

CAVE CREEK REGIONAL PARK BIRDWALK 10 19 24

CONDITIONS: Ideal. Temperature was 62 degrees F at 7 AM under cloudy skies (stratus, stratonimbus, alto stratus, alto cumulus) with a slight breeze from the NNW. A light shower had refreshed the area during the early morning hours. At 9:30 AM the temp. was 65 degrees F, with still cloudy skies with some clearing to the north. Wind was 1-3 mph, still NNW.



PARTICIPANTS: Elsa and Rachel Boender, Jerry Molinelli (photography), Linda Molinelli, Pam Spinella (hospitality), and guides Tom Locascio and Joe Ford.

COMMENTS: The early morning shower was a blessing, but the absence of sunlight to warm the area seemed to retard the presence of species for observing. The evidence of the arid nature for the last two months and high daily temperatures certainly affected food sources available.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 17, Mourning Dove 15, hummingbird species 1 (Anna's female, maybe), Gila Woodpecker 6, Gilded Flicker 1, Loggerhead Shrike 1, Verdin 1, Rock Wren 1, Cactus Wren 5, Curve-billed Thrasher 6, House Finch 4, Black-throated Sparrow 13, Canyon Towhee 2, Abert's Towhee 2 (13)

For more information, go to eBird at Cornell Lab of Ornithology and look for checklist #S199507022 Cave Creek Regional Park 10 19 24. Six bird loyalists and information seekers remained for the program in the Nature Center on "Birds of the Sonoran Desert" by Joe Ford.

A big thank you to Pam Spinella for providing refreshments while we watched Joe's presentation. Next week we are at White Tank, 7:30 start time.

Happy birding to all and much success, whatever biomes you explore this week. "May the bird of paradise fly up your nose" as Little Jimmy Dickens used to sing.