

WHITE TANK MTS. BIRDWALK 12 24 22

CONDITIONS: Ideal. 45 degrees F at 8 AM, clear skies and no breeze: at walk conclusion, 59 degrees F at 10 AM, still clear skies, no breeze



PARTICIPANTS: Hal Robins, Yvonne Bentley, Helen Pugh, Natalie Rivera, Lisa Molinelli, Suzanne Hetts, Dan Estep, JJ Galio, Phyllis Smith, Pam Spinella (documentation) Jerry Molinelli (photography), Linda Molinelli, Karen Martin (photography), and guides Tom Locascio and Joe Ford

ROUTE: Observations made around the Nature Center beginning around 7:30 AM. At 8 AM the group caravanned to Area 4 and walked the Black Rock Loop long trail. Some observations were made around the parking lot at Area 4.

COMMENTS: The species identified were pretty much the avian resident fauna. The wren contingent was well represented as Cactus, Canyon, and Rock Wrens added to the desert chorus. The Rock and Cactus allowed great looks. A flock of Black-throated Sparrows greeted us at the entrance to the Black Rock Loop trail. House Finches and Mourning Doves were ubiquitous and a couple of Red-tails were serving as sentries atop rock outcrops surveying the desert scene.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 6, Red-tailed Hawk 2, Mourning Dove 20, Anna's Hummingbird 3, Costa's Hummingbird 2, Gila Woodpecker 7, Ladder-backed Woodpecker 2, flicker species 2, American Kestrel 1, Say's Phoebe 1, Loggerhead Shrike 1, Verdin 6, Rock Wren 6, Canyon Wren 2, Cactus Wren 7, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3, Curve-billed Thrasher 4, Abert's Towhee 2, Black-throated Sparrow 13, White-crowned Sparrow 6, House Finch 16, (21)

Following the actual birdwalk, several American Robins were seen around the Nature Center

The eBird list and other information can be found at eBird through Cornell Lab of Ornithology, checklist number S124573320 White Tank Regional Park 12 24 22.

Seven birders stayed for the powerpoint program, "Banquet of Birds" given by Tom Locascio.