

**Sea & Sage Audubon**  
**UC Natural Reserve System Census Report April 6, 2016**

<b>Species</b>	<b>Area 1</b>	<b>Area 2</b>	<b>Area 3</b>	<b>Area 4</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>GEESE &amp; DUCKS</b>					
Canada Goose		13	1		14
Gadwall	2	29	16	5	52
Mallard	4	28	7	10	49
Blue-winged Teal		2			2
Cinnamon Teal		4	5	15	24
Northern Shoveler		14	12		26
Green-winged Teal			1	2	3
Ruddy Duck		10	4	1	15
<b>GREBES</b>					
Pied-billed Grebe	1	3	1	3	8
Eared Grebe		1			1
<b>CORMORANTS</b>					
Double-crested Cormorant		1			1
<b>HERONS, EGRETS &amp; IBIS</b>					
Great Blue Heron				1	1
Great Egret			2		2
Snowy Egret	1	5			6
Green Heron		1			1
White-faced Ibis		6	1		7
<b>DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY</b>					
Turkey Vulture	2		3	1	6
Osprey	1	2	1	1	4
White-tailed Kite				1	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1	1
Red-tailed Hawk	1		1		2
American Kestrel	1				1
<b>RAILS &amp; COOTS</b>					
Virginia Rail		1			1
Sora		1	3	4	8
Common Gallinule		1	1		2
American Coot	3	27	9	4	43
<b>PLOVERS</b>					
Killdeer	2	23			25
<b>STILTS &amp; AVOCETS</b>					
Black-necked Stilt		5			5
<b>SANDPIPERS</b>					
Greater Yellowlegs		1			1
Western Sandpiper		19			19

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Least Sandpiper		31			31
Long-billed Dowitcher		15			15
<b>GULLS &amp; TERNS</b>					
Western Gull				1	1
California Gull				2	2
gull sp.			4		4
Forster's Tern	3	15			18
Elegant Tern	1				1
<b>DOVES</b>					
Mourning Dove	22	7	12	23	64
<b>SWIFTS</b>					
White-throated Swift			2		2
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>					
Anna's Hummingbird	4		4	8	16
Allen's Hummingbird	6	2	9	7	24
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>					
Nuttall's Woodpecker	1			3	4
Downy Woodpecker	1		1		2
<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>					
Black Phoebe	1	3	3	1	8
Ash-throated Flycatcher	1			2	3
Cassin's Kingbird	3	6	1	3	13
Western Kingbird				1	1
<b>SHRIKES</b>					
Loggerhead Shrike				1	1
<b>VIREOS</b>					
<i>Bell's Vireo</i>	2				2
Hutton's Vireo	1				1
<b>CROWS &amp; RAVENS</b>					
American Crow	1	1	3	7	12
Common Raven	2		2		4
<b>SWALLOWS</b>					
N. Rough-winged Swallow		4	6	3	13
Tree Swallow	16	2	5	6	29
Barn Swallow	1		1		2
Cliff Swallow		3	10		13
<b>BUSHTITS</b>					
Bushtit	2		1	5	8

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<b>WRENS</b>					
Bewick's Wren	2		1	1	4
House Wren				1	1
Marsh Wren	5	17	8	6	36
<b>GNATCATCHERS &amp; KINGLETS</b>					
California Gnatcatcher			4		4
<b>THRUSHES</b>					
Hermit Thrush			1		1
<b>MOCKINGBIRDS</b>					
Northern Mockingbird	4	1	8	2	15
California Thrasher				3	3
<b>STARLINGS &amp; PIPITS</b>					
European Starling				3	3
American Pipit			15		15
<b>WARBLERS</b>					
Orange-crowned Warbler	2			3	5
Common Yellowthroat	30	16	13	6	65
Yellow Warbler	4		1		5
MacGillivray's Warbler				1	1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	14		9	8	31
Wilson's Warbler				4	4
Black-throated Gray Warbler				2	2
<i>Palm Warbler</i>			1		1
<b>TOWHEES &amp; SPARROWS</b>					
Spotted Towhee	6	2	2	6	16
California Towhee			1	4	5
Savannah Sparrow			2		2
Chipping Sparrow			2		2
Lincoln's Sparrow				2	2
Song Sparrow	47	19	17	50	133
White-crowned Sparrow	7		10	15	32
<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>					
Red-winged Blackbird	4	17	40	18	79
Great-tailed Grackles		7	5	3	15
Brown-headed Cowbird	3	2			5
Hooded Oriole			1	5	6
Bullock's Oriole				2	2
<b>GROSBEAK</b>					
Black-headed Grosbeak				1	1

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<b>FINCHES</b>					
House Finch	28	6	71	60	165
Lesser Goldfinch	3		13	11	27
American Goldfinch	1		5		6
<b>EXOTICS</b>					
Scaley-breasted Munia	6		21	1	28

**Monthly Census conducted by Sea & Sage Audubon**

**Area 1:** Sediment Pond & Ponds 1, 2, 3 (Sally Menzel, Terry Hill, Nancy Kenyon)

**Area 2:** Ponds 4-11 (Sharon Harrow, Mark Kincheloe, Margaret Renton, Nancy Kappelmann)

**Area 3:** The Bluff Area (Jan Gaffney, Sheila Harlow, Maureen Myers, Sandy Smith)

**Area 4:** The Arboretum (Darrell Wilson, Jim Stacy, Jerry Tolman)

As we drove into the reserve, we noticed a thin layer of ground fog which quickly dissipated. One of the fields was covered with bright yellow Mustard. The Common Yellowthroats were singing so loudly that they almost drowned out all the other birds. A mockingbird was singing a long rendition which included imitations of a Yellow-breast Chat, a Northern Flicker, and a Cassin's Kingbird. A Hutton's Vireo over by the creek tuned up with his monotonous 2-note song which went on and on for almost 5 minutes. I watched a Song Sparrow run up very close to me, taking long steps with his neck outstretched making him larger than life and running more like a robin in a hurry than the usual stride of a sparrow. Some spring migrants had arrived, such as the Ash-throated Flycatchers, MacGillivray's Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Black-throated Gray Warbler, and even a Palm Warbler, along with a Black-headed Grosbeak, Hooded and Bullock's Orioles, and a couple of Chipping Sparrows. The presence of water in the ponds made a big difference to our count; we saw a Virginia Rail, 8 Soras, 2 Common Gallinules, 4 species of Sandpipers, 18 Forster's Terns and even an Elegant Tern. One of the Ospreys was perched on the nesting platform while another was carrying nesting material. A female Mallard was wandering around with 9 young ducklings and in another area a Bushtit was seen entering a nest. It was quite a morning with a lot to see!