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Arizona & Texas: The Best Winter Birding!

It's a new year and many birders are thinking about their winter birding escapes! With loads of resident and wintering specialty birds, Arizona and Texas offer some of the best winter birding in the U.S., along with those pleasant mid-60s temperatures.

Current rarities include **Berylline Hummingbird**, **Black-capped Gnatcatcher**, **Rufous-backed Robin**, and **Rufous-capped Warbler** in Arizona, and **Hook-billed Kite**, **Mottled Owl**, **Yellow-headed Caracara**, **Rose-throated Becard**, **Cattle Tyrant**, and **Brown Jay** in Texas.



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Owl Irruption in Minnesota!



Boreal Owl © Felipe Guerrero



Northern Hawk Owl © Felipe Guerrero

It's been nothing short of a spectacular winter for owls in Minnesota and the best year for **Boreal Owl** in recent memory. Even more impressive is the sheer number of **Great Gray Owls** in the region! Many **Snowy Owls** and one or two reliable **Northern Hawk Owls** are around as well. Whether you've been to Minnesota in winter before or not this is definitely worth a visit!

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Planning Ahead for Spring!

With the holidays behind us, we're seeing the usual influx of requests coming from birders for trips to Arizona and Texas in April and May. Without a doubt, peak migration coupled with top notch resident specialty birds makes this the most popular time for birding in these regions. We're still early and have plenty of availability remaining, but now is the time to start planning!



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We're looking forward to hearing from you soon!

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