



Lucifer Hummingbird © Michael Sadat

Welcome to the Breeding Season!

Spring migration is winding down across the southern states as passage migrants are replaced by breeding residents. In May, arriving migrants shift gears to raise the next generation of birds. The next few months are the time to catch up with breeders throughout North America! Gems like **Lazuli Buntings** and **Black-throated Gray Warblers** are back across the West. We have you set up for more local species around the country, from California to Arizona, to the prairies of North Dakota and the bogs of Minnesota.



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Exploring the West

Our guides across the West are geared up for the summer months. Migrants will continue to arrive throughout May and June, but breeding season is already in full swing. Our newest team in **Washington** is ready to explore the state with you, from the rainforests of the Olympic Peninsula to the sage steppe in the east. In **Colorado**, **Mountain Plovers** have settled into their prairie dog towns. In California, resident specialties like **California Gnatcatcher** and **Bell's Sparrow** are

getting down to business. Migrants are coursing over the prairies of **North Dakota** as prairie specialists like **Baird's Sparrows** and **Sprague's Pipits** return from their southern haunts. **Arizona** and **New Mexico's** specialty birds are almost all back, and things will only get better (keep reading for more)! We also have more guide teams rolling out soon, so stay tuned!



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Looking Ahead to Monsoons!

In July and August, large rainstorms sweep across the arid Southwest, bringing the unique "sky island" systems alive. We have guides available in Arizona, New Mexico, and West Texas to help you take advantage of this special time. Sought-after specialties like **Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher** and **Elegant Trogon** are on the docket. So are over a dozen species of hummingbirds, from rare **White-eared** and **Berylline Hummingbirds** to stunning **Lucifer** and **Rivoli's Hummingbirds**. The distinctive trills of **Montezuma Quail** ring out from grasslands throughout the region. It's also a great time to catch up with rarities like **Flame-colored Tanager**, and Mexican vagrants can pop up at any time!



Blue-throated Mountain-gem © Felipe Guerrero

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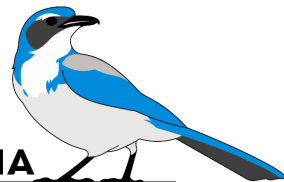
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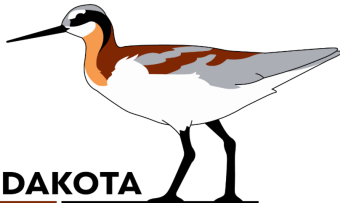
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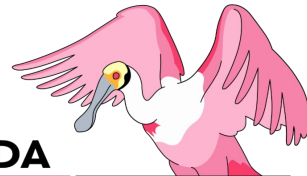
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We're looking forward to hearing from you soon!

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