Comments: We were very lucky with our weather for this count. Gusty winds were predicted but they didn't show up until after our count was finished. Actually, there was no breeze when we started out and the water was absolutely still, making it difficult to distinguish standing shorebirds from their reflections. The lighting was perfect. In pond D, the stilts facing us were almost spot-lit by the morning sun, their brilliant white breasts showing up clearly against the deep green of the water and reeds. There were a number of egrets flying around and we saw some perched in a green tree...a beautiful sight! We also saw flocks of White-faced Ibis and American White Pelicans in flight. Pond C had a large number of shorebirds all along the water's edge closest to the path and we were able to get stunning views of the Solitary and Pectoral Sandpipers along with all the dowitchers, peeps, and a Spotted Sandpiper. On one of the dowitchers, we got unusually good looks at the heavy barring on the tail feathers. We were surprised to see that there were still grebe chicks around: 3 Western Grebe chicks at pond 1 and 1 Clark's Grebe chick at pond 2. Besides the Solitary & Pectoral Sandpipers, highlight birds included a Franklin's Gull at Pond C, a Least Bittern at both ponds 3 and 4, and a Brewer's Sparrow by the new chain link fence beyond pond C. White-crowned Sparrows and a lone California Thrasher were singing—a special treat!