

Sea & Sage Audubon SJWS Census Report for December 2010

Census Date: 12/03/10 **Census Time:** 7:30 - 9:40 am **Weather:** no breeze

Birders who took part in the census were: Barbara Dixon, Betsy Flynn, Jan Gaffney, Sharon Harrow, Bob Hogan, Nancy Kenyon, Paul Klahr, Eunice Morita, Carolyn Noble, Dick Purvis, Barbara Sentovich, Jerry Tolman & Darrell Wilson. The San Diego Creek was covered for the 1st time since the new Riparian View entrance was in place. **Comments:** There was no breeze so the water in the ponds was absolutely still, causing perfect reflections below each bird in the water. This made it an interesting challenge when counting the 86 Black-necked Stilts standing motionless in pond D. Two Brown Pelicans were observed, one of which appeared to have an injured leg. One of the Turkey Vultures had a wing tag No. H-9. There were no Buffleheads, but there were plenty of other duck species including 51 Ring-necked Ducks. In pond C, the Eared Grebes were in constant motion. There were LOTS of very active Double-crested Cormorants scattered around in different ponds; pond 2 had a whopping 327 of them! According to reports from other birders, pond B had an overabundance of small fish on Thursday, which attracted large numbers of herons, egrets, pelicans, and cormorants. Many of these birds were still around including 6 Bonaparte's Gulls. The highlight of the morning, for one of our birders, was seeing 66 White Pelicans at pond 2, reflected in the calm water as they came in for a landing and then hearing the swish, swish, swish of their touchdown.

Geese & Ducks		
49	Canada Goose	
3	Wood Duck	
19	Gadwall	
9	American Wigeon	
63	9	Mallard
2	Blue-winged Teal	
13	Cinnamon Teal	
106	Northern Shoveler	
55	Green-winged Teal	
3	Redhead	
51	Ring-necked Duck	
2	Lesser Scaup	
55	Ruddy Duck	
Grebes		
14	5	Pied-billed Grebe
34	Eared Grebe	
Pelicans & Cormorants		
73	American White Pelican	
1	1	Brown Pelican
402	Double-crested Cormorant	
Herons, Egrets & Ibis		
6	1	Great Blue Heron
11	2	Great Egret
29	2	Snowy Egret
4	1	Green Heron
17	1	Black-crowned Night-Heron
Diurnal Birds of Prey		
24 (H-9)	Turkey Vulture	
2	Osprey	
	1	Red-shouldered Hawk
2	Red-tailed Hawk	
	1	American Kestrel
2	Peregrine Falcon	
Gallinules & Coots		
1	2	Common Moorhen
85	29	American Coot

Plovers		
4	Killdeer	
Stilts & Avocets		
90	Black-necked Stilt	
2	American Avocet	
Sandpipers		
2	2	Spotted Sandpiper
4	Long-billed Dowitcher	
Gulls & Terns		
6	Bonaparte's Gull	
39	1	Ring-billed Gull
2	California Gull	
1	Western Gull	
9	Forster's Tern	
Doves		
1	Mourning Dove	
Swifts		
13	White-throated Swifts	
Hummingbirds		
47	2	Anna's Hummingbird
1	2	Allen's Hummingbird
Kingfishers		
1	1	Belted Kingfisher
Woodpeckers		
3	Nuttall's Woodpecker	
1	Downy Woodpecker	
Flycatchers		
20	3	Black Phoebe
6	1	Say's Phoebe
2	Cassin's Kingbird	
Vireos		
1	Hutton's Vireo	
Crows		
36	American Crow	
3	Common Raven	
Swallows		
15	Tree Swallows	

1	Cliff Swallow	
6	swallow sp.	
Bushtits & Wrens		
85	Bushtits	
2	Bewick's Wren	
2	House Wren	
5	2	Marsh Wren
Kinglets & Gnatcatchers		
10	2	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
17	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	
Thrushes		
7	Hermit Thrush	
Mockingbirds & Thrashers		
4	Northern Mockingbird	
2	California Thrasher	
Starlings, Pipits, Waxwings		
2	European Starling	
9	American Pipit	
183	Cedar Waxwing	
Warblers		
7	1	Orange-crowned Warbler
149	15	Yellow-rumped Warbler
1	Townsend's Warbler	
85	37	Common Yellowthroat
Towhees & Sparrows		
22	Spotted Towhee	
87	15	Song Sparrow
22	43	White-crowned Sparrow
Blackbirds		
10	Red-winged Blackbird	
2	Great-tailed Grackle	
Finches		
38	39	House Finch
15	4	Lesser Goldfinch
Exotic Species		
2	Nutmeg Mannikin	

Birds observed along the San Diego Creek are marked in blue.