

The date: 4/23/2019

The week number: 17

The walk number: 1504

The weather: 82 F; clear

The walkers: Alan Cummings, Viveca Sapin-Areeda, Meagan Gourley, Travis Cummings

The birds (23)

- 3 Anna's Hummingbird
- 5 Acorn Woodpecker
- 1 Black Phoebe
- 2 Common Raven
- 8 Dark-eyed Junco
- 3 Lesser Goldfinch
- 5 House Sparrow
- 3 American Crow
- 3 House Finch
- 1 Red-whiskered Bulbul
- 8 Mourning Dove
- 1 California Towhee
- 1 Cooper's Hawk
- 2 Spotted Towhee
- 3 Band-tailed Pigeon
- 4 Bushtit
- 1 Western Kingbird
- 1 Bewick's Wren
- 5 Northern Mockingbird
- 2 Mallard
- 2 Canada Goose
- 1 Nuttall's Woodpecker
- 1 Black-headed Grosbeak

Black-headed Grosbeak! We saw one in Tournament Park.

My records are in serious need of updating, but I think it was the 6th sighting of one on campus and the first since 2007. Three of those previous sightings also occurred during week 17, so week 17 shall henceforth be known as Black-headed Grosbeak week.

Week 16 is known as the end of Yellow-rumped Warbler season, and that is ingrained in my memory bank, so I should now be able to remember what week 17 is.

We were excited. We high-fived.

Travis Cummings made his first appearance of the year on the walk and maybe he brought us the good luck. We also saw a Western Kingbird, which just happens to be his bird name in our family's bird watching group.

I'm the California Thrasher, if you are curious. Suits me just fine.

Best,

Alan