

BIRD WALK AT ESTRELLA MT. REGIONAL PARK 4 14 18

CONDITIONS: 62 degrees F at 8:15 AM with little to no breeze under clear skies: at the finish (around 10 AM for the Troop 484 Group) the temperature was 82 degrees F with a breeze of 2-3 mph from the north east and still clear skies.

COMMENTS: Thirty -nine people appeared for this bird walk, 20 of those were with Goodyear Girl Scout Troop 484. The group was split into two parties, with Joe Legander, Tom Locascio, and Paul Doucette leading a cluster of 18, and Jorge Lopez, Nancy Kearsey, Pam Spinella, and Joe Ford leading the scout group. The groups went in different directions, but spent most of the time within the park, with a few able to make time to take the riparian trail to the mitigated ponds east of Vineyard Blvd.

HIGHLIGHTS: The Great Horned Owl setting on an old Red-tailed Hawk's nest with at least one chick was a good look. We were also able to secure good looks at a male Vermilion Flycatcher hovering and perching nicely from time to time. It was a good day for migrating birds, as warbler and vireo species were present. Sage Thrashers are seldom seen in the park, but there was at least one today. A kettle of Black Vultures was observed high in the sky thermalling and drifting west.

PARTICIPANTS: The girls from Troop 484 with leaders Natasha and Kori, Erv Johnson, Paul Doucette, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Legander, Jorge Lopez and Nancy Kearsey, Pam Spinella, Tom Locascio, Jim Consolloy, Cheryl Parr, Lois Ricci, Stella Gonzalez, Linda Golliver, Tom Worcester, Ron Palmgren, Dale Palmgren, Mike Palmgren, Gordon Cooper, Joe Ford



SPECIES: Canada Goose, Cinnamon Teal, Mallard, Gambel's Quail, Western Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, Neotropic Cormorant, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Green

Heron, White-faced Ibis, Turkey Vulture, Black Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, American Coot, Black-necked Stilt, Greater Yellowlegs, Least Sandpiper, Killdeer, Eurasian Collared Dove, Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, White-winged Dove, Great Horned Owl, Burrowing Owl, Anna's Hummingbird, Gila Woodpecker, Gilded Flicker, American Kestrel, Say's Phoebe, Vermilion Flycatcher, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Gray Flycatcher, Hutton's Vireo, Plumbeous Vireo, Cassin's Vireo, Common Raven, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Verdin, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher, Sage Thrasher, Curve-billed Thrasher, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, Phainopepla, Nashville Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Abert's Towhee, Red-winged Blackbird, Great-tailed Grackle, House Finch, House Sparrow (63)

Counts and other details are at eBird <http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S44569482>.

Three people attended the program at the Nature Center entitled "Cryptic Birds of the Night"

GORDON COOPER PHOTOS and NANCY KEARSEY PHOTOS FROM ESTRELLA MT. BIRD WALK 4 14 18

Gordon Cooper

Lark Sparrow, Greater Yellowlegs, Sage Thrasher, Black-necked Stilt, Lesser Goldfinch female

Nancy Kearsey

Nashville Warbler, Great Horned Owl, Vermilion Flycatcher













