

The date: 1/9/2024

The week number: 2

The walk number: 1746

The weather: 60 F; sunny

The walkers: Alan Cummings, Viveca Sapin-Areeda, Chris Moreno, Ellen Yu,

Chip O'Connor, Mickey Areeda, Judi Sato, Annabelle Aylmer, Marsh Hirano-Nakanishi

The birds (25)

No.	First Name	Last Name	Prob
1	Red-whiskered	Bulbul	0.50
28		Bushtit	0.62
3	American	Crow	1
4	Mourning	Dove	0.75
1	House	Finch	1
1	American	Goldfinch	0.50
9	Lesser	Goldfinch	0.88
1	Red-tailed	Hawk	0.62
3	Anna's	Hummingbird	1
2	Dark-eyed	Junco	0.88
1	Ruby-crowned	Kinglet	1
1		Merlin	0
1	Northern	Mockingbird	0.75
2	Red-breasted	Nuthatch	0
4	Black	Phoebe	1
9	Band-tailed	Pigeon	1
6	Common	Raven	1
2	American	Robin	0.25
3	White-crowned	Sparrow	0.25
1	California	Towhee	0.88
1	Townsend's	Warbler	0.50
25	Yellow-rumped	Warbler	1
6	Acorn	Woodpecker	1
1	Nuttall's	Woodpecker	0.38
2	Bewick's	Wren	0.88

Walk lasted between 12:00 and 14:20

We had a fantastic walk. I saw things I had never seen before, such as two Band-tailed Pigeons mating. And a Merlin chasing after a bird. The Merlin did not connect as far as we could tell. Just seeing a Merlin was a rare event, and when it wasn't chasing a bird, it sat in a plain sight in a tree for all to see. And we had a good number of species. We observed 25 and the prediction was 25.2. I have now put the prediction for each week on the plots of species observed at http://birdwalks.caltech.edu/bird_data/species_time.html so be sure to check that out. The prediction is based on the previous 8 years of observations and varies weekly, as does my checklist, which is also based on the previous 8 years of observations. The prediction for a given week is just the sum of the probabilities of observing the different species for that week. This year, we are going to keep track of how well the observations and the predictions agree at the

above link. And one other highlight: 2 Red-breasted Nuthatches at the first stop on Arden Rd.
Just a great walk.

Alan,
1/12/2024