Sea & Sage Audubon
SJWS Census Report for October 2011

Census Date: 10/3/14 **Census Time:** 7:20- 9:45 am **Weather:** sunny, 65 to mid 80's

Birders who took part in the census were: Barbara Dixon, Cecil Prouix, Betsy Flynn, Bob Hogan, Carolyn Noble, Darrell Wilson, Eunice Morita, Jan Gaffney, Jerry Tolman, Jim Stacy, Merri Levy, Vic Leipzig, Nancy Kenyon, Sharon Harrow, Carol Freund, Sandy Smith, Mark Kincheloe, and Lena Hayashi.

Comments: It was interesting to watch the Northern Shovelers. Five of them entered the feeding area swimming in a straight single-file line and then spread out to feed, sweeping their bills back and forth across the surface of the water. While the ducks and peeps were actively feeding, the White-crowned Sparrows tuned up, singing their beautiful song from different areas of the pond. At pond E, large flocks of Scaley-breasted Munias were feeding in the tall grass, and every once in a while, a flock of 50 or more would rise up in a cloud above the vegetation and fly to a different spot across the pond, only to return again a few minutes later. We caught glimpses of a brilliant orange Northern Red Bishop in the grass. At pond D, a large flock of Long-billed Dowitchers were standing motionless in the shallow water, their reflections in the still pond making it difficult to distinguish bird from reflection. Amidst the dowitchers was a lone White-faced Ibis, sunning himself, wings outstretched at odd angles to make the most of the sunlight. Toward the end of our counting period, a Northern Harrier swooped low over the pond, scattering all the birds except a Great Egret and a lone Mallard.

GEESE & DUCKS	
50	Canada Geese
25	Gadwall
94	Mallard
2	Blue-winged Teal
18	Cinnamon Teal
26	Northern Shoveler
32	Green-winged Teal
5	Lesser Scaup
32	Ruddy Duck
GREBES	
5	Pied-billed Grebe
1	Horned Grebe
20	Eared Grebe
6	Western Grebe
7	Clark's Grebe
CORMORANTS & PELICANS	
23	Double-crested Cormorant
143	American White Pelican
HERONS, EGRETS & IBIS	
7	Great Blue Heron
12	Great Egret
22	Snowy Egret
2	Green Heron
19	Black-crowned Night-Heron
32	White-faced Ibis
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY	
1	Northern Harrier
4	Cooper's Hawk
1	Red-shouldered Hawk
1	Red-tailed Hawk
RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS	
1	Virginia Rail
3	Sora
3	Common Gallinule
131	American Coot
PLOVERS	
30	Killdeer
STILTS & AVOCETS	
51	Black-necked Stilt
3	American Avocet
SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES	
8	Spotted Sandpiper
2	Lesser Yellowlegs
117	Western Sandpiper
6	Least Sandpiper
2	Pectoral Sandpiper
1	Dunlin
101	Long-billed Dowitcher
1	Wilson's Snipe
GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS	
1	Ring-billed Gull
1	Western Gull
2	Forster's Tern
PIGEONS & DOVES	
19	Mourning Dove
HUMMINGBIRDS	
43	Anna's Hummingbird
17	Allen's Hummingbird
KINGFISHER	
4	Belted Kingfisher
WOODPECKERS	
7	Nuttall's Woodpecker
5	Downy Woodpecker
FLYCATCHERS	
1	Western Wood-Pewee
4	Pacific-slope Flycatcher
20	Black Phoebe
7	Say's Phoebe
2	Cassin's Kingbird
VIREOS	
1	Warbling Vireo
CROWS & RAVENS	
216	American Crow
1	Common Raven
SWALLOWS	
1	Tree Swallow
7	Barn Swallow
1	Cliff Swallow
BUSHTITS, WRENS & WRENTITS	
198	Bushtit
1	Bewick's Wren
16	Marsh Wren
2	Wrentit
GNATCATCHERS & KINGLETS	
19	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS	
3	California Thrasher
STARLINGS	
5	European Starling
WARBLERS	
20	Orange-crowned Warbler
104	Common Yellowthroat
1	Yellow Warbler
28	Yellow-rumped Warbler
3	Black-throated Gray Warbler
5	Townsend's Warbler
1	Wilson's Warbler
2	Yellow-breasted Chat
TOWHEES, SPARROWS	
27	Spotted Towhee
2	California Towhee
80	Song Sparrow
1	Lincoln's Sparrow
61	White-crowned Sparrow
BLACKBIRDS	
50	Red-winged Blackbird
1	Yellow-headed Blackbird
2	Great-tailed Grackle
FINCHES	
74	House Finch
29	Lesser Goldfinch
EXOTIC SPECIES	
131	Scaley-breasted Munia
6	Northern Red Bishop