

Birds from the West Coast of Lower California and Adjacent Islands

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- F**alco *sparverius phalæna* (LESS.). Desert Sparrow Hawk. Todos Santos Island March 20th; Guadalupe Island March 22nd; not common where found.
- Falco** *sparverius peninsularis* MEARNS. St. Lucas Sparrow Hawk. San Jose del Cabo April 23rd, not uncommon.
- Polyborus** *lutosus* RIDGW. Guadalupe Caracara. Guadalupe Island; one seen March 22nd; apparently nearly extinct.
- Pandion** *haliaetus carolinensis* (GMEL.). American Osprey. Common on San Martin, Todos Santos, San Geronimo, San Benitos, Cerros, and Natividad Islands, breeding; fresh eggs were taken as early as March 10th.
- Strix** *pratincola* BONAP. American Barn Owl. A few seen on Todos Santos Island March 10th.
- Speotyto** *cunicularia hypogæa* (BONAP.). Burrowing Owl. Todos Santos Island, March 10th; San Benitos Islands March 27th; not common at either locality.
- Speotyto** *rostrata* C. H. TOWNSEND. Clarion Island Owl. Quite common on Clarion Island, breeding some time in June, apparently.
- Micropallas** *graysoni* (RIDGW.). Socorro Elf Owl. Rare and hard to find on Socorro Island; one taken May 10th.
- Conurus** *holochlorus brevipes* BAIRD. Socorro Island Paraquet. Abundant on Socorro Island, but not showing signs of breeding May 2nd.
- Dryobates** *lucasanus* (XANTUS). St. Lucas Woodpecker. Common at San Jose del Cabo April 20th; one specimen taken at Playa Maria Bay July 8th.
- Centurus** *urophygialis* BAIRD. Gila Woodpecker. Common about San Jose del Cabo on April 20th.
- Colaptes** *cafer collaris* (VIGORS). Red-shafted Flicker. One noted at Todos Santos Island March 10th.
- Colaptes** *chrysoides* (MALH.). Gilded Flicker. Common about San Jose del Cabo April 20th.
- Colaptes** *rufipileus* RIDGW. Guadalupe Flicker. Rarely seen on Guadalupe Island
- Chordeiles** *texensis* (LAWR.). Texan Nighthawk. Taken at San Jose del Cabo April 23rd; a nighthawk was also observed on Socorro Island, but was not taken and the species remains undetermined
- Aeronautes** *melanoleucus* (BAIRD). White-throated Swift. A small flock was seen on Guadalupe Island March 25th.
- Calypte** *costæ* (BOURC.). Costa Hummingbird. Todos Santos Island March 10th, San Benitos, March 27th; Turtle Bay April 14th; fairly common wherever noted.
- Calypte** *anna* (LESS.). Anna Hummingbird. Todos Santos Island March 10th, fairly common.
- Basilinna** *xantusi* (LAWR.). Xantus Hummingbird. Common at San Jose del Cabo on April 23rd.
- Tyrannus** *verticalis* SAY. Arkansas Kingbird. Noted at Todos Santos Island March 10th and at Cerros Island April 1.
- Myiarchus** *cinerascens pertinax* (BAIRD). Lower California Flycatcher. A few noted at San Jose del Cabo April 23rd.
- Sayornis** *saya* (BONAP.). Say Phoebe. One seen on Cerros Island March 31st.

Sayornis nigricans (SWAINS.). Black Phoebe. One pair on Todos Santos Island March 10th.

Empidonax cineritius BREWST. St. Lucas Flycatcher. A small *Empidonax* noted at San Jose del Cabo, April 22, and another at San Juanico Bay, July 12th, are provisionally referred to this species.

Pyrocephalus rubineus mexicanus (SCL.) Vermilion Flycatcher. A few of these brilliant birds were seen at San Jose del Cabo April 22nd.

Otocoris alpestris pallida TOWNSEND. Sonoran Horned Lark. Taken on San Martin Island March 12th, on San Benitos Islands March 27th, on Natividad Island July 10th; common where found.

Aphelocoma californica hypoleuca RIDGW. Xantus Jay. Quite common about San Jose del Cabo April 23rd.

Corvus corax sinuatus (WAGL.). American Raven. Breeding on Todos Santos Island March 10th, on San Martin Island March 12th, on San Geronimo Island March 15th, on San Benitos Islands March 27th with young; pairs noted on Cerros Island July 4th, on Natividad Island April 9th, and on San Roque Island April 16th; abundant on San Benedicte Island April 29th and on Clarion Island May 23rd. These residents on San Benedicte and Clarion show characters that would seem to warrant their separation as a new race, and this has been done for the bird from Clarion Island,^a but based upon a single specimen only, in worn plumage; all the specimens collected by our party being also in badly worn condition it is impossible to say definitely what the status of these island birds really is until they are taken in fresh breeding plumage.

Sturnella magna neglecta (AUD.). Western Meadowlark. A few seen on Todos Santos Island March 10th.

Icterus parisorum BONAP. Scott Oriole. Common about San Jose del Cabo April 23rd.

Icterus cucullatus nelsoni RIDGW. Arizona Hooded Oriole. Quite common about San Jose del Cabo April 23rd.

Carpodacus mexicanus frontalis (SAY). House Finch. Common on Todos Santos Island March 10th.

Carpodacus mexicanus ruberrimus RIDGW. St. Lucas House Finch. Abundant about San Jose del Cabo April 23rd, with fresh eggs at this date.

Carpodacus amplus RIDGW. Guadalupe House Finch. Abundant on Guadalupe Island, nesting principally in the cholla cactus (*Opuntia prolifera* Engl.). We took sets of eggs that were fresh on March 22nd. This bird seems well protected from the ravages of the cats that are thinning the ranks of the petrels and juncos, due to its habit of building the nest in the cactus, thus making the nest inaccessible to the felines even though it be but eighteen inches from the ground.

Carpodacus mcgregori ANTHONY. McGregor House Finch. Taken on San Benito Island March 27th and on Cerros Island April 1st; this species, never common anywhere, is practically extinct now.

Loxia curvirostra stricklandi RIDGW. Mexican Crossbill. A few were seen in the pines at the top of the Island March 22nd.

Passerculus sandwichensis alaudinus (BONAP.). Western Savannah Sparrow. A small flock of these birds was seen on Todos Santos Island March 10th.

Passerculus beldingi RIDGW. Belding Marsh Sparrow. Found breeding on Todos Santos Island, with fresh eggs March 10th.

Passerculus rostratus (CASS.). Large-billed Sparrow. Fairly common on San Benitos Islands July 14th and at San Juanico Bay June 12th.

^a Cf. Rothschild & Hartert, Nov. Zool., IX, 1902, 381.

Passerculus rostratus guttatus (LAWR.). St. Lucas Sparrow. Common at Abreojos Point April 19th, with fresh eggs, and at same locality June 17th^a seen at San Jose del Cabo April 23rd.

Passerculus rostratus halophilus (MCGREGOR). Lagoon Sparrow. Has been referred to *Passerculus rostratus guttatus* (LAWR.).^a

Passerculus rostratus sanctorum RIDGW.). San Benito Sparrow. Abundant on San Benitos Islands, with fresh eggs March 27th to 30th.

Chondestes grammacus strigatus (SWAINS.). Western Lark Sparrow. Rather common about San Jose del Cabo on April 23rd.

Zonotrichia leucophrys (FORST.). White-crowned Sparrow. Common about San Jose del Cabo on April 23rd.

Zonotrichia leucophrys gambeli (NUTT.). Intermediate Sparrow. Common on Todos Santos and San Martin Islands March 10th to 12th.

Spizella pallida (SWAINS.). Clay-colored Sparrow. Common about San Jose del Cabo on April 23rd.

Spizella breweri CASS. Brewer Sparrow. Rather common about San Jose del Cabo April 23rd.

Junco insularis RIDGW. Guadalupe Junco. Abundant on Guadalupe Island, with fledged young and fresh eggs (second sets?) on the 22nd of March; the cats are making inroads on this species.

Amphispiza bilineata deserticola RIDGW. Desert Sparrow. Found at Cerros Island April 1st, at San Jose del Cabo April 24th, and at Natividad Island July 1st; not common where seen.

Amphispiza belli (CASS.). Bell Sparrow. San Martin Island, March 12th, not common.

Aimophila ruficeps (CASS.). Rufous-crowned Sparrow. Noted on Todos Santos Island March 10th and on San Martin Island March 12th, not common (*Aimophila ruficeps sororia*?).

Melospiza lincolni (AUD). Lincoln Sparrow. Seen and taken at Cerros Island April 1st; rare in this locality.

Pipilo carmani (LAWR.). Carman Towhee. Very common on Socorro Island May 5th, breeding season being apparently entirely over and the birds in worn plumage.

Oreospiza chlorura (AUD). Green-tailed Towhee. Several seen at San Jose del Cabo April 22nd.

Pipilo fuscus albigula (BAIRD). St. Lucas Towhee. San Jose del Cabo April 25th, not common.

Pipilo fuscus senicula ANTHONY. Anthony Towhee. Todos Santos Island March 10th; Playa Maria Bay July 8th; not common.

Cardinalis cardinalis igneus (BAIRD). St. Lucas Cardinal. Common about San Jose del Cabo April 22nd.

Pyrrhuloxia sinuata peninsulæ RIDGW. St. Lucas Pyrrhuloxia. Quite common about San Jose del Cabo April 22nd.

Guiraca caerulea lazula (LESS.). Western Blue Grosbeak. Not uncommon about San Jose del Cabo April 23rd.

Cyanospiza versicolor pulchra (RIDGW.). Beautiful Bunting. Common about San Jose del Cabo April 24th.^a

Calamospiza melanocorys STEJN. Lark Bunting. One specimen taken on Cerros Island July 4th.

a. Cf. Brewster Birds of the Cape Region of Lower California. Bull. Harv. Mus. Comp. Zool., XLI, 1902.

Hirundo erythrogastra BODD. Barn Swallow. One specimen taken on Clarion Island May 21st.

Lanius ludovicianus gambeli RIDGW. California Shrike. One seen at Turtle Bay April 14th.

Helminthophila celata lutescens RIDGW. Lutescent Warbler. Several seen on Todos Santos Island March 10th.

Compsothlypis graysoni (RIDGW.). Grayson Warbler. Abundant on Socorro Island May 2nd.

Dendroica æstiva (GMEL.). Yellow Warbler. Seen at San Jose del Cabo April 24th, not common.

Dendroica auduboni (TOWNS.). Audubon Warbler. Several seen on Todos Santos Island March 10th.

Geothlypis trichas occidentalis RREWST. Western Yellowthroat. One seen on Cerros Island April 1st (*G. t. arizela* OBERH.?).

Geothlypis beldingi RIDGW. Belding Yellowthroat. Common about San Jose del Cabo April 24th.

Anthus pensilvanicus (LATH.). American Pipit. San Martin Island March 10th and San Jose del Cabo April 22nd, common at both localities.

Oroscoptes montanus (TOWNS.). Sage Thrasher. One seen at San Martin Island March 12th.

Mimodes graysoni (BAIRD). Socorro Mocker. Very common on Socorro Island May 2nd.

Toxostoma cinereum (XANTUS). St. Lucas Thrasher. San Jose del Cabo April 24th, not common.

Toxostoma cinereum mearnsi (ANTHONY). Mearns Thrasher. San Juanico Bay June 12th, not common.

Toxostoma lecontei arenicolum (ANTHONY). Desert Thrasher. San Juanico Bay June 12th and Playa Maria Bay July 8th, not common.

Heleodytes brunneicapillus bryanti ANTHONY. Bryant Cactus Wren. Turtle Bay. April 14th, not common.

Heleodytes brunneicapillus affinis (XANTUS). St. Lucas Cactus Wren. Abundant about San Jose del Cabo April 22nd, nesting.

Salpinctes obsoletus (SAY). Rock Wren. San Martin Island March 10th, San Benitos Island March 27th, Cerros Island April 1st, San Benedicte Island April 29th, abundant where found.

Salpinctes guadalupensis RIDGW. Guadalupe Rock Wren. Common on Gualalupe Island, with large young March 22nd.

Catherpes mexicanus punctulatus RIDGW. Dotted Canyon Wren. Several heard singing on Todos Santos Island March 10th.

Thryomanes bewicki spilurus (VIG.) Vigors Wren. A single specimen taken at San Juanico Bay June 12th.

Thryomanes leucophrys (ANTHONY). San Clemente Wren. Cerros Island April 1st and July 4th, not common.

Thryomanes brevicaudus RIDGW. Guadalupe Wren. Seen on Guadalupe Island March 22nd; nearly extinct, due to the destruction of the underbrush by the hordes of goats.

Troglodytes aedon aztecus BAIRD. Western House Wren. One specimen taken on San Benitos Island March 27th.

Troglodytes insularis (BAIRD). Socorro Wren. Common on Socorro Island May 2nd.

Troglodytes tanneri C. H. TOWNSEND. Clarion Island Wren. Abundant on Clarion Island May 21st.

Sitta canadensis LINN. Red-breasted Nuthatch. Several seen and heard on Guadalupe Island March 22nd.

Auriparus flaviceps lamprocephalus OBERH. Baird Verdin. Abundant at San Jose del Cabo April 22nd; common at San Juanico Bay June 12th.

Regulus calendula obscurus (RIDGW.). Dusky Kinglet. Guadalupe Island March 22nd, extremely rare.

Polioptila californica BREWST. Black-tailed Gnatcatcher. San Juanico Bay June 12th, not common.

Myiadestes townsendi (AUD.). Townsend Solitaire. One seen on Guadalupe Island March 22nd.

Hylocichla guttata nana (AUD.). Dwarf Hermit Thrush. San Martin Island March 12th, Todos Santos Island March 10th, not uncommon.

Merula migratoria propinqua (RIDGW.). Western Robin. Common on Todos Santos Island March 10th.

Merula confinis (BAIRD). St. Lucas Robin. Seen about San Jose del Cabo April 22nd, but not common.

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