It was a beautiful morning with lots of birds! The water was very calm with silvery gray ripples from our boat and perfect reflections along the shore. It was quiet with only the sound of shorebirds calling to each other. The tide was perfect for a morning of birding. At the start of the trip when the tide was higher, we saw a massive flock of Western Sandpipers crowded together on the side of the Santa Ynez Spit, looking more like a field of small white daisies than shorebirds. It was quite a sight! The black and white Bufflehead of the Santa Ynez Spit, looking more like a field of small white daisies than shorebirds. It was quite a sight! The black and white Bufflehead was in his regular spot in the top of a palm tree and Snowy Egrets were perched on poles as well as out of the water an wooden sign post with a heavy metal No Bicycle Allowed sign attached to it, which he managed to pull out of the water and put on the bow of our boat to carry back to shore for disposal. A Red-tailed Hawk was in his regular spot in the top of a palm tree and Snowy Egrets were perched on poles as well as along the water’s edge. We saw some Turkey Vultures in small groups on the ground while in other areas, the vultures were taking to the air to soar high above our heads. There was bird activity everywhere; it was a wonderful morning for birding!

### WATERFOWL
- 7 Canada Goose
- 1 Egyptian Goose
- 224 American Wigeon
- 1 Mallard
- 6 Blue-winged Teal
- 1 Cinnamon Teal
- 4 Northern Pintail
- 12 Green-winged Teal
- 2 Redhead
- 100 Lesser Scaup
- 36 Surf Scoter
- 216 Buffalohead
- 3 Red-breasted Merganser
- 4 Ruddy Duck

### GREBES
- 5 Pied-billed Grebe
- 2 Horned Grebe
- 5 Eared Grebe
- 15 Western Grebe
- 1 Clark’s Grebe

### CORNORANTS & PELICANS
- 22 Double-crested Cormorant
- 9 Brown Pelican

### HERONS & EGRETS
- 10 Great Blue Heron
- 7 Great Egret
- 1 Reddish Egret (juv)
- 27 Snowy Egret
- 13 Turkey Vulture
- 5 Osprey
- 2 White-tailed Kite
- 1 Accipiter sp.
- 1 Red-tailed Hawk

### SHOREBIRDS
- 13 American Avocet
- 121 Black-bellied Plover
- 33 Semipalmated Plover
- 14 Killdeer
- 5 Long-billed Curlew
- 170 Marbled Godwit
- 39 Least Sandpiper
- 1037 Western Sandpiper
- 48 Short-billed Dowitcher
- 2 Spotted Sandpiper
- 502 Willet
- 3 Greater Yellowlegs

### GULLS & TERNs
- 42 Ring-billed Gull
- 33 Western Gull
- 1 Caspian Tern

### LOONS
- 1 Pacific Loon

### PIGEONS & DOVES
- 31 Rock Pigeon
- 4 Mourning Dove

### HUMMINGBIRDS
- 1 Anna’s Hummingbird

### KINGFISHERS
- 1 Belted Kingfisher

### FALCONS
- 2 American Kestrel
- 1 Merlin

### FLYCATCHERS
- 4 Black Phoebe
- 4 Say’s Phoebe

### CROWS & RAIDENS
- 3 American Crow

### WARBLERS
- 1 Yellow-rumped Warbler

### SPARROWS & TOWHEES
- 1 Savannah Sparrow