

The date: 5/4/2021  
 The week number: 18  
 The walk number: 1609  
 The weather: 81 F; sunny  
 The walkers: Alan Cummings, Viveca Sapin-Areeda

The birds (23)

4	Red-whiskered	Bulbul	1
9		Bushtit	2
2	American	Crow	3
3	Mourning	Dove	4
9	House	Finch	5
1	Ash-throated	Flycatcher	6
6	Lesser	Goldfinch	7
4	Anna's	Hummingbird	8
2	Selasphorus	Hummingbird	9
10	Dark-eyed	Junco	10
2		Mallard	11
5	Northern	Mockingbird	12
3	Black	Phoebe	13
1	Common	Raven	14
4	House	Sparrow	15
4	European	Starling	16
3	White-throated	Swift	17
1	California	Towhee	18
2	Spotted	Towhee	19
1	Orange-crowned	Warbler	20
4	Wilson's	Warbler	21
6	Acorn	Woodpecker	22
1	Bewick's	Wren	23

Walk lasted between 12:00 and 14:11. Tournament Park still closed.

Viveca and I had an interesting walk. For one thing, it was the first time we didn't have to wear masks. Caltech now says vaccinated people can parade around campus outside without them. So, that was nice. For another, we found that the hole-in-the-tree nest on Wilson is that of a European Starling. We observed the Mom or Dad feed the baby. So, we should have starlings for a while. We debated about a Thrush, sp., on Arden Rd. that I had a pretty good look at, but it was in the shadows. Its posture was like a thrush and it had an eye ring but I could not make out any spots on the breast. So, I decided not to count it. If we had counted it, we would have gotten 24 species, when the prediction was 23.9. I think my checklist predictor is doing a good job.

Alan,  
 5/8/2021

