

Sea & Sage Audubon SJWS Census Report for Nov. 2012

Census Date: 11/02/12 **Census Time:** 7:30 - 9:30 am **Weather:** Overcast until 9:00, then clearing
Birders who took part in the census were: Betsy Flynn, Carol Freund, Sharon Harrow, Terry Hill, Bob Hogan, Nancy Kenyon, Merri Levy, Sally Menzel, Eunice Morita, Carolyn Noble, Dick Purvis, Barbara Sentovich, Jim Stacy, Jerry Tolman, and Darrell Wilson.

Comments: It was heavily overcast and rather dark when we began our count which caused the birds to be rather quiet. Even the usually vocal Song Sparrows were silent. As the clouds began to break up around 9:00 with patches of blue sky showing up, the clouds developed rosy edges – a beautiful sight with the still water in the ponds and the birds quiet and motionless. Pond E was absolutely dry due to the pond's annual maintenance schedule, but the Black Phoebe was perched on his log as usual. Except for a flock of 72 restless Western Sandpipers which flitted between ponds D & C, the birds were congregated at Pond C – in groups according to species, 64 Black-necked Stilts in two groups, a large group of 98 Long-billed Dowitchers motionless in the still water, and a group of Cinnamon Teal. It's usual to see the white pelicans in a tight group at pond 2 but not the other species. At the other end of pond C, a Dunlin was feeding with a dowitcher which was fun to watch. At pond 1, Terry & Betsy had 70 White-faced Ibis bunched tightly together at one end of the island and in the Back 40 area, Darrell, Jerry & Jim watched as 1500 or so crows took off from their night roosting spot.

GEESE & DUCKS		
25		Canada Geese
1		Wood Duck
1	36	Gadwall
3		American Wigeon
95	10	Mallard
2		Blue-winged Teal
20		Cinnamon Teal
46	1	Northern Shoveler
3		Northern Pintail
27		Green-winged Teal
22		Ring-necked Duck
40		Ruddy Duck
GREBES		
12	8	Pied-billed Grebe
5	2	Eared Grebe
35	6	Western Grebe
7		Clark's Grebe
PELICANS & CORMORANTS		
76	22	American White Pelican
69	5	Double-crested Cormorant
HERONS, EGRETS & IBIS		
9	1	Great Blue Heron
3	2	Great Egret
5	7	Snowy Egret
2	2	Green Heron
3	3	Black-crowned Night-Heron
103	3	White-faced Ibis
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY		
16		Turkey Vulture
2		Osprey
2		Northern Harrier
1		Sharp-shinned Hawk
2		Cooper's Hawk
4		Red-shouldered Hawk
2		Red-tailed Hawk
2		American Kestrel
1		Merlin
RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS		
4	4	Common Gallinule
68	89	American Coot
PLOVERS		
3		Killdeer
STILTS & AVOCETS		
64		Black-necked Stilt
8		American Avocet
SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES		
2	2	Spotted Sandpiper
72		Western Sandpiper
2		Least Sandpiper
1		Dunlin
99		Long-billed Dowitcher
GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS		
4	1	Bonaparte's Gull
12		Ring-billed Gull
4		Western Gull
20	2	Forster's Tern
PIGEONS & DOVES		
6		Mourning Dove
OWLS		
1		Barn Owl
HUMMINGBIRDS		
40	1	Anna's Hummingbird
5	1	Allen's Hummingbird
11		Hummingbird sp.
KINGFISHERS		
4	1	Belted Kingfisher
WOODPECKERS		
2	1	Nuttall's Woodpecker
4		Downy Woodpecker
5		Northern Flicker
FLYCATCHERS		
21	9	Black Phoebe
2	2	Say's Phoebe
2		Cassin's Kingbird
VIREOS		
1		Hutton's Vireo
CROWS & RAVENS		
1500	3	American Crow
2		Common Raven
SWALLOWS		
5		Tree Swallows
BUSHTITS, WRENS, WRENTITS		
214	13	Bushtit
	9	Bewick's Wren
3		House Wren
7	31	Marsh Wren
2	1	Wrentit
KINGLETS & GNATCATCHERS		
12		Ruby-crowned Kinglet
25		Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
THRUSHES		
2		Hermit Thrush
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS		
3		Northern Mockingbird
4		California Thrasher
WARBLERS		
7		Orange-crowned Warbler
2		Yellow Warbler
94		Yellow-rumped Warbler
2		Black-throated Gray Warbler
4		Townsend's Warbler
58	29	Common Yellowthroat
1		Wilson's Warbler
TOWHEES, SPARROWS		
28		Spotted Towhee
93	12	Song Sparrow
17	32	White-crowned Sparrow
BLACKBIRDS		
38	9	Red-winged Blackbird
22	1	Great-tailed Grackle
1		Brown-headed Cowbird
FINCHES		
22	60	House Finch
6		Lesser Goldfinch
EXOTIC SPECIES		
4	12	Nutmeg Mannikin

Birds seen in the creek are shown in blue in the 2nd column.