

## CAVE CREEK REGIONAL PARK BIRDWALK 9 16 23

CONDITIONS: Ideal. Clear skies, no breeze, temperature 79 degrees F at 6 AM:  
clear skies, no breeze, temperature 92 degrees F at 8 AM.

ROUTE: From the north patio area the walk was done on the Overton Trail to the  
Go John parking area, returning by way of the Slate Trail parking lot and Cave  
Creek Parkway.



PARTICIPANTS: AS THIS EVENT WAS LEFT OUT OF THE CAVE CREEK PARK BULLETIN  
AND WEBSITE, ONLY TWO PEOPLE PARTICIPATED. This oversight on the part of the  
park director certainly discouraged others that might have attended. Tom Locascio  
and Joe Ford, guides for the aborted trip, did make observations on the trails  
listed above.

COMMENTS: Without our usual professional photographers, Tom and Joe tried to  
identify species seen, however the elusive birds were difficult to see at times, and

without the pictures normally shared to aid in identification, efforts at visuals and audios were difficult to come by. Cactus Wrens were ubiquitous, as were Curve-billed Thrashers. Coveys of Gambel's Quail were present. No White-winged Doves and no warbler types seen. The heat everywhere has postponed migration to a week or two distant.

SPECIES: Cactus Wren 8, Curve-billed Thrasher 4, Western Tanager 1, Mourning Dove 12, Gambel's Quail 16, House Finch 1, Lesser Goldfinch 1, Gila Woodpecker 6, Gilded Flicker 1, Black-throated Sparrow 1, Great Horned Owl 1 (audio), Say's Phoebe 1, Verdin 1, Costa's Hummingbird 1 (14) The eBird list can be found at Cornell Lab of Ornithology, checklist for Cave Creek Regional Park 9 16 23 #S150038308.