

WHITE TANK BIRD WALK 11 16 19

CONDITIONS: A high sky with almost 85% cloud cover, mostly cirrus, cirrostratus, alto stratus, temperature of 54 degrees F at inception and no breeze: same sky condition with 90% cover and a temperature of 78 degrees F at the conclusion of the walk, still no breeze to 1 mph.

ROUTE: The walk began at Area #4 parking lot, then moved in a counter clockwise circle via the Mule Deer Trail north. A jog was made down the Wildlife Trail to the dry water source, which had a few drips of water trickling down the rocks, (thus few birds were seen), then retraced to the pavement and returned to Area #4. Approximately 2 hours and 45 minutes and a distance of approximately 2.2 miles.

PARTICIPANTS: Jerry and Linda Molinelli, Sharon Manyx, Evelyn Pollon, John Wolfe, Mary Woszczyna, Mareyes Schmaus, Ellen LeGere, Shirley Catto, Erv Johnson, Dan Jessen, Sandy Jones-McClintic, Chris McVittie, Jane and Nick Kaschal, David Sussman, Pat Davis, Pam Spinella, docents Tom Locascio and Joe Ford, and special guest guide, Stacia Novy, volunteer ranger from the White Tank Mountains Park services. (21)



HIGHLIGHTS: This was a marvelous day for birding, graced by enough cloud cover to shade the sun, no breeze, and a very manageable temperature range. The bird species were mostly residents as most of the migrants had already gone south. A small flock of Yellow-rumped Warblers flew overhead and the

Cactus Wrens had a good breeding season, as they were quite visible throughout the walk. We did see a couple of raptors and four woodpecker types.

ADDENDUM: Some further observations were made around the visitor center during the Turkey talk that included a Red-tailed Hawk, 5 Verdins, 6 White-crowned Sparrows and 5 Yellow-rumped Warblers.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 8 (20 at another location), Northern Harrier 1, Red-tailed Hawk 1, Mourning Dove 2, Anna's Hummingbird 2, Costa's Hummingbird 4, Gila Woodpecker 12, Ladder-backed Woodpecker 2, Northern Flicker 2, Gilded Flicker 2, American Kestrel 1, Say's Phoebe 2 (visitor center), Loggerhead Shrike 4, Common Raven 1, Verdin 4, Rock Wren 4, Bewick's Wren 1, Cactus Wren 9, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 2, American Robin 1, Curve-billed Thrasher 4, Phainopepla 3, Yellow-rumped Warbler 5, Black-throated Sparrow 10, White-crowned Sparrow 8, House Finch 29, Lesser Goldfinch 1 (28)

NUMBERS AND OTHER DETAILS ARE AT: eBird under White Tanks Regional Park, identification number S61506053. For a share contact Tom Locascio (locascio2000@gmail.com)

Eleven people attended the program on "Turkeys, the Thanksgiving Bird" at the Nature Center.