

Sea & Sage Audubon SJWS Census Report for April 2011

Census Date: 4/01/11 **Census Time:** 7:30 - 9:30 am **Weather:** Clear & Very Warm

Birders who took part in the census were: Barbara Dixon, Betsy Flynn, Jan Gaffney, Sharon Harrow, Terry Hill, Bob Hogan, Nancy Kenyon, Paul Klahr, Merri Levy, Sally Menzel & her brother, Mike McDonald, Eunice Morita, Carolyn Noble & her grandson, Clark, Dick Purvis, Barbara Sentovich, Jerry Tolman, and Darrell Wilson. **Comments:** Besides the warm weather, there were other signs of spring: the Spotted Sandpiper had a few black spots on its breast, the Ospreys were sitting on the nesting platform & one brought some sticks to the nest site, the avocets had cinnamon-brown heads & necks, the male Ruddy Ducks were ruddy with bright blue bills, the Pied-billed Grebes were calling to each other, the Northern Shoveler & Mallard drakes had striking iridescent heads, the male Black-necked Stilts were chasing each other, the White-crowned Sparrows were feeding in tight flocks, the Marsh Wrens were singing up a storm in the reeds, the Tree Swallow population had quadrupled since last month, the Canada Geese showed up in pairs, and a pair of Mallards were waddling around the parking lot. Some of the spring migrants had arrived: a Bell's Vireo and a Warbling Vireo, 2 Black-headed Grosbeaks, a Pacific-slope Flycatcher, a Hooded Oriole & 2 Bullock's Orioles. It was great to see California Quail again, one in the meadow and one in the riparian area. ([creek count](#))

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| Geese & Ducks | | | 44 | Long-billed Dowitcher | 29 | (5) | Marsh Wren | |
| 51 | (5) | Canada Goose | Gulls & Terns | | | 1 | Wrentit | |
| 1 | | Wood Duck | 7 | Ring-billed Gull | Gnatcatchers | | | |
| 12 | (12) | Gadwall | 4 | California Gull | 1 | | Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | |
| 56 | (22) | Mallard | 3 | Western Gull | Thrushes | | | |
| 5 | | Blue-winged Teal | 8 | Caspian Tern | 1 | (2) | Western Bluebird | |
| 26 | | Cinnamon Teal | 13 | Forster's Tern | Mockingbirds & Thrashers | | | |
| 14 | | Northern Shoveler | Doves | | | 6 | (1) | Northern Mockingbird |
| 41 | | Green-winged Teal | 52 | Mourning Dove | Pipits | | | |
| 2 | | Bufflehead | Hummingbirds | | | 14 | | American Pipit |
| 30 | | Ruddy Duck | 42 | (1) Anna's Hummingbird | Warblers | | | |
| Grebes | | | 22 | (3) Allen's Hummingbird | 9 | | Orange-crowned Warbler | |
| 3 | | Pied-billed Grebe | Kingfishers | | | 4 | | Yellow Warbler |
| 2 | | Eared Grebe | 1 | Belted Kingfisher | 88 | | Yellow-rumped Warbler | |
| Cormorants | | | Woodpeckers | | | 2 | | Townsend's Warbler |
| 28 | (2) | Double-crested Cormorant | 5 | Nuttall's Woodpecker | 81 | (38) | Common Yellowthroat | |
| Hérons, Egrets & Ibis | | | 3 | Downy Woodpecker | 2 | | Wilson's Warbler | |
| 8 | (2) | Great Blue Heron | Flycatchers | | | Towhees & Sparrows | | |
| 9 | | Great Egret | 1 | Pacific-slope Flycatcher | 27 | | Spotted Towhee | |
| 8 | (1) | Snowy Egret | 9 | Black Phoebe | 1 | | California Towhee | |
| 4 | | Green Heron | 2 | Say's Phoebe | 161 | | Song Sparrow | |
| 16 | | Black-crowned Night-Heron | Vireos | | | 60 | | White-crowned Sparrow |
| Diurnal Birds of Prey | | | 1 | Bell's Vireo | Grosbeaks | | | |
| 8 | | Turkey Vulture | 1 | Warbling Vireo | 2 | | Black-headed Grosbeak | |
| 2 | | Osprey | 1 | Hutton's Vireo | Blackbirds & Orioles | | | |
| 1 | | White-tailed Kite | Crows | | | 2 | | Red-winged Blackbird |
| 1 | | Cooper's Hawk | 20 | (4) American Crow | 1 | | Great-tailed Grackle | |
| Rails, Gallinules & Coots | | | 2 | Common Raven | 6 | | Brown-headed Cowbird | |
| 1 | | Sora | Swallows | | | 1 | | Hooded Oriole |
| 35 | (10) | American Coot | 836 | Tree Swallow | 2 | | Bullock's Oriole | |
| Plovers | | | 2 | (44) N. Rough-winged Swallow | Finches | | | |
| 5 | (3) | Killdeer | 7 | Cliff Swallow | 89 | | House Finch | |
| Stilts & Avocets | | | 1 | Barn Swallow | 28 | | Lesser Goldfinch | |
| 43 | (2) | Black-necked Stilt | Bushtits, Wrens, Wrentits | | | 14 | | American Goldfinch |
| 26 | | American Avocet | 53 | (1) Bushtit | Exotic species | | | |
| Sandpipers | | | 6 | Bewick's Wren | 2 | | Egyptian Goose | |
| 2 | | Whimbrel | 8 | (2) House Wren | 2 | | Nutmeg Mannikin | |
| 2 | (2) | Spotted Sandpiper | | | | | | |