

The date: 2/23/2021  
 The week number: 8  
 The walk number: 1599  
 The weather: 76 F; sunny  
 The walkers: Alan Cummings, Viveca Sapin-Areeda, Chris Moreno

The birds (28)

5	Western	Bluebird	1
8		Bushtit	2
1	Mountain	Chickadee	3
3	American	Crow	4
2	Mourning	Dove	5
1	Snowy	Egret	6
15	House	Finch	7
2	American	Goldfinch	8
7	Lesser	Goldfinch	9
1	Cooper's	Hawk	10
4	Anna's	Hummingbird	11
3	Dark-eyed	Junco	12
1	Ruby-crowned	Kinglet	13
2		Mallard	14
1	Northern	Mockingbird	15
1	Red-crowned	Parrot	16
2	Yellow-headed	Parrot	17
4	Black	Phoebe	18
1	Say's	Phoebe	19
3	Band-tailed	Pigeon	20
6	Rock	Pigeon	21
3	Common	Raven	22
3	Chipping	Sparrow	23
3	California	Towhee	24
1	Townsend's	Warbler	25
11	Yellow-rumped	Warbler	26
5	Acorn	Woodpecker	27
1	Downy	Woodpecker	28

Walk lasted between 12:00 and 14:11. Tournament Park still closed.

This was nearly a record-setting walk. We missed tying the previous record for a week 8 by one miserable bird species. See [http://birdwalks.caltech.edu/bird\\_data/species\\_time.html](http://birdwalks.caltech.edu/bird_data/species_time.html)  
 My co-walkers were at the top of their games. Chris even saw the Myrtle Warbler sub-species of Yellow-rumped. And she steered us to several others, including the Townsend's Warbler and the Bushtits on the way to her car. We parked near each other, so I was able to see them too. But, Viveca spotted the birds of the day: the Yellow-headed Parrots. Two were sitting together in the same tree as a Red-crowned Parrot. I wasn't totally useless, as I saw the Cooper's sitting in a

tree in the Maintenance yard and also the Mountain Chickadee in an adjacent tree. It was quite a walk!

I love my new checklist. I decided to include all birds with greater than zero probability of being seen for the week, based on the last 7 years of data. That amounted to 46 birds and left only a couple of inches at the bottom of the sheet to add unusual sightings. I needed half of that space to add the four: Chipping Sparrow, the two Parrots, and the Downy Woodpecker. It all worked out perfectly.

Alan,  
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