

Harlequin Duck near Los Angeles, California.—The Harlequin Duck (*histrionicus histrionicus*) has not previously been reported south of Santa Barbara, California. On December 22, 1946, Mrs. Kent and I identified a female Harlequin Duck in the Playa del Rey area south of Santa Monica, Los Angeles County. We studied it at close range with binoculars as it repeatedly dived to feed, usually swimming a considerable distance under water.—W. A. KENT, *Los Angeles, California, January 7, 1947.*

Further Records of the Spotted Owl in the State of Washington.—In the Condor for November, 1946 (p. 283), Slipp records several occurrences of the Spotted Owl (*Strix occidentalis caurimus*) in the state of Washington. The following are additional records for the species in Grays Harbor County: one found on the highway near McCleary, September 10, 1940; one found on the beach dunes near Grayland, October 1, 1941; two collected by Harold K. Matheson about ten miles southeast of Lake Quinalt, elevation about 1000 feet.

These specimen records and several sight records by myself and other observers make it appear that this owl inhabits the heavy timber fairly commonly in western Washington as far south as Willapa Harbor.—GORDON D. ALCORN, *College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington, February 25, 1947.*

Black Rail at Salton Sea, California.—A Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis*) was taken near Calipatria, Imperial County, adjacent to the Salton Sea, on January 5, 1947. This rail was captured alive and uninjured by a Chesapeake Retriever owned by me. It was found in a dense growth of green barley and wild oats at the edge of a fresh water pond while the dog was being used to hunt crippled ducks.

The black rail is fairly common in salt marshes along the coast and breeds in salt marshes near San Diego. It has been recorded inland at Chino, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Stockton. This record for the Imperial Valley is evidently the first record east of the desert divides in California.—JOHN LAUGHLIN, *California Division of Fish and Game, Riverside, California, January 22, 1947.*

Additional Records of the Scissor-tailed Flycatcher in California.—A Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Muscivora forficata*) was observed at La Mirada, California, on January 3, 1947. Although the bird was darkened by smoke from smudging in the nearby orchard, the conspicuous salmon-colored flanks and long tail were very much in evidence. A bird of this type seen at this locality was reported to me in April of 1946. I made several trips to the vicinity at that time but was unable to see the bird myself.—EDWARD M. HALL, *Whittier, California, January 15, 1947.*