

Southern Pacific Coast Region

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This fall was dryer than normal, with no storms from the north pushing south into Southern California, and none of the expected Santa Ana winds from the east pushing birds to the coast.

Abbreviations: C.L. (*China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station, extreme n.e. Kern Co.*); E.A.F.B. (*Edwards Air Force Base, s.e. Kern Co.*); F.C.R. (*Furnace Creek Ranch, Death Valley National Park, Inyo*); H.D.L. (*Harper Dry Lake, n.w. of Barstow, San Bernardino Co.*); N.E.S.S. (*north end of the Salton Sea, Riverside Co.*); S.C.R.E. (*Santa Clara River Estuary near Ventura, Ventura Co.*); S.D.N.H.M. (*San Diego Natural History Museum*); S.E.S.S. (*south end of the Salton Sea, Imperial Co.*), and S.F.K.R.P. (*South Fork Kern River Preserve near Weldon, Kern Co.*). As virtually all rarities in s. California are seen by many observers, only the observer(s) initially finding and identify-

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San Jose Sept. 13 (†SCR), and two more were along the n. coast Sept. 24–25. The Region's 12th LeConte's Sparrow was at the expected locale, F.I., Oct. 27 (†B. Walker, PP). *Mendocino's* first Sharp-tailed Sparrow was at MacKerricher S.P., Oct. 9 (R. Irvin, †DT, †JRW). For the 2nd consecutive fall, McCown's Longspurs graced the Region: one at Pt. Reyes Oct. 15–25 (†CCo, †ES, m.ob.), and the first for the C.V. at Oroville W.A., Butte, Nov. 25 (†DS, †LJ). However, they were overshadowed by the state's 3rd Smith's Longspur at Pt. Reyes Oct. 24–30 (TEa, †JMR, †BDP, †J. Kemper, m.ob.). A documented Snow Bunting was at Pt. Reyes Oct 22–30 (ph. S.Metz, †BMcK, m.ob.), and four undocumented birds were in *Humboldt* Nov. 10–17.

An impressive 37 Bobolinks Aug. 14–Nov. 2 included a flock of six in the Arcata Bottoms Sept. 14 (JCS) and one in the C.V. in Davis, Yolo, Oct. 27–Nov 2 (StH *et al.*). The Rusty Blackbird at the Woodland Sugar Ponds Oct. 10 (†TDM, ph.BWb) provided Yolo's first. The Great-tailed Grackle invasion into the C.V. continued as two males and a female were in Stockton Nov. 13 (WRH).

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Loons to Storks

A Red-throated Loon, rare in the e. portion of the Region, was on Tinemaha Res., *Inyo*, Oct. 9 (T&JH) and another was at E.A.F.B., Oct. 22 (MTH). A Pacific Loon, recorded in the e. portion of this Region a little more often than the previous species, was near Bishop, *Inyo*, Nov. 13 (T&JH) and another was on Tinemaha Res., Oct. 9 (T&JH). The only Red-necked Grebe to be found was one in Cayucos, *San Luis Obispo*, Nov. 15 (MeH); this species is rare s. of *Monterey* and casual to accidental s. of Pt. Conception.

Northern Fulmars were far more numerous than usual off the coast in November as indicated by such reports as 200 in the area of the Rodriguez Seamount off *Santa Barbara* Nov. 25 (MiH). Three Flesh-footed Shearwaters, rare in s. California waters, were reported, with one near San Miguel I., Sept. 30 (MiH) and two between Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa Is., Oct. 7 (MiH). Twelve Least Storm-Petrels between the Rodriguez Seamount and the Santa Lucia Escarpment off *Santa Barbara* Nov. 25 (MiH) were late.

A Red-tailed Tropicbird seen during a Los Angeles Audubon Society pelagic trip at 34° 12'N, 121° 28'W, c. 110 mi w. of Ventura, Nov. 25 (MiH, KL) was a little closer to land than usual. A Magnificent Frigatebird at S.E.S.S., Sept. 1 (KKS) was the latest this year.

An imm. Tricolored Heron at the Tijuana R. estuary near Imperial Beach, *San Diego*, Nov. 3 (GLR) was the only one reported. A imm. Reddish Egret in Anaheim, *Orange*, Oct. 10–28 (DLP) was a few miles inland, and an adult at the Tijuana R. estuary Oct. 7–Nov. 26 (TRC, EM) was the same individual with a



Juvenile Yellow-crowned Night-Heron near Point Mugu, Ventura County, California, September 4, 1995. Photograph/Arnold Small.

slightly deformed bill present around s. San Diego Bay each of the past 13 winters. A Yellow-crowned Night-Heron photographed near Port Hueneme Aug. 30–Sept. 4 (BS) was the 3rd to be found in *Ventura*, and the first in juv. plumage in California.

A Wood Stork was reported soaring over Ventura Nov. 11 (GaP); this species is now considered accidental anywhere away from S.E.S.S. and observers must be conscious of the fact that all free-flying storks seen in California are not necessarily our native Wood Storks, as can be attested by those seeing the Abdim's Stork (*Ciconia abdimii*) in Encino, *Los Angeles*, Nov. 11–12.

Ducks to Hawks

A Garganey near Cantil, *Kern*, Sept. 28–Oct. 1 (MTH) was the 7th to be found in s. California in fall, and, remarkably, the 2nd at this high desert location. An Eur. Wigeon on Upper Newport Bay, *Orange*, Oct. 3 (WG) was the earliest of the 15 reported along the coast and at S.E.S.S. by the end of the season. The summering ♂ Harlequin Duck remained at Cayucos through Sept. 9 (TME), a female was there Oct. 31+ (MeH), and another was at the s. end of Santa Cruz I., Nov. 20 (RJ). An Oldsquaw at S.E.S.S., Nov. 23 (WS) was inland, where rare. A Black Scoter, a species that has become increasingly rare along the coast of s. California, was on Morro Bay, *San Luis Obispo*, Nov. 12 (TME) and three were in Seal Beach, *Orange*, Nov. 29+ (JEP). A ♂ Barrow's Goldeneye on L. Cachuma, *Santa Barbara*, Nov. 26+ (CP) was considered the same bird present here during the past 2 winters.

As happened last fall, a few Harris' Hawks moved into the s. portion of the Region, with ≤five returning to Borrego Springs in e. *San Diego* Oct. 5+ (BT) and one returning to Santee, *San Diego*, Oct. 11+ (DS). Single migrant Broad-winged Hawks were seen along the coast near the Santa Ynez R. mouth, *Santa Barbara*, Nov. 4 (NJS), in Manhattan Beach, *Los Angeles*, Oct. 25 (MiH), over the Palos Verdes Pen., *Los Angeles*, Sept. 25 (KL) and moving down Pt. Loma in San Diego Sept. 30 (GLR); another was inland with other raptors moving S past Cucamonga Peak in the San Gabriel Mts., Oct. 2 (DK). Single Swainson's Hawks in Orange, *Orange*, Nov. 11 (JEP), La Jolla, *San Diego*, Sept. 22 (GMcC), Imperial Beach Sept. 13 (GMcC) and another exceptionally late individual there Dec. 2 (PAG), were all along the coast where now considered very rare. The Zone-tailed Hawk in the Santa

Barbara/Goleta area during the last 2 winters was again present Sept. 22+ (JEL); one around Ojai, *Ventura*, during the last 2 winters was seen again Nov. 26 (SB), and an adult was around Irvine Regional Park in Orange Nov. 3–8 (BED). An ad. Golden Eagle on Santa Cruz I., Oct. 14 (DEQ) is one of a very few to have reached any of the Channel Is.

Crane to Phalaropes

Two Sandhill Cranes at Pt. Piedras Blancas, *San Luis Obispo*, Nov. 1 (NS) and another in Camarillo, *Ventura*, Oct. 29–31 (FH) were along the coast, where most unusual.

The only migrant Am. Golden-Plovers were single birds near Port Hueneme, *Ventura*, Sept. 17 (MSanM), at Pt. Mugu, *Ventura*, Sept. 20 (AS), and near S.C.R.E., Sept. 26–27 (DDJ). A migrant Pacific Golden-Plover was at the Santa Maria R. mouth, *Santa Barbara*, Aug. 6 (JMC), two were in Goleta Nov. 2 (DDJ), and single birds were on San Elijo Lagoon in Solana Beach, *San Diego*, Aug. 1–10 (PAG) and Aug. 27 (K&CR); ≤five near Port Hueneme after Aug. 27 (DDJ) and three in Seal Beach, *Orange*, Aug. 18 (DRW) were at known wintering localities. A juv. Mongolian Plover photographed near Pt. Mugu Sept. 3–6 (DDJ) was the 6th to be found in California. A Mt. Plover at F.C.R., Sept. 24 (MAP) was a little early; single birds near Oxnard, *Ventura*, Oct. 31 (BL) and near Port Hueneme Nov. 26 (DDJ) were the only two found along the coast, and one at Tinemaha Res., Oct. 25 (T&JH) was at an unusual locality inland.



Juvenile Mongolian Plover near Point Mugu, California, September 7, 1995. Sixth state record. Photograph/Don DesJardin.

Two Am. Oystercatchers on Anacapa I., Oct. 7 (MiH) were believed to be the same two seen here sporadically during the past 3 years, another was on Santa Cruz I., Oct. 21 (MAH) and Nov. 20 (RJ), and two more believed to be *frazari* were near Laguna Beach, *Orange*, Sept. 2–5 (MG). An Am. x Black Oystercatcher was at Albert Anchorage on Santa Cruz I., Sept. 13–14 (DW); this hybrid is found with

some regularity along the coast of S. California, so all oystercatchers with white underparts should not be assumed to be American. This hybrid is fully discussed by Joseph R. Jehl (Hybridization and Evaluation of Oystercatchers on the Pacific Coast of Baja California in *Neotropical Ornithology*. 1985).

Expected numbers of Solitary Sandpipers passed through this Region during August and September, with one near Imperial Beach Oct. 6 (GMcC) being the latest, and another in Torrance, *Los Angeles*, Nov. 12+ (MiH) believed to be wintering. A Wandering Tattler near Lancaster, *Los Angeles*, Sept. 2 (KLG) was inland, where considered accidental. A juv. **Hudsonian Godwit** near Lakeview, *Riverside*, Sept. 16 (MAP), and an ad. **Bartailed Godwit** on San Elijo Lagoon Aug. 27 (EM) were the 5th and 4th to be reported in S. California; both species occur with a little more regularity in the n. half of the state, but are rarely found. Single Ruddy Turnstones at C.L., Aug. 5-9 (DVB), E.A.F.B., Sept. 2 (MTH), and near Lancaster the same day (KLG) were the only three found inland away from the Salton Sea. Likewise, a Red Knot near Lancaster Sept. 2 (KLG) was the only one inland away from the Salton Sea. Small numbers of Sanderlings passed S through the interior of the Region between Aug. 4-Oct. 9, as appears normal, with ≥ 40 found at various localities in the high desert areas of *Inyo*, *Kern* and *San Bernardino* during that time. Migrant Semipalmated Sandpipers are now found annually in small numbers throughout in California during August and September, with an adult at S.E.S.S., Aug. 6 (RHi) and ≥ 35 juveniles scattered throughout the Region between Aug. 1-Sept. 23. Late Baird's Sandpipers included one near Lakeview Oct. 14-21 (MAP), another on Owens L., *Inyo*, Oct. 27 (T&JH), and a 3rd at E.A.F.B., Nov. 4 (MTH). Stilt Sandpipers are rare away from S.E.S.S., therefore a juvenile at C.L., Aug. 23 (DVB), two juveniles there Sept. 3-9 (DVB), an adult near Lakeview Aug. 19-Sept. 17 (MAP), a juvenile in Saticoy, *Ventura*, Sept. 2-9 (DDJ), and \leq three juveniles in Irvine, *Orange*, Sept. 13-Oct. 7 (JEP) were of note. The only Buff-breasted Sandpiper was a juvenile at S.C.R.E./Saticoy Aug. 27-Sept. 20 (KK). At least eight Ruffs were found, with adults at S.C.R.E., Aug. 4-15 (ST) and Aug. 19-25 (AS), Pt. Mugu Nov. 12 (MB), and inland near Lancaster Sept. 2 (GP), and juveniles at Saticoy Oct. 15 (DDJ), Malibu, *Los Angeles*, Sept. 9-17 (NJS), Irvine Oct. 21-22 (JSB), and

inland near Brawley, *Imperial*, Oct. 5 (HM). A Red Phalarope on Owens L., Sept. 26 (T&JH) was the only one reported away from the immediate coast.

Jaegers to Alcids

No Long-tailed Jaegers and only two Parasitic Jaegers were found in the interior, with one on Baldwin L. in the San Bernardino Mts., Aug. 25 (REW) and the other at N.E.S.S., Oct. 7 (MAP), this being far fewer than normal. Reports of S. Polar Skuas included three off Morro Bay Sept. 17 (TME), three near San Miguel I., Sept. 30 (MiH), five in the area of Santa Rosa and Santa Cruz Is., Oct. 7 (MiH), two between Santa Cruz I. and Ventura Oct. 14 (DEQ), and one from shore at Pt. Mugu, *Ventura*, Nov. 4 (DiA). Franklin's Gulls were less numerous than expected, with single birds at Dana Pt., *Orange*, Oct. 27 (JEP) and Orange Nov. 4 (JSB) being the only two along the coast, one at C.L., Aug. 5-25 (DVB) the only one in the e. desert portion of the Region, and two at S.E.S.S., Sept. 2 (RHi) the only report from the Salton Sea. Six were together near Los Hills at the s. end of the San Joaquin Valley, *Kern*, Aug. 29 (JCW). An ad. **Common Black-headed Gull** in Santa Barbara Nov. 21+ (BH) was undoubtedly the same bird that frequented this location during the past 2 winters. A 2nd-year Heermann's Gull at E.A.F.B., Oct. 7 (MTH) was far inland, and only the 3rd to be found in *Kern*; another was at N.E.S.S., Sept. 30-Oct. 7 (MAP), where small numbers are found most years. A juv. Mew Gull at Salton City, *Imperial*, Sept. 16 (GMcC, TRC) was not only inland, but exceptionally early for a bird hatched this year. A slightly more than average number of Sabine's Gulls was found inland, with \geq one adult and 13 juveniles at various localities in the high desert areas of *Inyo*, *Kern* and *San Bernardino* between Sept. 1-Oct. 9, single juveniles on the Salton Sea Sept. 16 (TRC) & 23 (DMM), a juvenile in Bakersfield at the s. end of the San Joaquin Valley Sept. 29 (JCW), and another on L. Isabella, *Kern*, at the s. end of the Sierra Nevada Mts., Sept. 10 (*vide* MTH).

Two Arctic Terns at C.L., Sept 16, with one remaining to Sept. 23 (SS), and another at N.E.S.S., Oct. 1 (MAP) were inland where considered casual to accidental, but in the mid-September/early-October period during which all previous occurrences have been recorded. Single Least Terns at the Santa Ynez R. mouth Sept. 22 (MAH) and in Imperial Beach the same day (GMcC) were late. A Black Tern in Santa Barbara Oct. 5-20 (DDJ)

was not only along the coast, where quite rare today, but also late.

A juv. Pigeon Guillemot in Redondo Beach, *Los Angeles*, Aug. 13 (MiH) was unexpected. Six Ancient Murrelets off Montana de Oro S.P., *San Luis Obispo*, Nov. 10 (JSR) and six more flying S past La Jolla Nov. 11 (SW) were the forerunners of a major influx in December.

Doves to Woodpeckers

A White-winged Dove at Pt. Buchon, *San Luis Obispo*, Oct. 8-14 (TT) was the northernmost of 11 found along the coast between Aug. 3-Nov. 10. Up to four Inca Doves at Desert Center, *Riverside*, Oct. 8-14 (RMcK) and single birds at F.C.R., Oct. 24 (REW) and Nov. 30 (T&JH) were away from areas of normal occurrence. A ♂ Ruddy Ground-Doves was at F.C.R., Oct. 21-22 (GMcC), a female was there Nov. 30 (T&JH), and a ground-dove seen briefly on Santa Cruz I., Oct. 1 (JLD) may also have been of this species. A Yellow-billed Cuckoo near Victorville, *San Bernardino*, Aug. 2 (RMcK) was believed to have been present much of the summer, but one at S.C.R.E., Aug. 18 (DM) was one of only a few found away from the limited nesting localities in California. A N. Pygmy-Owl in Onyx, *Kern*, Sept. 20 (MuH) was outside this species' normal range. Most unusual was an Elf Owl well seen near Calipatria, *Imperial*, Sept. 21 (LJE); this species is now known only as a summer visitor at 2-3 locations along the Colorado R., and is previously unrecorded in California away from known nesting localities. Two Chimney Swifts over downtown Los Angeles Sept. 12 (KLG) were the latest of those spending the summer in this area. Up to 20,000 Vaux's Swifts over downtown Los Angeles during September and October (KLG) was an impressive concentration. Four ♂ Broad-billed Hummingbirds were reported, with one in Pismo Beach, *San Luis Obispo*, Nov. 6 (LS), another photographed in Santa Barbara Nov. 15-22 (AB), one returning for its 3rd winter to Camarillo Oct. 14+ (J&HW), and the 4th in Irvine Oct. 14 (BED).

Small numbers of Acorn Woodpeckers dispersed westward to the coast in *Los Angeles*, *Orange*, and *San Diego*, and eastward into the high deserts of *Inyo*, *Kern*, and *San Bernardino*, with one reaching F.C.R., Oct. 11 (MSanM). A Gila Woodpecker at Iron Mt. Pumping Plant in s.e. *San Bernardino* Oct. 28 (MAP) was far from the nearest area of normal occurrence, and illustrates that some individuals of this "resident species" occasionally move considerable distances. Twelve Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers

were reported from various localities throughout the Region after Oct. 8, indicating this species is a rare but regular fall migrant and winter visitor to California. A Downy Woodpecker at Deep Springs, *Inyo*, Oct. 29 (T&JH) was felt to be *leucurus*. Single White-headed Woodpeckers in Ridgecrest, *Kern*, Aug. 23 (JS) and at Castaic, *Los Angeles*, Oct. 29+ (KLG) were both far outside their normal range.

Flycatchers to Swallows

A Least Flycatcher on Pt. Loma in San Diego Oct. 14 (GMcC) was a migrant, but one at Sand Dune Park in Manhattan Beach Sept. 25+ (MiH) appeared to be settled for the winter. An E. Phoebe in Santa Barbara Nov. 13 (HPR) was the only one reported. A silent Dusky-capped Flycatcher reported in the Sepulveda Basin near Encino, *Los Angeles*, Oct. 1 (JSR) was more than a month earlier than the earliest accepted record for California. A Great Crested Flycatcher, a casual straggler to California, was in Newport Beach, *Orange*, Sept. 25 (JEP). A Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher at Twentynine Palms, *San Bernardino*, Sept. 26 (EAC) was about the 10th to be found in California, and the first away from the immediate coast. An early Tropical Kingbird near Port Hueneme Sept. 2 (DDJ) was followed by \geq eight more along the coast between Sept 15 and Nov. 16–24, with another present in Goleta for its 4th winter Oct. 26+ (CIH). A Thick-billed Kingbird near Pomona, *Los Angeles*, mid-October+ (CMB) was believed to be the same individual present at this locality during the past 3 winters. Five E. Kingbirds along the coast between Sept. 2–19 was about normal. The only Scissor-tailed Flycatcher to be found was a long tailed adult in Brea, *Orange*, Oct. 23–27 (CS).

Two Purple Martins, a species becoming increasingly rare in S. California, at Morongo Valley, *San Bernardino*, Aug. 7 (MP) and another near Lakeview Sept. 17 (K&CR) were migrants far from any known breeding locality.

Jays to Vireos

At least 150 Pinyon Jays along Quatal Canyon in extreme n.w. *Ventura* Oct. 22, with \geq 70 still present Nov. 19 (*vide* JEL), were far from any area of normal occurrence. A Yellow-billed Magpie near Fillmore, *Ventura*, Sept. 1 (MSanM) was a little s. of this species' present range.

A Dusky Warbler photographed near the Santa Ynez R. mouth Oct. 31–Nov. 3 (BH) was the 5th to be found in California, the previous four also occurring in fall (between Sept. 27 and Oct. 22–23); these



Dusky Warbler near the mouth of the Santa Ynez River, California, October 31, 1995. This Asiatic warbler has now been found in California five times, always in fall. Photograph/Brad Hines.

records, along with 2 recent October records in Baja California [near Maneadero Oct. 15, 1991 (TEW) and Catavina Oct. 20–23, 1995 (RAE)], suggest that this species may be reaching the Pacific Coast of North America in very small numbers, and should therefore not be classified as an accidental straggler.

A Gray Catbird, a rare straggler to California, near California City Sept. 30–Oct. 1 (BB & RHe) was the 3rd to be found in *Kern*; another was at F.C.R., Oct. 2 (MTH). Only three Brown Thrashers were reported, with single birds at Panamint Springs, *Inyo*, Sept. 26 (JLD), Iron Mt. Pumping Plant Oct. 7 (RMck), and the 3rd at Galileo Hill in extreme e. *Kern* Oct. 11 (MSanM). California Thrashers appear to be expanding their range eastward into the high desert of *San Bernardino* and *Riverside*, with one–two present in Twentynine Palms throughout the season (EAC).

Four Red-throated Pipits were found this fall, with single birds near Port Hueneme Oct. 29–Nov. 5 (DA, LC), in San Pedro, *Los Angeles*, Oct. 10 (MH), near Irvine Nov. 9–10 (JEP), and at the n. end of Camp Pendleton, *San Diego*, Oct. 13 (RAE). A Sprague's Pipit in Desert Center, *Riverside*, Oct. 1 (MAP, * S.D.M.N.H.) was watched as it was driven to the ground and killed by a Loggerhead Shrike; another landed on a research vessel off San Diego Oct. 10 (PL). There are only about 25 previous records of this species in California.

A Bell's Vireo in Huntington Beach Oct. 28 (JSB) and two near Chino, *San Bernardino*, Nov. 7–8 (JEP) were late, and the Huntington Beach bird was considered to be *bellii* or *medius*. A Yellow-throated

Vireo, a rare straggler to California, was in Carpinteria, *Santa Barbara*, Oct. 6–15 (JEL). A Hutton's Vireo banded near Victorville Aug. 26 (SJM) and another at Galileo Hill Sept. 30 (MTH) had ventured eastward into the high desert, where most unusual. Six Philadelphia Vireos were more than expected, with single birds in Morro Bay S.P., Nov. 23 (EAC), near Oxnard Oct. 14–15 (RB), in Sycamore Canyon Campground near Pt. Mugu Oct. 10 (AS), near Irvine Sept. 30 (RAH), and on Pt. Loma in San Diego Oct. 7–8 (GMcC) & 22 (PAG). Slightly more Red-eyed Vireos than in recent years were also found, with single birds inland near Cantil Sept. 3



The latest of six Philadelphia Vireos in southern California this season was this bird at Morro Bay State Park November 23, 1995. Photograph/Eugene A. Cardiff.

(MTH) and at Galileo Hill Sept. 14 (JK), and along the coast in San Simeon, *San Luis Obispo*, Sept. 2 (GPS) and on Pt. Loma in San Diego Sept. 23 (DWA) and Oct. 8 (EM). Three Yellow-green Vireos were photographed, with one in Wilmington, *Los Angeles*, Oct. 7–8 (MSM, TEW, NBB), another in Malibu Oct. 14 (KLG), and the 3rd at Galileo Hill Sept. 21–26 (MTH), the latter being only the 4th reported away from the immediate vicinity of the coast in California.

Warblers

A remarkable 39 species of wood warblers were reported in S. California this fall. Along with the 11 widespread occurring species, the 2 with limited breeding ranges along the e. border of this Region reached the coast in limited numbers as expected (eight Virginia's between Aug. 18–Oct. 1 and four Lucy's between Sept. 30–Nov. 24). In addition, the 3 species considered by most to be rare migrants rather than vagrants were found scattered throughout the Region in expected numbers (35 Black-and-white Warblers between Aug. 26 and the end of the period; 55 Am. Redstarts, with most between Sept. 11–Oct. 1; and ≥ 40 N. Waterthrushes between Aug. 24–Oct. 21).

Reports of our rare but regular vagrants indicated that average to above-average numbers of most were present, with some found inland as well as along the coast: six Tennessee Warblers along the coast between Sept. 15–Nov. 16, plus one inland at Galileo Hill Sept. 23–28 (CB); five N. Parulas along the coast between Aug. 20–Oct. 21, plus one inland at Cactus City, *Riverside*, Oct. 1 (DMM); 17 Chestnut-sided Warblers along the coast between Sept. 30–Nov. 4, plus single birds inland near Independence, *Inyo*, Oct. 22 (A&LK) and at Galileo Hill Sept. 13–20 (KLG), as well as three more along the coast in November that appeared to be wintering; 13 Magnolia Warblers scattered throughout the Region between Sept. 23–Oct. 30; 10 Black-throated Blue Warblers between Sept. 24–Oct. 24, with half of these at oases in the high desert; nine Blackburnian Warblers along the coast between Sept. 17–Oct. 14, plus one photographed inland at Twentynine Palms Nov. 7 (EAC); six Prairie Warblers along the coast between Sept. 23–30, plus one inland near California City Sept. 30–Oct. 1 (RHe); a somewhat lower than expected 35 Palm Warblers along the coast between Sept. 18–Nov. 23, plus an average five inland at oases in the high desert during the same period; a somewhat low 31 Blackpoll Warblers along the coast

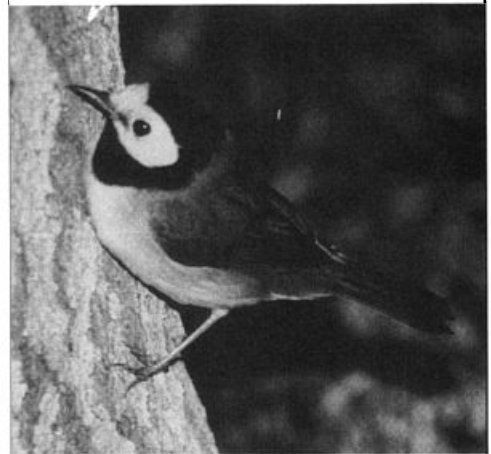


Immature male Blackburnian Warbler at Twentynine Palms, California, November 7, 1995. Photograph/Eugene A. Cardiff.

between Sept. 7–Nov. 1, plus a higher than expected seven inland at oases in the high desert during the same period; and a disappointing five Ovenbirds, with single birds along the coast in Montana de Oro S.P., Oct. 4 (JMC), on Pt. Loma in San Diego Oct. 21–23 (REW), and three in e. Kern between Sept. 30–Oct. 24 (MTH).

A Blue-winged Warbler, an exceptionally rare straggler to California, was at Galileo Hill Sept. 24–27 (SS, DWA). A Golden-winged Warbler, also a rare straggler to California but occurring more frequently than the previous species, was in Huntington Beach Oct. 19 (SJG), and another was at Galileo Hill Sept. 21–24 (JEH), enabling observers to see both of the "winged warblers" at this location on the 24th! Five Black-throated Green Warblers along the coast were more than we have become accustomed to in recent years, and included single birds near the Santa Ynez R. mouth Nov. 2–5 (BH), in Big Sycamore Canyon near Pt. Mugu Oct. 10 (AS), Newport Beach Oct. 6 (BED), and on Pt. Loma in San Diego Sept. 19 (GLR) & 28 (DWA). A Grace's Warbler near Oxnard Sept. 23 (ST) is one of a very few found during migration. A Pine Warbler near Oxnard Oct. 7–9 (DDJ) was the first for *Ventura*, and another photographed at Iron Mt. Pumping Plant Oct. 24 (EAC, RMcK) was the first for *San Bernardino*. Bay-breasted Warblers have become virtually non-existent as vagrants to California in recent years, so one on Pt. Loma in San Diego Sept. 26 (GLR) and another in Manhattan Beach Sept. 27 (MiH) were of note. Five Pro-

thonotary Warblers were found, with single birds inland at Stovepipe Wells in Death Valley Oct. 8 (DG), Twentynine Palms Sept. 22 (EAC), and Pauma Valley, *San Diego*, Sept. 30–Oct. 1 (DR), and along the coast at Pismo Beach, *San Luis Obispo*, Oct. 21 (MA) and near the Santa Ynez R. mouth Oct. 11 (BH). A Worm-eating Warbler on Pt. Loma in San Diego Oct. 12 (DWA) was the only one found this fall. A Kentucky Warbler, another wanderer from the s.e. United States, was in Goleta Sept. 10 (RW), and a 2nd was photographed in Montana de Oro S.P., Oct. 15–16 (JSR, EAC). A Mourning



Male Hooded Warbler at Galileo Hill, California, September 2, 1995. Photograph/Matt Heindel.

Warbler, a species that is probably more numerous than reports away from the Farallon Is. indicate, was banded at S.F.K.R.P., Sept. 1 (SAL) and an adult was in Long Beach Oct. 27–29 (JSB). Only two Hooded Warblers were found: a male at Galileo Hill Sept. 3 (MTH) and a female on Pt. Loma in San Diego Oct. 29 (EC). Four Canada Warblers along the coast was about average, with single birds in Morro Bay S.P., Oct. 21–22 (JSR), in Ventura Sept. 15 (DM), and on Pt. Loma in San Diego Oct. 14 (GLR) & 21 (DWA). A Painted Redstart on Pt. Loma in San Diego Sept. 20–21 (TP) was followed by another there Oct. 15 (MO); one at El Capitan S.B. near Goleta Oct. 2+ (JCM) and another in Costa Mesa, *Orange*, Oct. 5+ (JEP) were wintering at those localities, the latter presumably the same bird at this location each of the past 3 winters.

Tanagers to Orioles

A ♀ Hepatic Tanager at Veterans Park in Sylmar, *Los Angeles*, Oct. 10+ (DM) was believed to be the same bird present there during the past 2 winters. Fewer than normal numbers of Summer Tanagers reached the coast (ten between Sept. 10 and the end of the period), and Rose-breasted Grosbeaks (five at oases in the high desert, two in the mountains, and ten along the coast) and Indigo Buntings (eight at oases in the high desert and 20 along the coast) were scarce throughout the Region. An ad. ♂ Painted Bunting in Goleta Sept. 5–10 (MF, RPH) was suspected to be an escapee, but an immature in San Pedro, *Los Angeles*, Oct. 14 (MiH) and another near Imperial Beach Dec. 2–3 (GMcC) were believed to be genuine vagrants. The only Dickcissel was one at Galileo Hill Sept. 14–15 (JH).

Three Am. Tree Sparrows were found in coastal *Santa Barbara*, with one in Goleta Oct. 29 (JEL), another on N. Vandenberg A.F.B. near Lompoc Nov. 4 (MAH), and the 3rd photographed at the mouth of the Santa Ynez R., Nov. 20 (BH). A 4th was inland at H.D.L., Nov. 27 (EAC); this species is considered a rare but regular late-fall visitor to the n.e. portion of this Region, but is only a casual straggler to the coast. Thirteen Clay-colored Sparrows along the coast between Sept. 16–Nov. 19, along with two in *Inyo* and one in *Kern* between Sept. 14–Nov. 5, was less than expected. Only two Lark Buntings were found, with one at F.C.R., Sept. 23 (GHR) and the other at Desert Center the same day (DMM). A "Large-billed" Savannah Sparrow on the Palos Verdes Pen., Aug. 27 (MiH) was the first to be found in *Los Angeles* in over 30 years, and

single birds near Morro Bay S.P., Nov. 23–25 (TME) and along the coast n. of San Simeon were unusually far north. Single Sharp-tailed Sparrows at Twentynine Palms Sept. 26 (EAC) and at F.C.R., Sept. 27 (GMcC) are only the 2nd and 3rd to be found away from the immediate coast in fall, the previous one being at F.C.R., Sept. 22, 1990 (*W. Birds* 22:37–38, 1991); ≤three near Morro Bay S.P., Oct. 23–Oct. 25 (KAH, JP) and two at Upper Newport Bay Nov. 25+ (LRH, EB) were at localities supporting small winter populations. Twenty-two Swamp Sparrows at various localities throughout the Region after Oct. 1 was less than usual, and the same can be said for the 30 White-throated Sparrows and two Harris' Sparrows.

A McCown's Longspur, the rarest of the 3 longspurs reaching S. California, was at H.D.L., Nov. 20 (RMcK). A Lapland Longspur at Stovepipe Wells in Death Valley Nov. 30 (T&JH) and two in Irvine Oct. 31–Nov. 4 (JEP, BED) were the only found. Small numbers of Chestnut-collared Longspurs were found scattered throughout the Region between Oct. 11–Nov. 24, with most in the desert areas of *Inyo*, *Kern*, and *San Bernardino*.

At least 40 Bobolinks were found at various localities in the Region between Sept. 10–Oct. 28, with nearly half of these in *Inyo*, *e. Kern*, and *San Bernardino*. A Rusty Blackbird near Santa Maria, *Santa Barbara*, Nov. 21 (JMC) was the only one found; small numbers can normally be anticipated in the n.e. portion of this Region in the late fall, but it is only a casual straggler to the coast of S. California. A Great-tailed Grackle at Big Bear L., Nov. 28 (EAC) was at an unusually high elevation in the mountains. A Com. Grackle, a casual straggler to California, was in Onyx Oct. 22–28 (DVB). Single Orchard Orioles were along the coast in Santa Barbara Nov. 20+ (JEL), Malibu Sept. 24 (KLG), the Palos Verdes Pen., Oct. 14–16 (MH), on Pt. Loma in San Diego Sept. 11 (REW), and inland at Galileo Hill Sept. 25 (ChH) and Twentynine Palms Sept. 22 (EAC).

Corrigenda

The following reports were received too late to be included in the spring and summer seasonal reports: A ♂ Hooded Warbler was photographed at Agua Caliente, *San Diego*, May 2, 1995 (R. Curtis). Cook's Petrels were considered more numerous and closer to shore than usual during the CalCOFI Cruise off S. California July 6–24, 1996, with the closest about 50 mi s.w. of the s. end of San Clemente I., July 7 (R. R. Veit).

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