

ESTRELLA MT. REGIONAL PARK BIRDWALK 10 12 24

CONDITIONS: Ideal. At 7:10 AM the temperature was 74 degrees F with clear skies and no breeze: at the walk conclusion, 8:30 AM the temperature was 80 degrees F, still clear skies with some cirrus, cirrocumulus and altocumulus appearing and little to no breeze from the ESE, 0-1 mph.



PARTICIPANTS: Rich Fuhrmann, Derek, Rachel, and Elsa Boender, Perrin Jackson, Karen Martin (photography), Linda Molinelli, Jerry Molinelli (photography), Paul Doucette, Pam Spinella (hospitality), and guides Joe Ford and Tom Locascio.

COMMENTS: The dry conditions continued to limit species numbers and the consecutive days of 100 degree highs lingered into the first two weeks of October. Blooming flora were sparse with only a few Desert Senna yellow blossoms in evidence. The bird fauna was dominated by Lark Sparrows, House Finches and Starlings. Excitement blossomed at the number of Hermit Thrushes on the grounds.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 4, Neotropic Cormorant 9, Double-crested Cormorant 5, Osprey 1, Red-tailed Hawk 2, Killdeer 1, Eurasian Collared Dove 1, Mourning Dove 13, Greater Roadrunner 1, Great Horned Owl 1, Burrowing Owl 2, Anna's Hummingbird 2, Gila Woodpecker

5, Northern Flicker 1, American Kestrel 1, Say's Phoebe 2, Vermilion Flycatcher 2, Loggerhead Shrike 2, Hermit Thrush 5, Northern Mockingbird 4, European Starling 9, Yellow-rumped Warbler 5, Abert's Towhee 4, Lark Sparrow 35, White-crowned Sparrow 5, House Finch 6, Verdin 4, Curve-billed Thrasher 5, Northern Rough-winged Swallow4 (30)

Eight bird lovers remained for the powerpoint presentation from Joe Ford in the Nature Center on "Ravens and Crows and other Corvids".

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Next week, Cave Creek Regional Park at 7 AM