

Sea & Sage Audubon
UC Natural Reserve System Census Report July 2, 2014

Species	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Total
GEESE & DUCKS					
Canada Goose					
Gadwall					
Mallard		32			32
Cinnamon Teal		5			5
Ruddy Duck		15			15
QUAIL					
California Quail				2	2
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe	11	9			20
PELICANS & CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant	1	2			3
HERONS, EGRETS, & IBIS					
Great Blue Heron	3			1	4
Great Egret	1	2			3
Snowy Egret	1	1		1	3
Green Heron	3	1			4
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1	1	1		3
White-faced Ibis		1		2	3
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY					
Turkey Vulture	2				2
Osprey	1				1
White-tailed Kite		1	2		3
Northern Harrier				1	1
Cooper's Hawk			1		1
GALLINULES & COOTS					
Sora		1			1
Common Gallinule		1			1
American Coot	2	7			9

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PLOVERS					
Killdeer		3			3
STILTS & AVOCETS					
Black-necked Stilt		3			3
American Avocet		4			4
SANDPIPERS					
Greater Yellowlegs		1			1
Whimbrel		2			2
PHALAROPES					
Wilson's Phalarope		3			3
GULLS & TERNS & SKIMMERS					
Caspian Tern	10	2	1		13
Elegant Tern	6				6
Forster's Tern		3			3
Least Tern		4			4
Black Skimmer	15	1			16
DOVES					
Mourning Dove	5	4	5	7	21
ROADRUNNERS					
Greater Roadrunner			2		2
SWIFTS					
White-throated Swift	1				1
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Anna's Hummingbird		1		2	3
Allen's Hummingbird	1		6	13	20
WOODPECKERS					
Nuttall's Woodpecker	1		1	1	2
Downy Woodpecker		1		2	4

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FLYCATCHERS					
Black Phoebe		2		1	3
Say's Phoebe				2	2
Cassin's Kingbird		2		1	3
VIREOS					
<i>Bell's Vireo</i>	2			2	4
CROWS & RAVINS					
American Crow	1	2	4	2	9
Common Raven			2		2
SWALLOWS					
N. Rough-winged Swallow				7	7
Tree Swallow	1		1	1	2
Barn Swallow	3	2	1	1	7
Cliff Swallow	4	30	13		47
WRENTITS, BUSHTITS & WRENS					
Bushtit	9	2	23	19	53
Bewick's Wren				1	1
House Wren				1	1
Marsh Wren	3	2			5
KINGLETS & GNATCATCHERS					
California Gnatcatcher			4		4
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS					
Northern Mockingbird	2		2	1	5
WARBLERS					
Orange-crowned Warbler				1	1
Common Yellowthroat	16	35	28	9	88
Yellow Warbler			3		3
Wilson's Warbler					
Yellow-breasted Chat	1			1	2

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TOWHEES & SPARROWS					
Spotted Towhee	1		2	3	6
California Towhee			2	4	6
Song Sparrow	18	50	10	5	83
BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES					
Red-winged Blackbird		11	4		15
Great-tailed Grackle		3		1	4
Brown-headed Cowbird	4		2		6
Hooded Oriole				1	1
FINCHES					
House Finch	10	25	11	44	90
Lesser Goldfinch	3		1	12	16
American Goldfinch			1		1
EXOTICS					
Nutmeg Mannikin		4		2	6

Monthly Census conducted by Sea & Sage Audubon

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

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

Area 3: The Bluff Area (Jan Gaffney & Mark Kincheloe)

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

Comments: We were concerned about the number of Brown-headed Cowbirds. In Area 3, Jan & Mark saw a large fledgling Brown-headed Cowbird being fed by a diminutive Common Yellowthroat. In Area 1, Nancy saw a pair of cowbirds in a tree, the male going through his display routine to the female. It was great to see two California Quail which have totally disappeared from the SJWS, and it's always special to find a Greater Roadrunner or two on this count. On today's count, they found two roadrunners in the bluff area. Caspian Terns were doing the "Fish Run" – flying up and down the creek from their nests at Back Bay to the ponds at the SJWS to catch small fish for their fledglings, and then returning to Back Bay with small fish in their bills. A baby coot was swimming in one of the ponds, with its parent following close behind. (Usually, the parent is in the lead.) The White-faced Ibis were in breeding plumage. We saw a juv. White-tailed Kite with one of its parents, and also saw a juvenile Nutmeg Mannikin.

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On the way back to the cars, 4 of our group were walking along the road within the reserve when they encountered a Park West Construction truck which came barreling up behind them without any warning and almost ran them over. Estimates are that the driver was going at least 30 mph and never even slowed down when he passed them. Obviously he was on the wrong road and probably in a hurry to get to his destination. We don't know how he got in there in the first place, but it was pretty unsettling to almost get run over on a dirt road which usually has no vehicles of any kind on it!