

## ESTRELLA REGIONAL PARK BIRDWALK 12 14 24

CONDITIONS: Temperature of 42 degrees F at 8 AM with clear skies and scattered light cirrus wisps aloft, breeze 0-1 mph from the east:: at 9:30 AM the temperature was 64 degrees, CiSt and Ci clouds with mostly clear skies and a breeze of 1-2 mph from the east again.



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COMMENTS: Once again the arid conditions certainly affected bird numbers and food sources were scarce. The usual residents were present, but not in normal numbers. Sparrows were rare to see, as only

White-crowns were in evidence. A Cooper's and Red-tailed Hawk were the only raptors witnessed and one Blue Heron in flight to the north. European Starlings speckled the upper branches of dead snags, and a few Eurasian Collard Doves were hanging around. The Nature Center offered some hummingbirds, towhees and Black-tailed Gnatcatchers. One Vermilion Flycatcher graced us with its presence. (and one bird from the "beep-beep" cartoon).

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 22, Eurasian Collared Dove 2, Mourning Dove 5, Greater Road Runner 1, Anna's Hummingbird 2, Costa's Hummingbird 1, Great Blue Heron 1, Cooper's Hawk 1, Red-tailed Hawk 1, Gila Woodpecker 4, Vermilion Flycatcher 1, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 2, Rock Wren 3, European Starling 20, Curve-billed Thrasher 2, Northern Mockingbird 2, House Finch 6, White-crowned Sparrow 30, Abert's Towhee 4 (21)

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Eight bird lovers and education seekers remained for the presentation in the Nature Center on "Why We Need Birds" given by Joe Ford.