

## Sea & Sage Audubon SJWS Census Report for November 1

**Census Date:** 11/05/10    **Census Time:** 7:30 - 9:40 am    **Weather:** Clear; no breeze

**Birders who took part in the census were:** Barbara Dixon, Betsy Flynn, Carol Freund, Jan Gaffney, Sharon Harrow, Terry Hill, Bob Hogan, Nancy Kenyon, Merri Levy, Sally Menzel, Dick Purvis, Barbara Sentovich, Jerry Tolman & Darrell Wilson. The San Diego Creek was not covered since we no longer have access to it, due to the new entrance road. **Comments:** The weather was sunny & warm. The water in the ponds was so still that it was a challenge to distinguish the tightly-packed flocks of Long-billed Dowitchers and Black-necked Stilts from their reflections. We had some interesting birds this morning, some of which were in unusual places: a Spotted Sandpiper in a pipe opening, later replaced by a Black-crowned Night- Heron, an American Kestrel on the topmost point of a high crane, a Cooper's Hawk near Carlson which was trying to catch a pipit, a flock of 14 White-faced Ibis which put in an early morning appearance in pond D and then disappeared from the marsh, Double-crested Cormorants which were constantly flying around, a group of 20 Redheads in pond 2 which must have just arrived at the SJWS, a group of 12 American Pipits & 12 Cedar Waxwings — the first of the season, a vocal Warbling Vireo, and a very surprising find — a Herring Gull at pond 2. Some of us heard the soft chucking sound of the secretive Hermit Thrush from some dense vegetation near the trail, and in the distance the White-crowned Sparrows were singing. It was a beautiful morning to be out birding!

<b>Geese &amp; Ducks</b>	
12	Canada Goose
7	Wood Duck
16	Gadwall
1	American Wigeon
32	Mallard
2	Blue-winged Teal
20	Cinnamon Teal
102	Northern Shoveler
16	Green-winged Teal
20	Redhead
35	Ring-necked Duck
8	Lesser Scaup
90	Ruddy Duck
<b>Grebes</b>	
12	Pied-billed Grebe
17	Eared Grebe
3	Western Grebe
<b>Pelicans &amp; Cormorants</b>	
15	American White Pelican
203	Double-crested Cormorant
<b>Hérons, Egrets &amp; Ibis</b>	
6	Great Blue Heron
8	Great Egret
11	Snowy Egret
1	Green Heron
15	Black-crowned Night-Heron
25	White-faced ibis
<b>Diurnal Birds of Prey</b>	
1	Turkey Vulture
2	White-tailed Kite
1	Cooper's Hawk
1	Red-shouldered Hawk
1	American Kestrel
1	Merlin

<b>Gallinules &amp; Coots</b>	
3	Common Moorhen
105	American Coot
<b>Plovers</b>	
3	Killdeer
<b>Stilts &amp; Avocets</b>	
99	Black-necked Stilt
22	American Avocet
<b>Sandpipers</b>	
4	Spotted Sandpiper
1	Whimbrel
20	Western Sandpiper
17	Least Sandpiper
169	Long-billed Dowitcher
<b>Gulls &amp; Terns</b>	
6	Ring-billed Gull
7	California Gull
1	Herring Gull
6	Western Gull
21	Forster's Tern
<b>Doves</b>	
6	Mourning Dove
<b>Hummingbirds</b>	
42	Anna's Hummingbird
7	Allen's Hummingbird
<b>Kingfishers</b>	
2	Belted Kingfisher
<b>Woodpeckers</b>	
1	Nuttall's Woodpecker
6	Downy Woodpecker
<b>Flycatchers</b>	
28	Black Phoebe
3	Say's Phoebe
<b>Vireos</b>	
1	Warbling Vireo
1	Hutton's Vireo

<b>Crows</b>	
55	American Crow
<b>Bushtits, Wrens, Babblers</b>	
146	Bushtits
3	House Wren
9	Marsh Wren
1	Wrentit
<b>Kinglets &amp; Gnatcatchers</b>	
12	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
22	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
<b>Thrushes</b>	
6	Hermit Thrush
<b>Mockingbirds &amp; Thrashers</b>	
9	Northern Mockingbird
2	California Thrasher
<b>Pipits &amp; Waxwings</b>	
12	American Pipit
12	Cedar Waxwing
<b>Warblers</b>	
13	Orange-crowned Warbler
111	Yellow-rumped Warbler
51	Common Yellowthroat
<b>Towhees &amp; Sparrows</b>	
13	Spotted Towhee
83	Song Sparrow
13	White-crowned Sparrow
<b>Blackbirds</b>	
4	Red-winged Blackbird
24	Great-tailed Grackle
<b>Finches</b>	
68	House Finch
9	Lesser Goldfinch
<b>Exotic Species</b>	
2	Nutmeg Mannikin