

SAS FIELD TRIP REPORT GLENDALE RECHARGE PONDS

Monday, February 8th, 2016 turned out to be a surprisingly pleasant winter day with morning temps in the mid 60's and reaching the high 70's by late morning. With breezes out of the southeast and a bright clear sky we were able to look over the ponds with perfect clarity. Three out of the 6 ponds were filling or full with a good complement of ducks and shorebirds; with the occasional raptor paying a visit: The following species were seen at Dust Devil Park and as we walked around the ponds:

Canada Goose, Great-tailed Grackle, Great Blue Heron (flying toward the ponds over Loop 101), Northern Harrier, Mourning Dove, Eurasian Collared Dove, Say's Phoebe, House Sparrow, Black Phoebe, European Starling, Abert's Towhee, Song Sparrow, Yellow-Rumped "Audubon's" Warbler, Wilson's Snipe, Rough-winged Swallow, Killdeer, Horned Lark, Red-tailed Hawk, Osprey, Great Egret, Northern Shoveler, Black-necked Stilt, Long-billed Dowitcher, American Avocet, American Coot, Least Sandpiper, Greater Yellowlegs Sandpiper, Cinnamon Teal, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Green-winged Teal, Northern Pintail Duck, Common Merganser, Gadwall and Peregrine Falcon. Birds not seen but told by other birders en-route were: Semipalmated Plover, Western Sandpiper and Dunlin (Sandpiper).

Those participating on the field trip were: Peggy Allen, Kelly Andres, Fran Baugman, Dan Bohlmann, Jim Consolloy (Trip Leader), Jean Eddins, Janice and Richard Fisher, Erv Johnson, Tom Lazzalle, Barbara Lewis, Nancy Lewis, Sherry Loch, Nancy Mac (recording scribe), Vera Markham (Trip photographer) and Donna Walkuski.

I want to thank all who participated for birding as a group, which is sometimes difficult for 15 people to do. By doing this we were able to see more species and did not once scare the large flocks of feeding peeps and resting ducks.

Jim