

p. 500) cite the species from California, their basis being the statement by Dr. Cooper that he had seen, "unmistakably", a bird at Clear Lake [Lake County] in September, 1870. It is probable that Dr. Cooper's record is a perfectly valid one, although up until now it has, properly, been accorded only hypothetical standing.

The exact locality of the present record is 614 West Mariposa Street, Altadena. This is a residence surrounded on three sides by orange groves and close to the east bank of the Arroyo Seco. Mr. and Mrs. Rodewald, the owners of the property, tell



Fig. 32. EASTERN BROWN THRASHER AT ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA. PHOTO TAKEN MARCH 12, 1933.

me that the thrasher was extremely wild when it first appeared about December 1, 1932. It was certainly very shy and wary on the two occasions when I saw it, and there was nothing in its manner or appearance to suggest an escaped cage bird. My sincere thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Rodewald, not only for their courtesy in permitting a total stranger to use their sun room as a blind and observation post, but for their assistance in helping to secure several pictures of this rare visitor, which, at the date of writing, is still coming to the station.—A. J. VAN ROSSEM, *California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, March 23, 1933.*

Winter Occurrence of Turkey Vultures in the Napa Valley, California.—While driving north in the Napa Valley, between Yountville and Oakville on January 15, 1933, I noted several Turkey Vultures (*Cathartes aura septentrionalis*) flying about a hill near the road. I stopped my car and counted fifteen of them. Returning two hours later past this same point, there were more buzzards in the air. I drove a short distance on a side road on this return trip in order to get directly below the soaring birds, and observed them for about ten minutes with my field glasses, counting fifty-nine in the air at one time. Some flew low down while others were high in the air. It would seem that there must have been one or more large dead animals on or near the hill. My notes do not record any previous winter occurrence of Turkey Vultures in the northern part of the San Francisco Bay region.—EMERSON A. STONER, *Benicia, California, March 14, 1933.*