

BIRD WALK AT ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK 1 14 17

CONDITIONS: At 8:00 AM we began our bird walk with orientation at the parking lot, then caravanned to the east side of the park and took our usual route through the Mesquite Bosque, Blue Gum Grove, the grassland area, desert scrub, then took the riparian trail to the mitigated lakes. Skies were cloudy to overcast and a brief shower preceded our start. The temperature was 52 degrees F with little to no breeze. Upon conclusion the temperature was 70 degrees with a light breeze of 1-4 mph with a cloudy sky and some clearing.



PARTICIPANTS: Carol Cummins, Wendell Thrush, Jerry and Linda Molinelli, Tom Worcester, Pam Spinella, Kathryn Jones, Donna and James Hamill, Erv Johnson, Lee Bradley, Gordon Cooper, Mitra Samadani and guide Joe Ford (14)

SPECIES: Canada Goose (golf course as we were leaving), Mallard, Ruddy Duck, Eared Grebe, Neotropic Cormorant, cormorant species, American White Pelican, Great Blue Heron, Black Vulture (near visitor center around 1 pm), Turkey Vulture (visitor center around 12 pm), Osprey, Northern Harrier, Red-tailed Hawk, American Coot, Greater Yellowlegs, Common Ground Dove, Mourning Dove, Anna's Humminbird, Costa's Hummingbird, Gila Woodpecker, Red-naped Sapsucker, flicker species, American Kestrel, Prairie Falcon, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Loggerhead Shrike, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Rock Wren (near visitor center at 2 pm), Black-tailed Gnatcatcher, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, Orange-crowned Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Song Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Great-tailed Grackle, House Finch, Verdin (39)

Counts and other details are at eBird <http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S33738447>

Nine people attended the program at the visitor center entitled "Earth From Space"