

BIRD WALK AT WHITE TANK MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK

October 3, 2015

Start time and conditions: 7:30 AM, clear sky, temperature 75 degrees F: conclusion 9:30, temperature 88 degrees F; little to no breeze increasing to 1-3 mph



Participants: Eleven: Jennifer Prell, Carmen McGinnis, Dave Uzelac from Ohio: Louene Trout: Jerry and Linda Molinelli recently from Long Island, NY,: the Orozco Family, Giovanni and Carmen and sons, Giovanni and Ira: guide Joe Ford

Conditions were ideal for good birding in this Upper Sonoran Desert area dominated by Saguaro, barrel cactus and cholla species, Creosote Bush, Ironwood, and Foothills Palo Verde. The trail let through a deep wash and along its edge and traversed a desert pediment atop infill alluvium gravels mostly. Special moments were the good looks at a kettle of Black Vultures, the ever active Cactus Wrens and the constant call notes of Curve-billed Thrashers. Good looks at a Wilson's Warbler and a couple of Orange-crowned Warblers were appreciated as well.

Species observed by sight and/or sound: Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Mourning Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Gila Woodpecker, Gilded/Northern Flicker, American Kestrel, Say's Phoebe, Common Raven, Verdin, Rock Wren, Canyon Wren, Cactus Wren, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher, Curve-billed Thrasher, Orange-crowned Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Black-throated Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, House Finch (20 species)

Counts and other details are at eBird " <http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S25282022> "

Five were in the audience at the Nature Center for the program, "Cryptic Birds of the Night"