

The date: 10/22/2025

The week number: 43

The walk number: 1842

The weather: 72 F; sunny

The walkers: Alan Cummings, Viveca Sapin-Areeda, Chip O'Connor, John Beckett, Ellen Yu, Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi, Mickey Areeda, Eric Warren, Kevin Kan, Wan-Ying Kan, Calvin Kan, Chris Moreno

The birds (23)

No.	First Name	Last Name	Prob
1	Red-whiskered	Bulbul	0.25
10		Bushtit	0.50
2	American	Crow	0.75
3	House	Finch	0.88
1	Red-tailed	Hawk	0.75
3	Anna's	Hummingbird	1
1	Selasphorus	Hummingbird	0.75
7	Dark-eyed	Junco	0.88
1	Cassin's	Kingbird	0
2	Ruby-crowned	Kinglet	0.88
1	Northern	Mockingbird	0.75
4	Black	Phoebe	0.88
2	Band-tailed	Pigeon	0.75
6	Common	Raven	0.88
1	Red-naped	Sapsucker	0
2	White-crowned	Sparrow	0
2	California	Towhee	0.75
2	Orange-crowned	Warbler	0.25
1	Wilson's	Warbler	0
15	Yellow-rumped	Warbler	1
8	Cedar	Waxwing	0.12
5	Acorn	Woodpecker	1
1	Bewick's	Wren	0.12

Walk lasted between 12:00 and 14:05

We did very well this week, observing 23 species when 19.5 was the prediction. We thought we could get close to the record for the week, which was 27, if we had seen some very-likely-to-see birds. For example, we didn't see a Mourning Dove at 100% probability, nor a Lesser Goldfinch at 75% probability. And we missed the House Sparrows that have been very reliable lately. And we missed seeing a Townsend's Warbler at 62% probable (same as for House Sparrow). So there are 4 birds that would have tied the record and should have been seen. On the other hand, we did see 4 birds that had zero probability, so we shouldn't complain.

Wan-Ying was at it again with an addition to the 39th anniversary book she gave me last week. There are 3 new pages and the photos of them are below. The pictures of the 15 rare birds was

in the original edition but in this addendum, she's identified them. And she's added a list of the walkers in the 100-walk club. Six of those listed were on the walk today. Thank you, Wan-Ying!

Alan,
10/23/2025



"FIND MORE BIRDS!!"

The record for most species seen on a single walk is 37 (achieved in Week 13 on Walk 1084 - March 28, 2011)



I'd originally used the above photo of an Inca Tern to represent our illustrious leader, but then stumbled upon the report for Walk 1504 (April 23, 2019) in which Alan mentions that his bird name in their family's bird watching group is California Thrasher (don't recall it's a Western Kingbird - well, what about Supercat??)

The 100-WALK CLUB

Out of the 238 individuals who have participated in the Caltech Bird Walk since its inception, only one birder has completed more than a thousand walks: Alan Cummings (Walker #1) with 1637 walks and counting!!

Sixteen individuals have completed 100 walks or more. They are listed below by increasing Walker # (with date of first walk and number of walks completed as of 10/15/25)

10/15/84	#2	Ernie Franzgrote	217
05/17/88	#5	Tom Garrard	129
07/05/88	#7	Jim Campbell	210
04/27/95	#20	Daniel Williams	111
11/03/98	#32	Glen Hammell	353
01/23/01	#44	Bill Schaefer	107
01/30/01	#47	Kent Potter	462
04/23/02	#56	Ashiah Mahabai	119
12/12/06	#83	Beth Moore	160
*07/17/07	#92	Viveca Sapin-Areeda	816
06/10/08	#100	Derren Dowell	110
*12/21/09	#115	John Beckett	394
07/26/10	#121	Vicky Brennan	235
*12/26/11	#130	Chip O'Connor	215
*06/05/20	#186	Chris Moreno	223
*08/24/21	#194	Marsha Hirano-Bakanishi	101

* Current birders whose walk totals will likely continue to increase