

CAVE CREEK REGIONAL PARK BIRDWALK 2

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CONDITIONS: Temperature 49.6 degrees F at 8 AM under clear skies with a few altocumulus and cirrocumulus clouds, no breeze:: at 10:30 AM the temperature was 61 degrees F with partly cloudy skies and cirrocumulus, altocumulus and cirrostratus clouds, a breeze of 1-3 mph from the SE.

ROUTE: Observations were made at the Nature Center then the group walked the Overton Trail to the Go John Trailhead and looped back on the Slate Trail and main parkway to the Nature Center.



PARTICIPANTS: David Charles, Pam Perno, Melinda **Morton** (Martin), Dane and Mimi Peterson, Rachel, **Elsa**, and Derek Boender, **Ross** and **Bridget** Levin, Mark Paulat, Pam Spinella (hospitality), Anne **DeCamillo**, Richard and Diane Lorenzini, Nik **Byle**, Paul Allmen, **Christine** Breuker, Vera **Markham** (photography), Robert Mason (spotting scope), and guides Tom **Locascio**

and Joe Ford

COMMENTS: Ideal conditions: The air waves were filled with the chuckling of Cactus Wrens and the "weep weeps" of Curve-billed Thrashers. The rest of our bird check list had the usual residents of a desert uplands area. A V- formation of Canada Geese heading northeast also favored or vision. SPECIES: Canada Geese 25, Gambel's Quail 17, Red-tailed Hawk 1, Mourning Dove 7, Great Horned Owl 2 (Robbie Mason), Costa's Hummingbird 2, Gila Woodpecker 4, Gilded Flicker 1, Say's Phoebe 4, Verdin 2, Cactus Wren 9, Curve-billed Thrasher 7, Northern Mockingbird 1, Phainopepla 4, Abert's Towhee 4, Black-throated Sparrow 13, White-crowned Sparrow 7, House Finch 7 {18}

Other information is found at Cornell Lab of Ornithology, ebird, Checklist #S161874958 Estrella Regional Park 2 17 24.

Fourteen birders stayed for the powerpoint program in the Nature Center entitled "Bird Weirdness II" presented by Joe Ford.

Helpful websites can be found at youtube. Type in "youtube.com/watch?v=" then add the letters for specific sites. For birds of paradise, "y2R21058g", or "KeMwZgtH" or "LVQ1444m" or just type in "birds of paradise project" and a

whole host of youtube opportunities will come up. The DVD is called "Birds of the Gods" from Nature. Other topics to use would be "the Secretary Bird (killing a snake), Albatrosses and "gooney birds", Flamingoes