

## CAVE CREEK BIRD WALK 11/2/19

CONDITIONS: A marvelous, clear day for birding with no breeze and a temperature of 52 degrees at our 7:30 start and after 2 hours and 45 minutes a very light breeze with a temperature of 73 degrees F. Sky clear to 95 per cent with a few alto-cumulus clouds

ROUTE: The Nature Center to the Overton Trail, east to the Slate Trailhead via Tonalite Drive, then returned on the pavement to the Nature Center

PARTICIPANTS: Pam Spinella, Yvonne Bentley, Lucy Huckery, David Glaesman, Jim Consolloy, Erv Johnson, Joe Ford



HIGHLIGHTS: This was a very quiet hike with few birds calling. Only the ubiquitous House Finches, Gambel Quail and Curve-billed Thrashers wanted to be noticed with their calls. Only 2 woodpecker types were heard, a flicker species and a Gila Woodpecker. By far the most observable were the frisky Cactus Wrens, of which we saw almost a dozen at various stops.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 20, Gila Woodpecker 1, flicker 1, Loggerhead Shrike 1 (audio), American Crow 3, Verdin 5, Rock Wren 3, Cactus Wren 11, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 1, Curve-billed Thrasher 4, Phainopepla 2 (m and f), Abert's Towhee 3, Black-throated Sparrow 10, House Finch 8, Mourning Dove 8, (15 total)

Five people attended the program at the Nature Center entitled "Turkeys, the Thanksgiving Bird".

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