

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

Species	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Total
GEESE & DUCKS					
Canada Goose	2				2
Wood Duck			1		1
Gadwall		2	30	7	39
American Wigeon			5		5
Mallard		2	16		20
Cinnamon Teal			13	2	13
Northern Shoveler		2	17		19
Northern Pintail			15		15
Green-winged Teal			12		12
Canvasback			1		1
Redhead			16		16
Ring-necked Duck			12		12
Bufflehead				1	1
Ruddy Duck			2		2
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe			3	3	6
CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant	1				1
HERONS, EGRETS & IBIS					
Great Blue Heron			1		1
Great Egret	1				1
Black-crowned Night-Heron			1		1
White-faced Ibis			20		20
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY					
Turkey Vulture	2	3		2	7
Osprey	1	2			3
White-tailed Kite			1		1
Northern Harrier	2			1	3
Cooper's Hawk			1		1
Red-shouldered Hawk				1	1
Red-tailed Hawk	1	1	2	2	6
American Kestrel			2	1	3
Merlin	1		1		2
Peregrine Falcon				1	1
RAILS & COOTS					
Sora		1			1
American Coot		5	11	7	23
PLOVERS					
Killdeer	1				1

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SANDPIPERS					
Greater Yellowlegs		1	4		5
Long-billed Dowitcher		6			6
GULLS					
Ring-billed Gull	9		1		10
Western Gull	6	1			7
DOVES					
Mourning Dove	18	1	5	7	31
ROADRUNNERS					
Greater Roadrunner				1	1
SWIFTS					
White-throated Swift	4		2	8	14
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Anna's Hummingbird	2	1	5	8	16
Allen's Hummingbird	5		2	3	10
hummingbird sp.			4		4
WOODPECKERS					
Nuttall's Woodpecker	2	1	1		4
Downy Woodpecker			1		1
Northern Flicker		1	2		3
FLYCATCHERS					
Black Phoebe	8	1	3	1	13
Say's Phoebe	3	2	1	2	8
Cassin's Kingbird	3	3	4	8	18
SHRIKES					
Loggerhead Shrike		1			1
CROWS & RAVENS					
American Crow	1		3	9	13
Common Raven	2	1		1	4
SWALLOWS					
N. Rough-winged Swallow		1		3	4
Tree Swallow	11	15	10	12	48
Barn Swallow		2	2	1	5
Cliff Swallow				3	3
BUSHTITS & WRENTITS					
Bushtit			24	30	54
Wrentit	2				2

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WRENS					
Bewick's Wren	1		3		4
Marsh Wren		3	3	7	13
GNATCATCHERS & KINGLETS					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	3		4	1	8
California Gnatcatcher	3		5		8
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			2	3	5
MOCKINGBIRDS					
Northern Mockingbird			1	1	2
PIPITS					
American Pipit			25		25
WARBLERS					
Orange-crowned Warbler				2	2
Common Yellowthroat	5	5	11	1	22
Yellow-rumped Warbler	8		3	10	21
TOWHEES & SPARROWS					
Spotted Towhee	4		6		10
California Towhee	4		5	1	10
Savannah Sparrow			4		4
Song Sparrow	18	15	22	6	61
White-crowned Sparrow		20	27	31	78
Golden-crowned Sparrow			1		1
BLACKBIRDS					
Red-winged Blackbird		1	35		36
Western Meadowlark		29		5	34
FINCHES					
House Finch	6	5	35	8	54
EXOTICS					
Scaley-breasted Munia				10	10
ADDITIONAL SPECIES					
Coyote			1 on mesa		1

Monthly Census conducted by Sea & Sage Audubon

Area 1: Sediment Pond & Ponds 1, 2, 3 (Sally Menzel, 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 & Sheila Harlow)

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

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Due to the cold morning temperatures we've been having, we started our count one hour later this morning, at 8:00 rather than 7:00. The sun was shining brightly, the air was very still and quiet except for an occasional Song Sparrow singing or a couple of House Finches chattering as they flew by. A true wintry landscape met us with bare leafless trees above grayish reeds covering the dry ponds, and a backdrop of the distant snow-clad San Gabriel Mountains. Ground-hugging nettles had sprung up since the last rain and their bright green foliage dotted the ground. A male Allen's Hummingbird was perched in the uppermost branches of a bare tree, the sun glinting off his feathers, tinting them a bright coppery orange. A distant Osprey called from somewhere high above us and a Merlin also made his plaintive call. The Loggerhead Shrike was once again in his favorite spot. A pair of Ospreys were occupying their nest so artfully constructed by Peter Bowler's students and placed on the nesting platform, and a large number of ducks were making the most of the ponds which now have water in them in the upper and middle marsh.