

PASSERIFORMES

(Songbirds)

Kinglets



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Family REGULIDAE (Kinglets)

Ruby-Crowned Kinglet (*Corthylio/Regulus calendula*)



Bird Viewing Preserve; NV



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Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve; Henderson, NV



Corn Creek; DNWR; NV



South Rim; Grand Canyon NP

Measurements:

Length: 4" Wing Span: 7" Average Weight: .25 oz

Distinguishing Field Characteristics:

tiny size; olive above, white to pale yellow below; two white wingbars and **black bar** at base of secondaries; short, notched tail; incomplete, white eyering; dark bill and eyes; (m) **red crest**, usually kept concealed

Notes:

common; mostly solitary, but often mixes with other species; very active, flicking its tail persistently while foraging; found in a variety of habitats from brushy areas to woodlands throughout most of NA, wintering in the southern region; 3 subspecies; forages in shrubery and trees for small insects, spiders, fruit, seeds, etc.

Mojave presence: winter range

Comments:

These kinglets are common winter migrants to the Mojave region. However, because they are so small and active, they can be very difficult to photograph. Of course, some individuals do present themselves momentarily, like these two at Corn Creek in the **Desert National Wildlife Refuge** in October of 2018.

