

Notes from Desert Hike

I noted about 32 species of things (plants, insects, a bird, a spider) while hiking with Justice Miller.

Here are ten species we encountered, with a link to a photo/and or description of each.

Encelia Farinosa - Brittlebush (lots of yellow flowered bushes)
[Brittlebush](#)

Chaenactis - Pincushion flower (Lots of white flowered small bushes. I think it is this species, fremontii, there are many species.)
[Pincushion flower by Stan Shebs CC BY-SA 3.0](#)

Lupinus Arizonicus - Arizona Lupine (many once we were up a bit)
[Arizona Lupine](#)

Phacelia Crenulata - Notch-Leaf Scorpion-Weed (my favorite common name, lots of purple flower stands)
[Notch Leaf Scorpion Weed](#)

Vanessa cardui - Painted Lady (butterflies flying by)
[Painted Lady](#)

Rafinesquia neomexicana - Desert Chicory (one common name, my favorite flower find)
[Desert Chicory](#)

Cryptantha angustifolia - Narrow leaved cryptantha (all over, small fuzzy bushes of white and green)
[Narrow leaved cryptantha](#)

Ferocactus cylindraceus - California Barrel Cactus (just a few)
[California Barrel Cactus](#)

Eleodes - Desert Stink Beetle (just one)
[Desert Stink Beetle](#)

Geococcyx californianus - Greater Roadrunner (just one)
[Greater Roadrunner](#)

(kudos to Judge Kristine Eagle for identifying this guy, no Wile E. Coyote in sight, thankfully)

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