

## ESTRELLA MT. PARK BIRDWALK 1 13 24

CONDITIONS: 36.9 degrees F at 7:45 AM, clear skies, no breeze:: at 10 AM the temperature was 40 degrees F, clear skies and 0-1 breeze from the NE.

ROUTE TAKEN: Observations were made around the Nature Center, then the group caravanned to the Navy Area and walked the Mesquite Bosque, Blue Gum Grove, the grassy areas, and finished by walking through the north parking lot near the shrub adjacent to the desert scrub section.



PARTICIPANTS: Jerry Molinelli (photography), Linda Molinelli, Paul Doucette, Sarah Blalock, Shea Fournier, Natalie Rivera, Yvonne Bentley, Pam Spinella (hospitality), Clint Rohrer, Tom Worcester, and guides Tom Locascio and Joe Ford (11)

COMMENTS: This was a chilly morning as the temperatures were in the high thirties into the low 40's. With hunters active just beyond the horizon, the walk

was limited to the park area. The usual suspects were present, but the large group of Lark Sparrows and 2 pairs of Cactus Wrens added a little variety. The ever present Vermilion Flycatchers added color to our eyes. The Yellow-rumped Warblers, our most common winter warbler resident, was chaperoned by a couple of Orange-crowned Warblers. American Pelicans also were seen exhibiting their V formation in flight, heading west.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 4, Neotropic Cormorant 5, American White Pelican 35, Osprey 1, Harris Hawk 1, Red-tailed Hawk 1, Anna's Hummingbird 1, Costas's Hummingbird 1, Gila Woodpecker 4, Ladder-back Woodpecker 1, flicker species 2, Say's Phoebe 1, Vermilion Flycatcher 4, Loggerhead Shrike 1, Verdin 3, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 2, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2, Northern Mockingbird 2, European Starling 15, Orange-crowned Warbler 3, Yellow-rumped Warbler 12, Abert's Towhee 4, Lark Sparrow 45, White-crowned Sparrow 20, Dark-eyed Junco 6, Great-tailed Grackle 4, House Finch 2, Phainopepla 1, Mourning Dove 6 (29)

The check list, #S158817786 Estrella Mt. Regional Park 1 13 24 can be found at eBird through Cornell Lab of Ornithology

A super big thank you to Pam Spinella for providing the donuts and muffins while 9 birders stayed for the presentation on "The Wonder of Warblers" given by Joe Ford in the Nature Center.