Sea & Sage Audubon
SJWS Census Report for October 7, 2016

Highlights: The Clark's Grebes were active. At pond 2, there were 3 chicks, and at pond 1, a pair of them was "dancing" across the water together, necks stretched out in proper courtship display formation. An unusually large number of White-faced Ibis (59) was seen at pond 1 and in the back 40 area. A Ridgway's Rail was heard along the San Diego Creek. Everyone was happy to see so many American White Pelicans back at the marsh. Today's count was 173 of them, and we were even treated to the sight of a few of them soaring against the blue sky. . . beautiful! Black Phoebes appeared to be everywhere; we had 40 of them! A sunny morning brought out the birds (92 species) and many of them were singing, including a few White-crowned Sparrows singing their plaintive song. Several male Northern Red Bishops perched on top of the vegetation were especially striking in full sunlight. It was a memorable morning!

GEESE & DUCKS	
66	Canada Geese
18	Gadwall
7	American Wigeon
73	Mallard
5	Cinnamon Teal
25	Northern Shoveler
26	Green-winged Teal
1	Ring-necked Duck
39	Ruddy Duck
GREBES	
13	Pied-billed Grebe
7	Western Grebe
12	Clark's Grebe
incl. 3 chicks & 2 pairs doing courtship displays	
CORMORANTS & PELICANS	
15	Double-crested Cormorant
173	American White Pelican
5	Brown Pelican
HERONS, EGRETS & IBIS	
7	Great Blue Heron
8	Great Egret
15	Snowy Egret
3	Green Heron
10	Black-crowned Night-Heron
59	White-faced Ibis
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY	
22	Turkey Vulture
1	Osprey
4	Cooper's Hawk
1	Red-shouldered Hawk
4	American Kestrel
RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS	
3	Sora
1	Ridgway's Rail
1	Virginia Rail
2	Common Gallinule
130	American Coot
PLOVERS	
1	Black-bellied Plover
3	Semipalmated Plover
20	Killdeer
STILTS & AVOCETS	
33	Black-necked Stilt
12	American Avocet
SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES	
4	Spotted Sandpiper
1	Lesser Yellowlegs
6	Western Sandpiper
23	Least Sandpiper
5	peep sp.
1	Dunlin
69	Long-billed Dowitcher
GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS	
1	Ring-billed Gull
3	Western Gull
1	Caspian Tern
14	Forster's Tern
3	Black Skimmer
PIGEONS & DOVES	
100	Mourning Dove
SWIFTS	
3	White-throated Swift
HUMMINGBIRDS	
34	Anna's Hummingbird
23	Allen's Hummingbird
1	hummingbird sp.
KINGFISHER	
5	Belted Kingfisher
WOODPECKERS	
7	Nuttall's Woodpecker
14	Downy Woodpecker
1	Northern Flicker
FLYCATCHERS	
1	Western Wood-Pewee
1	Pacific-slope Flycatcher
40	Black Phoebe
3	Say's Phoebe
6	Cassin's Kingbird
VIREOS	
4	Hutton's Vireo
CROWS & RAVENS	
308	American Crow
3	Common Raven
SWALLOWS	
6	Barn Swallow
4	swallow sp.
BUSHTITS, WRENS, WRENTITS	
174	Bushtit
4	Bewick's Wren
1	House Wren
3	Marsh Wren
4	Wrentit
GNATCATCHERS & KINGLETS	
22	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
5	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
THRUSHES	
1	American Robin
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS	
4	Northern Mockingbird
2	California Thrasher
STARLINGS	
1	European Starling
WARBLERS	
17	Orange-crowned Warbler
129	Common Yellowthroat
2	Yellow Warbler
21	Yellow-rumped Warbler
1	Townsend's Warbler
1	Wilson's Warbler
TOWHEES, SPARROWS	
32	Spotted Towhee
2	California Towhee
84	Song Sparrow
2	Lincoln's Sparrow
92	White-crowned Sparrow
BLACKBIRDS & GRACKLES	
37	Red-winged Blackbird
25	Great-tailed Grackle
FINCHES	
159	House Finch
29	Lesser Goldfinch
10	American Goldfinch
EXOTIC SPECIES	
	Egyptian Goose
	Mandarin Duck
188	Scaly-breasted Munia
5	Northern Red Bishop
MAMMALS	
1	Raccoon
	Coyotes howling

Pond 1: Terry Hill, Barbara Dixon & Betsy Flynn

Pond 2: Sally Menzel & Lena Hayashi

Pond 3: Nancy Kappelmann & Maureen Myers

Ponds 4,5,6: Bob Hogan

Ponds A,B,C: Sharon Harrow & Mark Kincheloe

Ponds E & D: Nancy Kenyon

Riparian: Merri Levy, Jan Gaffney, & Sheila Harlow

Back 40 & Tree Hill: Jim Stacy, Jerry Tolman & Darrell Wilson

San Diego Creek: Carolyn Noble