

Lockett Meadow 2019 Report

September 12, 2019

Leader: Dan Bohlmann

It turned out to be a beautiful clear day with no wind and no thunderstorms. We did find some of our high altitude targeted birds like the Clark's Nutcracker, a large flock of approximately 160 Pinyon Jays, all three Nuthatches including the Red-breasted, Mountain Chickadee, Steller's Jays were everywhere, Pine Siskin, Chipping Sparrow and Dark-eyed Junco. Fortunately we had a very experienced birder, Marceline Vandewater with us and she spotted 4 birds that I had never seen before in my many trips here over the years. The first was an immature Lewis's Woodpecker which is very dark and had no red on it, then a female Lazuli Bunting and flying over us a Peregrine Falcon. The fourth bird was very questionable because neither bird it could be is supposed to be in Arizona. We watched it for a long time and we had 3 photographers that got pictures of it that may help us determine which it is. The two possibilities are the Eastern Wood Pewee and the Eastern Phoebe. They both have very white breasts but the Wood-Pewee has wing-bars but the Phoebe does not. The Phoebe does tail-wagging and the Pewee does not. But our little guy appeared to have wing-bars and it was doing tail-wagging. It always makes bird watching so interesting when you have a mystery bird show up!

Some of the other birds we saw were Pygmy and White-breasted Nuthatch, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Red-tailed and Sharp-shinned Hawk, Vesper & Brewer's Sparrow, Robin, Lesser Goldfinch, Orange-crowned and Yellow-rumped Warbler, Turkey Vulture, Raven, and House Wren. We had 25 species all together.

Those Attending were: Jerry and Linda Molinelli, Marceline Vandewater, Adrian Reznik, Elaine Alexander, Shelly Gordon, Anne Owens, Jean Eddins, Kathy Wheeler, Dan Jacob, Liz Crowe, Paul Doucette and Dan Bohlmann.