Sea & Sage Audubon
SJWS Monthly Census Report for April 2010

Census date: 4/02/10; **Census time:** 7:40 - 9:40 a.m. **Weather:** clear
Birders who took part in the census were: Carol Freund, Jan Gaffney, Sharon Harrow, Bob Hogan, Nancy Kenyon, Paul Klahr, Sally Menzel, Carolyn Noble, Moss Noble, Dick Purvis, Barbara Sentovich, Jerry Tolman, and Darrell Wilson. The San Diego Creek numbers are marked in (parenthesis).
Comments: The American White Pelicans put on quite an aerial display for us. There were 2 flocks of them, flying at slightly different elevations, flying back & forth, crossing from side to side, one flock slightly above the other, against the blue sky. For the first time in months, California Quail were spotted in the Riparian & Back 40 areas. One Osprey was sitting on the nesting platform nest in what appeared to be a brooding position. Green Herons were sighted at ponds C,1, 2, Back 40, & the San Diego Creek. 8 Bell's Vireos were observed in the Back 40 & Riparian areas, 2 very vocal Greater Yellowlegs were wandering around Pond E, and we were dismayed to find 8 Brown-headed Cowbirds.

See our chapter webpage for data on all of our monthly SJWS bird counts:
http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/BirdInfo/BirdCounts/SJWScensus/SJWScensus.htm
or, using the tinyurl system, http://tinyurl.com/cc5gry Í

GEESE & DUCKS
Canada Goose - 19 (4)
Wood Duck - 1 (2)
Gadwall - 8 (2)
Mallard - 68 (24)
Blue-winged Teal - 2
Cinnamon Teal - 15
Northern Shoveler - 14
Green-winged Teal - 15
Ruddy Duck - 59

QUAIL
California Quail - 6

GREBES
Pied-billed Grebe - 6 (2)
Eared Grebe - 2
Western Grebe - 3

PELICANS & CORMORANTS
American White Pelican - 39
Double-crested Cormorant - 26 (2)

HERONS & IBIS
Great Blue Heron - 4 (2)
Great Egret - 7 (1)
Snowy Egret - 6 (2)
Green Heron - 6 (1)
Black-crowned Night-Heron - 23 (1)
White-faced Ibis - 10

DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY
Turkey Vulture - 4 (2)
Osprey - 1
Cooper's Hawk - 3
Red-tailed Hawk - 3 (1)

RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS
Sora - 1
Common Moorhen - 2 (1)
American Coot - 34 (37)

PLOVERS
Killdeer - 3 (1)

STILTS & AVOCETS
Black-necked Stilt - 18
American Avocet - 25

SANDPIPERS
Greater Yellowlegs - 2
Spotted Sandpiper - 2 (3)
Marbled Godwit - 1
Least Sandpiper - 2
Long-billed Dowitcher - 6

GULLS & TERNS
Ring-billed Gull - 6
Forster's Tern - 1

DOVES
Mourning Dove - 25

HUMMINGBIRD
Anna's Hummingbird - 43 (1)
Allen's Hummingbird - 14
Rufous Hummingbird - 2

WOODPECKERS
Nuttall's Woodpecker - 1
Downy Woodpecker - 1

FLYCATCHERS
Pacific-slope Flycatcher - 1
Black Phoebe - 7 (2)
Cassin's Kingbird - 2 (2)
Western Kingbird - 1

VIREOS
Bell's Vireo - 11 (3)
Hutton's Vireo - 2

CROWS & RAVENS
American Crow - 19 (3)
Common Raven - 1 (1)

SWALLOWS
Tree Swallows - 309
N. Rough-winged Swallow - 21 (50)
Cliff Swallow - 3
Barn Swallow - 1

BUSHTITS & WRENS
Bushtit - 35 (2)
Bewick's Wren - 4
House Wren - 9
Marsh Wren - 45 (18)

GNATCATCHERS
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 1

THRUSHES
Hermit Thrush - 3
American Robin - 1
Western Bluebird - 3 (1)

MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS
Northern Mockingbird - 2
California Thrasher - 3

PIPITS
American Pipit - 9

WARBLERS
Orange-crowned Warbler - 13
Yellow Warbler - 1
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 21
Black-throated Gray Warbler - 1
Townsend's Warbler - 1
Common Yellowthroat - 88 (30)
Wilson's Warbler - 2

TOWHEES & SPARROWS
Spotted Towhee - 36 (1)
Song Sparrow - 125 (30)
White-crowned Sparrow - 13

BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES
Red-winged Blackbird - 6
Brewer's Blackbird - 2
Great-tailed Grackle - 4 (2)
Brown-headed Cowbird - 8
Bullock's Oriole - 1

FINCHES
House Finch - 78 (26)
Lesser Goldfinch - 14 (3)
American Goldfinch - 11

EXOTIC SPECIES
Nutmeg Mannikin - 2 (2)