

Sonoran Audubon Society Bird Walk
Estrella Mountain Regional Park on February 14, 2015
By Joe Ford

At 8:15 AM we began our 2 hour and 15 minute birding hike of 1.25 miles, starting at the Mesquite Bosque, venturing through the Blue Gum Grove, the desert scrub, the Gila River riparian area and ending at the mitigated lake area on the far eastern side of the park. Skies were clear with little to no breeze and a beginning temperature of 63 degrees. There were 32 participants including the guides, Caleb Strand, Joe Legander, Paul Doucette, and Joe Ford. Canadian provinces and several U.S. states were represented.

Participants: Carolyn & Rick Mattern, Peggy & John Coon, Donna Needham, Jean & Doug Needham, Larry & Margee Joines, Lee Bradley, Charles & Loretta Richards, Gerry Donaldson,



Karen Martin, Gayle Kaz, Lois Hopkins, Sheila Donaldson, Sherri Ross, Marcyes Schmaus, Andrea Portillo, John & Beth Rea, Wendell & Janet Thrush, Roger Branstiter, Erv Johnson, Alexia Hopkins, Deborah Strand, Jesse & Jacob.

We observed the following species:
Mallard, Northern Pintail, Ruddy Duck, Gambel's Quail, Eared Grebe, Neotropic Cormorant, Double-crested Cormorant, American White Pelican, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret,

Snowy Egret, Green Heron, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Virginia Rail, Sora, American Coot, Killdeer, Inca Dove, Mourning Dove, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Greater Roadrunner, Anna's Hummingbird, Costa's Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Gila Woodpecker, Red-naped Sapsucker, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Gilded Flicker, Northern Flicker, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Vermilion Flycatcher, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Loggerhead Shrike, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Verdin, Rock Wren, Marsh Wren, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, Phainopepla, Orange-crowned Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Abert's Towhee, Lark Sparrow, Song Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Great-tailed Grackle, House Finch, and Lesser Goldfinch.

For details and counts go to <http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S21845054>