

## ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN BIRD WALK 9 11 21

CONDITIONS: 84 degrees F with partly cloudy skies (cirrus, altostratus, cirrostratus) and no breeze at 7 AM. 98 degrees F with partly cloudy skies (cirrus, cirrostratus) and slight breeze from SE (1-3 mph) at 9:15 AM

ROUTE: Observations made at the Nature Center, then further observations made in the Navy Area and walking west, touring mesquite bosque, other recently planted mesquite species, blue gum area, then returning east to Vineyard Ave, crossing onto the riparian river trail to the mitigated ponds. Total travel distance around 2 miles.



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COMMENTS: The heat and humidity factors certainly tested our stamina during this effort. The river still had pools of water as did the ponds east. Neo-tropical Cormorants were in abundance, as flocks totalling in excess of 100 were continually lifting off from the waters and streaming east and west. Several shore birds, including Lesser and Greater Yellowlegs, Spotted Sandpipers and Least Sandpipers were working the mudflats and shallows. The White-winged Doves have left for the southern climes and Mourning Doves were still abundant. And of course, the colorful Vermilion Flycatchers displayed their brilliant plumage for all to see.

SPECIES: Mallard 1, Gambel's Quail 9, Neotropic Cormorant 100+, Great Blue Heron 5, Great Egret 2, Snowy Egret 15, Green Heron 3, Turkey Vulture 3, Osprey 2, Cooper's Hawk 1, Swainson's Hawk 1, Redtailed Hawk 1, American Coot 1, Killdeer 3, Spotted Sandpiper 3, Greater Yellowlegs 1, Lesser Yellowlegs 3, Least Sandpiper 14, Mourning Dove 27, Anna's Hummingbird 1, hummingbird species 2, Belted Kingfisher 2, Gila Woodpecker 3, Ladder-backed Woodpecker 1, Gilded Flicker 1, Vermilion Flycatcher 2, Loggerhead Shrike 1, Nor. Rough-winged Swallow 3, Verdin 3, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 1, Curve-billed Thrasher 2, Northern Mockingbird 1, European Starling 13, Abert's Towhee 6, Lark Sparrow 5, Song Sparrow 1, Great-tailed Grackle 2, House Finch 7 (37)

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