

The date: 7/8/2026

The week number: 28

The walk number: 1877

The weather: 89 F; sunny

The walkers: Viveca Sapin-Areeda, Chip O'Connor, Calvin Kan, Bella Barrera, Kevin Zhen, Kevin Kan, Ellen Yu, Wan-Ying Kan, John Beckett, Allison Roberts, Isabella Mueller

The birds (25)

No.	First Name	Last Name	Prob
1	Western	Bluebird	0.50
3	Red-whiskered	Bulbul	1
2		Bushtit	0.75
1	American	Crow	0.88
5	Mourning	Dove	0.88
5	House	Finch	0.88
3	Lesser	Goldfinch	0.88
1	Red-tailed	Hawk	0.25
2	Anna's	Hummingbird	0.88
2	Selasphorus	Hummingbird	0.75
8	Dark-eyed	Junco	1
1	Northern	Mockingbird	0.88
2	White-breasted	Nuthatch	0
3	Mitred	Parakeet	0
2	Red-masked	Parakeet	0
1	Black	Phoebe	0.88
1	Band-tailed	Pigeon	0.62
1	Common	Raven	0.75
1	California	Scrub-Jay	0
2	House	Sparrow	1
2	Oak	Titmouse	0.12
3	California	Towhee	0.38
17	Acorn	Woodpecker	1
2	Nuttall's	Woodpecker	0.50
2	Bewick's	Wren	0.50

Walk lasted between 12:00 and 14:02

I was again not on this walk, which was another record-setter. They observed 25 species, two above the record for the week. The prediction was 17.6, so way above that. Here is what Viveca wrote about the walk: "So another great walk was had with another record for the date. The two species of parakeets were visibly identified, as well as the nuthatch. We spent a lot of time with a little unknown guy. Some agreement that we wanted it to be a Hutton's Vireo, but I'm not sure. I thought the beak was quite long and pointy like a flycatcher or possibly a warbler and had this bulge black eye with no eye rings. Some people saw wing bars. We looked at many images and maybe it could have been an immature bird? So, that was a tough one. I think maybe put it as a possible."

Editor's note: Based on the description, I did not put it down.

Also, I note that that were 3 new walkers: Bella Barrera, Kevin Zhen, and Isabella Mueller. Here is the info on Bella and Kevin that I received from Katie Chiu: "Bella is currently a student at Pitzer College, majoring in Environmental Analysis. She will be studying abroad beginning August 1, with a focus on birds. During her time as a volunteer at Caltech, we would like her to help us develop a Caltech Bird StoryMap. Kevin is our Document Control Manager in Facilities and also assists us with GIS mapping."

Isabella is an undergraduate at Caltech. I'm looking forward to possibly meeting the 3 new walkers on the next walk.

Alan,
7/13/2026