

WHITE TANK MOUNTAINS REGIONAL PARK BIRDWALK 4 23 22

CONDITIONS: 59 degrees F at 7 AM under partly cloudy skies dominated by cirrus, cirrostratus with little to no breeze:: 81 degrees F at 9:20 AM under still partly cloudy skies dominated by a few altocumulus, cirrocumulus, cirrostratus, and cirrus with a breeze from the SW at 1-2 mph.

ROUTE: Observations were made at the Nature Center, then the group caravanned to Area 9 and hiked the Ford Canyon, Ironwood Trail Loop



PARTICIPANTS: Russ and Camille King, Pam Spinella (resources), Linda Molinelli (eyes), Jerry Molinelli (photography), Karen Martin (photography) and guides Tom Locascio and Joe Ford.

COMMENTS: The Sonoran Desert was in transition vegetation wise, as the Brittlebush bloom was over and the Foothills Palo Verde was also waning. However the Ironwood with the emerging pinkish flowers was beginning to show and buds were almost to the bursting point upon the pinnacles of the many Saguaros seen along the trails. It was a quiet trek that had few visuals, although the White-winged Doves, Cactus Wrens, and Curve-billed Thrashers offered the sounds making up the avian chorus along with occasional Gila Woodpeckers, Gilded Flickers, House Finches, and Ash-throated Flycatchers adding to the symphony.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 8, Turkey Vulture 1, White-winged Dove 20, Eurasian Collared Dove 4, Mourning Dove 10, Anna's Hummingbird 2, Costa's Hummingbird 1, Gila Woodpecker 7, Gilded Flicker 2, Say's Phoebe 4, Ash-throated Flycatcher 4, Loggerhead Shrike 1, Common Raven 1, Nor. Rough-winged Swallow 2, Verdin 4, Cactus Wren 6, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 1, Curve-billed Thrasher 10, European Starling 1, Wilson's Warbler 1, Abert's Towhee 3, House Finch 25, Lesser Goldfinch 2 (23)

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