

BIRD OF THE MONTH - AUGUST

CALIFORNIA TOWHEE

Did you hear that??....

Wait! I hear it again.

That abrupt, sharp metallic TINK!!

**That's the "calling"-card announcement
of the California Towhee!**

Peer down into the leaf-litter and you'll see this largish, 9", dusty-brown, long-tailed bird eagerly shuffling through the ground cover looking for grubs, or briefly perched in nearby bushes. Its drab gray/brown appearance is nicely offset by a rusty/orange patch under-tail and surrounding a thick darkish bill.

This successful breeder in our local tree-filled parks will likely have its similar looking mate quite close by, listening intently for that identifying TINK! call and ready to respond.

Photos by James Kendall

