

# Sea & Sage Audubon – SJWS Census Report for July 2014

**Census Date:** 7/4/14

**Census Time:** 7:30 am – 9:30 am

**Weather:** partly cloudy, clearing around 9:30.

**Birders who took part in the census were:** Barbara Dixon, Sharon Harrow, Terry Hill, Bob Hogan, Nancy Kappelmann, Nancy Kenyon, Mark Kincheloe, Merri Levy, Eva Lydick, Carolyn Noble, Jim Stacy, and Darrell Wilson.

**Comments:** At pond E, I was able to get both a Least & a Western Sandpiper in the same scope view which made it great for comparing the two species, both of which were in partial breeding plumage. At pond D, there was a mother Mallard dozing in the grass at the pond's edge absolutely motionless with what looked like 1-2 small ducklings tucked in beside her. However, when she finally woke up and went into the water, I was surprised to find there were 9 little ducklings with her, not 2! I watched as she carefully shepherded them along the edge of the pond, waiting patiently for the last straggler to catch up with the group before swimming ahead. At pond C, there were 4 Wilson's Phalaropes swimming together. At pond 1, Barbara & Terry watched a short courtship between two Clark's Grebes and then later saw one of the grebes carrying a reed presumably for nesting. In the Riparian Area, Jan and Merri counted 33 Common Yellowthroats and 6 Bell's Vireos along with their other species! In the "Back 40 area", Darrell and Jim heard 8 Bell's Vireos and saw 2 juv. Cooper's Hawks fighting over something on the ground. At the San Diego Creek, Carolyn observed 4 tiny Gallinule chicks with their parents. There were all sorts of interesting things to observe this morning!

## GEESE & DUCKS

25	Canada Geese
2	Wood Duck
5	Gadwall
224	Mallard
1	Cinnamon Teal
2	Green-winged Teal
7	Ruddy Duck

## GREBES

17	Pied-billed Grebe
6	Western Grebe
7	Clark's Grebe

## CORMORANTS & PELICANS

15	Double-crested Cormorant
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## HERONS, EGRETS & IBIS

12	Great Blue Heron
7	Great Egret
13	Snowy Egret
5	Green Heron
18	Black-crowned Night-Heron
1	White-faced Ibis

## DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY

2	Turkey Vulture
2	Osprey
2	Cooper's Hawk

## RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS

10	Common Gallinule
5	American Coot

## PLOVERS

20	Killdeer
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## STILTS & AVOCETS

26	Black-necked Stilt
8	American Avocet

## SANDPIPERS

2	Whimbrel
1	Western Sandpiper
6	Least Sandpiper
4	Wilson's Phalarope

## GULLS

1	Western Gull
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## TERNs

6	Caspian Tern
16	Forster's Tern
11	Least Tern

## SKIMMERS

13	Black Skimmer
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## PIGEONS & DOVES

4	Rock Pigeon
39	Mourning Dove

## SWIFTS

6	White-throated Swift
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## HUMMINGBIRDS

22	Anna's Hummingbird
28	Allen's Hummingbird

## WOODPECKERS

8	Nuttall's Woodpecker
3	Downy Woodpecker

## FLYCATCHERS

12	Black Phoebe
1	Ash-throated Flycatcher
1	Cassin's Kingbird

## VIReOS

22	Bell's Vireo
4	Hutton's Vireo

## CROWS & RAVENS

16	American Crow
1	Common Raven

## SWALLOWs

24	Tree Swallow
12	N. Rough-winged Swallow
156	Cliff Swallow
1	Barn Swallow
8	swallow sp.

## BUSHTITS

61	Bushtit
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## WRENS

2	Bewick's Wren
19	Marsh Wren

## WRENTITS

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## MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS

2	California Thrasher
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## STARLINGS

2	European Starling
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## WARBLERS

2	Orange-crowned Warbler
40	Yellow Warbler
188	Common Yellowthroat
19	Yellow-breasted Chat

## TOWHEES & SPARROWS

46	Spotted Towhee
7	California Towhee
67	Song Sparrow

## GROsBEAKs

1	Black-headed Grosbeak
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## BLACKBIRDS

7	Red-winged Blackbird
1	Great-tailed Grackle
2	Brown-headed Cowbird

## FINCHES

110	House Finch
9	Lesser Goldfinch
2	American Goldfinch

## EXOTIC SPECIES

4	Egyptian Goose
31	Nutmeg Mannikin