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New Mexico’s Rosy-Finches

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Among birders, New Mexico is often overlooked in favor of Arizona, its western neighbor. However, the Land of Enchantment holds its own throughout the year, culminating in a winter wonderland full of amazing birds and breathtaking spectacles.

On the outskirts of Albuquerque, Sandia Crest is a well-known birding destination throughout the year, but especially in the winter months, when the feeders become home to the three species of rosy-finishes found in North America. Rosy-finishes reside at the highest elevation of any bird north of Mexico and during the summer months are regularly found overlooking glaciers. Sandia Crest is the only place to reliably see all three species together while also avoiding the difficult hikes to find them on breeding grounds.

Of course, rosy-finishes aren’t the only reason birders venture to New Mexico during the winter months. Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge is home to large numbers of wintering waterfowl, including Northern Pintail, Snow and Ross’s geese, and many other ducks. Sandhill Cranes also have a wintering population here, reaching well into thousands of individuals.

Even farther south, the lands around Las Cruces are home to southwest specialty species at all times of the year, including Bridled Titmouse, Acorn Woodpecker, and Scaled Quail.

Join us as we explore New Mexico on this January adventure, in search of rosy-finishes, southeastern specialties, and more!

Tour Leader

Matt Bell is a recent graduate from The Ohio State University with BS degrees in both earth sciences and evolution/ecology. Matt started birding in May 2013 and became more seriously involved after a trip to Costa Rica. Since then he helped revive The Ornithology Club at Ohio State and assisted as a volunteer guide for The Biggest Week in American Birding and the Yellow Rails and Rice Festival. He absolutely loves participating in citizen science, tour guiding, chasing rare birds in his free time, and meeting fellow birders from around the globe. Most of all, Matt enjoys sharing his passion for birds and conservation with others and never shies away from taking the time to help beginners start their explorations of the avian world. Matt is the EcoTravel travel specialist and leads day trips and overnight tours.

General Information

Main Tour Cost: $3,298.
With Member Discount: $2,898.

Prices are based upon a minimum number of three paying participants traveling together.

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