

## Sea & Sage Audubon UCI Freshwater Preserve Census Report for April 2012

**Census Date:** 4/04/12 **Census Time:** 7:30 - 10:00 am **Weather:** overcast

**Birders who took part in the census were:** Bonny Ahern, Jan Gaffney, Sheila Harlow, Sharon Harrow, Nancy Kenyon, Sally Menzel, Jerry Tolman and Donelda Warhurst.

**Comments:** It was great to find our first Bell's Vireo of the year — singing! The Virginia Rails were quite vocal. We could hear them calling back and forth to each other from different areas around the ponds. The normally vocal Sora, on the other hand, were pretty quiet. The Killdeer were out on the road, motionless, like large slanted dirt clods. The Mallards were wandering around in the grass and the Canada Geese were seen flying back and forth as though they couldn't quite decide where was the best place to land. We saw a pair of Green Herons fly off together into another pond. We searched diligently for the Loggerhead Shrikes, but couldn't find them; we are hoping they are still at the preserve and are nesting there.

<b>GEESE &amp; DUCKS</b>		<b>TERNs</b>		1	Yellow Warbler
11	Canada Geese	7	Caspian Tern	32	Yellow-rumped Warbler
29	Gadwall	8	Forster's Tern	2	Wilson's Warbler
37	Mallard	<b>DOVES</b>		<b>TOWHEES, SPARROWS</b>	
12	Cinnamon Teal	22	Mourning Dove	7	Spotted Towhee
78	Northern Shoveler	<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>		6	California Towhee
1	Hooded Merganser	26	Anna's Hummingbird	4	Savannah Sparrow
26	Ruddy Duck	15	Allen's Hummingbird	112	Song Sparrow
<b>QUAIL</b>		<b>WOODPECKERS</b>		22	White-crowned Sparrow
7	California Quail	2	Nuttall's Woodpecker	<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>	
<b>GREBES</b>		2	Downy Woodpecker	189	Red-winged Blackbird
11	Pied-billed Grebe	<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>		20	Great-tailed Grackle
2	Eared Grebe	7	Black Phoebe	2	Hooded Oriole
<b>CORMORANTS</b>		1	Say's Phoebe	6	Bullock's Oriole
4	Double-crested Cormorant	2	Cassin's Kingbird	<b>FINCHES</b>	
<b>HERONS, EGRETS &amp; IBIS</b>		<b>VIREOS</b>		92	House Finch
7	Great Blue Heron	1	Bell's Vireo – <i>singing!</i>	18	Lesser Goldfinch
2	Great Egret	<b>CROWS &amp; RAVENS</b>			
11	Snowy Egret	11	American Crow		
5	Green Heron	3	Common Raven		
5	Black-crowned Night-Heron	<b>LARKS</b>			
2	White-faced Ibis	2	Horned Lark		
<b>DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY</b>		<b>SWALLOWS</b>			
5	Turkey Vulture	21	N. Rough-winged Swallow		
3	White-tailed Kite	44	Tree Swallow		
1	Sharp-shinned Hawk	12	Cliff Swallow		
1	Red-shouldered Hawk	<b>BUSHTITS &amp; WRENS</b>			
2	Red-tailed Hawk	17	Bushtit		
1	Merlin	2	Bewick's Wren		
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES &amp; COOTS</b>		4	House Wren		
8	Virginia Rail	48	Marsh Wren		
2	Sora	<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>			
1	Common Gallinule	2	California Gnatcatcher		
68	American Coot	1	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		
<b>PLOVERS</b>		<b>MOCKINGBIRDS &amp; THRASHERS</b>			
16	Killdeer	6	Northern Mockingbird		
<b>STILTS &amp; AVOCETS</b>		1	California Thrasher		
11	Black-necked Stilt	<b>PIPITS</b>			
<b>SANDPIPERS &amp; PHALAROPES</b>		2	American Pipit		
2	Greater Yellowlegs	<b>WARBLERS</b>			
1	Lesser Yellowlegs	7	Orange-crowned Warbler		
		60	Common Yellowthroat		