

WHITE TANK REGIONAL PARK BIRDWALK 2 24 24

CONDITIONS: Ideal! Clear skies with a few clouds (cirrus, cirrostratus, cirrocumulus, alto cumulus) at 8 AM and a temperature of 61 degrees F, no breeze::: at 10 AM, partly cloudy (same cloud types plus some altostratus) and a temperature of 72 degrees F, breeze 1-3 NE

ROUTE: Observations were made at the Nature Center: the group then caravanned to Area 4 and hiked the Black Rock Long Loop trail, then returned to the parking area.



PARTICIPANTS: David and Ruth Kennedy, Burris Family (Rachel, Rose, Brian, Tate, Emmi, Arbi), Derek and Rachel Boender with Rose and Elsa, Erv Johnson, Susan Snyder, Jeanne Gillespie, Susan Blackburn, Jason Feig, Karen Martin (photography), Christine Breuker, Anne Rodkin, Vera Markham (photography), Linda Molinelli, Jerry Molinelli (photography), Pam Spinella (hospitality), and guides Tom Locascio and Joe Ford

COMMENTS: The weather was ideal and the early bloomers in the wild flower category were beginning to emerge (Mexican Poppies, Filaree, Fiddlenecks, Phacelia species, Globe Mallow) plus a few invaders such as Sahara Mustard. The avian community offered views and sounds from the usual suspects in this part of the Sonoran Desert, most notably chuckling Cactus Wrens, weep weeping Curve-billed Thrashers, and a couple of sparrow types and a couple of finch types. Two Turkey Vultures passed overhead and the resident Say's Phoebe was still at the entrance to the library.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 7, Turkey Vulture 2, Cooper's Hawk 1, Mourning Dove 6, Anna's Hummingbird 1, Costa's Hummingbird 1, Gila Woodpecker 5, Gilded Flicker 2, Say's Phoebe 1, Loggerhead Shrike 1, Common Raven 1, Canyon Wren 1, Cactus Wren 5, Curve-billed Thrasher 3, Northern Mockingbird 1, European Starling 3, Yellow-rumped Warbler 2, Canyon Towhee 1, Black-throated Sparrow 18, White-crowned Sparrow 8, Great-tailed Grackle 2, House Finch 13, Lesser Goldfinch 3 (23)

The ebird list can be found at Cornell Lab of Ornithology, list #S162780436 under White Tank Regional Park Birdwalk 2 24 24