPS: 31.9041, -106.4492

- FWTX 3** **HAWK ALLEY**

From I-10 in El Paso, take exit 23 onto US 54. Follow US 54 north 8.3 miles to Exit 9A on Loop 375/Transmountain Rd. Turn right and go east for 1.9. Turn left (north) onto McCombs SLRR 2529 and follow it 6 miles to San Roberts Sr. Ave. This route constitutes "Hawk Alley."

Along this north-south route, which the power lines for a diverse array of hawks and falcons. Specifically, Hawk Alley provides a great opportunity to observe nesting Chihuahuan Raven, Swainson's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk and Harris's Hawk; the nests are either overhewn in the supports of transmission lines or in nearby shrubby trees. The route is also a very good place to observe other raptors such as Golden Eagle (usually adults and birds-of-the-year), Burrowing Owl, American Kestrel, and Accipiter species.

915-31.9015,	-106.4057
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- FWTX 4** **FRED HERVEY WATER RECLAMATION PONDS (AKA FORT BLISS SEWAGE PONDS)**

Go north on US 54 to exit 9 on Loop 375 (Transmountain Rd). Turn right and go east for about 3 miles. Turn left onto Railroad Dr. and proceed for about 3.5 miles to the plant entrance. As the main road curves left towards a building complex, stay straight ahead on the dirt road toward a grove of trees and series of ponds. Only the southernmost pond is a wetland habitat. The other ponds have reverted back to a desert habitat.

Check out the cottonwoods and willows for migrants, particularly during spring and fall migration when flycatchers, vireos, warblers, tanagers, grosbeaks, buntings and other birds are in the trees. Look for raptors overhead. Typically there are several species of swallows present, except during winter. Once you access the ponds, you will find open water, shoreline, mud flats, and marsh-type vegetation. Usual species are grebes, herons, egrets, bit, waterfowl, rails, shorebirds and, at times, gulls and terns. The dry ponds are frequented by desert birds such as dove, quail, Greater Roadrunners, Burrowing Owls and raptors.

915-31.9435,	-106.3443
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- FWTX 5** **HUECO TANKS STATE PARK**

From US 62/180, turn north onto RR 2775 and travel for approximately 5.5 miles. Continue through the park gate to the headquarters building. The park is 32 miles northwest of El Paso.

Year-round residents include Gambel's and Scaled Quail, Say's Phoebe, four species of wrens, Curve-billed and Crissal Thrashers, Canyon Towhees, and White-throated Sparrow. The highest diversity occurs during migration; look for raptors, flycatchers, vireos, thrushes, warblers, tanagers, sparrows, grosbeaks, and orioles. Several rare birds have managed to find the park including Olive Warbler, Golden-crowned Sparrow, and Lawrence's Goldfinch. Normal winter populations can be enhanced by the appearance of northern irruptives. Look for woodpeckers, thrushes (Western and Mountain Bluebird and Townsend's Solitaire), jays, chickadees and nuthatches during invasion years. Reservations are highly recommended for self-guided access and required for guided access.

915-857-1135	www.texasstateparks.org
915-31.9173,	-106.0439

EL PASO RIO LOOP

El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau	800-351-6024
www.visitel Paso.com	

- FWTX 6** **KEYSTONE HERITAGE PARK**

From I-10 in El Paso, take exit 13 to Sunland Park Dr. Turn left (west) on Sunland Park Dr. and go 5 miles. Turn right on Doniphan Dr. and proceed 8 miles to the Keystone Heritage Park on the right.

Over 200 avian species have been recorded at this archeological site and wetland. The extensive mud flats attract shorebirds that flock to the area in abundance each spring and fall. In the winter months, thousands of Red-winged Blackbirds and lesser numbers of Yellow-headed Blackbirds roost in the extensive reed beds. Watch for "Mexican" Mallard as well. Just across Doniphan Dr., the wooded neighborhoods support nesting Mississippi Kite. The predominantly xeric landscape supports desert residents such as Curve-billed and Crissal Thrasher, Verdin, Greater Roadrunner and Gambel's Quail.

915-584-0563	www.keystoneheritagepark.org
915-81.8201,	-106.5631

- FWTX 7** **BILLY ROGERS ARROYO PARK**

From I-10 in El Paso, Exit 19A onto North Mesa St. Turn right and follow North Mesa St. 1 mile to E. Robinson St. Turn right and go 3 miles to the park on the right. The park can be accessed through the El Paso Tennis Club.

In El Paso, you will find this city park provides good birding opportunities. This site is typically best for birding during migration; however, some of the most exciting birding can occur during winter when jays, woodpeckers, titmice, chickadees, nuthatches, and finches provide irruptive excursions southward. Migrants expected at this site include flycatchers, vireos, warblers, tanagers and grosbeaks. Otherwise, typical winter birds include, but are not limited to, Red-raped Sapsucker, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Orange-crowned and Yellow-rumped Warbler, White-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Pine Siskin, and American Goldfinch.

915-31.7795,	-106.4962
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- FWTX 8** **WYLER AERIAL TRAMWAY**

Take US 54 north from I-10 and exit Fred Wilson Blvd.; turn left on Fred Wilson Blvd., which turns into Alabama St., follow Alabama to McKinley Ave. and turn left. McKinley ends at the park.

Wyler Aerial Tramway is situated on the east slope of the Franklin Mountains. The surrounding vegetation is primarily desert scrub with a wide variety of desert and abundant lechuguilla. The bird populations are dominated by accipiter species such as Pyrrhuloxia, Black-throated Sparrow, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, and Curve-billed Thrasher. The tram platform provides an excellent vantage point to observe raptors, particularly during migration. Red-tailed Hawk and Turkey Vultures are the most commonly observed species, but the occasional Golden Eagle (primarily in winter), Swainson's Hawk (summer), Peregrine and Prairie Falcons can be seen.

915-562-9899	www.texasstateparks.org
915-81.8095,	-106.4783

- FWTX 9** **MEMORIAL PARK**

From I-10 in El Paso, take Ocotia north to Memorial Park. In El Paso, you will find this city park provides good birding opportunities. This site is typically best for birding during migration; however, some of the most exciting birding can occur during winter when jays, woodpeckers, titmice, chickadees, nuthatches, and finches provide irruptive excursions southward. Migrants expected at this site include flycatchers, vireos, warblers, tanagers and grosbeaks. Otherwise, typical winter birds include, but are not limited to, Red-raped Sapsucker, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Orange-crowned and Yellow-rumped Warbler, White-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Pine Siskin, and American Goldfinch.

915-31.7885,	-106.4564
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- FWTX 10** **FEATHER LAKE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**

From I-10, take exit 34 (Americas Ave.) and go south on Americas Ave. 1.2 miles to North Loop Dr. Turn right onto North Loop Dr. and go .4 miles to the stoplight at Bordeaux St. The Feather Lake Entrance is on your left. A 1-mile-long trail encircles the lake. Open weekends; can be closed when lake is dry. Check website for status.

Some 219 bird species have been observed at Feather Lake. Resident wetland birds include Pied-billed Grebe, "Mexican" Mallard, Common Moorhen, and American Coot. However, it is most dynamic in migration and in winter. In migration, herons, egrets and thousands of White-faced Ibis find the location a great spot for roosting and feeding. Water levels vary, but in winter the site is typically good for a variety of waterfowl, especially large numbers of dabbling ducks.

www.trans-pecos-audubon.org	
915-31.6915,	-106.3050

- FWTX 11** **BI ROSQUE WETLANDS PARK**

From I-10, take exit 34 onto Loop 375/Loop 375. Go 2.2 miles to the Pan American Dr. exit. Turn left onto Pan American and go 1.5 miles and cross the bridge that spans the Riverside Canal immediately before the water-treatment plants. Immediately turn left onto the levee road. Go .7 miles to the Tornillo Trailhead at the northeast corner of the park. There are two more parking areas farther down the canal (.5 and 8 miles).

Some 229 bird species have been seen at Bi Rosoque, a reliable place to find resident species such as the Gambel's Quail, Harris's Hawk, Burrowing Owl, Verdin and Crissal Thrasher. Summer-nesting nesting species include Bell's Vireo, Yellow-breasted Chat, Blue Grosbeak and Painted Bunting. In late fall and early winter, approximately 100 acres of the site are flooded, and up to 5,000 ducks can be present. Raptors are also abundant in winter.

www.robosque.org	
915-31.6483,	-106.3112

GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS – VAN HORN LOOP

Van Horn Convention and Visitors Bureau	866-424-6939
Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce (New Mexico)	575-887-6516
www.carlsbadchamber.com	

- FWTX 12** **MOUNTAIN VIEW GOLF COURSE**

From I-10 take exit 138 to frontage road. At stop sign between Chevron station and McDonalds, turn right (south) and follow road to golf course. Check in at clubhouse.

Because of the presence of water and the proximity to open desert, the golf course is visited by many birds including raptors, quail, etc.

915-31.0291,	-104.8558
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- FWTX 13** **OKEY D. LUCAS MEMORIAL PARK**

The Town of Van Horn is located at the crossroads of I-10, US 90, and US 54. Van Horn has one main street. The Okey D. Lucas Park is located near the west end at 1804 W. Broadway just across the street from City Hall and the Convention Center Visitor's Bureau.

The Okey D. Lucas Park is a quiet, small, and open park with trees and shrubs, with a dramatic background of Turleback and Six Mile Mountains. The city has a drip water system that attracts the birds despite the dry area. There are picnic tables and restrooms available Monday through Friday, 8-5 at the Visitor's Bureau.

915-31.0379,	-104.8562
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- FWTX 15** **GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK–THE BOWL**

The trailhead to The Bowl is located off of US 62/180. The driving distance is 110 miles east of El Paso, or 56 miles southwest of Carlsbad, New Mexico. When arriving in Guadalupe Mountains National Park on US 62/180, turn towards the Headquarters Visitor Center and park at the Texas Trail/Guadalupe Park trailhead.

The Bowl is approximately 5 miles from the Texas trailhead. In order to hike to the Bowl, begin hiking up the Texas Trail to Pine Top. From Pine Top hike the Bowl Trail to reach an open area called the Bowl. The Bowl is above 7,500 ft. in elevation surrounded by a coniferous forest of pine and Douglas fir trees. Those willing to make this strenuous hike will be rewarded by the opportunity to view montane species not usually found elsewhere in the area.

915-828-3251	www.nps.gov/gumo
915-31.8966,	-104.8277

- FWTX 16** **GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK–FRIJOLE RANCH, MANZANITA & SMITH SPRINGS**

These wildlife viewing areas are located off of US 62/180. The driving distance is 110 miles east of El Paso, or 56 miles southwest of Carlsbad, New Mexico. When arriving in Guadalupe Mountains National Park on US 62/180, turn on McKittcrick Canyon Rd. and continue for a mile to McKittcrick Canyon Visitor Center and trailhead. McKittcrick Canyon is a day-use area.

McKittcrick Canyon trail follows a perennial stream in McKittcrick Canyon for approximately 3.5 miles. Expect typical Chihuahuan Desert species along the beginning of the trail including year-round residents such as Canyon Wren, Bewick's Wren, Greater Roadrunners, Bush-tit, Acorn Woodpecker, Montezuma Quail, Golden Eagle, Davis Mountains cottontail, javelina, white-tailed and male deer, mountain short-horned lizard and, rarely, mountain lion. At dawn, visitors may listen for the bugle of elk in the fall or the chorus of coyotes any time of year. The Williamson's Sapsucker has been sighted along the trail in winter.

915-828-3251	www.nps.gov/gumo
915-31.9074,	-104.8014

- FWTX 17** **GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK–MCKITTCRICK CANYON**

McKittcrick Canyon is located off of US 62/180. The driving distance is 110 miles east of El Paso, or 56 miles southwest of Carlsbad, New Mexico. When arriving in Guadalupe Mountains National Park on US 62/180, turn on McKittcrick Canyon Rd. and continue for a mile to McKittcrick Canyon Visitor Center and trailhead. McKittcrick Canyon is a day-use area.

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915-828-3251	www.nps.gov/gumo
915-31.9772,	-104.7520

- FWTX 18** **GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK–DOG CANYON**

Visitors traveling to Dog Canyon can access the area via New Mexico State Road 137. Visitors must turn southwest on New Mexico State Road 137 after driving approximately 11 miles north of Carlsbad, New Mexico on US 285.

Dog Canyon is at the north side of the park at an elevation of 6,300 feet. This is a rarely visited area in the Guadalupe Mountains that offers opportunities to see deer, javelina, Acorn Woodpecker and Broad-tailed Hummingbirds. This area also provides easy access to the park's high country forests.

575-981-2418	www.nps.gov/gumo
915-31.9945,	-104.8335

DAVIS MOUNTAINS LOOP

The Pecos Area Chamber of Commerce	432-445-2406
www.pecostx.com	
Fort Davis Chamber of Commerce	800-524-3015
www.fortdavis.com	

- FWTX 19** **BALMORHEA STATE PARK**

Park is located 7 miles south of I-10 (exit 206) on Hwy 17 South. Balmorhea State Park boasts a 1.75-acre spring-fed pool and 5 acres of desert wetlands. The abundance of fresh water and large trees are a virtual bird and wildlife magnet. Common nesting birds during spring and summer include Orchard Oriole, Bullock's Oriole, Painted Bunting, Blue Grosbeak, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Ash-throated Flycatcher and Western Kingbird. Birds seen during spring migration include Western Tanager, Spotted Sandpiper, buntings and several species of warblers. Year-round residents include Black Phoebe, Song, Virginia Rail, Green Heron, Greater Roadrunner, Black-throated Sparrow, Curve-billed Thrasher, Scaled Quail, Pyrrhuloxia, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, and Lesser Goldfinch. Winter residents include Beloit Kingfisher, Snowy Egret, many species of ducks, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, Green-tailed Towhee, and American Crow.

432-375-2370	www.texasstateparks.org
915-30.9454,	-103.7867

- FWTX 20** **BALMORHEA LAKE**

From Hwy 17 (North Main St.) in Balmorhea, turn south on Houston St. and travel 2 miles.

Balmorhea Lake is a 500-acre reservoir built in 1917 to capture water from San Solomon Springs (Balmorhea State Park). The lake attracts large numbers of waterfowl including Rock's Goose, American White Pelican, herons, and gulls. This is one of the few locations in the Trans-Pecos to observe shorebirds, although it takes some effort to carefully comb the shoreline.

915-30.9669,	-103.7129
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- FWTX 20A** **SANDIA SPRINGS WETLANDS**

From Balmorhea, head 2.5 miles east on Hwy 17 to Reeves CR 313, then 0.8 miles south on CR 313 to the site.

Sandia Wetlands' five acres are designed to attract migrant birds during spring and fall. This managed wetland attracts waterfowl, shorebirds, and waders that normally stop at Balmorhea Lake. Due to the smaller size of the wetland, birds are able to enjoy a closer look. The wetland provides shallow water and mudflats throughout the year.

sandiasprings.wordpress.com	
915-30.9863,	-103.7069

- FWTX 21** **CHIHUAHUAN DESERT NATURE CENTER**

Located 4 miles south of Fort Davis on Hwy 118. The center is one mile in from the highway.

The center sits on 507 acres in the foothills of the Davis Mountains. The botanical gardens, a protected canyon with perennial springs, grasslands with mixed desert scrub, and seasonal tanks provide several habitat zones for birds and bird watching. Hummingbirds are maintained around the center and primarily attract Black-chinned, but Rufous, Broad-tailed and maybe the occasionally Calliope can be seen in the fall. The center offers many nature programs to the public and maintains hiking trails on the center's property.

432-364-2499	www.cdrl.org
915-30.5567,	-103.8664

- FWTX 22** **MOUNTAIN TRAILS LODGE & OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER**

From intersection of Hwy 17 and Hwy 118, near the Jeff Davis County Courthouse, take Hwy 118 south for 8 miles to the entrance on the left. Mountain Trails Lodge & Outdoor Learning Center organizes and leads outdoor education programs, including regional birding tours. The 10-acre campus is home to several species whose nests can be found around the property: Black-chinned Hummingbird, Say's Phoebe, Cactus Wren, and Curve-billed Thrasher. The natural setting attracts endemic and migrating species, and sightings include American Kestrel, Cassin's Kingbird, Scaled Quail, Canyon Towhee, and many finches and sparrows. Horned Lizards, javelina, ringtailed cats, fox, deer and mouflon are often spotted on the property.

800-403-5484	www.mountaintrailslodge.com
915-30.5867,	-103.8931

- FWTX 23** **DAVIS MOUNTAINS STATE PARK AND INDIAN LODGE**

From Fort Davis, proceed north on Hwy 118 for 4.1 miles and turn left onto Park Road 3.

A total of 365 bird species are known to occur within Jeff Davis County and Davis Mountains State Park provides a convenient location to see many of them, particularly during spring and fall migration periods. Commonly seen birds include Montezuma Quail, Acorn Woodpecker, Cactus Wren, Phainopepla, Pyrrhuloxia, Canyon Towhee, Black-crested Titmouse and Curve-billed Thrasher. Davis Mountains State Park has been identified as being important for world bird conservation and officially designated a globally significant bird area by the American Bird Conservancy. The park offers 20 miles of hiking, biking and equestrian trails and special interpretive programs. Nestled within park boundaries, Indian Lodge is a unique adobe-style full-service hotel and restaurant constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s.

432-426-3337	www.texasstateparks.org
915-30.5995,	-103.9292

- FWTX 24** **MCDONALD OBSERVATORY**

Visitors traveling east on I-10 from El Paso may take Hwy 118 south at Kent for the 39-mile scenic drive to the observatory. Visitors traveling west on I-10 may take Hwy 17 south at Balmorhea to Fort Davis, then Hwy 118 north 16 miles to Mt. Locke.

Birding and wildlife viewing is limited to daylight hours and along public roads on observatory property. Species commonly seen at elevation in the Davis Mountains can be observed on the observatory grounds, including the Montezuma Quail. The Visitors' Center Gift has hummingbird feeders for easy viewing by visitors. Birding and wildlife viewing is free, fees charged for astronomy programs.

432-426-3263	http://mcdonaldsobservatory.org
915-30.6715,	-104.0229

- FWTX 25** **MADERA CANYON TRAIL**

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Hikers will walk through stands of stately ponderosa pines, pinon-juniper woodlands and grassy meadows. Wildlife that may be present, particularly at dawn or dusk, includes gray fox, ringtail, Western Scrub Jay, Acorn Woodpecker, Montezuma Quail, Golden Eagle, Davis Mountains cottontail, javelina, white-tailed and male deer, mountain short-horned lizard and, rarely, mountain lion. At dawn, visitors may listen for the bugle of elk in the fall or the chorus of coyotes any time of year. The Williamson's Sapsucker has been sighted along the trail in winter.

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915-828-3251	www.nps.gov/gumo
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- FWTX 25A** **SUNSET PARK (MARFA)**

From the Hwy 90 (San Antonio Street) head north two blocks on Hwy 17 (Highland Street). The park is near the corner of Oak Street and Highland Street on the east side, behind the US Post Office.

It runs most of the length of Oak Street between Highland Street and Russell Street.

Mature trees attract birds and other wildlife to this downtown park. Possible birds for the park include Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Cassin's Kingbird, Curve-billed Thrasher, migrant warblers and tanagers that use the trees in the park as stopover habitat. Chihuahuan Raven is common in town during migration and in the surrounding grasslands throughout the year.

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