

Sea & Sage Audubon

SJWS Census Report for March 3, 2017

GEESE & DUCKS	
86	Canada Goose
20	Gadwall
47	Mallard
14	Cinnamon Teal
300	Northern Shoveler
45	Green-winged Teal
4	Ring-necked Duck
3	Lesser Scaup
7	Bufflehead
65	Ruddy Duck
GREBES	
4	Pied-billed Grebe
4	Eared Grebe
6	Western Grebe
5	Clark's Grebe
PIGEONS & DOVES	
1	Rock Pigeon
60	Mourning Dove
HUMMINGBIRDS	
46	Anna's Hummingbird
39	Allen's Hummingbird
RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS	
1	Sora
1	Common Gallinule
77	American Coot
STILTS & AVOCETS	
54	Black-necked Stilt
2	American Avocet
PLOVERS	
11	Killdeer
SANDPIPERS	
36	Least Sandpiper
44	Western Sandpiper
58	Long-billed Dowitcher
2	Spotted Sandpiper
1	Greater Yellowlegs
GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS	
8	Ring-billed Gull
CORMORANTS & PELICANS	
18	Double-crested Cormorant
54	American White Pelican
BITTERNS, HERONS & IBIS	
2	Great Blue Heron
5	Great Egret
13	Snowy Egret
16	Black-crowned Night-Heron
DIURNAL BIRDS of PREY	
1	Turkey Vulture
4	Osprey
4	Cooper's Hawk
3	Red-tailed Hawk
KINGFISHERS	
1	Belted Kingfisher
WOODPECKERS	
4	Nuttall's Woodpecker
5	Downy Woodpecker

2	Northern Flicker
FALCONS	
2	American Kestrel
FLYCATCHERS & KINGBIRDS	
15	Black Poebe
1	Say's Phoebe
5	Cassin's Kingbird
VIREOS	
11	Hutton's Vireo
CROWS & RAVENS	
47	American Crow
SWALLOWS	
209	Tree Swallow
12	N. Rough-winged Swallow
1	Barn Swallow
BUSHTITS & WRENS	
94	Bushtit
3	House Wren
20	Marsh Wren
8	Bewick's Wren
GNATCATCHERS & KINGLETS	
19	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
24	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
WRENTITS	
2	Wrentit
THRUSHES	
6	Hermit Thrush
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS	
1	Northern Mockingbird
2	California Thrasher
STARLINGS & WAXWINGS	
3	European Starling
PIPITS	
4	American Pipit
FINCHES	
88	House Finch
18	Lesser Goldfinch
WARBLERS	
21	Orange-crowned Warbler
179	Yellow-rumped Warbler
126	Common Yellowthroat
TOWHEES & SPARROWS	
59	Spotted Towhee
1	California Towhee
132	Song Sparrow
19	White-crowned Sparrow
BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES	
18	Red-winged Blackbird
EXOTIC Species	
9	Scaly-breasted Munia

Pond Coverage:

Pond 1: Barbara Dixon, Betsy Flynn, Terry Hill

Pond 2: Sally Menzel & Lena Hayashi

Pond 3: Nancy Kappelmann & Maureen Myers

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

Ponds A,B,C: Sharon Harrow & Sandy Smith

Ponds D, E: Nancy Kenyon

Riparian: Jan Gaffney & Merri Levy

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

San Diego Creek: creek water still muddy with very few birds.

Comments:

The water in the ponds was very still, causing the stilts who were standing motionless in the water to have perfect reflections beneath them. (This often made it difficult to differentiate the standing bird from its reflection.) Some of the Tree Swallows appeared to be chasing each other, possibly vying for ownership of the nest boxes. While some stood guard on top of their chosen nestbox, others were busy entering and exiting their box. The Ospreys were staying close to their nest on top of the nesting platform; one appeared to be there all the time while the other went off to search for food. Bushtits in 3 of the areas were carrying nesting material. In another area, a Bushtit was seen entering a nest which was shaking, probably with hungry chicks inside. Flowers along the trail beyond P 6 were beautiful. Several flocks of geese flew overhead, calling to each other.