

Sea & Sage Audubon SJWS Census Report for May 2015

Census Date: 5/1/15

Census Time: 7:00 – 9:45 am

Weather: sunny & warm

Birders who took part in the census were: Barbara Dixon, Barbara Sentovich, Betsy Flynn, Carol Freund, Carolyn Noble, Darrell Wilson, Jerry Tolman, Jim Stacy, Lena Hayashi, Mark Kincheloe, Merri Levy, Nancy Kappelmann, Nancy Kenyon, Sally Menzel, Sandy Smith, and Terry Hill.

Comments: We had beautiful spring weather with lots of bird activity. Spring migrants, such as Yellow-breasted Chats and Yellow Warblers were lustily singing. Two families of Mallard ducklings were swimming in the shallow water of pond E while the Canada Geese goslings were feeding in the grass as their parents kept careful watch. The male Anna's Hummingbird was singing his squeaky song from the top of the Elderberry bush, Spotted Towhees were loudly making their presence known from the Toyon bushes, the avocets were busy watching for marauding crows and adamantly chasing them out of the area, and 2 young stilt chicks were sticking close to their parents, spending most of their time tucked underneath Mom with only their spindly legs showing. A Flock of 14 Semipalmated Plovers accompanied by 4 Western Sandpipers showed up at pond E and began busily feeding at the water's edge, one of the Spotted Sandpipers had lots of spots, and the Osprey chick was viewed by many birders from the nesting platform by pond 4. Bell's Vireos were singing all over the Riparian Area, Tree Swallow chicks were sticking their heads out of their nestbox holes waiting for their parents to show up with food. Nineteen Black Skimmers flew over pond 2 and birders spotted 2 active bird nests there. It was a great morning!

GEESE & DUCKS		4	Spotted Sandpiper	1	Bewick's Wren	
79	Canada Geese	1	Whimbrel	6	House Wren	
28	Gadwall	10	Western Sandpiper	26	Marsh Wren	
89	Mallard	18	Long-billed Dowitcher	THRUSHES		
2	Cinnamon Teal	GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS			2	Swainson's Thrush
5	Northern Shoveler	14	Ring-billed Gull	MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS		
1	Bufflehead	3	Western Gull	1	Northern Mockingbird	
18	Ruddy Duck	3	Least Tern	2	California Thrasher	
GREBES		3	Caspian Tern	STARLINGS		
1	Pied-billed Grebe	14	Forster's Tern	3	European Starling	
14	Western Grebe	32	Black Skimmer	PIPITS & WAXWINGS		
6	Clark's Grebe	PIGEONS & DOVES			10	Cedar Waxwing
CORMORANTS & PELICANS		1	Rock Pigeon	23WARBLERS		
11	American White Pelican	66	Mourning Dove	23	Orange-crowned Warbler	
4	Double-crested Cormorant	HUMMINGBIRDS			1	Nashville Warbler
BITTERN		37	Anna's Hummingbird	132	Common Yellowthroat	
1	Least Bittern	20	Allen's Hummingbird	61	Yellow Warbler	
HERONS, EGRETS & IBIS		WOODPECKERS			1	Yellow-rumped Warbler
9	Great Blue Heron	6	Nuttall's Woodpecker	1	Townsend's Warbler	
2	Great Egret	3	Downy Woodpecker	15	Wilson's Warbler	
7	Snowy Egret	FLYCATCHERS			15	Yellow-breasted Chat
4	Green Heron	1	Western Wood-Pewee	TOWHEES, SPARROWS		
13	Black-crowned Night-Heron	9	Black Phoebe	44	Spotted Towhee	
1	White-faced Ibis	4	Cassin's Kingbird	4	California Towhee	
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY		VIdeos			2	Savannah Sparrow
10	Turkey Vulture	18	Bell's Vireo	182	Song Sparrow	
3	Osprey	4	Hutton's Vireo	TANAGERS & GROSBEAKS		
2	Cooper's Hawk	3	Warbling Vireo	16	Western Tanager	
RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS		1	Cassin's Vireo	2	Black-headed Grosbeak	
3	Sora	CROWS & RAVENS			BLACKBIRDS	
47	American Coot	13	American Crow	41	Red-winged Blackbird	
PLOVERS		3	Common Raven	4	Brown-headed Cowbird	
14	Semipalmated Plover	SWALLOWS			2	Hooded Oriole
19	Killdeer	32	N. Rough-winged Swallow	FINCHES		
STILTS & AVOCETS		133	Tree Swallow	129	House Finch	
34	Black-necked Stilt	449	Cliff Swallow	23	Lesser Goldfinch	
37	American Avocet	BUSHTITS & WRENS			2	American Goldfinch
SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES		89	Bush-tit	EXOTIC SPECIES		
1	Greater Yellowlegs	1	Greater Yellowlegs	71	Scaley-breasted Munia	