

## BIRD WALK AT CAVE CREEK REGIONAL PARK 2 1 20

**CONDITIONS:** A fantastic day for birding with the temperature at 44 degrees F at the start of our walk at 8:15 AM under clear skies and 0 to 2 mph on the breeze from the SE: the walk ended at 10:15 with skies still clear and a temperature of 60 degrees F with a breeze of 1-2 mph. The distance for the walk was 1.3 miles.

**ROUTE:** We took a slightly different course up the Overton Trail south to the intersection with the Clay Mine Trail, then returned to the Nature Center along the same trail. The “several kilometer runs” were in process to the north and east accompanied by music selections of high decibel ranges, so birding was discouraged in that direction.



**PARTICIPANTS:** Don and Vanessa Rotchadl, Ken and Mary Weber, Yvonne Bentley, Pam Spinella (resources and refreshments), Erv Johnson, David and Nancy Burcham, Diane Bradbury, David Charles, Cheryl White, and our guides Tom Locascio and Joe Ford (14)

**COMMENTS:** The morning began with cool conditions, but the rising sun soon began to bring warmth to the area, and thus stimulated activity among our Upper Sonoran Desert feathered residents. Constant calling by our largest wren species seemed to fill the air waves as they called back and forth. Black-throated Sparrows were enticed to present themselves near the Nature Center and provided some great

observation experiences. Our aerial representatives were some Common Ravens, a Red-tailed Hawk, and a frisky kestrel that darted here and there.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 19, Red-tailed Hawk , Mourning Dove 8, Anna's Hummingbird, Costa's Hummingbird, Gila Woodpecker 4, Gilded Flicker 2, American Kestrel, Say's Phoebe, Loggerhead Shrike, Common Raven 4, Rock Wren 2, Cactus Wren 10, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher, Curve-billed Thrasher 4, Phainopepla (female), Yellow-rumped Warbler 2, Canyon Towhee 2, Black-throated Sparrow 12, White-crowned Sparrow 6, House Finch 14 (19)

Details and other information can be found at eBird, Cave Creek Regional Park, ID number S64014916 or contact Tom Locascio at [locascio2000@hotmail.com](mailto:locascio2000@hotmail.com) for a sharelist.

Fourteen people attended the program at the Nature Center on "Birds of the Sonoran Desert".