

BIRD WALK AT ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK
October 8, 2016



At 8:10 AM we began our 2.5 hour bird walk through the east side of the park , through the Mesquite Grove, Red Gum Eucalyptus and grass area then north through desert scrub, and finally through the riparian area along a dry river bed, to the ponds on the east end of the park. The temperature was 82 degrees F at the beginning and 90 degrees F at the finish. Skies were cloudy the entire time with some clearing around 10:30. Showers to the north in the early morning hours may have discouraged some from joining us. Wind increased through the hike from 5 mph to around 8 mph from the east.

PARTICIPANTS: Laura Gold, Marilyn Kimmins, Dolly Harper, Mitra Samadani, Linda Molinella, and guides for the trip, Paul Doucette, Jerry Molinelli, Joe Ford (8)

SPECIES OBSERVED: Ruddy Duck, Gambel's Quail, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, White-faced Ibis, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Red-tailed Hawk, American Coot, Killdeer, Greater Yellowlegs (audio), Mourning Dove, Belted Kingfisher, Gila Woodpecker, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, flicker species, American Kestrel, Peregrine Falcon, Black Phoebe, Western Kingbird, Loggerhead Shrike, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Verdin, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher, Curve-billed Thrasher, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, Abert's Towhee, Lark Sparrow, Great-tailed Grackle, House Finch (33)

Counts and other details are at eBird <http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S31954542>

Eight people attended the program in the nature center entitled, "What is a Mineral?"