

## BIRD WALK AT WHITE TANK MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK

November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015



Conditions: clear sky, no breeze, temperature at inception (8:15 AM) 43 degrees F, 62 degrees at conclusion (10:10 AM)

The walk covered 1 mile total on the Bajada Trail hiking from the main road to the intersection with the Goat Camp trail, then returning on the same route.

Participants: Pat Brickett, Jen Brickett, Tia Brickett, Jerry and Linda Molinelli, Jim Rust, Erv Johnson, Sue McDougall, Lee Bradley, Connie Greene, Gordon Cooper, Mitra Samedani, June McMullen, Amy Horn, Karen Martin and guides Wendell and Janet Thrush and Joe Ford

Species: Red-tailed Hawk, Costa's Hummingbird (visitor center), Mourning Dove, Gila Woodpecker (visitor center), Gilded Flicker, Say's Phoebe, Loggerhead Shrike, Verdin, Canyon Wren, Cactus Wren, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher, Curve-billed Thrasher (audio), European Starling (flyover visitor center), Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Sparrow, House Finch (visitor center) 16 species

Comments: 1. Good looks at a soaring Red-tailed Hawk, southwestern morph, riding thermals below and above the ridge. 2. Black-throated Sparrows perching up on cholla, jojoba . 3. Wren calls are so variable that what was first called a Rock Wren morphed into a Canyon Wren by the time we got good looks. 4. A great group of birders with 4 good photographers among us, offering pictures with better resolution than even the spotting scope provided.

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