

BIRD WALK AT CAVE CREEK RECREATIONAL AREA PARK

November 7, 2015: Departure Time 8: 45 AM---Finish 10:15



Conditions: Clear sky with temperature at 63 degrees F at the beginning, 81 degrees F at conclusion, slight breeze from 5-6 mph, subsiding as the sun warmth increased.

Sixteen birders and future birders gathered at the visitor center. Ages ranged from 3 years old to adults with several members of an enthusiastic Cub Scout Pack among the participants. It was a glorious day for a bird hike, but it took awhile for the birds to show themselves, or perhaps the group size intimidated some of them into invisibility. Participants listed on the roster were Suzanne Hug, Jacob Devil, Roger Aboaf, Andrew Klose, Jeremy Ellis, Chris Mangrum, Daniel Aboaf. Ranger Mark Paulat and Joe Ford lead the hike. Most of the pack members were not listed. Highlights for the day were the many Cactus Wrens, the Phainopepla, and a soaring Red-tail Hawk thermaling along the ridge of the distant mountain.

Species observed, either by ear or eye were: Gambel's Quail, Red-tailed Hawk, Gila Woodpecker, flicker species, Say's Phoebe, Loggerhead Shrike, Verdin, Rock Wren, House Wren, Cactus Wren, Black-tailed

Gnatcatcher, Curve-billed Thrasher, Phainopepla, Abert's Towhee, Black-throated Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, House Finch (17 species)

Counts and other details are at eBird <http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S25749406>

Ten people attended the program on "Turkeys, the Thanksgiving Bird"