Stoneman Lake, AZ June 19, 2014 By Donna Smith

We had a perfect day for birding at Stoneman Lake, or should I say, Stoneman Meadow (not much water). The weather was sunny and cool with no wind. The birds were out in force and sang for us all morning. Our group of birders happily watched the birds and the bugs. Did I mention the bugs, which were happily biting the birders?

The 10 participants were Sue Moreland, Babs Buck, Ed Jeter, Fran Baughman, Vera Markham, Tom Ferranti, Carol Pfeifer, Joy Dolhanczyk, Dan Bohlmann and Donna Smith (leader).

We saw the following 51 species: Mallard, Great Blue Heron, Turkey Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, American Coot, Band-tailed Pigeon, White-throated Swift, Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Acorn Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, American Kestrel, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Western Wood-Pewee, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Dusky-capped Flycatcher (not seen by leader), Ash-throated Flycatcher, Cassin's Kingbird, Plumbeous Vireo, Cassin's Vireo (not seen by leader), Steller's Jay, Western Scrub-Jay, Common Raven, Tree Swallow, Violet-green Swallow, Mountain Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, House Wren, Western Bluebird, Townsend's Solitaire, American Robin, Northern Mockingbird, Yellow Warbler, Grace's Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Red-faced Warbler, Spotted Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Black-chinned Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Summer Tanager, Western Tanager, Northern Cardinal, Black-headed Grosbeak, Red-winged Blackbird, Eastern Meadowlark, Brown-headed Cowbird, Hooded Oriole, Red Crossbill, and Lesser Goldfinch.

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