

WHITE TANK MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK BIRDWALK 2 15 20

CONDITIONS: Ideal! Start: temperature 48 degrees F, clear skies, no breeze----Finish: 63 degrees F, clear skies, no breeze

ROUTE: The walk began at the Goat Camp Trailhead off Black Canyon Drive. We walked for a mile or so, then returned by the same route. Karen Martin also shared some observations from the Bajada Trail. Others observed near the Nature Center, which added to our species count.



PARTICIPANTS: Dan Nowak, Erv Johnson, Jim Consolloy, David Glaesman, Pam Spinella (resource person), Rochelle Kinderknecht, Karen Martin (photography), Joe and Carol Petsch, Jack and LeeAnn Calder, Walt and Janne Tysk, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Erwin, Russell and Marisa Diehl, Joe Ford, 2 “anonymous”, and guest guide for the day, Mark Brogie (21)

COMMENTS: Our group encountered an early spring symphony as the locals were experiencing an increase in hormones, and thus were calling to one another in efforts to establish territories and perhaps seek mates as nesting season for some species was not far in the future. Cactus Wrens were quite vocal along with calling Gila Woodpeckers and Gilded Flickers and adding to the chorus were several singing Rock Wrens. The favorite perch to announce their desires was atop the majestic Saguaros. Loggerhead Shrikes also perched nicely atop the cactus columns for viewing. Some early

spring flowers were in appearance, especially the Mexican Poppies and Fiddlenecks and an occasional Lupine. And of course, Brittlebush.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 4, Mourning Dove 12, Anna's Hummingbird 1, Costa's Hummingbird 5, Gila Woodpecker 9, Gilded Flicker 3, American Kestrel 1, Say's Phoebe 1, Loggerhead Shrike 4, Verdin 6, Rock Wren 4, Canyon Wren 2, Cactus Wren 9, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 2, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3, Curve-billed Thrasher 3, European Starling 2, Black-throated Sparrow 10, White-crowned Sparrow 12, House Finch 25, Lesser Goldfinch 5, House Sparrow 2

Counts and other details can be found at eBird ID Number S64559801. For a sharelist contact lford25@cox.net

Twenty people attended the program at the Nature Center on "Bird Weirdness III"

Kudos to Karen Martin, Jim Consolloy, Pam Spinella and Mark Brogie for helping compile the bird list.