

The date: 5/25/2021
 The week number: 21
 The walk number: 1612
 The weather: 86 F; partly cloudy
 The walkers: Alan Cummings, Viveca Sapin-Areeda, Chris Moreno

The birds (26)

1	Western	Bluebird	1
3	Red-whiskered	Bulbul	2
2		Bushtit	3
6	American	Crow	4
3	Mourning	Dove	5
14	House	Finch	6
1	Olive-sided	Flycatcher	7
12	Lesser	Goldfinch	8
4	Anna's	Hummingbird	9
2	Selasphorus	Hummingbird	10
5	Dark-eyed	Junco	11
1		Killdeer	12
1		Mallard	13
3	Northern	Mockingbird	14
4	Black	Phoebe	15
1	Band-tailed	Pigeon	16
5	Common	Raven	17
1	House	Sparrow	18
2	European	Starling	19
1	White-throated	Swift	20
3	California	Towhee	21
1	Warbling	Vireo	22
1	Wilson's	Warbler	23
2	Yellow	Warbler	24
7	Acorn	Woodpecker	25
1	Bewick's	Wren	26

Walk lasted between 12:00 and 14:16. Tournament Park is still closed.

Interesting walk and not just because of the birds. The main event was watching Viveca save the life of a turtle. The turtle had fallen into the pond with the water sculpture in it. There was no way for the turtle to climb back out. Viveca took pity on the helpless turtle and waded in and retrieved it and put it into one of the turtle ponds. Hooray for Viveca! It turned out that that action delayed her and Chris's departure, enough so that a Mallard flew in. So, Viveca's heroics ended up gaining us a bird on the list. Hooray for Viveca! Oh, I already said that.

On the bird side of things, we saw an Olive-sided Flycatcher, which was a first for us for the year, but which was actually on the checklist at 14% probability. The Wilson's and Yellow Warblers

had changed location since the previous few weeks. They moved from just east of the turtle ponds to the big tree on Wilson just north of the garden area. Neither of them was on the checklist. I suspect they will have moved completely off campus by the next walk. Our 26 birds exceeded expectations by two birds, which I guess we can attribute to the two warblers.

Alan,
5/30/2021