

BIRD WALK AT CAVE CREEK REGIONAL PARK

January 7, 2017

Conditions: Cloudy to overcast with Stratocumulus clouds and high Cirrus and cirrocumulus, temperature 56 degrees F at inception and little to no breeze. At conclusion the temperature was 57 degrees F

Participants: Carol Cummins from Minnesota and guide Joe Ford



At 8:40 AM we begin our walk from the visitor center to the Overton Trail, moved eastward, crossed the Tonalite Drive to the parking area adjacent to the Slate Trailhead. Very little blooming vegetation (an occasional White-stem Brittlebush and Desert Marigold). We did have some good looks at gnatcatchers, sparrows, wrens, and Phainopeplas. We finished our walk with a stroll down Tonalite and Cave Creek Drive back to the visitor's center.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail, Gila Woodpecker, Gilded Flicker, Say's Phoebe, Common Raven, Verdin, Cactus Wren, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher, Curve-billed Thrasher, Northern Mockingbird, Phainopepla, Black-throated Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, House Finch (on Jasper Way near campground) :14 species

Counts and other details are at eBird <http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S33516554>