

Sea & Sage Audubon

SJWS Census Report for June 2, 2017

WATERFOWL	
15	Canada Goose
18	Gadwall
62	Mallard
3	Cinnamon Teal
16	Ruddy Duck
GREBES	
4	Pied-billed Grebe
4	Western Grebe
7	Clark's Grebe
PELICANS & CORMORANTS	
1	American White Pelican
8	Double-crested Cormorant
HERONS, EGRETS, BITTERNS	
11	Great Blue Heron
5	Great Egret
15	Snowy Egret
4	Green Heron
6	Black-crowned Night-Heron
DIURNAL BIRDS of PREY	
8	Turkey Vulture
2	Osprey
2	Cooper's Hawk
1	Red-shouldered Hawk
RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS	
8	American Coot
PLOVERS	
20	Killdeer
STILTS & AVOCETS	
25	Black-necked Stilt
35	American Avocet
TERNS, GULLS, SKIMMERS	
9	Least Tern
4	Caspian Tern
22	Forster's Tern
19	Black Skimmer
PIGEONS & DOVES	
78	Mourning Dove
SWIFTS	
1	White-throated Swift
HUMMINGBIRDS	
10	Anna's Hummingbird
26	Allen's Hummingbird
1	hummingbird sp.
WOODPECKERS	
9	Nuttall's Woodpecker
5	Downy Woodpecker

FLYCATCHERS	
1	Pacific-slope Flycatcher
9	Black Phoebe
2	Ash-throated Flycatcher
VIREOS	
9	Bell's Vireo
1	Hutton's Vireo
JAYS, CROWS, RAVENS	
24	American Crow
4	Common Raven
SWALLOWS	
10	N. Rough-winged Swallow
202	Tree Swallow
3	Barn Swallow
96	Cliff Swallow
WRENTITS, BUSHTITS, WRENS	
110	Bushtit
3	House Wren
16	Marsh Wren
1	Wrentit
THRUSHES	
2	Western Bluebird
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS	
4	California Thrasher
STARLINGS, PIPITS, WAXWINGS	
4	European Starling
WARBLERS	
7	Orange-crowned Warbler
27	Yellow Warbler
138	Common Yellowthroat
11	Yellow-breasted Chat
SPARROWS	
125	Song Sparrow
3	California Towhee
59	Spotted Towhee
BLACKBIRDS	
8	Red-winged Blackbird
13	Great-tailed Grackle
1	Brown-headed Cowbird
FINCHES	
121	House Finch
15	Lesser Goldfinch
EXOTICS	
6	Egyptian Goose
2	Scaly-breasted Munia
1	Mallard hybrid

Pond Coverage:

Pond 1: Terry Hill & Barbara Dixon
Pond 2 & Land Areas: Sally Menzel & Lena Hayashi

Pond 3: Nancy Kappelmann & Maureen Myers

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

Ponds A,B,C: Mark Kincheloe & Sandy Smith

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: not covered

Comments:

It was overcast this morning with very little breeze. Tree Swallows were active swooping low over the ponds above their perfect reflections, making it difficult to distinguish live birds from their reflections. In two different locations, there were bushes with a large flock of swallows perched there, many of which were young birds, either resting or waiting to be fed. The avocets were busy defending their chicks from any perceived danger; Mallards and Killdeer were immediately chased away when they got anywhere near the chicks. The Forster's Terns were flying from pond to pond calling their raucous cries, Bell's and Hutton's Vireos were vocalizing along with the Yellow-breasted Chats, Song Sparrows, Common Yellowthroats, Spotted Towhees and Yellow Warblers. One of the Ospreys on the pole by pond E was munching on a very large fish. A pair of Killdeer were flying around the gravel parking lot looking for a suitable nesting spot and one of them kept landing on a spot as though that was the spot of choice. In another area, a Killdeer pair had found a good nest spot and there were 3 eggs laid in the scraped nest. Three CA Thrashers were seen perched together in a tree. It was busy morning with lots to see.