

Sea & Sage Audubon SJWS Census Report for May 2012

Census Date: 5/4/12 **Census Time:** 7:30 - 10:00 am **Weather:** cloudy with a brief period of sunshine
Birders who took part in the census were: Barbara Dixon, Jan Gaffney, Sharon Harrow, Terry Hill, Nancy Kenyon, Paul Klahr, Merri Levy, Dick Purvis, Barbara Sentovich, Jim Stacy, Jerry Tolman, Darrell Wilson.

Comments: The Osprey nest at pond 4 was still in use and one small head was occasionally seen in the nest though 2 chicks have been reported by birders in the past few weeks. There were lots of small fuzzy Mallard ducklings in the ponds. Pond C appeared to be drake headquarters; of the 27 Mallards in that pond, only 2 were females. As we were doing our tally after the count, we got close-up views of a Canada Goose family consisting of the parents and 4 young goslings, as they walked right by our table en route to the San Diego Creek. Other signs of spring were a couple of Spotted Sandpipers (with spots!), male Ruddy Ducks with bright blue bills, Song Sparrows singing lustily from atop bushes, an Avocet sitting on her nest at pond E, Wilson's Warblers loudly singing, a crow patrolling the ponds, and the appearance of spring migrants such as Pacific-slope Flycatchers, a Western Wood-Pewee, Bell's Vireos, 10 Ash-throated Flycatchers, Swainson's Thrushes, 38 Yellow Warblers, Yellow-breasted Chats, and the mellow call of the Pied-billed Grebe.

GEESE & DUCKS		1	Whimbrel	31	Barn Swallow
33	Canada Geese	1	Western Sandpiper	41	Cliff Swallow
2	Wood Duck	3	Long-billed Dowitcher	BUSHTITS, WRENS, WRENTITS	
13	Gadwall	GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS		106	Bushtit
91	Mallard	2	Ring-billed Gull	5	Bewick's Wren
6	Northern Shoveler	2	Least Tern	4	House Wren
18	Ruddy Duck	13	Caspian Tern	36	Marsh Wren
QUAIL		49	Forster's Tern	1	Wrentit
2	California Quail	9	Black Skimmer	THRUSHES	
GREBES		PIGEONS & DOVES		1	Western Bluebird
11	Pied-billed Grebe	48	Mourning Dove	6	Swainson's Thrush
1	Eared Grebe	SWIFTS		1	American Robin
3	Western Grebe	22	Vaux's Swift	MOCKINGBIRDS	
1	Clark's Grebe	21	White-throated Swift	3	Northern Mockingbird
CORMORANTS & PELICANS		HUMMINGBIRDS		WARBLERS	
17	Double-crested Cormorant	55	Anna's Hummingbird	8	Orange-crowned Warbler
BITTERN		23	Allen's Hummingbird	149	Common Yellowthroat
1	Least Bittern	9	hummingbird sp.	38	Yellow Warbler
HERONS, EGRETS & IBIS		WOODPECKERS		1	Townsend's Warbler
12	Great Blue Heron	4	Nuttall's Woodpecker	36	Wilson's Warbler
7	Great Egret	3	Downy Woodpecker	11	Yellow-breasted Chat
7	Snowy Egret	FLYCATCHERS		TOWHEES, SPARROWS	
6	Green Heron	1	Western Wood-Pewee	46	Spotted Towhee
11	Black-crowned Night-Heron	2	Pacific-slope Flycatcher	1	California Towhee
2	White-faced Ibis	7	Black Phoebe	152	Song Sparrow
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY		1	Say's Phoebe	TANAGERS & GROSBEAKS	
5	Turkey Vulture	10	Ash-throated Flycatcher	7	Western Tanager
3	Osprey	1	Cassin's Kingbird	2	Black-headed Grosbeak
1	Cooper's Hawk	VIREOS		BLACKBIRDS	
1	Merlin	22	Bell's Vireo	3	Red-winged Blackbird
RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS		1	Hutton's Vireo	3	Great-tailed Grackle
35	American Coot	10	Warbling Vireo	2	Brown-headed Cowbird
PLOVERS		CROWS & RAVENS		1	Bullock's Oriole
5	Killdeer	23	American Crow	FINCHES	
STILTS & AVOCETS		1	Common Raven	122	House Finch
32	Black-necked Stilt	SWALLOWS		25	Lesser Goldfinch
32	American Avocet	23	N. Rough-winged Swallow	1	American Goldfinch
SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES		246	Tree Swallow		
3	Spotted Sandpiper				