

Sea & Sage Audubon SJWS Census Report for November 2013

Census Date: 11/01/13

Census Time: 7:15 - 9:45 am

Weather: temperature in the 60s-70's.

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

Comments: There was a lot of bird activity on the morning of our count. Several flocks of White-faced Ibis took off early, later followed by a small flock of Canada Geese. Apparently, these birds spend the night at the SJWS and the day feeding elsewhere. We had a couple of Cattle Egrets at ponds 1 & 2, which was a nice surprise, and 3 Black-bellied Plovers also showed up at ponds 1 & 2. These plovers seldom visit the marsh any more so this was indeed a treat to see them. Another uncommon species was the Horned Grebe at pond 5. Though none of these species are rare, they are uncommon enough to be count highlights. There was an extensive amount of vegetation at pond E which made it a real challenge to find all the birds among the plants; this was not helped by the flighty behavior of the Western Sandpipers which kept moving around from spot to spot, finally flying over the wall into the treatment plant. A flock of 252 American White Pelicans was scattered all over the marsh, with the predominant number in ponds 1 & 2; we hope they will remain here for the winter. They are so beautiful to see in flight against a blue sky!

GEESE & DUCKS		
12	5	Canada Geese
41	12	Mallard
4	13	Gadwall
27		Green-winged Teal
7		American Wigeon
3		Northern Pintail
93	1	Northern Shoveler
2		Blue-winged Teal
27		Cinnamon Teal
2		Canvasback
15		Ring-necked Duck
46		Ruddy Duck
GREBES		
14	5	Pied-billed Grebe
1		Horned Grebe
6		Eared Grebe
17		Western Grebe
7		Clark's Grebe
CORMORANTS & PELICANS		
136	5	Double-crested Cormorant
252		American White Pelican
1		Brown Pelican
HERONS, EGRETS & IBIS		
6		Great Blue Heron
5		Great Egret
22		Snowy Egret
2		<i>Cattle Egret</i>
4		Green Heron
13		Black-crowned Night-Heron
18		White-faced Ibis (flyovers)
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY		
4		Turkey Vulture
2		Osprey
1		Cooper's Hawk
2		Red-shouldered Hawk
2		Red-tailed Hawk
RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS		
2		Virginia Rail
2	2	Common Gallinule

127	74	American Coot
PLOVERS		
3		<i>Black-bellied Plover</i>
16	4	Killdeer
STILTS & AVOCETS		
119		Black-necked Stilt
7		American Avocet
SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES		
5	2	Spotted Sandpiper
79		Western Sandpiper
8		Least Sandpiper
42	1	Long-billed Dowitcher
GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS		
1		Bonaparte's Gull
1		Ring-billed Gull
1		California Gull (<i>oiled</i>)
PIGEONS & DOVES		
2		Mourning Dove
HUMMINGBIRDS		
32	1	Anna's Hummingbird
11		Allen's Hummingbird
4		hummingbird sp.
KINGFISHER		
3		Belted Kingfisher
WOODPECKERS		
5		Nuttall's Woodpecker
4		Downy Woodpecker
3		Northern Flicker
FLYCATCHERS		
20	5	Black Phoebe
2	1	Say's Phoebe
3		Cassin's Kingbird
CROWS & RAVENS		
3000	5	American Crow
1		Common Raven
SWALLOWS		
8		N. Rough-winged Swallow
BUSHTITS, WRENTITS, WRENS		
250		Bushtit
4		Wrentit

5		House Wren
1		Bewick's Wren
2		Marsh Wren
GNATCATCHERS & KINGLETS		
27		Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
10		Ruby-crowned Kinglet
THRUSHES		
1		Hermit Thrush
1		American Robin
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS		
1		Northern Mockingbird
3		California Thrasher
STARLINGS		
110		European Starling
PIPITS & WAXWINGS		
2		American Pipit
WARBLERS		
15		Orange-crowned Warbler
70	22	Common Yellowthroat
2		Yellow Warbler
162	6	Yellow-rumped Warbler
2		Black-throated Gray Warbler
3		Townsend's Warbler
TOWHEES, SPARROWS		
36		Spotted Towhee
1		California Towhee
1	5	Lincoln's Sparrow
94	25	Song Sparrow
40		White-crowned Sparrow
BLACKBIRDS		
2		Western Meadowlark
20	29	Red-winged Blackbird
2		Great-tailed Grackle
FINCHES		
118		House Finch
8		American Goldfinch
27		Lesser Goldfinch
EXOTIC SPECIES		
10	6	Nutmeg Mannikin

(Blue numbers - creek sightings)