

Estrella

10-8-22

ESTRELLA MT. REGIONAL PARK BIRDWALK 10 8 22

CONDITIONS: Ideal!!! At 7:00 AM the temperature was 73 degrees F with a breeze of 0-1 mph from the NE. Skies were partly cloudy dominated by altocumulus, alto stratus. At 8:45 AM the temperature was 82 degrees F with 85% sky cover, altocumulus, strato cumulus, cirrostratus and a breeze from the east at 1-2 mph.

PARTICIPANTS: Phyllis Smith, Janet Golio, Wes Edens, Natalie Rivera, John Holmes, Debbie Strand, Jerry Molinelli (photography), Linda Molinelli, Karen Martin (photography), Paul Doucette, and guides Caleb Strand and Joe Ford.

COMMENTS: This event was enhanced by the presence of Caleb Strand, a bird guide based out of Tucson with Arizona Birding Tours. We documented 52 species, a record for this time of year at Estrella. Highlights were the vocalization from a Virginia Rail, a couple of sandpiper species, Red-naped Sapsuckers, plus three other woodpecker types, three warbler species, and a Crissal Thrasher to go along with the normally seen Curve-billed Thrasher and Northern Mockingbird. A Hammond's Flycatcher was seen as well (mesquite grove area).

SPECIES: Blue-winged Teal 5, Gambel's Quail 4, Pied-billed Grebe 5, Neotropical Cormorant 230, Double-crested Cormorant 3, Great Blue Heron 3, Great Egret 5, Snowy Egret 6, Green Heron 2, Osprey 3, Red-tailed Hawk 1, Virginia Rail 1, American Coot 2, Killdeer 2, Spotted Sandpiper 2, Least Sandpiper 1, Eurasian Collared Dove *, White-winged Dove 1, Mourning Dove 12, Anna's Hummingbird 2, Belted Kingfisher 1, Gila Woodpecker 7, Red-naped Sapsucker 2, Ladder-backed Woodpecker 3, Gilded Flicker 3, Gilded-Northern Flicker 2, American Kestrel 2, Hammond's Flycatcher 1, Black Phoebe 3, Say's Phoebe 2, Vermilion Flycatcher 4, Loggerhead Shrike 3, Barn Swallow 6, Verdin 6, Rock Wren 2, House Wren 6, Marsh Wren 5, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 4, Curve-billed Thrasher 4, Crissal Thrasher 2, Northern Mockingbird 5, European Starling*, Orange-crowned Warbler 13, Common Yellowthroat 3, Yellow-rumped Warbler 9, Abert's Towhee 9, Chipping Sparrow 3, Lark Sparrow 22, Song Sparrow (fallax group 5), Song Sparrow 12, , Lincoln's Sparrow 1, White Crowned Sparrow 2, Red-winged Blackbird 6, Great-tailed Grackle 10, House Finch 14 ~~52~~ 53 Cooper's Hawk 1

Other details and information can be found at eBird, checklist #S120237707 Estrella Mountain Park 10-08-22.

Seven birders attended the program at the nature center following the bird walk. The program was entitled "Crows and Ravens".