

Sea & Sage Audubon
UC Natural Reserve System Census Report for Sept. 7, 2016

Species	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Total
GEESE & DUCKS					
Canada Goose		49			49
Mallard	2	11			13
Cinnamon Teal		7			7
Northern Shoveler		14			14
Green-winged Teal		15			15
Ruddy Duck		18			18
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe		1			1
Eared Grebe		1			1
CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant		1	2		4
HERONS, EGRETS & IBIS					
Great Blue Heron		1			1
Great Egret		4			4
Snowy Egret	6	6			12
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1				1
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY					
Turkey Vulture			1		1
Osprey	1	1			2
White-tailed Kite		1			1
Northern Harrier		1			1
Cooper's Hawk	1			2	3
Red-shouldered Hawk				2	2
Red-tailed Hawk	3			1	4
American Kestrel		1	1	1	3
RAILS & COOTS					
Virginia Rail		1			1
Sora		4			4
American Coot	1	1			2
PLOVERS					
Killdeer	8	10	7		25
SANDPIPERS					
Spotted Sandpiper		1			1
Lesser Yellowlegs		1			1
Western Sandpiper		2			2
Long-billed Dowitcher		20			20
GULLS & TERNS					
Caspian Tern		1			1
Forster's Tern	1				1

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SKIMMERS					
Black Skimmer	22	1			23
PIGEONS & DOVES					
Mourning Dove	163	15	28	40	246
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Anna's Hummingbird	1		4	2	7
Allen's Hummingbird	1			1	2
KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher	1				1
WOODPECKERS					
Nuttall's Woodpecker	6		1	1	8
Downy Woodpecker	2				2
FLYCATCHERS					
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	1				1
Black Phoebe	5	6	1	2	14
Cassin's Kingbird	4	3		7	14
SHRIKES					
Loggerhead Shrike			1		1
VIREOS					
Bell's Vireo	1				1
CROWS & RAVENS					
American Crow	7			23	30
Common Raven	3				3
SWALLOWS					
N. Rough-winged Swallow	9	2	1	15	27
Tree Swallow		1			1
Barn Swallow	15	25	9	4	53
Cliff Swallow		1			1
BUSHTITS & WRENTITS					
Bushtit	25	7		6	38
WRENS					
Bewick's Wren			1		1
House Wren			1		1
Marsh Wren	1	2			3
GNATCATCHERS & KINGLETS					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1				1
California Gnatcatcher			5	2	7

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MOCKINGBIRDS					
Northern Mockingbird				5	5
California Thrasher	1			1	2
STARLINGS					
European Starling	10			2	12
WARBLERS					
Orange-crowned Warbler			2	4	6
Common Yellowthroat	25	12	20	4	61
Yellow Warbler	1		2	2	5
Wilson's Warbler	1				1
MacGillivray's Warbler				1	1
TOWHEES & SPARROWS					
Spotted Towhee	3	1		2	6
California Towhee	3		2	6	11
Savannah Sparrow			1		1
Song Sparrow	27	13	14	12	66
BLACKBIRDS					
Red-winged Blackbird	35				35
Great-tailed Grackle			1		1
FINCHES					
House Finch	66	13	18	34	131
Lesser Goldfinch	8	8	2	5	23
EXOTICS & Other critters					
Scaly-breasted Munia	1			3	4
Pin-tailed Whydah		1 (f)			1
a headless snake skeleton		1			1

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, Mark Kincheloe, Margaret Renton)

Area 3: The Bluff Area (Jan Gaffney & Maureen Myers)

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

There was a thick blanket of ground fog over the marsh when we arrived, but it quickly disappeared showing a clear sky with only faint clouds. The sky in the east with bright and clear while in the west, it was grey and foggy. The fog moved in half an hour later and it became overcast. There were 100 more Mourning Doves here than last month and they were all busy eating seeds off the ground along with the House Finches. In the overcast light, they looked like large clumps of weeds or gray rocks. We had a nice collection of ducks and raptors, the Black Skimmers were still flying up and down the creek though in fewer numbers than last month, the Loggerhead Shrike was back, and there was still a Bell's Vireo. There were lots of Barn Swallows flying around in pursuit of an insect breakfast and a MacGillivray's Warbler was present.