

# Sea & Sage Audubon

## SJWS Census Report for November 2015

**Census Date:** 11/6/15 **Census Time:** 7:00 - 9:45 am **Weather:** sunny and cold.

**Birders who took part in the census were:** Barbara Dixon, Betsy Flynn, Jan Gaffney, Sheila Harlow, Sharon Harrow, Lena Hayashi, Terry Hill, Bob Hogan, Nancy Kappelmann, Nancy Kenyon, Merri Levy, Sally Menzel, Eunice Morita, Carolyn Noble, Barbara Sentovich, Jim Stacy, Jerry Tolman, and Darrell Wilson.

**Comments:** At pond E, a large flock of Scaley-breasted Munias circled the area and then settled down; some were lined up in a row on the branch of a leafless tree, others were perched on the uppermost part of tall grasses in the sunlight. When a young Cooper's Hawk flew by, the munias disappeared but the ducks paid no attention to the Cooper's Hawk which had landed in a nearby Sycamore. On the other side of the pond, there were several N. Red Bishops flaunting their fiery red color while sitting atop the tall grasses. 4 Mallard drakes were perched in a row on a log in the water. At 9:17, the noisy Black-necked Stilts emerged from the water treatment plant, flying over the wall, and landing in small groups in pond D. While the stilts remained in a group on one end of the pond, the avocets stalked their prey at the other end. Three white birds flew overhead with the bright sunlight glinting off their white feathers. At pond 1, Terry, Betsy & Barbara saw 2 coots aggressively fighting each other by jumping out of the water and locking their feet together. They also saw 2 hybrid Western/Clark's Grebe chicks. (According to a photographer who has been monitoring those chicks since they hatched, there were originally 4 of them, but now 4 days later, there is only 1 of them left.) Apparently, there is a family of hungry raccoons nearby. At pond 2, Sally & Barbara counted 129 American White Pelicans, one of which had a wing tag. Carolyn found a beautiful male Hooded Merganser by the Michelson bridge. It was a great morning for birding!

<b>GEESE &amp; DUCKS</b>		30	Killdeer	100	Bushtit
24	Canada Geese	<b>STILTS &amp; AVOCETS</b>		5	Bewick's Wren
6	Gadwall	56	Black-necked Stilt	2	House Wren
10	American Wigeon	28	American Avocet	10	Marsh Wren
55	Mallard	<b>SANDPIPERS &amp; PHALAROPES</b>		1	Wrentit
3	Blue-winged Teal	5	Spotted Sandpiper	<b>GNATCATCHERS &amp; KINGLETS</b>	
19	Cinnamon Teal	2	Greater Yellowlegs	26	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
10	Northern Shoveler	26	Western Sandpiper	29	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
2	Northern Pintail	40	Least Sandpiper	<b>THRUSHES</b>	
21	Green-winged Teal	43	Long-billed Dowitcher	3	Western Bluebird
1	Hooded Merganser	<b>GULLS, TERNS &amp; SKIMMERS</b>		3	Hermit Thrush
32	Ruddy Duck	4	Western Gull	<b>MOCKINGBIRDS &amp; THRASHERS</b>	
<b>GREBES</b>		4	California Gull	3	Northern Mockingbird
21	Pied-billed Grebe	<b>PIGEONS &amp; DOVES</b>		1	California Thrasher
1	Horned Grebe	57	Mourning Dove	<b>STARLINGS</b>	
8	Eared Grebe	<b>SWIFTS</b>		2	European Starling
14	Western Grebe	10	White-throated Swift	<b>PIPITS &amp; WAXWINGS</b>	
2	Clark's Grebe	<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>		38	American Pipit
2	W/C Hybrid chicks	42	Anna's Hummingbird	<b>WARBLERS</b>	
<b>CORMORANTS &amp; PELICANS</b>		29	Allen's Hummingbird	18	Orange-crowned Warbler
64	Double-crested Cormorant	<b>KINGFISHER</b>		90	Common Yellowthroat
133	American White Pelican	3	Belted Kingfisher	186	Yellow-rumped Warbler
1	Brown Pelican	<b>WOODPECKERS</b>		2	Townsend's Warbler
<b>HERONS, EGRETS &amp; IBIS</b>		5	Nuttall's Woodpecker	2	Wilson's Warbler
6	Great Blue Heron	8	Downy Woodpecker	<b>TOWHEES, SPARROWS</b>	
6	Great Egret	2	Northern Flicker	25	Spotted Towhee
9	Snowy Egret	<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>		2	Savannah Sparrow
2	Green Heron	29	Black Phoebe	101	Song Sparrow
23	Black-crowned Night-Heron	10	Say's Phoebe	98	White-crowned Sparrow
<b>DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY</b>		2	Vermilion Flycatcher (M&F)	<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>	
10	Turkey Vulture	16	Cassin's Kingbird	24	Red-winged Blackbird
4	Osprey	<b>VIREOS</b>		8	Western Meadowlark
4	Cooper's Hawk	2	Hutton's Vireo	1	Great-tailed Grackle
3	Red-shouldered Hawk	<b>CROWS &amp; RAVENS</b>		<b>FINCHES</b>	
4	Red-tailed Hawk	76	American Crow	84	House Finch
3	American Kestrel	3	Common Raven	8	Lesser Goldfinch
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES &amp; COOTS</b>		<b>SWALLOWS</b>		<b>EXOTIC SPECIES</b>	
1	Virginia Rail	19	N. Rough-winged Swallow	7	Egyptian Goose
1	Sora	38	Tree Swallow	14	Northern Red Bishop
4	Common Gallinule	4	Barn Swallow	152+	Scaley-breasted Munia
164	American Coot	2	Cliff Swallow	<b>ADDITIONAL (Special) SPECIES:</b>	
<b>PLOVERS</b>		<b>BUSHTITS, WRENS, WRENTITS</b>		1	Gray Catbird