

Sea & Sage Audubon
UC Natural Reserve System Census Report August 3, 2016

Species	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Total
GEESE & DUCKS					
Gadwall		5			5
Mallard	6	13 (young)			19
Cinnamon Teal		14			14
Ruddy Duck		14 (young)			14
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe	2 juv	4 (young)			6
CORMORANTS & PELICANS					
Double-crested Cormorant	3				3
Brown Pelican (flying up the channel)	1				1
HERONS, EGRETS & IBIS					
Great Egret	2	3	1		6
Snowy Egret	5	11			16
Black-crowned Night-Heron		2			2
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY					
Turkey Vulture			1	4	5
Osprey	1	1			2
White-tailed Kite		1			1
Cooper's Hawk	1				1
Red-shouldered Hawk				1	1
Red-tailed Hawk	1				1
American Kestrel	2	1		1	4
RAILS & COOTS					
American Coot	2	7			9
PLOVERS					
Killdeer	5	26	6		37
STILTS & AVOCETS					
Black-necked Stilt		6			6
SANDPIPERS					
Greater Yellowlegs		2			2
Lesser Yellowlegs		1			1
Sanderlings (have photo)		19			19
Western Sandpiper		5	27		32
Least Sandpiper		2			2
Short-billed Dowitcher		1			1
dowitcher sp.		2			2
Wilson's Phalarope		1			1

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GULLS & TERNS					
Caspian Tern	5			1	6
Forster's Tern	4	4			8
tern sp.	3				3
Black Skimmer	19	3			22
DOVES					
Mourning Dove	75	15	17	37	144
ROADRUNNERS					
Greater Roadrunner			2		2
SWIFTS					
White-throated Swift				1	1
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Anna's Hummingbird	2		2	1	5
Allen's Hummingbird	1		3	5	9
KINGFISHER					
Belted Kingfisher		1			1
WOODPECKERS					
Nuttall's Woodpecker	3	1		2	6
Downy Woodpecker	1			1	2
FLYCATCHERS					
Black Phoebe	2	2	4	3	11
Cassin's Kingbird	3	2			5
VIREOS					
Bell's Vireo				2	2
Hutton's Vireo				1	1
CROWS & RAVENS					
American Crow	7	3	2	9	21
Common Raven			2		2
SWALLOWS					
N. Rough-winged Swallow		4	1		5
Tree Swallow		1	1		2
Barn Swallow	2	10			12
Cliff Swallow	1	17	8	25	51
BUSHTITS & WRENTITS					
Bushtit	2		2	45	49

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WRENS					
Bewick's Wren	1		2		3
Marsh Wren	1				1
GNATCATCHERS & KINGLETS					
California Gnatcatcher	1		15		16
MOCKINGBIRDS					
Northern Mockingbird				3	3
WARBLERS					
Orange-crowned Warbler				1	1
Common Yellowthroat	15	6	16	6	43
Yellow Warbler	2			4	6
TOWHEES & SPARROWS					
Spotted Towhee	1			1	2
California Towhee	1			4	5
Song Sparrow	29	12	3	17	61
BLACKBIRDS					
Red-winged Blackbird		3			3
Great-tailed Grackle	1				1
Brown-headed Cowbird		3			3
Hooded Oriole				2	2
FINCHES					
House Finch	28	78	34	85	225
Lesser Goldfinch	5	8	2	11	26

Monthly Census conducted by Sea & Sage Audubon

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

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

Area 3: The Bluff Area (Jan Gaffney, Maureen Myers, Nancy Kappleman)

Area 4: The Arboretum (Jim Stacy & Jerry Tolman)

The highlight of the count this morning was finding two groups of Sanderlings at this fresh water marsh. Normally, one sees Sanderlings running up and down the beach at the water's edge. One can only suppose that the flock was migrating back to its wintering grounds, saw the ponds below, and decided they would be a good place to stop, rest, and feed, before moving on. Mark Kincheloe was able to take a couple of quick photos of them to document this unusual sighting. Other unusual sightings were seeing 2 Greater Roadrunners, finding a Greater & Lesser Yellowlegs in the same pond, and a sleeping Wilson's Phalarope on some rocks.