

The date: 5/11/2021

The week number: 19

The walk number: 1610

The weather: 70 F; sunny

The walkers: Alan Cummings, Viveca Sapin-Areeda, Chip O'Connor, Chris Moreno, Leanne Martin

The birds (24)

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| 1 | Western | Bluebird | 1 |
| 7 | Red-whiskered | Bulbul | 2 |
| 10 | | Bushtit | 3 |
| 4 | American | Crow | 4 |
| 4 | Mourning | Dove | 5 |
| 10 | House | Finch | 6 |
| 12 | Lesser | Goldfinch | 7 |
| 1 | Sp. | Hawk | 8 |
| 5 | Anna's | Hummingbird | 9 |
| 1 | Selasphorus | Hummingbird | 10 |
| 7 | Dark-eyed | Junco | 11 |
| 1 | | Killdeer | 12 |
| 2 | | Mallard | 13 |
| 4 | Northern | Mockingbird | 14 |
| 4 | Black | Phoebe | 15 |
| 3 | Band-tailed | Pigeon | 16 |
| 3 | Common | Raven | 17 |
| 2 | House | Sparrow | 18 |
| 3 | European | Starling | 19 |
| 4 | California | Towhee | 20 |
| 1 | Warbling | Vireo | 21 |
| 3 | Wilson's | Warbler | 22 |
| 1 | Yellow | Warbler | 23 |
| 7 | Acorn | Woodpecker | 24 |

Walk lasted between 12:00 and 14:15. Tournament Park still closed.

We had a new birder join the Caltech bird walks and as often happens, when we have a new birder we get some interesting birds. And that was the case. Leanne Martin joined the fray. And we saw some birds we have not seen in a while, such as Warbling Vireo and Yellow Warbler. Nice. Leanne is the 190th individual to walk at least one Caltech bird walk and she brought the total number of person-walks to 6205. Welcome, Leanne. It was the 1610th walk overall, dating back to October 1986. The 24 species we recorded was not a record for the week, but it was well above the median of 18. The predicted number from my handy-dandy checklist (see the link at birdwalks.caltech.edu/checklists.html) was 24.0, so we hit the exact number predicted! Pretty soon we can skip the walks and I'll just tick off the most likely ones from my checklist. By the

way, both the Warbling Vireo and Yellow Warbler were on the list, each with a sighting probability of 29%.

Alan,
5/14/2021