

Sea & Sage Audubon
UC Natural Reserve System Census Report August 5, 2015

| Species | Area 1 | Area 2 | Area 3 | Area 4 | Total |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| GEESE & DUCKS | | | | | |
| Canada Goose | | 47 | 145 | 37 | 229 |
| Mallard | | 11 | | | 11 |
| Cinnamon Teal | | 2 | | | 2 |
| Ruddy Duck | | 3 | | | 3 |
| GREBES | | | | | |
| Pied-billed Grebe | 2 | 1 (heard it) | | | 3 |
| CORMORANTS & PELICANS | | | | | |
| Double-crested Cormorant | | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| American White Pelican | | 5 | | | 5 |
| Brown Pelican | 1 | | | | 1 |
| HERONS, EGRETS, & IBIS | | | | | |
| Great Blue Heron | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Great Egret | 6 | 10 | | | 16 |
| Snowy Egret | 7 | 14 | | | 21 |
| Green Heron | 2 | 1 | | | 3 |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron | 2 | 2 | | | 4 |
| DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY | | | | | |
| Turkey Vulture | 1 | | | 1 | 2 |
| White-tailed Kite | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Cooper's Hawk | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Red-shouldered Hawk | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Red-tailed Hawk | 1 | 1 | | | 2 |
| GALLINULES & COOTS | | | | | |
| Sora | | 1 (heard it) | | | 1 |
| American Coot | 1 | 3 | | | 4 |
| PLOVERS | | | | | |
| Killdeer | 1 | 7 | | | 8 |
| STILTS & AVOCETS | | | | | |
| Black-necked Stilt | | 2 | | | 2 |

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| SANDPIPERS | | | | | |
| Greater Yellowlegs | | 1 (heard it) | | | 1 |
| GULLS, TERNS, SKIMMERS | | | | | |
| Western Gull | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Caspian Tern | 1 | | | 1 | 2 |
| Forster's Tern | 4 | 1 | | | 5 |
| Elegant Tern | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Black Skimmer | 5 | 1 | | | 6 |
| DOVES | | | | | |
| Mourning Dove | 34 | 15 | 22 | 15 | 86 |
| ROADRUNNERS | | | | | |
| Greater Roadrunner | | | 1 | | 1 |
| HUMMINGBIRDS | | | | | |
| Anna's Hummingbird | 1 | | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Allen's Hummingbird | 1 | | 6 | 7 | 14 |
| hummingbird sp. | | | 2 | | 2 |
| KINGFISHERS | | | | | |
| Belted Kingfisher | | 4 | | | 4 |
| WOODPECKERS | | | | | |
| Nuttall's Woodpecker | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Downy Woodpecker | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| FLYCATCHERS | | | | | |
| Black Phoebe | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| Cassin's Kingbird | 8 | 13 | 5 | 1 | 27 |
| VIREOS | | | | | |
| <i>Bell's Vireo</i> | 1 | | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| CROWS & RAVINS | | | | | |
| American Crow | | | 3 | 6 | 9 |
| Common Raven | 1 | | | 2 | 3 |

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| SWALLOWS | | | | | |
| N. Rough-winged Swallow | | 2 | | | 2 |
| Tree Swallow | | 1 | | 8 | 9 |
| Barn Swallow | 3 | 4 | | | 7 |
| Cliff Swallow | 15 | 15 | | | 30 |
| swallow sp. | | | 2 | | 2 |
| WRENTITS, BUSHTITS & WRENS | | | | | |
| Bushtit | 26 | | 3 | 16 | 45 |
| Bewick's Wren | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Marsh Wren | | 1 | | | 1 |
| KINGLETS & GNATCATCHERS | | | | | |
| California Gnatcatcher | | | 8 | 4 | 12 |
| MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS | | | | | |
| Northern Mockingbird | | 3 | 5 | 10 | 18 |
| STARLINGS | | | | | |
| European Starling | 15 | | | | 15 |
| WARBLERS | | | | | |
| Orange-crowned Warbler | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Common Yellowthroat | 7 | 18 | 15 | 4 | 44 |
| Yellow Warbler | | | 1 | 6 | 7 |
| TOWHEES & SPARROWS | | | | | |
| Spotted Towhee | | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| California Towhee | 2 | | 6 | 7 | 15 |
| Song Sparrow | 24 | 6 | 19 | 10 | 59 |
| BLACKBIRDS, COWBIRDS & ORIOLES | | | | | |
| Red-winged Blackbird | | 6 | | 1 | 7 |
| Great-tailed Grackle | 1 | 3 | | | 4 |
| Hooded Oriole | 1 | | | 8 | 9 |
| TANAGERS | | | | | |
| Western Tanager | | | 1 | | 1 |

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| FINCHES | | | | | |
| House Finch | 60 | 105 | 49 | 32 | 246 |
| Lesser Goldfinch | 2 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 10 |
| American Goldfinch | | | 1 | | 1 |
| | | | | | |
| EXOTICS | | | | | |
| Scaley-breasted Munia | 6 | | | | 6 |
| White-eye | | | | 3 | 3 |

Monthly Census conducted by Sea & Sage Audubon

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

Area 2: Ponds 4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11 (Sharon Harrow, Nancy Kappelmann, Mark Kincheloe)

Area 3: The Bluff Area (Jan Gaffney, Sheila Harlow, & Sandy Smith)

Area 4: The Arboretum (Darrell Wilson & Jerry Tolman)

Comments: Since I was unable to walk the whole route, I spent a large portion of the morning by the cars, observing. When we arrived at the UCNRS, there were a number Cliff Swallows flying around. They were quite vocal and greatly helped us identify them quickly. We heard lots of birds when we got there, but then they quieted down as the sun rose higher in the sky and the temperature rose. Many of the birds stuck to the shade to search for food. . . Flocks of Canada Geese flew overhead, headed toward the SJWS and beyond. Usually we heard them long before we saw them; some were flying quite low. . . House Finches were everywhere, busily feeding; many of them appeared to be juveniles. . . In Area 1, Terry & Sally heard a Bell's Vireo which had been present all summer long in a wooded area. They also noticed 15 European Starlings on the light poles across the way from the reserve. . . There were very few shorebirds due to the lack of water in the ponds. However, in Areas 1 & 2 where there was a single pond in each area that had water in it, there were many egrets. . . The Black Skimmers and terns were flying up and down the creek doing their "Fish Run." The terns appeared to fly singly but the skimmers were in pairs. . . We had a surprisingly large number of Cassin's Kingbirds (27). Area 3 had a Greater Roadrunner and a Western Tanager. We were glad to see that the kingfishers had returned. Dragonflies darted here and there, and a large Cottontail Rabbit paused in the open for a minute or two, his ears illuminated by the morning sunlight, and then he quickly headed for the protection of a bush and I lost sight of him.