

CAVE CREEK REGIONAL PARK BIRD WALK 12 19 20

CONDITIONS: CLEAR SKIES, TEMP AT BEGINNING 38F, AT END 56F, A TRAIL RUN BY MANY PARTICIPANTS WAS IN PROCESS WITH MUSIC ISSUING FROM THE RAMADA WHICH HAD THE STARTING AND ENDING POINT FOR THE RACE.

PARTICIPANTS: BETH LANGE, JANICE REED, RICHARD HALLOWELL, PAM SPINELLA (documentation and hospitality services), LINDA MOLINELLI, JERRY MOLINELLI (photography and verification), TOM LOCASCIO, JOE FORD (guides) (8)

COMMENTS: This was a grand day for birding. Obvious was the affect the trail run event had on our efforts to make observations. Significant was the absence of several sparrow species that are usually quite common, especially the lack of any White-crowned or Black-throated Sparrows. Great looks at a couple of Costa's Hummingbirds, the calls of Gambel's Quail, a friendly Ruby-crowned Kinglet, and some Common Ravens circling in a thermal help make the day.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 25, Mourning Dove 2, Costa's Hummingbird 2, hummingbird species 2, Gila Woodpecker 4, Gilded Flicker 1, flicker species 2, Say's Phoebe 3, Common Raven 5, Verdin 1, Rock Wren 1, Cactus Wren 3, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 4, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1, Curve-billed Thrasher 4, Phainopepla (female) 1, Abert's Towhee 2, House Finch 7 (16)

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*Stellar Seas Eagles*