

BIRD WALK AT WHITE TANK MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK

September 24th, 2016



CONDITIONS: clear sky with no breeze at beginning, temperature 76 degrees F:: clear sky with haze in the east, 0-3 mph breeze, temperature 88 F degrees at conclusion.

TIME AND LOCATION: 7:30 to 9:35 AM. The walk began at the Nature Center. We hiked a short distance to the Mule Deer Trail then approximately half-mile to the north. As we are in the fall season, bird sounds were minimal. Calls were heard and one Curve-billed Thrasher offered up a hesitant song. Several woodpecker types mounted the saguaro tops and a Loggerhead Shrike posed nicely for all to view. Perhaps the biggest treat was the numerous Costa's and Anna's Hummingbirds working the feeders and Fairy Dusters near the Nature Center. Our walk ended on a sad note as we discovered an Orange-crowned Warbler on the sidewalk near the building, obviously a casualty from a collision with a window. It was our only warbler on the day.

PARTICIPANTS: Magda Dolan, Judy and Joe Twohy, Linda Molinelli, Patricia Meyer, Fran Nicholson, Earl Edris, Marti Blaies, Sharon Manyx, Cindy Davis, Rebecca Long, Fran Williams, Jean Eddins, Sherry Loch, and today's guides, Dan Bohlman, Jerry Molinelli, and Joe Ford



SPECIES: Gambel's Quail, Turkey Vulture, Killdeer (audio), Mourning Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Costa's Hummingbird, Gila Woodpecker, Gilded Flicker, Say's Phoebe, Loggerhead Shrike, Verdin, Rock Wren, Cactus Wren (seen after the "Raptor" program around 11:30), Curve-billed Thrasher, Orange-crowned Warbler, Chipping Sparrow, Black-throated Sparrow, Brewer's Sparrow, House Finch (19)

Comment: maybe the first time we didn't observe any Black-tailed Gnatcatchers

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Eleven people attended the program on "Raptors" at the Nature Center