

January 3, 2022 dawned cold and bright, with 17 participants out counting birds in the Gila River Valley. The frozen ground was much preferred to the mud later in the day. Counters contributed 23.75 miles and 39 hours by foot, and 97.75 miles and 8.5 hours by car. This effort produced 105 species with a total count of 3456 individual birds. Highlights included:

- 2 Common Loons at Bill Evans Lake – a **first** for the count
- 1 Bonaparte's Gull, also a **first** for the count
- 1 Lazuli Bunting, another **first**
- 1 Dusky Flycatcher, an **unusual** find
- 201 White-winged Doves, beat the previous max. of 92
- 24 Gila Woodpeckers, with a previous maximum of 15
- 118 Raven sp, with a previous max of 109
- 7 White-throated Sparrows, 2 more than the previous maximum
- 68 Juncos, lowest number ever for the count; previous low was 84
- 6 Lawrence's Goldfinches seen, but not a record