

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

**Census Date:** 09/03/10    **Census Time:** 7:30 - 9:40 am    **Weather:** clear; no breeze, quite warm  
**Birders who took part in the census were:** Barbara Dixon, Carol Freund, Jan Gaffney, Sharon Harrow, Bob Hogan, Nancy Kenyon, Merri Levy, Sally Menzel, Eunice Morita, Dick Purvis, Barbara Sentovich, Jerry Tolman, Darrell Wilson. The San Diego Creek was not covered.

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

**Comments:** All of us were able to view the Pectoral Sandpiper in pond D and Jerry & Darrel saw the Semipalmated Sandpiper there also. Pond D had a variety of other interesting species including: 2 Virginia Rails, 3 Soras which were actively feeding out in the open, 17 White-faced Ibis which flew overhead early in the morning, and a lone Wilson's Snipe. This was not a peaceful morning of birding for many of us because dirt was being excavated in preparation for building new flood-control walls and it was very noisy. The normally excitable Killdeer spent much of the morning flying high above the ponds calling their shrill cries and the large flock of Western Sandpipers was constantly moving. Towards the end of the count, a flock of white pelicans flew overhead — a beautiful sight against the blue sky! As we drove out of the sanctuary, some of us saw an Osprey eating a fish on top of one of the poles along Riparian View.

<b>Geese &amp; Ducks</b>	
41	Canada Goose
3	Wood Duck
54 (6)	Gadwall
97	Mallard
6	Cinnamon Teal
16	Northern Shoveler
4	Green-winged Teal
1	Ruddy Duck
<b>Grebes</b>	
3 (2)	Pied-billed Grebe
1	Western Grebe
<b>Pelicans &amp; Cormorants</b>	
45	American White Pelican
19	Double-crested Cormorant
<b>Hérons, Egrets &amp; Ibis</b>	
11	Great Blue Heron
9	Great Egret
10	Snowy Egret
5	Green Heron
8	Black-crowned Night-Heron
17	White-faced ibis
<b>Diurnal Birds of Prey</b>	
2	Turkey Vulture
2	Osprey
<b>Rails, Gallinules &amp; Coots</b>	
2	Virginia Rail
3	Sora
1	Common Moorhen
7	American Coot
<b>Plovers</b>	
4	Semipalmated Plover
8	Killdeer

<b>Stilts &amp; Avocets</b>	
34	Black-necked Stilt
25	American Avocet
<b>Sandpipers</b>	
3	Greater Yellowlegs
1	Pectoral Sandpiper
1	Semipalmated Sandpiper
3	Spotted Sandpiper
68	Western Sandpiper
11	Long-billed Dowitcher
1	Wilson's Snipe
<b>Gulls &amp; Terns</b>	
1	Western Gull
1	Caspian Tern
5	Forster's Tern
<b>Doves</b>	
17	Mourning Dove
<b>Hummingbirds</b>	
21	Anna's Hummingbird
9	Allen's Hummingbird
<b>Woodpeckers</b>	
3	Nuttall's Woodpecker
2	Downy Woodpecker
<b>Flycatchers</b>	
14	Black Phoebe
1	Cassin's Kingbird
<b>Vireos</b>	
13	Bell's Vireo
2	Hutton's Vireo
<b>Crows &amp; Ravens</b>	
29	American Crow
1	Common Raven

<b>Swallows</b>	
37	Tree Swallow
85	Cliff Swallow
24	Barn Swallow
<b>Wrentit &amp; Bushtits</b>	
1	Wrentit
100	Bushtits
<b>Wrens</b>	
1	Bewick's Wren
2	House Wren
10	Marsh Wren
<b>Gnatcatchers</b>	
1	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
<b>Thrashers</b>	
1	California Thrasher
<b>Warblers</b>	
3	Orange-crowned Warbler
3	Yellow Warbler
61	Common Yellowthroat
2	Wilson's Warbler
1	Yellow-breasted Chat
<b>Towhees &amp; Sparrows</b>	
19	Spotted Towhee
111	Song Sparrow
<b>Blackbirds</b>	
7	Red-winged Blackbird
6	Great-tailed Grackle
<b>Finches</b>	
17	House Finch
4	Lesser Goldfinch
<b>Exotic Species</b>	
1	Egyptian Goose