Henderson Birding Preserve and Clark County Wetlands–Las Vegas, January 14-15, 2014 (Tinneys)

Shiny soft shelled Turtles bask in the sun, and Eared and Pie-billed Grebes (center right) enjoy diving into the water.

Green Heron (left) and adult and two juvenile Black-Crowned Night Herons (center – right) hide in gnarly brush.

Snowy Egret (left) and Great Egret (right) sit near the reeds and take flight (center).

Northern Shovelers, Mallards, Ring-necked Ducks, Gadwall, Teal and Scaup circle and feed on invertebrates and plants.
A male Northern Shoveler, Northern Harrier, and Cooper's Hawk make their presence known.

An Osprey does an aerial ballet showing off its fish catch, while a Ring-bill Gulls nimbly pluck tidbits from the ponds.

The dark bodies and white faces of the American Coots are common sights in Henderson Ponds and Las Vegas Wash.

The red-billed Common Gallinules (Moorhen - above) inhabit marshes and ponds and enjoy nibbling the floating vegetation. Sometimes the Moorhen (below) uses it green feet and toes to walk on the floating vegetation.
An Intergrade (red neck crescent) **Red-shafted Northern Flicker** takes flight, while the **Roadrunner** scampers away.

An **Anna’s Hummingbird** sits on her nest, while the male **Costa’s Hummingbird** with extended gorget scratches its head.

Although somewhat blue-gray in color, this tiny **Black-tailed Gnatcatcher** (with tail raised - left) is showing dark under tail feathers. The **Verdin** (center - right) is an active songbird with yellow face and rufous shoulder.

After a bath in the drainage area near a pond, the **Yellow-rumped Warbler** (left) preens and oils and styles its feathers into place.

A small flock of **White-Crowned Sparrows** (below) scurries through the tree limbs to perhaps gather fluffy nesting materials.

**Bob and Maxine Tinneys enjoyed a wonderful time Birding Las Vegas!**