

BIRD WALK AT WHITE TANK REGIONAL PARK

December 5, 2015



At 8:15 AM 4 birders began their 2 hour walk, one mile in length, on the Wildlife Trail, then detoured to the Ford Canyon trail. The hike was initiated at the horse staging area. Clear skies with temperatures in the low 40's that increased to the low 60's at the hikes conclusion prevailed. No breeze. Conditions were ideal for birding, although going into the sun at first made any views to the southeast difficult.

Three participants, Mitra Samadani, Lee Bradley, Erv Johnson, and guide Joe Ford found the following species: Gambel's Quail, Northern Harrier, Buteo species, probably Red-tailed Hawk, Mourning Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Gila Woodpecker, Gilded Flicker, Say's Phoebe, Verdin, Rock Wren, Cactus Wren, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher, Curve-billed Thrasher, European Starling, Phainopepla, Black-throated Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, House Finch.

Highlights of the day were the aerial displays of some half-dozen Anna's Hummingbirds over the lily pond with the sun exciting the fabulous crimson gorgets and crowns on the males plus a very cooperative male Phainopepla perching proudly in an Ironwood, giving us the red eye.



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Four people attended the program at the visitor center on "Penguins"