

CAVE CREEK REG. PARK BIRDWALK 1 20 24

CONDITIONS: At 8:00 AM the temperature was **54** degrees F under cloudy to overcast skies. Cloud types altostratus, altocumulus, cirrostratus and no breeze:: at 10:30 skies were still mostly cloudy, same cloud types, and a temperature of **62** degrees F and a slight intermittent breeze, direction undetermined

ROUTE: Following observations at the Nature Center the group walked the Overton Trail north and east to the Go John loop, then returned by Tonalite Drive and Cave Creek Parkway to the Nature Center.



PARTICIPANTS: Rachel and Elsa Boender, Lisa Clubb, Pat Davis, Jon Pinkley, Ruth Platek, Shealynn Fournier, Sarah Blalock, Jim Wilson, the Smith Family (Carol, Amelia, Ross, Juliette), Yvonne Bentley, Christine Breuker, David Charles, Pam Spinella (hospitality), Linda Molinelli, Jerry Molinelli (photography) and guides Tom Locascio and Joe Ford (21)

COMMENTS: This was a quiet day in terms of witnessing the bird chorus. Perhaps again, limited food and water sources at this time of year may have inhibited activity and calls of birds seeking mates were not evident in this pre-breeding time of the year. It was a day dominated by the ubiquitous

chuckles from Cactus Wrens serenading from Saguaro column tops or Palo Verde branches. Phainopepla males were perched silently in Ironwood or Palo Verde and a few "weep'weeps" from Curve-billed Thrashers were offered along with one doing his mimicking slurry

song.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 35, Mourning Dove 9, Costa's Hummingbird 1, Gila Woodpecker 4, flicker species 1, Say's Phoebe 3, Common Raven 1, Verdin 3, Cactus Wren 12, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 2, Curve-billed Thrasher 3, Northern Mockingbird 2, Phainopepla 5, Abert's Towhee 1, White-crowned Sparrow 1, House Finch 3 (15)

Other information can be found at Cornell Lab of Ornithology, ebird list S159389652 Cave Creek Regional Park 1 20 24.

Fourteen avid birders stayed for the program in the Nature Center given by Joe Ford on "Special Birds of Fame and Animation".