

Sea & Sage Audubon
UC Natural Reserve System Census Report Sept. 2, 2015

Species	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Total
GEESE & DUCKS					
Canada Goose			19	5	24
Gadwall					
Mallard	10	8			18
Cinnamon Teal		4			4
Northern Pintail		1			1
Ruddy Duck		1			1
PELICANS & CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant	7	1	2		10
HERONS, EGRETS, & IBIS					
Great Blue Heron	4	2		1	7
Great Egret	1	7	1	2	11
Snowy Egret	92			12	104
Green Heron	1				1
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1	5			6
White-faced Ibis	1				1
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY					
Turkey Vulture			1	8	9
Osprey	2				2
White-tailed Kite		1			1
Cooper's Hawk	1			1	2
Red-shouldered Hawk			1	1	2
Red-tailed Hawk	1	1	1		3
American Kestrel	1	2			3
GALLINULES & COOTS					
Virginia Rail		1			1
Sora		5		1	6
Common Gallinule				1	1
American Coot		2			2
PLOVERS					
Killdeer		7			7
STILTS & AVOCETS					
Black-necked Stilt		2			2
American Avocet		10			10
SANDPIPERS					
Greater Yellowlegs	1	1			2
Western Sandpiper		15			15
GULLS & TERNS & SKIMMERS					
California Gull		1			1

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TERNs & SKIMMERS					
CaspianTern	9	3	2		14
Forster's Tern	1				1
Black Skimmer	10	1			11
DOVES					
Rock Pigeon			1		1
Mourning Dove	27	13	26	30	96
SWIFTS					
White-throated Swift				1	1
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Anna's Hummingbird	1	1	7	5	14
Allen's Hummingbird		1		1	2
hummingbird sp.	1		1		2
KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher	1				1
WOODPECKERS					
Nuttall's Woodpecker	2			1	3
Downy Woodpecker	1	1		2	4
FLYCATCHERS					
Pacific-slope Flycatcher				1	1
Black Phoebe	5	6	1	1	13
Cassin's Kingbird	7	19		2	18
Western Kingbird				1	1
VIREOS					
<i>Bell's Vireo</i>	1		1		2
Hutton's Vireo				2	2
CROWS & RAVINS					
American Crow	5	1	2	17	25
SWALLOWS					
N. Rough-winged Swallow		1	16	3	20
Tree Swallow			2		2
Barn Swallow		3	2		5
Cliff Swallow		3			3
WRENTITS, BUSHTITS & WRENS					
Bushtit	2	12	11	5	30
Bewick's Wren	1		2		3
House Wren				1	1
Marsh Wren	1	2			3

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KINGLETS & GNATCATCHERS					
California Gnatcatcher			6	2	8
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS					
Northern Mockingbird		1		6	7
WARBLERS					
Orange-crowned Warbler			1	1	2
Common Yellowthroat	4	3	24	12	43
TOWHEES & SPARROWS					
Spotted Towhee			1	6	7
California Towhee	1		5	3	9
Savannah Sparrow		1	5		6
Song Sparrow	22	8	22	35	87
BLACKBIRDS, COWBIRDS & ORIOLES					
Red-winged Blackbird	4	8		2	14
FINCHES					
House Finch	6	31	18	30	85
Lesser Goldfinch		4			4
EXOTICS					
Scaley-breasted Munia	8		2		10

Monthly Census conducted by Sea & Sage Audubon

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

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

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

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

Comments: It was overcast for most of the count though the sun partially emerged around 9:00. The abundance of Snowy Egrets was the highlight of the count with 92 of them in one pond! We think that mosquito fish may have been put in that pond and the egrets were taking full advantage of them. A few Snowy Egrets were seen elsewhere in reserve as well. One of them flew up the creek when the sun was emerging from the clouds, its wings momentarily caught in a shaft of sunlight, glowing white against the darker foliage. Mourning Doves were feeding on the ground, looking like round brown rocks; others were perched in trees. Caspian Terns and Black Skimmers were doing the “creek run” and several of the terns were carrying small fish up the creek. Other birds of interest included 2 Bell’s Vireos, 6 Soras, 3 Black-bellied Plovers (the first seen here all year), 15 Western Sandpipers (the shorebirds are returning!), and 28 Cassin’s Kingbirds.