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Bluebird Breeding in Los Angeles.—The Western Bluebird (Sialia mexicana occidentalis) so seldom breeds in low country of the San Diegan region that a fledgling of the species picked up in a lot near the State Normal School, Los Angeles, constitutes a surprise worth recording. The bird was scarcely able to fly, and could not have traveled far from its parental nesting site. The date was May 31, 1915.—L. H. MILLER, Los Angeles, California.

Pinyon Jays in Los Angeles.—During the months of December, January, February, and March, 1914-15, there remained in the vicinity of my home in this city a flock of these erratic birds, *Cyanocephalus cyanocephalus*. They were heard at intervals and were seen by Miss Mary Mann Miller and myself. A good view at close range with Zeiss binoculars, together with their unmistakable calls, renders identification quite positive.—L. H. MILLER, Los Angeles, California.

History of a Nest of the Green-backed Goldfinch (Astragalinus psaltria hesperophilus).—April 4, 1915. Nest just started; placed in a four-year-old lemon tree, five feet from the ground. The parent birds had been noted around the lemon tree for several days previous to this date, and were evidently house hunting. Fine weather,

April 11. Nest was now practically finished, but no birds were in sight. Still fine weather.

April 13. Nest now received a few stray feathers for lining. No birds in sight. Fine weather.

April 14. Female on nest at 6 A. M. Two eggs in nest at 6:45 A. M., and bird away. I looked again at 7:30 and she was still away. Partly cloudy.

April 15. Female on nest at 6 A. M. Two eggs in nest at 6:45 A. M., and bird away. I looked again at 7:30, and she was still gone. Partly cloudy.

April 16. Female on nest at 6 A. M., at 7 A. M., and 6 P. M. Weather very foggy.

April 17. Female on nest at 6 A. M. I then flushed her, and the nest contained four eggs. Evidently she had started to incubate. Weather quite misty.

April 18. Female on nest all day apparently. Weather cloudy. Bird is now getting quite a bit tamer.

April 19. Female on nest at 6 A. M., and so tame I nearly touched her before she flew. Cloudy.

April 20 to 23. No observations.

April 24. The old bird now had to be taken from the nest, as she would not leave voluntarily. Cloudy.

April 25. The bird now fought me when I wanted to examine the nest.

April 26. No change.

April 27. At 5 A. M. one bird had just hatched.

April 28. At 6:30 P. M. three were hatched.

April 29. At 6:30 A. M. four were hatched. Bird held on to nest with her claws when I attempted to remove her.

April 30. 6:30 A. M. Old bird still holding the fort, and very pugnacious.

April 31. 6 P. M. Finis. Nest torn down and a few stray feathers on the ground under the tree. The whole family just about made a meal for one of my neighbor's pet cats.—W. LEE CHAMBERS, Los Angeles, California.

Miscellaneous Records from Southern California.—Wilson Phalarope (Steganopus tricolor). On April 17, 1915, I shot a pair of Wilson Phalaropes in breeding plumage on one of the ponds of the Pomona Recreation Club, near Corona, California. They were swimming about with several Cinnamon Teal (Querquedula cyanoptera) and a pair of Baldpate (Mareca americana). The two birds are: female, no. 814, and male, no. 815, collection of W. M. P. On May 11, 1915, I shot a female Wilson Phalarope in breeding plumage, on a pond near Corona, California. The bird is now no. 872 of my collection.

Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus l. leucocephalus*). While collecting on one of the sloughs near San Pedro, California, May 16, 1915, one of these beautiful birds came quite near me. It circled about several times so that identification was certain.

I saw an adult Bald Eagle on April 11, 1915, sitting on a dead bush on one of the rocky cliffs along the ocean near Laguna Beach, California. I was able to approach very near to the bird, its white head and tail making identification certain.

Prairie Falcon (Falco mexicanus). The following notes on the occurrence of the Prairie Falcon on the Pacific slope during fall and winter may be of interest. On Octo-