

The date: 8/19/2020
The week number: 34
The walk number: 1573
The weather: 99 F; sunny
The walkers: Viveca Sapin-Areeda, Alan Cummings

The birds (13)

- 4 House Sparrow
- 2 Mourning Dove
- 2 Anna's Hummingbird
- 7 Acorn Woodpecker
- 1 Common Raven
- 2 Dark-eyed Junco
- 1 Red-whiskered Bulbul
- 5 Black Phoebe
- 1 Mallard
- 1 Red-tailed Hawk
- 2 California Towhee
- 1 Orange-crowned Warbler
- 9 Bushtit

Walk lasted between 12:00 to 13:30. Tournament Park was closed, as it has been for months. The walk was significant for what it produced and what it did not produce. We did not see Lesser Goldfinch. Seems like it's been a long time since that happened. On the other hand, we did see an Orange-crowned Warbler. Seems out of season, but I recall this happening before and I recall John Beckett saying that Catalina Island has a year-round sub-species of Orange-crowned Warbler. So, I looked on the web and found this:

“The Orange-crowned Warbler (*Vermivora celata*) breeds widely over western and northern North America, and east across Canada. There are four recognized subspecies of this warbler. One of them, the sordida subspecies (*Vermivora celata* ssp. *sordida*), is endemic to the Channel Islands and reaches its highest density on Santa Catalina Island. This subspecies is fairly different from others that breed on the continent, however, its life history is poorly known.



While mainland Orange-crowned Warblers are long distance migrants and strict ground nesters, the sordidas are year round residents on the islands or migrate a very short distance to the coast of Southern California and nest in shrubs or trees as well as on the ground.”

So, I guess we saw *Vermivora sordidas*.

Alan,
8/23/2020