Birders who took part in the census were: Jan Gaffney, Bob Hogan, Nancy Kenyon, Paul Klahr, Sally Menzel, Eunice Morita, Dick Purvis, Barbara Sentovich and Jerry Tolman.

See our chapter webpage for data on all of our monthly SJWS bird counts:
http://www.seaandsageaudubon.org/BirdInfo/SJWScensus.htm

COMMENTS:
Rain was forecast for the morning of our census so we began early and worked quickly. Dark threatening clouds hung over us while we were counting the birds and all of us thought we were going to be drenched in a sudden downpour, but we were lucky because it didn't rain a drop while we were out there! Bird sighting conditions are actually quite good. The water in the ponds was still enough to cause perfect reflections under the resting shorebirds and in other ponds, the ducks were actively feeding. Some of the birds we had not heard in last month's count were more vocal, especially the Spotted Towhees that seemed to be singing all over the sanctuary. We were happy to find that the California Thrashers were still here though we could not locate the Wrentit. There were no terns anywhere and there was only one species of gull, but a number of swallows were flying around. In Pond D, there was a large group of 80 Black-necked Stilts and by pond 1, a Peregrine Falcon was spotted in a nearby tree. Due to a shortage of birders, the San Diego Creek was not covered.

BIRDS SEEN AND/OR HEARD on Feb. 13th:
Canada Goose - 17
Gadwall - 5
Mallard - 34
Blue-winged Teal - 4
Cinnamon Teal - 46
Northern Shoveler - 76
Green-winged Teal - 51
Bufflehead - 4
Ruddy Duck - 39
Pied-billed Grebe - 15
Western Grebe - 1
American White Pelican - 7
Double-crested Cormorant - 84
Great Blue Heron - 4
Great Egret - 2
Snowy Egret - 4
Black-crowned Night-Heron - 12
White-faced Ibis - 4

Turkey Vulture - 7
Red-shouldered Hawk - 2
Red-tailed Hawk - 1
Peregrine Falcon - 1
Common Moorhen - 1
American Coot - 82
Black-necked Stilt - 80
American Avocet - 3
Greater Yellowlegs - 1
Spotted Sandpiper - 3
Western Sandpiper - 28
Long-billed Dowitchers - 6
Ring-billed Gull - 32
Mourning Dove - 36
Anna's Hummingbird - 58
Allen's Hummingbird - 9
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Nuttall's Woodpecker - 4
Downy Woodpecker - 1
Northern Flicker - 2

Black Phoebe - 8
Hutton's Vireo - 2
American Crow - 16
Common Raven - 1
Tree Swallow - 222
N. Rough-winged Swallow - 6
Cliff Swallow - 11
Bushtit - 54
Marsh Wren - 63
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 9
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 10
Hermit Thrush - 3
California Thrasher - 2
Cedar Waxwing - 167

Orange-crowned Warbler - 3
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 164
Common Yellowthroat - 82
Spotted Towhee - 31
Song Sparrow - 137
White-crowned Sparrow - 9
Red-winged Blackbird - 13
Great-tailed Grackle - 8
House Finch - 101
Lesser Goldfinch - 46
American Goldfinch - 65

Nutmeg Mannikin - 2