

CAVE CREEK REGIONAL PARK BIRDWALK 2 19 22

CONDITIONS: Clear skies, 58 degrees F at 8 AM, slight breeze from the north 1-2 mph: clear skies at 10:15 AM, 68 degrees F, wind 2-4 mph from the northeast



PARTICIPANTS: David Charles, Pam Spinella (resources and hospitality), Jerry Molinelli (photography), Linda Molinelli (eyes), and guides Tom Locascio and Joe Ford

ROUTE: Observations were made at the Nature Center. The group then traversed the Overton Trail northeast to the ramada area, walked Tonalite Drive then circled the Go John Loop before returning to the Nature Center via the main park road.

COMMENTS: Several vocalizations from Cactus Wrens accompanied our travels. The “usual avian species” found in the Sonoran Desert Uplands were most common. The saguaros often had flickers perched at their pinnacles, perhaps surveying their domain. Lavender and Brittlebush were blooming or just budding out, with some in flower. A pair of Phainopeplas offered views and the Curve-billed Thrashers with their “wheep-wheeps” often added to the desert chorus. No ravens or raptors or warblers of any kind were seen, an unusual occurrence.

SPECIES: Gambel’s Quail 18, Eurasian Collared Dove 1, Mourning Dove 15, Costa’s Hummingbird 2, Gila Woodpecker 6, Gilded Flicker 4, Say’s Phoebe 2, Verdin 2, Rock Wren 1, Cactus Wren 8, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 1, Curve-billed Thrasher 5, Phainopepla 2, Canyon Towhee 2, Abert’s Towhee 1, Black-throated Sparrow 4, White-crowned Sparrow 2, House Finch 12, Lesser Goldfinch 1 (19)

Other information can be found at eBird Checklist # S103136089 Cave Creek Regional Park Birdwalk.