

# Bird Count Results: Feb. 12, 2017

## San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve & Cardiff State Beach

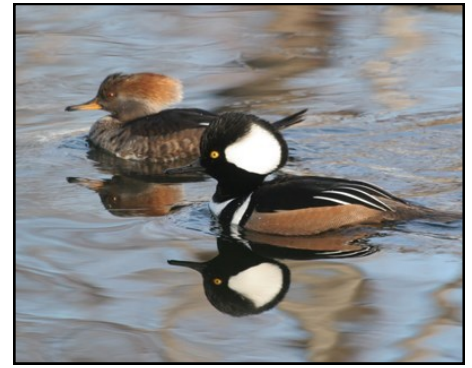
– Submitted by Robert Patton

**Bird species recorded: 113    Total birds counted: 3153**

**Notable species spotted:** Pair of Hooded Mergansers and male Eurasian Wigeon

**Volunteer Birders:** Lea Squires, Bradley Nussbaum, Elizabeth Venrick, Jayne Lesley, Kathy Aldern, Maryanne Bache, Gretchen Nell, Patti Koger, Don Johnson, Robert Patton, Fred Kies, Steve Perry, Gail DeLalla

**Next count:** 7:30 am on March 12, 2018 at Rios Avenue Trailhead



*Hooded Merganser*

### Species List:

| Species                   | Total | Species                            | Total | Species                           | Total |
|---------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Red-throated Loon         | 1     | Virginia Rail                      | 1     | Cassin's Kingbird                 | 7     |
| Common Loon               | 1     | Sora                               | 1     | California Scrub-Jay              | 7     |
| Pied-billed Grebe         | 3     | American Coot                      | 101   | American Crow                     | 44    |
| Western Grebe             | 4     | Black-bellied Plover               | 42    | Common Raven                      | 13    |
| Black-vented Shearwater   | 3     | Snowy Plover                       | 93    | Bushtit                           | 81    |
| American White Pelican    | 5     | Semipalmated Plover                | 50    | Bewick's Wren                     | 7     |
| Brown Pelican             | 12    | Killdeer                           | 18    | House Wren                        | 3     |
| Double-crested Cormorant  | 58    | Greater Yellowlegs                 | 5     | Marsh Wren                        | 4     |
| Great Blue Heron          | 11    | Willet                             | 93    | Wren sp.                          | 2     |
| Great Egret               | 19    | Spotted Sandpiper                  | 4     | Ruby-crowned Kinglet              | 3     |
| Snowy Egret               | 12    | Whimbrel                           | 14    | Blue-gray Gnatcatcher             | 4     |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron | 1     | Long-billed Curlew                 | 19    | California Gnatcatcher            | 17    |
| White-faced Ibis          | 1     | Marbled Godwit                     | 2     | Western Bluebird                  | 7     |
| Green-winged Teal         | 88    | Ruddy Turnstone                    | 1     | Hermit Thrush                     | 5     |
| Mallard                   | 145   | Black Turnstone                    | 2     | Wrentit                           | 33    |
| Northern Pintail          | 48    | Sanderling                         | 71    | Northern Mockingbird              | 5     |
| Blue-winged Teal          | 3     | Western Sandpiper                  | 263   | California Thrasher               | 13    |
| Cinnamon Teal             | 9     | Least Sandpiper                    | 77    | American Pipit                    | 6     |
| Northern Shoveler         | 23    | Least/Western Sandpiper            | 25    | European Starling                 | 9     |
| Gadwall                   | 69    | Long-billed Dowitcher              | 3     | Hutton's Vireo                    | 2     |
| Eurasian Wigeon           | 1     | Short-billed/Long-billed Dowitcher | 27    | Orange-crowned Warbler            | 10    |
| American Wigeon           | 270   | Heermann's Gull                    | 2     | Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's) | 46    |
| Canvasback                | 1     | Ring-billed Gull                   | 46    | Common Yellowthroat               | 36    |
| Lesser Scaup              | 1     | California Gull                    | 7     | Spotted Towhee                    | 18    |
| Bufflehead                | 21    | Western Gull                       | 11    | California Towhee                 | 58    |
| Hooded Merganser          | 2     | Gull sp.                           | 22    | Savannah Sparrow (Belding's)      | 54    |
| Red-breasted Merganser    | 10    | Royal Tern                         | 7     | Savannah Sparrow (western group)  | 22    |
| Ruddy Duck                | 17    | Rock Pigeon                        | 17    | Fox Sparrow                       | 1     |
| Turkey Vulture            | 3     | Eurasian Collared-Dove             | 2     | Song Sparrow                      | 77    |
| Osprey                    | 9     | Mourning Dove                      | 105   | Lincoln's Sparrow                 | 7     |
| White-tailed Kite         | 2     | Anna's Hummingbird                 | 98    | Golden-crowned Sparrow            | 1     |
| Northern Harrier          | 9     | Allen's Hummingbird                | 12    | White-crowned Sparrow             | 80    |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk        | 1     | Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird         | 15    | Red-winged Blackbird              | 35    |
| Cooper's Hawk             | 2     | Hummingbird sp.                    | 1     | Western Meadowlark                | 5     |
| Red-shouldered Hawk       | 4     | Belted Kingfisher                  | 3     | Brewer's Blackbird                | 8     |
| Red-tailed Hawk           | 14    | Nuttall's Woodpecker               | 4     | Great-tailed Grackle              | 5     |
| American Kestrel          | 7     | Downy Woodpecker                   | 2     | House Finch                       | 157   |
| Peregrine Falcon          | 6     | Northern Flicker (Red-shafted)     | 1     | Lesser Goldfinch                  | 46    |
| California Quail          | 3     | Black Phoebe                       | 23    | House Sparrow                     | 7     |
| Ridgway's Rail            | 6     | Say's Phoebe                       | 10    |                                   |       |