

## CAVE CREEK REGIONAL PARK BIRD WALK 1 15 22

CONDITIONS: Cloudy skies (altocumulus, alto stratus, cirrus), temperature 54 degrees F, brisk NE wind at 8-9 mph at 8 AM::: partly cloudy skies again at 10:15 AM (same cloud types, but sky cover at 80 per cent), temperature 58 degrees F, still a north breeze at 5-6 mph.



PARTICIPANTS: Dawn Spiak, Pat and Ed Thomas, Natalie Rivera, Jerry Molinelli (photography), Linda Molinelli (eyes), Chris Breuker, Pam Spinella (resources and hospitality), Karen Martin (photography), K.C. Jones, Susan Brett, Carine Schmidt, Kelly Ralston, Jim Wilson (photography), Sabra Ohlsen, Eddie Gibb, Barbara Dunsmore, Carl and Pat Brust, Russell and Camille King, Vic and Deb Peterson, and guide Joe Ford (23)

COMMENTS: A beautiful day to be in the Upper Sonoran Desert. Weather conditions dominated by temperatures in the 50's and a stout northern breeze of around 8 mph seemed to dampen efforts of birds to show themselves. Lack of warmth from a sun blocked by cloud cover also was a factor. Nevertheless, 23 birders made their way along the Overton Trail to the Slate Trail, then returned by way of the main road to the Nature Center. Most observations were made at the feeders to the rear of the Nature Center. Good looks were offered by a Rock Wren, a couple of Phainopeplas, two Lesser Goldfinches, and a Ladderback Woodpecker.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 12, Mourning Dove 12, Anna's Hummingbird 1, Costa's Hummingbird 2, Gila Woodpecker 3, Ladder-backed Woodpecker 2, flicker species 1 (audio only), Common Raven 6 (seen along the Carefree Highway), Rock Wren 2, Cactus Wren 2, Curve-billed Thrasher 3, Phainopepla 2, Abert's Towhee 2, Black-throated Sparrow 1 (seen at RV campground area), House Finch 5, Lesser Goldfinch 2 (15)

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