

Sea & Sage Audubon - SJWS Census Report for Feb. 2013

Census Date: 2/01/13 **Census Time:** 7:30 - 9:30 am **Weather:** clear, temperature in the upper 60's.

Birders who took part in the census were: Barbara Dixon, Betsy Flynn, Carol Freund, Jan Gaffney, Bob Hogan, Nancy Kenyon, Paul Klahr, Merri Levy, Sally Menzel, Eunice Morita, Carolyn Noble, Cecil Proulx, Dick Purvis, Jerry Tolman. **Comments:** Our count began when the usual 3 Canada Geese flew out of the marsh, noisily honking. The water in the ponds was still and the large flock of Black-necked Stilts in pond D was fairly easy to count because they were standing motionless in the water and the Least and Western Sandpipers had not begun to disperse. We were even able to get both sandpiper species in the scope's view at the same time. The songbirds were pretty quiet for the first hour and a half and we heard only one White-crowned Sparrow and one Song Sparrow singing from a far corner of pond E. However, by the time we reached pond C, the Northern Shovelers had broken up into groups of 15 and 25, and were bunched tightly together swimming round and round in the water, making the task of counting them a challenging feat. At pond D, one of the Cinnamon Teal males had his wing stretched out, allowing us to view the full range of color on his speculum which was glowing in the sunlight. We watched a Great Blue Heron playing around with a small Catfish in the mud and then striding over to the water to wash it off before trying to position it just so in his long beak. We were serenaded by a couple of Blue-gray Gnatcatchers and watched an energetic male Anna's Hummingbird fly repeatedly high into the sky before ascending at breakneck speed near the Elderberry bush. It was another wonderful morning to be out birding!

GEESE & DUCKS		
74	15	Canada Geese
32	57	Gadwall
		American Wigeon
59	49	Mallard
8		Blue-winged Teal
35		Cinnamon Teal
258	1	Northern Shoveler
40		Northern Pintail
28		Green-winged Teal
1		Lesser Scaup
1	3	Bufflehead
1		Hooded Merganser (f)
64	3	Ruddy Duck
GREBES		
12	3	Pied-billed Grebe
6		Eared Grebe
12		Western Grebe
4	1	Clark's Grebe
CORMORANTS & PELICANS		
3		American White Pelican
1		Brown Pelican
140	102	Double-crested Cormorant
HERONS, EGRETS & IBIS		
7	2	Great Blue Heron
3	1	Great Egret
6		Snowy Egret
1		Green Heron
19		Black-crowned Night-Heron
1		White-faced Ibis
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY		
15	1	Turkey Vulture
2		Osprey
2		Cooper's Hawk
1		Red-shouldered Hawk
4		Red-tailed Hawk
2	1	American Kestrel

RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS		
2	1	Common Gallinule
75	19	American Coot
PLOVERS		
	2	Killdeer
STILTS & AVOCETS		
123		Black-necked Stilt
11		American Avocet
SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES		
3	5	Spotted Sandpiper
5		Western Sandpiper
24		Least Sandpiper
50		Long-billed Dowitcher
GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS		
15		Ring-billed Gull
406	52	California Gull
PIGEONS & DOVES		
53	4	Mourning Dove
HUMMINGBIRDS		
57	3	Anna's Hummingbird
26	1	Allen's Hummingbird
KINGFISHER		
2	2	Belted Kingfisher
WOODPECKERS		
8		Nuttall's Woodpecker
1		Downy Woodpecker
4		Northern Flicker
FLYCATCHERS		
23	4	Black Phoebe
2	3	Say's Phoebe
1		Cassin's Kingbird
VIREOS		
3		Hutton's Vireo
CROWS & RAVENS		
57	3	American Crow
SWALLOWS		
50		Tree Swallow

BUSHTITS & WRENS & WRENTITS		
90	30	Bushtit
1		Bewick's Wren
1		House Wren
13		Marsh Wren
2		Wrentit
GNATCATCHERS & KINGLETS		
23		Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
27		Ruby-crowned Kinglet
THRUSHES		
2		Hermit Thrush
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS		
2	2	Northern Mockingbird
1		California Thrasher
PIPITS & WAXWINGS		
9	1	American Pipit
4		Cedar Waxwing
WARBLERS		
8		Orange-crowned Warbler
135		Yellow-rumped Warbler
2		Yellow Warbler
60	22	Common Yellowthroat
TOWHEES, SPARROWS		
31		Spotted Towhee
91	7	Song Sparrow
6	7	White-crowned Sparrow
1		Golden-crowned Sparrow
BLACKBIRDS		
11		Red-winged Blackbird
FINCHES		
74	10	House Finch
40		Lesser Goldfinch
6		American Goldfinch
EXOTIC SPECIES		
2		Egyptian Goose