

WHITE TANK REGIONAL PARK BIRD WALK 12 21 19

CONDITIONS: 42 degrees F at 8 AM with a 5% sky cover with light cirrus and cirrostratus clouds and no breeze: 61 degrees F at 10:15 AM with 15% sky cover with cirrus and cirrostratus clouds, breeze 1-3 mph: approximate distance 2 miles.

PARTICIPANTS: Sue Sharbaugh, Joe Petsche, Ed Will, David and Shirley Blakeslee, David Glaesman, Karen Martin (photography), and guides Mark Brogie, Tom Locascio and Joe Ford



COMMENTS: The walk was initiated at Area 9 and trekked along the Ford Canyon Trail in that area. The adjacent wash was dry but showed evidence of increased erosion from the last rain events in November and October. It was a grand day for birding and the birds were very cooperative as small flocks of Black Throated and White Crowned Sparrows were seen intermittently along the route. Cactus Wrens were common in the cholla species and Gilded Flickers perched atop the saguaros. Three raptors were among the sightings and several Costa's Hummingbirds were spotted, most numerous at the Nature Center. Only one warbler, an Orange-crowned at the Nature Center garden.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 4, Northern Harrier 1, Red-tailed Hawk 1, Mourning Dove 2, Costa's Hummingbird 3, Gila Woodpecker 4, Gilded Flicker 3, northern/gilded flicker 1, American Kestrel 1, Say's Phoebe 3, Loggerhead Shrike 3, Verdin 9, Rock Wren 4, Cactus Wren 5, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 5, Curve-billed Thrasher 4, Phainopepla 2, Orange-crowned Warbler 1, Green-tailed Towhee 2, Canyon

Towhee 1, Abert's Towhee 1, Black-throated Sparrow 12, Lincoln's Sparrow 1, White-crowned Sparrow 12, House Finch 27 (24)

Details and other information can be found at eBird Identification Number S562534359. For a share list contact Tom Locascio locascio2000@hotmail.com

Twenty people attended the program on "Bird Weirdness I" at the Nature Center