

Sea & Sage Audubon SJWS Census Report for April 2012

Census Date: 4/06/12 **Census Time:** 7:30 - 9:30 am **Weather:** clear

Birders who took part in the census were: Barbara Dixon, Betsy Flynn, Sharon Harrow, Terry Hill, Bob Hogan, Nancy Kenyon, Merri Levy, Sally Menzel, Dick Purvis, Barbara Sentovich and Jerry Tolman

Comments: At the beginning of the count, the water was very still and it was somewhat difficult to distinguish the birds from their reflections. At Pond E, the 3-year old female leucistic Mallard was wandering around with a Mallard drake. Most of the avocets were in full breeding plumage and were extremely vocal; in fact, they were much noisier than the usually vociferous Black-necked Stilts. At pond D, a crow was ambling along the shore investigating every nook and cranny for possible food and from opposite ends of the pond, 2 Soras were calling. At the nesting platform by Pond 4, one of the Ospreys was sitting on the nest while her mate hunted for food. The Bells Vireos were singing in the Back 40 and Riparian Areas. Three Least Bitterns were seen at pond 1 and the population of Green Herons appeared to have multiplied. Green Herons were seen at Ponds 6, 3, 2, the Back 40 Area, and the Riparian Area. At Pond C, most of the 40 Ruddy Ducks were males in breeding plumage. We didn't see many females but assumed that they were sitting on nests in secluded spots amidst the reeds. Spring was definitely in the air!

GEESE & DUCKS

39	Canada Geese
2	Wood Duck
24	Gadwall
58	Mallard
5	Blue-winged Teal
96	Northern Shoveler
51	Cinnamon Teal
9	Green-winged Teal
40	Ruddy Duck

GREBES

9	Pied-billed Grebe
2	Western Grebe
3	Clark's Grebe

CORMORANTS & PELICANS

21	Double-crested Cormorant
29	American White Pelican

BITTERNs

3	Least Bittern
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HERONS, EGRETS & IBIS

4	Great Blue Heron
7	Great Egret
7	Snowy Egret
9	Green Heron
25	Black-crowned Night-Heron

DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY

1	Turkey Vulture
2	Osprey
1	Sharp-shinned Hawk
1	Cooper's Hawk
1	Red-tailed Hawk

RAILS & COOTS

3	Sora
35	American Coot

PLOVERS

3	Killdeer
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STILTS & AVOCETS

52	Black-necked Stilt
64	American Avocet

SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES

2	Spotted Sandpiper
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5	Whimbrel
7	Western Sandpiper

GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS

5	Ring-billed Gull
11	California Gull
6	Caspian Tern
9	Forster's Tern
2	Elegant Tern

DOVES

18	Mourning Dove
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HUMMINGBIRDS

34	Anna's Hummingbird
27	Allen's Hummingbird
1	Rufous Hummingbird

KINGFISHER

1	Belted Kingfisher
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WOODPECKERS

5	Nuttall's Woodpecker
10	Downy Woodpecker

FLYCATCHERS

3	Black Phoebe
1	Ash-throated Flycatcher
3	Cassin's Kingbird
1	Western Kingbird

VIREOS

12	Bell's Vireo
2	Hutton's Vireo
1	Warbling Vireo

CROWS & RAVENS

25	American Crow
6	Common Raven

SWALLOWS

32	N. Rough-winged Swallow
264	Tree Swallow
25	Barn Swallow
91	Cliff Swallow

WRENTITS, BUSHTITS & WRENS

3	Wrentit
50	Bushtit
2	Bewick's Wren

5	House Wren
24	Marsh Wren

GNATCATCHERS & KINGLETS

1	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
2	Ruby-crowned Kinglet

MOCKINGBIRDS

3	Northern Mockingbird
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PIPITS

6	American Pipit
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WARBLERS

20	Orange-crowned Warbler
1	Nashville Warbler
107	Common Yellowthroat
2	Yellow Warbler
99	Yellow-rumped Warbler
6	Wilson's Warbler
1	Yellow-breasted Chat

TOWHEES, SPARROWS

48	Spotted Towhee
175	Song Sparrow
27	White-crowned Sparrow

GROSBEAKS

3	Black-headed Grosbeak
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BLACKBIRDS

6	Red-winged Blackbird
28	Great-tailed Grackle
10	Brown-headed Cowbird
1	Bullock's Oriole

FINCHES

117	House Finch
37	Lesser Goldfinch
2	American Goldfinch

EXOTIC SPECIES

5	Nutmeg Mannikin
7	Egyptian Goose