

Sea & Sage Audubon

SJWS Census Report for May 5, 2017

WATERFOWL	
69	Canada Goose
22	Gadwall
90	Mallard
26	Ruddy Duck
GREBES	
2	Pied-billed Grebe
1	Eared Grebe
3	Western Grebe
7	Clark's Grebe
PELICANS & CORMORANTS	
3	Double-crested Cormorant
10	American White Pelican
HERONS, EGRETS, BITTERNs	
1	<i>Least Bittern</i>
8	Great Blue Heron
10	Great Egret
15	Snowy Egret
1	Green Heron
6	Black-crowned Night-Heron
DIURNAL BIRDS of PREY	
1	Turkey Vulture
4	Osprey
RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS	
1	Common Gallinule
7	American Coot
PLOVERS	
4	Semipalmated Plover
22	Killdeer
STILTS & AVOCETS	
26	Black-necked Stilt
21	American Avocet
SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES	
1	Marbled Godwit
23	Long-billed Dowitcher
6	Spotted Sandpiper
1	Lesser Yellowlegs
TERNs, GULLs, SKIMMERS	
3	Western Gull
11	Least Tern
66	Forster's Tern
147	Black Skimmer
PIGEONS & DOVES	
72	Mourning Dove
ROADRUNNERS	
1	Greater Roadrunner
SWIFTS	
2	White-throated Swift
HUMMINGBIRDS	
21	Anna's Hummingbird
30	Allen's Hummingbird
1	<i>Rufous Hummingbird</i>
WOODPECKERS	
5	Nuttall's Woodpecker
7	Downy Woodpecker

FLYCATCHERS	
7	Black Phoebe
VIREOS	
5	<i>Bell's Vireo</i>
5	Hutton's Vireos
2	Warbling Vireo
JAYS, CROWS, RAVENS	
33	American Crow
1	Common Raven
SWALLOWS	
3	N. Rough-winged Swallow
252	Tree Swallow
7	Barn Swallow
189	Cliff Swallow
WRENTITS, BUSHTITS, WRENS	
80	Bushtit
1	House Wren
2	Bewick's Wren
21	Marsh Wren
1	Wrentit
THRUSHES	
2	Western Bluebird
5	Swainson's Thrush
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS	
1	Northern Mockingbird
WARBLERS	
19	Orange-crowned Warbler
20	Yellow Warbler
156	Common Yellowthroat
6	Wilson's Warbler
15	Yellow-breasted Chat
SPARROWS	
126	Song Sparrow
5	California Towhee
49	Spotted Towhee
TANAGERS & GROSBEALS	
4	Western Tanager
4	Black-headed Grosbeak
BLACKBIRDS	
2	Red-winged Blackbird
4	Great-tailed Grackle
3	Brown-headed Cowbird
1	Bullock's Oriole
FINCHES	
132	House Finch
14	Lesser Goldfinch
EXOTICS	
3	Egyptian Goose
6	Scaly-breasted Munia

Pond Coverage:

Pond 1: Barbara Dixon, Betsy Flynn, Terry Hill

Pond 2 & Land Areas: Sally Menzel & Barbara Sentovich

Pond 3: Nancy Kappelman & Maureen Myers

Ponds 4,5,6: Bob Hogan

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

Ponds D, E: Nancy Kenyon & Carol Freund

Riparian: Merri Levy

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

San Diego Creek: Carolyn Noble

Comments:

It was heavily overcast the entire morning and there was no breeze blowing which made the water in the ponds very still, with standing birds above their perfect reflections. Canada Geese flew low over the ponds honking and Forster's Terns were flying around calling their raucous cries. Several Yellow-breasted Chats were also making their presence known. House Finches chattered noisily from the shrubbery and the tinkling song from the Bushtits greeted us as the birds made their rounds through the vegetation. . . . We watched a nesting avocet get up from its nest to turn the eggs. Flying insects must have been abundant up in the air because we saw flocks of swallows busily swooping back and forth over the ponds. Bob met a large crayfish walking down the path in one area and in another area saw a very large turtle. A pair of Ospreys were seen in the vicinity of the Pond 5 platform, but there was no nest. At Pond 1, 130 Black Skimmers were packed tightly together on the island. Barbara & Sally spotted a Rufous Hummingbird at Pond 2 and also heard a Least Bittern there; Merri saw a Greater Roadrunner in the Riparian Area; Carolyn noticed there were fewer active Cliff Swallow nests on the bridge this year.

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