

## Sea & Sage Audubon SJWS Census Report for November 2014

**Census Date:** 11/7/14 **Census Time:** 7:30 - 9:45 am **Weather:** clear, temperature in the mid 80's.

**Birders who took part in the census were:** Barbara Dixon, Betsy Flynn, Carol Freund, Jan Gaffney, Terry Hill, Sharon Harrow, Bob Hogan, Nancy Kappelmann, Nancy Kenyon, Merri Levy, Sally Menzel, Carolyn Noble, Barbara Sentovich, Sandy Smith, Jerry Tolman, and Darrell Wilson.

**Comments:** It was a warm, summer-like morning with no breeze and the water in the ponds was quiet with great reflections. In fact, the reflections were so good that it was often difficult to distinguish between bird and reflection, especially sleeping birds. Pond E was packed with ducks, dowitchers, stilts, and peeps. Many of the ducks were taking their morning's nap with their heads tucked into their wings obscuring vital field marks, and the stilts were a sea of pink legs packed close together. A swiftly flying Northern Harrier soon put an end to the peaceful sleeping and many birds erupted from the pond, flew around, and came back down again once more to rest while the harrier in a hurry never paused to view the havoc it had created. Over 400 white pelicans were at the marsh this morning, some were flying around while others were stationary. While the white pelicans are always at their peak in population in Oct. and Nov. here at the marsh, this was more than we usually get and we speculated that the rise in pelican numbers may be due to the drought, causing inland waterways to be dry. We hope they will stick around this winter. The sight of the majestic birds soaring above us against a blue sky is awesome!

<b>GEESE &amp; DUCKS</b>	
69	Gadwall
1	American Wigeon
90	Mallard
6	Blue-winged Teal
31	Cinnamon Teal
64	Northern Shoveler
2	Northern Pintail
58	Green-winged Teal
9	Ring-necked Duck
73	Ruddy Duck
<b>GREBES</b>	
8	Pied-billed Grebe
19	Eared Grebe
24	Western Grebe
12	Clark's Grebe
<b>CORMORANTS &amp; PELICANS</b>	
407	American White Pelican
1	Brown Pelican
95	Double-crested Cormorant
<b>HERONS, EGRETS &amp; IBIS</b>	
11	Great Blue Heron
7	Great Egret
15	Snowy Egret
13	Black-crowned Night-Heron
<b>DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY</b>	
4	Turkey Vulture
1	Osprey
1	Northern Harrier
1	Sharp-shinned Hawk
2	Cooper's Hawk
3	Red-shouldered Hawk
1	Merlin
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES &amp; COOTS</b>	
2	Virginia Rail
2	Sora

3	Common Gallinule
211	American Coot
<b>PLOVERS</b>	
10	Killdeer
<b>STILTS &amp; AVOCETS</b>	
56	Black-necked Stilt
13	American Avocet
<b>SANDPIPERS &amp; PHALAROPES</b>	
5	Spotted Sandpiper
1	Greater Yellowlegs
9	Western Sandpiper
62	Least Sandpiper
91	Long-billed Dowitcher
<b>GULLS, TERNS &amp; SKIMMERS</b>	
8	Ring-billed Gull
2	Western Gull
1	California Gull
<b>PIGEONS &amp; DOVES</b>	
5	Mourning Dove
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>	
36	Anna's Hummingbird
17	Allen's Hummingbird
5	hummingbird sp.
<b>KINGFISHER</b>	
4	Belted Kingfisher
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>	
5	Nuttall's Woodpecker
6	Downy Woodpecker
2	Northern Flicker
<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>	
22	Black Phoebe
6	Say's Phoebe
1	Cassin's Kingbird
<b>VIREOS</b>	
5	Hutton's Vireo
<b>CROWS &amp; RAVENS</b>	
33	American Crow

<b>BUSHTITS &amp; WRENS</b>	
83	Bushtit
1	Bewick's Wren
1	House Wren
6	Marsh Wren
<b>GNATCATCHERS &amp; KINGLETS</b>	
19	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
9	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
<b>THRUSHES</b>	
9	Hermit Thrush
<b>PIPITS &amp; WAXWINGS</b>	
1	American Pipit
<b>WARBLERS</b>	
15	Orange-crowned Warbler
73	Common Yellowthroat
76	Yellow-rumped Warbler
1	Black-throated Gray Warbler
<b>TOWHEES, SPARROWS</b>	
21	Spotted Towhee
6	California Towhee
79	Song Sparrow
1	Lincoln's Sparrow
67	White-crowned Sparrow
<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>	
30	Red-winged Blackbird
3	Western Meadowlark
<b>FINCHES</b>	
131	House Finch
10	Lesser Goldfinch
9	American Goldfinch
<b>EXOTIC SPECIES</b>	
33	Nutmeg Mannikin