

Sea & Sage Audubon
UC Natural Reserve System Census Report for July 6, 2016

Species	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Total
GEESE & DUCKS					
Canada Goose		8			8
Gadwall		9 (7 ducklings)			9
Mallard	2	22		2	26
Cinnamon Teal		4			4
Ruddy Duck		8 (3 ducklings)			8
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe	1	4 (1 chick)	1		6
CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant		2			2
HERONS, EGRETS & IBIS					
Great Blue Heron		1		1	2
Great Egret	2	1			3
Snowy Egret		1	4		5
Green Heron	1	4		1	6
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1		2		3
White-faced Ibis		4	1		5
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY					
Turkey Vulture	4		1		5
White-tailed Kite			1		1
Red-shouldered Hawk				2	2
Red-tailed Hawk	3	1	2		6
American Kestrel	1 ♂	2 (♂♀)			3
RAILS & COOTS					
American Coot		30 (16 babies)			30
PLOVERS					
Killdeer	1	10 (2 babies)	1	1	13
STILTS & AVOCETS					
Black-necked Stilt			4 (2 juv)	2	6
American Avocet		2			2
SANDPIPERS					
Greater Yellowlegs		1			1
GULLS & TERNS & SKIMMERS					
Least Tern	2 (1 juv)				2
Forster's Tern	8	3			11
Elegant Tern	2				2
Black Skimmers	45	6	1		52

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DOVES					
Mourning Dove	77	14	5	48	144
ROADRUNNERS					
Greater Roadrunner	1	1			2
SWIFTS					
White-throated Swift	5	1	10		16
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Anna's Hummingbird	1	1			2
Allen's Hummingbird		1		3	4
WOODPECKERS					
Nuttall's Woodpecker	1			3	4
Downy Woodpecker	2 (♂♀)	1		3	6
Northern Flicker					
FLYCATCHERS					
Black Phoebe	2		2	3	7
Say's Phoebe	1				1
Cassin's Kingbird	1	1	1		3
VIREOS					
Bell's Vireo				2	2
Hutton's Vireo				2	2
CROWS & RAVENS					
American Crow	25	16	5	21	67
Common Raven	1				1
SWALLOWS					
N. Rough-winged Swallow		9	1		10
Tree Swallow	28	2		3	33
Barn Swallow				3	3
Cliff Swallow		10	15	7	32
Swallow sp.		10			10
BUSHTITS & WRENTITS					
Bushtit	11		7		18
Wrentit	1				1
WRENS					
Bewick's Wren	1		2		3
Marsh Wren	1	2			3
GNATCATCHERS					
California Gnatcatcher			3	4	7

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MOCKINGBIRDS					
Northern Mockingbird	5	2	2		9
STARLIINGS					
European Starling	1	1			2
WARBLERS					
Orange-crowned Warbler		2		1	3
Common Yellowthroat	9	16	17	14	56
Yellow Warbler			2	6	8
Yellow-breasted Chat	3				3
TOWHEES & SPARROWS					
Spotted Towhee	2		3	4	9
California Towhee	2		4	3	9
Song Sparrow	17	10	12	26	65
GROSBEAKS & BUNTINGS					
Black-headed Grosbeak	1				1
BLACKBIRDS					
Red-winged Blackbird			2	13	15
Great-tailed Grackle	4	8	14		26
Hooded Oriole				3	3
FINCHES					
House Finch	36	56	17	95	204
Lesser Goldfinch	4		4	8	16
EXOTICS					
Scaley-breasted Munia				3	3
Japanese White-Eye				10	10
Pin-tailed Whydah				1	1

Monthly Census conducted by Sea & Sage Audubon

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

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

Area 3: The Bluff Area (Jan Gaffney & Margaret Renton)

Area 4: The Arboretum (Jim Stacy & Darrell Wilson)

Comments: The sky was completely overcast, but many of the birds were singing regardless of the overcast. One of the mockingbirds kept up a steady recital for the duration of the count; besides his “regular” mockingbird song, he imitated a CA Quail, a Belted Kingfisher, a Cassin’s Kingbird, and the chatter of an oriole. There were a lot of young birds observed. Most of the young ducklings and other chicks of varying species appeared to be safe. However, in Area 3, Jan & Margaret saw a coyote chasing 2 young stilt chicks. Besides the coyote chasing the stilt chicks, I saw a rabbit chasing a

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Mourning Dove; the dove finally gave up trying to avoid the rabbit and flew away. A number of skimmers and terns flew up the channel towards the SJWS, but when they returned downstream, they were not carrying any fish. (In past years, we noticed the skimmers and terns doing a “fish run” – flying up the channel to the SJWS and then back down again carrying small fish.) Either this year, they didn’t find any small fish, or their chicks had already fledged and they were just visiting the SJWS to forage for themselves.