

Sea & Sage Audubon

SJWS Census Report for Dec. 1, 2017

WATERFOWL	
135	Canada Goose
18	Gadwall
11	American Wigeon
37	Mallard
3	Blue-winged Teal
18	Cinnamon Teal
29	Northern Shoveler
16	Northern Pintail
31	Green-winged Teal
1	Canvasback
4	Ring-necked Duck
32	Ruddy Duck
GREBES	
14	Pied-billed Grebe
38	Western Grebe
14	Clark's Grebe
4	Western/Clark's hybrid
PELICANS & CORMORANTS	
84	American White Pelican
132	Double-crested Cormorant
HERONS, EGRETS, BITTERNs	
3	Least Bittern
5	Great Blue Heron
11	Great Egret
14	Snowy Egret
1	Green Heron
13	Black-crowned Night-Heron
DIURNAL BIRDS of PREY	
8	Turkey Vulture
2	Osprey
5	Cooper's Hawk
1	Red-shouldered Hawk
2	Red-tailed Hawk
3	American Kestrel
1	Merlin
RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS	
4	Sora
6	Common Gallinule
135	American Coot
PLOVERS	
23	Killdeer
STILTS & AVOCETS	
3	Black-necked Stilt
10	American Avocet
SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES	
10	Western Sandpiper
154	Least Sandpiper
5	Spotted Sandpiper
TERNs, GULLs, SKIMMERS	
1	Bonaparte's Gull
6	Ring-billed Gull
2	Western Gull
4	gull sp.
8	Caspian Tern
1	Forster's Tern

PIGEONS & DOVES	
19	Mourning Dove
SWIFTS	
45	White-throated Swift
HUMMINGBIRDS	
52	Anna's Hummingbird
28	Allen's Hummingbird
KINGFISHERS	
3	Belted Kingfisher
WOODPECKERS	
9	Nuttall's Woodpecker
5	Downy Woodpecker
2	Northern Flicker
FLYCATCHERS	
34	Black Phoebe
11	Say's Phoebe
2	<i>Vermilion Flycatcher</i>
22	Cassin's Kingbird
VIREOS	
8	Hutton's Vireo
JAYS, CROWS, RAVENS	
59	American Crow
7	Common Raven
SWALLOWS	
9	N. Rough-winged Swallow
13	Tree Swallow
WRENTITS, BUSHTITS, WRENS	
293	Bushtit
5	House Wren
1	Bewick's Wren
3	Marsh Wren
3	Wrentit
GNATCATCHERS & KINGLETS	
51	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
19	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
THRUSHES	
9	Western Bluebird
6	Hermit Thrush
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS	
5	Northern Mockingbird
2	California Thrasher
STARLINGS, PIPITS, WAXWINGS	
2	European Starling
1	American Pipit
WARBLERS	
9	Orange-crowned Warbler
164	Yellow-rumped Warbler
1	Townsend's Warbler
88	Common Yellowthroat
SPARROWS	
73	White-crowned Sparrow
3	Savannah Sparrow
77	Song Sparrow
1	Lincoln's Sparrow
2	California Towhee
20	Spotted Towhee

BLACKBIRDS	
23	Red-winged Blackbird
FINCHES	
76	House Finch
12	Lesser Goldfinch
6	American Goldfinch
EXOTICS	
2	Egyptian Goose
34	Scaly-breasted Munia
3	Japanese White-Eye

Counters

Pond 1: Terry Hill, Betsy Flynn, Barbara Dixon

Pond 2 & Land Areas: Sally Menzel & Lena Hayashi

Pond 3: Sheila Harlow

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

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

Pond E: Nancy Kenyon

Riparian: Jan Gaffney & Merri Levy

Back 40 & Tree Hill: Jim Stacy & Jerry Tolman

San Diego Creek: Maureen Myers & Nancy Kappelmann

Comments:

3 Least Bitterns were seen today: one at pond B, one at the creek, and one at pond 3.

At the start of the census in pond A, there were 35 American White Pelicans & 60 Double-crested Cormorants feeding on small fish. The pelicans were herding the fish and the cormorants were gobbling them up.

The Western & Clark's Grebes were active with mating displays and recently hatched chicks which we thought to be a bit unusual for this time of year. The Clark's and Western Grebes also appear to be interbreeding. At pond 3, they were displaying with head bobbing. At Pond 1, there were 4 very young ones, 2 juv, and 1 immature which was P begging.

Both Ponds E & D were dry, probably due to vegetation removal.