

## Sea & Sage Audubon SJWS Census Report for December 2, 2016

Today's census was conducted while a cold fierce wind was blowing. Those birders with scopes had to hang on to their tripods to keep them from blowing over. Only birds which were strong flyers were able to cope with the wind; the others would flap madly but make little progress, often turning around and heading back to a where they started from. The gulls and vultures were, of course, in their element, and were able to soar gracefully wherever they wanted to go. Most of the smaller birds remained on the ground and many huddled in some sheltered spot where we were unable to see them. Pond B was a scene of high activity for part of the morning, visited by 200+ Cormorants along with many other species who were apparently feeding on the abundance of small fish. Birders at pond 1 had their work cut out for them trying to cover the pond while part of the surrounding road was flooded. In spite of high winds, all the ponds were well covered by our hardy census team.

<b>GEESE &amp; DUCKS</b>	
7	Snow Goose
65	Canada Geese
21	Gadwall
33	American Wigeon
52	Mallard
6	Blue-winged Teal
22	Cinnamon Teal
147	Northern Shoveler
25	Green-winged Teal
3	Canvasback
1	Ring-necked Duck
1	Bufflehead
25	Ruddy Duck
<b>GREBES</b>	
7	Pied-billed Grebe
3	Eared Grebe
29	Western Grebe
7	Clark's Grebe
<b>CORMORANTS &amp; PELICANS</b>	
205	Double-crested Cormorant
87	American White Pelican
<b>HERONS, EGRETS &amp; IBIS</b>	
5	Great Blue Heron
13	Great Egret
21	Snowy Egret
1	Green Heron
17	Black-crowned Night-Heron
1	White-faced Ibis
<b>DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY</b>	
21	Turkey Vulture
5	Osprey
1	Sharp-shinned Hawk
2	Cooper's Hawk
1	Red-shouldered Hawk
4	Red-tailed Hawk
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES &amp; COOTS</b>	
1	Sora
1	Common Gallinule
73	American Coot
<b>PLOVERS</b>	
3	Killdeer

<b>STILTS &amp; AVOCETS</b>	
27	Black-necked Stilt
18	American Avocet
<b>SANDPIPERS &amp; PHALAROPES</b>	
2	Spotted Sandpiper
3	Greater Yellowlegs
4	Western Sandpiper
64	Least Sandpiper
86	Long-billed Dowitcher
<b>GULLS, TERNS &amp; SKIMMERS</b>	
74	Ring-billed Gull
19	Western Gull
5	California Gull
2	Caspian Tern
<b>PIGEONS &amp; DOVES</b>	
3	Rock Pigeon
15	Mourning Dove
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>	
7	Anna's Hummingbird
6	Allen's Hummingbird
<b>KINGFISHER</b>	
4	Belted Kingfisher
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>	
3	Nuttall's Woodpecker
1	Downy Woodpecker
<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>	
12	Black Phoebe
2	Say's Phoebe
1	Cassin's Kingbird
<b>CROWS &amp; RAVENS</b>	
338	American Crow
<b>SWALLOWS</b>	
7	Tree Swallow
<b>BUSHTITS, WRENS, WRENTITS</b>	
106	Bushtit
1	Bewick's Wren
1	Wrentit
<b>GNATCATCHERS &amp; KINGLETS</b>	
22	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
6	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
<b>THRUSHES</b>	
2	Hermit Thrush

<b>PIPITS &amp; WAXWINGS</b>	
10	American Pipit
2	Cedar Waxwing
<b>WARBLERS</b>	
4	Orange-crowned Warbler
26	Common Yellowthroat
34	Yellow-rumped Warbler
<b>TOWHEES, SPARROWS</b>	
12	Song Sparrow
16	White-crowned Sparrow
<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>	
12	Red-winged Blackbird
<b>FINCHES</b>	
29	House Finch
7	Lesser Goldfinch
<b>EXOTIC SPECIES</b>	
2	Amazon Parrot

### **Pond Coverage:**

**Pond 1:** Terry Hill, Barbara Dixon & Betsy Flynn

**Pond 2:** Barbara Sentovich & Lena Hayashi

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

**Ponds 4,5,6:** Eunice Morita & Bob Hogan

**Ponds A,B,C:** Sharon Harrow

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

**Riparian:** Jan Gaffney & Merri Levy

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

**San Diego Creek:** not covered today