

BIRD WALK AT WHITE TANK REGIONAL PARK 3 18 17

LOCATION: Ford Canyon Trail starting from Area 9

CONDITIONS: The walk began at 8:10 AM under clear skies with a temperature of 72 degrees F. Little to no breeze. We ended the walk at 10 AM with temperatures at 80 degrees F.

OBSERVATIONS: Unusually high temperatures the last week have accelerated the wildflower spring bloom, which was just past its peak (many species already bearing seeds with bloom senescence obvious). Winter rains being excessive certainly set this scenario in motion. As one person said, this was wildflowers on "steroids", especially in the numbers seen, as well as diversity.



PARTICIPANTS: Pat McKenzie, Cathie McCrae, Jan Viall, Sheila Carter, Mike Harter, Dede Tillotson, Rod and Nancy Frank, Erv Johnson, Laura Saddlemire, Jim Consolloy, Sandy Angle, Jolene Lancaster and guide, Joe Ford

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail, Turkey Vulture, Eurasian Collared Dove, White-winged Dove, Mourning Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Costa's Hummingbird, Gila Woodpecker, Gilded Flicker, Say's Phoebe, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Verdin, Cactus Wren, Curve-billed Thrasher, European Starling, Black-throated Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, House Finch (18)

Details and counts can be viewed at eBird <http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S35270704>

Twenty-five people attended the program at the visitor center on "Geology In Arizona".