

## WHITE TANK MOUNTAINS BIRD WALK

DATE: Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

CONDITIONS: A most pleasant morning with a 0-3 mph breeze from the SW, clear skies, starting temperature 78 degrees F and finishing at 85 degrees F after a stroll of 2 and a half hours. Distance 1.5 miles



PARTICIPANTS: Beth Whittam, Steve Rugh, Dylan Maier, Cindy Davis, June McMullen, Karen Martin and our leaders, Tom Locascio and Joe Ford (8)

SUMMARY: The birdwalk commenced from the south side of the Nature Center. Observations were made while circling the nature center then the group continued toward and onto the Mule Deer Trail to the north. Highlights were a Townsend's Solitaire, the large numbers of Black-throated Sparrows, especially near the Desert Tortoise Enclosure. Gilded Flickers were constantly using the air waves to announce their presence and Gila Woodpeckers were swooping between the saguaros. The ubiquitous House Finches were common around the Nature Center and a couple of Say's Phoebes mounted the high points of the building.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 25, Turkey Vulture 3, Mourning Dove 35, Anna's HB 1, hummingbird species 3, Gila Woodpecker 8, Gilded Flicker 6, Say's Phoebe 2, Loggerhead Shrike 1, Verdin 5, Rock Wren 2, Cactus Wren 4, Curve-billed Thrasher 4, Chipping Sparrow 1, Brewer's Sparrow 2, Black-throated Sparrow 25, House Finch 30 (17 species)

One person attended the program at the Nature Center, "Birds, Memorable Sounds and Colors"