

The date: 8/13/2019
The week number: 33
The walk number: 1520
The weather: 84 F; sunny
The walkers: Alan Cummings, Viveca Sapin-Areeda, Meagan Gourley

The birds (24)

- 1 House Finch
- 3 Anna's Hummingbird
- 23 Acorn Woodpecker
- 1 American Crow
- 2 Black Phoebe
- 2 Lesser Goldfinch
- 1 Red-whiskered Bulbul
- 2 Western Bluebird
- 1 Downy Woodpecker
- 1 Bewick's Wren
- 9 Red-masked Parakeet
- 1 Mourning Dove
- 6 California Towhee
- 2 Orange-crowned Warbler
- 1 House Sparrow
- 3 Dark-eyed Junco
- 1 Common Raven
- 1 Band-tailed Pigeon
- 1 Spotted Towhee
- 1 Turkey Vulture
- 2 Hummingbird, Selasphorus
- 25 Bushtit
- 1 Hawk, sp.
- 1 Northern Mockingbird

The total of 24 species for a week 33 broke the record for the week by 5 species! It turns out to be the second-highest-scoring walk ever (since beginning of 1987 – first walks in late 1986 were not

part of the scoring system due to the gradual establishment of the walk route.) The scoring is based

on the number of sigma above the mean of the distribution of species seen for a given week. This week's score was

a whopping 3.2963, second only to the walk on 3/28/11 of 3.36935. That walk also featured the highest number of species ever recorded, 37. To see a report of that historic walk, which involved 9 walkers, click on

http://birdwalks.caltech.edu/bird_data/past_walk_reports_mar2011.htm

This is the dead of summer, but the birds don't seem to know that. It's supposed to be a good walk if we get into double digits. But, two weeks ago

we also set the record for highest score for a week. Must be climate change!

Best,

Alan

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