



**SUNGLOW RANCH**  
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Where is the best place for birding and lodging? It may just be one of the last places you might think of; the Arizona desert.

Southern Arizona's Sky Islands are environmental diverse and some of the [best places in the world for bird watchers](#) to find an extremely wide range of bird species. Sky islands are isolated mountains that are dramatically, environmentally, different from their surrounding lowland deserts. They offer a diverse habitat that attracts many migratory birds; and for birders and nature lovers *southeast* Arizona provides a rich opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors. An hour and a half east of Tucson are the Chiricahua Mountains, a significant Sky Island which ascends from the arid Chihuahuan Desert, transitioning to grassland, oak-pine woodland, pine forest, and finally to spruce-fir-aspen forest at its higher elevations.



Chiricahua Mountains vista from Sunglow Ranch

For birding and lodging in the Chiricahua Mountains, [Sunglow Ranch](#), a boutique guest ranch resort, is a birder's paradise. It is located in the foothills of the Chiricahua Mountains at 5,340 feet in elevation. Sunglow offers guests inspired lodging and dining in its hideaway setting. Birders can also relax with a variety of other activities including astronomy, hiking, biking, horse riding, fishing, swimming, and a spa. Running water, a pond, bird feeders, onsite trails and birding stations makes Sunglow Ranch a frequent venue for visitors and birds alike. Turkey Creek offers phenomenal birding. Over 500 bird species have been reported at and around Sunglow Ranch where mountain streams large bird populations are present all year.

Nearby, the WILLCOX Birding and Nature festival is hosted the third week in January, Wednesday through Sunday. The WILLCOX Playa and nearby town of WILLCOX are the location for "Wings Over Wilcox". There are seminars, photo contests, birding workshops, tours, and activities for birders and nature enthusiast of all backgrounds.



Sandhill Cranes over Sunglow Ranch

The WILLCOX Playa, about 45 miles from Sunglow Ranch, is the best shorebird and waterfowl watching area in Southern Arizona. The Playa is a large, shallow, dry lakebed located seven miles south of Willcox in Cochise County, Arizona. The Apache Station Wildlife Area, located 8.5 miles south of I-10 on US 191, is probably one of the best spots on the WILLCOX Playa, and the easiest to access. The area includes a public access road, a well-marked parking area, information signs, picnic facilities, a wheelchair accessible viewing dike that provides unobstructed observation of the wetlands and public restroom facilities. November 1 – March 15: The Wildlife Area is open daily from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 16 – October 31: Open weekends only, from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Migratory waterfowl and Sandhill Cranes rely on the WILLCOX Playa habitat for roosting along migratory routes. Private farms surrounding the wildlife area provide feeding habitat for these *avian* visitors. Birds of prey are visible daily and include the: Northern Harrier, Red-tailed Hawk, Ferruginous Hawk, Bald Eagle and Golden Eagles. Wading birds and waterfowl are present year-round, although numbers reach their peak in the winter months. Visitors include the: Black-necked Stilt, Willet, Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, American Avocet, Black-faced Stilt, Least Sandpiper, Western Sandpiper, and sometimes Stilt Sandpipers and Baird's Sandpipers, as well as many different migratory songbirds.



Acorn Woodpecker

For an outstanding experience in birding and lodging in the Chiricahua Mountains, Sky Island, Sunglow Ranch provides visitors with breathtaking views, inclusive meals and an experience to be remembered.

Sunglow Ranch EARNED BOTH the Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence and the Travelers' Choice Award for 2012, chosen as one of the "Top 25 Relaxation/Spa Hotels in the United States" For more information on Sunglow Ranch call: (520) 824-3334