

## CAVE CREEK REGIONAL PARK BIRDWALK 11 16 24

CONDITIONS: At 7:20 AM the temperature was 48 degrees F under clear skies overhead. There was a haze to the east and south and partly cloudy conditions, mostly altostratus and fracto-cumulus clouds. Xero breeze at this time:: at the walk conclusion, 9:40 AM, the sky overhead was still clear, but clouds (altocumulus mostly) to the east and south, temperature was 52 degrees F and a breeze from the SE at 1-2 mph.



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

COMMENTS: A cool morning and the lack of sunshine from the eastern horizon seemed to affect bird activity. Very little bird song filled the airwaves. Dry conditions still persisted in this part of the upland Sonoran Desert. Nothing was in bloom flower wise. Our usual prolific sightings were certainly limited on this cool morning.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 24, Mourning Dove 7, hummingbird species (Anna's Costas?), Buteo species 1, Gila Woodpecker 5, Gilded Flicker 1, Say's Phoebe 1, Verdin 4, Rock Wren 1, Cactus Wren 9, Curve-billed Thrasher 4, Phainopepla 1, House Finch 10, Black-throated Sparrow 22, Canyon Towhee 2 (13 plus two not completely identified)

OTHER INFORMATION: Go to ebird, Cornell Lab of Ornithology under checklist #S 202719467 Cave Creek Regional Park Saturday 16 Nov 2024.

Four loyal birders remained for the presentation in the Nature Center by Joe Ford on "Bird Weirdness, the Sequel, #2"