The date: 11/18/2026
The week number: 47
The walk number: 1897
The weather: 65 F; partly cloudy
The walkers: Alan Cummings, Viveca Sapin-Areeda,
Chip O'Connor, Kevin Kan, Ellen Yu, Vasileia Anastasiadou

The birds (22)

No.	First Name	Last Name	Prob
2	Western	Bluebird	0.50
1	Red-whiskered	Bulbul	0.50
2	American	Crow	1
15	Mourning	Dove	0.75
8	House	Finch	1
1	Cooper's	Hawk	0.12
1	Red-tailed	Hawk	0.75
1	Anna's	Hummingbird	1
1	Selasphorus	Hummingbird	0.75
6	Dark-eyed	Junco	0.88
2	Ruby-crowned	Kinglet	0.88
1	Black	Phoebe	0.88
3	Common	Raven	1
1	American	Robin	0.12
1	California	Scrub-Jay	0.25
1	House	Sparrow	0.50
2	California	Towhee	0.62
9	Yellow-rumped	Warbler	1
15	Cedar	Waxwing	0.38
9	Acorn	Woodpecker	1
1	Nuttall's	Woodpecker	0.88
1	Bewick's	Wren	0.38

Walk lasted between 12:00 and 13:54

We observed 22 species, which was just about as predicted (22.1). We had a new walker, Vasileia Anastasiadou, who I met at the Shine Bright for Voyager event the night before. On the day of the walk, Voyager 1 reached 1 light-day away from Earth. Voyager is my other hobby. The media got wind of the fact that I was the last person to touch the Voyager spacecraft before their launches, so a lot of media outlets decided to interview me. I even got an email while I was on the walk from NBC channel 4 in LA to set up a live interview later that day, which did transpire. Anyway, back to the bird business. It started very slowly and very quietly. Vasileia asked if this was normal and I assured her it was not. It wasn't. We thought we might wind up below the minimum (11) for a while. But we persisted and we reached the prediction, bagging a Black Phoebe at the last stop, the Turtle Ponds. Whew! Except for the bird-number anxiety, it was a good walk.

Alan,

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