

The date: 8/24/2021

The week number: 34

The walk number: 1625

The weather: 82 F; partly cloudy

The walkers: Alan Cummings, Viveca Sapin-Areeda, Chris Moreno, Chip O'Connor
Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi, Judi Sato

The birds (21)

2	Western	Bluebird	1
1	Red-whiskered	Bulbul	2
3		Bushtit	3
1	American	Crow	4
6	Mourning	Dove	5
2	House	Finch	6
1	Lesser	Goldfinch	7
1	Red-tailed	Hawk	8
2	Anna's	Hummingbird	9
1	Selasphorus	Hummingbird	10
5	Dark-eyed	Junco	11
1		Mallard	12
2	Black	Phoebe	13
2	Band-tailed	Pigeon	14
1	Common	Raven	15
2	House	Sparrow	16
1	Turkey	Vulture	17
1	Wilson's	Warbler	18
8	Acorn	Woodpecker	19
1	Downy	Woodpecker	20
1	Nuttall's	Woodpecker	21

Walk lasted between 12:00 and 13:50. Tournament Park was closed.

We had another amazing, record-setting walk. So, two weeks in a row we have set a new weekly record. That might be a first. We also had two new walkers, Marsha and Judi. They are the 194th and 195th walkers to walk the Caltech bird walk and brings our cumulative person-walks to 6,275. It was the 1625th walk, dating back to October, 1986.

An interesting development came when someone, I think Viveca, spotted a Red-tailed Hawk soaring in the far distance. Looking for that, Chip exclaimed he was seeing two soaring birds. We soon discovered that the two were Turkey Vultures. They were in the zero probability category of seeing but we beat the odds. Also beating the odds was a Downy Woodpecker. We had a nice woodpecker day, in fact, seeing three species. It was a fantastic walk!

For those of you who were aware that I misplaced last week's list and had to recreate it from memory, I did find it. And I have corrected last week's list. I had the correct species, but the

numbers of each were off in many cases. I found the list in a data analysis book I dig out from time to time, and it looks as if I were using the bird list as a bookmark. Fortunately, I needed to check the formulae on page 64, so I pulled it out again and there was the bird list! So, all OK now.

Alan,
8/28/2021