

BIRD WALK AT ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK

November 12th, 2016



At approximately 8:20 15 birders began their 1.8 mile walk through the east side of the park, avoiding an overnight camping expedition, traveling through the Blue Gum trees and vegetated parts of the park. We then walked adjacent to the desert scrub region and on to the riparian area east of Vineyard Avenue and to the mitigated ponds just east of the park boundary. The Gila did have water on this trip due to the annual draining of the agriculture canals in the county. Fisherman activity limited our numbers of shorebirds and water fowl normally seen on the ponds.

CONDITIONS: Temperature: 68 degrees F at the walk inception under clear skies with a very slight breeze:::at conclusion our temperature was 72 degrees F with wispy cirrus clouds to the west. It was an almost perfect day for observations

PARTICIPANTS: David and Dolores Sussman, Rachel Hensler, Lee Bradley, Wendell and Janet Thrush, David and Ruth Kennedy, Rick and Mimi Stiles, Erv Johnson, Bill and Dawn Jeffries, Joe Ford and our guide for the day, Caleb Strand.

HIGHLIGHTS: Numerous American Robins in migration, a juvenile Vermilion Flycatcher with a yellow rump, and lots of Yellow-rumped Warblers, mostly Audubon.

SPECIES OBSERVED: Mallard (Northern), Ruddy Duck, Gambel's Quail, Pied-billed Grebe, Eared Grebe, Neotropic Cormorant, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Green Heron, White-faced Ibis, Osprey, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Sora, American Coot, Killdeer, Spotted Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Wilson's Snipe, Mourning Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Gila Woodpecker, Red-naped Sapsucker, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, flicker species, American Kestrel, Prairie Falcon, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Vermilion Flycatcher, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Loggerhead Shrike, Common Raven, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Verdin, Rock Wren, House Wren, Marsh Wren, Bewick's Wren, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, American Robin, Curve-billed Thrasher, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, American Pipit, Cedar Waxwing, Orange-crowned Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Abert's Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon race), Great-tailed Grackle, House Finch, House Sparrow (62)

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