

The Little Floridas, Spring Canyon, Rock Hound State Park, Deming Sewage Ponds



Our destination in the Deming area is the 12-mile long Little Florida Mountain range on the southeast edge of Deming. Rock Hound State Park, Spring Canyon and the Deming Sewer Ponds are rich birding areas. Arid desert flatlands surround the jagged mountain range with Florida Peak, the highest, at 7,295 ft.

Winter moisture often ensures a carpet of purple and yellow wildflowers on the slopes of the Floridas.

Hiking trails in rocky Spring Canyon lead to nooks, crannies and seeps that sustain many birds, including Canyon Wrens. Hiking higher up the steep trails leads to great views in all directions, as well as a chance to see White-throated Swifts darting around jagged pinnacles. Car access, parking and tables offer comfortable birding before, after or instead of hiking.

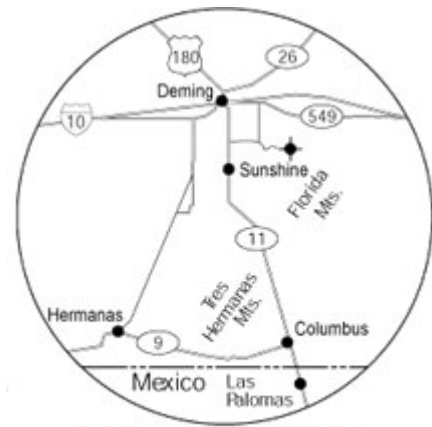
At Spring Canyon we found:

Mockingbird, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Eastern Meadow Lark, Mourning Dove, White-winged Dove, Coopers Hawk, Townsend's Solitaire, Cactus Wren, Canyon Wren, Rock Wren, White-throated Swift, Lesser Goldfinch, Chipping Sparrow, Black-throated Sparrow, House Finch, White-crowned Sparrow.

At the Deming Sewer Ponds we found a great variety of water and shore birds:

White-faced Ibis, Gadwall, Black-necked Stilt, Northern Shoveler, Ruddy Duck, Least Sandpiper, Cinnamon Teal, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Greater Scaup, American Widgeon, Eared Grebe, a pair of Swainson's Hawks and of course, Coots.

At Rock Hound State Park we found area specialties:



◆ Rockhound State Park and Spring Canyon Recreation Area