

Sonoran Audubon Society Trip Report
Lockett Meadow/San Francisco Peaks
September 25, 2014

The weather was perfect with temperatures in the 70's and fluffy clouds overhead. We hiked around the campground road for about ½ mile through the beautiful meadow surrounded by fir, spruce and aspens. There is also a small pond which is usually attracting a number of birds looking for a drink. We stayed there for quite some time watching all the hawks circling overhead. Then our youngest member Caleb(14) with eagle sharp eyes pointed out a Golden Eagle soaring low over the trees. He also spotted the bird of the day flying into a tall fir. It was a new species for him and all the rest of the group – a Northern Pygmy Owl. We also went about a mile up the Inner Basin Trail and saw quite a few families of Red-Breasted Nuthatches(8 total) and 3 Brown Creepers. The Steller's Jays(20) and Mountain Chickadees(15) were everywhere sounding off to get our attention. We saw Clark's Nutcrackers(8) flying on missions to get the juiciest pine cones they could find, but they never stopped to give us a good look.

We saw 19 species total. They were Golden Eagle, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Northern Pygmy Owl, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Steller's Jay, Clark's Nutcracker, Common Raven, Mountain Chickadee, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Pygmy Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Yellow Warbler, Chipping Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, and Dark-eyed Junco.

Participants: Nancy Mac, John & Judi Heath, Paul Doucette, Caleb Strand, Dan Jacob, and leader Dan Bohlmann

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