

The date: 11/11/2020

The week number: 46

The walk number: 1585

The weather: 65 F; sunny

The walkers: Alan Cummings, Viveca Sapin-Areeda, Chris Moreno, Sok Tng, Lynn Harper

The birds (25)

- 15 Rock Pigeon
- 1 California Scrub Jay
- 3 Northern Mockingbird
- 1 House Sparrow
- 6 Mourning Dove
- 7 House Finch
- 1 Anna's Hummingbird
- 6 Acorn Woodpecker
- 1 American Crow
- 5 Dark-eyed Junco
- 3 Lesser Goldfinch
- 3 Common Raven
- 21 Yellow-rumped Warbler
- 4 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- 3 Black Phoebe
- 1 White-crowned Sparrow
- 1 Red-tailed Hawk
- 1 Say's Phoebe
- 2 Townsend's Warbler
- 1 Red-shouldered Hawk
- 1 Red-whiskered Bulbul
- 7 Bushtit
- 1 Hummingbird, Selasphorus
- 2 Band-tailed Pigeon
- 1 California Towhee

Walk lasted between 12:00 to 13:50. Tournament Park still closed.

We welcomed back Sok Tng. Sok left Caltech in 2018 and this was her first walk back since then. Her first walk was on 4/10/13 and this was her 90th Caltech birdwalk. Welcome back Sok! We also welcomed a new walker, Lynn Harper. We had 5 walkers in all, the most in a long time. The reminders quit going out when my computer at work got power-cycled. I probably should do those manually now, which I can easily do if I can remember to do so. Remembering is the hard part.

It was a very good walk. We had 25 species, on short of the record for a week 46. For the first time that I can remember, we got all 9 "regulars" at the top of my pre-printed bird checklist. These regulars have become decidedly irregular over the years. It is unusual, for example, to get Rock Pigeon, but today we saw a flock of 15. You never know what you are going to get. The two

hawks were sitting in trees; the red-shouldered was very close to us, so I guess that was my highlight bird. I liked the two Townsend's Warblers too.

Alan,
11/11/2020