

ESTRELLA MT. REGIONAL PARK BIRDWALK 6 8 24

CONDITIONS: At 6:30 AM the temperature was 88 degrees F with partly cloudy skies (cirrus, alto cumulus, alto stratus,), with a breeze from the SE at 4-5 mph: at 9:30 AM the temperature was 93 degrees F, same partly cloudy skies and a breeze from the SW at 2-4 mph .



PARTICIPANTS: Vanessa Cornejo, Evelyn Beltran and Gabriel, Carmen Orozco with Becky and Hope, Perrin Jackson, Paul Alleman, Doug Martin,

Karen Martin (photography), Paul Doucette, Jerry Molinelli (photography), Linda Molinelli, and guides Tom Locascio and Joe Ford (15)

ROUTE: Observations were made around the Nature Center, then the group caravanned to the east side Navy Area and walked the trails through the Mesquite Bosque, Blue-Gum Grove, irrigated area, and returned through the north parking area, observing in the Desert Scrub area.

COMMENTS: Summer was well in force as the blooming time for spring and early summer vegetation had all but eclipsed. Seed capsules dominated the remains on Sahara Mustard and Stinknet. Velvet Mesquite had linear seed pods approaching maturity. Juveniles from ground squirrel families were rushing here and there from burrows. The avian group were mostly the usual residents with Vermilion Flycatchers the most colorful and visible of the birds we saw. Several gum trees had Western Kingbirds vocalizing to each other.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 7, Double-crested Cormorant 5, Cooper's Hawk 1, Eurasian Collared Dove 3, White-winged Dove 15, Mourning Dove 11, Greater Roadrunner 1, Burrowing Owl 3 (Bullard Avenue), Anna's Hummingbird 2, Gila Woodpecker 4, Gilded Flicker 1, Say's Phoebe 1, Vermilion Flycatcher 6, Ash-throated Flycatcher 1, Western Kingbird 4, Northern Rough-winged Swallow 4, Cliff Swallow x (Bullard Avenue), Verdin 5, Cactus Wren 1, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 2, Curve-billed Thrasher 5, Northern Mockingbird 2, European Starling 7, Lucy's Warbler 1, Abert's Towhee 6, Great-tailed Grackle 1, Brown-headed Cowbird 1, House Finch 1 (28)

Ten bird lovers remained for the presentation at the Nature Center on "Ravens and Corvids" by Joe Ford

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