

Sonoran Audubon Society Field Trip Report Page Springs, April 22, 2015

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Six birders from Sonoran Audubon - Peggy Cullen, Susan Corless, Fran Baughman, Dan Bohlmann, Carol and Rich Schooler (leader) - traveled to the Page Springs Fish Hatchery south of Sedona, AZ, to look for resident birds and spring migrants. We started the day at the bubbling ponds (warm water fish) in the northern portion of the hatchery, with temperatures in the high 60s. We then moved on to the covered trout-rearing ponds and hatchery visitor center in the southern portion of the hatchery. Notable species observed here were Osprey, Common Black-Hawk, Bald Eagle, Belted Kingfisher, Bell's Vireo, Lucy's Warbler, Summer Tanager and Bullock's Oriole.

We then moved on to the Sedona Wetlands where we had lunch before continuing our birding endeavors. It was starting to get rather warm by noon so we adjourned to the little restaurant near the bubbling ponds (north part of the Page Springs hatchery) where we had a nice lunch.

We observed the following 45 species: Great Blue Heron, Mallard, Ring-necked Duck, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Common Black Hawk, Bald Eagle, Cooper's Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Killdeer, American Avocet, Mourning Dove, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Gila Woodpecker, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Vermilion Flycatcher, Bell's Vireo, Common Raven, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Violet-green Swallow, Verdin, Bewick's Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, American Robin, European Starling, Cedar Waxwing, Phainopepla, Lucy's Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, Summer Tanager, Lark Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Northern Cardinal, Red-winged Blackbird, Great-tailed Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Bullock's Oriole, Lesser Goldfinch and House Sparrow.

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