

## Sea & Sage Audubon SJWS Census Report for November 4, 2016

**Highlights: Pond E** had only a small amount of water in it which was partially obscured by a dense growth of dried Fleabane, a sea of brown leaves and puffy white flowers gone to seed. **This made good cover** for the flocks of Scaly-breasted Munias. At the back of the pond in their favorite corner were 4 male N. Red Bishops perched on the tops of tall reeds overlooking the fleabane and illuminated by bright morning sunlight. It was quite a sight - until a hungry Northern Harrier swooped low over the area, circling round and round, searching for an unwary bird for a snack. At the sight of the harrier, all the little birds in the area disappeared into the dense vegetation and the harrier finally gave up and flew off to begin her search elsewhere. Yellow-rumped Warblers were everywhere, foraging for insects in the shrubbery and calling, while the White-crowned Sparrows began singing their plaintive song as soon as the morning sun illuminated their area. **Ponds B, A, C** had 6 White-faced ibis fly over and an abundance of ducks representing 6 species. **Pond 1** had 57 American White Pelicans and a Western/Clark's Grebe hybrid. **Pond 2** had 2 juvenile Clark's Grebes; a Nashville Warbler was found in the land areas away from the ponds. **Pond 3** has a juvenile Black-crowned Night-Heron on the island. **Pond 4** had a couple of Cooper's Hawks and an American Kestrel. The **Riparian Area** had a Northern Flicker, 34 Killdeer, and a Nashville Warbler. **Tree Hill & Back 40 Area** got there in time to see 2500+ crows take off from their nighttime roost and a Bell's Vireo which is probably wintering there.

<b>GEESE &amp; DUCKS</b>	
47	Canada Geese
4	Gadwall
17	Mallard
5	Blue-winged Teal
24	Cinnamon Teal
64	Northern Shoveler
34	Green-winged Teal
46	Ruddy Duck
<b>GREBES</b>	
17	Pied-billed Grebe
3	Eared Grebe
27	Western Grebe
10	Clark's Grebe
1	Clark's/Western hybrid
<b>CORMORANTS &amp; PELICANS</b>	
80	Double-crested Cormorant
73	American White Pelican
<b>HERONS, EGRETS &amp; IBIS</b>	
6	Great Blue Heron
6	Great Egret
4	Snowy Egret
1	Green Heron
17	Black-crowned Night-Heron
11	White-faced Ibis
<b>DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY</b>	
1	Northern Harrier
4	Cooper's Hawk
1	Red-tailed Hawk
4	American Kestrel
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES &amp; COOTS</b>	
3	Sora
3	Common Gallinule
106	American Coot
<b>PLOVERS</b>	
34	Killdeer
<b>STILTS &amp; AVOCETS</b>	
4	Black-necked Stilt
14	American Avocet
<b>SANDPIPERS &amp; PHALAROPES</b>	
1	Spotted Sandpiper
15	Least Sandpiper

26	Long-billed Dowitcher
<b>GULLS, TERNS &amp; SKIMMERS</b>	
5	Western Gull
2	Forster's Tern
<b>PIGEONS &amp; DOVES</b>	
16	Mourning Dove
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>	
23	Anna's Hummingbird
1	Black-chinned Hummingbird
17	Allen's Hummingbird
3	hummingbird sp.
<b>KINGFISHER</b>	
3	Belted Kingfisher
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>	
6	Nuttall's Woodpecker
2	Downy Woodpecker
1	Northern Flicker
<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>	
24	Black Phoebe
2	Say's Phoebe
5	Cassin's Kingbird
<b>VIREOS</b>	
1	Bell's Vireo
2	Hutton's Vireo
	Warbling Vireo
<b>CROWS &amp; RAVENS</b>	
2500	American Crow
<b>SWALLOWS</b>	
10	N. Rough-winged Swallow
6	swallow sp.
<b>BUSHTITS, WRENS, WRENTITS</b>	
247	Bushtit
2	House Wren
6	Marsh Wren
2	Wrentit
<b>GNATCATCHERS &amp; KINGLETS</b>	
23	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
17	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
<b>THRUSHES</b>	
7	Hermit Thrush
<b>MOCKINGBIRDS &amp; THRASHERS</b>	
1	California Thrasher

<b>PIPITS &amp; WAXWINGS</b>	
30	American Pipit
12	Cedar Waxwing
<b>WARBLERS</b>	
16	Orange-crowned Warbler
2	Nashville Warbler
42	Common Yellowthroat
215	Yellow-rumped Warbler
<b>TOWHEES, SPARROWS</b>	
20	Spotted Towhee
2	California Towhee
40	Song Sparrow
41	White-crowned Sparrow
<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>	
23	Red-winged Blackbird
1	Western Meadowlark
50	Great-tailed Grackle
<b>FINCHES</b>	
87	House Finch
40	Lesser Goldfinch
7	American Goldfinch
<b>EXOTIC SPECIES</b>	
50	Scaly-breasted Munia
4	Northern Red Bishop

**Pond 1:** Lena Hayashi, Barbara Dixon & Betsy Flynn

**Pond 2:** Barbara Sentovich

**Pond 3:** Nancy Kappelmann & Maureen Myers

**Ponds 4,5,6:** Eunice Morita

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

**Ponds E & D:** Nancy Kenyon & Carol Freund

**Riparian:** Merri Levy & Sheila Harlow

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

**San Diego Creek:** not covered today