

## Sea & Sage Audubon SJWS Census Report for February 2011

**Census Date:** 2/04/11    **Census Time:** 7:30 - 9:30 am    **Weather:** chilly until the sun came out  
**Birders who took part in the census were:** Sara Bethurum, Barbara Dixon, Betsy Flynn, Carol Freund, Jan Gaffney, Sharon Harrow, Terry Hill, Bob Hogan, Nancy Kenyon, Paul Klahr, Merri Levy, Sally Menzel, Dick Purvis, Jerry Tolman and Darrell Wilson. The San Diego Creek was not covered. **Comments:** Many of the ponds still had more than their usual amount of water. Pond E, which is the usual pond to have good shorebird habitat, had 7 sp. of ducks in it but no shorebirds. In fact, we had only 2 sp. of shorebirds on the entire count: 3 Spotted Sandpipers and 3 Least Sandpipers. We had several counts that were identical or almost identical to our January counts: Green-winged Teal (39-Jan; 39-Feb), Cooper's Hawk (3-Jan; 3-Feb), American Kestrel (1-Jan; 1-Feb), Anna's Hummingbird (68-Jan; 66-Feb), Allen's Hummingbird (11-Jan; 11-Feb), Common Raven (1-Jan; 1-Feb), Black-throated Gray Warbler (1-Jan; 1-Feb), Red-winged Blackbird (15-Jan; 15-Feb), and Great-tailed Grackle (4-Jan; 4-Feb). The Black-throated Gray Warbler may be the same one which wintered here last year; 1 bird was reported in Jan, March, & April of 2010. This month, the warbler was found by pond 6. An unusual sighting was seeing 3 Nutmeg Mannikins in the reeds by pond B. The 3 Wood Ducks were seen at pond 1 near the nestbox; wouldn't it be fun if they stayed to nest here!

<b>Geese &amp; Ducks</b>	
14	Canada Goose
3	Wood Duck
10	Gadwall
22	Mallard
6	Blue-winged Teal
36	Cinnamon Teal
102	Northern Shoveler
38	Green-winged Teal
3	Lesser Scaup
15	Bufflehead
75	Ruddy Duck
<b>Grebes</b>	
7	Pied-billed Grebe
12	Eared Grebe
<b>Cormorants</b>	
66	Double-crested Cormorant
<b>Hérons, Egrets &amp; Ibis</b>	
12	Great Blue Heron
3	Great Egret
9	Snowy Egret
6	Green Heron
15	Black-crowned Night-Heron
1	White-faced Ibis
<b>Diurnal Birds of Prey</b>	
34	Turkey Vulture
2	Osprey
3	Cooper's Hawk
1	Red-shouldered Hawk
2	Red-tailed Hawk
1	American Kestrel
<b>Gallinules &amp; Coots</b>	
3	Common Moorhen
124	American Coot

<b>Stilts</b>	
10	Black-necked Stilt
<b>Sandpipers</b>	
3	Spotted Sandpiper
3	Least Sandpiper
<b>Gulls &amp; Terns</b>	
5	Ring-billed Gull
46	California Gull
1	Western Gull
8	Forster's Tern
<b>Doves</b>	
43	Mourning Dove
<b>Swifts</b>	
1	White-throated Swift
<b>Hummingbirds</b>	
66	Anna's Hummingbird
11	Allen's Hummingbird
<b>Kingfishers</b>	
1	Belted Kingfisher
<b>Woodpeckers</b>	
4	Nuttall's Woodpecker
1	Downy Woodpecker
1	Northern Flicker
<b>Flycatchers</b>	
16	Black Phoebe
3	Say's Phoebe
1	Cassin's Kingbird
<b>Crows</b>	
14	American Crow
1	Common Raven
<b>Swallows</b>	
135	Tree Swallow
5	N. Rough-winged Swallow
3	Barn Swallow

<b>Bushtits, Wrens, Wrentits</b>	
144	Bushtit
2	Bewick's Wren
14	Marsh Wren
1	Wrentit
<b>Kinglets &amp; Gnatcatchers</b>	
21	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
13	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
<b>Thrushes</b>	
2	Hermit Thrush
<b>Mockingbirds &amp; Thrashers</b>	
4	Northern Mockingbird
4	California Thrasher
<b>Pipits</b>	
36	American Pipit
<b>Warblers</b>	
4	Orange-crowned Warbler
55	Yellow-rumped Warbler
1	Black-throated Gray Warbler
	Townsend's Warbler
103	Common Yellowthroat
<b>Towhees &amp; Sparrows</b>	
30	Spotted Towhee
133	Song Sparrow
51	White-crowned Sparrow
<b>Blackbirds</b>	
15	Red-winged Blackbird
4	Great-tailed Grackle
<b>Finches</b>	
136	House Finch
6	Lesser Goldfinch
4	American Goldfinch
<b>Exotic species</b>	
1	Egyptian Goose
3	Nutmeg Mannikin