

Sea & Sage Audubon
UC Natural Reserve System Census Report March 2, 2016

Species	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Total
GEESE & DUCKS					
Canada Goose	7	5	9	6	27
Gadwall		26	5		31
American Wigeon		4	3		7
Mallard	3	10	11	13	37
Cinnamon Teal		2	11		13
Northern Shoveler		16	29	13	58
Northern Pintail			1		1
Green-winged Teal		4			4
Canvasback			2		2
Redhead			2		2
Ring-necked Duck			17		17
Bufflehead			1		1
Ruddy Duck			4	3	7
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe		1	3	6	10
CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant	3				3
HERONS, EGRETS & IBIS					
Great Blue Heron				1	1
Great Egret		1	1		2
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY					
Turkey Vulture			2	3	5
Osprey			1		1
White-tailed Kite		2			2
Red-shouldered Hawk				1	1
Red-tailed Hawk	2	1	3	1	7
American Kestrel	1				1
RAILS & COOTS					
Sora		5	3		8
American Coot		5	7	7	19
PLOVERS					
Killdeer		17	22		39
AVOCETS & STILTS					
American Avocet (flyover)		1			1
SANDPIPERS					
Greater Yellowlegs		6			6
Long-billed Dowitcher		10			10

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PHALAROPES & SNIPES					
Wilson's Snipe		3			3
GULLS & TERNS					
California Gull			23		23
DOVES					
Mourning Dove	13	1	17	18	49
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Anna's Hummingbird	1		9	5	15
Allen's Hummingbird	2		7	3	12
WOODPECKERS					
Nuttall's Woodpecker				2	2
Downy Woodpecker	2	1	1	5	9
Northern Flicker			1		1
FLYCATCHERS					
Black Phoebe	3	1	4	3	11
Say's Phoebe		3	1	1	5
Cassin's Kingbird	5	3	3	3	14
CROWS & RAVENS					
American Crow	5	2	1	7	15
Common Raven		2			2
LARKS					
Horned Lark			2		2
SWALLOWS					
N. Rough-winged Swallow		10	5		15
Tree Swallow	3	6			9
Barn Swallow			1		1
BUSHTITS & WRENTITS					
Bushtit	1		36	2	39
Wrentit					
WRENS					
Bewick's Wren	1		2		3
House Wren			1	1	2
Marsh Wren	1	4	5	2	12
GNATCATCHERS & KINGLETS					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			3	3	6
California Gnatcatcher			10		10
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			2	1	3

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THRUSHES					
American Robin			1	3	4
MOCKINGBIRDS					
Northern Mockingbird	3	1	6	1	11
STARLINGS, PIPITS & WAXWINGS					
European Starling			15		15
American Pipit		3	10		13
WARBLERS					
Orange-crowned Warbler			2		2
Common Yellowthroat	12	10	28	22	72
Yellow-rumped Warbler	3		3	25	31
TOWHEES & SPARROWS					
Spotted Towhee		2	4	3	9
California Towhee			1	3	4
Savannah Sparrow		18			18
Song Sparrow	10	16	21	12	59
Lincoln's Sparrow			5	6	11
White-crowned Sparrow		30	27	32	89
Golden-crowned Sparrow			2		2
BLACKBIRDS					
Red-winged Blackbird	10	40	55	5	110
Western Meadowlark		5	15		20
Great-tailed Grackle		30			30
FINCHES					
House Finch	8	2	55	57	122
Lesser Goldfinch	1		26	20	46
EXOTICS					
Scaley-breasted Munia		2			2

Monthly Census conducted by Sea & Sage Audubon (7:30 – 10:00)

Area 1: Sediment Pond & Ponds 1, 2, 3 (Nancy Kappelmann, Margaret Renton, 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, Maureen Myers, Jeff Bray)

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

A blanket of gray fog hung over the marsh until 9:25; when it lifted, the birds became much more vocal. The only Osprey we saw was a flyover carrying a fish in its talons. There was an abundance of Red-winged Blackbirds & meadowlarks and the ducks were making the most of water in the ponds at areas 2 & 3. The Soras were back but no Virginia Rails yet. Finding 3 Wilson's Snipes made up for the absence of the Loggerhead Shrike in area 2.