

The date: 3/2/2021

The week number: 9

The walk number: 1600

The weather: 75 F; sunny

The walkers: Alan Cummings, Viveca Sapin-Areeda, Chris Moreno, Caressa Wong

The birds (22)

7	American	Crow	1
4	Mourning	Dove	2
11	House	Finch	3
2	American	Goldfinch	4
11	Lesser	Goldfinch	5
40	Species	Gull	6
1	Red-tailed	Hawk	7
4	Anna's	Hummingbird	8
1	Selasphorus	Hummingbird	9
7	Dark-eyed	Junco	10
2	Ruby-crowned	Kinglet	11
2		Mallard	12
10	Red-crowned	Parrot	13
4	Black	Phoebe	14
7	Band-tailed	Pigeon	15
4	Common	Raven	16
1	California	Scrub-Jay	17
1	House	Sparrow	18
4	White-throated	Swift	19
1	California	Towhee	20
9	Yellow-rumped	Warbler	21
7	Acorn	Woodpecker	22

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

We were only one above the median for a week 9 but it was an interesting walk nonetheless. For one thing, it was the 1600<sup>th</sup> Caltech birdwalk. Wow. That's a lot of 2+ mile walks. It all started on 15 October 1986. Thanks to our current crop of walkers, it continues on.

We had a new walker, Caressa Wong, and she is very interested in birds. I believe she would like to be an ornithologist, but as she said, those careers are few and far between. She is a student and biology is her major. I was glad to see that she had no objection to calling a rusty-looking hummingbird a "Selasphorus Hummingbird" as she agreed it is tough to tell the difference between a Rufous and an Allen's, unless you see a Rufous male. She also didn't object to Gull, sp. for the 40 gulls that flew over. I am reluctant to try to identify them since Jon Feenstra didn't try on a walk years ago. If Jon is not going there, I'm not going there.

We also ran into a new graduate student, who may join the walks next week. I will reveal her name if that happens.

Stay safe everyone and hope to see more of you back on the walks soon.

Alan,

3/4/2021