

WHITE TANK MT. PARK BIRDWALK 10 22 22

CONDITIONS: At 7:30 AM skies were clear except for a few altocumulus and alto stratus clouds on the east horizon, temperature 68 degrees F with 0-1 mph breeze from the east. At 9:45 AM, walk's conclusion, skies were clear, except a few lingering clouds to the east, a temperature of 78 degrees F and a slight breeze of 1-2 mph from the east.

ROUTE: Observations were made around the Nature Center beginning around 7 AM. The group then caravanned to Area 4 and walked the Black Rock long loop and returned to the Area 4 parking lot.

PARTICIPANTS: Anne DiBartolomeo, Karen Martin (photography), Pam Spinella (documentation and hospitality), Joe and Carolyn Petsche, Kevin and Nancy Schutz, Mallory Joryic-Walp, Mary Walp, and Joe Ford (guide)

COMMENTS: This walk along the Black Rock Loop could be called the "Day of the Wrens and Thrashers" as these two groups seemed to dominant the airwaves with vocalizations. Canyon Wrens, Rock Wrens, Cactus Wrens along with Curve-billed Thrashers and an occasional Northern Mockingbird were the noise makers. We also had good looks at Loggerhead Shrikes and Black-throated Sparrows and a couple of towhee types. The resident Mourning Doves were also about in numbers.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 1, Red-tailed Hawk 2, Mourning Dove 22, Lesser Nighthawk 1, Costa's Hummingbird 3, Gila Woodpecker 7, Ladder-backed Woodpecker 2, Gilded Flicker 3, Say's Phoebe 1, Loggerhead Shrike 2, Common Raven 2, Verdin 7, Rock Wren 8, Canyon Wren 1, Cactus Wren 7, Curve-billed Thrasher 6, Northern Mockingbird 2, European Starling 1, Yellow-rumped Warbler 1, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 2, Canyon Towhee 2, Abert's Towhee 2, Black-throated Sparrow 20, White-crowned Sparrow 1, House Finch 10, (25)

Other details can be found at eBird Check List #S121139023 WHITE TANK PARK BIRDWALK 10 22 22 found at Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Four people attended the program, "Cryptic Birds of the Night" held in the Nature Center