

WHITE TANK REGIONAL PARK BIRDWALK 4 27 24

CONDITIONS: Ideal. Temperature at 7:30 AM was 76 degrees F under clear skies with a few cumulus clouds to the east. The wind was 2-4 mph from the SW. At 10 AM the sky was still clear with increasing clouds and a temperature of 86 degrees and a stronger breeze from the SW at 4-6 mph.

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



PARTICIPANTS: Nancy and Bruce Martin, Gregor Mayer, Sabine Mandler, Polly Bowen, Linda Molinelli, Jerry Molinelli (photography), Pam Spinella (hospitality), Karen Martin (photography) and guides Tom Locascio and Joe Ford. (11)

COMMENTS: This was a slightly breezy day and the usual members of the avian community were present. The active Sonoran Desert was blessed with blooming Buckthorn Cholla, Teddy Bear Cholla and the beginnings of creamy flowers emerging atop the Saguaros. Cactus Wrens were “chuckling”, Gila Woodpeckers were “laughing”, Canyon Wrens were

whistling their descending songs, and a flock of Black-throated Sparrows added their chatter to the symphony. A couple of Mule Deer allowed us some looks as well.

SPECIES: Gambel's Quail 13, Turkey Vulture 3, White-winged Dove 4, Mourning Dove 8, Costa's Hummingbird 1, Gila Woodpecker 6, Ladder-backed Woodpecker 1, Gilded Flicker 3, American Kestrel 1, Say's Phoebe 5, Ash-throated Flycatcher 2, Loggerhead Shrike 1, Common Raven 2, Northern Rough-winged Swallow 1, Verdin 4, Canyon Wren 3, Cactus Wren 6, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 1, Curve-billed Thrasher 4, European Starling 2, Black-throated Sparrow 4, House Finch 9 (22)

Other information can be found at eBird through Cornell Lab of Ornithology, list number S170632078 under White Tank Regional Park 4 27 24.

Ten Bird Lovers remained for the presentation at the Nature Center on "Rattlesnakes" presented by Joe Ford