

WHITE TANK MT. REGIONAL PARK BIRDWALK 1 28 23

CONDITIONS: Ideal. At 8 AM the temperature was 34 degrees F with clear skies overhead and some cirrostratus and cirrocumulus over the Phoenix Metro Area to the east. No breeze. At the walk conclusion, 10:15 AM, the temperature was 45 degrees F, clear skies and little to no breeze.



PARTICIPANTS: Lou and Janelle Hibbard, Christine Breuker, Helen Pugh, Kathy Dashiell, Butch Potterville, Ruth and David Kennedy, Jerry Molinelli (photography), Linda Molinelli, Karen Martin (photography), Pam Spinella (documentation and hospitality), and guides Tom Locascio and Joe Ford

ROUTE: Observations were made around the Nature Center, then the group caravanned to Area 4, and hiked the Black Rock Trail Long Loop.

COMMENTS: This was the “Day of the Wrens”, as three species were seen. The Cactus Wrens were filling the air waves with churdles, and occasionally a Rock Wren would add to the chorus, and even a Canyon Wren offered some notes to fill the trio. The “usual suspects” were present. House Finches were well represented and a group of White-crowned Sparrows and Black-throated Sparrows foraged on the ground. Brittle-bush was beginning to bloom along with Fiddleneck. Wolfberry was being visited by the Costa’s Hummingbirds as their lavender blossoms were present in quantity.

SPECIES: Gambel’s Quail 14, Eurasian Collared Dove 1, Mourning Dove 12, Costa’s Hummingbird 2, Gila Woodpecker 4, Gilded Flicker 3, Say’s Phoebe 2, Verdin 7, Loggerhead Shrike 4, Rock Wren 8, Canyon Wren 1, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 6, Curve-billed Thrasher 4, European Starling 3, Orange-crowned Warbler 1, Yellow-rumped Warbler 11, Canyon Towhee 1, Abert’s Towhee 2, Black-throated Sparrow 10, White-crowned Sparrow 20, House Finch 10, Lesser Goldfinch 8 (23)

Details and other information can be found at eBird, checklist #S127146719 under White Tank Regional Park 1 28 23.

Ten birders stayed for the presentation in the Nature Center, entitled “Bird Weirdness II” by Joe Ford.