

SONORAN AUDUBON SOCIETY

BIRD WALK AT ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK, NOVEMBER 8, 2014

By Joe Ford

At 7:15 AM we started our 2 and ½ hour hike through Mesquite bosque, Blue Gum Eucalyptus, desert scrub, and the Gila River riparian area. Temperature was 62 degrees at inception and 83 degrees at conclusion under a clear sky with slight breeze.

The 10 participants were: Donna Needham, Deborah Strand, Alexia Hopkins, David Strand, Caleb Strand (guide), Joe Ford (guide), Gordon Ellis, Paul Doucette, Jim Consolloy, and Haylie Hewitt.



We observed the following 57 species: Ruddy Duck, Gambel's Quail, Pied-billed Grebe, Western Grebe, Neotropic Cormorant, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Green Heron, White-faced Ibis, Black Vulture, Osprey, Northern Harrier, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, American Coot, Killdeer, Spotted Sandpiper, Greater Yellowlegs, Least Sandpiper, Mourning Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Belted

Kingfisher, Gila Woodpecker, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Vermilion Flycatcher, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Loggerhead Shrike, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Verdin, Rock Wren, House Wren, Marsh Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher, Northern Mockingbird, Crissal Thrasher, European Starling, Phainopepla, Orange-crowned Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Abert's Towhee, Lark Sparrow, Song Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon), Great-tailed Grackle, House Finch, House Sparrow.

Counts and details are at eBird <http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S20510882>