

**Sea & Sage Audubon
UC Natural Reserve System Census Report Nov. 4, 2015**

Species	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Total
GEESE & DUCKS					
Gadwall		6			6
Mallard		2	2		4
Northern Shoveler		4	6	6	16
Green-winged Teal			46	19	65
Ruddy Duck		2			2
GREBES					
Eared Grebe		5			5
PELICANS & CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant		1			1
American White Pelican	1				1
HERONS, EGRETS, & IBIS					
Great Blue Heron	1	1	1	1	4
Snowy Egret				3	3
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY					
Turkey Vulture	1		2	2	5
Osprey	1	1			2
White-tailed Kite		1			1
Northern Harrier	1				1
Cooper's Hawk	1				1
Red-shouldered Hawk				1	1
Red-tailed Hawk	2			2	4
American Kestrel	1	3	2	1	7
GALLINULES & COOTS					
Sora		1	2		3
American Coot		2			2
PLOVERS					
Killdeer	2				2
STILTS & AVOCETS					
American Avocet		2			2
SANDPIPERS					
Western Sandpiper			1		1
Long-billed Dowitcher			12		12
GULLS					
California Gull			8	4	12
DOVES					
Mourning Dove	44	47	12	23	126

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HUMMINGBIRDS					
Anna's Hummingbird	2	1	4	9	16
Allen's Hummingbird	3	1	1	4	9
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WOODPECKERS					
Nuttall's Woodpecker	1	1	2	1	5
Northern Flicker			1	3	4
FLYCATCHERS					
Black Phoebe	3	3	2	4	12
Say's Phoebe	2	4	1		7
Cassin's Kingbird	4	18		3	25
VIREOS					
Hutton's Vireo	1			2	3
CROWS & RAVINS					
American Crow	8	7	24	11	50
SWALLOWS					
N. Rough-winged Swallow		2	4		6
Barn Swallow		1			1
WRENTITS, BUSHTITS, & WRENS					
Bushtit	4		12	20	36
Bewick's Wren			1		1
House Wren	1		2	2	5
Marsh Wren	1	2	3		6
KINGLETS & GNATCATCHERS					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	3	3	1	6	13
California Gnatcatcher			10	5	15
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2		2	7	11
THRUSHES					
Western Bluebird	2	5	3		10
Hermit Thrush	1		2		3
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS					
Northern Mockingbird				2	2
STARLINGS, PIPITS, WAXWINGS					
American Pipit			1	1	2
WARBLERS					
Orange-crowned Warbler				3	3
Common Yellowthroat	12	6	19	19	56

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Yellow-rumped Warbler	13	6	10	25	54
TOWHEES & SPARROWS					
Spotted Towhee			1	5	6
California Towhee			1	4	5
Savannah Sparrow			4	4	8
Song Sparrow	20	18	14	7	59
Lincoln's Sparrow			3	6	9
White-crowned Sparrow	17	20	35	57	129
Golden-crowned Sparrow	1			2	3
BLACKBIRDS, COWBIRDS & ORIOLES					
Red-winged Blackbird	1		9	1	11
Western Meadowlark		9			9
FINCHES					
House Finch	26	12	31	17	86
Lesser Goldfinch			1	2	3
EXOTICS					
Scaly-breasted Munia	5	5			10

Monthly Census conducted by Sea & Sage Audubon

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

Area 2: Ponds 4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11; only 5 & 11 had water in them. (Sharon Harrow & Mark Kincheloe)

Area 3: The Bluff Area (Jan Gaffney & Sheila Harlow)

Area 4: The Arboretum (Jerry Tolman, Darrell Wilson, Bettina Eastman)

Comments: It was a beautiful morning with large billowy white clouds floating around against a blue sky. When the sun was out, the temperature was comfortable. It was quite noticeable, however, when the clouds obscured the sun because the temperature would then drop markedly. There were very few birds singing or even calling; it was very quiet out there except for the cry of a distant Osprey perched on one of the light standards above the UCI ball field. At the beginning of our count period, I watched several Yellow-rumped Warblers and a Black Phoebe dart around above the trees fly-catching. Many of the ponds were again without water. Hopefully, the rains will come soon and fill them up! Last month, we had a Burrowing Owl, Red-breasted Nuthatch, and 2 Greater Roadrunners. None of those birds were present this morning, but Western Bluebirds showed up in three of the four areas; they were the first bluebirds we had seen at the reserve since we began our monthly counts in 2011.