

ESTRELLA MT. REG. PARK BIRDWALK 11 11 23

CONDITIONS: Ideal. Temperature at 7 AM was 54 degrees F, clear skies, a whisper of wind from the NE at 0-1 mph: At 9:30 AM the temperature was 78 degrees F, still clear skies and a slight breeze, 0-1 from the NE

ROUTE: Observations made around the Nature Center. The group then caravanned to the Navy Area at the east end of the park and toured the Blue Gum Grove, the Mesquite Bosque and the grass areas, some irrigated, and the desert scrub. Several of the group returned to the Nature Center for the powerpoint program on "Turkey, the Thanksgiving Bird".



PARTICIPANTS: The Orozco Family (Giovanni, Carmen, Giovanni, and Hope), Becky Almanza, Erv Johnson, Jim Consolloy, Perin Jackson, Bev Ledig, Rob and Jackie Johnstone, Paul and Stephanie Rodeghero, Melissa Price, Paul Doucette, Karen Martin (photography), Linda Molinelli, Jerry Molinelli (photography), and guides, Tom Locascio and Joe Ford (20)

COMMENTS: The “dry” was still present, but thankfully some irrigated areas allowed some bird species to be present. Highlights had to be the Red-naped Sapsucker (trying to imitate flycatchers with its forays out from a branch and then a swoop back to the same spot), Vermilion Flycatchers. flocks of White-Crowned and Lark Sparrows and a good showing of Yellow-rumped Warblers, constantly chattering in various areas.

SPECIES (24) Gambel’s Quail 2, Neotropic Cormorant 1, Red-tailed Hawk 1, Mourning Dove 9, Anna’s Hummingbird 2, Gila Woodpecker 2, Red-naped Sapsucker 1, flicker species (Northern, Gilded?), American Kestrel 1, Say’s Phoebe 3, Vermilion Flycatcher 4, Ash-throated Flycatcher 1, Loggerhead Shrike 1, Verdin 1, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 2, Curve-billed Thrasher 1, Northern Mockingbird 4, European Starling 13, Yellow-rumped Warbler 15, Abert’s Towhee 3, Lark Sparrow 20, White-crowned Sparrow 30, Great-tailed Grackle 5, House Finch 7

Counts and other information can be found at eBird, Checklist #S154250814
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Eight birders attended the program at the Nature Center on “Turkey, the Thanksgiving Bird” presented by Joe Ford,