

BIRD WALK AT ESTRELLA MT. REGIONAL PARK

September 13, 2014



At 7:00 AM we started our 3-hour birding survey of 1.5 miles within the Estrella Mountain Regional Park and along the riparian area adjacent to the rapidly flowing and full Gila River, which is a rarity for this time of year. Certainly the 3-5 inch rainfall a week ago influenced the unusual conditions. At survey inception the temperature was 85 F, under mostly clear skies with an increasing breeze during our time in the field, and 96 F and 10 mph wind at conclusion.



The 3 participants - Jim Consolloy, Paul Doucette, and Joe Ford (leader) – found a Western Diamondback Rattlesnake (*Crotalus atrox*) and the following 36 bird species: Mallard, Gambel's Quail, Western Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Green Heron, White-faced Ibis, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Red-tailed Hawk, Common Gallinule, American Coot, Killdeer, Spotted Sandpiper, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Mourning Dove, Greater Roadrunner, Belted Kingfisher, Gila Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Loggerhead Shrike, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, Orange-crowned Warbler, MacGillivray's Warbler, Abert's Towhee, Song Sparrow, House Finch, Rock Wren, Marsh Wren, and Verdin.



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