

CAVE CREEK BIRD WALK 3 7 20

CONDITIONS: clear skies with some areas of light cirrus strands: beginning temperature 64 degrees F at 8 AM with slight breeze of 1-3 mph: conclusion temperature 72 degrees F at 9:45 AM with a breeze of 2-4 mph.

ROUTE: The walk began at the Nature Center, went NE on the Overton Trail then by pavement to the Tonalite Drive, then returned SW on the Overton to the Nature Center.



PARTICIPANTS: K.C. Jones, Laura Penland, John and Linda Torma, Kathy Santo, Tom Seluga, Vic and Joanne Miller, Pam Spinella (special resource person and chairman of refreshments), and guides Tom Locascio and Joe Ford (11)

COMMENTS: The area around the water sources (small water basin and flowing streamlet near the rear patio) were very active at the beginning of our trek, with numerous bathing White-crowned Sparrows, Lesser Goldfinches and a couple of Costa's Hummingbirds working the Chuparosa flowers. Cactus Wrens were the major choristers in this upper Sonoran Desert environment with occasional support from Verdins, Black-throated Sparrows,



House Finches, Gambel's Quail in mating call mode, and an occasional cry from flickers, and scolding gnatcatchers.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 35, Cooper's Hawk 1, Red-tailed Hawk 2, Mourning Dove 8, Costa's Hummingbird 3, Gila Woodpecker 2, Gilded Flicker 2, Say's Phoebe 3, Ash-throated Flycatcher 1, Verdin 5, Cactus Wren 8, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 2, Curve-billed Thrasher 3, Canyon Towhee 3, Black-throated Sparrow 6, White-crowned Sparrow 5, Brown-headed Cowbird 1, House Finch 6, Lesser Goldfinch 8



Counts and other details can be found at eBird, ID number S65552829 or contact Tom Locascio at 'locascio2000@hotmail.com' for a share list.

Five people, (plus some folks in and out) attended the program at the Nature Center entitled "Raptors".