

CAVE CREEK REG PARK BIRDWALK 3 16 24

CONDITIONS: At 7:30 AM the temperature was 52 degrees F, clear skies, and a whisper of wind 0-1 mph:: at 10 AM the temperature was 62 degrees F under cloudy skies dominated by cumulus and cirrocumulus clouds. A breeze was from the NE at 1-3 mph.

ROUTE: Observations were made around the Nature Center, then the group walked the Overton Trail to the Go John trailhead, then looped around past the Slate Trailhead, on to Tonalite Drive, then the Cave Creek Parkway, returning to the Nature Center.



PARTICIPANTS: Jason Feig, Pam Spinella (hospitality), Linda Molinelli, Jerry Molinelli (photography) and guides Tom Locascio and Joe Ford.

COMMENTS: This was the day for the Cactus Wren's Chorus as they were filling the air waves with their song, most singing from the tops of Saguaros. The usual representatives of avian fauna were present along with some specialties such as the Northern Cardinal, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Phainopepla, and 4 sparrow types. Brittlebush, Blue Dicks, and Chuparosa were adding color to the green surrounding us, including the invader species, Stinknet.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 33, Red-tailed Hawk 1, Mourning Dove 8, Costa's Hummingbird 1, Gila Woodpecker 6, Gilded Flicker 2, Say's Phoebe 1, Verdin 4, Bewick's Wren (audio) 1, Cactus Wren 10, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1, Curve-billed Thrasher 5, Phainopepla 3, Green-tailed Towhee 1, Abert's Towhee 2, Black-throated Sparrow 7, White-crowned Sparrow 11, Northern Cardinal 2, House Finch 8, Lesser Goldfinch 2 (20)

Five birders remained for the program "Birds, Memorable Sounds and Colors" presented by Joe Ford