

BIRD WALK AT HASSAYAMPA RIVER PRESERVE 2 24 18

CONDITIONS: Temperature was 32 degrees F at 8:40 AM under clear skies with a northeast breeze of 1-3 mph at the walk beginning; temperature was 55 degrees F at 10:35 at walk conclusion, still under clear skies with a lessening breeze.

ROUTE: The walk was done on the west side of Palm Lake, through the Mesquite Meander, and concluded with observations along the river at the start of the Lion Trail.



PARTICIPANTS: Chris McVittie, Darwin McGee, Wendell Grasee, June McMullen, Lorna Dyer, Linda Molinelli and trip leaders, Jerry Molinelli, Pam Spinella (identification guide), and Joe Ford

HIGHLIGHTS: It was a brisk morning as temperatures were near freezing, however it seemed the flickers and Gila Woodpeckers were in full chorus as their calls echoed back and forth among the majestic cottonwoods. Ruby-crowned Kinglets were quite numerous and Phainopeplas and a Cooper's Hawk gave us good looks. It was also busy along the river bank as a mix of Song and Lincoln Sparrows were accompanied by a House Wren and a secretive Hermit Thrush. A regular "charm" of hummingbirds was in and out at the feeders located at the visitor center

SPECIES: Mallard, cormorant species, Great Egret (in fly over), Turkey Vulture, Cooper's Hawk, American Coot, Anna's Hummingbird, Costa's Hummingbird, Gila Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, flicker species (audios only), Ladder-back Woodpecker, Hammond's Flycatcher, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Hutton's

Vireo (audio), Common Raven, Verdin, House Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, Northern Mockingbird, Phainopepla, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Abert's Towhee, Song Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, Northern Cardinal (audio at visitor center), House Finch, Lesser Goldfinch (29)

Counts and other details are at eBird <http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S43173637>

Four people attended the program on "What Mineral Is This".



PHOTOS FROM JERRY MOLINELLI FROM HASSAYAMPA—ENJOY!







SONG SPARROW, COOPER'S HAWK, HERMIT THRUSH, FEMALE ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD