

**Sea & Sage Audubon
UC Natural Reserve System Census Report for Oct. 2, 2013**

Species	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Total
GEESE & DUCKS					
Gadwall	1				1
Mallard	3	8	7		18
Cinnamon Teal		6			6
Northern Shoveler	4				4
Green-winged Teal		19			19
Ruddy Duck		3			3
duck sp. (distant flyovers)		6			6
QUAIL					
California Quail				2	2
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe	2	3			5
Eared Grebe		8			8
PELICANS & CORMORANTS					
Brown Pelican	3				3
Double-crested Cormorant		3			3
HERONS, EGRETS, & IBIX					
Great Blue Heron	4				4
Great Egret		3			3
Snowy Egret	5	14			19
Black-crowned Night-Heron	2	3			5
White-faced Ibis	12				12
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY					
Turkey Vulture	2	2	4	22	30
Osprey	1			1	2
White-tailed Kite			2		2
Cooper's Hawk	2	1	1	1	5
Red-shouldered Hawk	1			3	4
Red-tailed Hawk	1				1
American Kestrel	1	2	1		4

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RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS					
Virginia Rail	3	1			4
Sora	1	3			4
American Coot	2	16			18
PLOVERS					
Black-bellied Plover	1				1
Semipalmated Plover			2		2
Killdeer	1				1
STILTS & AVOCETS					
Black-necked Stilt	6				6
SANDPIPERS					
Greater Yellowlegs	3	5			8
Western Sandpiper		4			4
Least Sandpiper		1			1
<i>Solitary Sandpiper</i>		1			1
Short-billed Dowitcher		1			1
Long-billed Dowitcher		4			4
GULLS & TERNS					
Western Gull			1		1
DOVES					
Mourning Dove	7	17	14	14	52
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Anna's Hummingbird		1		2	3
Allen's Hummingbird			4	2	6
KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher	2	1			3
WOODPECKERS					
Nuttall's Woodpecker		2	1		3
Downy Woodpecker			1		1

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FLYCATCHERS					
Black Phoebe	2	4	4		10
Say's Phoebe		2	1	2	5
Cassin's Kingbird	1	4		2	7
CROWS & RAVENS					
American Crow	15	9	16	25	65
Common Raven	1		3	2	6
SWALLOWS					
Tree Swallow				5	5
Barn Swallow	1	7		4	12
WRENTITS, BUSHTITS & WRENS					
Bushtit		20	28	12	60
Bewick's Wren			2		2
House Wren			1		1
Marsh Wren	5	8			13
GNATCATCHERS					
Bue-gray Gnatcatcher	1		1		2
California Gnatcatcher				1	1
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS					
Northern Mockingbird			1	6	7
WARBLERS					
Orange-crowned Warbler				3	3
Common Yellowthroat	4	23	16	7	50
Yellow-rumped Warbler			1		1
Black-throated Gray Warbler			1	1	2
TOWHEES & SPARROWS					
Spotted Towhee			1	2	3
California Towhee	2		2	2	6
Lincoln's Sparrow		3		1	4
Song Sparrow	11	39	16	20	86
White-crowned Sparrow		5	4	49	58
Chipping Sparrow			4		4

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BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES					
Red-winged Blackbird	1	8	8	1	18
Great-tailed Grackle		5			5
FINCHES					
House Finch	2	38	10	10	60
Lesser Goldfinch		2	3	11	16
American Goldfinch		1			1
EXOTIC SPECIES					
Nutmeg Mannikin	2				2

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 (Terry Hill & Sheila Harlow)

Area 3: The Bluff Area (Jan Gaffney & Sharon Harrow)

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

Comments: When we reached the reserve this morning and got out of our cars, we were greeted by the raucous cries of a pair of feisty Belted Kingfishers which were flying back and forth and all around. When one of them landed near a pond, the birds in the pond cried out in alarm. Their constant activity and noisy behavior caused two groups of White-faced Ibis to erupt from the ponds and fly off quickly. They definitely had a very unsettling affect on the quiet and peace of the marsh early in the morning! After they left area one, it became peaceful and quiet once more. A Virginia Rail and Sora called briefly from their respective ponds. The heavy overcast had a quieting influence on the usually vocal Song Sparrows, House Finches, and Common Yellowthroats. When the fog clouds lifted around 9:30, some of the birds became more vocal and even a few Marsh Wrens began to sing their buzzy song from the reeds. One of the highlights of the morning was spotting a Solitary Sandpiper in Area 2. Two of the Cooper's Hawks seen were juveniles. Three Brown Pelicans were seen flying up and down the creek. Both the Black-bellied Plover and the Killdeer were heard, not seen.