

## Sea & Sage Audubon SJWS Census Report for March 2010

**Census Date:** 03/05/10

**Census Time:** 7:30 - 9:30 am

**Weather:** clear; water calm

**Birders who took part in the census were:** Sara Bethurum, Barbara Dixon, Betsy Flynn, Carol Freund, Jan Gaffney, Sharon Harrow, Bob Hogan, Nancy Kenyon, Paul Klahr, Merri Levy, Carolyn Noble, Sally Menzel, Eunica Morita, Paul Klahr, Dick Purvis, Jerry Tolman, Darrell Wilson. The San Diego Creek was covered and is marked in blue with ( ).

**See our chapter webpage for data on all of our monthly SJWS bird counts:**

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

**Comments:** We were happy to see the Osprey pair perched above their nesting platform. One of them made several trips to get new sticks to augment their nest. We noticed one of the American Avocets and two of the Ruddy Ducks were already in breeding plumage. The Hooded Mergansers are still around; two were spotted in the San Diego Creek. Paul found a Warbling Vireo in the denser of the 2 eucalyptus trees at the south end of the parking lot. Since the construction work is now completed at ponds A & B, we were able to access all the ponds today. Some of the Tree Swallow nest boxes had been removed by ponds D & C and we later learned that they were removed in preparation for upcoming construction work on the flood control barriers in the area. Several of the swallows were seen perched in the areas of their former nest sites, probably wondering what had become of their nestbox. In pond D, we found a solitary Least Sandpiper perched on a log in the middle of the pond; careful searching revealed a couple of Soras in the reeds at the water's edge.

<b>Geese &amp; Ducks</b>	
6 (5)	Canada Goose
26	Gadwall
(2)	American Wigeon
53 (25)	Mallard
2	Blue-winged Teal
34	Cinnamon Teal
113	Northern Shoveler
20	Green-winged Teal
5	Ring-necked Duck
(2)	Hooded Merganser
41	Ruddy Duck
<b>Grebes</b>	
12 (5)	Pied-billed Grebe
2	Eared Grebe
5	Western Grebe
<b>Pelicans &amp; Cormorants</b>	
2	American White Pelican
2 (2)	Brown Pelican
30 (2)	Double-crested Cormorant
<b>Hérons &amp; Egrets</b>	
10 (2)	Great Blue Heron
5 (1)	Great Egret
14 (1)	Snowy Egret
2 (1)	Green Heron
9	Black-crowned Night-Heron
2	White-faced Ibis
<b>Diurnal Birds of Prey</b>	
10	Turkey Vulture
2	Osprey
1	Sharp-shinned Hawk
1	Cooper's Hawk
1	Red-shouldered Hawk
2 (1)	Red-tailed Hawk
(1)	American Kestrel
<b>Rails, Gallinules &amp; Coots</b>	
1	Virginia Rail

2	Sora
5 (3)	Common Moorhen
56 (15)	American Coot
<b>Plovers</b>	
20	Killdeer
<b>Stilts &amp; Avocets</b>	
82	Black-necked Stilt
9	American Avocet
<b>Sandpipers</b>	
3 (3)	Spotted Sandpiper
1	Least Sandpiper
39	Long-billed Dowitcher
<b>Gulls</b>	
6	Ring-billed Gull
79 flyover	California Gull
<b>Doves</b>	
45 (2)	Mourning Dove
<b>Hummingbirds</b>	
75	Anna's Hummingbird
8	Allen's Hummingbird
<b>Kingfishers</b>	
1 (2)	Belted Kingfisher
<b>Woodpeckers</b>	
3	Nuttall's Woodpecker
2	Downy Woodpecker
1	Northern Flicker
<b>Flycatchers &amp; Vireos</b>	
12 (5)	Black Phoebe
(1)	Say's Phoebe
2	Cassin's Kingbird
1	Warbling Vireo
<b>Crows &amp; Ravens</b>	
46 (6)	American Crow
1 (2)	Common Raven
<b>Swallows</b>	
196	Tree Swallow
10 (17)	N. Rough-winged Swallow

2	Cliff Swallow
1 (1)	Barn Swallow
<b>Bushtits &amp; Wrens</b>	
80 (2)	Bushtits
4	Bewick's Wren
4	House Wren
44 (6)	Marsh Wren
<b>Kinglets &amp; Gnatcatchers</b>	
12	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
18	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
<b>Thrushes</b>	
2	Hermit Thrush
<b>Mockingbirds &amp; Thrashers</b>	
3	Northern Mockingbird
2	California Thrasher
<b>Pipits</b>	
35	American Pipit
<b>Warblers</b>	
15	Orange-crowned Warbler
94 (3)	Yellow-rumped Warbler
1	Black-throated Gray Warbler
118 (7)	Common Yellowthroat
2	Wilson's Warbler
<b>Towhees &amp; Sparrows</b>	
38 (1)	Spotted Towhee
1	California Towhee
152 (23)	Song Sparrow
8	White-crowned Sparrow
14	Red-winged Blackbird
1	Great-tailed Grackle
<b>Finches</b>	
97 (25)	House Finch
21	Lesser Goldfinch
12	American Goldfinch
<b>Exotic Species</b>	
2	Nutmeg Mannikin