

Sea & Sage Audubon SJWS Census Report for July 1, 2016

Notes: The weather was completely overcast but the birds were active and singing. There was a preponderance of Mallard ducklings and Least Terns in many of the areas. **Pond 1** had a Clark's Grebe & Western Grebe swimming together, a Killdeer was nesting on the island, along with 12 Least Terns and 22 Black Skimmers which were resting there, and an Elegant Tern which stayed in the same place throughout the count. (Birders later in the week found the Elegant Tern still there and thought it was probably ill.) **Pond 2** had both Western & Clark's Grebes, a juv & parent Least Tern with the other Least Terns, and saw 4 Red-crowned Parrots flyover the land area. **Pond 3** also had Least Terns and an Osprey. **Ponds 4,5,6** had 10 Pied-billed Grebes, 5 of which were chicks with striped heads, an Osprey, Least Terns, and 2 Bell's Vireos. **Ponds A,B,C** had 10 Mallard ducklings in pond C, 2 Least Bitterns and 3 Green Herons in pond B. **Ponds E & D** had 11 "teenage" Mallard ducklings in pond E and 2 large flocks of Scaley-breasted Munias which flew out of pond E. The cloudy weather made the birds so dark that we were unable to see any color in the munias and had to id them by size and flocking behavior. At the **Riparian Area** they saw a Red-shouldered Hawk and a Greater Roadrunner. At **Tree Hill & the Back 40** they saw a Great Blue Heron with a Perch in its mouth and a juv. Hutton's Vireo begging for food.

GEESE & DUCKS	
28	Canada Geese
6	Gadwall
112	Mallard
13	Ruddy Duck
GREBES	
14	Pied-billed Grebe
6	Western Grebe
10	Clark's Grebe
CORMORANTS & PELICANS	
14	Double-crested Cormorant
BITTERNS	
3	Least Bittern
HERONS, EGRETS & IBIS	
6	Great Blue Heron
7	Great Egret
6	Snowy Egret
5	Green Heron
13	Black-crowned Night-Heron
1	White-faced Ibis
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY	
2	Turkey Vulture
2	Osprey
1	Red-shouldered Hawk
RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS	
14	American Coot
PLOVERS	
12	Killdeer
STILTS & AVOCETS	
1	Black-necked Stilt
4	American Avocet
GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS	
31	Least Tern
9	Caspian Tern
27	Forster's Tern
3	Elegant Tern
55	Black Skimmer
PIGEONS & DOVES	
44	Mourning Dove
ROADRUNNERS	
1	Greater Roadrunner

SWIFTS	
1	White-throated Swift
HUMMINGBIRDS	
21	Anna's Hummingbird
16	Allen's Hummingbird
5	hummingbird sp.
WOODPECKERS	
13	Nuttall's Woodpecker
1	Downy Woodpecker
FLYCATCHERS	
1	Pacific-slope Flycatcher
4	Black Phoebe
VIREOS	
4	Bell's Vireo
3	Hutton's Vireo
CROWS & RAVENS	
181	American Crow
2	Common Raven
SWALLOWS	
7	N. Rough-winged Swallow
86	Tree Swallow
2	Barn Swallow
30	Cliff Swallow
WRENTITS, BUSHTITS, WRENS	
2	Wrentits
71	Bushtit
1	Bewick's Wren
1	House Wren
1	Marsh Wren
THRUSHES	
2	American Robin
WARBLERS	
4	Orange-crowned Warbler
112	Common Yellowthroat
20	Yellow Warbler
14	Yellow-breasted Chat
TOWHEES, SPARROWS	
40	Spotted Towhee
62	Song Sparrow
BLACKBIRDS	
11	Red-winged Blackbird

5	Great-tailed Grackle
FINCHES	
91	House Finch
12	Lesser Goldfinch
EXOTIC SPECIES	
4	parrots sp.
2	Mandarin Duck
82	Scaley-breasted Munia

Pond 1: Terry Hill & Betsy Flynn.
Pond 2: Sally Menzel & Barbara Sentovich.
Pond 3: Nancy Kappelmann & Maureen Myers.
Ponds 4,5,6: Bob Hogan.
Ponds A,B,C: Sharon Harrow & Lena Hayashi.
Ponds E & D: Nancy Kenyon & Carol Freund.
Riparian: Merri Levy & Jan Gaffney.
Back 40 & Tree Hill: Jim Stacy & Jerry Tolman.
Parking Lot, Meadow, Butterfly Garden: Sally Menzel & Barbara Sentovich.
San Diego Creek: not covered.