

Thursday's Impromptu Bird Walk

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Hi, bird lovers:

Russ Butcher wrote up this description and bird list from Oak Hills Memorial Park:

Oak Hill Memorial Park

March 5, 2020 – 31 species

This impromptu bird walk provided bright sunshine with temperatures from the low 60s to the upper 70s. The avian highlights were Red-tailed and Red-shouldered Hawks; Acorn and Nuttall's Woodpeckers; Western Bluebirds; a male Lesser Goldfinch boasting bright-yellow breeding plumage; Lark Sparrows and Dark-eyed ("Oregon") Juncos. The day's biggest surprise was a male crested Phainopepla with glossy black plumage. Near the end of our walk, we saw two Great Horned Owls – one barely visible among the fronds of a date palm and the other mostly hidden in the crotch of an old pine.

Snowy Egret

Great Blue Heron

Red-shouldered Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

Turkey Vulture

American Kestrel

Great Horned Owl

Mourning Dove

Eurasian Collared-Dove

Anna's Hummingbird

Acorn Woodpecker

Nuttall's Woodpecker

Cassin's Kingbird

Black Phoebe

Raven

Crow

California Scrub-Jay

Bushtit

White-breasted Nuthatch

Northern Mockingbird

Western Bluebird

Starling

Phainopepla

Yellow-rumped Warbler

White-crowned Sparrow

Chipping Sparrow

Lark Sparrow

California Towhee

Dark-eyed Junco

House Finch

Lesser Goldfinch

Here are a few photos, too:



NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD by Mike Baldwin



DARK-EYED JUNCO by Joan Comito



ACORN WOODPECKER by Ann Baldwin



ACORN WOODPECKER by Mike Baldwin

LESSER GOLDFINCH (male) by Mike Baldwin



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NUTTALL'S WOODPECKER by Joan Comito



CHIPPING SPARROW by Ann Baldwin

LARK SPARROW by Joan Comito



WESTERN BLUEBIRD (male) by Ann Baldwin



CASSIN'S KINGBIRD by Ann Baldwin



STARLING by Joan Comito



MOURNING DOVE by Ann Baldwin



GREAT HORNED OWL IN NEST by Ann Baldwin (you'll have to take my word for it!)

Watch your mail box for details of our next bird walk on Friday, March 20th.

Ann Baldwin
President