

BIRD WALK AT WHITE TANK MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK

September 5, 2015

Participants: Esther Jantzen, Lynn Vineyard, Meghan Oberkircher, Dana Thomas, Patty Telin, Carmen and Giovanni Orozco and sons, Ira and Giovanni, photographer Karen Martin and leader Joe Ford



The bird walk began from the Nature Center at 7:45 AM under partly cloudy skies with a temperature of 83 degrees F and finished at 9:15 AM at a temperature of 90 degrees. A slight breeze of 5 mph from the southeast accompanied the birders as did a bit of humidity, which goes with the late monsoon season.. As is common in late summer to early fall, the bird calls were minimal and songs all but nonexistent. However several fine specimens perched boldly on the saguaros as well as in the scrub while we hiked the Mule Deer Trail. A highlight was the interaction between a Peregrine Falcon seen badgering a Turkey Vulture above a distant ridge.

Species observed: Gambel's Quail, Turkey Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, Mourning Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Costa's Hummingbird, Gila Woodpecker, Gilded Flicker, Peregrine Falcon, Verdin, Cactus

Wren, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher, Curve-billed Thrasher, European Starling, Black-throated Sparrow, House Finch(16 species)

Counts and other details are at eBird <http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S24906041>

Seven were in the audience for the program, "The Wonder of Wood Warblers" given at 10 AM in the Nature Center