

WHITE TANK MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK BIRDWALK 2 26 22

CONDITIONS: Clear skies at 7:30 AM with a temperature of 51 degrees F: clear skies at 11:15 AM with a temperature of 68 degrees F, breeze 1-3 mph from the northeast.

ROUTE: Observations were made near the Nature Center around 7:30, then the group took the Mule Deer Trail north from behind the Nature Center and returned. The group then caravanned to the Wildlife Trail and the windmill for another short foray.



PARTICIPANTS: Pam Spinella (resources), Janice Reed, Natalie Rivera and guides, Karen Martin (photography) and Joe Ford

COMMENTS: The area around the Nature Center offered up some 10 species before we even started on the Mule Deer Trail. Mostly the “usual residents” were present. Nest building was in evidence and early spring vocals were in the air, especially from “chuckling” Cactus Wrens and “wheep-wheeping” Curve-billed Thrashers. Our group was also blessed with the presence of emerging wildflowers, such as fiddlenecks, stork-bills, bladderpods, desert mallow, and other emerging species ably identified by Karen Martin. The Brittle bush is on the verge of gracing the hillsides with its yellow inflorescence. and some early blooming Mexican Poppies were present.

SPECIES: Gambel’s Quail 3, Turkey Vulture 2, Mourning Dove 12, Costa’s Hummingbird 3, Gila Woodpecker 8, Ladder-backed Woodpecker 2, Gilded Flicker 3, Say’s Phoebe 2, Common Raven 3, Verdin 7, Cactus Wren 5, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2, Curve-billed Thrasher 10, European Starling 5, Phainopepla 1, Yellow-rumped Warbler 10, Abert’s Towhee 2, Black-throated Sparrow 5, White-crowned Sparrow 7, Summer Tanager (seen just east of the park entrance), House Finch 25 (nature center mostly), Lesser Goldfinch 2 (21)

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