

## BIRD WALK AT WHITE TANK MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK

Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

At 8:10 AM, the group of 21 left Area 4 Parking Area, ambled through the grounds and worked our way to the Mule Deer Trail, then went north to the windmill and small pond at the end of the nature trail. We returned by way of the White Tank Roadway to Area 4. Starting temperature was 40 degrees F, and upon finishing around 10:15 the temperature was 55 degrees. No breeze and clear skies with some light cirrus developing at the hike's conclusion.



**PARTICIPANTS:** 21 began the walk, three small children, and a few seniors: Kirk Pascherlidij, Leslie Agustin, Laurel Parker, Beverlee Loat and children, Carol Cummins, Erv Johnson, Gerry and Linda Molinelli, Sharon Beal from Manitoba, Kevin and Maureen Shick, June McMullen, Joe Kruger and guide, Joe Ford. Some spouses were not listed.

**SPECIES:** Gambel's Quail, Turkey Vulture, Mourning Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Costa's Hummingbird, Gila Woodpecker, Gilded Flicker, American Kestrel, Say's Phoebe, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Common Raven, Verdin, Rock Wren, Cactus Wren, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher, Curve-billed Thrasher, Northern



Mockingbird, European Starling, Phainopepla, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, House Finch, Lesser Goldfinch (24)

HIGHLIGHTS: Several species were already in a mating mode as woodpecker types were calling and drumming, House Finch males were in full warble, and the thrashers (Mockingbird and Curve-billed Thrashers) were in fine mimic mode. A grand day for birding with some good looks. An added bonus was the beginnings of a “monster” spring wildflower bloom.



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Seven people attended the program at the Nature Center entitled, “Canaries in the Coal Mine”.