

ESTRELLA MT. REGIONAL PARK BIRDWALK 11 9 24

CONDITIONS: Temperature at 7:15 AM was 42 degrees F under clear skies and little to no breeze from the SE:: at walk conclusion, 8:30 AM the temperature was 44 degrees F and a slight breeze at 1 mph from the SE, clear skies

ROUTE: Observations were made at the Nature Center, then the group caravanned to the Navy Area and walked the Mesquite Bosque, the Blue Gum Grove, the median at the north parking area, and the grass areas and desert scrub before returning to the vehicles.



PARTICIPANTS: Chris Buecker, Marco Acevido, Evelyn Beltran, Gabriel Beltran, Jacob Schank, Perrin Jackson (technology), Paul Doucette, Pam Spinella (hospitality), Linda Molinelli, Jerry Molinelli (photography), and guides Tom Locascio and Joe Ford. Late arrivals were Elsa and Rachel Boender for the presentation in the Nature Center. (14)

COMMENTS: This was our coldest day this year. The sun was just entering the eastern horizon and it was a very quiet day bird song wise. The usual residents were present, although numbers of some species were low. The most exciting looks were of the two Red-tail Hawks. A small flock of starlings gathered in the branches of the cottonwoods and eucalyptus trees. A Red-naped Sapsucker was the bird of the day. House Finches, Starlings, and White-crowned Sparrows won the lottery for the day.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 21, Mourning Dove 7, Anna's Hummingbird 1, Great Blue Heron 1, Red-tailed Hawk 2, Red-naped Sapsucker 1, Gila Woodpecker 5, Say's Phoebe 1, Vermilion Flycatcher 2, Common Raven 1, Verdin 3, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 2, European Starling 28, Curve-billed Thrasher 2, Northern Mockingbird 4, House Finch 30, White-crowned Sparrow 15, Abert's Towhee 1, Great-tailed Grackle 5, Yellow-rumped Warbler 2 (20)

OTHER INFORMATION can be found at eBird, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, checklist #S201929607 under Estrella Mt. Regional Park 11 9 24

Seven bird lovers and information seekers remained for the presentation by Joe Ford in the Nature Center on "Special Birds of History and Animation" .