

Saturday, February 22, 2014
Arlington Area
Leader & Reported by Donna Smith

We had a large group of birders heading out to Arlington Valley to look for birds. We were lucky that the birds cooperated with us. Lots of hawks were out hunting and setting on the poles and the Ibis and ducks were in the fields. We had a good air show when we found a wet field full of blackbirds. First a pair of Red tails flew over, scaring up the blackbirds, then a young Bald Eagle came in to beat up the Red tails and lastly a male Harrier joined in the fun. All in all, it was a great day.

Participants were Marla Wilson, Vera Markham, Marilyn Dexheimer, Victoria Johnson, Walt and Connie Richards, David and Ruth Kennedy, Dan Bohlmann, Marcyes Schmaus, Jed Fulkerson, Bob Cirillo, Audrey Pavitt, Gerry Horton and Donna Smith.

The 62 birds we identified were Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Canada Goose, American Wigeon, Mallard, Northern Shoveler, Ring-necked Duck, Ruddy Duck, Gambel's Quail, American White Pelican, Neotropic Cormorant, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, White-faced Ibis, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Red-tailed Hawk, Ferruginous Hawk, American Kestrel, Prairie Falcon, American Coot, Sandhill Crane, Killdeer, Black-necked Stilt, Spotted Sandpiper, Greater Yellowlegs, Least Sandpiper, Rock Pigeon, Eurasian-collared Dove, White-winged Dove, Mourning Dove, Greater Roadrunner, Burrowing Owl, Anna's Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Gila Woodpecker, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Vermilion Flycatcher, Loggerhead Shrike, Horned Lark, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, Phainopepla, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Abert's Towhee, Song Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Northern Cardinal, Red-winged Blackbird, Western Meadowlark, Brewer's Blackbird, Great-tailed Grackle, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, House Finch and House Sparrow.