

The date: 10/1/2020

The week number: 40

The walk number: 1579

The weather: 100 F; sunny

The walkers: Alan Cummings, Viveca Sapin-Areeda, Chris Moreno, Darren Dowell

The birds (17)

- 2 House Sparrow
- 5 Mourning Dove
- 3 House Finch
- 1 Anna's Hummingbird
- 2 Acorn Woodpecker
- 4 American Crow
- 1 Dark-eyed Junco
- 4 Killdeer
- 2 Western Meadowlark
- 5 Lesser Goldfinch
- 11 Bushtit
- 1 Common Raven
- 5 Savannah Sparrow
- 1 Bewick's Wren
- 1 Red-whiskered Bulbul
- 1 Black-throated Gray Warbler
- 5 Yellow-rumped Warbler

Walk lasted between 12:00 to 13:45. Tournament Park was still closed.

I am happy to say that the yellow-rumped warblers showed up right on schedule. If you go to http://birdwalks.caltech.edu/bird_data/probability_plots.htm and look at the 5th panel down in the middle column of the top plot, you will see that they arrive on week 40 and depart on week 16. And so it is once again. As I predicted. But, I will say, we just barely got them. Viveca and I were out on the south athletic field looking at 4 Killdeer and 2 Western Meadowlark and two other species of smaller birds, one species of which was identified later by Darren Dowell as Savannah Sparrow. I am giving Darren credit for the walk. He responded to an emergency phone call from the group and drove over to survey the field, after we had left. He identified the sparrow that we couldn't identify. Thanks, Darren. Meanwhile, Chris was in the shade of a big tree on the north side of the field looking at some small birds, some of which she thought was a warbler. Sure enough, there were 5 yellow-rumps there. We did not see any others on the walk. Whew! Thanks, Chris. It was a good walk, though hot at 100 F. I found the other prize find, the Black-throated Gray Warbler in the turtle pond area.

Alan,
10/4/2020