

The date: 7/16/2025

The week number: 29

The walk number: 1828

The weather: 79 F; sunny

The walkers: Alan Cummings, Viveca Sapin-Areeda, Kevin Kan, Renee Hsu, Eric Warren, Audrey Chyung, Annabelle Aylmer, Chip O'Connor, Wan-Ying Kan, Calvin Kan, John Beckett, Chris Moreno, Maureen Hayward, Ellen Yu

The birds (20)

No.	First Name	Last Name	Prob
1	Red-whiskered	Bulbul	0.88
12		Bushtit	0.62
4	American	Crow	1
3	Mourning	Dove	1
2	House	Finch	1
3	Lesser	Goldfinch	1
1	Cooper's	Hawk	0.38
1	Red-tailed	Hawk	0.12
2	Anna's	Hummingbird	1
4	Selasphorus	Hummingbird	0.50
4	Dark-eyed	Junco	1
1	Cassin's	Kingbird	0
2	Mitred	Parakeet	0
25	Red-masked	Parakeet	0.75
1	Black	Phoebe	0.75
3	Common	Raven	0.75
5	House	Sparrow	0.88
1	Oak	Titmouse	0
4	California	Towhee	0.50
13	Acorn	Woodpecker	1

Walk lasted between 12:00 and 13:56

We had quite the group of walkers today, 14 to be exact. That probably is a record but finding that out proved harder than I thought. Three were new or the Caltech birdwalks, two undergrads, Renee and Audrey, and Chris's cousin Maureen. And the group produced a record-tying walk! We observed 20 species, which tied the record for the week. The prediction was 17.2, so not a lot of difference between the max and the prediction this week. I don't usually single out someone for their efforts but I feel I must mention Wan-Ying. She was not only the first to spot the Bushtits but she was the one who spotted the 20th bird. She and the rest of the Kan family were trailing behind when she saw a bird that she couldn't identify, but she knew it was different from what we'd seen. She rushed forward and got us back to where we could all see it: a Cassin's Kingbird. Good for Wan-Ying. We would have missed that one had she not seen it. Other good birds were an Oak Titmouse and 2 Mitred Parakeets. Both of those were zero probability birds.

What was a downer was not seeing a Northern Mockingbird. It was 100% probable but didn't show up. That one would have had us seeing a new record for the week. Nevertheless, it was a great walk.

(See below for a correction to this story provide by Wan-Ying.)

Alan,
7/17/2025

Hi Alan,
Thanks for the shout-out, but to set the record straight I believe Calvin actually IDed the bushtits before I did, and Kevin might have been first to spot that kingbird - I was just the loudest about those sightings! Anyway, thanks for compiling the data every week; I've been making my way through the archives. Looking forward to the next walk,
Wan-Ying