

## CAVE CREEK REGIONAL PARK BIRDWALK 1 21 23

**CONDITIONS:** Clear skies and 34 degrees F at 8 AM, no breeze;; at walk conclusion 10:15 AM, partly cloudy skies (cirrus, cirrocumulus) and 58 degrees F with a light breeze 0-2 mph from the east.

**ROUTE:** The birders met on the north patio at the Nature Center. The group then toured the Overton Trail to the Go John Trail parking area, then returned by the Go John Trail and Cave Creek Parkway to the Nature Center



**PARTICIPANTS:** Lou and Janelle Hibbard, Linda Grice, Richard and Diane Lorenzini, Christine Breuker, Kate Preudhomine, Pam Spinella (documentation and hospitality), Jerry Molinelli (photography), Linda Molinelli, and guides Tom Locascio and Joe Ford. Late arrivals that joined us for the program in the Nature Center were Butch Potterville, Kathy Dashiell, and Helen Pugh

**COMMENTS:** The day began on the cool side and the sun was slow coming over the eastern mountains, thus a slow beginning as birds were still huddled in protected locations, awaiting the warmth from the emerging sun. Several periods of desert silence accompanied our way and healthy Brittlebush were preparing to explode with blooms during the coming February. Our avian chorus was sprinkled with a few Cactus Wren calls plus Gambel Quail and occasionally a Curve-billed Thrasher. The flight antics of the Phainopepla helped make the day.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 25, Mourning Dove 15, Costa's Hummingbird 1, Gila Woodpecker 4, American Kestrel 1, Say's Phoebe 2, Common Raven 1, Verdin 3, Cactus Wren 6, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2, Curve-billed Thrasher 3, Northern Mockingbird 1, Phainopepla 4, Canyon Towhee 4, Abert's Towhee 2, White-crowned Sparrow 12, House Finch 6 (17)

Other details can be found at eBird, checklist #S126644209 Cave Creek Regional Park. (Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology)

Thirteen birders attended the program in the Nature Center following the walk on "Owls" given by Joe Ford