

Recent Birds – Tinneys' Yard – November 7, 2017



The **American Robin** pays an unexpected visit, while various **Red-shafted Northern Flickers** visit on a daily basis.



On Sunday a few photos of **Gambel's Quail** (*Callipepla gambelii*) were taken at one of the water pans in the Tinney's yard and when they were transferred to the computer, it was noted that a female had double plumes or topknots (left-first photo) and that a male had a triple teardrop topknot (left-second photo). Quails' crests (or plumes) are actually made of six separate feathers, and are apparently for impressing potential mates.



The **Dark-eyed Juncos** are neat, even flashy little sparrows, recognized by their crisp markings and the bright white tail feathers they habitually flash in flight. Their markings vary from **Oregon**, to **Pink-sided**, to **Slate-colored**, and **Gray-headed** around the Prescott area.



Dark-eyed Juncos are birds of the ground, hopping around the bases of trees and shrubs looking for fallen seeds.





Where better for a juvenile **Cooper's Hawk** to spend time on a Sunday afternoon . . . than in the bird bath.



Sunday afternoon is also a time for the juvenile **Acorn Woodpecker** in the water feature.



The **Woodhouse Scrub Jays** spend time nibbling goodies from the seed trays.



White Crowned and Chipping Sparrows and Cassin's Finch



Plumbeous Vireo, Western Wood Pewee, Black-throated Gray and Townsend's Warblers (from September)



Mountain Chickadee, Green-tailed, Spotted and Canyon Towhees



Band-tailed Pigeon, Common Raven, and Mourning Dove

*Only a few **Bird Blessings**, as we have had company, been traveling, and various activities the past two months.*