

Sea & Sage Audubon – SJWS Census Report for May 2014

Census Date: 5/2/14

Census Time: 7:30 am – 9:30 am

Weather: Clear, Sunny, & HOT!

Birders who took part in the census were: Barbara Dixon, Betsy Flynn, Carol Freund, Jan Gaffney, Sharon Harrow, Terry Hill, Bob Hogan, Nancy Kappelman, Nancy Kenyon, Mark Kincheloe, Merri Levy, Sally Menzel, Eunice Morita, Gail & Stan Richards, Jim Stacy, Jerry Tolman, Darrell Wilson. **Comments:** The Canada Geese were flying back and forth and some of the Mallards had ducklings. We had 5 Western Grebes and 8 Clark's Grebes so it looks like there will be grebe chicks again this year. In several of the areas, there were nesting American Avocets. In pond C, there was a heavily spotted Spotted Sandpiper and another one without any spots at all. We had Western & Least Sandpipers, some in partial breeding plumage, and 7 Wilson's Phalaropes that were spinning around so fast, it made me dizzy just to look at them! We had 2 Olive-sided and 2 Ash-throated Flycatchers. There were 14 Bell's Vireos, 13 Warbling Vireos, 5 Hutton's Vireos, and even 2 Cassin's Vireos. The Wilson's Warblers must have just arrived since we had 60 of them! The excitement of the day was the discovery of a Green-tailed Towhee! *(The count along the San Diego Creek is in blue.)*

GEESE & DUCKS		
25	6	Canada Geese
35	24	Gadwall
66		Mallard
2		Cinnamon Teal
2		Northern Shoveler
4		Green-winged Teal
20		Ruddy Duck
GREBES		
2	4	Pied-billed Grebe
5		Western Grebe
8		Clark's Grebe
CORMORANTS & PELICANS		
1		Brown Pelican
14	3	Double-crested Cormorant
HERONS, EGRETS & IBIS		
6	2	Great Blue Heron
6	1	Great Egret
2	1	Snowy Egret
5	2	Green Heron
12	1	Black-crowned Night-Heron
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY		
9		Turkey Vulture
4		Osprey
1		Cooper's Hawk
2		Red-shouldered Hawk
RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS		
1		Virginia Rail
2	1	Sora
	2	Common Gallinule
15	5	American Coot
PLOVERS		
1		Semipalmated Plover
9	4	Killdeer
STILTS & AVOCETS		
39	6	Black-necked Stilt
49	13	American Avocet
SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES		
1		Greater Yellowlegs
2	3	Spotted Sandpiper
1		Whimbrel
8	26	Western Sandpiper
10		Least Sandpiper
7	13	Long-billed Dowitcher
7		Wilson's Phalarope

GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS		
14		Forster's Tern
2		Elegant Tern
6		Least Tern
3		Black Skimmer
PIGEONS & DOVES		
78		Mourning Dove
HUMMINGBIRDS		
37	4	Anna's Hummingbird
37	5	Allen's Hummingbird
6		hummingbird species
KINGFISHER		
	2	Belted Kingfisher
WOODPECKERS		
4	1	Nuttall's Woodpecker
2		Downy Woodpecker
FLYCATCHERS		
4		Pacific-slope Flycatcher
7	5	Black Phoebe
1		Say's Phoebe
2		Ash-throated Flycatcher
4		Cassin's Kingbird
1		Western Kingbird
2		<i>Olive-sided Flycatcher</i>
VIREOS		
12	2	Bell's Vireo
12	1	Warbling Vireo
5		Hutton's Vireo
2		<i>Cassin's Vireo</i>
CROWS & RAVENS		
11	1	American Crow
1		Common Raven
SWALLOWS		
192		Tree Swallow
9	12	N. Rough-winged Swallow
6	70	Cliff Swallow
2		Barn Swallow
BUSHTITS & WRENS,		
73	3	Bushtit
4		Bewick's Wren
1	1	House Wren
11		Marsh Wren
GNATCATCHERS		
3		Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

THRUSHES		
3		Swainson's Thrush
WRENTITS		
3		Wrentit
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS		
1	1	Northern Mockingbird
1		California Thrasher
WARBLERS		
31	5	Orange-crowned Warbler
34	7	Yellow Warbler
5	1	Yellow-rumped Warbler
1		<i>(Myrtle) Yellow-rumped Warbler</i>
2		Black-throated Gray Warbler
8		Townsend's Warbler
64	30	Common Yellowthroat
59	1	Wilson's Warbler
1		<i>Hermit Warbler</i>
11		Yellow-breasted Chat
TANAGERS		
10		Western Tanager
TOWHEES & SPARROWS		
45	3	Spotted Towhee
6		California Towhee
1		<i>Green-tailed Towhee</i>
1		Savannah Sparrow
142	28	Song Sparrow
4	1	White-crowned Sparrow
GROSBEAKS		
6		Black-headed Grosbeak
BLACKBIRDS		
5	4	Red-winged Blackbird
1		Great-tailed Grackle
2		Brown-headed Cowbird
3		Hooded Oriole
1		Bullock's Oriole
FINCHES		
113	19	House Finch
35	1	Lesser Goldfinch
4		American Goldfinch
EXOTIC SPECIES		
3	6	Nutmeg Mannikin