

WHITE TANK MT. REGIONAL PARK BIRDWALK 11 25 23

CONDITIONS: Ideal. Temperature at 7:30 AM, 50 degrees F under clear skies and no breeze. At walk conclusion, 9:30 AM, temperature was 60 degrees F with a SW breeze at 1-3 mph, still clear skies

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



PARTICIPANTS: John Banbury, Tina Call, Margaret Fischer, Marianne Fischer, Grace House, David and Chris Palmieri, Rachel, Elsa and Derek Boender, Pam Spinella (documentation and hospitality), Walt and Janine Tysk, Christine Breucker, Sharon Beal, Flo Fujita, Wes Edens, Linda Molinelli, Jerry Molinelli (photography), and guides Tom Locascio and Joe Ford

COMMENTS: On a gorgeous weather day, the usual residents were present, although not in great numbers. The flocks of Black-throated Sparrows were dominant in several locations. No raptors graced our skies and no Canyon Wrens, although one Rock Wren made an appearance and 4 Cactus Wrens, mostly connected to nests in the Teddy Bear Cholla.

SPECIES: Mourning Dove 8, Greater Roadrunner 1, Costa's Hummingbird 1, Gila Woodpecker 6, Gilded Flicker 3, Black Phoebe 1 (Nature Center), Loggerhead Shrike 1, Common Raven 6 (flying at sunrise), Verdin 4, Rock Wren 1, Cactus Wren 4, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher 1, Curve-billed Thrasher 3, European Starling 1, Abert's Towhee 1, Black-throated Sparrow 40, White-crowned Sparrow 5, House Finch 13 (18)

Seventeen bird lovers attended the presentation in the Nature Center on “Raptors” given by Joe Ford.

The eBird list can be found at Cornell Lab of Ornithology, checklist #S155191969 under White Tank Regional Park, Sat25Nov2023

Big Thank You to Pam Spinella for providing donuts for our group during the Raptor presentation. And a big Thank You to Jerry Molinelli for the great photos.