

BIRD WALK AT HASSAYAMPA RIVER RESERVE

May 27th, 2017

At approximately 7:25 AM under clear skies, 74 degrees F, and a light southwesterly breeze of 1-3 mph, 26 birders began the walk down the west side of Palm Lake, along the Mesquite Meander, and then terminated at a viewing area along the Lion Trail. At the finish of the walk temperatures had risen to 85 degrees F, with a breeze of 3-7 mph. Some time was also spent observing at the hummingbird feeders and relaxing in the sitting area within the visitor center.



PARTICIPANTS included Rebecca Craig, Ellen Riddick, Ron and Deb Pinnell, Bill and Susan Fox, Elspitt and Cris Morgan, Dan Bohlmann, Dalton Sonnenberg, Donna Smith, Wendy Jones, Sue Schnett, Jo Travis, Pat Stiltner, Fran Baughman, Gerry and Linda Molinelli, Paul Doucette, Mrs. Larry Heinz, photographers Karen Martin, Vera Markham and Pete Herstein, and guides Barbara Smith and Joe Ford aided by Larry Heinz. There were many excellent birders in this group and all helped with identifications.

Among the many highlights on this trip were the Thick-billed Kingbird (a life bird for several), the acrobatic and colorful Vermilion Flycatchers, the ubiquitous, diverse song of the Yellow-breasted Chat, a Cooper's Hawk nest with fledgling, and the Curve-billed Thrasher with juveniles at the Visitor Center. I'm sure others had favorite moments as well that were worth listing.

SPECIES: Mallard, Turkey Vulture, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Coot, Eurasian Collared Dove, White-winged Dove, Mourning Dove, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Anna's Hummingbird, Gila Woodpecker, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Western Wood Peewee, Black Phoebe, Vermilion Flycatcher, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Brown-crested Flycatcher, Tropical Kingbird, Thick-billed Kingbird, Western Kingbird, Bell's Vireo, Common Raven, Verdin, Canyon Wren, Curve-billed Thrasher, Phainopepla, Northern Waterthrush, Lucy's Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, Common Yellowthroat, Abert's Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Summer Tanager, Western Tanager, Northern Cardinal, Red-winged Blackbird, Great-tailed Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Hooded Oriole, Bullock's Oriole, House Finch, Lesser Goldfinch (43 PLUS ONE)

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