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"GULF OF CALIFORNIA SEA BIRD BREEDING FAILURE"

This is the title of Card 1653 from the Smithsonian Institution's Center for Short-Lived Phenomena. It notes that in the midriff region of California, between February and April, 1973, "several species of sea birds failed to breed, or made only weak nesting attempts." These species included: California Brown Pelican, Double-crested and Brandt's Cormorant, Heermann's Gull, Elegant Tern, Western Gull, Black Oystercatcher, and Craveri's Murrelet.

This announcement from the Denver Wildlife Research Center states that the pelicans nested at only 5 to 20 percent pre-1973 numbers (25 to 30 thousand), while the Western Gulls nested at 30 to 50 percent previous levels and raised a limited number of young. Heermann's Gulls only gathered nest scraps, while Elegant Terns had begun few nests by mid-May.

The failure is tentatively attributed to unusual water conditions that indirectly affected the availability of food fishes.

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