

BIRD WALK AT ESTRELLA MT. REGIONAL PARK 11/14/15



CONDITIONS: Skies were clear with a slight haze to the east. Temperature at the beginning (8:00 AM) was 48 degrees F and 71 degrees at the conclusion (10:30 AM).

PARTICIPANTS: 10 birders were in the group from distant places as far as Perrysburg, New York and Calgary, Alberta plus a few locals. Participants were Wendell and Janet Thrush, Lee Bradley, Sue and Russ Costello, Paul Doucette, Tom Lazelle, Joe Ford, Deborah Strand and the guide for this walk, Caleb Strand. It was a grand day for birding, as the Gila River was a through flowing stream again, after offering a dry river bed in the months previous. Highlights were the almost a dozen hummingbirds near the visitor center extracting nectar from blooming wolfberry shrubs, a quite visual Red-naped Sapsucker, and two Cassin's Thrashers.

SPECIES OBSERVED: Mallard, Blue-winged Teal, Gambel's Quail, Pied-billed Grebe, Western Grebe, Neotropical Cormorant, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Green Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, White-faced Ibis, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Bald Eagle (juvenile), Northern Harrier, Red-tailed Hawk, Sora, Common Gallinule, American Coot, Killdeer, Spotted Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Greater Yellowlegs, Long-billed Dowitcher, Wilson's Snipe, Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Greater Roadrunner, Anna's Hummingbird, Costa's Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Gila Woodpecker, Red-

naped Sapsucker, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Gilded Flicker, American Kestrel, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Loggerhead Shrike, Horned Lark, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Verdin, Rock Wren, Canyon Wren, Marsh Wren, Cactus Wren, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, American Robin, Curve-billed Thrasher, Crissal Thrasher, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, American Pipit, Phainopepla, Orange-crowned Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Abert's Towhee, Lark Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Great-tailed Grackle, House Finch, Pine Siskin, Lesser Goldfinch, House Sparrow (72 species)

Counts and other details are at eBird <http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S25835863>

Five people attended the program on "Flowers That Fire the Imagination"/ "Birds of the Sonoran Desert" and four people attend the program in the afternoon, "Geology of Arizona"