

Sea & Sage Audubon SJWS Census Report for Dec. 2012

Census Date: 12/07/12 **Census Time:** 7:30 - 9:30 am **Weather:** Foggy; no sun; cool

Birders who took part in the census were: Barbara Dixon, Barbara Sentovich, Betsy Flynn, Bob Hogan, Carol Freund, Carolyn Noble, Darrell Wilson, Dick Purvis, Eunice Morita, Eva Lydick, Jan Gaffney, Jerry Tolman, Jim Stacy, Merri Levy, Nancy Kenyon, Paul Klahr, Sally Menzel, Sharon Harrow, Terry Hill.

Comments: Due to heavy (foggy) overcast, the birds were very quiet; even the usually vocal Common Yellowthroats and Song Sparrows were quiet. When the Black-necked Stilts arrived at the ponds, they were their normal boisterous selves for a few minutes and then they, too, became silent. Toward the end of our count period, two large terns flew overhead. Their size and large red bills made us think they were Caspian Terns until one of them began to beg in a high-pitched plaintive call which none of us were able to identify until we returned to the picnic tables for our tally and checked the recorded tern vocalizations, finding that the begging tern was a Royal Tern.

GEESE & DUCKS			2		Sora	CROWS & RAVENS		
1		Canada Geese	GALLINULES & COOTS			61	18	American Crow
2		Wood Duck	6	3	Common Gallinule	SWALLOWS		
17	9	Gadwall	89	32	American Coot	10		Tree Swallows
53		American Wigeon	PLOVERS			1		N. Rough-winged Swallow
144	11	Mallard	1		Black-bellied Plover	BUSHTITS, WRENS, WRENTITS		
3		Blue-winged Teal	STILTS & AVOCETS			154		Bushtit
18		Cinnamon Teal	53		Black-necked Stilt	5		Bewick's Wren
167		Northern Shoveler	13		American Avocet	2		House Wren
91		Northern Pintail	SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES			4	4	Marsh Wren
13		Green-winged Teal	1		Greater Yellowlegs	2		Wrentit
4		Redhead	2		Spotted Sandpiper	KINGLETS & GNATCATCHERS		
21		Ring-necked Duck	73		Western Sandpiper	15		Ruby-crowned Kinglet
2		Bufflehead	22		Least Sandpiper	19		Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
26		Ruddy Duck	61		Long-billed Dowitcher	THRUSHES		
GREBES			GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS			11		Hermit Thrush
6	5	Pied-billed Grebe	1		Bonaparte's Gull	MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS		
	1	Horned Grebe	17		Ring-billed Gull	1		Northern Mockingbird
8	2	Eared Grebe	20		Western Gull	3		California Thrasher
59		Western Grebe	36		California Gull	PIPITS & WAXWINGS		
4		Clark's Grebe	5±		Forster's Tern	3	4	American Pipit
PELICANS & CORMORANTS			2		Royal Tern	87		Cedar Waxwing
22	7	American White Pelican	PIGEONS & DOVES			WARBLERS		
8		Brown Pelican	15	1	Mourning Dove	6		Orange-crowned Warbler
22	4	Double-crested Cormorant	HUMMINGBIRDS			1		Yellow Warbler
HERONS, EGRETS & IBIS			29	1	Anna's Hummingbird	155		Yellow-rumped Warbler
10	3	Great Blue Heron	14	2	Allen's Hummingbird	92	15	Common Yellowthroat
5	1	Great Egret	9		Hummingbird sp.	TOWHEES, SPARROWS		
2	1	Snowy Egret	KINGFISHERS			16		Spotted Towhee
1		Green Heron	2		Belted Kingfisher	1		California Towhee
8		Black-crowned Night-Heron	WOODPECKERS			72	14	Song Sparrow
22		White-faced Ibis	2		Nuttall's Woodpecker	37	18	White-crowned Sparrow
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY			3		Downy Woodpecker		2	Golden-crowned Sparrow
16	3	Turkey Vulture	3		Northern Flicker	BLACKBIRDS		
1		Sharp-shinned Hawk	FLYCATCHERS			10		Red-winged Blackbird
2		Cooper's Hawk	13	7	Black Phoebe	1	1	Great-tailed Grackle
2		Red-shouldered Hawk	2	1	Say's Phoebe	FINCHES		
3	2	Red-tailed Hawk	1		Vermilion Flycatcher	44		House Finch
	1	American Kestrel	3		Cassin's Kingbird	6		Lesser Goldfinch
1		Merlin	VIREOS					
RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS			2		Hutton's Vireo			
1		Virginia Rail						

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