

The date: 7/30/2024

The week number: 31

The walk number: 1773

The weather: 81 F; sunny

The walkers: Alan Cummings, Chris Moreno, Viveca Sapin-Areeda,  
Chip O'Connor, Ellen Yu, Cathy Moerler, Sarah Cook

The birds (21)

No.	First Name	Last Name	Prob
4	Western	Bluebird	0.25
1		Bushtit	0.75
1	Brown-headed	Cowbird	0
4	American	Crow	0.75
3	Mourning	Dove	1
6	House	Finch	0.75
10	Lesser	Goldfinch	0.88
1	Anna's	Hummingbird	0.62
2	Selasphorus	Hummingbird	0.62
2	Dark-eyed	Junco	1
1	Northern	Mockingbird	0.62
1	Black	Phoebe	0.88
2	Band-tailed	Pigeon	0.38
5	Common	Raven	0.50
2	House	Sparrow	0.75
2	Oak	Titmouse	0
1	California	Towhee	0.38
1	Orange-crowned	Warbler	0.12
8	Acorn	Woodpecker	1
2	Nuttall's	Woodpecker	0.12
2	Bewick's	Wren	0.12

Walk lasted between 12:00 and 14:04.

We had the most amazing walk. First, we had two new walkers join, Cathy Moerler and Sarah Cook, and as it often happens, they bring luck. And they did. First, we set a record for the week, with 21 birds. Previous record was 20. Then we saw something that I had never seen before, an Orange-crowned Warbler feeding a juvenile Brown-headed Cowbird! I kid you not. After the walk, I read up on this and it's due to the Cowbird laying eggs in another bird's nest. The warbler appeared to be quite frantic, trying to find food for this huge bird. So, there you have it, probably the most amazing walk in the history of the Caltech bird walks. There have now been 1773 of them, the first being in October of 1986. And we persist.

Alan,  
8/2/2024

