

ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK 8 14 21

CONDITIONS: Cloudy skies at 6 AM, mostly stratus to strato-nimbus, alto cumulus with a temperature of 75 degrees F and no breeze. Light sprinkles that followed a good shower overnight, 63 percent relative humidity. At 9 AM, mostly stratus and alto stratus with a temperature of 81 degrees, wind 1-3 mph from the east, northeast



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COMMENTS: Showers in the area overnight discouraged several birders from joining us, however the rain was finished by 6 AM. Birds pretty much sheltered until the sun began to re-emerge around 6:45. The river was bank full and offered great looks at egrets, bitterns, herons, and a plethora of neo-tropic comorants. Yellowthroats greeted us at the mitigated ponds. Mourning doves were more prevalent than the White-winged Doves as some of the white wings probably have decided to begin the journey south into Mexico. No black bird species, no obvious hummingbirds. The abundance of cormorants was the most surprising thing we observed. No coots, no ducks. I can't help but think the rains overnight may have kept some species sitting tight.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 5, Neotropic Cormorant 200*, Least Bittern 5, Great Blue Heron 4, Great Egret 3, Snowy Egret 30, Green Heron 10, Black-crowned Night Heron 5, Turkey Vulture 1, raptor unidentified, Killdeer 1, Spotted Sandpiper 1, White-winged Dove 4, Mourning Dove 6, Gila Woodpecker 4, Ladder-backed Woodpecker 1, flicker species 2, Vermilion Flycatcher 4, Verdin 2, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 1, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1, Northern Mockingbird 2, European Starling 15, Common Yellowthroat 3, Yellow Warbler ?, Abert's Towhee 10, Lark Sparrow 2, Song Sparrow 3, House Finch 6 (26)

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