

Sonoran Audubon Society Field Trip Report
Santa Cruz Flats on January 11, 2015
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Despite early morning light rains, our group had sunny skies all day as we crisscrossed our way across the Santa Cruz Flats, south of Eloy in Pinal County.

Lark Buntings were found throughout. In the flooded fields we found several species of ducks and Wilson's Snipe. Twelve 12 Mountain Plovers were loafing in the early afternoon sun. Raptors included a partially-leucistic Red-tailed Hawk, a Prairie Falcon, and 2 Harris's Hawks. Sadly no Crested Caracaras were found but we ended with a nice variety of species for the day.

The 6 participants - David and Ruth Kennedy, Tom Lazelle, Babs Buck, Susan Fishburn, Lois Lorenz, and leaders Claudia Kirscher and Barb Meding – observed 53 species plus an unidentified hummer.

A complete bird list and other details, including a link to a map of our birding location, can be seen at <http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S21433961>