

Sea & Sage Audubon

SJWS Monthly Census Report for June 2008

Below is a list of birds seen and/or heard on our June 4th census at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine. Birders who took part in the census were: Betsy Flynn, Melanie Tongoc, Jan Gaffney, Jerry Tolman, Carolyn Noble, Gail Richards, Nancy Kenyon, Dick Purvis, Holly Fuhrer.

COMMENTS:

The lone California Thrasher was not seen this month; we hope that's because he or she has found a mate and is attending a nest somewhere in the sanctuary. The mockingbirds were also not in evidence. On the other hand, birds such as the Spotted Towhee, Common Yellowthroat, Bell's Vireo, Yellow-breasted Chat, and even the Willow Flycatcher could be heard singing throughout the marsh. In ponds C, D, & E, there were baby American Avocets, Mallards of various ages, a baby Pied-billed Grebe, a baby American Coot being fed in the back portion of pond D, 2 baby Killdeer in pond C, and what may have been baby Gadwalls in pond C. Missing were the families of Black-necked Stilts which don't appear to be nesting in the marsh at all this year.

See our chapter webpage for data on all of our SJWS censuses:

<http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/BirdInfo/SJWSscensus.htm>

Birds seen and/or heard: (Birds observed in the San Diego Creek are marked with parenthesis.)

Gadwall 8

Mallard 66 (2)

Cinnamon Teal 9

Ruddy Duck 33

California Quail 2

Pied-billed Grebe 18 (1)

American White Pelican 2

Double-crested Cormorant 9

Great Blue Heron 19 (2)

Great Egret 7 (1)

Snowy Egret 4 (1)

Green Heron 3

Black-crowned Night-Heron 7 (1)

Turkey Vulture 18

Northern Harrier 1

Cooper's Hawk 1

Red-shouldered Hawk 1

Red-tailed Hawk 1

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Common Moorhen 1 (1)
American Coot 12 (1)

Killdeer 7
Black-necked Stilt 4
American Avocet 24

Ring-billed Gull 5
Caspian Tern 12
Elegant Tern 2 (2)
Forster's Tern 17 (2)
Least Tern 9
Black Skimmer 3

Mourning Dove 70 (2)
Anna's Hummingbird 23
Allen's Hummingbird 13

Nuttall's Woodpecker 1
Downy Woodpecker 2

Pacific-slope Flycatcher 4
Black Phoebe 4
Western Wood-Pewee 4
Ash-throated Flycatcher 8
Willow Flycatcher 4
Bell's Vireo 24
Warbling Vireo 1

American Crow 31
Common Raven 1

Tree Swallow 164 (3)
N. Rough-winged Swallow 15
Cliff Swallow 32 (135)

Bushtit 19
House Wren 2
Marsh Wren 50
Western Bluebird 2
European Starling 4

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Orange-crowned Warbler 4
Yellow Warbler 10
Common Yellowthroat 119 (3)
Wilson's Warbler 2
Yellow-breasted Chat 10

Western Tanager 1
Spotted Towhee 40
Song Sparrow 93 (1)
Red-winged Blackbird 6
Great-tailed Grackle 2
Brown-headed Cowbird 5
Bullock's Oriole 1

House Finch 89
Lesser Goldfinch 42
American Goldfinch 14
House Sparrow 1