

The date: 4/9/2024

The week number: 15

The walk number: 1758

The weather: 73 F; sunny

The walkers: Alan Cummings, Viveca Sapin-Areeda, Chip O'Connor,
Ellen Yu, Jim Zumberge

The birds (24)

No.	First Name	Last Name	Prob
1	Red-whiskered	Bulbul	1
1	Eurasian	Collared-Dove	0
3	American	Crow	1
4	Mourning	Dove	0.75
3	House	Finch	1
7	Lesser	Goldfinch	1
2	Red-shouldered	Hawk	0
2	Red-tailed	Hawk	0.50
5	Anna's	Hummingbird	1
1	Selasphorus	Hummingbird	0.75
6	Dark-eyed	Junco	1
1	Ruby-crowned	Kinglet	0.38
3	Northern	Mockingbird	0.75
2	Black	Phoebe	0.88
6	Band-tailed	Pigeon	0.75
2	Common	Raven	1
1	House	Sparrow	1
1	European	Starling	0.12
1	California	Towhee	0.75
1	Orange-crowned	Warbler	0.88
10	Yellow-rumped	Warbler	1
3	Acorn	Woodpecker	1
2	Nuttall's	Woodpecker	0.25
1	Bewick's	Wren	0.62

Walk lasted between 12:00 and 14:13

This was a rare walk in which we added a new bird to the Caltech list, the Eurasian Collared-Dove. A tip of the hat to Ellen, who persisted in advocating for the Collared-Dove, while most of us were trying to fit it into a bird we already have on the list, such as the Mourning Dove or the Band-tailed Pigeon. But, we couldn't make it be one of those as it did not have a yellow beak or yellow feet, so no Band-tailed Pigeon, and it had a squared off tail, so no Mourning Dove. It did have a broad white tip to the underside of the tail and that turned out to be diagnostic when I returned to the office and did some research. We did not have a proper view to see the dark band on the back of the neck, but I am sure we identified it correctly. This is the 131st species we've identified on campus. Again, thanks to Ellen for making us thoroughly examine this bird. As for totals, our 24 species was 1.5 short of the prediction and 8 short of the record high for the

week, but 4 above the median. So, it was above average on the quantity and spectacular on the quality. Great walk!

Alan,
4/15/2024