

CAVE CREEK REGIONAL PARK BIRDWALK 4 16 22

CONDITIONS: 71 degrees F at 7:15 AM, no breeze, partly cloudy to 85%, skies-dominated by cirrus, cirrocumulus, cirrostratus;; 89 degrees F at 9 AM, 0-1 mph breeze SW, clear skies.

ROUTE: After observations at the Nature Center, we traveled the Overton Trail to the Slate Trailhead, then took the Go-John Loop Road and returned via Tonalite Drive, crossing the bridge to the Nature Center.



PARTICIPANTS: Russ and Camille King, David Charles, Katie Cattnach, Linda Molinelli, Jerry Molinelli (photography), Karen Martin (photography), Pam Spinella (hospitality, visual resources), and guides Tom Locascio and Joe Ford

COMMENTS: The Palo Verde bloom continues this week, as the first weeks in April seemed to enhance the yellow throughout Maricopa County. Blooming also were a few Buckhorn Cholla and Hedgehog Cactus. The bird residents were mostly in place and a Northern Cardinal gave us a splash of red at the feeders. Cactus Wrens were in fine vocal display and the bubbling tinkles from Black Throated Sparrows also graced the air waves. The calling of White-winged Doves with their "who-cooks-for you" added to the chorus along with the courting calls of the Gambel's Quail..

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 25, White-winged Dove 8, Mourning Dove 22, Costa's Hummingbird 1, Gila Woodpecker 7, Say's Phoebe 2, Ash-throated Flycatcher 2, Common Raven 1, Verdin 2, Cactus Wren 6, Curve-billed Thrasher 5, Canyon Towhee 2, Abert's Towhee 2, Black-throated Sparrow 11, Northern Cardinal 1, Brown-headed Cowbird 4, House Finch 8, Lesser Goldfinch 2, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 6

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