

## BIRD WALK AT HASSAYAMPA WILDLIFE PRESERVE 1 25 18

**CONDITIONS:** At approximately 9:45 AM under partly cloudy skies (high cirrus and cirrostratus) and a temperature of 59 degrees, with a freshening breeze, our bird observing expedition began. The end of the walk occurred around 11:30 with some of the group opting out due to time constraints. The weather conditions were similar as at the start, however the breeze was at 5-10 mph.



**ROUTE:** The Palm Lake Trail was taken around the lake and then a brief jaunt across the river to the Lion Trail. However, that route attempt was abbreviated due to several birds allowing themselves to be viewed amidst some speculation as to species and with time already extended beyond the boundaries expected.

**PARTICIPANTS:** Bob Lemke, Karen Martin, Michael Ameigh, Paul Doucette, Sharon Orbeck, Russ Harris, Janet Frolich, Bob Atwood, Leslie Barnes, Shirley Sobkow, Pete Herstein, Chris McVittie, Donna Thoreson, and guide Joe Ford (14)

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Several Hermit Thrushes seemed to be rambling around the grounds and the Ruby-crowned Kinglets offered great views as the photographers were on cloud nine, enjoying so much cooperation on the part of the birds to achieve good photos. Of course, witnessing the gentle flow of the clear waters of the Hassayampa River was a treat in itself.

SPECIES: Mallard 4, Pied-billed Grebe 2, American Coot 6, Anna's Hummingbird 9, Costa's Hummingbird 1, Gila Woodpecker 2, Ladder-backed Woodpecker 4, flicker species 2, Gray Flycatcher 1, Black Phoebe 2, Common Raven 1, Verdin 2, House Wren 2, Bewick's Wren 1, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 1, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 2, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 12, Hermit Thrush 5, Orange-crowned Warbler 1, Yellow-rumped Warbler 4, Abert's Towhee 9, Song Sparrow 5, Lincoln's Sparrow 2 (23)

Counts and other details are at eBird <http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S42286546>

Fifteen people attended the program in the meeting building on "Birds, Who Needs Them: We do, and Here Is Why"