

BIRD WALK AT CAVE CREEK REGIONAL PARK

November 4th, 2017

CONDITIONS: This was a beautiful day for birding. We had cloudy skies at 70 degrees F when we began with no breeze at 8:30 AM and finished approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes later at 79 degrees F and still cloudy skies (altocumulus, altostratus, cirrus)

ROUTE: The trail was from the Nature Center to the Overton Trail, then east to the ramada parking lot ending at the inception of the Slate Trail. We then returned to the Nature Center by way of the paved roads.



PARTICIPANTS: David Charles, Cris and Elspeth Morgan, Bob and Kathi Shinham, Pam Spinelli (photo ID assistant and provider of tasty cookies), Yvonne Bentley, Katherine Jones, Patti Hassing, Lynn Lydon, Karina Ogilvie, F. Fernandez, and guide Joe Ford

COMMENTS: This was a quiet day birding wise. The desert was dry yet peaceful and the walk was rewarding as to exercise. A few good looks at a female Phainopepla, a Say's Phoebe, Cactus Wrens, Rock Wrens, and Curve-billed Thrashers and numerous Gambel's Quail were special. Just experiencing the tranquility of the Upper Sonoran Desert was a big plus.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail (30), Gila Woodpecker (2), Say's Phoebe (1), Common Raven (1), Verdin (3), Rock Wren (5), Cactus Wren (3), Curve-billed Thrasher (5), Phainopepla (1 female), Black-throated Sparrow (2), House Finch (5) Total 11. I did not eBird this trip.

Ten people attended the power point program on "Birds of the Sonoran Desert Part One"