Tucson International Airport

Aircraft Observation Guide



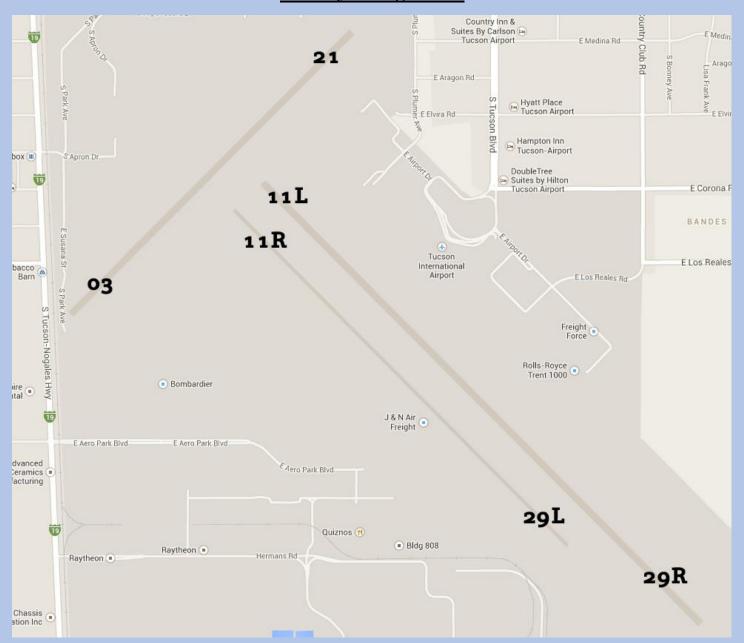
The Old FedEx Cargo Area (Location A) [GPS 32.113331, -110.930749] – This location good for departures on runway 11 and fair for arrivals on runway 29. Typically, AM departures are on runway 11. This is a great early morning location. The RNLAF and/or Arizona ANG F-16's often launch as early as 7:30 AM. Use of a ladder is ideal at this location because of the fence. To get to this location, take Alvernon Way, Palo Verde Rd, or Country Club Rd south to E Los Reales Rd. Make a left turn on E Airport Dr. Follow Airport Dr. around until you pass the Airport Fire Department on the left. Park near the fence in the parking area just to the right of the Airport Fire Department.

Morris Blvd (Location B) [GPS 32.135745, -110.957958] – This location is another decent AM location. It is best for arrivals on runway 11. You will often catch some aircraft making their turn for final approach here. For aircraft arriving strait into the airport, you can often see them miles out so you can properly position yourself in this area. Take Valencia west past Park Ave. Make a right turn on the dirt road just past Park Ave. Travel 100 yards or so down the road to best position yourself for arrivals.

Double Eagle (Location C) – **[GPS 32.125890, -110.955757]** – This is an afternoon location good for arrivals on runway 11. Take Valencia until Park Ave. Turn south on Park Ave. Take Park Avenue to the stop sign at Teton Rd/Apron Dr.. Make a left turn onto Teton/Apron and follow to the end of the street and make another left turn. There will be some parking spaces near the hangar. Walk to the fence to get the best angle of view.

It is recommended that a scanner radio be used to monitor the traffic in and out of the airport

Runway Configuration



Scanner Frequencies

Frequency	Alpha Tag	Description
118.30000	TIA-Twr-Main	TIA - Tower (Main) - Civilian and Military
119.00000	TIA-Twr-Alt	TIA - Tower (Alternate) - Civilian and Military
257.80000	TIA-Twr-UHF	TIA - Tower UHF - Military
124.40000	TIA-Gnd-VHF	TIA - Ground - VHF
126.65000	TIA-C&D-VHF	TIA - Clearance & Delivery - VHF
123.80000	TIA-ATIS-VHF	TIA - ATIS - VHF
119.40000	TIA-APP-N/S	TIA - Approach/Departure - VHF
125.10000	TIA-APP-E/W	TIA - Approach/Departure - VHF

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