

ESTRELLA MT. PARK BIRDWALK 11 12 22

CONDITIONS: Ideal!!! Clear skies with a 48 degrees F at 7:30 AM with no breeze:: Clear skies with a 65 degree F temperature at 10 AM with a very slight breeze 0-1 mph from the east.



PARTICIPANTS: Joan Grussing, Jamie Johnston, Linda Molinelli, Jerry Molinelli (photography), Karen Martin (photography), Paul Doucette, Joe Ford (guide)

ROUTE: The route this day did not vary from past walks: Nature Center, Navy Area, irrigated region, desert scrub, south riparian trail along the Gila River to the mitigated ponds east of Vineyard Avenue.

COMMENTS: The morning was cool and the birds were sitting tight, waiting for Mr. Sol to breach the horizon and generate some warmth. Strange was the absence of dove species, especially Mourning Doves, as they are usually present in numbers. No egret species were sighted either. The Ruby Crowned Kinglets were back and a flock of American Wigeons graced the sky. The usual v-formation flying Neotropic Cormorants were present in numbers close to 100. A Northern Harrier was sighted and two Red-tailed Hawks. Always a delight are the Vermilion Flycatchers.

SPECIES: American Wigeon 12, Ruddy Duck 5, Pied-billed Grebe 6, Neotropic Cormorant 70, Double-crested Cormorant 5, Great Blue Heron 2, Green Heron 2, Black-crowned Night Heron 1, Osprey 2, Northern Harrier 1, Red-tailed Hawk 2, American Coot 1, Mourning Dove 1, Anna's Hummingbird 1, Belted Kingfisher 2, Gila Woodpecker 4, Red-naped Sapsucker 1, Ladder-backed Woodpecker 2, Gilded Flicker 1, flicker species 5, American Kestrel 1, Black Phoebe 3, Say's Phoebe 2, Vermilion Flycatcher 2, Loggerhead Shrike 2, Verdin 2, Marsh Wren 4, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 4, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 5, Curve-billed Thrasher 2, Northern Mockingbird 2, European Starling 15, Yellow-rumped Warbler 10,

Abert's Towhee 4, Lark Sparrow 15, White-crowned Sparrow 8, Red-winged Blackbird 1, Great-tailed Grackle 2, House Finch 4 (37)

The checklist and other information can be found on eBird (Cornell Lab of Ornithology), checklist #S122367325, Estrella Mountain Regional Park 11 12 22

Three birders attended the program in the Nature Center on "Turkeys, the Thanksgiving Bird"