

FIELD TRIP REPORT – 4th Saturday Birdwalk, The Nature and Raptor Center, January 23, 2010

Submitted by Margie Joy, Leader:

It was pretty nippy and windy, and everyone had gone home by 9:30. We did see 30 species, which I thought was great. I stayed a bit longer, to check for the Barn Owl (not there) and only saw one more species (the crow).

Birders: AVAS Members Leon Bright, Pearle Sandstrom-Smith, Clif Smith and Nature Center Staff John Gallagher and Peggy Wesner peggywesner@yahoo.com. Also in attendance were two Grand Junction Audubon members, Harriet and Margaret, who spent the night in Pueblo on their way to Texas and stopped at the Nature Center to bird a bit before going to the Raptor Center. They did not know about the scheduled walk so I invited them to join us, and they were lots of fun.

Birds:

Gadwall

Mallard

Green-winged Teal

Bufflehead

Common Goldeneye

Hooded Merganser

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Pied-billed Grebe

Great Blue Heron

Bald Eagle -- perched in a tree right across the river when we got there, later stirring up gulls on the pond

American Kestrel -- a courting pair

American Coot

Killdeer

Ring-billed Gull

Herring Gull

Rock Pigeon

Eurasian Collared-Dove

Belted Kingfisher

Downy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker

American Crow

White-breasted Nuthatch

American Robin

European Starling

Canyon Towhee

White-crowned Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco

House Finch

American Goldfinch

House Sparrow