

Sonoran Audubon Society Field Trip Report

Riparian Preserve at Gilbert Water Ranch November 23, 2015

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Marryann Bell, Jim Consolloy, Erv Johnson and Tom Lazzelle met Tom Worcester for the one hour drive to the Preserve. There we met Joyce Anastasi, Fran Baughman, Cheri Laude, Carol Samson, Sam and Frank Insana. These six birders had been there early and had begun a list of sightings, which we used for this compilation.

Beginning at 9 a.m. with 60's temperatures, no wind and few high clouds, we observed the following 55 bird species:

- Kestrel
- Eurasian collared dove
- Mourning dove
- Great- tailed grackle
- Killdeer
- Gila wood pecker
- Starling
- Mallard
- Love birds
- Neotropic cormorant
- Double-crested cormorant
- Anna's hummingbird
- Verdin
- White- crowned sparrow
- Red-winged blackbird
- Northern shoveler
- Abert's towhee
- House finch
- Orange-crowned warbler
- Audubon's warbler-yellow-rumped form
- Audubon's warbler-white throated, myrtle form
- Curve- billed thrasher
- Northern rough-winged swallow
- House sparrow
- Say's phoebe
- Black phoebe

- Canada geese
- Black-necked stilt
- Great egret
- Snowy egret
- Green-winged teal
- Least sandpiper
- Pied-billed grebe
- Northern pintail
- Belted kingfisher
- Dowitcher
- Ruby-crowned kinglet
- American coot
- Rock pigeon
- Lesser scaup
- green heron
- great blue heron
- black-crowned night heron
- cinnamon teal
- Gambel's quail
- song sparrow
- sharp-shinned hawk
- osprey
- American widgeon
- Yellow legs; greater
- Yellow legs: lesser
- Avocet
- Loggerhead shrike
- Ruddy duck
- Ring-necked duck