

Sea & Sage Audubon
UC Natural Reserve System Census Report June 1, 2016

Species	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Total
GEESE & DUCKS					
Gadwall		25	1	15	41
Mallard	2	33	9	6	50
Cinnamon Teal		1			1
Ruddy Duck		21	4	2	27
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe	2		5	8	15
CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant		1			1
HERONS, EGRETS & IBIS					
Great Egret		2	1	1	4
Snowy Egret	5	1	4	2	12
Green Heron	1	5	2	3	11
Black-crowned Night-Heron				1	1
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY					
Turkey Vulture		7	2		9
Osprey		2		1	3
White-tailed Kite		6			6
Cooper's Hawk	1				1
Red-tailed Hawk	2		1		3
RAILS & COOTS					
Sora				2	2
Common Gallinule				3	3
American Coot		19	2		21
PLOVERS					
Killdeer	1	24	9		34
STILTS & AVOCETS					
Black-necked Stilt		6	4		10
GULLS & TERNS & SKIMMERS					
Forster's Tern	10	3	1		14
Elegant Tern		3			3
Black Skimmer	26				26
DOVES					
Mourning Dove	40	14	11	40	105
ROADRUNNERS					
Greater Roadrunner	1				1

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SWIFTS					
White-throated Swift		2	3		5
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Allen's Hummingbird	2		4	21	27
WOODPECKERS					
Nuttall's Woodpecker				4	4
Downy Woodpecker	1		1	3	5
FLYCATCHERS					
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	1			2	3
Western Wood-Pewee				1	1
Black Phoebe		3	1	1	5
Say's Phoebe			1		1
Ash-throated Flycatcher			1	2	3
Cassin's Kingbird	4	1			5
VIREOS					
Bell's Vireo	2			5	7
Hutton's Vireo				1	1
CROWS & RAVENS					
American Crow	4	2	13	5	24
SWALLOWS					
N. Rough-winged Swallow	1	3	1	1	6
Tree Swallow	20	6	2	3	31
Barn Swallow	1	2	3	1	7
Cliff Swallow	22	50	15	20	107
BUSHTITS & WRENTITS					
Bushtit			5	2	7
WRENS					
Bewick's Wren	1		2	5	8
Marsh Wren	5	8	5	8	26
GNATCATCHERS & KINGLETS					
California Gnatcatcher			12	3	15
THRUSHES					
Swainson's Thrush	1				1
MOCKINGBIRDS					
Northern Mockingbird	4	2	6		12
STARLINGS					
European Starling				2	2

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WARBLERS					
Orange-crowned Warbler				3	3
Common Yellowthroat	18	14	29	13	74
Yellow Warbler	1		5	4	10
Yellow-breasted Chat	2			1	3
TOWHEES & SPARROWS					
Spotted Towhee	6	1	3	3	13
California Towhee	1	1	4	5	11
Song Sparrow	42	18	20	19	99
BLACKBIRDS					
Red-winged Blackbird		30	21	8	59
Great-tailed Grackle	1	6	1		8
Brown-headed Cowbird	3				3
Hooded Oriole				5	5
FINCHES					
House Finch	32	54	36	95	217
Lesser Goldfinch	6		2	11	19
EXOTICS					
Scaley-breasted Munia		1	1	3	5
ADDITIONAL SPECIES					
Coyote	1				1
Audubon's Cottontail Rabbit	8	2			10
Dead Rat		1			1

Monthly Census conducted by Sea & Sage Audubon

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

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

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

Area 4: The Arboretum (Darrell Wilson, Jim Stacy, Jerry Tolman)

Comments: Darrell reported that the count went well with lots of baby birds and some good migrants.

Area 1: The 3 Brown-headed Cowbirds sighted in Area 1 consisted of 2 females & 1 male.

Area 2: It was great to have water in the ponds again! Area 2 had 2 Gadwall ducklings & 12 Mallard ducklings, 4 juv. American Coots, and White-tailed Kites with juvenes. As the terns flew by, the Elegant Terns were identified by their call.

Area 3: The coots were in the process of nest building, and 3 CA Gnatcatcher fledglings were observed.

Area 4: The Pied-billed Grebes had 2 chicks and the Gadwalls had 10 ducklings! 1 juv. Common Gallinule was observed along with a juv Nuttall's Woodpecker.

Darrell reported, "The highlight of my day was seeing 4 Juv. White-tailed Kites land on the tops of trees in the mitigation area along Campus. They all faced south where the adults were hunting. Three out of the four were very attentive students, watching the parents hunt over the pond area. The fourth would watch for a while but then try to hunt on his(?) own. He dove straight down and then rejoined his siblings at the top of a tree. He repeated this two or three times without coming up with anything to eat."