

BIRD WALK AT CAVE CREEK RECREATIONAL PARK

December 19th, 2015



Conditions: cloudy skies with no breeze: temperature at beginning 48 degrees F, at finish 58 degrees

At 8:45 AM three birders, Karen Martin, Erv Johnson and Dakota Johnson along with guide Joe Ford walked the Overton and Slate Trails for an hour and a half and observed 10 species. Certainly a slim day in terms of species numbers, however we were honored with some great looks at Phainopepla, Cactus Wrens and it seemed there was a Gila Woodpecker atop every Saguaro.

SPECIES OBSERVED AND APPROXIMATE NUMBERS: Gila Woodpecker 7, Common Raven 1, Verdin 5, Cactus Wren 6, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 5, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2, Curve-billed Thrasher 2, Phainopepla 3, White-crowned Sparrow 1, House Finch 6. I did not eBird this list.

Six people attended the program at the nature center on "Name the Stone", a primer on rock identification.

