

Sea & Sage Audubon

SJWS Census Report for September 2015

Census Date: 9/4/15 **Census Time:** 7:00 - 9:45 am **Weather:** overcast

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, Carolyn Noble, Barbara Sentovich, Jim Stacy, Jerry Tolman, and Darrell Wilson.

Comments: Our count began under overcast skies, but it didn't dampen any action on the part of the birds which were busily feeding. The Common Yellowthroats were especially lively and they were seen hopping around in the grass at the water's edge. One of the males put on quite a display for us, leaping into the air at frequent intervals. At pond C, one of the Spotted Sandpipers was feeding a few feet along the shore near some Mallards. It would crouch low to the ground, head below its body with the bill pointing down, in what appeared to be an appeasement display. When it snatched a bite to eat, it would return to an upright position, bob its body up and down, and then crouch down again. It repeated this action many times. At pond one, 3 Clark's Grebe chicks were riding on the back on one of the parents where there really wasn't enough room for all three, and one kept sliding off. Also at pond one, was a Mallard with 5 ducklings, a Bell's Vireo and a Willow Flycatcher. Bell's Vireos were also observed in the Riparian Area and at Pond 5. A Marsh Wren was heard singing at Pond B. Usually there are more stilts than avocets, but this morning there were 40 avocets and only 5 stilts. The raptors made a good showing with 2 Turkey Vultures, 2 Ospreys, 2 Northern Harriers, 3 Cooper's Hawks, 5 Red-shouldered Hawks, and 1 Red-tailed Hawk. There was an abundance of exotic species including an Egyptian Goose, 4 Northern Red Bishops, 4 Mandarin Ducks, and a whopping 389 Scaly-breasted Munias.

GEESE & DUCKS

82	Canada Geese
26	Gadwall
59	Mallard
13	Cinnamon Teal
37	Northern Shoveler
30	Green-winged Teal

GREBES

15	Pied-billed Grebe
8	Western Grebe
11	Clark's Grebe

CORMORANTS & PELICANS

17	Double-crested Cormorant
68	American White Pelican
2	Brown Pelican

HERONS, EGRETS & IBIS

12	Great Blue Heron
9	Great Egret
3	Snowy Egret
8	Green Heron
17	Black-crowned Night-Heron
6	White-faced Ibis

DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY

2	Turkey Vulture
2	Osprey
2	Northern Harrier
3	Cooper's Hawk
5	Red-shouldered Hawk
1	Red-tailed Hawk

RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS

2	Sora
22	American Coot

PLOVERS

3	Semipalmated Plover
15	Killdeer

STILTS & AVOCETS

5	Black-necked Stilt
40	American Avocet

SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES

3	Spotted Sandpiper
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1	Greater Yellowlegs
33	Western Sandpiper
7	Least Sandpiper
2	Short-billed Dowitcher
55	Long-billed Dowitcher
1	Wilson's Phalarope

GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS

2	Western Gull
15	Caspian Tern
5	Elegant Tern
11	Forster's Tern
24	Black Skimmer

PIGEONS & DOVES

67	Mourning Dove
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SWIFTS

1	Vaux's Swift
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HUMMINGBIRDS

40	Anna's Hummingbird
11	Allen's Hummingbird
6	hummingbird sp.

KINGFISHER

5	Belted Kingfisher
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WOODPECKERS

7	Nuttall's Woodpecker
4	Downy Woodpecker

FLYCATCHERS

1	Pacific-slope Flycatcher
31	Black Phoebe
1	Willow Flycatcher
2	Cassin's Kingbird

VIREOS

6	Bell's Vireo
1	Warbling Vireo
4	Hutton's Vireo

CROWS & RAVENS

73	American Crow
3	Common Raven

SWALLOWS

3	N. Rough-winged Swallow
4	Barn Swallow

1	Cliff Swallow
2	swallow sp.

WRENTITS, BUSHTITS & WRENS

3	Wrentit
120	Bushtit
2	Bewick's Wren
1	House Wren
1	Marsh Wren

GNATCATCHERS

4	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
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MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS

2	Northern Mockingbird
1	California Thrasher

WARBLERS

9	Orange-crowned Warbler
1	Nashville Warbler
2	Yellow Warbler
154	Common Yellowthroat
3	Wilson's Warbler

TOWHEES, SPARROWS

32	Spotted Towhee
2	California Towhee
9	Savannah Sparrow
108	Song Sparrow

GROSBEAKS

1	Black-headed Grosbeak
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BLACKBIRDS

35	Red-winged Blackbird
3	Great-tailed Grackle
2	Hooded Oriole

FINCHES

56	House Finch
10	Lesser Goldfinch

EXOTIC SPECIES

1	Egyptian Goose
4	Northern Red Bishop
389	Scaly-breasted Munia
4	Mandarin Duck