

**Sea & Sage Audubon  
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<b>Species</b>	<b>Area 1</b>	<b>Area 2</b>	<b>Area 3</b>	<b>Area 4</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>GEESE &amp; DUCKS</b>					
Canada Goose	6	12		7	25
Gadwall	2	17	4	2	25
Mallard	6	13	7	11	37
Ruddy Duck		10			10
<b>QUAIL</b>					
California Quail			2		2
<b>GREBES</b>					
Pied-billed Grebe	1	6	1	1	9
<b>PELICANS &amp; CORMORANTS</b>					
American White Pelican	4	11			15
<b>HERONS, EGRETS, &amp; IBIS</b>					
Great Blue Heron					
Great Egret	1		1		2
Snowy Egret	2	4	9	3	18
Green Heron	1		1		2
Black-crowned Night-Heron	2				2
<b>DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY</b>					
Turkey Vulture	5	1			6
Osprey	2		1		3
White-tailed Kite		1		1	2
Cooper's Hawk	2	1		1	4
Red-shouldered Hawk				3	3
Red-tailed Hawk	2		1		3
American Kestrel	2				2
Peregrine Falcon	1				1
<b>GALLINULES &amp; COOTS</b>					
Virginia Rail		3			3
Sora		9	2		11
Common Gallinule		3			3
American Coot	4	8		1	13

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<b>PLOVERS</b>					
Killdeer		17	2		19
<b>STILTS &amp; AVOCETS</b>					
American Avocet		2			2
<b>GULLS &amp; TERNS &amp; SKIMMERS</b>					
Least Tern		1			1
Caspian Tern	1				1
Forster's Tern	2	13	1		16
Black Skimmer	8		13		21
<b>DOVES</b>					
Mourning Dove	18	41	12	9	80
<b>SWIFTS</b>					
White-throated Swift	5				5
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>					
Anna's Hummingbird	3		3	1	7
Allen's Hummingbird	4	3	4	12	23
hummingbird sp.			2		2
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>					
Nuttall's Woodpecker				1	1
Downy Woodpecker		1			1
<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>					
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	2				2
Black Phoebe		2	1	2	5
Say's Phoebe	2		1		3
Ash-throated Flycatcher			1	1	2
Cassin's Kingbird	1		1		2
Western Wood-Pewee			4	1	5
<b>VIREOS</b>					
<i>Bell's Vireo</i>	2				2
Warbling Vireo	1				1

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<b>CROWS &amp; RAVINS</b>					
American Crow	16	7	2	3	28
Common Raven		2			2
<b>SWALLOWS</b>					
N. Rough-winged Swallow			6	7	13
Tree Swallow	7				7
Barn Swallow	1	2			3
Cliff Swallow	16	53	16		85
<b>WRENTITS, BUSHTITS &amp; WRENS</b>					
Bushtit	2	3	4	1	10
Bewick's Wren			1		1
Marsh Wren	17	35	8	5	65
<b>KINGLETS &amp; GNATCATCHERS</b>					
California Gnatcatcher			5		5
<b>OCKINGBIRDS &amp; THRASHERS</b>					
Northern Mockingbird	4	1	3	2	10
<b>WARBLERS</b>					
Orange-crowned Warbler				3	3
Common Yellowthroat	7	48	4	7	66
Yellow Warbler	1			2	3
Wilson's Warbler			2	3	5
Yellow-breasted Chat	1				1
<b>TOWHEES &amp; SPARROWS</b>					
Spotted Towhee	2		6	10	18
California Towhee	1		3	2	6
Song Sparrow	38	42	16	35	131
<b>BLACKBIRDS &amp; ORIOLES</b>					
Red-winged Blackbird		5	11	1	17
Great-tailed Grackle	2	7	3		12
Brown-headed Cowbird	7				7
Hooded Oriole				1	1

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<b>FINCHES</b>					
House Finch	29	80	24	67	200
Lesser Goldfinch	12	3		16	31

**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 (Nancy Kappelmann & Jim Stacy)

**Area 3:** The Bluff Area (Mark Kincheloe & Sheila Harlow)

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

**Comments:** The weather was cloudy and cool, so there weren't a lot of bird vocalizations. We found only 2 Bell's Vireos and figured the low number was due to the drought. To our dismay, however, we heard and/or saw SEVEN Brown-headed Cowbirds. Sally saw an American Kestrel eating what appeared to be a Song Sparrow. On the big lights overlooking the ball field over at UCI, we saw 2 Ospreys, a Peregrine Falcon, and 2 Red-tailed Hawks. The Red-tails and Peregrine didn't stick around very long, but the Ospreys stayed in close proximity to their nest on top of one of the light standards. Honking Canada Geese flew back and forth between the UC Natural Reserve and the SJWS, and flocks of Black Skimmers and Forster's Terns were also flying up and down the San Diego Creek channel. Lesser Goldfinches were busily feeding their well-nourished young, and American Coot and Pied-billed Grebe chicks were seen in the ponds. A very plump Audubon Cottontail Rabbit was hiding in the vegetation with only her ears moving slightly, and a couple of coyotes watched us for a few minutes before running off. It was an interesting morning.