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Sunrise in Saguaro NP.



Had to prowl around the cactuses in the dark. I pulled the big spines out with my fingers. The little ones needed tweezers.

Went to Tumacacori. It is an old mission. According to the sign out front, the Pima Indians asked father Joseph Tumacacori to build a mission for them in 1691. Right. Indians were always asking the Spanish to build them missions. They just loved those Spanish. Check it off the list

Instead of the mission we'll show you this funky grasshopper:



Took I-19, which goes from Tucson to Nogales. The mileage signs are metric. Please tell us why.

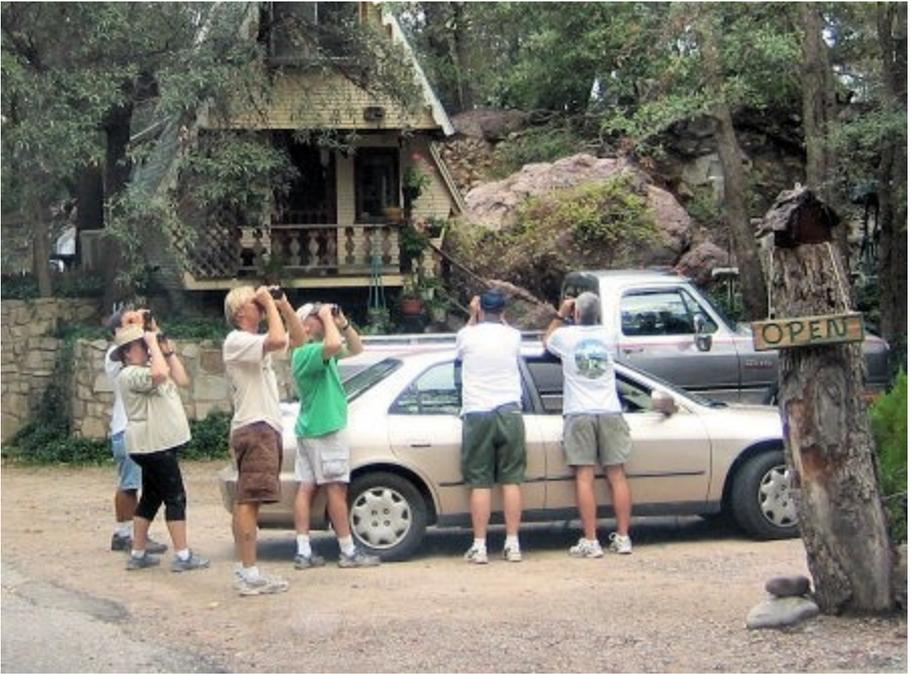


On the way back, we stopped at Madera Canyon. It was thundering and lightning-ing so we hit a gift shop at one of the B&B's there. It was full of birders. Real birders. They said stuff like "have to confirm that juniper titmouse". They all wore binoculars. They stayed in a pack.

We went to the end of the canyon and turned around.



On the way back we saw the birding pack at another gift shop.



The two couples are looking in the gift shop. The two single guys are looking in someone's house. We got out of there.

Saw a Vermilion Flycatcher.



Also saw a Western Screech Owl. Not a pair of binoculars between us.

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