

WHITE TANK REGIONAL PARK BIRDWALK 2 25 23

CONDITIONS: At 8 AM the temperature was 52 degrees F under overcast skies, stratus and stratocumulus clouds dominating with little to no breeze:: at walk conclusion, 10:15 AM the temperature was 65 degrees F and a breeze of 1-2 mph from the southeast, skies partly cloudy with cirrus, cirrocumulus, altocumulus covering 60 percent of the sky.



PARTICIPANTS: David Charles, Chris McVittie, Jennifer Leavitt, Ross and Bridget Levin, Christine Brueker, David and Ruth Kennedy, John Calhoun, Russ and Camille King, Abbie Deneen, Pam Spinella (documentation and hospitality), Linda Molinelli, Jerry Molinelli (photography), and guides, Tom Locascio and Joe Ford (17). Eight birders remained for the presentation in the Nature Center on “Ratites” by 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 and returned to the parking area.

COMMENTS: It was a day to enjoy the silence of the desert and relish the emergence of “almost spring” ephemerals. Brittlebush was in full bloom and many of the smaller annuals, Fiddleneck, Phacelia, Tickseed, Bladderpod, along with

some just showing Mexican Poppies were along the way. It was a shallow day birdwise as the overcast and cool temperatures seemed to keep the birds holding tight in their shelters. Of course, Cactus Wrens dominated the airways and some Canyon Wrens let us know they were in the area.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 4, Red-tailed Hawk 1, Mourning Dove 12, Anna's Hummingbird 1, Costa's Hummingbird 2, Gila Woodpecker 7, Gilded Flicker 2, Say's Phoebe 3, Loggerhead Shrike 1, Verdin 3, Rock Wren 1, Canyon Wren 2, Cactus Wren 8, Curve-billed Thrasher 2, Abert's Towhee 3, Black-throated Sparrow 8, White-crowned Sparrow 14, House Finch 15 (18)

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