

May (SD); migrants are extremely rare on the westside and 8 Apr is probably the earliest ever for the Region [though it has wintered—ed.]. A Red Fox Sparrow, likely *zaboria*, was at Spencer I., *Snohomish*, 12 Mar (†SM, DD); the status of this taxon in the Region is still uncertain, but it appears to occur annually. The last of the Region's overwintering Swamp Sparrows were at Millicoma Marsh, *Coos*, 15 Apr (TR). A Harris's Sparrow at Nisqually N.W.R. 31 May was a month late (SN). A Golden-crowned Sparrow at Cape Blanco 26 May (TJW) was ±10 days late, but one at Washtucna 27 May was later and quite far east (DB); also rather far e. were 1–2 at Davenport, *Lincoln*, 5–12 May (JA).

A male Rose-breasted Grosbeak at Astoria 5 Apr was ±6 weeks early, if it did not winter locally (MP). Two more were seen in Portland 14 May (P. Blair) and a single was at Fields 26 May (M); the Region averages about 3 each May. Lazuli Buntings are rare west of the Puget Trough in Washington, so males near Sequim 18 & 22 May were noteworthy (G. Kridler, L&BR). Another at Canby, *Clackamas*, 5 Apr (ES, TS) was among the earliest ever for the Region. A male **Indigo Bunting** at Puyallup, *Pierce*, 11–13 May (L. A. Rose, †D. Adams) was Washington's 8th and the earliest by seven days. Another at Hillsboro,

Washington, 16 May was also early. **Tricolored Blackbirds** returned for the 3rd consecutive summer to their colony near Wilson Creek, *Grant*, with 20+ males there 28 May (DB, KKn). A Rusty Blackbird at Ellensburg, *Kittitas*, 21 May was probably the latest ever of this rare winter visitor (†Pts, †D. Hayden, RS). Common Grackles were at Fields 18 May (M) and Malheur 31 May (S. Jagers); there are now ±23 Oregon records, half from May. Great-tailed Grackles, regular in spring/summer in se. Oregon for nearly two decades but casual on the westside and in ne. Oregon, were near Florence 8 May (R. LaChance), Newport 8 May (R. Cheek), and LaGrande, *Union*, 9 Apr (S. Croghan). Rare w. of the Cascades, a Cassin's Finch was at Leaburg, *Lane*, 11 Apr (A. Reid). Several Common Redpolls from this winter's irruption lingered into Mar on the eastside, but singles near Lebanon 9 Mar (BT), Olympia 31 Mar (J. Pruske), and Mt. Vernon, *Skagit*, 10 Mar (J. Douglass) were on the westside, where always rare. A **Hoary Redpoll** at Elk, *Spokane*, 14–16 Mar was about the 12th for Washington and the first to be physically documented (vt. MMo).

Addenda: The following were inadvertently not included in the fall 1999 column: E. Oregon's 5th Pomarine Jaeger at McNary

Dam, *Umatilla*, 21 Nov (D. Smith, P. Dauble); Brown Thrasher at Glass Butte, *Lake*, 10 Sep, about the 19th for Oregon (A. Reid).

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Oceanic productivity was high and may have spurred the initiation of nesting rituals of Brown Pelicans at Pt. Lobos, where they last attempted breeding some 34 years ago. The spring was mostly dry, especially along the coast where some migrants averaged a week early. Some interior migrants, such as Black-headed Grosbeak, also set arrival records east of the Sierra.

Our diligent editor, Stephen C. Rottenborn, has moved. We very much appreciate his efforts over the past few years and wish him well. We also report the "retirement" of two of our longtime subregional editors. Almost anything of value in these reports is due to the hard work of our county compilers; among the most helpful have been Emilie Strauss for *Mono* and Helen Green for *Alameda*. Emilie retires this season; for Helen the winter season was her final effort. We thank them both for years of service. Peter Metropulos and Bob Richmond, respectively, have stepped into their places.

Abbreviations: CBRC (California Bird Records Committee); C.V. (Central Valley); F.I. (Southeast Farallon Island); N.S. (National Seashore); O.S.P. (Open Space Preserve); R.P. (Regional Park); R.S. (Regional Shoreline); S.F. (San Francisco); S.R. (State Reserve). Birds banded at Big Sur R. mouth, *Monterey*, should also be credited to the Big Sur Ornithology Lab. Reports of exceptional vagrants submitted without documentation are normally not published. These include CBRC review species, claims of first county records, and exceptionally unseasonal birds.

LOONS THROUGH FRIGATEBIRDS

Eared Grebes nested successfully at Hayward R.S., providing *Alameda* with a 4th nesting record (RJR). Laysan Albatrosses continued in small numbers on Monterey Bay in Apr–May and the Pt. Arena, *Mendocino*, bird was last seen 2 Apr, a record-late date for it. Eight Laysan and 480 Black-footed Albatrosses, a very high count for the Region, were off Ft. Bragg, *Mendocino*, 20 May (PP, SNGH, DLSh et al.). A Manx Shearwater was seen from shore at Pigeon Pt., *San Mateo*, 23 Apr (†RSTh), the location of several spring observations in recent years. A Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel, rare inside S.F. Bay, at Pt. Isabel 6 Apr (ph., †ES, H. Spautz) was only the 2nd for *Contra Costa*. Hundreds of Brown Pelicans were initiating nesting at Pt. Lobos S.R., *Monterey*, early April+. The previous successful nesting (AB, R. Scalf et al.) by this species in *Monterey*, historically the n. limit of the breeding range, was in 1959 and the most recent attempt was in 1966.

HERONS THROUGH RAPTORS

Six Least Bitterns calling at Cosumnes R.

Preserve, *Sacramento*, in Apr–May (JTr) were presumed migrants. This species' status in the Region remains enigmatic, but report frequency in *Sacramento* continues to increase (*vide* TDM). A Cattle Egret at Pescadero 29 May (PJM) provided *San Mateo* with its first spring migrant record and was the only coastal sighting s. of *Humboldt*. A Black-crowned Night-Heron nest in Walnut Creek 5 May provided only the 2nd confirmation for *Contra Costa's* atlas project (H. Harvey). A mid-May to early June n.-coast influx of White-faced Ibis far exceeded historical records, with ≤ 211 birds at scattered sites in *Humboldt* 12 May–4 Jun (m.ob.) and flocks of 20 in *Mendocino* 18 May near Pt. Arena (L. Hubbard) and Van Damme S.P. (E. Blom).

Exceptional in *Mono*, where no prior spring records exist, were Snow Geese (2 at Alkali Lakes and 4 at Crowley L., both 12 Mar) and Ross's Geese (3 at Alkali Lakes 12 Mar and 10 at Crowley L. 2 Apr; all N&MFr). Central Valley Brant were a first for *Contra Costa* with 8–15 in Oakley 20–21 May (SAG, JSL, C. Lou). Twenty-three Blue-winged Teal, all coastal, were well below average. Could this paucity be related to record numbers in w. Oregon and sw. Washington this spring? Four Tufted Ducks included winter lingerers in *Marin* until 11 Mar (†J. White, CLu, LLu) and *Sutter* until 12 Mar (m.ob.), as well as migrants in Hayward, *Alameda*, 22 Mar (RJR) and Redding, *Shasta*, 1 Apr (D. Holmes, R. Van Orden et al.). Most remarkable was a C.V. nesting record of Hooded Merganser in *Yolo* along Putah Creek, where infertile eggs dumped in a Wood Duck nest were collected 22 Apr and a female with a single chick was seen at the Univ. of Calif.-Davis Arboretum 11 May (*vide* AEn). A single female is believed responsible for both efforts. Brood parasitism is well-known among Hooded Mergansers and various other anatids.

A Northern Goshawk at Black Diamond Mines R.P., *Contra Costa*, 7 Mar (SAG) was unusual in the Diablo Range. *Santa Clara's* first spring Broad-winged Hawk was an adult dark-morph near Milpitas 20 Apr (†MMR). Scarce migrant Swainson's Hawks were along or near the coast at Tunitas Creek mouth, *San Mateo*, 9 Apr (RSTh), Alum Rock Park, *Santa Clara*, 22 Apr (MJM), e. of Watsonville, *Santa Cruz*, 25 Apr (DLSu), in S.F., 28 Apr (BrF), and e. of the Sierra at Diamond Valley, *Alpine*, 21 May (JCS, JSL). Nesting Swainson's Hawks were confirmed in five more atlas blocks in *Contra Costa*, where they were nearly unknown as a breeder prior to the start of the atlas project in 1998 (*vide* SAG). One Ferruginous Hawk 12 Mar and 2 on 2 Apr

(N&MFr) in the Chalfant Valley, *Mono*, were considered to provide first spring records for that area.

RAILS THROUGH SHOREBIRDS

A Virginia Rail with two downy young at Waddell Creek, *Santa Cruz*, 1 Apr (PEG) almost matched the earliest-ever record of downy young for this species: 29 Mar 1978 in the lower Colorado R. Valley, Arizona.

A Lesser Yellowlegs at Herons Head Park 11 Apr (K. McKeregan) was the first for S.F. in over ten years, but the species was hardly noted elsewhere. California's 4th *variegatus* Whimbrel flew by Pigeon Pt. 12 May (†RSTh). Casual in spring, a Hudsonian Godwit was near Alviso, *Santa Clara*, 26–31 May (AJ, †RWR, m.ob.). *Shasta's* first Sanderling was in Redding 10 May (†BED, B&CY). Rounding out the rare shorebird list was one Semipalmated Sandpiper at Pescadero 5 May (RSTh), up to 2 Rock Sandpipers in Half Moon Bay, *San Mateo*, 17 Mar–10 Apr (AJ, m.ob.), and single Ruffs, both females, near Kettleman City, *Kings*, 31 Mar (JSe) and Yolo Basin W.A., *Yolo*, 8 Apr (JMHu, J. Broadvest).

LARIDS THROUGH ALCIDS

Eight coastal Franklin's Gulls from *Santa Cruz* and *San Mateo* mid-April to mid-May (PJM, BS, DLSh), down from last year's record 30, was more typical. Inland, one was at near Kettleman City, *Kern*, 19 Apr (JSe, KVV) and 2 ad. were at Lower Klamath N.W.R., *Siskiyou* (RE), where this species has nested. Bonaparte's Gulls were in normal numbers along the coast, except for the n. part of the Region where, inexplicably, only 25 were at Eureka, *Humboldt*, 1 Apr (BED), despite frequent Apr/May seawatches (*vide* DFx). After nesting for the first time in *Monterey* in 1999, 3 pairs of Heermann's Gulls nested once again at Roberts L., Seaside. One nest hatched 3 young by 29 May (SFB, DR, RC). Last year's nesting resulted in 8 young fledged. Approximately 25,000 gulls at the Newby I. Landfill, *Santa Clara*, 8 Mar (MMR, NL) comprised an estimated 5 Ring-billed, 5000 California, 20,000 Herring, 150 Thayer's gulls, 70 Western, 80 Glaucous-winged, and 3–5 Glaucous. Gull species and age compositions vary greatly at Bay Area landfills and more work is necessary to understand factors underlying this variability. The **Lesser Black-backed Gull** at L. Cunningham, *Santa Clara*, was last seen 26 Mar (K. Kwan). An above-average 23 Glaucous Gulls were reported 1 Mar–23 Apr. Elegant Terns were a bit early this year, with ≤ 8 in *Monterey* and *Santa Cruz* 19 Apr+ (m.ob.).

Inland Common Terns included a first-summer at Cosumnes R. Preserve, Sacramento, 4 Apr (AEn et al.), an ad. near Kettleman City, Kings, 19 May (JSe, SBT), and a probable at Bridgeport, Mono, 30 May–4 Jun (†KNN). The Arctic Tern returned 24 Apr to Hayward R.S. for the 7th consecutive year and once again paired with a Forster's Tern. A banded hybrid young from the previous year returned to that location 29 May (RJR). An ad. Arctic at Topaz L. 19 May (PJM) represents only the 2nd spring record for Mono. For the third consecutive year, Least Terns (3 pairs) returned 19 May (JSe, SBT) to breed at the inland location near Kettleman City, Kings, the only known inland breeding location for the California Least Tern. Ten Least Terns were noted on a shell mound at Pt. Isabel, Contra Costa, 27 May (H. Greennot, D. C. Rice). By early June, there were 16 birds and at least 4 nests at this new breeding location. Contra Costa, which has only one other known breeding location, is the n. limit of the breeding range. A Least and a Black Tern 8 mi off Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, 7 May (DLSh) were unusually far offshore. Eighteen Black Terns 13 May (JSL) at Salt Spring Valley Res. were apparently new for Calaveras. A Common Murre at Hayward R.S. 4 Apr (RJR) was unusually far into S.F. Bay.

NIGHTHAWKS THROUGH FLYCATCHERS

Vagrant Lesser Nighthawks reached the coast at Bodega Bay, Sonoma, 2 May (A.&D. Cohen) and Baldwin Creek, Santa Cruz, 27 May (DLSu). A pair of Chimney Swifts at Fish Slough 20 May furnished the 3rd Mono record for this rarely detected species (†PJM). A male Black-chinned Hummingbird at Pescadero 17 May provided just the 2nd record for heavily-birded San Mateo (DLSu). Migrant Calliope Hummingbirds were noted early Apr to mid-May, as is normal, but one at Mt. Diablo S.P. 13 Mar (JCR) was the earliest ever for Contra Costa and amongst the earliest ever for the Region.

An imm. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker at Black Diamond Mines R.P. 7–12 Mar was just the 3rd for Contra Costa (SAG et al.). None of the Red-naped Sapsuckers from last winter's flurry was reported after 1 Mar, although birds thought to be Red-breasted × Red-naped hybrids were reported from Pescadero 25 Mar (G. Harwood) and coastal Humboldt 21 Mar (DFx). A Nuttall's Woodpecker at 6500 ft. elevation at Lower Mill Creek 27 Mar (WRch) provided the first spring record for Mono. A nesting pair of Hairy Woodpeckers along Putah Creek (MP, AEn et al.) furnished a rare nesting

record for the C.V. floor and possibly the first for Yolo. A White-headed Woodpecker 6 Apr (KI) in near-coastal Humboldt was one of only a handful of occurrences for nw. California away from the interior mountains.

A wintering Least Flycatcher at Arcata Marsh, Humboldt, was last noted 3 Mar (SWH, B. Acord). A Hammond's Flycatcher at Pt. Reyes N.S. 12 Mar was likely wintering (RS, BDP et al.), with the first migrant not detected until 1 Apr at Mt. Diablo S.P., Contra Costa (MiF). As usual most migrants were detected at least slightly inland but coastal birds were found at scattered locales 30 Apr–24 May. Only one each of Dusky and Gray Flycatchers were reported: a Dusky at Mt. Davidson, S.F., 8 May (PSar) and a Gray at Big Sur R. mouth 6 May (JBo). The only Eastern Phoebe was 22–23 Mar at Carmel R. mouth, Monterey (K. Clarke, ph. B. Hill).

It is not often that five species of kingbird are mentioned in one report, but such is the case this spring. Tropical Kingbirds are rare spring migrants, so one at Hayward R.S. 7 Apr–21 May was an exciting find (P. Dramer, m.ob.). The wintering bird at L. Merced, S.F., lingered to 29 May (HuC) and another was at Aquatic Park 25 Mar (ASH). Santa Clara's resident pair of Cassin's Kingbirds were noted nest-building along San Felipe Rd. 23 Apr (MJM). San Mateo's wintering Thick-billed Kingbird was last noted near Half Moon Bay 27 Mar (RWR). An impressive movement of 37 Western Kingbirds in just 45 min flew n. over Coyote Pt., San Mateo, 21 Apr (RSTh). An Eastern Kingbird returned to Lava Lakes Ranch, Siskiyou, 31 May (RE), where nesting was suspected the past two summers.

SHRIKES THROUGH THRASHERS

The lone report of Northern Shrike was from e. Yolo 9 Mar (EDG). A singing male White-eyed Vireo, first heard but not identified 20 May (N. McMahan), was found again 24 May at Big Sur R. mouth (JBo, E. Price, S. Scott, J. Scott; †DR, m.ob.). There had been no summer records for the Region, but this bird appeared territorial and was present well into June. Coastally rare Plumbeous Vireos were at McKinleyville, Humboldt, 20–31 May (GSL, †DFx, †JCP) and Pt. Reyes, Marin, 23 May (RS). Three Red-eyed Vireos were coastal, as is expected: Natural Bridges S.P. 17 May (first spring Santa Cruz record; SGer); Lincoln Park, S.F., 22 May (BrF); and Pt. Reyes 23 May (RS).

Five or six Yellow-billed Magpies at three locations in S.F. 14 Mar–4 Apr (A. Contreras, S. Davies, D. Zito) and one at Purisima Creek, coastal San Mateo, 25–26

Mar (RSTh, MCM) were considered escapees by some, but it should be noted that there are several coastal spring records that suggest natural origin may be plausible for this normally sedentary species. A flock of 130–150 Purple Martins near Clear L. Oaks, Lake, 6 May was perhaps the largest concentration yet recorded in the Region (LLu, CLu, RS). No Townsend's Solitaires were reported to have overwintered in the lowlands, but migrants were noted at Mt. Davidson, S.F., 12–14 Apr (BrF, PSar) and Monte Bello O.S.P., Santa Clara, 20 Apr (D. Eckdahl, C. Vigno). A wintering Sage Thrasher at Miller/Knox R.S., Contra Costa, stayed until 7 Mar (C. Lou); another was in the Arcata bottoms, Humboldt, 10 Apr (P. Herrera).

WARBLERS

Spring "eastern" warblers appeared in four categories. First, there were lingering winterers: Tennessee at L. Merced, S.F., to 6 Mar (J Clark); 5 Palms; 2 coastal Black-and-whites, and a Northern Waterthrush at Arcata, Humboldt, to 2 Mar (E. Elias). Next there was the arrival of two potential breeding colonies for Northern Parula. The first male appeared at Big Sur R. mouth 3 May and ≤3 were singing by month's end (JBo, m.ob.). At Bear Valley, Pt. Reyes N.S., Marin, 2 singing males and a female were present after 27 May (RS, LLu, CLu). Additional singing males were at Five Brooks, Marin, 27 May (DSg) and on Gazos Creek, San Mateo, 6 May (†AME).

A few rare warblers apparently winter not far south and come back up the California coast in a "normal" migration pattern in April/early May. Birds that might fit this category were 2 Palms, 19 Apr at Princeton Harbor, San Mateo (C. Miller), and singing at Carmel, Monterey, 27 Apr (H. Osborn). Most unexpected was an alternate-plumaged female Blackpoll Warbler near Watsonville, Santa Cruz, 26–27 Apr (B. Scharfenstein, M. Bourett, †DLSu). There are no previous April records for California of this South American wintering warbler, with the previous early record being 6 May 1982 on F.I. (P. Pyle and R. P. Henderson, *W Birds* 22:41–84).

Finally there are the mid-to-late May wayward migrants we have come to expect, especially around Memorial Day. Among the more exciting were a Blackburnian at Pt. Reyes 23 May (RS), a singing Prothonotary at Gazos Creek 27 May (RSTh), and 3 Hoodeds a female banded 18 May at Big Sur R. mouth (JBo) and 2 in S.F. 27–29 May (PSar et al.) More expected coastal spring vagrants were single Tennessee and Chestnut-sided Warblers, 2 Magnolias, 4 Black-and-whites, 3 American Redstarts, and 2 Northern

Waterthrushes. Interior vagrants in *Mono* in late May included 5 Black-and-whites, a singing Chestnut-sided at Benton Hot Springs 28 May (J.&D. Parker), and a Magnolia along Lee Vining Creek 31 May (S. Heath, *vide* KNN).

Remarkable were spring vagrants in C.V., where few have been recorded. Early surprises were a female American Redstart in Reichmuth Park, *Sacramento*, 8–13 Apr (†K. Guse) and a singing Lucy's Warbler in Stockton, *San Joaquin*, 18 Apr (†DGY). These were overshadowed by a singing Mourning Warbler 28 May at White Slough W.M.A., Lodi, *San Joaquin* (†DGY). It was unusual in possessing eye-arcs, a feature known for some first-year male Mournings, but had an apparently diagnostic bib pattern (CBRC will review). Most exceptional was a singing Canada Warbler all-too-briefly seen in Kiln Canyon, sw. *San Joaquin*, 29 Apr (†DGY). This species winters in South American and is a late migrant in the East. The April date is completely unprecedented and a month earlier than the prior early record (28 May 1983 at Pt Reyes).

TANAGERS TO SPARROWS

Summer Tanagers were at King City 5 May (RC, HBa) and banded 12 May at Big Sur R. mouth, both *Monterey*. An imm. male in molt in Tilden Park, *Contra Costa*, 26–31 Mar (G Griffiths) apparently wintered. Single Clay-colored Sparrows at Ukiah 4 Mar (GEC, CEV) and Potter Valley 15–27 Mar (GEC), both *Mendocino*, and along Purisima Creek 4 Mar (RSTh) likely wintered; one in alternate plumage in the Sutter Bypass 26 Apr (†JCS) was a most unexpected migrant and a *Sutter* first. Additional wayward sparrows were a Brewer's at Dry Lagoon, *Humboldt*, 6 Apr (KI) and a Vesper along Ten Mile R., *Mendocino*, 19 May (JRW).

Swamp Sparrows in our Region are primarily late fall vagrants or winterers in coastal marshes; spring records are few. One of the two wintering at Stevens Creek tidal marsh was singing 21 Apr (WGB), as was another 23 Apr at Sunnyvale (PJM), giving us departure dates for *Santa Clara*. Migrants are apparently on the move by early March, accounting for records at Ukiah, *Mendocino*, 5 Mar (MMtt, CEV); L. Merced 8–21 Mar (EDG et al.); and Cosumnes R. Preserve, *Sacramento*, 11 Mar (K. Mize *vide* JTr). Truly unexpected, though, were Swamp Sparrows banded at Big Sur R. mouth 2–3 May (JBo) and at Lower Mill Creek, *Mono*, 17 May (WRch, Z. Smith).

A White-throated Sparrow was quite late 25–26 May in Shasta Valley, *Siskiyou* (RE), as was an injured Golden-crowned in *Humboldt* through 31 May (P. Spruance). Late dates of wintering Harris's Sparrows

were 12 Mar at Grizzly I., *Solano* (MMtt), 12 Mar at Lava Beds N.M., *Siskiyou* (RE), and 20 Apr at McKinleyville, *Humboldt* (GSL, LPL). Over 100 years ago, ornithologist L. M. Loomis considered nesting Dark-eyed Juncos on the *Monterey* coast to be "very significant" and named them a separate race, *pinosus* (for nearby Pt. Pinos). Juncos still breed on the Monterey Peninsula and in S.F. parks, but their nesting in developed lowlands at Capitola, *Santa Cruz* (DLSu), and at Cosumnes R. Preserve, *Sacramento* (JTr), amazed local birders. The former nest was depredated by jays but the latter hatched 4 young, providing the first known C.V. floor breeding.

LONGSPURS THROUGH FINCHES

The winter's invasion of C.V. longspurs concluded with ≤6 McCown's along Browning Rd., *Colusa*, to 16 Mar (LLu, CLu et al.) and ≤30 in ne. *Yolo* to 1 Apr (EDG et al.). Eleven coastal or Bay Area Rose-breasted Grosbeaks in late May from *Humboldt* to *Monterey* were impressive; about half were at urban feeders. Indigo Buntings were on territory at three sites in *San Mateo* by late May (including a territory straddling the *Santa Clara* border at Monte Bello O.S.P. after 24 May; R. Lefkowitz, m.ob.). A male on Mt. Burdell, *Marin*, had returned for its 4th consecutive spring 20 May (RS), while one near Ukiah, *Mendocino*, had returned for a 2nd year by 31 May (JRW). An Indigo Bunting at a Santa Rosa, *Sonoma*, feeder 21 Mar (P. Gravel) must have wintered nearby; an additional 4 birds in late May were normal late spring vagrants. A male Dickcissel in Santa Cruz, *Santa Cruz*, 12 Mar–17 Apr (H.&B. Donald, †DLSu, ph. C. Cummings, m.ob.) thrilled at least 50 observers, but only one (GSL) enjoyed the male Dickcissel 28 May w. of Orick, *Humboldt*.

Great-tailed Grackles are now filling in various holes in their expanding range in our Region. Multiple birds were found at new sites in *Monterey*, *Santa Cruz*, *Alameda*, *Contra Costa*, and *Mono* while others were at the extreme edges of their expansion at Arcata, *Humboldt*, 21–28 Mar (SWH et al.); 3 in Redding, *Shasta*, 24 Apr–16 May (B&CY, BED); and 2 males at L. McSwain, *Mariposa*, 29 Apr (C. Morris, J. Buffa). The only Orchard Oriole was an ad. male at Natural Bridges S.B., *Santa Cruz*, 7 Apr (A. Kopitov). The female Baltimore Oriole in Golden Gate Park, S.F., lingered to 15 Mar (N. White).

A male Lesser Goldfinch below Junipero Serra Peak, *Monterey*, 20 May was entirely black above (including the auriculars; JND); this aberration is apparently latent within our local population (several other similar records nearby) and does not suggest

vagrancy from black-backed races to the south. Lawrence's Goldfinches were found widely in the coast ranges; nesting was documented w. of usual sites, including several along the coast in *Santa Cruz* and *Monterey* (m.ob.).

Exotics: Evidence of nesting by escaped Nutmeg Mannikin (*Lonchura punctulata*; aka Scaly-breasted Munia) was obtained at Almaden L. Park, *Santa Clara*, 8–26 Mar (carrying nesting material; RWR, JMa) and Half Moon Bay, *San Mateo* (behavioral evidence; AJ). These finches have been widely introduced around the world, including s. California, but let us hope they do not expand on their toehold here.

Corrigenda: In *Field Notes* 52:120 it was erroneously reported that there were four California records of white-rumped Whimbrels of the race *variegatus* when, in fact, only two records had been documented (see *N. Am. Birds* 53:232–236).

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