

**SONORAN AUDUBON SOCIETY FIELD TRIP**  
**White Tank Mountain Regional Park on April 11, 2015**  
**By Joe Ford**

At 8:00 AM we began our 2-hour bird walk of 0.75-mile on the Wildlife Trail towards the small pond supported by a scenic windmill and filled with numerous frogs. We also hiked a small part of the Ford Canyon trail. The temperature was a comfortable 75 degrees F under a clear blue sky with no breeze, and at the walk's conclusion the temperature had climbed to 86 degrees. Birds were coming into the small waterfall area at the pond almost continuously and we had good looks at the numerous House Finches plus Gilded Flickers and Gila Woodpeckers.

Among the 17 participants were Anna Thompson, Ann Begley, Joleen Forbes, Jeff Kaz, Maria Barrios, Betty Wass, Tony and Cheryl Gross, Neil Wilkinson, Jan Lorbeer, Jake Flint, and Gayle, Esther and Don Kazmierczak. Helping with the walk was Patty Telin and the guide was Joe Ford.



The seventeen species seen were Gambel's Quail, Turkey Vulture, White-winged Dove, Mourning Dove, Black-chinned

Hummingbird, Anna's Hummingbird, Gila Woodpecker, Gilded Flicker, Common Raven, Verdin, Cactus Wren, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher, Curve-billed Thrasher, European Starling, White-crowned Sparrow, Great-tailed Grackle, and House Finch.

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