

Sea & Sage Audubon

SJWS Census Report for February 3, 2017

WATERFOWL	
140	Canada Goose
61	Gadwall
13	American Wigeon
94	Mallard
20	Cinnamon Teal
184	Northern Shoveler
32	Northern Pintail
22	Green-winged Teal
19	Redhead
30	Ring-necked Duck
9	Bufflehead
2	Hooded Merganser
82	Ruddy Duck
GREBES	
12	Pied-billed Grebe
1	Eared Grebe
5	Western Grebe
5	Clark's Grebe
CORMORANTS & PELICANS	
486	Double-crested Cormorant
3	American White Pelican
HERONS, EGRETS & IBIS	
6	Great Blue Heron
8	Great Egret
9	Snowy Egret
1	Green Heron
30	Black-crowned Night-Heron
35	White-faced Ibis
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY	
3	Turkey Vulture
4	Osprey
1	Northern Harrier
4	Cooper's Hawk
4	Red-tailed Hawk
2	American Kestrel
RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS	
1	Sora
1	Common Gallinule
94	American Coot
STILTS & AVOCETS	
56	Black-necked Stilt
PLOVERS	
1	Black-bellied Plover
10	Killdeer
SANDPIPERS	
1	Spotted Sandpiper
3	Marbled Godwit
29	Least Sandpiper
14	Long-billed Dowitcher
GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS	
10	Ring-billed Gull
62	Western Gull (flyovers)
64	California Gull (flyovers)
25	gull sp. (flyovers)
PIGEONS & DOVES	
42	Mourning Dove

HUMMINGBIRDS	
27	Anna's Hummingbird
20	Allen's Hummingbird
KINGFISHER	
2	Belted Kingfisher
WOODPECKERS	
5	Nuttall's Woodpecker
1	Downy Woodpecker
8	Northern Flicker
FLYCATCHERS & KINGBIRDS	
26	Black Phoebe
1	Say's Phoebe
6	Cassin's Kingbird
VIREOS	
2	Hutton's Vireo
CROWS & RAVENS	
502	American Crow
SWALLOWS	
4	N. Rough-winged Swallow
128	Tree Swallow
14	Barn Swallow
BUSHTITS & WRENS	
58	Bushtit
3	Bewick's Wren
11	Marsh Wren
GNATCATCHERS & KINGLETS	
10	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
18	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
WRENTITS	
1	Wrentit
THRUSHES	
1	Hermit Thrush
1	American Robiin
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS	
3	California Thrasher
STARLINGS & PIPITS	
1	European Starling
5	American Pipit
WOOD WARBLERS	
6	Orange-crowned Warbler
2	Yellow Warbler
140	Yellow-rumped Warbler
68	Common Yellowthroat
1	American Redstart
SPARROWS & TOWHEES	
39	Spotted Towhee
3	California Towhee
102	Song Sparrow
55	White-crowned Sparrow
BLACKBIRDS	
2	Red-winged Blackbird
FINCHES	
70	House Finch
7	Lesser Goldfinch
5	American Goldfinch

Pond Coverage:

Pond 1: Barbara Dixon, Betsy Flynn, Lena Hayashi

Pond 2: Sally Menzel & Sandy Smith

Pond 3: Nancy Kappelmann & Maureen Myers

Ponds 4,5,6: Eunice Morita & Sheila Harlow

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

Ponds D, E: Nancy Kenyon & Carol Freund

Riparian: Jan Gaffney & Merri Levy

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

San Diego Creek: Carolyn Noble

We conducted our census under heavy clouds and threatening rain. The breeze came up at 9:00 and a fine misty rain began to fall soon after, which quickly grew in intensity. Only those birders whose areas were close to Audubon House made it back in time; the rest of the group finished their count in the rain, trying vainly to keep their count sheets dry enough to write on. Highlights included seeing the Ospreys mate and later bring nesting material to the platform by pond 4, spotting the male American Redstart between ponds 5 & 3, and counting 450 Double-crested Cormorants packed like sardines on the island at pond 2 which faces Campus Drive.



American Redstart at the SJWS
photo by Christine Jacobs