



Bird Walk at Estrella Mountain Regional Park

Date: Saturday August 11th 2018

6:00 am to 8:45 am

Conditions: Inception: 75 degrees F under mostly clouded skies. Like a year earlier, grounds were wet from an early morning monsoon rain. Cooling breeze made us optimistic for a pleasant walk. At the 8:45 finish it was up to only 85 degrees

Trail: The usual trail through the Mesquite Bosque, Blue Gum Grove, grassy area, desert scrub, and on to the ponds via the dry riparian river bed. <https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S47822039>

Participants: Jerry and Linda Molinelli, Yvonne Bentley, Pam Spinella, Amanda Rothermal, Lyle and Sharon Sands, Haylie Hewitt, Marilynn Cuite, Gretchen Trumbull, Dave Glaeseman, and guide Tom Locascio

	1	Species count (25) on the left. Highlights of the trip below.
Great Egret	12	Some of us were missing from the above group photo as Dave and Gretchen joined us in progress. After a few fleeting views of birds we would observe well later, we made our way to the Navy parking lot and headed into the Mesquite Bosque. Once there, some of us saw parts of a Western Tanager. There was a good variety of birds here and they made up the bulk of the species list. An interesting sighting was a Lesser Nighthawk continually landing on mesquite branches and flying off as humans entered his comfort zone. There were opportunities to see it resting on a branch instead of the usual fly by view. There were several Empidonax flycatcher that generated much speculation. Adding to the difficulty were several immature birds. Most I saw were light underneath and some had yellow underparts. Didn't get good views and if I were speculate I would say Pacific-slope and Willow. Jerry has some good photos so we might be able to make a determination later.
Gambel's Quail	1	
Turkey Vulture	1	
Neotropical Cormorant	2	
Cormorant sp.	40	
Red-tailed Hawk	2	
White-winged Dove	25	
Mourning Dove	15	
Lesser Nighthawk	3	
Gila Woodpecker	6	
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	1	
Gilded Flicker	2	
American Kestrel	2	
Vermillion Flycatcher	6	
Empidonax sp.	4	
Loggerhead Shrike	3	
Verdin	3	
Black-tailed Gnatcatcher	2	
Curve-billed Thrasher	1	
Northern Mockingbird	3	
European Starling	10	
Black-throated Gray Warbler	2	
Abert's Towhee	2	
Western Tanager	1	
Lesser Goldfinch	4	