Sea & Sage Audubon
SJWS Census Report for November 4, 2016

Highlights: Pond E had only a small amount of water in it which was partially obscured by a dense growth of dried Fleabane, a sea of brown leaves and puffy white flowers gone to seed. This made good cover for the flocks of Scaly-breasted Munias. At the back of the pond in their favorite corner were 4 male N. Red Bishops perched on the tops of tall reeds overlooking the fleabane and illuminated by bright morning sunlight. It was quite a sight - until a hungry Northern Harrier swooped low over the area, circling round and round, searching for an unwary bird for a snack. At the sight of the harrier, all the little birds in the area disappeared into the dense vegetation and the harrier finally gave up and flew off to begin her search elsewhere. Yellow-rumped Warblers were everywhere, foraging for insects in the shrubbery and calling, while the White-crowned Sparrows began singing their plaintive song as soon as the morning sun illuminated their area. Pond B, A, C had 6 White-faced ibis fly over and an abundance of ducks representing 6 species. Pond 1 had 57 American White Pelicans and a Western/Clark’s Grebe hybrid. Pond 2 had 2 juvenile Clark’s Grebes; a Nashville Warbler was found in the land areas away from the ponds. Pond 3 has a juvenile Black-crowned Night-Heron on the island. Pond 4 had a couple of Cooper’s Hawks and an American Kestrel. The Riparian Area had a Northern Flicker, 34 Killdeer, and a Nashville Warbler. Tree Hill & Back 40 Area got there in time to see 2500+ crows take off from their nighttime roost and a Bell’s Vireo which is probably wintering there.

### Geese & Ducks
- Canada Goose: 47
- Gadwall: 4
- Mallard: 17
- Blue-winged Teal: 5
- Cinnamon Teal: 24
- Northern Shoveler: 64
- Green-winged Teal: 34
- Ruddy Duck: 46

### Grebes
- Pied-billed Grebe: 17
- Eared Grebe: 3
- Western Grebe: 27
- Clark’s Grebe: 10
- Clark’s/Western hybrid: 1

### Cormorants & Pelicans
- Double-crested Cormorant: 80
- American White Pelican: 73

### Herons, Egrets & Ibises
- Great Blue Heron: 6
- Great Egret: 6
- Snowy Egret: 4
- Green Heron: 1
- Black-crowned Night-Heron: 17
- White-faced Ibis: 11

### Diurnal Birds of Prey
- Northern Harrier: 1
- Cooper’s Hawk: 4
- Red-tailed Hawk: 1
- American Kestrel: 4

### Rails, Gallinules & Coots
- Sora: 3
- Common Gallinule: 3
- American Coot: 106

### Plovers
- Killdeer: 34

### Stilts & Avocets
- Black-necked Stilt: 4
- American Avocet: 14

### Sandpipers & Phalaropes
- Spotted Sandpiper: 1
- Least Sandpiper: 15

### Guilis, Terns & Skimmers
- Long-billed Dowitcher: 26
- Western Gull: 5
- Forster’s Tern: 2

### Pigeons & Doves
- Mourning Dove: 16

### Hummingbirds
- Anna’s Hummingbird: 23
- Black-chinned Hummingbird: 1
- Allen’s Hummingbird: 17
- hummingbird sp.: 3

### Kingfisher
- Belted Kingfisher: 3

### Woodpeckers
- Nuttall’s Woodpecker: 6
- Downy Woodpecker: 2
- Northern Flicker: 1

### Flycatchers
- Black Phoebe: 24
- Say’s Phoebe: 2
- Cassin’s Kingbird: 5

### Vireos
- Bell’s Vireo: 1
- Hutton’s Vireo: 2
- Warbling Vireo: 1

### Crows & Ravens
- American Crow: 2500

### Swallows
- N. Rough-winged Swallow: 10
- swallow sp.: 6

### Bushtits, Wrens, Wrentits
- Bushtit: 247
- House Wren: 2
- Marsh Wren: 6
- Wrentit: 2

### Gnatcatchers & Kinglets
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 23
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 17

### Thrushes
- Hermit Thrush: 7

### Mockingbirds & Thrashers
- California Thrasher: 1

### Pipits & Waxwings
- American Pipit: 30
- Cedar Waxwing: 12

### Warblers
- Orange-crowned Warbler: 16
- Nashville Warbler: 2
- Common Yellowthroat: 42
- Yellow-rumped Warbler: 215

### Towhees, Sparrows
- Spotted Towhee: 20
- California Towhee: 2
- Song Sparrow: 40
- White-crowned Sparrow: 41

### Blackbirds
- Red-winged Blackbird: 23
- Western Meadowlark: 1
- Great-tailed Grackle: 50

### Finches
- House Finch: 87
- Lesser Goldfinch: 40
- American Goldfinch: 7

### Exotic Species
- Scaly-breasted Munia: 50
- Northern Red Bishop: 4

Pond 1: Lena Hayashi, Barbara Dixon & Betsy Flynn  
Pond 2: Barbara Sentovich  
Pond 3: Nancy Kappelmann & Maureen Myers  
Ponds 4,5,6: Eunice Morita  
Ponds A,B,C: Sharon Harrow & Mark Kincheloe  
Ponds E & D: Nancy Kenyon & Carol Freund  
Riparian: Merri Levy & Sheila Harlow  
Back 40 & Tree Hill: Jim Stacy, Jerry Tolman & Darrell Wilson  
San Diego Creek: not covered today