

## ESTRELLA MT. REGIONAL PARK BIRDWALK 12 9 23

CONDITIONS: Ideal. Temperature at 8 AM 51 degrees F, clear skies. Little to no breeze:: at 10:30 AM, temperature at 71 degrees F with a NE breeze at 1-3 mph, still clear skies with one contrail.

ROUTE: Observations made around the Nature Center, then the group caravanned to the Navy Area at the east end of the park: hike was through the Mesquite Bosque, Blue Gum Grove, grassy area, then returned through the north parking lot via the desert scrub (mostly saltbush and brittlebush).



PARTICIPANTS: Nik Byle, Eric and Katie Hanson, Ruth Bindler, Kellie Meyer, Christine Breuker, Paul Doucette, Perin Jackson, Dorothy Sammertino, Stephanie Rodeghiero, Linda Molinelli, Jerry Molinelli (photography), and guides Tom Locascio and Joe Ford (14)

COMMENTS: This was a cool morning and many birds were waiting on some sun warmth to become active. The usual suspects were present, but the air waves were quiet for the most part and sounds were few and far between. The American Pelicans seen early just before sunrise and the Dark-eyed Junco were specialties

on this day. The Red-naped Sapsucker added some color to our sightings along with the ever present Vermilion Flycatchers.

SPECIES: American White Pelican 20, Snowy Egret 1, Red-tailed Hawk 1, Eurasian Collared Dove 3, Mourning Dove 9, Gila Woodpecker 4, Red-naped Sapsucker 1, Ladder-backed Woodpecker 1, Say's Phoebe 1, Vermilion Flycatcher 3, Loggerhead Shrike 2, Verdin 1, Cactus Wren 2, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 1, Curve-billed Thrasher 1, Northern Mockingbird 3, European Starling 13, Yellow-rumped Warbler 3, Abert's Towhee 4, Black-throated Sparrow 16, White-crowned Sparrow 5, Dark-eyed Junco 1, House Finch 8 (23)

Eleven birders attended the powerpoint presentation in the Nature Center by Joe Ford on "Owls"

The checklist and other details can be found at eBird, Checklist #S156036691, Estrella Mt. Regional Park 12 9 23