

The date: 4/15/2026

The week number: 16

The walk number: 1865

The weather: 73 F; partly cloudy

The walkers: Alan Cummings, Viveca Sapin-Areeda, Annette Kapple, Chip O'Connor, Alex Ortiz, Calvin Kan, John Beckett, Wan-Ying Kan, Eric Warren, Madi McKenzie, Geoffrey Mo, Kaitlyn Shin Annabelle Aylmer

The birds (27)

No.	First Name	Last Name	Prob
1	Red-whiskered	Bulbul	1
9		Bushtit	1
2	American	Crow	1
5	Mourning	Dove	1
6	House	Finch	1
1	Lesser	Goldfinch	1
1	Red-shouldered	Hawk	0.25
3	Anna's	Hummingbird	1
3	Selasphorus	Hummingbird	0.75
8	Dark-eyed	Junco	1
2	Northern	Mockingbird	1
2	White-breasted	Nuthatch	0
1	Black	Phoebe	1
8	Common	Raven	1
4	House	Sparrow	1
1	Song	Sparrow	0
2	European	Starling	0.62
1	Northern_Rough-winged	Swallow	0.12
2	White-throated	Swift	0.25
1	Oak	Titmouse	0
2	California	Towhee	0.75
4	Turkey	Vulture	0.25
1	Black-throated_Gray	Warbler	0.12
2	Orange-crowned	Warbler	0.38
2	Wilson's	Warbler	0.50
2	Acorn	Woodpecker	1
1	Bewick's	Wren	0.62

Walk lasted between 12:00 and 14:03

We welcomed a new walker, Madi McKenzie, and as usual when a new walker appears, good things happen. And the good thing today was a Song Sparrow, a very rare bird for the walk. Unfortunately, Madi didn't see it, nor did I for that matter. Viveca reported it after the walk on her way back to her car. It presumably was in Tournament Park. Overall, we observed 27 species, which was 1.8 above the prediction and only 2 below the maximum for the week. Another interesting thing happened on the walk: Paul Rothmund stopped by on his way into

Caltech. We were on Del Mar. Paul was the 4th walker to walk the walk. Ernie Franzgrote and I were the first two on 10/15/1986 and we were the only ones walking until Bengt Stridh joined on 1/6/1988. Then Paul followed on 3/15/1988. My records show that Paul walked 10 times in 1988 and 3 more in 1994. I believe Paul was an undergrad from 1990 to 1994, so it is a bit of a puzzle why he was on the walks 2 years before he entered Caltech as a student. Paul threatened to join the walk again in the future and if he does so, he will undoubtedly set the record for longest gap between appearances. So, I look forward to that record being set. One other thing of interest: we tied the record of 13 for most species observed that had 100% probability of being observed. So, there you have it. Interesting walk!

Alan,
4/17/2026