

Massacre Bay, Attu I. (DDG). The Attu colony, first discovered in 1970 (PCS), was the only one in which Aleutian Terns outnumbered the Arctic breeding with them, and the ratio there was approximately 6:1.

CUCKOOS, OWLS — Two **Oriental Cuckoos** were recorded on Amchitka. One was collected near Constantine Harbor at the end of May (CMW; specimen to U.S.N.M.), and the second was watched at close range near Kirilof Pt., July 7 (DDG). Snowy Owls were confirmed as a breeding species on Attu I. in 1970, when two active nests were discovered (PCS). No definite evidence of breeding was secured this year, but 3 adults were observed, Aug. 2-3 (DDG), at Murder Pt. and inland from Massacre Bay. The few castings collected appeared to be composed entirely of the bones and fur of rats.

SWALLOWS — A Tree Swallow at Adak, closely observed June 6 (GVB & DDG), the first record in the Aleutians, is of particular interest in light of the late May record on the Pribilofs (see spring migration). The species breeds sparingly to the tip of the Alaska Peninsula, at Port Moller and Cold Bay. A **Barn Swallow** observed at Oliktok Pt. June 15 (GEH) was identified in the field as the nominate race. Three races of this species have been recorded in n. and w. Alaska; all are casual or accidental there. A ♀ or imm. **Purple Martin** was closely observed and carefully described on St. Paul I., Pribilofs, July 20 (ETM). This species is a vagrant anywhere in the Region.

MAGPIE, THRUSHES — A pair of Black-billed Magpies at their nest with at least one young, in n.w. Glacier Bay Nat'l Monument, n.e. of Russell I., June 26 (OW), is probably the first breeding record of the species in s.e. Alaska. An **Eye-browed Thrush** (*Turdus obscurus*) collected at Barrow, June 16 (FAP; specimen to M.V.Z.B.) is the first record of this Asiatic on the North Slope. There are several records for s.w. Alaska. On June 6 a **Swainson's Thrush** was observed at Barrow (GEH), providing the first record of this thrush n. of the boreal forest. Several pairs of Bluethroats were found in the Serpentine Hot Springs area, Seward Peninsula, in early July (BK & SOM). They were not reported from other areas.

WARBLERS — Again this summer Blackpoll Warblers were found w. of the previously known range, on the Seward Peninsula in riparian scrub w. of the boreal forest (BK & SOM). Probably the first actual nest record of **Yellowthroat** in Alaska was one located on the island in Adams Inlet, Glacier Bay Monument, June 25 (OW). Five eggs were present on that date; on July 9 the nest was empty but at least one young was seen nearby with the ♂.

ICTERIDS, FRINGILLIDS — A vagrant ♂ Red-winged Blackbird was seen at Barrow June 6 & 9 (GEH). First sighted in the area in 1967 and

suspected of breeding there in 1969, **Red-winged Blackbirds** were found breeding on the island in Adams Inlet, Glacier Bay Monument, June 17 (OW). Five active nests plus three that were empty were found. This is the first breeding record of the species in s.e. Alaska. Although it probably breeds in the Copper River area, the species is known to breed only in extreme e.c. Alaska, from Tok locally to the Yukon border. Probably the same ♂ **Brambling** observed at Adak May 30 (see spring migration) was last noted June 1 (RLA & GVB). The lingering ♀ **Hawfinch** at Adak (see spring migration) was regularly observed through June 28 (GVB & DDG), having fed almost daily outside the observers' window.



Hawfinch, Adak I., Alaska. Photo by Daniel D. Gibson.

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NORTHERN PACIFIC COAST REGION

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June was colder and wetter than normal with much cloudiness throughout the Region. The first days of July were similar, but a sudden improvement in the weather took place thereafter, bringing about normal temperatures and less rain than usual for the remainder of July. The first half of August was warmer than usual. Snow remained

on the ground in the mountains until the very end of July, thereby hampering observations at higher altitudes. The cool, wet spring kept water levels in valley streams, lakes and ponds high for longer than usual, but also contributed to very lush plant growth. Conifers seem to be developing a bumper cone crop.



LOON, GREBES, ALBATROSS, SHEARWATER, PETRELS—Arctic Loons were still migrating n. off the Columbia R. entrance on June 12 (RK & HN); a pair of this species was seen at Duncan, B.C., during June and again in early August (JCo). Three Red-necked Grebes in breeding plumage were noted at Victoria, B.C., June 19 (VG) while the 20 individuals seen there July 19 (ARD) were an extraordinary early concentration. A Horned Grebe at Baskett Slough w. of Salem, Oreg., June 1 (JM, fide FZ) is of interest. Offshore trips from Westport, Wash., at Gray's Harbor July 20 and from the Columbia R. July 24 turned up 12-50 Black-footed Albatrosses, 25-200 Fulmars, most of which were dark-phase birds, up to 15 Pink-footed Shearwaters, 50 Fork-tailed Petrels, and, well out from Westport, 30 Leach's Petrels. Thousands of Sooty Shearwaters were offshore by the end of July.

PELICAN, HERONS—A White Pelican was at Lummi Bay w. of Bellingham, Wash., from June 4 to the end of the report period (PM; TW). A pair of **Green Herons** raised 2 young at Duncan, B.C., this summer (JCo), constituting the first breeding record for this species on Vancouver I., and perhaps for British Columbia, as far as we know. Single Green Herons were also seen at Iona I., s. of Vancouver, B.C. July 11 (D & MH, fide WC), and at Bellevue, Wash. July 31 (PM); these latter sightings were possibly post-breeding northward wanderers from the s. half of the Region, where

the species is uncommon. A Com. Egret near Astoria, Oreg. June 11 (JG) is noteworthy as the northernmost sighting for this species in this Region to date. A Black-crowned Night Heron at Brownsville, Oreg. July 6 (HT, fide FZ) is of interest since the species is only occasional anywhere in this Region. A pair of Am. Bitterns was seen repeatedly at Sauvie I. w. of Portland this season (JG), while single birds were observed at Young's Bay w. of Astoria June 11 (JG) and at the Wm. L. Finley N.W.R.s. of Corvallis Aug. 10 (FZ).

SWANS, GEESE, DUCKS—Six Whistling Swans which had been at the Finley Refuge through May remained until June 5 when 4 birds left; the other 2 birds, both imm., departed June 14 (FZ). Three Whistling Swans turned up on the Nooksack R. delta n. of Bellingham June 19 (TW). Two Black Brant were at Ocean Shores, Wash., July 10 (GH, et al.), and one was a Leadbetter Pt., Wash., Aug. 14 (HN). A ♂ Pintail, a pair of Shovelers, and 14 Greater Scaup were lingering still at Leadbetter Pt. June 12 (RK & HN). Three Green-winged Teal were still at Baskett Slough June 14 where one was also seen Aug. 9 (JM, fide FZ); a single Green-winged Teal was still at Portland's Delta Park June 21 (JG). Two broods of Blue-winged Teal and one of Cinnamon Teal were observed at Ocean Shores July 31 (GH, et al.). A lone Am. Widgeon was at Lummi Bay on the early date of Aug. 10 (PM & TW). A ♀ Shoveler with 20 young was seen at Duncan Aug. 14 (JCo); a bird of this species had reached the Finley Refuge as early as Aug. 8 (FZ). Ring-necked Ducks were found again during the breeding season on Mount Hood, 8 being sighted at Trillium L., June 20 (DF & JG). On Aug. 10, there were 25 Greater Scaup at Lummi I., Wash. (PM & TW). A Com. Goldeneye at Three Arch Rocks near Tillamook, Oreg., Aug. 3 (HN) was an out-of-season observation, as was the Com. Scoter which spent the summer at Newport, Oreg. (MS, fide HN) and the one observed at Tillamook Bay, Aug. 9 (DF & JG). A pair of Ruddy Ducks accompanied by 7 young was seen in Delta Park, Portland, July 11 (JG). Two ♀ Com. Mergansers with 28 young were found at Sooke, B.C., w. of Victoria July 1 (VG); 12 birds of this species were seen at Newport Aug. 5 (JG, et al.).

HAWKS, EAGLES, RAILS—Several imm. Goshawks were observed in the vicinity of Bellingham in July (NL, fide TW). Two Golden Eagles were noted at Pitt Meadows near Vancouver June 17 (RJ & JB, fide WC); an imm. of this species was seen in Oregon's Coast Range w. of Roseburg June 27 (DG, fide AL). Up to 20 Bald Eagles, predominantly imm. birds, were observed regularly at Campbell R., B.C., feeding on salmon offal (DS). An ad. of this species was noted near McMinnville, Oreg., Aug. 1 (JG). Reports of Osprey came principally from s. Vancouver I. (ARD; VG) with one bird seen also at Manning Provincial Park, B.C. June 15 (VG). An imm. Peregrine was found at Samish I., Wash. July 21

(NL, fide TW); an ad. was at Lummi Bay, Aug. 8-10 (TW, et al.). A Pigeon Hawk was chasing 'peep' at Tillamook Bay Aug. 8 (JG, et al.). An Am. Coot was found at Baskett Slough Aug. 4 and again on Aug. 14 (JM, fide FZ).

SHOREBIRDS — Late, presumably northward migrating shorebirds of the following species and numbers were recorded at Leadbetter Pt. June 12: 2 Am. Golden Plover, 30 Black-bellied Plover, 1 Dunlin, 12 dowitcher, and 1 N. Phalarope (RK & HN); a day earlier 7 Dunlin had been noted at the s. jetty of the Columbia R. (JG), and on June 5 a Greater Yellowlegs had been still at Finley Refuge (FZ). Snowy Plovers with a juvenile too young to fly were found at Ocean Shores July 10 (GH, et al.); other Snowys were noted at the s. jetty area July 17 & 24 (HN) and at Tillamook Aug. 8 (JG, et al.). Com. Snipe nested at Duncan, B.C. (JCo), at Fort Lewis, Wash. (VC & DJ), and were suspected of nesting also at Finley Refuge (FZ). Six Wilson's Phalaropes were seen at Iona I. June 19 (JW, fide WC). The vanguard of returning fall migrants was evidently the 10 W. Sandpipers which reached Baskett Slough as early as June 30, where representatives of this species were present for the remainder of the report period. Semipalmated Plovers were at Victoria as early as July 7 (ARD), and were well noted in favored coastal localities further south in the next three weeks, as were also to a lesser extent Whimbrels, Greater Yellowlegs, Least Sandpipers, Long-billed Dowitchers, W. Sandpipers and Sanderlings. Later migrants not appearing as widely until the last few days of July or early August were Black-bellied Plovers, Surf-birds, Wandering Tattlers, Lesser Yellowlegs, Baird's Sandpipers, and N. Phalaropes. Worthy of special note were three Am. Golden Plovers at Ocean Shores still in breeding plumage July 31 (GH), a Solitary Sandpiper at Iona I. also July 31 (AP et al., fide WC), and 15 Knot at Ocean Shores July 6, plus the 27 there July 10 (GH). Also of special interest are the two Pectoral Sandpipers which were early at Duncan July 31 (JCo), the Stilt Sandpiper at Iona I. July 4 (JH, EH, & WR, fide WC), the Semipalmated Sandpiper at Westham I. July 17 (AP & TF) and another at Iona I. Aug. 15 (TW), the 6 Marbled Godwits at Ocean Shores July 10 (GH), and the 15 Red Phalaropes seen in small groups from 20 to 30 miles off the Columbia R. July 24 (TL).

JAEGERS, GULLS, TERNS — A few Pomarine and Parasitic Jaegers were seen out of Westport and from the mouth of the Columbia R. after July 17. A Long-tailed Jaeger was noted at Three Arch Rocks July 13 (ML). On July 20, a Skua was found at sea 30 miles off Westport (TW).

Glaucous-winged Gulls evidently experienced good nesting success in Puget Sound; individuals were present along the Washington and Oregon coasts all summer to at least Waldport (HN). A nest of this species containing 2 nearly fledged

young found Aug. 10 at L. Whatcom near Bellingham was unique, being on fresh water (JD, fide TW). California Gulls were noted moving n. along the Oregon coast through much of July. An ad. Franklin's Gull appeared at Stanley Park, Vancouver June 13 (AP, fide WC); imm. in numbers up to 20 were present in the Duncan-Vancouver-Bellingham triangle in late July and early August. Bonaparte's Gulls were present by the hundreds in the Blaine-Bellingham area throughout the report period; 500 were at Ocean Shores July 31 (GH) and almost 1200 were at Iona I. Aug. 6 (EM, fide WC). Five Bonaparte's Gulls were seen at Baskett Slough, June 3 (JM, fide FZ) and one was at Sand L. s. of Tillamook, July 10 (JG). Heermann's Gulls appeared in the coastal areas of the Region the first week in July and were common after the third week in July. Black-legged Kittiwakes were present in small numbers at the mouth of the Columbia R. and offshore from there throughout the period. Two of this species were found at Victoria June 19, and one was there July 17 & 23 (VG). On July 20 3 Sabine's Gulls were seen at sea well out of Westport (TW); on July 24, 2 individuals were seen separately 20 and 30 miles respectively w. of the Columbia R. (TL). Com. Terns were present in the Blaine-Bellingham vicinity after July 4 when 50 individuals were observed; 10 were seen far off Westport July 20 (TW), while 35 were on the beach at Ocean Shores, July 31 (GH, et al.). Three Arctic Terns were found 20 miles to seaward of the Columbia R. mouth July 24 (TL). Caspian Terns were more widely reported than ever before, from Tillamook n. to Vancouver, with an unprecedented concentration of over 200 at Ocean Shores July 31 (GH, et al.); one at the inland location of Halsey, Oreg., June 12 (HT, fide FZ) is particularly noteworthy. Only 3 individual Black Terns were sighted: at Baskett Slough, June 14 (FZ), and at Iona I., June 19 (JW, fide WC) and July 11 (BMA, fide WC).

ALCIDS — An apparent albino Pigeon Guillemot was paired with a normal bird at Colville I., Wash. July 11 (TW). Marbled Murrelets were observed in some numbers at Boundary Bay, s. of Vancouver in June (AB, fide TW), at Bellingham Bay through the report period (TW), at the Columbia R. mouth in July (TL), and along the n. Oregon coast in June and in August (JG; HN; MS, et al.). Three Cassin's Auklets were at sea 30 miles w. of the Columbia R. July 24 (TL) and in some numbers at Victoria Aug. 11 (KT, fide ARD). Up to 250 Rhinoceros Auklets were recorded around Victoria in late July and early August (DS) where smaller numbers had been seen earlier in the report period (ARD); this species was said to be abundant around the San Juan Is. and in the Strait of Juan de Fuca this summer (TW); 6 individuals were seen at Yaquina Head, Newport, June 26 (TL, HN & MS). Tufted Puffins were sparsely reported, 6 or 7 being found

up to 30 miles at sea off the Columbia R. July 24 (TL), and up to a dozen at three separate localities on the Oregon coast in early August.

GOATSUCKERS, HUMMINGBIRDS, WOODPECKERS — A concentration of 500 Com. Nighthawks between Ladysmith and Courtenay, B.C. Vancouver I., Aug. 4 (DS) is of interest. Mingled with them at Ladysmith were 50 Black Swifts (DS); 14 of these birds had been seen at Duncan nearby in early June (JCo); one was also seen on Hurricane Ridge in Olympic Nat'l Park, July 29 (VG). A pair of Black-chinned Hummingbirds was at Shady Cove, Oreg., on the Rogue R., July 3, and on July 6-7 a pair of Anna's Hummingbirds was observed there (MM, fide JH). Rufous Hummingbirds are reported to have been very numerous at Eugene, Oreg., this summer (AL). An Allen's Hummingbird was at a Thurston, Oreg., feeder June 3 (LM). Acorn Woodpecker nestings at Finley Refuge were down 50 per cent from last year's (FZ) but 4 pairs spent the summer at McMinnville, Oreg. Lewis' Woodpeckers were unreported. Two N. Three-toed Woodpeckers were discovered at White Pass s.e. of Mt. Rainier Aug. 11 (BM & PM).

FLYCATCHERS, LARKS, SWALLOWS, WRENS — E. Kingbirds were found at Pitt Meadows, June 2 and July 4; at the Alouette R. June 6 (both places being e. of Vancouver); and at Marietta, Wash. June 19. One was at Baskett Slough, June 29 (JM, fide FZ), and another was at Miracle Beach, Vancouver I. Aug. 6 (DS). W. Kingbirds were recorded at Westham I. near Vancouver June 5 (RJ, fide WC); at Baskett Slough where two were discovered June 14; and at Elk City, in Oregon's coast range June 16 (FZ). An **Ash-throated Flycatcher** was found at Molalla, Oreg., Aug. 2 (RK) for the first record of this bird in n.w. Oregon. A few Horned Larks nested at Finley Refuge this summer (FZ). Violet-green and Tree Swallows are reported to have suffered mortality in the Duncan area because of June's wet and cold (JCo); in the Willamette Valley of Oregon, they evidently enjoyed good nesting success (FZ). A Bank Swallow at Duncan June 23 (JCo, et al.), and a Rough-winged Swallow at Tillamook Aug. 8, (JG et al.) are both of interest. The only reports of Purple Martins were of a few which nested at L. Whatcom (TW) and one pair which nested at Sauvie I. (JG). House Wrens had good nesting success at Finley Refuge where a dozen pairs brought off young (FZ); a pair was noted in L. Oswego, Oreg. June 11 & 19 (JBC), and a family group was discovered in Salem July 16 (TM).

MIMIDS, THRUSHES, VIREOS AND WARBLERS — A Catbird was found again at Pitt Meadows June 6 (JW, fide WC), while 8 more were found the same day along the nearby Alouette R. (J & EH, fide WC). A Townsend's Solitaire was singing on Larch Mountain e. of Portland June 3 (HN) and a Ruby-crowned Kinglet was seen at Finley Refuge, June 20 (FZ), both of which are out-of-

the-ordinary records. Starlings nested widely throughout the Region. Solitary Vireos were regularly found at Victoria through the 1971 breeding season (ARD); additional individuals were seen at Scappoose, Oreg., July 10 (JG) and at McMinnville, July 20 (DF & JG). Red-eyed Vireos were also repeatedly observed at Victoria (ARD; KT); 3. were found at Bellevue, Wash., July 31 and Aug. 8, while 2 more were at Snoqualmie Falls, Aug. 12 (BM & PM). Warbling Vireos were considered scarce everywhere in the Region this season. Three Nashville Warblers were recorded singing at Newhalem, Wash., on a breeding bird survey conducted June 6 (TW); an ad. with 2 young was observed at McMinnville Aug. 1 (JG, et al.). A single bird was also found at Victoria Aug. 2 (KT). Thirteen Hermit Warblers were counted on Larch Mt. e. of Portland June 7 (JG & RW). Half-a-dozen or more Yellow-breasted Chats were at the Finley Refuge from June through mid-July, the last record being one July 22 (FZ).

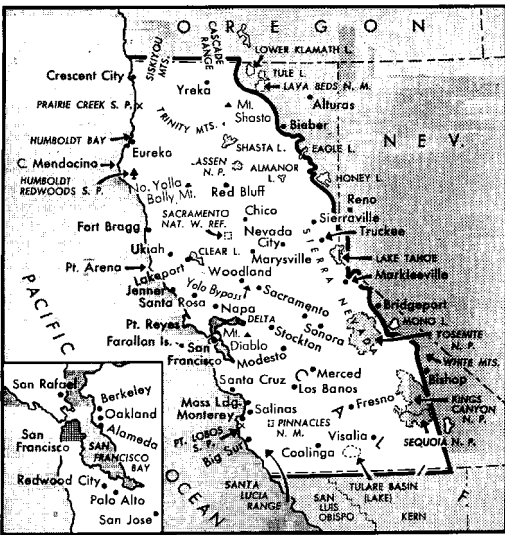
BLACKBIRDS, FINCHES — Six Yellow-headed Blackbirds were found regularly throughout the season at Portland's Delta Park (JG). Bullock's Oriole may be declining in abundance in this Region, as reports are singularly few for the present season, and for recent past breeding seasons as well. Brown-headed Cowbirds were abundant at Victoria this year (ARD), but in w. Oregon the impression was that they were not as prevalent as in the several years just past. Evening Grosbeaks were regularly recorded in Oregon's Cascades this summer; in fact, some remained in the Portland area until July (HN) and one was at Finley Refuge July 12 and Aug. 1 (FZ). A ♂ Lazuli Bunting was recorded at Mt. Fromm, N. Vancouver, B.C. June 9 (AP, fide WC); several were found along the Skagit R. near Marblemount, Wash., June 6 (TW); they were "very common" in Yamhill Co., Oreg., this summer (JG). A dozen Cassin's Finches were observed in Manning Prov. Park, B.C., June 14-15 (VG). House Finches were common at Victoria for the season (ARD). A pair of Pine Grosbeaks was seen at Manning Park, also June 14-15 (VG). Pine Siskins were thinly scattered in the n. two-thirds of the Region this year. Up to eight Lesser Goldfinches were regular at feeders just s. of Finley Refuge in June and July (FZ). Four Red Crossbills appeared at Cape Meares, Oreg., July 3 (RF, TL & HN); 10 were at nearby Netarts Aug. 8, and 7 were at Tillamook, Aug. 9 (DF & JG); elsewhere, 3 ♀♀ were seen at Victoria, July 11 and 8 were at Leadbetter Point, July 14 (RF, HN, et al.).

SPARROWS — A Vesper Sparrow was well seen on a roadside wire near Mill Bay, 18 miles n.w. of Victoria June 26 (MPi, fide VG); 2 were at Ocean Shores, July 31 (GH). A Lincoln's Sparrow was seen on the Finley Refuge, June 4 & 23 (fide FZ); another was at Marietta, Aug. 8 (TW).

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MIDDLE PACIFIC COAST REGION / Dave DeSante and Ron LeValley

The cool, windy weather that characterized the Spring season continued through June along the central coast and throughout the summer along the north coast. The effects of these winds were



even felt in the Central Valley where June temperatures averaged 4°F below normal. The winds, however, gradually diminished in July and August and the Central Valley warmed up, producing 11 days of 100°F+ temperatures (BK). A late spring snowfall in the Sierra and a cool June allowed 4-6 ft. snow drifts to remain at 7000 ft. elevations until the exceptionally late date of July 12 (JW).

LATE SPRING MIGRANTS AND VAGRANTS — During early June, especially in years characterized by a "late" spring, certain species of our regular western passerines may still be passing through our Region in small numbers. W. Wood Pewees and W.

Tanagers are most characteristic of this group. For example, W. Wood Pewees were seen along the Sacramento R., where they only doubtfully nest, as late as June 11 near Colusa (TM, et al.) and June 18 at Chico, Butte Co. (TM, JT). No fewer than seven reports of W. Tanagers were received from non-breeding stations in the Bay Area and Central Valley during the period June 1-13. A W. Kingbird at the Palo Alto Flood Control Basin June 3 (VR), a Traill's Flycatcher, carefully identified at Colusa N.W.R., June 8 (TM, M. LeClerc) and a Fox Sparrow at Alton, Humboldt Co. June 6 (R. Willmorth, fide DA) were probably late transients. This late spring migration is most noticeable on S. Farallon I., as orientation data show that many of these late individuals are oriented west (DDeS). The strong NW winds mentioned above, however, allowed only a relatively small number of such birds to reach the island this June (P.R.B.O.).

It is at this same time and for this same reason that "eastern" vagrants show up in the late spring along our coast. The strong winds were again responsible for the extreme paucity of records for these birds this year as compared to other recent years. The following were on S. Farallon during the period: 2 Least Flycatchers—1 banded June 2 and present the following day and another seen daily June 3-7, for the 2nd and 3rd spring records for the Region; 2 Tennessee Warblers June 3; a ♀ Cape May Warbler June 30-July 2 for the first spring record for the State; an Ovenbird June 11; a second year ♂ Rose-breasted Grosbeak June 3; a ♀ Dickcissel June 3 for the 2nd spring record for the Region; and 2 Clay-colored Sparrows, one June 4 the other June 8-10 for the fourth and fifth spring records for the Region (P.R.B.O.). In addition, a large, very dark *Chaetura* sp. swift, observed flying around the lighthouse on S. Farallon June 3 was most probably a Chimney Swift (P.R.B.O.). A substantiated record of this species for our Region, however, is lacking. The following "eastern" species were found in other regions: a Black-and-white Warbler on Mt. Diablo May 13 (V&BDaC); a singing ♂ Magnolia Warbler at the RCA Station, Pt. Reyes, June 6 (JW, RLeV, et al.); a breeding-plumaged ♂ Chestnut-sided Warbler at Rodeo Lagoon, July 1 (A. Mericourt, VH, ABu, WMP); a Palm Warbler on Pt. Reyes June 19 (ABu, M. San Miguel, S. Suffel & B. Broadbrooks); and a second year ♂ Rose-breasted Grosbeak captured at Palomar Ranch, Bolinas July 21 (P.R.B.O.). This last date is very late for a spring vagrant in our Region but a heavy accumulation of fat indicated it was not a summering bird.

NESTING AND UP-MOUNTAIN DRIFT IN THE SIERRA — The late spring in the Sierra caused montane species to nest later and at lower elevations than last year. Hermit and Nashville Warblers, for example, were very scarce at 6500-7000 ft. in the Duncan Peak/Robinson Flat area of Placer Co., where they were exceptionally common last year (DDeS). Oregon Juncos were observed building