

CAVE CREEK REGIONAL PARK BIRDWALK 9 21 24

CONDITIONS: Ideal. Clear skies at 6:30 am with a temperature of 68 degrees F and no breeze: At the walk conclusion the temperature was 82 degrees F with a slight breeze of 1-2 mph from the southeast. Still clear skies with some altocumulus to the south.

ROUTE: Same as last month. Visitor center to Overton Trail to Go John trailhead, then returned via the road to the Nature Center



PARTICIPANTS: Karen Martin (photography), Jerry Molinelli (photography), Linda Molinelli, Pam Spinella (hospitality), and guides Tom Locascio and Joe Ford

COMMENTS: Generally dry and hot conditions the last month affected our species numbers today. The usual residents were present and the Black-throated Sparrows have had a good summer. The ever present

Curve-billed Thrashers were “weep weepin” away. White-winged Doves were gone and the Gambel’s Quail and Morning Dove population was healthy. Some color was offered by the Summer Tanager and Northern Cardinal.

SPECIES: Gambel’s Quail 27, Turkey Vulture 2, Mourning Dove 28, Gila Woodpecker 8, Ladder-backed Woodpecker 1, Gilded Flicker 1, Say’s Phoebe 1, Loggerhead Shrike 1, Common Raven 1, Verdin 2, Rock Wren 1, Cactus Wren 7, Curve-billed Thrasher 8, Abert’s Towhee 4, Black-throated Sparrow 28, Summer Tanager 1, Northern Cardinal 1, House Finch 4 (18)

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Five people remained for the program by Joe Ford on “Loons”