

## Sea & Sage Audubon SJWS Census Report for April 2016

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

**Comments:** The creek was shrouded in a light ground fog as we drove in, creating a soft misty light over the water. Low-flying Canada Geese flew overhead, some almost a foot above our heads; one must not have been paying attention to his friends since he was way behind the flock, honking madly and trying to catch up. The water in the ponds was very still and we had difficulties discerning which were birds and which were reflections. The bright sunlight gave the White-faced Ibis an iridescent sheen to their backs and made the male Cinnamon Teals glow. An early morning birder saw a flock of 15 Whimbrels at pond 1 but they didn't stick around very long. Some of the birds had already begun nesting; this included Black-necked Stilt chicks which were already running around and a Canada Goose nest on one of the islands.

<b>GEESE &amp; DUCKS</b>		18	Western Sandpiper	17	Marsh Wren
61	Canada Geese	19	Least Sandpiper	<b>GNATCATCHERS &amp; KINGLETS</b>	
34	Gadwall	3	Dunlin	3	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
1	American Wigeon	53	Long-billed Dowitcher	3	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
57	Mallard	<b>GULLS, TERNS &amp; SKIMMERS</b>			
7	Blue-winged Teal	24	Ring-billed Gull	<b>THRUSHES</b>	
33	Cinnamon Teal	2	Western Gull	2	Western Bluebird
77	Northern Shoveler	7	California Gull	1	Hermit Thrush
7	Green-winged Teal	2	Caspian Tern	2	American Robin
61	Ruddy Duck	11	Forster's Tern	<b>MOCKINGBIRDS &amp; THRASHERS</b>	
<b>GREBES</b>		<b>PIGEONS &amp; DOVES</b>			
9	Pied-billed Grebe	46	Mourning Dove	<b>PIPITS &amp; WAXWINGS</b>	
3	Eared Grebe	<b>SWIFTS</b>			
9	Western Grebe	5	White-throated Swift	<b>WARBLERS</b>	
7	Clark's Grebe	<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>			
<b>CORMORANTS &amp; PELICANS</b>		55	Anna's Hummingbird	35	Orange-crowned Warbler
12	Double-crested Cormorant	49	Allen's Hummingbird	141	Common Yellowthroat
6	American White Pelican	<b>KINGFISHER</b>			
<b>HERONS, EGRETS &amp; IBIS</b>		2	Belted Kingfisher	7	Yellow Warbler
5	Great Blue Heron	<b>WOODPECKERS</b>			
6	Great Egret	7	Nuttall's Woodpecker	61	Yellow-rumped Warbler
5	Snowy Egret	6	Downy Woodpecker	1	Black-throated Gray Warbler
1	Green Heron	1	Northern Flicker	1	Wilson's Warbler
13	Black-crowned Night-Heron	<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>			
8	White-faced Ibis	11	Black Phoebe	1	Yellow-breasted Chat
<b>DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY</b>		3	Ash-throated Flycatcher	<b>TOWHEES, SPARROWS</b>	
3	Turkey Vulture	1	Cassin's Kingbird	66	Spotted Towhee
4	Osprey	2	Western Kingbird	6	California Towhee
1	Cooper's Hawk	<b>VIREOS</b>			
1	Red-shouldered Hawk	4	Bell's Vireo	171	Song Sparrow
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES &amp; COOTS</b>		2	Hutton's Vireo	2	Lincoln's Sparrow
3	Sora	7	Warbling Vireo	23	White-crowned Sparrow
1	Common Gallinule	<b>CROWS &amp; RAVENS</b>			
71	American Coot	122	American Crow	<b>TANAGERS &amp; GROSBEEKS</b>	
<b>PLOVERS</b>		3	Common Raven	1	Black-headed Grosbeak
17	Killdeer	<b>SWALLOWS</b>			
<b>STILTS &amp; AVOCETS</b>		28	N. Rough-winged Swallow	<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>	
65	Black-necked Stilt	209	Tree Swallow	8	Red-winged Blackbird
23	American Avocet	8	Barn Swallow	1	Brown-headed Cowbird
<b>SANDPIPERS &amp; PHALAROPES</b>		126	Cliff Swallow	2	Hooded Oriole
3	Spotted Sandpiper	<b>CROWS &amp; RAVENS</b>			
1	Greater Yellowlegs	122	American Crow	<b>FINCHES</b>	
1	Willet	3	Common Raven	81	House Finch
15	Whimbrel	<b>BUSHTITS &amp; WRENS</b>			
1	Marbled Godwit	68	Bushtit	6	Lesser Goldfinch
		3	Bewick's Wren	4	American Goldfinch
		5	House Wren	<b>EXOTIC SPECIES</b>	
				15	Scaley-breasted Munia