

Sea & Sage Audubon SJWS Census Report for August 2010

Census Date: 08/06/10

Census Time: 7:30 - 9:30 am

Weather: overcast; later the sun came out

Birders who took part in the census were: Barbara Dixon, Carol Freund, Sharon Harrow, Nancy Kenyon, Carolyn Noble, Moss Noble, Sally Menzel, Eunice Morita, 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: The count started out cool with morning overcast, and the water in the ponds was still, creating great reflections. We watched a Snowy Egret motionless in the water ready to stab a fish, a Green Heron striding purposefully along the shore, a Wilson's Phalarope picking tidbits from the pond's still surface, a large flock of Long-billed Dowitchers motionless at the pond's edge, and a couple of male Ruddy Ducks in full breeding plumage with no females nearby to admire them. While we were watching this tranquil scene, we worked hard to shut out the persistent beeping noise of a nearby tractor at work removing sections of heavy K-rail from the road by ponds E & D. Surprisingly, in spite of all the noise and bustle of activity, the birds didn't appear to be undisturbed at all. It was a very interesting morning!

Geese & Ducks	
2	Canada Goose
6	Wood Duck
9	Gadwall
107 (17)	Mallard
1	Cinnamon Teal
2	Ruddy Duck
Quail	
4	California Quail
Grebes	
10 (3)	Pied-billed Grebe
2	Eared Grebe
2	Western Grebe
Cormorants	
11 (1)	Double-crested Cormorant
Hérons & Egrets	
12 (6)	Great Blue Heron
5 (3)	Great Egret
8 (3)	Snowy Egret
8 (2)	Green Heron
8 (1)	Black-crowned Night-Heron
Diurnal Birds of Prey	
1	Turkey Vulture
1	Cooper's Hawk
1	Red-shouldered Hawk
1	Red-tailed Hawk
Coots	
9 (4)	American Coot
Plovers	
3	Semipalmated Plover
6	Killdeer
Stilts & Avocets	
32 (5)	Black-necked Stilt
12	American Avocet
Sandpipers & Phalaropes	
1	Greater Yellowlegs
1 (1)	Spotted Sandpiper
2	Least Sandpiper

Sandpipers & Phalaropes	
8	Short-billed Dowitcher
108	Long-billed Dowitcher
1	Wilson's Phalarope
Terns & Skimmers	
7 (1)	Caspian Tern
13 (1)	Forster's Tern
7	Least Tern
2	Black Skimmer
Doves	
31 (4)	Mourning Dove
Roadrunners	
(1)	Greater Roadrunner
Hummingbirds	
30	Anna's Hummingbird
1	Black-chinned Hummingbird
(1)	Allen's Hummingbird
Woodpeckers	
2 (1)	Nuttall's Woodpecker
1	Downy Woodpecker
Flycatchers	
9	Black Phoebe
1	Say's Phoebe
1	Ash-throated Flycatcher
1	Cassin's Kingbird
1	Western Kingbird
Vireos	
1 (2)	Bell's Vireo
1	Hutton's Vireo
Crows	
11 (21)	American Crow
Swallows	
144	Tree Swallow
122 (105)	Cliff Swallow
1	Barn Swallow
Wrentit & Bushtits	
1	Wrentit
73	Bushtits

Wrens	
1	Bewick's Wren
1	House Wren
6 (7)	Marsh Wren
Thrushes	
1	Western Bluebird
Mockingbirds	
8 (2)	Northern Mockingbird
Warblers	
3	Orange-crowned Warbler
3 (5)	Yellow Warbler
35	Common Yellowthroat
Towhees & Sparrows	
1	Western Tanager
7 (3)	Spotted Towhee
1	California Towhee
94 (11)	Song Sparrow
Blackbirds	
97 (25)	Red-winged Blackbird
Finches	
62 (30)	House Finch
20	Lesser Goldfinch
Exotic Species	
4	Nutmeg Mannikin