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# Birding & Nature Trail

## Northeastern New Mexico



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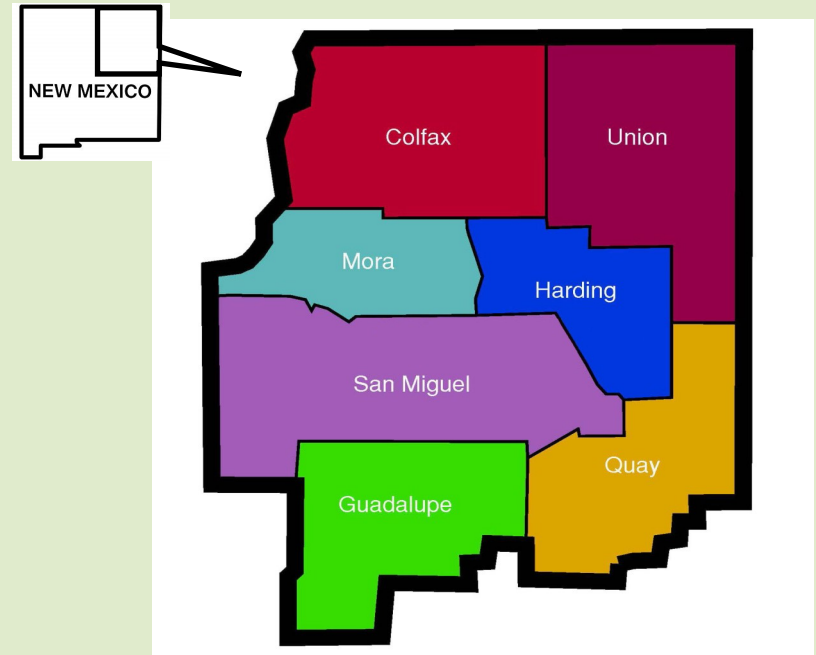
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## Nature Journal:

## Introduction

### Nature Journal:



**Welcome** to Northeastern New Mexico, a place trod by dinosaurs, Native people, Spanish conquistadors, Santa Fe Trail traders, pioneers, outlaws, cowboys, cattle barons, Route 66 cruisers, and now you!

From placid mountain lakes to prairie grasslands, striking mesas to rocky canyons, rippling streams to piney woods, our region boasts amazing landscapes and incredible birdwatching. In fact, **423 different bird species** can be found here, as well as many wild animals.

In this free guide you'll discover birding and nature destinations including state and national parks, wildlife areas, national grasslands, and forests.

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## Birding/Nature Ethics

### Respect birds:

- Observe/photograph birds with minimal disturbance.
- Limit use of recordings or other ways to attract birds.
- Avoid chasing or flushing birds.
- Keep distance from nests to avoid disturbance.
- Refrain from handling birds or eggs.
- Limit feeding to backyard feeders.

### Respect wildlife:

- Stay on designated trails.
- Keep habitat litter free.
- Leave flowers for bees.

### Respect others:

- Yield to pedestrians.
- Be courteous to other outdoor enthusiasts.
- Teach birding ethics by word and example.

### Observe laws & rules:

- Leash pets. Pick up waste.
- Respect private property.  
Do not trespass.

## Nature Journal:



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## Using the Guide



This guide describes great places to watch birds and explore nature. For each location, you will find information on local bird species as well as: basic directions to the site; descriptions of campgrounds and trails; availability of bathrooms; etc.

Beginning birders and those new to our state may want to consult the safety tips and checklist on pages 6 and 7. We invite you to log your bird sightings on the checklist on pages 48-52. We've also included a four-page Nature Journal on pages 56-59 for notes and sketches. We hope you enjoy your time with our fine feathered friends and the natural world!

## Safety Tips:

- ◇ Pay attention to your surroundings. New Mexico weather and terrain can change rapidly.
- ◇ Be aware that our higher elevation may affect your exertion levels and need for water.
- ◇ Stay on designated trails.
- ◇ If you must walk on a road, face traffic.
- ◇ Where dogs are allowed, keep them on a leash and bring bags for clean up.
- ◇ We're blessed with wild places that are home to many species of wildlife. Those animals usually fear us more than we fear them. However, when exploring wild areas, remember these "rules of the road:"
  - Walk with a companion if possible.
  - Watch for wild animals.
  - Keep small children by your side.
  - Avoid recreating alone outdoors at dawn or dusk, when wild animals are most active.
  - If you see a black bear or cougar: **STOP**, raise your arms as high as possible, check behind you so you don't fall, & back away slowly. **NEVER** run.

## Other Tourism Resources by County

### Colfax:

**Raton** Chamber of Commerce: 575-445-3689

[www.raton.info](http://www.raton.info)

[www.newmexico.org/places-to-go/regions-cities/northeast/raton/](http://www.newmexico.org/places-to-go/regions-cities/northeast/raton/)

**Cimarron** Chamber of Commerce: 575-376-2232

[www.cimarronnm.com/](http://www.cimarronnm.com/)

[www.newmexico.org/places-to-go/regions-cities/northeast/cimarron/](http://www.newmexico.org/places-to-go/regions-cities/northeast/cimarron/)

### Guadalupe:

**Santa Rosa** Chamber of Commerce: 505-472-3404

[www.santarosametrochamber.com/](http://www.santarosametrochamber.com/)

[www.newmexico.org/places-to-go/regions-cities/northeast/santa-rosa/](http://www.newmexico.org/places-to-go/regions-cities/northeast/santa-rosa/)

### Harding:

**Roy** Chamber of Commerce: 575-485-0064 or 575-485-0055

<https://roychamberofcommerce.weebly.com>

[www.newmexico.org/places-to-go/regions-cities/northeast/harding-county-attractions/](http://www.newmexico.org/places-to-go/regions-cities/northeast/harding-county-attractions/)

### Mora:

[www.countyofmora.com/](http://www.countyofmora.com/)

### Quay:

**Logan** Chamber of Commerce: 575-487-2234

[www.logannm.com](http://www.logannm.com)

**San Jon** Chamber of Commerce: 505-357-2146

[www.chamberofcommerce.com/san-jon-nm](http://www.chamberofcommerce.com/san-jon-nm)

**Tucumcari** Chamber of Commerce: 505-461-1694

[www.tucumcarinm.com/](http://www.tucumcarinm.com/)

[www.newmexico.org/places-to-go/regions-cities/northeast/tucumcari/](http://www.newmexico.org/places-to-go/regions-cities/northeast/tucumcari/)

### San Miguel:

**Las Vegas** Chamber of Commerce: 505-425-8631

<http://lasvegasmn.org/>

[www.newmexico.org/places-to-go/regions-cities/northeast/las-vegas/](http://www.newmexico.org/places-to-go/regions-cities/northeast/las-vegas/)

**Pecos** Business Association: 505-470-5057

[www.pecosnewmexico.com](http://www.pecosnewmexico.com)

[www.newmexico.org/places-to-go/regions-cities/northeast/pecos/](http://www.newmexico.org/places-to-go/regions-cities/northeast/pecos/)

### Union:

**Clayton** Chamber of Commerce: 919-553-6352

<https://www.claytonchamber.com/>

## Other Birding Resources

### New Mexico:

- **New Mexico Ornithological Society:**  
[www.nmbirds.org/bird-finding-guide/](http://www.nmbirds.org/bird-finding-guide/)
- **New Mexico Tourism:**  
[www.newmexico.org/things-to-do/nature/birding/](http://www.newmexico.org/things-to-do/nature/birding/)
- **Visit Albuquerque:**  
[www.visitalbuquerque.org/things-to-do/outdoors/birding/](http://www.visitalbuquerque.org/things-to-do/outdoors/birding/)
- **Randall Davey Audubon Center/Santa Fe** 505-983-4609  
<https://randalldavey.audubon.org/>
- **Sangre de Cristo Audubon Society** 505-988-1708  
[www.audubonsantafe.org](http://www.audubonsantafe.org)

### United States:

- **Partners in Flight:**  
[www.partnersinflight.org](http://www.partnersinflight.org)
- **North American Bird Conservation Initiative:**  
[nabci-us.org](http://nabci-us.org)
- **Migratory Bird Joint Venture:**  
<http://mbjv.org>
- **Migratory Bird Day:**  
[www.migratorybirdday.org](http://www.migratorybirdday.org)
- **Playa Lakes Joint Venture:**  
[www.pljv.org](http://www.pljv.org)

### Citizen Science Websites:

- **eBird (bird observations)**  
[www.ebird.org/home](http://www.ebird.org/home)
- **Audubon's Christmas Bird Count:**  
[www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count](http://www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count)
- **The Great Backyard Bird Count:**  
<http://gbbc.birdcount.org>
- **iNaturalist:**  
[www.inaturalist.org](http://www.inaturalist.org)

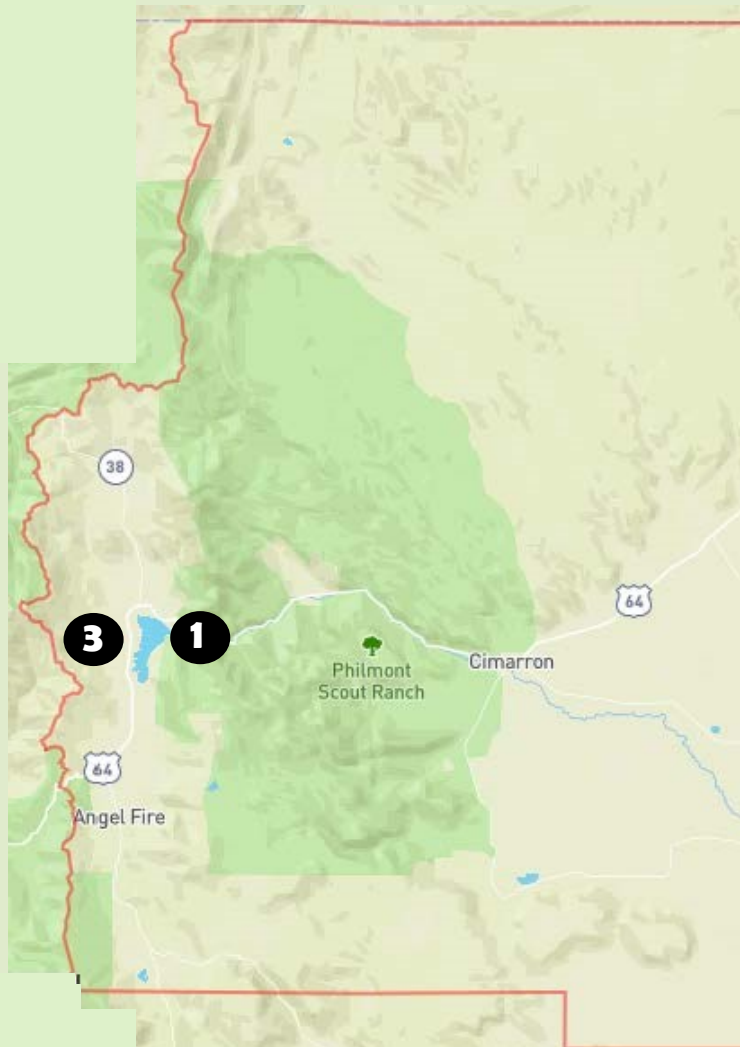
## Items to Bring:

- ◇ **Binoculars (at least 8x35 advised; 8x42 ideal)**
- ◇ **Field guides or cell phone apps for birds, etc.**
- ◇ **Water (1 quart for each 2 hours)**
- ◇ **Appropriate Footwear**
- ◇ **Hat, Cap or Visor**
- ◇ **Sunblock**
- ◇ **Sunglasses**
- ◇ **Walking Stick**
- ◇ **Windbreaker or Rain Jacket**
- ◇ **Fleece or Sweater**
- ◇ **Digital Camera**
- ◇ **Food**
- ◇ **First Aid Kit & Medications**
- ◇ **Lip Balm**
- ◇ **Bug Repellent**



# Colfax County

With mountains, prairies, lakes and trout streams, Colfax County offers a variety of recreational activities. The **Angel Fire Resort** offers live theater, and more. **Raton** offers the historic **Shiloh** and an **Amtrak** station. Nearby, **Sugarite Canyon State Park** provides a **Center** offers shooting options. **Cimarron** hosts a **Cowboy Music** festival from all over the country for summer outings. Anglers flock to **Cimarron Park** provides boating, fishing and camping. In Angel Fire, the V



*Porcupine at Clayton Lake State Park and Dinosaur Trackway*

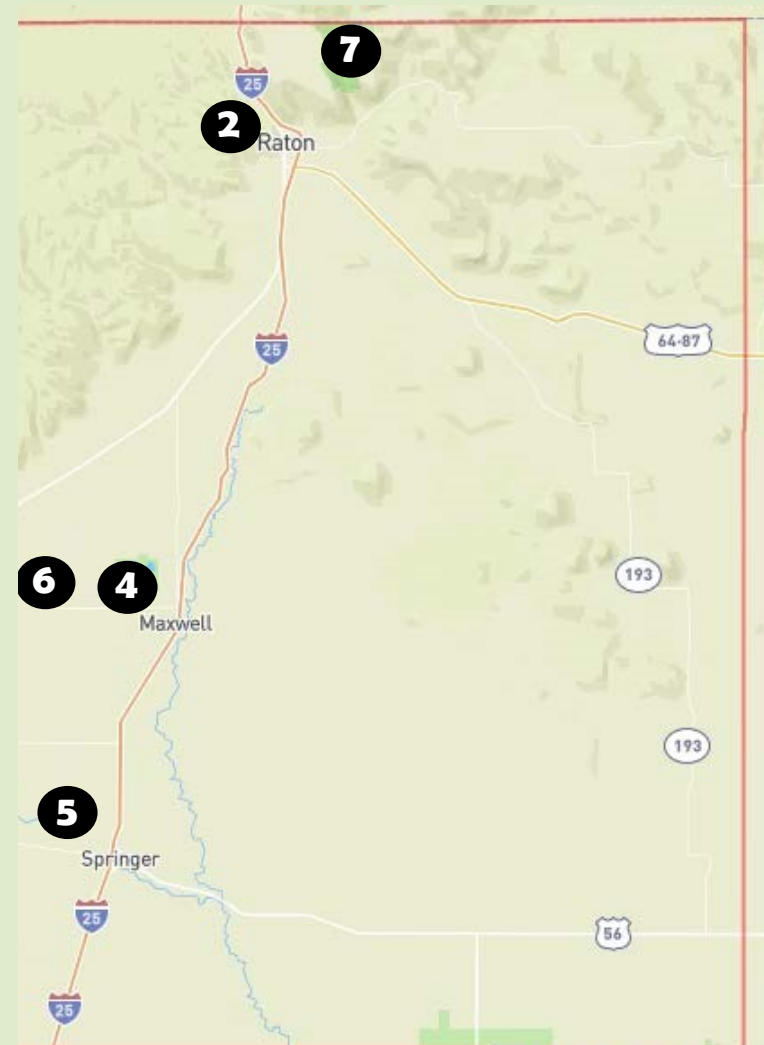


## Bird Checklist/*Accidental Species*

*Documented in northeastern N.M. five or fewer times.*

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	Tricolored Heron	Warblers:
Barnacle Goose	Reddish Egret	Worm-eating
Trumpeter Swan	Yellow-crowned Night-	Golden-winged
Eurasian Wigeon	Heron	Tennessee
Mexican Duck	White Ibis	Kentucky
White-winged Scoter	Glossy Ibis	Hooded
Black Scoter	White-tailed Kite	Northern Parula
Gambel's Quail	Swallow-tailed Kite	Magnolia
Sharp-tailed Grouse	Common Black-Hawk	Blackpoll
Inca Dove	White-tailed Hawk	Black-throated Blue
Mexican Whip-poor-will	Zone-tailed Hawk	Palm
Black Swift	Spotted Owl	Pine
Blue-throated Hummingbird	Short-eared Owl	Black-throated Green
Common Gallinule	Boreal Owl	Painted Redstart
Black Rail	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Scarlet Tanager
American Golden Plover	Great Crested Flycatcher	Pyrrhuloxia
Piping Plover	White-eyed Vireo	
Whimbrel	Bell's Vireo	
Hudsonian Godwit	Yellow-throated Vireo	
Ruddy Turnstone	Philadelphia Vireo	
Red Knot	Red-eyed Vireo	
Ruff	Cave Swallow	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Pacific Wren	
Short-billed Dowitcher	Sedge Wren	
Pomarine Jaeger	Carolina Wren	
Parasitic Jaeger	Gray-cheeked Thrush	
Long-tailed Jaeger	Wood Thrush	
Black-legged Kittiwake	Bendire's Thrasher	
Little Gull	Crissal Thrasher	
Laughing Gull	Bohemian Waxwing	
Mew Gull	Common Redpoll	
Iceland Gull	White-winged Crossbill	
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Snow Bunting	
Glaucous Gull	Golden-crowned Sparrow	
Least Tern	LeConte's Sparrow	
Red-throated Loon	Baird's Sparrow	
Yellow-billed Loon	Henslow's Sparrow	
Blue-footed Booby	Bobolink	
American Bittern	Hooded Oriole	
Least Bittern	Bronzed Cowbird	
Little Blue Heron	Ovenbird	

boasts three state parks, **Maxwell National Wildlife Refuge**, **Anler Theater**, the **Raton Regional Aquatic Center**, **Raton Museum**, es camping, hiking and an historic coal camp. The **NRA Whittington and Poetry Gathering**, while **Philmont Scout Ranch** draws Scouts **arron Canyon State Park** to fly fish, while **Eagle Nest Lake State vietnam Veterans Memorial** honors all war veterans.



# 1 Cimarron Canyon State Park/ Colin Neblitt Wildlife Management Area

**Address:** 28869 U.S. 64  
Eagle Nest, N.M. 87718

**GPS:** 36.545491, -105.134691

**Phone:** 575-377-6271

**Web:** nmparks.com

## Target species:

**All year:** Downy Woodpecker, Jays (Steller's, Canada,) Clark's Nutcracker, Mountain Chickadee, Pygmy Nuthatch, Townsend's Solitaire.

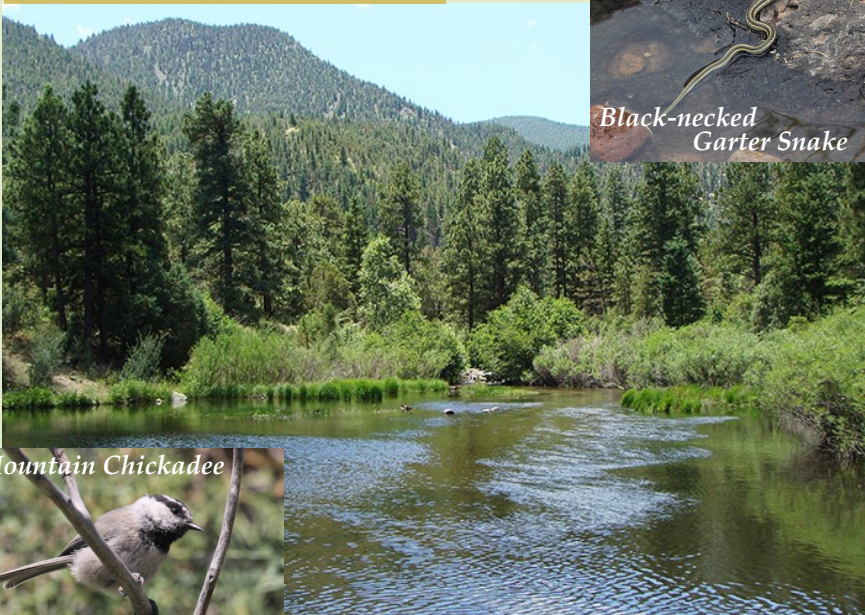
**Summer:** Violet-green Swallow, House Wren, Western Tanager.

**Amenities:** Visitor center with restrooms, trails, camping, vault toilets.

**Nearest food & lodging:**  
Cimarron, Eagle Nest

Straddling a 8-mile stretch of the Cimarron River, this park includes beaver ponds, trout waters, and mountains covered in pine and fir. Cottonwoods line the river bank. The park offers four campgrounds and nearly 20 miles of riparian and mountain trails.

**Directions:** From Cimarron, go west 16 miles on Hwy 64 to the park entrance. Or from Eagle Nest, go east 3 miles on Hwy 64 to the park.



- Brown Thrasher R M
- Sage Thrasher U P
- Northern Mockingbird F P
- European Starling C P
- American Pipit U W M
- Sprague's Pipit R F M
- Cedar Waxwing U P
- Evening Grosbeak U P
- Pine Grosbeak R P
- Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch R W
- Black Rosy-Finch R W
- Brown-capped Rosy-Finch R W
- House Finch C P
- Cassin's Finch U P
- Red Crossbill U P
- Pine Siskin C P
- Lesser Goldfinch C S M
- American Goldfinch F P
- Lapland Longspur U W
- Chestnut-collared Longspur U W
- McCown's Longspur U W
- Cassin's Sparrow F S
- Grasshopper Sparrow U S
- Chipping Sparrow C S M
- Clay-colored Sparrow F M
- Black-chinned Sparrow R S
- Field Sparrow R W
- Brewer's Sparrow U M
- Black-throated Sparrow U P
- Lark Sparrow C S
- Lark Bunting F S
- American Tree Sparrow U W
- Fox Sparrow R W
- Dark-eyed Junco C P
- White-crowned Sparrow C W M
- Harris's Sparrow R W
- White-throated Sparrow R W
- Sagebrush Sparrow R W
- Vesper Sparrow F S
- Savannah Sparrow U P
- Song Sparrow F P
- Lincoln's Sparrow F P
- Swamp Sparrow U W
- Canyon Towhee F P
- Rufous-crowned Sparrow F P
- Green-tailed Towhee F S
- Spotted Towhee C P
- Yellow-breasted Chat F S
- Yellow-headed Blackbird F P
- Western Meadowlark C P
- Eastern Meadowlark U P
- Orchard Oriole U S
- Bullock's Oriole F S
- Scott's Oriole R S
- Red-winged Blackbird C P
- Brown-headed Cowbird F S M
- Rusty Blackbird R W
- Brewer's Blackbird F P
- Common Grackle F S
- Great-tailed Grackle F P
- Northern Waterthrush R M
- Black-and-white Warbler R M
- Orange-crowned Warbler U S
- Nashville Warbler R M
- Virginia's Warbler F S
- MacGillivray's Warbler F S M
- Common Yellowthroat F S
- American Redstart R M
- Yellow Warbler C S
- Chestnut-sided Warbler R M
- Yellow-rumped Warbler F P
- Grace's Warbler F S
- Black-throated Gray Warbler U S
- Townsend's Warbler U F M
- Wilson's Warbler C M
- Hepatic Tanager U S
- Summer Tanager U S
- Western Tanager F S
- Northern Cardinal R P
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak R M
- Black-headed Grosbeak C S
- Blue Grosbeak C S
- Lazuli Bunting U S
- Indigo Bunting U S
- Painted Bunting R S
- Dickcissel U S
- House Sparrow F P

## Bird Checklist—Continued

### Abundance

### Season

C-Common	P-Permanent (Year-round resident)
F-Fairly common	S-Summer (June-Aug.)
U-Uncommon	W-Winter (Dec.-Feb.)
R-Rare	M-Migrant (Spring March-May. Fall Sept.-Nov.)
	FM-Fall Migrant

Willow Flycatcher U S	Purple Martin U S
Least Flycatcher R S	Tree Swallow F S
Hammond's Flycatcher U S	Violet-green Swallow C S
Gray Flycatcher U S	Bank Swallow U M
Dusky Flycatcher U S	Barn Swallow C S
Cordilleran Flycatcher F S	Cliff Swallow C S
Black Phoebe U P	Black-capped Chickadee F P
Eastern Phoebe U S	Mountain Chickadee F P
Say's Phoebe C P	Juniper Titmouse F P
Vermilion Flycatcher R S	Bushtit F P
Ash-throated Flycatcher F S	Red-breasted Nuthatch F P
Cassin's Kingbird C S	White-breasted Nuthatch C P
Western Kingbird C S	Pygmy Nuthatch F P
Eastern Kingbird U S	Brown Creeper F P
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher U S	Rock Wren F P
Loggerhead Shrike F P	Canyon Wren F P
Northern Shrike U W	House Wren C S
Gray Vireo R S	Winter Wren R W
Cassin's Vireo U FM	Marsh Wren F WM
Blue-headed Vireo R FM	Bewick's Wren F P
Plumbeous Vireo F S	Cactus Wren U P
Warbling Vireo F S	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher F S
Canada Jay U P	American Dipper U P
Pinyon Jay F P	Golden-crowned Kinglet U P
Steller's Jay C P	Ruby-crowned Kinglet F P
Blue Jay U P	Eastern Bluebird U P
Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay C P	Western Bluebird F P
Black-billed Magpie F P	Mountain Bluebird F P
Clark's Nutcracker U P	Townsend's Solitaire F P
American Crow C P	Swainson's Thrush R M
Chihuahuan Raven U P	Hermit Thrush U P
Common Raven C P	American Robin C P
Horned Lark C P	Gray Catbird U S
Northern Rough-winged Swallow C S	Curve-billed Thrasher U P

## 2 Climax Canyon Nature Trail

**Address:** 801-899 Apache Ave  
Raton, N.M. 87740

**GPS:** 36.900207, -104.449533

**Phone:** 575-445-4271

**Web:** ratonrecreation.com

### Target species:

**All year:** Common Raven, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Bushtit, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Canyon Wren.

**Summer:** Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Turkey Vulture, Plumbeous Vireo, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Spotted Towhee.

**Winter:** Dark-eyed Junco.

### Amenities:

Parking lot, maps, benches.

### Nearest food & lodging:

Raton

This three-mile, figure-eight trail explores the pinyon pine-juniper hills on the western flank of Raton. The canyon walls host nesting ravens and singing canyon wrens. The trail offers great views of Raton and nearby mesas. Trail maps are available at the trailhead, and three Boy Scout-installed benches are found along the trail, including at the overlook.

**Directions:** From downtown Second Street in Raton, turn west (uphill) on Apache Avenue and go six blocks to the park entrance.



### 3 Eagle Nest Lake State Park

**Address:** 42 Marina Ln.  
Eagle Nest, NM 87718

**GPS:** 36.533055, -105.265266

**Phone:** 575-377-1594

**Web:** nmparks.com

**Target species:**

**All year:** Canada Geese, Brewer's Blackbird, House Sparrow.

**Summer:** American White Pelicans, Tree Swallow, Common Grackle.

**Migrant:** California Gull, American Pipit.

**Amenities:**

Visitor center with restrooms, camping, vault toilets.

**Nearest food & lodging:**

Eagle Nest, Angel Fire.

**Fees:** Park fees apply

In the Moreno Valley, the patio of Eagle Nest Lake State Park Visitor Center offers a breath-taking view of Touch Me Not Mountain and surrounding peaks. The patio is a great place to look for American White Pelicans and other waterfowl on the lake, while the Lake View Trail provides opportunities to see Brewer's Blackbirds and shorebirds. Gunnison's prairie dogs can be seen around the park, which includes one campground and picnic shelters.

**Directions:** From Eagle Nest, go west about 1 mile on Hwy 64. Turn left on Marina Way to the park entrance.



*Gunnison's Prairie Dog*



*American White Pelican*



- Upland Sandpiper R FM
- Long-billed Curlew U SM
- Marbled Godwit U SM
- Stilt Sandpiper R M
- Sanderling R M
- Dunlin R M
- Baird's Sandpiper U M
- Least Sandpiper F M
- White-rumped Sandpiper U S
- Pectoral Sandpiper U M
- Semipalmated Sandpiper U M
- Western Sandpiper F M
- Long-billed Dowitcher F M
- Wilson's Snipe U P
- Wilson's Phalarope F S
- Red-necked Phalarope U M
- Red Phalarope R FM
- Spotted Sandpiper C SM
- Solitary Sandpiper U M
- Greater Yellowlegs F M
- Willet F M
- Lesser Yellowlegs F M
- Sabine's Gull R FM
- Bonaparte's Gull U M
- Franklin's Gull F M
- Ring-billed Gull C P
- California Gull U P
- Herring Gull U W
- Caspian Tern R M
- Black Tern U M
- Common Tern U M
- Arctic Tern R M
- Forster's Tern F M
- Pacific Loon R WM
- Common Loon U WM
- Neotropic Cormorant R M
- Double-crested Cormorant F P
- American White Pelican F P
- Brown Pelican R M
- Great Blue Heron C P
- Great Egret U M
- Snowy Egret F M
- Cattle Egret R M
- Green Heron U SM
- Black-crowned Night-Heron U SM
- White-faced Ibis F M
- Turkey Vulture C S
- Osprey F M
- Golden Eagle U P
- Mississippi Kite U S
- Northern Harrier C WM
- Sharp-shinned Hawk U P
- Cooper's Hawk F P
- Northern Goshawk R P
- Bald Eagle F WM
- Broad-winged Hawk R M
- Swainson's Hawk C S
- Red-tailed Hawk C P
- Rough-legged Hawk U W
- Ferruginous Hawk U WM
- Barn Owl U P
- Flammulated Owl R S
- Western Screech-Owl U P
- Great Horned Owl F P
- Northern Pygmy-Owl U P
- Burrowing Owl U S
- Long-eared Owl U P
- Northern Saw-whet Owl R P
- Belted Kingfisher F P
- Williamson's Sapsucker U P
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker R W
- Red-naped Sapsucker U P
- Lewis's Woodpecker F P
- Red-headed Woodpecker U S
- Acorn Woodpecker R S
- American Three-toed Woodpecker U P
- Downy Woodpecker F P
- Ladder-backed Woodpecker U P
- Hairy Woodpecker F P
- Northern Flicker C P
- American Kestrel C P
- Merlin U W
- Peregrine Falcon U P
- Prairie Falcon U P
- Olive-sided Flycatcher U S
- Western Wood-Pewee C S

## Bird Checklist—Northeastern N.M.

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S-Summer (June-Aug.)  
W-Winter (Dec.-Feb.)  
M-Migrant (Spring March-May. Fall Sept.-Nov.)  
FM-Fall Migrant

Snow Goose **U W**  
Ross's Goose **R W**  
Greater White-fronted Goose **U W**  
Brant **R W**  
Cackling Goose **U W**  
Canada Goose **C P**  
Tundra Swan **R W**  
Wood Duck **U P**  
Blue-winged Teal **F S**  
Cinnamon Teal **F SM**  
Northern Shoveler **F P**  
Gadwall **F P**  
American Wigeon **F WM**  
Mallard **C P**  
Northern Pintail **F WM**  
Green-winged Teal **F P**  
Canvasback **F WM**  
Redhead **F P**  
Ring-necked Duck **C WM**  
Greater Scaup **U W**  
Lesser Scaup **F WM**  
Surf Scoter **R W**  
Long-tailed Duck **R W**  
Bufflehead **C WM**  
Common Goldeneye **F W**  
Barrow's Goldeneye **R W**  
Hooded Merganser **U W**  
Common Merganser **C WM**  
Red-breasted Merganser **U W**  
Ruddy Duck **F P**  
Northern Bobwhite **R P**  
Scaled Quail **U P**  
Ring-necked Pheasant **U P**  
Dusky Grouse **U P**

Wild Turkey **F P**  
Pied-billed Grebe **F P**  
Horned Grebe **U W**  
Red-necked Grebe **R W**  
Eared Grebe **U P**  
Western Grebe **F P**  
Clark's Grebe **U P**  
Rock Pigeon **C P**  
Band-tailed Pigeon **U S**  
Eurasian Collared-Dove **C P**  
White-winged Dove **U P**  
Mourning Dove **C P**  
Greater Roadrunner **U P**  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo **R S**  
Lesser Nighthawk **R S**  
Common Nighthawk **F S**  
Common Poorwill **U S**  
Chimney Swift **U S**  
White-throated Swift **F SM**  
Black-chinned Hummingbird **C S**  
Broad-tailed Hummingbird **C S**  
Rufous Hummingbird **C FM**  
Calliope Hummingbird **C FM**  
Virginia Rail **U P**  
Sora **U SM**  
American Coot **C P**  
Sandhill Crane **F WM**  
Black-necked Stilt **U S**  
American Avocet **F SM**  
Black-bellied Plover **R M**  
Snowy Plover **R SM**  
Semipalmated Plover **R M**  
Killdeer **F P**  
Mountain Plover **U S**

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## Maxwell National Wildlife Refuge

**Address:** Lake 13 Rd.  
Maxwell, NM 87728

**GPS:** 36.576232, -104.584717

**Phone:** 575-375-2331

**Web:** fws.gov/refuge/maxwell/

### Target species:

**All year:** Wild Turkey, Wilson's Snipe.

**Summer:** Burrowing Owl, Eastern Kingbird.

**Winter:** Cackling Goose, Tundra Swan, Common Goldeneye, American Tree Sparrow.

**Migrant:** Western Sandpiper, Long-billed Dowitcher.

**Amenities:** Visitor center, primitive camping, vault toilet.

**Nearest food & lodging:** Cimarron, Raton, Springer

The refuge's mix of short-grass prairie, lakes, playa wetlands and woods attracts many species. Spring and fall bring migrating sandpipers. Summer attracts flocks of American white pelicans. Provided the lakes are not frozen during winter, good numbers of waterfowl can be observed.

**Directions:** From I-25, take Maxwell Exit 426. At the stop sign, turn right (north) on Hwy 445 for 0.8 miles. At Hwy 505, turn left (west) for 2.5 miles. Turn north on Lake 13 road at the refuge entrance sign. Go 1.25 miles to the visitor center.

Common Goldeneye



Rocky Mountain Elk

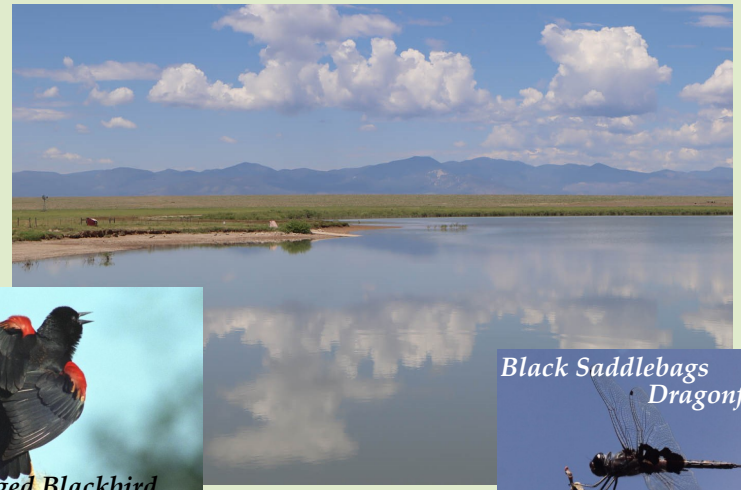


# 5 Springer Lake

**GPS:** 36.417755, -104.656154  
**Phone:** 888-248-6866  
**Web:** [wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/maps/open-gate-program/](http://wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/maps/open-gate-program/)  
**Target species:**  
**All year:** American Coot, Loggerhead Shrike.  
**Summer:** Savannah Sparrow.  
**Winter:** Gadwall, American Wigeon, Canvasback, Marsh Wren, and Chestnut-collared Longspur.  
**Migrant:** Franklin's Gull, Black Tern.  
**Amenities:** Vault toilets  
**Nearest food & lodging:** Springer

Springer Lake is a privately owned, man-made lake fed by the Cimarron River. Under an agreement with N.M. Dept. of Game and Fish, access to the 450-acre lake is via the dam road on the east side of the lake. Parking is to the north and south, with vault toilets. The lake provides a good stopover for shorebirds during migration. Interesting duck and grebe species can be found during winter.

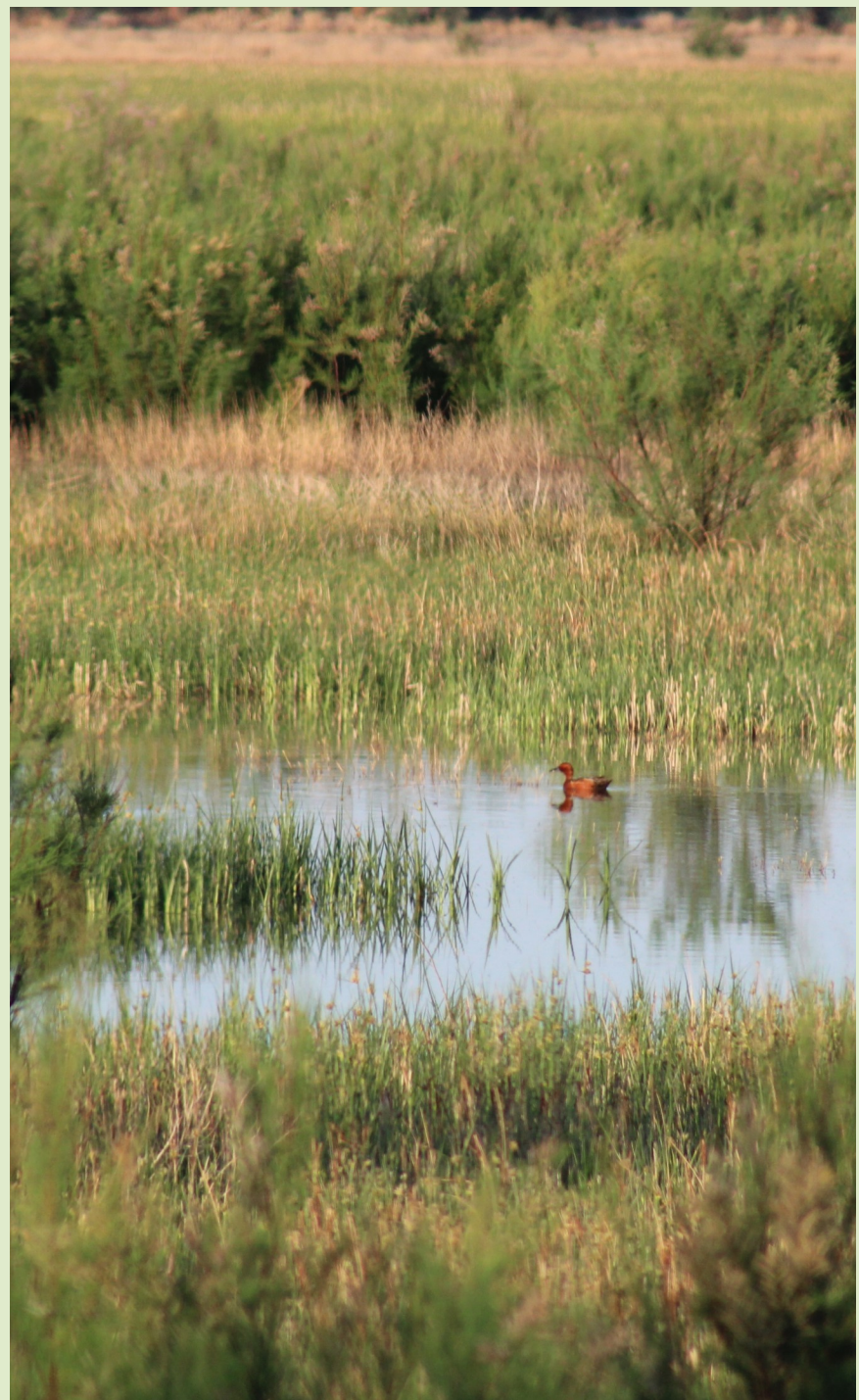
**Directions:** The lake is about 5 miles northwest of Springer via Hwy 468 & C-17. From downtown Springer, go north on Railroad Avenue for .3 miles, turn left on Hwy 468. Follow the paved highway and continue onto the dirt road C-17.



Red-winged Blackbird



Black Saddlebags Dragonfly



Tucumcari Lake by Jared Langenegger

## 23 Perico Creek/Kiowa National Grasslands

**GPS:** 36.444784, -103.274788

**Phone:** 575-374-9652

**Web:** [www.audubon.org/important-bird-areas/perico-creek-kiowa](http://www.audubon.org/important-bird-areas/perico-creek-kiowa)

**Target species:**

**All-year:** Ring-necked Pheasant, Great Horned Owl, Common Raven, European Starling.

**Summer:** Swainson's Hawk, Cliff Swallow, Cassin's Sparrow, Brown-headed Cowbird, Blue Grosbeak, Dickcissel.

**Parking:** Unpaved near windmill

**Nearest food & lodging:** Clayton

Perico Creek is an intermittent creek in a shallow grassy canyon. The stream channel hosts cottonwoods, willow, hackberry and sumac, providing rich habitat. Although the creek flows sporadically, cliff swallows use residual pools to build their mud nests.

**Directions: High-clearance vehicle required.** From Clayton, go 6.4 miles south on Hwy 402. Turn left (east) on unmarked road for 5.1 miles. At "Unit 33" sign, go through gate (close behind you). Head toward windmill to park. On foot, look north for vegetation. Walk half mile to creek. Step carefully over electrified fences.

Blue Grosbeak



Badger



## 6 Stubblefield Lake

**GPS:** 36.582468, -104.655758

**Phone:** 888-248-6866

**Web:** [wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/maps/open-gate-program/](http://wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/maps/open-gate-program/)

**Target species:**

**All year:** Pied-billed Grebe, Red-winged Blackbird.

**Summer:** Cinnamon Teal.

**Winter:** Long-tailed Duck (rare).

**Migrant:** Baird's Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, White-faced Ibis.

**Amenities:** None

**Nearest food & lodging:** Raton, Cimarron

This privately owned, 911-acre lake is open to the public under an agreement with N.M. Dept. of Game and Fish. Just to the north is Laguna Madre, 340 acres, accessible under the same agreement. The area attracts large numbers of bald eagles during winter. A spotting scope is a necessity, helping to view distant shorebirds and waterfowl.

**Directions:** From I-25, take Maxwell Exit 426. At the stop sign, turn right (north) on Hwy 445 for 0.8 miles. At Hwy 505, turn left (west) for 7 miles. Turn right (north) on a dirt track (unmarked).

Black Swallowtail



Killdeer



## 7 Sugarite Canyon State Park

**Address:** 211 Hwy. 526,  
Raton, NM 87740

**GPS:** 36.940043, -104.380110

**Phone:** 575-445-5607

**Web:** nmparks.com

### Target species:

**All year:** Red-naped Sapsucker, Dark-eyed Junco, Woodpecker (Lewis's, Hairy); Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay, Steller's Jay, Black-capped Chickadee; American Goldfinch; Pine Siskin.

**Summer:** Broad-tailed & Black-chinned Hummingbirds; Belted Kingfisher, Eastern Phoebe, Gray Catbird & Cedar Waxwing.

**Migrant:** Rufous & Calliope Hummingbirds, Bald Eagle, Osprey.

### Amenities:

Visitor center, camping, trails, shower building, flush toilets, dump station.

**Nearest Food & Lodging:** Raton

**Fees:** Park fees apply.

This 4,000-acre state park offers two lakes, 20 miles of hiking trails, two campgrounds and the remains of a historic coal camp. The park Visitor Center has year-round feeders that attract resident species. The 120-acre Lake Maloya boasts many waterfowl species. In spring and fall, migrating osprey may be seen fishing. In the summer, the park typically hosts events on birds and butterflies.

**Directions:** From I-25, take Raton Exit 452. At the stop sign, turn right (east) on Hwy 72 for 3.8 miles. Where Hwy 72 turns sharply east, continue straight on Hwy 526. The park is about 6 miles from I-25.



## 22 Clayton Lake State Park & Dinosaur Trackways

**Address:** 141 Clayton Lake Rd.,  
Clayton, NM 88415

**GPS:** 36.458331, -103.188087

**Phone:** 575-374-8808

**Web:** nmparks.com

### Target species:

**All-year:** Green-winged Teal, Greater Roadrunner, Great Blue Heron, Bewick's Wren.

**Summer:** Common Nighthawk, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Northern Mockingbird.

**Winter:** Common Merganser.

**Migrant:** Osprey.

**Amenities:** Visitor center, camping, showers, flush toilets.

**Nearest food & lodging:**  
Clayton

**Fees:** Park fees apply.

After scanning the lake for waterfowl, head to the west side of the park and look for birds along the Nature Trail. This is an excellent riparian area and is a magnet for passerines during spring and fall migration. One of the best examples of a dinosaur trackways in North America is located across the dam on the east side of the lake.

**Directions:** From Hwy 64 on the west side of Clayton, head north on Hwy 370 for 10.2 miles. Turn left (west) on Hwy 455 and go 1.4 miles to the park entrance.





## 21 Capulin Volcano National Monument

**Address:** 44 Volcano Rd.  
Capulin, NM 88414

**GPS:** 36.781143, -103.969448

**Phone:** 575-278-2201

**Web:**  
[www.nps.gov/cavo/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/cavo/index.htm)

### Target species:

**All-year:** Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay, Juniper Titmouse, Bushtit, Mountain Bluebird, Pine Siskin, Canyon Towhee.

**Summer:** Cassin's Kingbird, Barn Swallow, Rock Wren, Chipping Sparrow.

**Amenities:**  
Visitor center, flush toilets, hiking.

**Nearest food & lodging:**  
Raton

**Fees:** Park fees apply.

Dominating the surrounding plains, Capulin Volcano offers amazing views of the surrounding area. The monument is run by the National Park Service. Several trails offer chances to seek birds in the pinyon-juniper habitat. The Rim Trail offers good opportunities to scan the skies for migrating raptors.

**Directions:** From Raton, take Hwy 64 east for 27 miles to the small village of Capulin. Turn left (north) on Hwy 325 for 3 miles. The park entrance will be to your right. **Note: Vehicles that are 26 feet long or longer are prohibited beyond the visitor center.**



Juniper Titmouse



Painted Lady



# Guadalupe County

**Guadalupe County** sits on the dry, grassy plains of eastern New Mexico, but is home to **Santa Rosa Lake State Park** and the “**Blue Hole**” — a tiny, rock-rimmed oasis with clear water plunging 82-feet deep. Native peoples and later cowboys used this water source only 80 feet in diameter. Now part of the **Blue Hole Dive and Convention Center**, it's a year-round destination for scuba divers, anglers and swimmers. **Santa Rosa**, the county seat known as the City of Lakes, is also home to the **Route 66 Auto Museum** with vintage cars that once sped down historic **Route 66** (now I-40). The Blue Hole Convention Center hosts the annual **Route 66 Custom Car Show** and the annual **Pecos River Motorcycle Rally**.



## 8 Santa Rosa Lake State Park

**Address:** Hwy 91  
Santa Rosa, NM 88435

**GPS:** 35.030756, -104.694841

**Phone:** 575-472-3110

**Web:** nmparks.com

**Target species:**

**All year:** Western Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Red-tailed Hawk, Curve-billed Thrasher, Yellow-rumped Warbler.

**Winter:** Northern Harrier.

**Amenities:**

Park office, camping, showers, flush toilets, dump station.

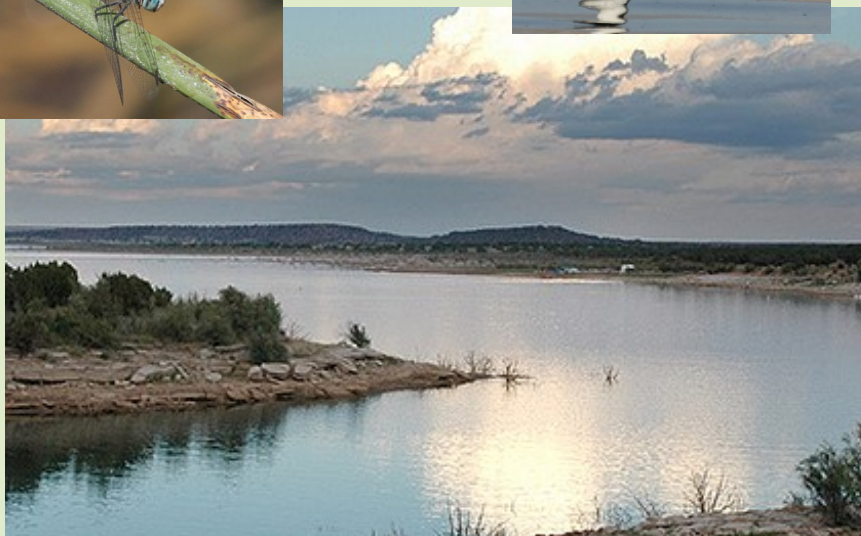
**Nearest food & lodging:**

Santa Rosa

**Fees:** Park fees apply.

Part of the Pecos River system, Santa Rosa Lake is 4 miles long and covers 3,500 acres. The three northern arms of the lake, including the western Pecos River Canyon, are excellent birding habitat and well suited for kayak paddlers.

**Directions:** From I-40, take Santa Rosa Exit 273 and continue into town. Turn left on Hwy 91 and continue 7 miles north of the town to the park entrance.



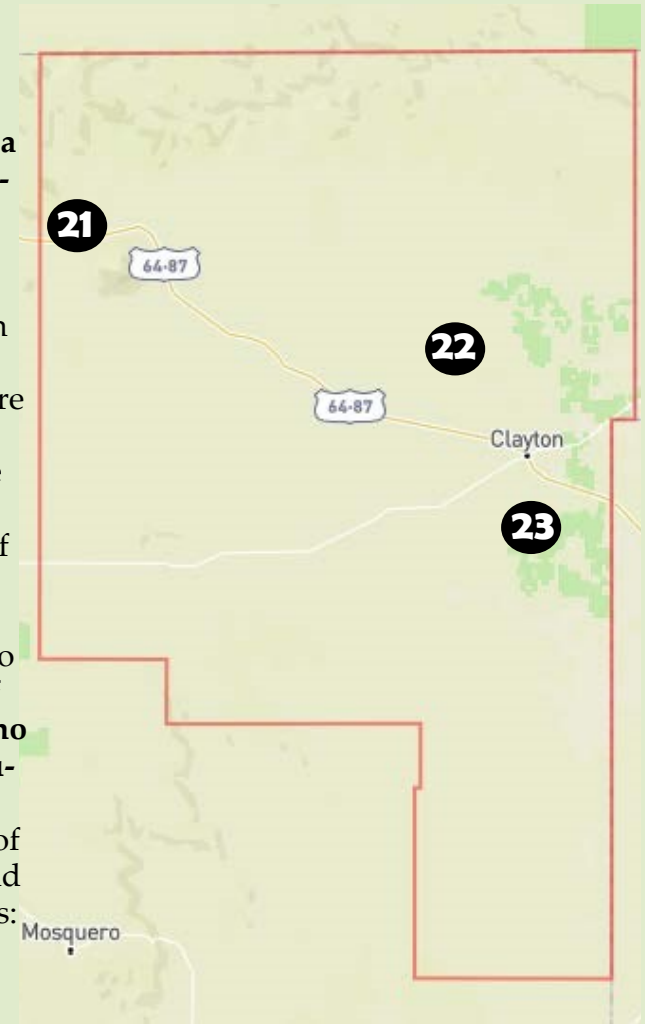
# Union County

**Union County** boasts dinosaur tracks, an ancient volcano, cattle ranches, Folsom Man sites, and national grasslands. **Clayton Lake State Park** attracts migrating waterfowl, and showcases some 500 dinosaur tracks. The town of **Clayton** includes the **Union County Fairground** plus museums, parks and a golf course. Nearby lies the grave of outlaw

## **Black Jack**

**Ketchum**, plus sites on the historic Santa Fe Trail. The **Kiowa National Grasslands** offers great birding at **Perico Creek**.

West of Clayton is the tiny town of **Folsom**, where in 1908, black cowboy George McJunkin discovered signs of Folsom Man from ca. 12,000 BC. Drivers who reach the top of **Capulin Volcano National Monument** find incredible views of New Mexico and four other states: Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.



## 20 Villanueva State Park

**Address:** 135 Dodge Dr.  
Villanueva, NM 87583

**GPS:** 35.265712, -105.344499

**Phone:** 575-421-2957

**Web:** nmparks.com

**Target species:**

**All year:** White-winged Dove,  
Black-billed Magpie, American  
Robin.

**Summer:** Western Wood Peewee,  
Bullock's Oriole, Black-headed  
Grosbeak, Says Phoebe.

**Amenities:** Visitor center, camp-  
ing, flush toilets, showers, dump  
station.

**Nearest food & lodging:**  
Las Vegas

This tranquil park is nestled between high sandstone bluffs that form a canyon along the Pecos River. The large cottonwood trees along the river attract a good number of migrating passerines during spring and fall.

**Directions:** From I-25, take Exit 323 and head south on Hwy 3 for about 14 miles to the park entrance.

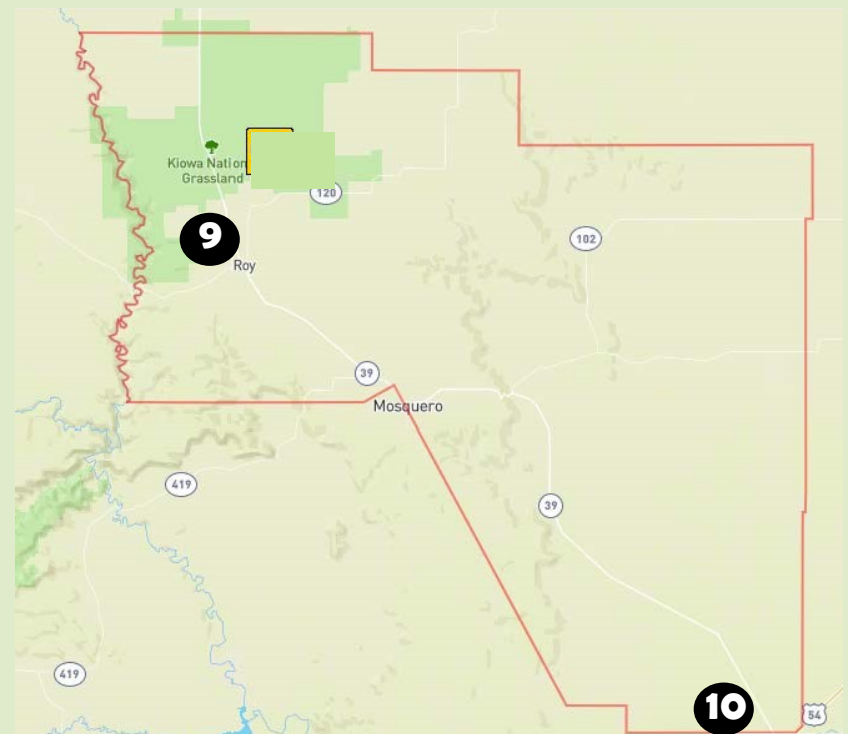
Woodhouse's Scrub Jay



Eastern Collared Lizard

# Harding County

Rolling prairie grasslands and star-studded night skies define **Harding County**. Homesteaders flocked here during Western expansion, but the population later dwindled. Ranching dominates the economy of this county—created the day Warren G. Harding became U.S. president in 1921. **Mills Canyon**, part of the **Kiowa National Grasslands**, straddles the Canadian River. With the remains of a homestead and orchard, Mills Canyon offers a cultural experience plus a chance to see various bird and other animal species. Further south on “**La Frontera del Llano**” Scenic Byway (Hwy 39), enjoy the colorful town murals in **Mosquero** painted by high school students working with muralist Doug Quarles. At the southern edge of the county, the **Ute Creek Bridge** offers great birding on state-owned



## 9 Mills Canyon/Kiowa National Grasslands

**GPS:** 36.049066, -104.372245

**Phone:** 575-374-9652

**Web:** [www.fs.usda.gov/cibola](http://www.fs.usda.gov/cibola)

**Target species:**

**All year:** Golden Eagle, Song Sparrow, Rufous-crowned Sparrow.

**Summer:** Common Poorwill, White-throated Swift, Yellow-breasted Chat.

**Migrant:** Wilson's Warbler, Lazuli Bunting.

**Amenities:** Camping, vault toilets. No drinking water.

**Nearest food & lodging:** Springer and Mosquero .

Mills Canyon is a great spot for hiking, birding, photography and camping, but beware of high daytime temperatures in summer. The two campgrounds are the Rim Campground above the canyon, and Mills in the canyon bottom with pit toilets, picnic tables, and fire rings. There is no running water or trash disposal. (Pack it in, pack it out!)

**Directions:** From Springer, take Hwy 56 east for 20 miles. Turn right (south) on Hwy 39 towards Roy for 15.5 miles. Turn right on the dirt road (posted) for 9 miles.



Canyon Tree Frog

Canyon Wren

## 19 Storrie Lake State Park

**Address:** Hwy 518, MM 3.5  
Las Vegas, NM 87701

**Phone:** 505-425-7278

**GPS:** 35.657400, -105.232604

**Web:** [nmparks.com](http://nmparks.com)

**Target species:**

**All year:** Clark's Grebe, Rock Dove, Ring-billed Gull.

**Summer:** Spotted Sandpiper, Lesser Goldfinch.

**Winter:** Northern Pintail, Lesser Scaup, Hooded Merganser.

**Amenities:** Visitor center, camping, flush toilets, showers, dump station.

**Nearest food & lodging:** Las Vegas

This state park is situated between the Sangre de Cristo mountains to the west and the Great Plains to the east. The lake attracts a good number of migrating grebes and gulls, and can be good for loons in the winter. The best area for land birds can be found in the southwest portion of the lake. This 1,100-acre lake is a very popular area for recreationists and may become crowded on busy summer weekends.

**Directions:** From Las Vegas, head north on Hwy 518 for 4 miles and turn left into the park entrance.



Spotted Sandpiper



Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel



## 18 Pecos Canyon

**Address:** Hwy 63 North  
Pecos, NM 87552

**GPS:** 35.593906, -105.681805

**Phone:** 505-757-6121

**Web:** [www.fs.usda.gov/](http://www.fs.usda.gov/)

### Target species:

**All year:** Northern Goshawk, Lewis's Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, American Kestrel, Pinyon Jay, Clark's Nutcracker, American Crow, American Dipper, Western Bluebird.

**Summer:** Say's Phoebe, Warbling Vireo.

**Migrant:** Rufous Hummingbird, Calliope Hummingbird.

**Amenities:** Ranger station, camping, vault toilets

**Nearest food & lodging:** Pecos

The majestic Sangre de Cristo Mountains are the headwaters of the famed **Pecos River** in Pecos Canyon. The river flows 926 miles before joining the Rio Grande in Texas. Campers, hikers and anglers seek out the vast Pecos Wilderness Area, lying within two National Forests (Santa Fe and Carson). The name "Pecos" came from Spanish settlers who mispronounced the Native Keresan term, P'e'-a-Ku' — which referred to a "place where there is water."

**Directions:** From I-25, take Exit 299. If approaching from the east (Las Vegas), take Exit 307. Continue to Pecos and follow Hwy 63 heading north.



## 10 Ute Creek Bridge/N.M. Interstate Stream Commission

**GPS:** 35.402299, -103.509549

**Web:** [www.ose.state.nm.us/Basins/Canadian/isc\\_Canadian.php](http://www.ose.state.nm.us/Basins/Canadian/isc_Canadian.php)

### Target species:

**All year:** Scaled Quail, Northern Bobwhite, Pied-billed Grebe, Great Blue Heron, American Coot, Killdeer, Greater Roadrunner, Ladder-backed Woodpecker

**Summer:** Western Kingbird, Cliff Swallow, Blue Grosbeak.

**Winter:** Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, Mallard, Green-winged Teal, Mountain Bluebird.

**Amenities:** none

**Nearest food & lodging:** Logan

This spot, also called Ute Creek Crossing, lies just north of Ute Lake State Park. The bridge on state land is the best site in Harding County to spot a variety of waterfowl during migration and winter. Be sure to scan muddy areas for migrating shorebirds. As you drive on Trigg Road, look for Northern Bobwhite. This species is sparse and patchily distributed in southern Harding County.

**Directions:** From Logan, head northwest on Hwy 39 for about a mile to the Harding County line. Continue about another mile and turn left on Trigg Road. **(WARNING: do not drive this dirt road after heavy rain.)** Continue west 4 miles to the bridge. **Stay on the bridge to avoid trespassing on private land nearby.**

Twelve-spotted Skimmer



Greater Roadrunner





## 16 Conchas Lake State Park

**Address:** 501 Bell Ranch Rd.  
Conchas Dam, NM 88416

**GPS:** 35.395684, -104.242871

**Phone:** 575-868-2270

**Web:** nmparks.com

### Target species:

**All year:** Scaled Quail, Lincoln's Sparrow, Canyon Wren.

**Winter:** Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, Greater Scaup, Red-breasted Merganser, Horned Grebe, Common Loon, Ruby-crowned Kinglet.

### Amenities:

Visitor center, camping, flush toilets, showers, dump station.

### Nearest food & lodging:

This large lake located on the high plains features secluded coves, pink rock canyons, and sandy beaches. The lake, fed by the Canadian River, is a good area in winter to look for deep water species such as loons, grebes and a large variety of waterfowl. The graceful concrete dam was built in the Depression-era 1930s.

**Directions:** From Tucumcari take Hwy 104 for 31 miles to Conchas Dam. Turn right (north) on Hwy 433 to the main park entrance.

elds cut by the waters of traditional irrigation canals or *acequias*, –these are among the reasons that **Mora County** has a reputation of mountains in the west to the Canadian River in the east. The east-county is home to the **Pecos Wilderness, Santa Fe National Forest** l restaurants serving traditional New Mexican fare. Just outside ell as llama farms that are open to the public. North of Mora lies known for its beaver habitat. History buffs can explore **Fort Un-**



# 11 Charette Lakes

**GPS:** 36.187581, -104.816376

**Phone:** 888-248-6866

**Web:** [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/)

**Target species:**

**All year:** Eared Grebe, Horned Lark, Western Meadowlark.

**Summer:** Vesper Sparrow.

**Winter:** Bufflehead.

**Amenities:**

Primitive camping, picnic tables, vault toilets. No drinking water.

**Nearest food & lodging:**

Springer.

The N.M. Dept. of Game and Fish owns and manages these two lakes, located atop a remote grassy mesa southwest of Springer. Aside from prairie birds and waterfowl, visitors may see browsing pronghorn. The lakes in this 2,000-acre refuge are fed with water from Ocate Creek. The 100-acre and 300-acre lakes are open March 1 through Oct. 31. Visitors need a current hunting, fishing or Gaining Access Into Nature (GAIN) permit. Pack it in, pack it out!

**Directions:** From I-25 take Exit 404 (Colmor) and head west on Hwy 569 (unpaved) for 13 miles.



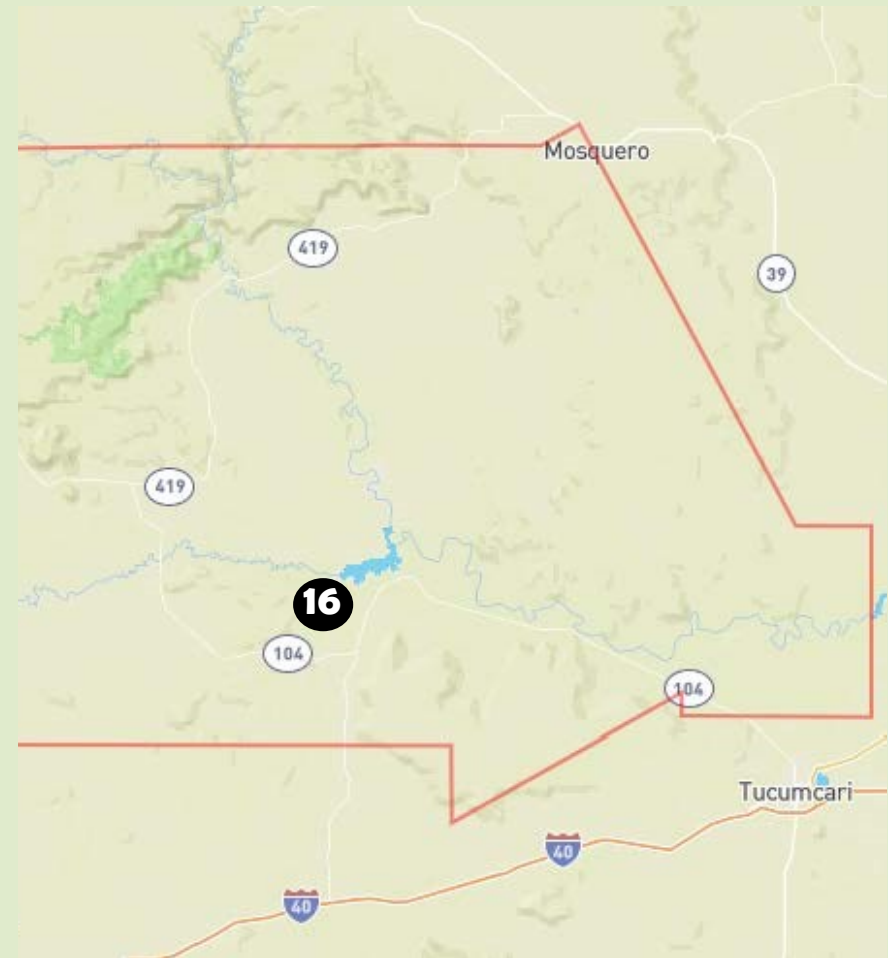
Rock Squirrel



Bufflehead



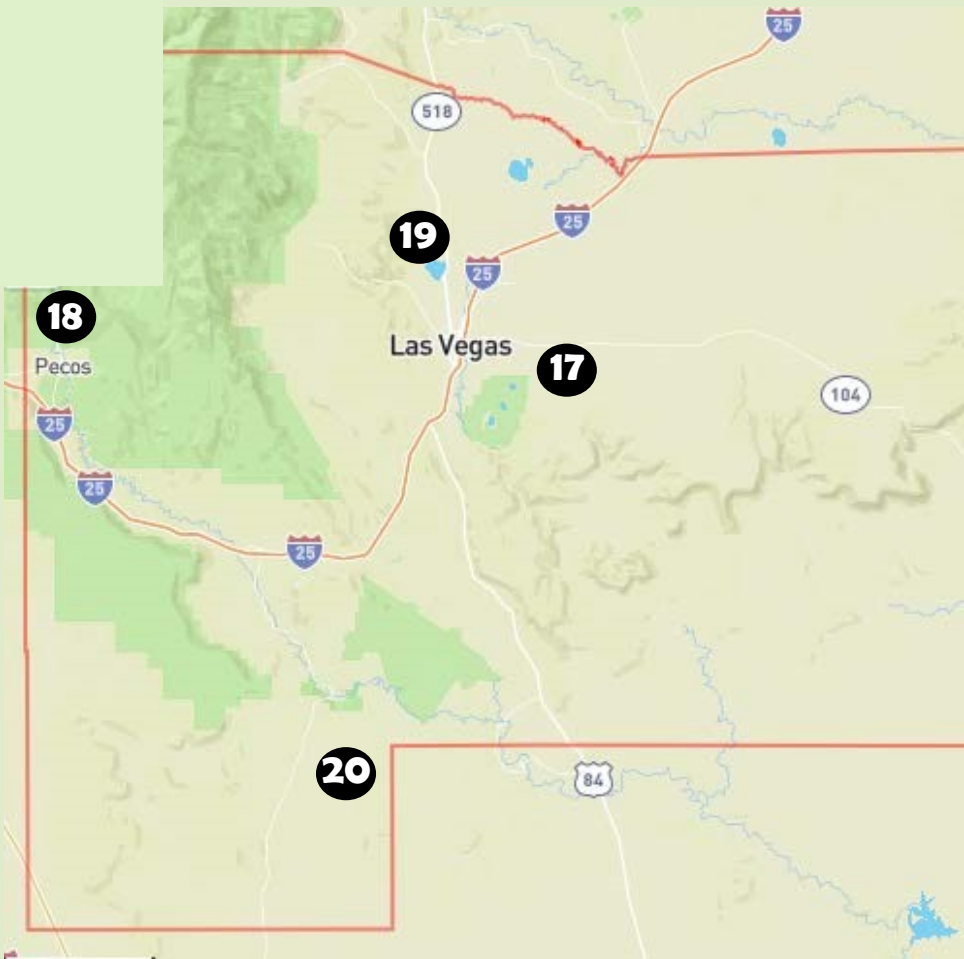
mes and great restaurants of downtown Las Vegas, **San Miguel** county seat, **Las Vegas** boasts more than 900 buildings on the Navajo, an Amtrak station, an airport, antique shops, and traditional Navajo. From the Pecos Wilderness, to the **Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge**, for boating and fishing opportunities. History buffs can explore **Archeological Park**. And just over the county line in Santa Fe County lies the Civil





# San Miguel County

From the 220,000-acre **Pecos Wilderness** to the historic Victorian home, **San Miguel County** offers a plethora of natural and cultural attractions. The county includes three colleges, a National Register of Historic Places. The city also includes three colleges. The county is known for its New Mexican cuisine. Nature enthusiasts have many choices, from the Pecos National Historical Park to two state parks—**Storrie Lake** and **Conchas Lake**. Both parks offer an ancestral ruin of Puebloan peoples at **Pecos National Historical Park** and the War Battlefield of **Glorieta**, known as the Gettysburg of the West.



## 12 Coyote Creek State Park

**Address:** 925 Hwy 434  
Guadalupita, NM 87722

**GPS:** 36.178436, -105.234453

**Phone:** 575-387-2328

**Web:** nmparks.com

**Target species:**

**All year:** American Goldfinch.

**Summer:** Willow & Cordilleran Flycatchers, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Evening Grosbeak, Green-tailed Towhee, MacGillivray's & Yellow Warblers.

**Amenities:**

Park office, camping, trail, showers, flush toilets, dump station.

**Nearest food & lodging:**

Angel Fire, Mora, Las Vegas

**Fees:** Park fees apply.

Situated along a meandering stream, Coyote Creek State Park is nestled in the scenic Sangre de Cristo Mountains at an elevation of 7,667 feet. The small, lush creek valley is a good spot to see flycatchers and warblers in the summer. A park trail takes hikers through a forest of spruce and pine.

**Directions:** This state park is located along Hwy 434, between Mora and Angel Fire at Mile Marker 17.

Yellow Warbler



Pale Snaketail Dragonfly



## 13 Wagon Mound Wildlife Management Area

**GPS:** 36.010840, -104.706344

**Phone:** 505-827-9903

**Web:** [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/)

**Target species:**

**Summer:** Snowy Plover, Wilson's Phalarope, Grasshopper Sparrow.

**Migrant:** Red-necked Phalarope, Greater Yellowlegs, Brewer's Sparrow.

**Amenities:** None

**Nearest food & lodging:** Springer

This playa lake is along a birding flyway migratory route. Park along the dirt track on the south side of the playa. You'll need a spotting scope to view water birds. This salt playa is shallow and may be dry during drought. Camping is prohibited and there are no facilities.

**Warning:** *do NOT drive here after heavy rains! You may get stuck in mud. This site may not be suitable for some passenger vehicles with low clearance.*

**Directions:** From I-25 take Exit 387 (Wagon Mound). At the stop sign, turn left (north) and go 1 mile. Turn left (west) and drive through the concrete tunnel.

Western Kingbird



Pronghorn



## 15 Ute Lake State Park

**Address:** 1800 540 Loop  
Logan, NM 88426

**GPS:** 35.367107, -103.487605

**Phone:** 575-472-3110

**Web:** [nmparks.com](http://nmparks.com)

**Target species:**

**All year:** Mourning Dove, Killdeer, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Northern Cardinal.

**Summer:** Blue-winged Teal, Western Kingbird.

**Winter:** White-crowned Sparrow.

**Migrant:** White-rumped Sandpiper (lateMay/June), Forster's Tern.

**Amenities:** Visitor center, camping, showers, flush toilets, dump station.

**Nearest food & lodging:**  
Logan

At nearly 13 miles long, Ute Lake is one of the largest bodies of water in the state. The best birding areas are located along the North Shore. Good areas to look for birds are the North Area, Logan Park and Rogers Park. This park is very popular with recreationists and can be quite crowded on busy summer weekends.

**Directions:** From Logan, take Hwy 540 Loop Road and go west for 2 miles. Turn left (south) to the main park entrance.

Ruddy Duck



Widow Skimmer  
Dragonfly



## 14 Tucumcari Lake/Wildlife Management Area

**GPS:** 35.190337, -103.679890

**Phone:** 575-445-2311

**Web:** [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/)

**Target species:**

**All year:** Northern Shoveler, Mallard, Virginia Rail.

**Summer:** Chimney Swift, Black-necked Stilt, Snowy Egret, Green Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Common Yellowthroat.

**Amenities:** Parking lot

**Nearest food & lodging:**  
Tucumcari

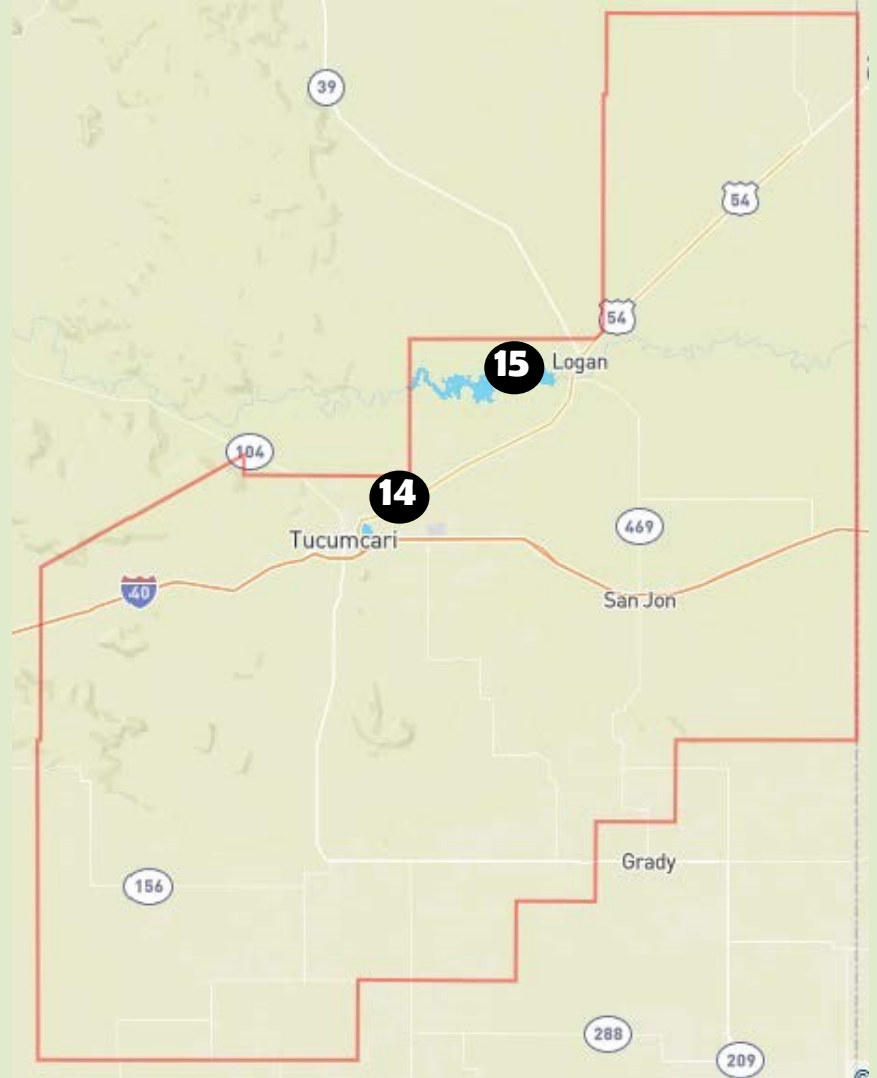
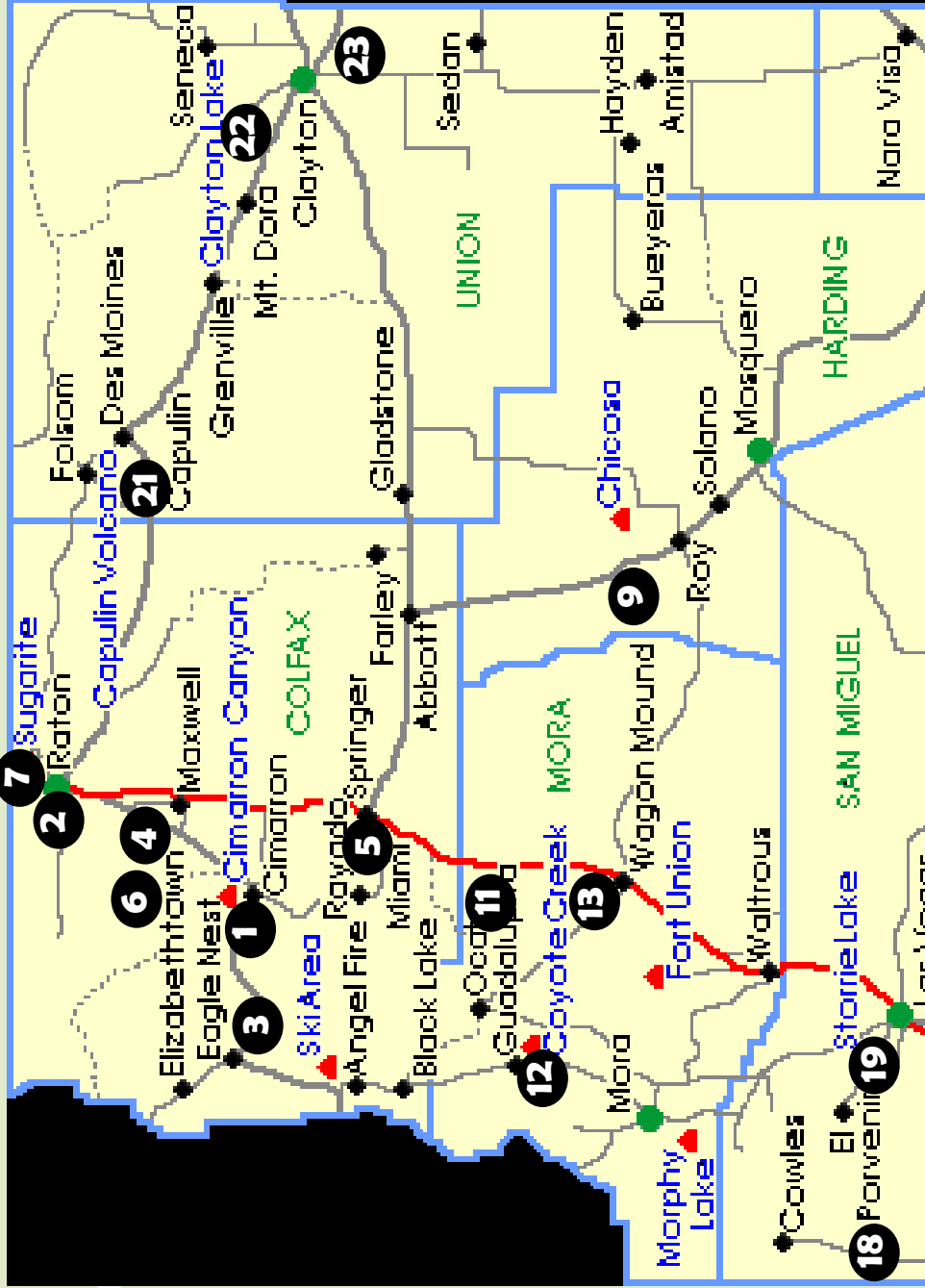
This undeveloped, 770-acre WMA provides excellent wildlife viewing. The shallow lake and wetlands attract numerous birds, including ducks and geese, bald and golden eagles, doves, quail and pheasants. Plans are being made to add several developed trails to the preserve.

**Directions:** One mile east of Tucumcari on historic Rte. 66/Tucumcari Blvd.



*Double-striped Bluet Damselflies in tandem at Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge*

# Waypoint Map



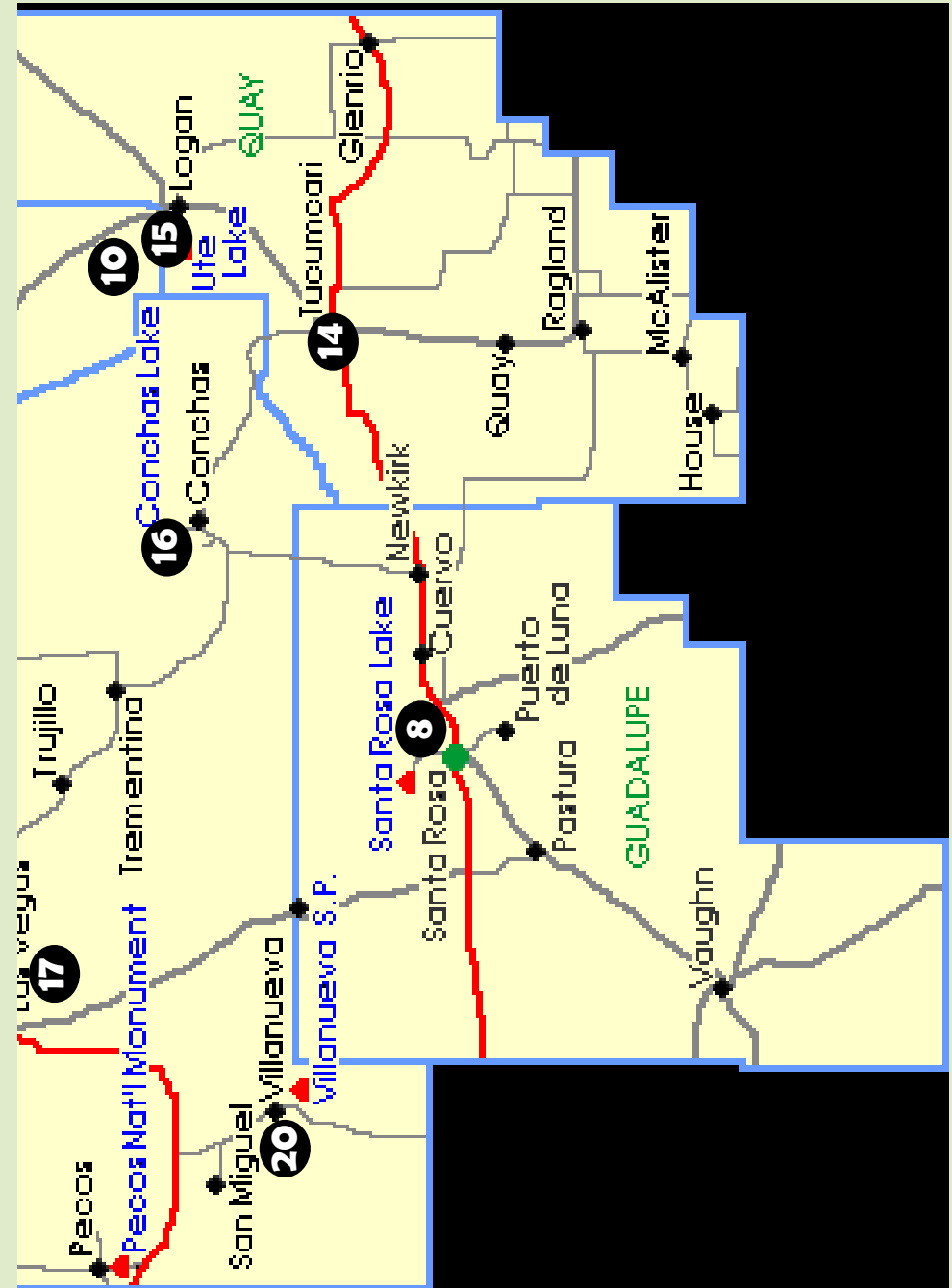
# Quay County

Known for **Tucumcari** and its vintage motels along **Historic Route 66**, Quay County also offers outdoor adventures on lakes, rolling plains, mesas and canyons.

Tucumcari boasts many motel rooms for the weary traveler, as well as two golf courses. In addition, **Tucumcari Lake** provides a nearby destination for birders.

About an half hour northeast of Tucumcari lies **Ute Lake State Park**, straddling the Canadian River. Near the town of **Logan**, Ute Lake offers prime boating, fishing, camping and swimming. Migrating waterfowl rest at Ute Lake, including flocks of Canada geese and sandhill crane.

Nearby grasslands, mesas, mountains and sandstone rock formations are home to herds of pronghorn and mule deer. The great plateau of El Llano Estacado, or "staked plains," covers much of southern Quay County. This large mesa covers about 32,000 square miles and extends into West Texas. Northern Quay County consists of grassy mesas and rolling plains cut by arroyos and canyons.



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