

## WHITE TANK MT. REGIONAL PARK BIRDWALK 4 22 23

CONDITIONS: Ideal. At 6:30 AM the temperature was 67 degrees F, with clear skies sprinkled with a few cirrus clouds and a 0-2 mph breeze from the east:: at the walk conclusion, 9 AM, the temperature was 82 degrees F, a few more cirrus clouds and a breeze again from the east at 1-2 mph.



PARTICIPANTS: Chris Johnson, Karen Parrow, Tanya Bellavia, John Calhoun, David Charles, Linda Molinelli, Jerry Molinelli (photography), Karen Martin (photography), Pam Spinella (documentation and hospitality) and guides Tom Locascio and Joe Ford

COMMENTS: The fantastic spring bloom was on the decline, but still lots of flowers, including several Hedgehog Cactus and occasionally a Teddy Bear Cholla offering creamy white flowers. The stately Saguaros were just beginning to have the white flowers begin to appear. In two weeks the saguaro spires will be capped with the many blossoms to attract nectar seeking insects and birds. Cactus Wrens ruled the air waves and Canyon Wrens offered their descending calls from the rocky slopes. We did have a Hooded Oriole and Say's Phoebe fledglings were

hanging around the entrance to the library. Some rock forms brought images to mind of camels and vultures and fur seals. A highlight was the Great Horned Owl.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 12, Turkey Vulture 2, White-winged Dove 8, Mourning Dove 15, Great Horned Owl 1, Anna's Hummingbird 1, Costa's Hummingbird 1, Gila Woodpecker 3, Gilded Flicker 1, Say's Phoebe 5, Ash-throated Flycatcher 3, Verdin 5, Canyon Wren 2, Cactus Wren 16, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 2, Curve-billed Thrasher 4, European Starling 2, Phainopepla 2, Abert's Towhee 4, White-crowned Sparrow 1, Brown-headed Cowbird 5, House Finch 14, Hooded Oriole 1 (21)

Other information and the birdlist can be found at eBird, White Tank Regional Park Birdwalk 4 22 23 #S134658908. You have to be registered with eBird through Cornell Lab of Ornithology to see the list.

Five birders stayed for the program on "Parrots" given by Joe Ford