

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

**Census Date:** 3/04/11    **Census Time:** 7:30 - 9:30 am    **Weather:** Birders who took part in the

**census were:** Sara Bethurum, Barbara Dixon, Jan Gaffney, Sharon Harrow, Terry Hill, Bob Hogan, Nancy Kenyon, Merri Levy, Sally Menzel, Carolyn & Clark Noble, Dick Purvis, Barbara Sentovich, Jerry Tolman and Darrell Wilson. **(The San Diego Creek was covered.)** **Comments:** Many of the ponds still had more than their usual amount of water which resulted in very few shorebirds. The weather was warmer this morning and several of the birds showed us that spring was in the air. The Osprey was showing an interest in nest building and several birders observed "him" breaking off twigs and carrying them to the nesting platform by Pond 4. However, since only one Osprey was observed carrying the sticks, we're not sure if there is a pair of them in the area or just a lone bird. Several of the male Ruddy Ducks were in full breeding plumage. In Pond D, a Pied-billed Grebe gave his soft mellow call repeatedly, a Sora was quite vocal and gave us great views when he emerged from the reeds, and as the sun became brighter, the Marsh Wrens became more vocal. In Pond C, both the male Cinnamon Teals and the Green-winged Teals were in full breeding plumage and their bright colors were stunning in the sunlight. There were only 4 American Avocets, but they stuck together in pairs. Even the male Anna's Hummingbird was singing, despite the fact that his territory was dominated by noisy machinery and the bustle of a nearby construction crew.

<b>Geese &amp; Ducks</b>		
26	(2)	Canada Goose
3		Wood Duck
16	(3)	Gadwall
1		American Wigeon
39	(20)	Mallard
3		Blue-winged Teal
33	(2)	Cinnamon Teal
63		Northern Shoveler
34		Green-winged Teal
3		Bufflehead
1		Hooded Merganser
53		Ruddy Duck
<b>Grebes</b>		
5	(1)	Pied-billed Grebe
4		Eared Grebe
<b>Cormorants</b>		
32	(6)	Double-crested Cormorant
<b>Hérons, Egrets &amp; Ibis</b>		
3	(1)	Great Blue Heron
4	(2)	Great Egret
6	(2)	Snowy Egret
4		Green Heron
10		Black-crowned Night-Heron
<b>Diurnal Birds of Prey</b>		
25	(5)	Turkey Vulture
1		Osprey
1		Northern Harrier
4		Cooper's Hawk
1		Red-shouldered Hawk
1		Red-tailed Hawk
1	(1)	American Kestrel
<b>Rails, Gallinules &amp; Coots</b>		
1		Sora
3	(1)	Common Moorhen

61	(17)	American Coot
<b>Plovers</b>		
	(6)	Killdeer
<b>Stilts &amp; Avocets</b>		
53		Black-necked Stilt
4		American Avocet
<b>Sandpipers</b>		
1		Greater Yellowlegs
6		Spotted Sandpiper
9		Least Sandpiper
<b>Gulls &amp; Terns</b>		
152		Ring-billed Gull
972		California Gull
6		Western Gull
1		Caspian Tern
1		Forster's Tern
<b>Doves</b>		
47	(3)	Mourning Dove
<b>Hummingbirds</b>		
51	(3)	Anna's Hummingbird
8		Allen's Hummingbird
<b>Kingfishers</b>		
1	(1)	Belted Kingfisher
<b>Woodpeckers</b>		
7		Nuttall's Woodpecker
4		Downy Woodpecker
1		Northern Flicker
<b>Flycatchers</b>		
10	(6)	Black Phoebe
<b>Vireos</b>		
1		Hutton's Vireo
<b>Crows</b>		
51	(19)	American Crow
3	(1)	Common Raven

<b>Swallows</b>		
191		Tree Swallow
14		N. Rough-winged Swallow
<b>Bushtits, Wrens, Wrentits</b>		
53	(3)	Bushtit
3		Bewick's Wren
4	(2)	House Wren
14	(7)	Marsh Wren
<b>Kinglets &amp; Gnatcatchers</b>		
6		Ruby-crowned Kinglet
5		Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
<b>Thrushes</b>		
2		Hermit Thrush
2		Western Bluebird
<b>Mockingbirds &amp; Thrashers</b>		
2		Northern Mockingbird
2		California Thrasher
<b>Warblers</b>		
5		Orange-crowned Warbler
47		Yellow-rumped Warbler
71	(24)	Common Yellowthroat
<b>Towhees &amp; Sparrows</b>		
37	(3)	Spotted Towhee
161	(26)	Song Sparrow
25		White-crowned Sparrow
<b>Blackbirds</b>		
12		Red-winged Blackbird
<b>Finches</b>		
82	(30)	House Finch
22		Lesser Goldfinch
11		American Goldfinch
<b>Exotic species</b>		
	(5)	Egyptian Goose
6		Nutmeg Mannikin