

## Sea & Sage Audubon SJWS Census Report for March 2012

**Census Date:** 3/02/12 **Census Time:** 7:30 - 9:45 am **Weather:** clear

**Birders:** Barbara Dixon, Betsy Flynn, Jan Gaffney, Bob Hogan, Nancy Kenyon, Merri Levy, Carolyn Noble, Cecil Proulx, Dick Purvis, Barbara Sentovich, Jim Stacy, and Jerry Tolman.

**Comments:** Spring was definitely in the air. The American Avocets and Ruddy Ducks were in varying degrees of breeding plumage and the Tree Swallows were busy around the nestboxes. The Common Yellowthroats and Song Sparrows were singing up a storm, hummingbird males were engaged in aerial displays, and the Marsh Wrens were becoming a little more vocal. A pair of Ospreys was observed in the vicinity of the nesting platform by pond 4. The water in some of the ponds was very still causing beautiful reflections beneath the motionless birds in the water. At pond 2, the water was like glass until 8:30 when a small wave appeared as water was let into the pond, immediately attracting a few white pelicans which swam in front of the wave. It was a wonderful morning to be out birding!

GEESE & DUCKS			SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES			GNATCATCHERS & KINGLETS		
11		Canada Geese	9	7	Spotted Sandpiper	10		Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
2		Wood Duck	2		Marbled Godwit	8		Ruby-crowned Kinglet
45	27	Gadwall	21	11	Least Sandpiper	<b>THRUSHES</b>		
74	20	Mallard	33		Long-billed Dowitcher	7	1	Western Bluebird
7		Blue-winged Teal	<b>GULLS, TERNS &amp; SKIMMERS</b>			<b>MOCKINGBIRDS &amp; THRASHERS</b>		
65	3	Cinnamon Teal	81		Ring-billed Gull (flyover)	6		Northern Mockingbird
141	9	Northern Shoveler	1		Western Gull	2		California Thrasher
22	6	Green-winged Teal	385		California Gull (flyover)	6		American Pipit
2		Ring-necked Duck	<b>PIGEONS &amp; DOVES</b>			<b>WARBLERS</b>		
8	1	Bufflehead	22	1	Mourning Dove	20		Orange-crowned Warbler
39		Ruddy Duck	<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>			125	26	Common Yellowthroat
<b>GREBES</b>			50		Anna's Hummingbird	1		Yellow Warbler
4	1	Pied-billed Grebe	18		Allen's Hummingbird	103		Yellow-rumped Warbler
2		Western Grebe	<b>KINGFISHERS</b>			1		Black-throated Gray Warbler
1		Clark's Grebe	3	1	Belted Kingfisher	1		Wilson's Warbler
<b>CORMORANTS &amp; PELICANS</b>			<b>WOODPECKERS</b>			<b>TOWHEES, SPARROWS</b>		
34		Double-crested Cormorant	4		Nuttall's Woodpecker	40	6	Spotted Towhee
32		American White Pelican	5		Downy Woodpecker	1		California Towhee
<b>HERONS, EGRETS &amp; IBIS</b>			<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>			153	17	Song Sparrow
5		Great Blue Heron	21	8	Black Phoebe	35		White-crowned Sparrow
6	1	Great Egret	3	2	Say's Phoebe	<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>		
5	1	Snowy Egret	1		Cassin's Kingbird	24	4	Red-winged Blackbird
1		Green Heron	<b>VIREOS</b>			<b>FINCHES</b>		
	1	White-faced Ibis	3		Hutton's Vireo	122	30	House Finch
<b>DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY</b>			<b>CROWS &amp; RAVENS</b>			40	2	Lesser Goldfinch
12	2	Turkey Vulture	54	5	American Crow	18		American Goldfinch
3		Osprey	3		Common Raven	<b>EXOTIC SPECIES</b>		
2		Cooper's Hawk	<b>SWALLOWS</b>			2		Nutmeg Mannikin
2		Red-tailed Hawk	203		Tree Swallow			
2		American Kestrel	3		Violet-green Swallow			
1		Peregrine Falcon	4	2	N. Rough-winged Swallow			
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES &amp; COOTS</b>			60		Cliff Swallow			
3	1	Common Gallinule	<b>BUSHTITS, WRENS &amp; WRENTITS</b>					
176	106	American Coot	61		Bushtit			
<b>PLOVERS</b>			6	1	Bewick's Wren			
	16	Killdeer	3	1	House Wren			
<b>STILTS &amp; AVOCETS</b>			33	6	Marsh Wren			
146		Black-necked Stilt	7		Wrentit			
29		American Avocet						

The numbers in blue show birds found in or alongside the San Diego Creek.