

## WHITE TANK MT. REGIONAL PARK BIRD WALK 11 26 22

**CONDITIONS:** At 7:30 AM skies were clear with some haze over the Phoenix Metro Area to the east. Temperature at 48 degrees F and no breeze. At the walk conclusion at 10 AM, skies were still clear. Temperature of 71 degrees F and a slight easterly breeze 1-3 mph.

**ROUTE:** Observations were made around the Nature Center beginning around 7 AM. The group then caravanned to Area 4. The Black Rock Loop long loop was taken. Later some of the group went to the Horse Staging Area and visited the small pond near the windmill.



**PARTICIPANTS:** Christine Breuker, Helen Pugh (scope), Tom Worcester (photography), Karen Martin (photography), Jerry Molinelli (photography), Linda Molinelli, Pam Spinella (hospitality and documentation), and guides Tom Locascio and Joe Ford

**COMMENTS:** The trek was accompanied by the wonderful Sonoran Desert silence along much of the way. Vocalizations by Cactus Wrens, Rock Wrens and tinkling twitters from Black-throated Sparrows were part of the avian symphony. Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Yellow-rumped Warblers and flocks of Mourning Doves were present. A somewhat abnormal number of Loggerhead Shrikes were also seen. Lots of House Finches, a couple of Say's Phoebes, and some Costa's Hummingbirds were hanging around the bird feeders at the Nature Center.

**SPECIES:** Gambel's Quail 6, Red-tailed Hawk 3, Mourning Dove 40, Costa's Hummingbird 3, Gila Woodpecker 7, Northern Flicker 1, Gilded Flicker 3, Say's Phoebe 2, Loggerhead Shrike 5, Common Raven 2, Verdin 4, Rock Wren 4, Cactus Wren 8, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 1, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 6, American Robin 2, Curve-billed Thrasher 8, European Starling 5, Phainopepla 2, Orange-crowned Warbler 2, Yellow-rumped Warbler 8, Abert's Towhee 2,

Black-throated Sparrow 20, White-crowned Sparrow 7, House Finch 14, White-throated Sparrow 1 (26)

Other information and details can be found at eBird (Cornell Lab of Ornithology), ID list #S123072520 White Tank Mt. Regional Park 11 26 22.

Five bird lovers attended the program at the Nature Center. The main topic was covering eagles, hawks, falcons, kites. The second part of the program covering vultures and owls will be shown at a later date.