Sea & Sage Audubon
SJWS Census Report for Feb. 2016

Pond 1: Lena Hayashi, Betsy Flynn, Barbara Dixon. Pond 2: Barbara Sentovich. Pond 3: Nancy Kappelmann, Sandy Smith. Ponds 4,5,6: Eunice Morita, Bob Hogan. Ponds A,B,C: Sharon Harrow, Mark Kincheloe. Ponds E,D: Nancy Kenyon, Carol Freund. Riparian: Jan Gaffney, Merri Levy. Back 40 & Tree Hill: Darrell Wilson, Jim Stacy, Jerry Tolman. Parking Lot, Meadow, Butterfly Garden: Barbara Sentovich. San Diego Creek: Carolyn Noble.

Comments: Due to the cold temperatures earlier this week, we started our count this morning at 8:00 instead of our usual 7:00 AM; as a result, the Canada Geese had already left the marsh and flown off to their usual daytime grazing areas by the time we had arrived. However, a few nomadic White-faced Ibis were still around for a short time. The Ospreys had taken up "residence" at the 2 nesting platforms and the large flock of Ruddy Ducks were once more at pond C. The water was very still and complete reflections of the stationary birds in the ponds kept us busy trying to differentiate between actual birds and their reflections. The male Cinnamon Teals were gorgeous in the bright sunlight! At pond E where all the lush vegetation had been cut down in preparation for the spring ground nesting of Avocets & Stilts, there were dozens of Western and Least Sandpipers scurrying around busily feeding; the Least Sandpipers blended in so well with the emerging vegetation, that it was hard to even see them until they moved. All the birds were relatively quiet vocally with only an occasional Song Sparrow, Wrentit, or Nuttall's Woodpecker breaking into song; even the Black-necked Stilts were quiet except when flying off to another pond. Tree Swallows were flying busily around, checking out their nesting boxes in preparation for spring nesting. There was no sign of the Vermilion Flycatchers.

GEESE & DUCKS	
59	Gadwall
10	American Wigeon
61	Mallard
4	Blue-winged Teal
42	Cinnamon Teal
118	Northern Shoveler
38	Northern Pintail
6	Green-winged Teal
4	Bufflehead
90	Ruddy Duck
GREBES	
19	Pied-billed Grebe
8	Eared Grebe
8	Western Grebe
3	Clark's Grebe
CORMORANTS & PELICANS	
15	Double-crested Cormorant
HERONS, EGRETS & IBIS	
6	Great Blue Heron
1	Great Egret
12	Snowy Egret
26	Black-crowned Night-Heron
14	White-faced Ibis
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY	
11	Turkey Vulture
4	Osprey
2	Northern Harrier
1	Sharp-shinned Hawk
4	Cooper's Hawk
1	Red-shouldered Hawk
3	Red-tailed Hawk
RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS	
2	Common Gallinule
101	American Coot
PLOVERS	
30	Killdeer
STILTS & AVOCETS	
85	Black-necked Stilt
7	American Avocet

SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES	
4	Spotted Sandpiper
3	Marbled Godwit
114	Western Sandpiper
33	Least Sandpiper
51	Long-billed Dowitcher
GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS	
13	Ring-billed Gull
5	Western Gull
28	California Gull
PIGEONS & DOVES	
44	Mourning Dove
HUMMINGBIRDS	
44	Anna's Hummingbird
21	Allen's Hummingbird
KINGFISHER	
4	Belted Kingfisher
WOODPECKERS	
4	Nuttall's Woodpecker
3	Downy Woodpecker
5	Northern Flicker
FLYCATCHERS	
27	Black Phoebe
8	Say's Phoebe
8	Cassin's Kingbird
VIREOS	
2	Hutton's Vireo
CROWS & RAVENS	
12	American Crow
2	Common Raven
SWALLOWS	
23	N. Rough-winged Swallow
102	Tree Swallow
1	Barn Swallow
1	Cliff Swallow
WRENTITS & BUSHTITS	
2	Wrentit
126	Bushtit

WRENS	
3	Bewick's Wren
1	House Wren
4	Marsh Wren
GNATCATCHERS & KINGLETS	
17	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
39	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
THRUSHES	
5	Hermit Thrush
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS	
2	Northern Mockingbird
STARLINGS	
4	European Starling
PIPITS & WAXWINGS	
4	American Pipit
WARBLERS	
9	Orange-crowned Warbler
88	Common Yellowthroat
194	Yellow-rumped Warbler
2	Townsend's Warbler
1	Wilson's Warbler
TOWHEES & SPARROWS	
38	Spotted Towhee
2	California Towhee
117	Song Sparrow
45	White-crowned Sparrow
BLACKBIRDS	
5	Red-winged Blackbird
1	Brown-headed Cowbird
FINCHES	
75	House Finch
27	Lesser Goldfinch
15	American Goldfinch
EXOTIC SPECIES	
3	Egyptian Goose
29	Scaley-breasted Munia