

WHITE TANK MOUNTAINS BIRDWALK 9 25 21

CONDITIONS: Cloudy sky dominated by altostratus, altocumulus, some nimbus appearance at 7:00 AM, temp 78 degrees F:: partly cloudy skies dominated by altocumulus, cirrus and cirrostratus at 9:30 AM, temp 83 degrees F with slight breeze from the SE 1-4 mph.

ROUTE: Observations were made at the Nature Center beginning around 6:30 AM, then the group moved to Area 4 and trekked along the Mule Deer Trail to the windmill and small pond before returning by trail or road to Area 4.

PARTICIPANTS: David Glaesman, Natalie Rivera, Jackie Gonzales, Yvette Moller, Yvonne Bentley, Loretta Richards, Carol Lawson, Pam Spinella and guides Tom Locascio and Joe Ford.

COMMENTS: Overall an ideal day for birding. Clouds discouraged the plumage colors, but that hindrance improved as the day began to present more sun. Mourning doves were abundant and juvenile Say's Phoebes frolicked near the nature center.

The "weep-weep" of the Curve-billed Thrashers filled the air waves and a couple of Common Ravens stood tall on a Saguaro column. Orange-crowned Warblers were the only warblers we saw. Rock Wrens called and the usual woodpecker types were present. Besides the Mourning Doves, our most numerous birds were the Black-throated Sparrows and House Finches.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 8, Turkey Vulture 1, Cooper's Hawk 1, Red-tailed Hawk 1, Mourning Dove 18, Greater Roadrunner 1, Costa's Hummingbird 4
Gila Woodpecker 5, Ladder-backed Woodpecker 3, Gilded Flicker 2, American Kestrel 1, Say's Phoebe 5, Loggerhead Shrike 1, Common Raven 4, Verdin 6, Rock Wren 2, Curve-billed Thrasher 7, European Starling 1, Orange-crowned Warbler 3, Black throated Sparrow 13, House Finch 25
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Other information and details can be found at eBird Checklist ID# S95157666 White Tank Mountain Regional Park.

