

WHITE TANK MTS. BIRD WALK 1 23 21

CONDITIONS: The walk began at the Nature Center under cloudy to overcast skies, temperature 54 degrees F with a slight breeze 1-2 mph from the northeast. At the walk conclusion temperature was 59 degrees F with the wind at 3-5 mph, again from the NE. Cloud types: stratus, stratonimbus, altocumulus, cirrostratus. Although the nimbus appearance was present, the rain held off during the duration of the walk.



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COMMENTS: Observations around the Nature Center are always productive as the presence of feeders and water sources encourage activity. Light showers the last couple of days seem to have generated bird activity. Lots of Mourning Doves and House Finches and some busy hummingbirds working the sugar water, Costa's was the species most present. The Mule Deer Trail going south could have been called "Woodpecker Alley", as several of the Picidae Family were seen, mostly acting as sentinels atop Saguaros, or measuring the availability of food sources in the many excavated holes. Flickers seem to always announce their incoming presence with their going down pitch squeals. Cactus Wrens, Curve-billed Thrashers and Black-throated Sparrows gave us some great photo ops

One sad situation appeared on the north side of the library as several birds (Black Phoebe's and one Great Horned Owl) had evidently collided with the large windows and were lying lifeless at the base of the windows.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 2 audio, Mourning Dove 30, Anna's Hummingbird 1, Costa's Hummingbird 3, Gila Woodpecker 7, Gilded Flicker 9, Say's Phoebe 1 audio, Common Raven 2, Verdin 1, Cactus Wren 2, Curve-billed Thrasher 5, Black-throated Sparrow 15, White-crowned Sparrow 10, House Finch 30, (14 species)

A complete list and details can be found at eBird White Tank Mts. Check list 1 23 21, identification number S79818017.