Sea & Sage Audubon
SJWS Census Report for July 2012

Census Date: 7/6/12 **Census Time:** 7:00 – 9:30 am **Weather:** overcast
Birders who took part in the census were: Barbara Dixon, Jan Gaffney, Sharon Harrow, Terry Hill, Bob Hogan, Nancy Kenyon, Jim Lacy, Merri Levy, Sally Menzel, Dick Purvis, Jerry Tolman, Darrell Wilson.

Comments: Due to the heavy overcast, the birds were relatively quiet this morning except, of course, for the avocets and stilts. The avocet parents were keeping a close eye on their offspring and were quite vocal about it, and, of course, the stilts are always noisy. It was great to see the usual pair of Green Herons at pond B, a Least Bittern at pond 3, 13 Yellow Warblers in the Riparian Area, and a variety of swallows swooping over the ponds. On the road between ponds D & C, a large flock of some 50 Mallards were taking their morning nap and were extremely reluctant about moving off the road when I tried to walk past them in order to check the far end of pond C. Rather than walk on them, I finally gave up and attempted to count the birds at the far end by scope only.

GEESE & DUCKS		
3		Canada Geese
2		Wood Duck
213		Mallard
1		Cinnamon Teal
1		Ruddy Duck
GREBES		
13		Pied-billed Grebe
2		Western Grebe
3		Clark's Grebe
PELICANS & CORMORANTS		
8		Brown Pelican
37		Double-crested Cormorant
BITTERNS		
1		Least Bittern
HERONS, EGRETS & IBIS		
6		Great Blue Heron
9		Great Egret
11		Snowy Egret
9		Green Heron
14		Black-crowned Night-Heron
10		White-faced Ibis
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY		
32		Turkey Vulture
3		Osprey
1		Red-shouldered Hawk
RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS		
5		American Coot
PLOVERS		
5		Killdeer

STILTS & AVOCETS		
21		Black-necked Stilt
16		American Avocet
GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS		
24		Caspian Tern
8		Elegant Tern
28		Forster's Tern
29		Least Tern
8		Black Skimmer
PIGEONS & DOVES		
23		Mourning Dove
HUMMINGBIRDS		
21		Anna's Hummingbird
13		Allen's Hummingbird
3		hummingbird sp.
WOODPECKERS		
2		Nuttall's Woodpecker
FLYCATCHERS		
10		Black Phoebe
VIREOS		
3		Bell's Vireo
4		Hutton's Vireo
CROWS & RAVENS		
55		American Crow
7		Common Raven
SWALLOWS		
112		Tree Swallow
2		N. Rough-winged Swallow
36		Cliff Swallow
4		Barn Swallow

WRENTITS, BUSHTITS & WRENS		
2		Wrentit
127		Bushtit
2		House Wren
9		Marsh Wren
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS		
1		Northern Mockingbird
WARBLERS		
4		Orange-crowned Warbler
24		Yellow Warbler
85		Common Yellowthroat
11		Yellow-breasted Chat
TOWHEES, SPARROWS		
31		Spotted Towhee
1		California Towhee
98		Song Sparrow
BLACKBIRDS		
9		Red-winged Blackbird
2		Great-tailed Grackle
FINCHES		
91		House Finch
31		Lesser Goldfinch
10		American Goldfinch
EXOTIC SPECIES		
2		Egyptian Goose
2		Nutmeg Mannikin

The San Diego Creek was not covered this morning because the birder who normally covers that area was unable to come today. (Normally, that count would show in the 2nd column.) However, we have now arranged for another birder to cover that area when needed.