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| Egyptian Goose (exotic)      |    |   |    |     |    |    | 1  |   |    |     |    | 1      |
| 1 Canada Goose               | 62 |   |    |     |    | 1  |    |   |    |     |    | 63     |
| 2 Gadwall                    | 5  |   |    |     | 18 | 20 |    |   |    |     |    | 43     |
| 3 American Wigeon            | 65 |   |    |     |    | 8  |    |   |    |     |    | 73     |
| 4 Mallard                    | 20 | 2 |    |     | 50 | 33 | 28 |   |    | 20  |    | 153    |
| 5 Cinnamon Teal              | 2  |   |    | 1   |    |    |    |   |    |     |    | 3      |
| 6 Northern Shoveler          |    |   |    |     |    | 8  |    |   |    |     |    | 8      |
| 7 Redhead                    |    |   |    |     |    | 1  |    |   |    |     |    | 1      |
| 8 Ring-necked Duck           |    |   |    |     |    | 23 |    |   |    |     |    | 23     |
| 9 Lesser Scaup               | 16 |   |    |     |    |    |    |   |    |     |    | 16     |
| 10 Surf Scoter               |    |   |    | 2   |    |    |    |   |    |     |    | 2      |
| 11 Bufflehead                |    | 3 |    | 3   |    | 2  |    |   |    |     |    | 8      |
| 12 Hooded Merganser (SL)     |    |   |    |     | 10 |    | 2  |   |    |     |    | 12     |
| 13 Red-breasted Merganser    |    |   |    |     |    |    |    |   |    | 3   |    | 3      |
| 14 Ruddy Duck                | 85 | 7 |    | 15  | 10 | 18 |    |   |    |     |    | 135    |
| 15 California Quail          |    |   | 60 |     |    | 24 | 33 |   | 6  |     |    | 123    |
| 16 Red-throated Loon         |    |   |    | 4   |    |    |    |   |    |     |    | 4      |
| 17 Pacific Loon              |    |   |    | 25  |    |    |    |   |    | 1   |    | 26     |
| 18 Pied-billed Grebe         | 9  | 1 |    | 1   |    |    |    |   |    |     |    | 11     |
| 19 Horned Grebe              |    |   |    |     |    |    |    |   |    | 2   |    | 2      |
| 20 Eared Grebe               | 2  |   |    | 2   |    |    |    |   |    |     |    | 4      |
| 21 Western Grebe             |    |   |    | 20  |    |    |    |   |    | 130 |    | 150    |
| 22 Pink-footed Shearwater    |    |   |    | 1   |    |    |    |   |    |     |    | 1      |
| 23 Black-vented Shearwater   |    |   |    | 80  |    |    |    |   |    |     |    | 80     |
| 24 American White Pelican    |    |   |    | 6   |    |    |    |   |    |     |    | 6      |
| 25 Brown Pelican             |    | 3 |    | 125 |    |    |    |   | 1  | 90  |    | 219    |
| 26 Brandt's Cormorant        |    |   |    | 50  |    |    |    |   |    | 20  |    | 70     |
| 27 Double-crested Cormorant  | 37 |   |    | 21  |    |    |    |   |    | 10  |    | 68     |
| 28 Pelagic Cormorant         |    |   |    | 1   |    |    |    |   |    | 1   |    | 2      |
| 29 American Bittern          |    |   |    |     |    |    |    |   | cw |     |    | 0      |
| 30 Least Bittern             | 1  |   |    |     |    |    |    |   |    |     |    | 1      |
| 31 Great Blue Heron          | 2  |   |    |     | 1  |    | 2  |   |    | 6   |    | 11     |
| 32 Great Egret               | 4  | 1 |    | 1   | 1  | 2  | 8  |   |    | 2   |    | 19     |
| 33 Snowy Egret               | 9  |   |    |     | 2  |    | 4  |   |    | 5   |    | 20     |
| 34 Green Heron               | 2  |   |    |     |    |    |    |   |    |     |    | 2      |
| 35 Black-crowned Night-Heron |    |   |    |     | 1  |    | 1  |   |    | 1   |    | 3      |
| 36 Turkey Vulture            | 8  | 6 | 45 | 4   | 20 | 68 | 2  | 1 |    |     |    | 154    |
| 37 Osprey                    | 1  |   |    | 1   |    |    |    |   |    | 1   |    | 3      |

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| 38 White-tailed Kite    | 1  |      |    | 2   | 1  |     | 1  |   |   |     |    | 5      |
| 39 Northern Harrier     |    |      | 2  |     |    |     |    |   |   |     |    | 2      |
| 40 Sharp-shinned Hawk   |    | 1    |    |     |    |     | 1  |   |   |     |    | 2      |
| 41 Cooper's Hawk        | 1  | 1    |    | 1   | 1  |     | 3  |   |   |     |    | 7      |
| 42 Red-shouldered Hawk  | 4  |      | 15 | 3   | 3  | 2   | 3  |   |   | 1   |    | 31     |
| 43 Red-tailed Hawk      | 8  | 9    | 25 | 5   | 1  | 3   | 10 | 4 | 3 |     |    | 68     |
| 44 American Kestrel     |    | 2    | 2  |     |    | 2   | 5  | 5 |   |     |    | 16     |
| 45 Merlin               | 1  |      |    | 1   |    |     |    |   |   |     |    | 2      |
| 46 Peregrine Falcon     | 1  |      |    | 1   |    |     |    |   |   | 2   |    | 4      |
| 47 Virginia Rail        | 2  |      |    |     |    |     |    |   |   |     |    | 2      |
| 48 Sora                 | 2  |      |    |     |    |     |    |   |   |     |    | 2      |
| 49 Common Moorhen       | 9  |      |    | 2   |    |     |    |   |   |     |    | 11     |
| 50 American Coot        | 61 | 41   |    | 55  | 20 | 105 | 8  |   |   | 80  |    | 370    |
| 51 Killdeer             | 21 | 8    |    |     |    |     | 7  |   |   | 80  |    | 116    |
| 52 Black Oystercatcher  |    |      |    | 1   |    |     |    |   |   | 7   |    | 8      |
| 53 Black-necked Stilt   |    |      |    |     |    |     |    |   |   | 7   |    | 7      |
| 54 Spotted Sandpiper    | 2  |      |    | 3   |    | 1   | 1  |   |   | 5   |    | 12     |
| 55 Greater Yellowlegs   | 5  |      |    |     |    |     | 3  |   |   | 2   |    | 10     |
| 56 Willet               |    | 2    |    |     |    |     |    |   |   | 12  |    | 14     |
| 57 Whimbrel             |    |      |    |     |    |     |    |   |   | 1   |    | 1      |
| 58 Marbled Godwit       |    |      |    |     |    |     |    |   |   | 4   |    | 4      |
| 59 Sanderling           |    | 5    |    |     |    |     |    |   |   | 68  |    | 73     |
| 60 Least Sandpiper      | 5  |      |    |     |    |     |    |   |   | 1   |    | 6      |
| 61 Bonaparte's Gull     |    |      |    | 75  |    |     |    |   |   |     |    | 75     |
| 62 Heermann's Gull      |    | 24   |    | 150 |    |     |    |   |   | 50  |    | 224    |
| 63 Mew Gull             |    |      |    |     |    |     |    |   |   | 10  |    | 10     |
| 64 Ring-billed Gull     | 61 | 110  |    | 150 |    | 2   | 18 |   |   | 30  |    | 371    |
| 65 Western Gull         | 3  | 210  |    | 250 |    |     | 5  |   |   | 440 |    | 908    |
| 66 California Gull      | 1  | 701  |    | 612 |    |     | 3  |   |   | 880 |    | 2197   |
| 67 Herring Gull         |    |      |    |     |    |     |    |   |   | 2   |    | 2      |
| 68 Glaucous-winged Gull |    |      |    | 3   |    |     |    |   |   | 40  |    | 43     |
| gull sp.                |    | 1000 |    |     |    |     |    |   |   |     |    | 1000   |
| 69 Forster's Tern       |    |      |    | 2   |    |     |    |   |   |     |    | 2      |
| 70 Royal Tern           |    |      |    | 1   |    |     |    |   |   | 15  |    | 16     |
| 71 Common Murre         |    |      |    | 1   |    |     |    |   |   |     |    | 1      |
| 72 Cassin's Auklet      |    |      |    | 25  |    |     |    |   |   |     |    | 25     |
| 73 Rhinoceros Auklet    |    |      |    | 8   |    |     |    |   |   |     |    | 8      |
| 74 Rock Pigeon          |    | 17   |    | 7   |    | 8   | 19 |   |   | 28  |    | 79     |

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| 75 Mourning Dove                  | 40  | 26 | 55 | 13   | 5  | 33 | 13  | 3 | 15 | 17 |    | 220    |
| 76 Greater Roadrunner             |     |    |    |      |    |    |     |   | 1  |    |    | 1      |
| 77 Barn Owl                       |     |    |    |      |    |    | 1   |   |    |    |    | 1      |
| 78 Great Horned Owl               |     | 2  |    |      |    |    | 1   |   |    |    |    | 3      |
| 79 White-throated Swift           | 1   |    | 30 | 2    |    | 10 |     |   | 11 | 5  |    | 59     |
| 80 Anna's Hummingbird             | 57  | 26 | 31 | 48   | 50 | 14 | 77  | 2 | 14 | 6  |    | 325    |
| 81 Costa's Hummingbird            |     |    |    |      |    |    | 1   |   |    |    |    | 1      |
| 82 Allen's Hummingbird            | 32  |    |    | 16   | 16 | 1  | 18  |   | 5  | 4  |    | 92     |
| 83 Belted Kingfisher              | 1   |    |    |      | 2  |    | 1   |   |    |    |    | 4      |
| 84 Acorn Woodpecker               |     | 11 | 20 |      |    | 20 | 7   | 6 |    |    |    | 64     |
| 85 Red-breasted Sapsucker         | 1   |    |    |      |    |    |     |   |    |    |    | 1      |
| 86 Nuttall's Woodpecker           | 17  | 2  | 10 | 6    | 8  | 3  | 20  | 1 |    | 2  |    | 69     |
| 87 Downy Woodpecker               | 9   |    |    |      | 2  |    |     |   |    |    |    | 11     |
| 88 Northern Flicker (Red-shafted) | 3   | 7  | 16 | 1    |    | 1  | 22  | 2 | 3  |    |    | 55     |
| 89 Black Phoebe                   | 27  | 11 | 23 | 26   | 17 | 4  | 48  |   | 6  | 7  |    | 169    |
| 90 Say's Phoebe                   | 2   | 3  | 4  | 2    | 1  |    | 14  | 1 | 2  | 2  |    | 31     |
| 91 Cassin's Kingbird              | 13  | 2  | 4  | 4    | 6  | 2  | 45  |   | 3  |    |    | 79     |
| 92 Plumbeous Vireo                | 1   |    |    |      |    |    |     |   |    |    |    | 1      |
| 93 Loggerhead Shrike              |     |    |    |      |    |    | 3   |   |    |    |    | 3      |
| 94 Hutton's Vireo                 |     |    |    | 1    | 3  |    |     |   |    |    |    | 4      |
| 95 Western Scrub-Jay              | 1   | 10 | 65 | 3    |    | 5  | 26  | 6 | 3  |    |    | 119    |
| 96 American Crow                  | 128 | 74 | 75 | 8000 | 70 | 22 | 143 | 8 | 44 | 35 |    | 8599   |
| 97 Common Raven                   | 1   | 30 | 42 | 10   | 10 | 2  | 8   | 2 | 5  | 1  |    | 111    |
| 98 Horned Lark                    |     |    |    |      |    |    | 1   |   |    |    |    | 1      |
| 99 Northern Rough-winged Swallow  |     |    |    |      |    |    | 3   |   |    |    |    | 3      |
| 100 Mountain Chickadee            |     |    | 1  | 1    |    |    |     |   |    |    |    | 2      |
| 101 Oak Titmouse                  |     | 1  | 43 | 2    | 1  | 2  |     |   |    |    |    | 49     |
| 102 Bushtit                       | 50  | 16 | 27 | 85   | 55 | 10 | 232 | 8 | 7  | 25 |    | 515    |
| 103 White-breasted Nuthatch       |     |    | 4  |      |    | 1  |     |   |    |    |    | 5      |
| 104 Rock Wren                     |     |    |    |      |    |    |     |   |    | 2  |    | 2      |
| 105 Cactus Wren                   |     |    | 8  |      |    |    |     |   |    |    |    | 8      |
| 106 Bewick's Wren                 | 1   | 1  | 4  | 8    | 12 | 1  | 7   |   | 2  | 1  |    | 37     |
| 107 House Wren                    | 7   |    | 5  | 4    | 4  | 1  | 3   |   |    |    |    | 24     |
| 108 Marsh Wren                    | 4   |    |    |      |    |    |     |   |    |    |    | 4      |
| 109 Ruby-crowned Kinglet          | 26  |    | 12 | 12   | 15 | 1  | 20  |   | 2  | 2  |    | 90     |
| 110 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher         | 1   |    | 1  |      |    |    | 14  |   |    |    |    | 16     |
| 111 California Gnatcatcher        |     |    | 3  | 7    |    |    | 2   |   |    | 2  |    | 14     |
| 112 Western Bluebird              | 11  | 7  |    |      | 6  | 10 | 6   |   |    | 3  |    | 43     |

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| 113 Hermit Thrush          | 2   | 1   |     | 4   | 6   |    | 24  |    | 1  |    |    | 38     |
| 114 American Robin         |     |     |     | 21  | 50  |    |     |    |    |    |    | 71     |
| 115 Wrenit                 | 2   | 11  | 62  | 6   |     |    | 59  | 2  | 8  | 1  |    | 151    |
| 116 Northern Mockingbird   | 2   | 7   | 12  | 6   | 2   | 1  | 13  | 1  | 1  | 2  |    | 47     |
| 117 California Thrasher    |     | 13  | 10  | 1   | 2   | 1  | 29  |    | 1  | 2  |    | 59     |
| 118 European Starling      | 39  | 23  | 66  | 50  | 12  | 2  | 42  | 4  | 20 | 60 |    | 318    |
| 119 American Pipit         |     | 12  |     | 42  |     |    | 9   |    |    |    |    | 63     |
| 120 Cedar Waxwing          | 10  | 21  |     | 120 | 50  |    | 6   |    |    |    |    | 207    |
| 121 Phainopepla            |     | 1   | 1   |     |     | 1  |     |    |    |    |    | 3      |
| 122 Orange-crowned Warbler | 17  |     | 1   | 9   | 17  |    | 10  |    | 2  | 5  |    | 61     |
| 123 Yellow Warbler         |     |     |     |     | 1   |    |     |    |    |    |    | 1      |
| 124 Yellow-rumped Warbler  |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |    |    |    |    | 1719   |
| Audubon's                  | 744 | 42  | 178 | 280 | 100 | 22 | 304 | 2  | 4  | 40 |    | 1716   |
| Myrtle                     | 1   |     |     |     | 2   |    |     |    |    |    |    | 3      |
| 125 Townsend's Warbler     | 6   |     |     | 4   | 2   |    |     |    |    |    |    | 12     |
| 126 American Redstart      | 1   |     |     |     |     |    |     |    |    |    |    | 1      |
| 127 Common Yellowthroat    | 38  | 1   |     | 7   | 5   |    | 22  |    | 2  | 1  |    | 76     |
| 128 Wilson's Warbler       | 1   |     |     | 2   |     |    |     |    |    | 1  |    | 4      |
| 129 Summer Tanager         |     |     |     |     | 2   |    |     |    |    |    |    | 2      |
| 130 Spotted Towhee         | 5   | 11  | 24  | 5   | 4   | 9  | 33  |    | 3  |    |    | 94     |
| 131 California Towhee      | 12  | 19  | 68  | 16  | 5   | 4  | 92  | 6  | 5  | 3  |    | 230    |
| 132 Rufous-crowned Sparrow |     |     | 10  |     |     |    | 2   |    |    |    |    | 12     |
| 133 Chipping Sparrow       | 13  |     | 1   |     |     |    |     |    |    |    |    | 14     |
| 134 Lark Sparrow           |     |     | 16  |     |     |    | 3   |    |    |    |    | 19     |
| 135 Savannah Sparrow       |     |     | 8   |     |     |    |     |    |    |    |    | 8      |
| 136 Fox Sparrow            |     |     | 3   |     |     |    | 3   |    | 3  |    |    | 9      |
| 137 Song Sparrow           | 36  | 5   | 5   | 47  | 12  | 10 | 72  |    | 3  | 1  |    | 191    |
| 138 Lincoln's Sparrow      | 3   |     | 2   | 2   |     |    | 5   |    |    |    |    | 12     |
| 139 White-throated Sparrow |     |     | 3   |     |     |    |     |    |    |    |    | 3      |
| 140 Golden-crowned Sparrow |     | 1   | 8   | 1   |     |    | 7   |    |    |    |    | 17     |
| 141 White-crowned Sparrow  | 43  | 59  | 69  | 60  | 22  | 1  | 247 | 5  | 25 | 5  |    | 536    |
| 142 Dark-eyed Junco        | 25  |     | 12  | 5   |     | 5  |     |    |    |    |    | 47     |
| 143 Red-winged Blackbird   | 52  | 108 |     | 2   |     |    |     |    |    |    |    | 162    |
| 144 Western Meadowlark     |     | 33  |     |     |     |    | 56  | 21 |    |    |    | 110    |
| 145 Brewer's Blackbird     | 1   | 136 |     | 4   |     |    |     |    |    |    |    | 141    |
| 146 Great-tailed Grackle   | 46  |     |     | 1   |     |    |     |    |    | 3  |    | 50     |
| 147 House Finch            | 39  | 22  | 59  | 225 | 50  |    | 328 | 4  | 30 | 10 |    | 767    |
| 148 Lesser Goldfinch       | 25  | 4   | 94  | 24  | 8   | 1  | 84  |    | 4  |    |    | 244    |

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| 149 American Goldfinch   | 42   |      | 4    | 6    | 5   |     | 10  |   |     | 3  |    | 70     |
| 150 House Sparrow        |      | 3    | 4    | 10   | 25  |     | 11  |   |     | 1  |    | 54     |
| Nutmeg Mannikin (exotic) | 28   |      |      | 9    | 30  |     | 48  |   |     |    |    | 115    |
| Night Hours              | 0    | 0.5  | 0    | 0    | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0 | 0   | 0  |    | 2.5    |
| Nighttime Miles          | 0    | 5    | 0    | 0    | 0   | 0   | 5   | 0 | 0   | 0  |    | 10     |
| Daytime Hours            | 11   | 10.5 | 26.5 | 8.5  | 7.5 | 4.5 | 33  | 3 | 10  | 9  |    | 123.5  |
| Hours by Foot            | 9.75 | 5.5  | 26   | 4.5  | 7   | 2.5 | 26  | 3 | 2.5 | 8  |    | 94.75  |
| Hours by Car             | 1.25 | 5    | 0.5  | 0.75 | 0.5 | 2   | 16  | 0 | 7.5 | 1  |    | 34.5   |
| Hours by Boat            | 0    | 0    | 0    | 3    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0 | 0   | 0  |    | 3      |
| Daytime Miles            | 10.3 | 60   | 19.5 | 25   | 17  | 35  | 100 | ? | 6   | 25 |    | 297.75 |
| Miles by Foot            | 7.25 | 6    | 17.5 | 4.5  | 1   | 4   | 26  | ? | 3   | 5  |    | 74.25  |
| Miles by Car             | 3    | 54   | 2    | 5.5  | 16  | 31  | 100 | ? | 3   | 20 |    | 234.5  |
| Miles by Boat            | 0    | 0    | 0    | 15   | 0   | 0   | 0   | ? | 0   | 0  |    | 15     |

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- 3.** Starr Ranch Sanctuary & Caspers Park (area leader: Stephan Lorenz)
- 4.** Pelagic Areas & Saddleback College (area leader: Kaaren Perry)
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- 6.** Upper San Juan Creek (area leader: Laura Camp)
- 7.** Aliso-Wood Canyons & Zigerot/Cosco area (area leader: Gary Meredith)
- 8.** Donna O'Neill Land Conservancy (area leader: Heidi Keller)
- 9.** San Clemente Urban Areas (area leader: Kim Lopina)
- 10.** Dana Point & Doheny State Park (area leader: Joel Weintraub)
- 11.** Owling at Starr Ranch & Caspers Wilderness Park (area leader: Dan Lockshaw)