

Sea & Sage Audubon – SJWS Census Report for April 2014

Census Date: 4/4/14 **Census Time:** 7:30 am – 9:45 am

Birders who took part in the census were: Barbara Dixon, Betsy Flynn, Jan Gaffney, Beverly Hargrove, Sharon Harrow, Terry Hill, Bob Hogan, Nancy Kappelmann, Nancy Kenyon, Eva Lydick, Sally Menzel, Barbara Sentovich, Jim Stacy, and Darrell Wilson.

Comments: At pond E, the American Avocets were feisty and many were chasing each other around the pond. At pond D, the Black-necked Stilts appeared to be in pairs, and one of the pairs were mating. The Least Sandpipers were in partial breeding plumage. At pond C, a lone Eared Grebe was swimming in the feeding circle with the Northern Shovelers. We'd never seen any bird but shovelers swimming together in this manner, so it was quite a surprise. At the Osprey platform, both parents were on the platform and 1 very young Osprey head could be seen on the nest. In the Eucalyptus tree by the NE corner of pond 1, there were tons of birds, so many in fact, that the birders covering that pond were hard pressed to identify and count them all. It was a very busy morning! *(The count done along the San Diego Creek is color-coded in blue.)*

GEESE & DUCKS		
51		Canada Geese
19	15	Gadwall
2		American Wigeon
97	10	Mallard
8		Blue-winged Teal
42	2	Cinnamon Teal
17		Northern Shoveler
10		Green-winged Teal
	1	Lesser Scaup
46		Ruddy Duck
GREBES		
2	2	Pied-billed Grebe
1		Eared Grebe
9		Western Grebe
9		Clark's Grebe
CORMORANTS & PELICANS		
50	1	American White Pelican
5	2	Double-crested Cormorant
HERONS, EGRETS & IBIS		
4	3	Great Blue Heron
6	2	Great Egret
2	1	Snowy Egret
3		Green Heron
11		Black-crowned Night-Heron
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY		
17	5	Turkey Vulture
3		Osprey
3		Cooper's Hawk
2		Red-tailed Hawk
RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS		
1		Sora
	2	Common Gallinule
63	14	American Coot
PLOVERS		
5		Killdeer
STILTS & AVOCETS		
64	6	Black-necked Stilts
42	4	American Avocet
SANDPIPERS		
2		Spotted Sandpiper
12		Western Sandpiper
11		Least Sandpiper

16		Long-billed Dowitcher
GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS		
4		Western Gull
1		Forster's Tern
1		Caspian Tern
PIGEONS & DOVES		
33	1	Mourning Dove
SWIFTS		
2	1	Vaux's Swift
12		White-throated Swift
HUMMINGBIRDS		
55	1	Anna's Hummingbird
34		Allen's Hummingbird
1		Rufous Hummingbird
KINGFISHER		
1		Belted Kingfisher
WOODPECKERS		
8		Nuttall's Woodpecker
9		Downy Woodpecker
FLYCATCHERS		
3		Pacific-slope Flycatcher
6	3	Black Phoebe
1		Say's Phoebe
37	1	Cassin's Kingbird
1	4	Western Kingbird
7		Ash-throated Flycatcher
VIREOS		
18		Bell's Vireo
7		Warbling Vireo
2		Hutton's Vireo
CROWS & RAVENS		
27	1	American Crow
3	1	Common Raven
SWALLOWS		
223	4	Tree Swallow
43	10	N. Rough-winged Swallow
92	25	Cliff Swallow
6	2	Barn Swallow
BUSHTITS & WRENS		
72	4	Bushtit
5	2	Bewick's Wren
	2	House Wren
19	8	Marsh Wren

GNATCATCHERS & KINGLETS		
2		Ruby-crowned Kinglet
2		Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
THRUSHES		
2		Hermit Thrush
11	1	American Robin
WRENTITS		
1		Wrentit
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS		
2		California Thrasher
STARLINGS, PIPITS, WAXWINGS		
1	2	European Starling
33		Cedar Waxwing
WARBLERS		
56	3	Orange-crowned Warbler
7	4	Yellow Warbler
67	3	Yellow-rumped Warbler
104	23	Common Yellowthroat
18	1	Wilson's Warbler
TOWHEES & SPARROWS		
65	5	Spotted Towhee
1		California Towhee
170	22	Song Sparrow
20		White-crowned Sparrow
GROSBEAKS		
3		Black-headed Grosbeak
BLACKBIRDS		
7	10	Red-winged Blackbird
13		Great-tailed Grackle
6	5	Brown-headed Cowbird
1		Hooded Oriole
2		Bullock's Oriole
FINCHES		
94	7	House Finch
11	2	Lesser Goldfinch
6		American Goldfinch
EXOTIC SPECIES		
1		Egyptian Goose
21	4	Nutmeg Mannikin
ADDITIONAL Species		
1		Aleutian Cackling Goose
8		Hummingbird sp.