

The date: 7/2/2024

The week number: 27

The walk number: 1769

The weather: 84 F; sunny

The walkers: Alan Cummings, Chris Moreno, Viveca Sapin-Areeda,  
Ellen Yu, Heather Moreno, Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi

The birds (15)

No.	First Name	Last Name	Prob
2	Western	Bluebird	0.38
1	Red-whiskered	Bulbul	1
5		Bushtit	0.50
3	American	Crow	1
1	House	Finch	1
4	Lesser	Goldfinch	1
2	Anna's	Hummingbird	0.88
1	Selasphorus	Hummingbird	0.75
10	Dark-eyed	Junco	0.88
1	Northern	Mockingbird	0.88
1	Red-shouldered	Hawk	0.12
1	Common	Raven	0.75
1	House	Sparrow	1
10	Acorn	Woodpecker	1
2	Bewick's	Wren	0.38

Walk lasted between 12:00 and 13:52.

We were joined by a new walker, Heather, Chris's daughter. And usually that's a good sign for the bird count, but after about an hour we all contemplated scrapping the walk... for lack of birds. Someone tried to put a positive spin on the situation by saying that if we did set a record low, it was still a record. We had one bird coming out of Arden Rd. But, once again, about the time Ellen showed up, we picked up the pace on recording birds. We picked up 4 species in the big tree on Wilson, which was a big haul. Eventually, we observed 15 species, 2.2 below the prediction, but right on the median. We did have a big highlight though, a Red-shouldered Hawk just outside Tournament Park that flew around from tree to tree and posed quite nicely. It even appeared to try to catch something on the ground right near us. Not sure if it succeeded or not. So, it wasn't all bad. However, I don't think the walk rose to the level of being not half bad.

Alan,  
7/3/2024

