



Day of the Dead mask

Sierra Madre Oriental - 2024

A repeat of the 2022 Oaxaca trip to this part of Mexico. The weather was better this time although we could not stay at the two hotels with the best wildlife gardens.

We saw plenty of insects and butterflies and I didn't really concentrate on the birds except in a couple of places although this time I managed to get some decent shots of Red Warbler (a Mexican Highland endemic).

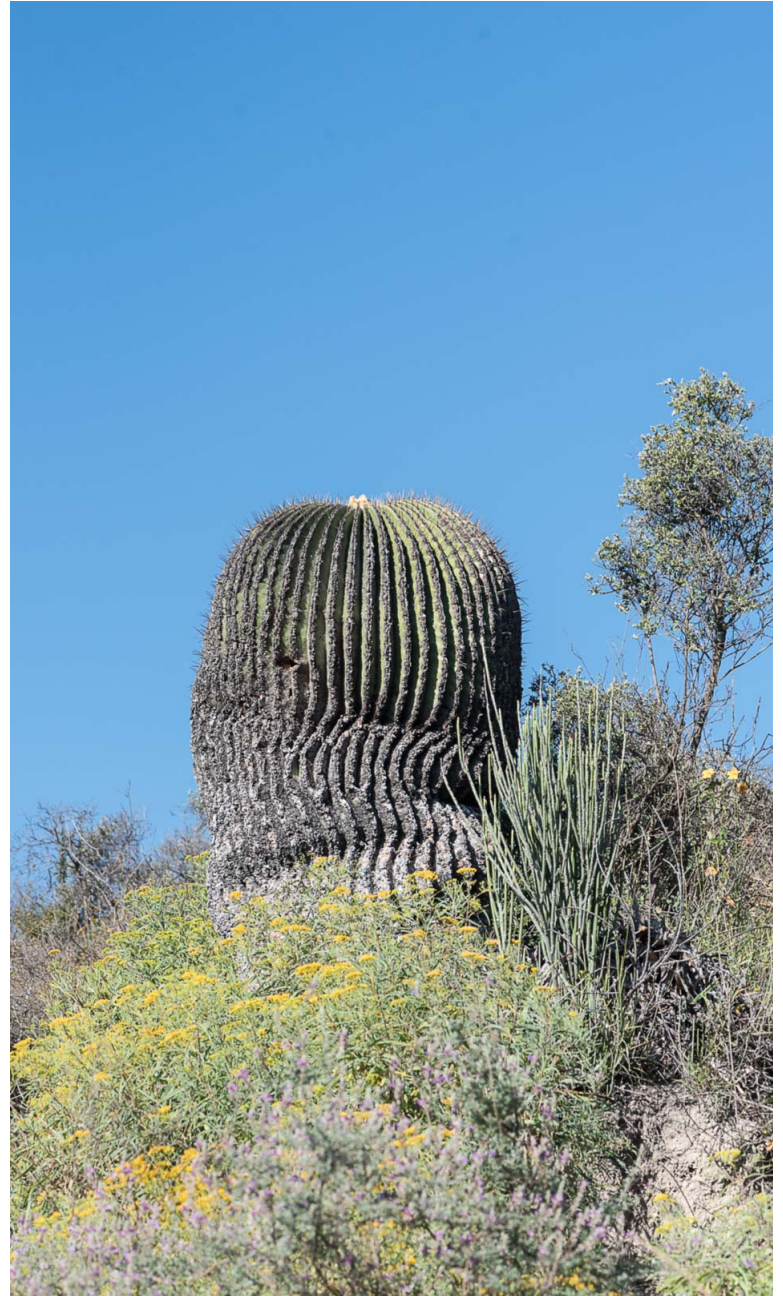
On the first few days the diversity may have not been great - although it was good - but the numbers of some butterflies (especially Crimson Patch and Dorantes Longtails) were huge on a few days along with the 100s of Rubyspots by the side of a river.

I have tried to concentrate on subjects that did not appear in the 2022 book.

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Day of the Dead - the Mexican celebration for those who have died.



Near to Tehuacan-Cuicatlan Biosphere Reserve - Left: Yucca & Right: a barrel cactus (*Echinocactus* sp)



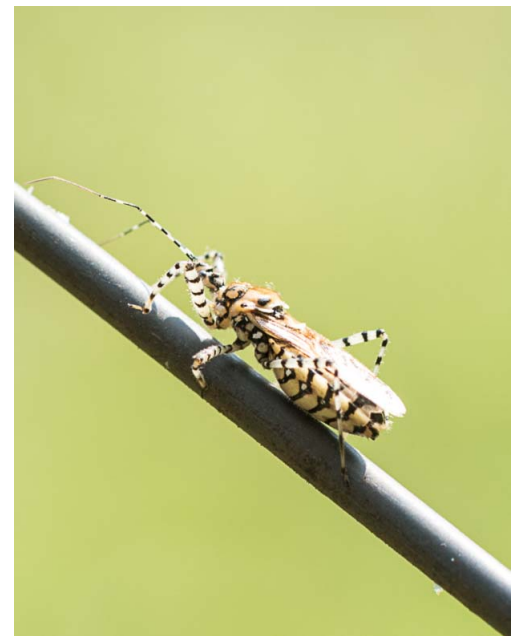
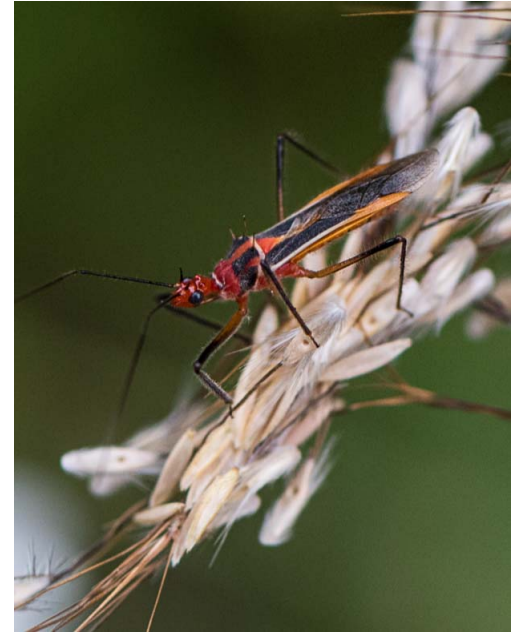
Cacti - Top: A Prickly Pear (*Opuntia* sp.)
Bottom Left: *Ferocactus recurvus* & Right: *Ferocactus flavovirens*



Top: A Blazing Star (*Mentzelia hispida*)
Bottom: A Dwarf Palm



Left: Wasp nest - *Polistes instabilis*
Right Top: Rubyspot & Below: A blue Millipede



Assassin Bugs - Left: *Zeelus* sp.
Right Top: *Repipta taurus* & Bottom: Ringed Assassin Bug



Bugs - Top Left: Euphorbia Bug & Right: *Narnia* sp.
Bottom Left: Spot-sided Coreid & Right: Small Milkweed Bug



Bugs - Top Left: Solanaceous Treehopper & Right: Florida Predatory Stink Bug
Bottom Left: Green Stink Bug (nymph) & Right: *Sagotylus confluens*



Top: Thorn Treehopper
Bottom: Cockroach (*Rochaina mexicana*)



Beetles - Top: *Calomacraspis splendens*
Bottom Left: A Long-horned Beetle & Right: Margined Burying Beetle (*Nicrophorus olidus*)



Beetles - Top: Two Long-horned Beetles -*Ochraethes* sp.
Bottom: Potato Leaf Beetle (*Leptinotarsa undecimlineata*)



Beetles - Top: Blister Beetle (*Epicauta curvicornis*)
Bottom: Red-headed Blister Beetle (*Epicauta atrata*)



Orthoptera - Top: *Netrosoma* sp.
Bottom: *Chapulacris albanica* - named after the type location for the species - Monte Alban!

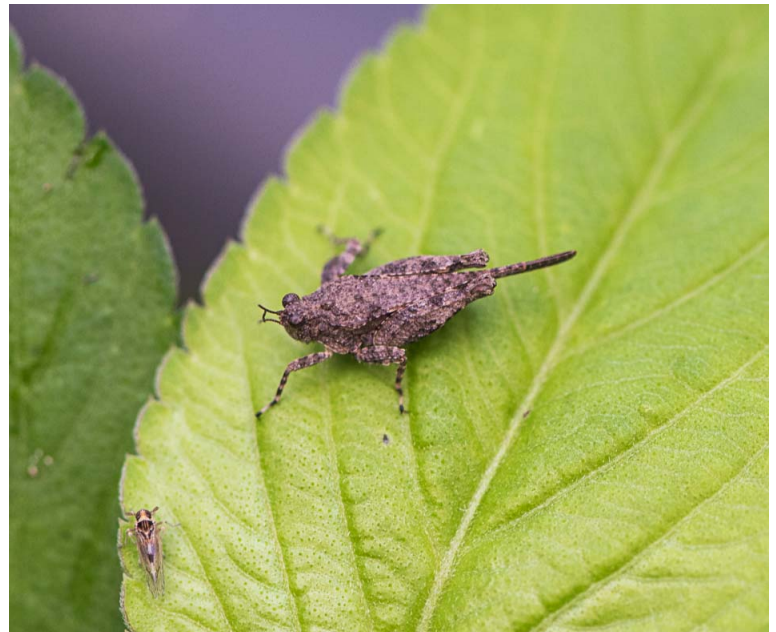


Orthoptera - Top Left: *Chromacris colorata* & Right: *Boopedon rufipes*
Bottom: *Stenopola* sp.



Orthoptera - Top: Cornfield Grasshopper

Bottom Left: Differential Grasshopper & Right: : A Horse-Lubber (*Romalea centurio*)



Orthoptera - Top Left: Common Short-wing Katydid & Right: Mexican Bush Katydid
Bottom Left: Atzteco Spur-throated Grasshopper & Right: Pygmy Grasshopper



Butterflies - Top Left: Surprising White & Right: Southern Dogface
Bottom Left: Zebra-tipped Geomark & Right: Chained Hairstreak



Butterflies - Top Left: Theona Checkerspot & Right: Orange Mapwing
Bottom: Group of "mud-puddling" Crimson Patch on a wall



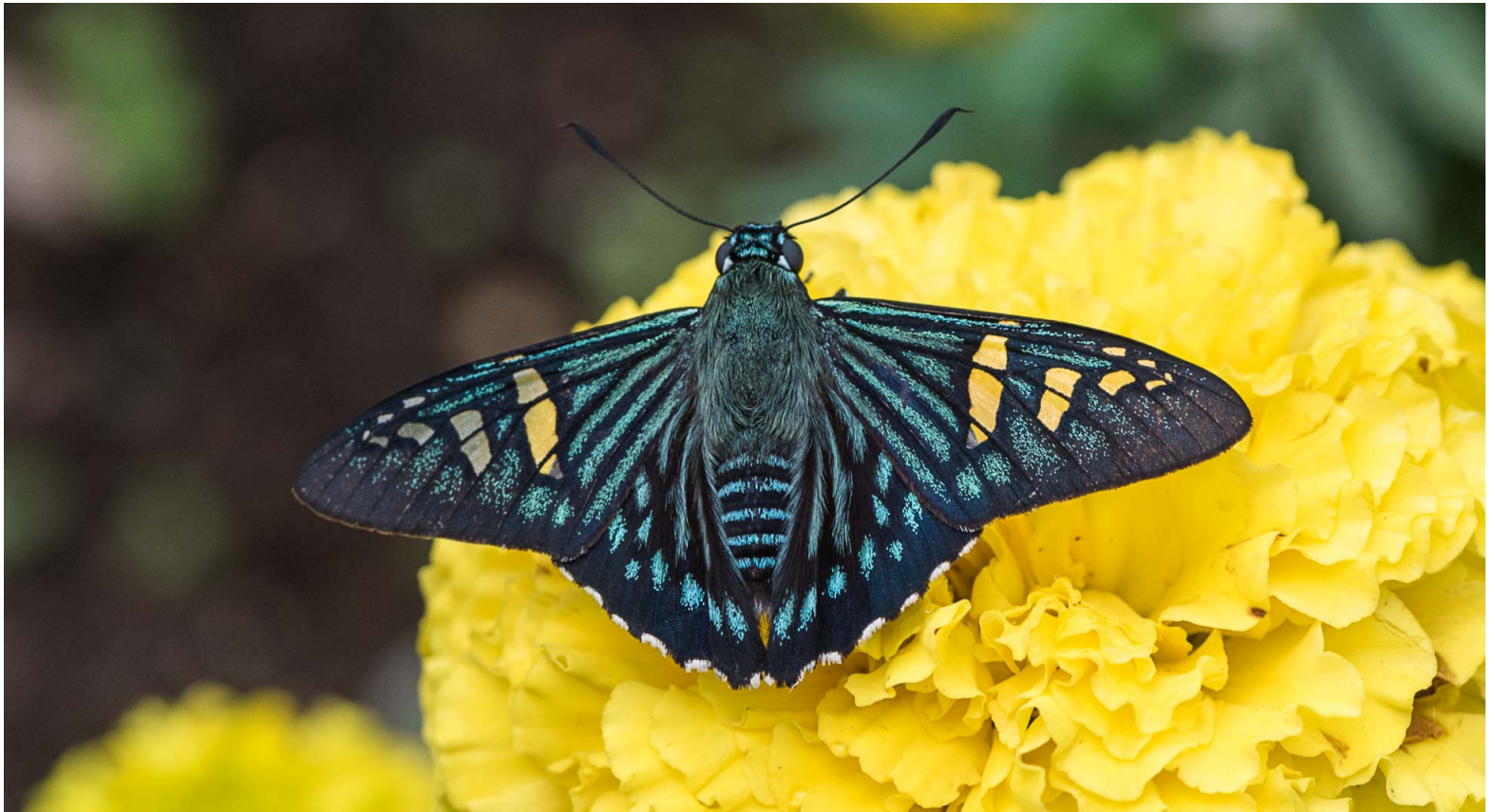
Butterflies - Top Left: Silver Emperor & Right: Pavon Emperor
Bottom Left: Mexican Bluewing & Right: Wide-bordered Satyr



Butterflies - Top Left: Salvin's Ticlear & Right: Klug's Clearwing
Bottom Left: Blomfilds Beauty & Common Mestra



Butterflies - Left: Pearly Leafwing
Right: Black-veined Leafwing



Butterflies - Skippers - Top: Teal Beamer aka Rainbow Skipper (*Phocides urania*)
Bottom Left: Blue-studded Skipper & Right: Mercurial Skipper



Butterflies - Skippers - Top Left: *Codatractus* sp. & Right: Teleus Longtail
Bottom Left: Gold-spotted Aguna & Right: Plain Longtail



Butterflies -Skippers - Top Left: White-patched Skipper & Orange-spot Skipper
Bottom: Lugubrious Blue Skipper & Cleta-Tufted Skipper (aka White Enops)



Spiders - Top: Bromeliad Spider
Bottom Left: Green Lynx Spider & Right: Arrowhead Orb Weaver



Top: Yellow-Crowned Night Heron
Bottom Left: Killdeer & Right: Wood Stork



Top: Red-lored Parrot
Bottom Left: Grey Silkie & Right: Crescent-chested Warbler



Top: Rufous-backed Robin/ Thrush (West Oaxacan endemic although populations in Oaxaca and Mexico City)
Bottom Left: White-throated Towhee & Right: Black vented Oriole



Red Warbler - Mexican Highland endemic