

The date: 12/17/2024
 The week number: 51
 The walk number: 1792
 The weather: 70 F; sunny
 The walkers: Alan Cummings, Viveca Sapin-Areeda,
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The birds (20)

No.	First Name	Last Name	Prob
3	Western	Bluebird	0.50
2	Red-whiskered	Bulbul	0.50
2	American	Crow	1
2	Mourning	Dove	1
2	House	Finch	0.88
10	Lesser	Goldfinch	1
1	Red-tailed	Hawk	0.75
1	Anna's	Hummingbird	1
7	Dark-eyed	Junco	1
4	Ruby-crowned	Kinglet	1
1	Northern	Mockingbird	0.50
1	Black	Phoebe	1
1	Band-tailed	Pigeon	0.88
2	Common	Raven	0.88
1	American	Robin	0.38
2	California	Towhee	0.75
1	Townsend's	Warbler	0.75
10	Yellow-rumped	Warbler	1
8	Acorn	Woodpecker	1
1	Nuttall's	Woodpecker	0.12

Walk lasted between 12:00 and 14:12

This walk started off extremely slowly. We had no birds coming out of the first stop on Arden Rd. I'm not sure that has ever happened before. But, just as we turned up the driveway to the Health Center off Arden, we saw a California Towhee, which stopped the shutout that was being pitched to us. It really wasn't until the second half of the walk that observations picked up. We had a great sighting of an American Robin on Holliston, the first of the season. We inched our way along until we got 20 species, only 1.7 short of the prediction. Prominent in their absences were Bushtit, House Sparrow, and Selasphorus-style Hummingbird. But, the latter two were only 25% probable, so not all that unexpected. All in all, not a bad walk after a rotten start.

Alan,
 12/18/2024

