

**Sea & Sage Audubon
UC Natural Reserve System Census Report Oct 7, 2015**

Species	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Total
GEESE & DUCKS					
Canada Goose	5		16	18	39
Gadwall		9	2		11
Mallard		1		2	3
Cinnamon Teal		4			4
Northern Shoveler			5	9	14
Green-winged Teal			5	6	11
Ruddy Duck		6		1	7
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe			2		2
Eared Grebe		10	2		12
PELICANS & CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant	1		1		2
Brown Pelican	1				1
HERONS, EGRETS, & IBIS					
Great Blue Heron		1	2		3
Great Egret	1	2	1		4
Snowy Egret	7	4	2		13
Green Heron				1	1
Black-crowned Night-Heron		1			1
White-faced Ibis					
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY					
Turkey Vulture	1				1
Osprey	2				2
White-tailed Kite		2			2
Cooper's Hawk	1			2	3
Red-shouldered Hawk				2	2
Red-tailed Hawk	1	1	2	1	5
American Kestrel	2	1	4	1	8
Peregrine Falcon	1				1
GALLINULES & COOTS					
Sora		2		4	6
American Coot		18		1	19
PLOVERS					
Killdeer	3	5	39	5	52
SANDPIPERS					
Short-billed Dowitcher				3	3
Long-billed Dowitcher			7	5	12
dowitcher sp.		3			3

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SNIPES					
Wilson's Snipe				4	4
GULLS					
gull sp.			1		1
DOVES					
Mourning Dove	29	12	36	10	87
ROADRUNNERS					
Greater Roadrunner			1	1	2
OWLS					
Burrowing Owl			1		1
SWIFTS					
Vaux's Swift				5	5
White-throated Swift				3	3
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Anna's Hummingbird	3	1	6	6	16
Allen's Hummingbird	2		1	1	4
hummingbird sp.			1		1
WOODPECKERS					
Nuttall's Woodpecker	3	1		2	6
Downy Woodpecker	2	2	2	3	9
Northern Flicker		1			1
FLYCATCHERS					
Western Wood-Pewee				1	1
Black Phoebe	5	1	4	4	14
Say's Phoebe	2	5	4	1	12
Cassin's Kingbird	7	12	6	1	26
CROWS & RAVINS					
American Crow	29	2	12	7	50
Common Raven			2		2
SWALLOWS					
N. Rough-winged Swallow		8			8
Tree Swallow		1			1
Barn Swallow			5		5
WRENTITS, BUSHTITS, NUTHATCHES & WRENS					
Bushtit	7	12		24	43
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1		1
House Wren	1		1		2

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Marsh Wren		1		1	2
KINGLETS & GNATCATCHERS					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	2	2		1	5
California Gnatcatcher			6	2	8
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1				1
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS					
Northern Mockingbird		1	4	4	9
STARLING					
European Starling			6		6
WARBLERS					
Orange-crowned Warbler			1	2	3
Common Yellowthroat	2	3	29	12	46
Yellow Warbler				1	1
Yellow-rumped Warbler			2	8	10
TOWHEES & SPARROWS					
Spotted Towhee	3		2	4	9
California Towhee	3		3	4	10
Savannah Sparrow			5		5
Song Sparrow	15	5	14	14	48
Lincoln's Sparrow			4	2	6
White-crowned Sparrow	35	3	43	26	107
BLACKBIRDS, COWBIRDS & ORIOLES					
Red-winged Blackbird	1	7	9		17
Western Meadowlark		6			6
FINCHES					
House Finch	6	23	44	26	99
Lesser Goldfinch			2		2
EXOTICS					
Scaly-breasted Munia	3		1	3	7
Northern Red Bishop			2		2

Monthly Census conducted by Sea & Sage Audubon

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

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

Comments: Beneath a cloudless blue sky, we had ground fog, a white misty blanket which covered the ground showing only the tops of the trees and the white buildings in the distance.

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When we arrived, the air was filled with the songs of White-crowned Sparrows singing and calling to each other as they busily hunted for food in the dry reeds above the pond beds. They must have just arrived at the reserve because they were all over the place. There was also a sizeable number (8) of American Kestrels. In the Bluff Area of the reserve, there was an overabundance of Killdeer up there (39)! As the sun rose higher, the ground fog quickly disappeared and the singing White-crowned Sparrows became quiet. A male Blue-gray Gnatcatcher was so bright in a spot of sunlight on top of a shrub of Coyote Brush that I thought for a minute I had a bluebird! There wasn't a great deal of water, and many of the ponds were dry. A few tan-colored dragonflies buzzed around blending in well with the dry reeds. Highlights of the day were spotting a Burrowing Owl, two Greater Roadrunners, and a Red-breasted Nuthatch. We are hoping they will remain at the Reserve for the winter so that we can count them on our Coastal CBC!

