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**Monthly Census conducted by Sea & Sage Audubon**

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**Area 2:** Ponds 4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11 (Sharon Harrow)
**Area 3:** The Bluff Area (Jan Gaffney, Mark Kincheloe, Sheila Harlow)
**Area 4:** The Arboretum (Darrell Wilson, Jerry Tolman)

**Comments:** A low bank of ground fog shrouded the area when we arrived, showing only the bare trees poking their leafless branches about the mist. It was beautiful, but it quickly wore off. The birding highlight of the morning was seeing a Sage Thrasher in Area 3, perched in a saltbush on the mesa. Other unexpected birds were 3 Acorn Woodpeckers in Area 4, a Western Wood-Pewee in Area 1 (probably the same bird as last month), a late Bullock’s Oriole in Area 4, a Vaux’s Swift and 4 White-throated Swifts flying overhead, and 78 White-crowned Sparrows. The absence of water in many of the ponds cut down on the number of shorebirds and ducks.