

## WHITE TANK MOUNTAIN BIRD WALK 9 24 22

**CONDITIONS:** Perfect. Clear skies at 6:30 AM with a temperature of 75 degrees F and no breeze. At 8:45 AM skies were still clear and a temperature of 88 degrees F and still no breeze. Relative Humidity near 51 percent.

**ROUTE:** Observations made around the Nature Center and the group then caravanned to Area 4. At that time we moved to the Mule Deer Trail and hiked to the windmill and small pond at the end of the Wildlife Trail. We returned by way of the main road to Area 4



**PARTICIPANTS:** Gina Rizzo-Orr, Cristina Anguiano, Brian Steiger, Wes Edens, Mac Scheldt, Penny Rose, De Quan Flight Roberson, Janna Chilcoat, Janet Golio, Phyllis Smith, Yvonne Bentley, Jelena Grbic, Pam Spinella (documentation), Linda Molinelli, Jerry Molinelli (photography), and guides Tom Locascio and Joe Ford

**COMMENTS:** This hike was taken during the fall quiet time as some migrants were coming through (warblers), but most of the observations concerned the local community. Good rains earlier in the week produced a “greening up” effect on some vegetation. Most of the vocal residents were dominated by the “weep-weeps” of the Curve-billed Thrashers, the “I’m here” calls of Gambel’s Quail, and occasionally the wails of Gilded Flickers. Verdins were heard occasionally and Say’s Phoebes were present near the Nature Center and library area. The spotting of a Green-tailed Towhee and a couple of warbler species were highlights.

**SPECIES:** Gambel’s Quail 27, Mourning Dove 12, Anna’s Hummingbird 1, Costa’s Hummingbird 2, Gila Woodpecker 4, Gilded Flicker 2, Say’s Phoebe 3, Loggerhead Shrike 1, Common Raven 2, Horned Lark (some question on this one), Verdin 5, Rock Wren 4, Cactus Wren 3, Curve-billed Thrasher 10, Black-throated Gray Warbler 1, Wilson’s Warbler 2, Green-tailed Towhee 1, Abert’s Towhee 2, Black-throated Sparrow 7, White-crowned Sparrow 2, House Finch 9

Other details and comments can found at eBird (Cornell Lab of Ornithology) under checklist

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Eight birders attended the program in the Nature Center following the birdwalk. The program was entitled, "Bird Weirdness II, the Sequel".