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**F** ollowing last year's first accepted record of an adult Shy Albatross off California, an immature was photographed near Cordell Bank, where a remarkable five species of albatrosses have occurred. This location has recorded more albatross species than any other northern hemisphere site.

Urbanization continues almost unchecked in many coastal and Bay Area locales, and its impact on productivity of riparian-associated neotropical migrants has become increasingly apparent. In Santa Cruz County, a dearth of nesting Warbling Vireos and Western Wood-Pewees and a reduction in Yellow Warbler range was documented (DLSu, Steve Gerow, Bryan Mori). Around San Jose, Santa Clara County, the once-common Yellow Warbler is now restricted to a few isolated stretches of riparian habitat; one pair diligently followed this summer fledged only cowbirds (JMa). The impact of cowbirds moving upslope in the Sierra Nevada foothills has been dramatic the last few breeding seasons, with once-common Warbling and Cassin's Vireos now patchy and local (DR, BDW et al.).

**Abbreviations:** CBRC (California Bird Records Committee); C.V. (Central Valley); F.I. (Southeast Farallon Island); F.S. (Field Station); N.S. (National Seashore); R.S. (Regional Shoreline); S.F. (San Francisco); W.A. (Wildlife Area). Birds banded at Big Sur R. mouth, Monterey, should also be credited to the Big Sur Ornithology Lab, and those on F.I. to Point Reyes Bird Observatory. 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 PELICANS

A Yellow-billed Loon at Pt. Reves 4-5 Jun represented only about the tenth record for Marin (RS, m.ob.). For the fourth time, Eared Grebes nested at Hayward R.S., Alameda, where five pairs were seen with chicks 17 Jul (RJR). A Laysan Albatross was off Santa Cruz 23 Jul (ShJ). Following the first accepted California record of Shy Albatross last year, an imm. was just n. of Cordell Bank, Marin, 29 Jul (ph. †MEa, ph. †SBT, ph. †E. Preston; ph. †C. Taylor, m.ob.). The bird has been tentatively identified as Diomedea cauta salvini, which would furnish a first northern hemisphere record of this race, if confirmed. This subspecies is treated as a separate species, Salvin's Albatross, D. salvini, by some taxonomists; the adult photographed last year was of the nominate race, D. c. cauta (see Cole 2000, N. Am. Birds 54:124-135). A Dark-rumped Petrel was seen on the western edge of Cordell Bank 15 Jul (RS, vt. LLu, ph. E. Preston, m.ob.), the location of two previous records for this species. Another was reported without details from a research cruise approximately 50 mi w. of Eureka, Humboldt, 28 Jul (Mike Newcomer, fide L. Spear). This species has been nearly annual off California since first recorded in 1992. The only Flesh-footed Shearwater reported for the period was off Santa Cruz 23 Jul (SBT). Slightly early Buller's Shearwaters were off Santa Cruz 7 Jul (JiD, DLSh) and Monterey 31 Jul (RT).

Although regular in summer and fall in small numbers from *Marin* to *Monterey*, a Wilson's Storm-Petrel about 3–4 mi. w of Noyo Harbor 30 Jul was only the second for *Mendocino* (†PP, SBT). A large influx of juv. Brown Pelicans noted throughout the region (m.ob.) indicated high reproductive success south of our Region.

### HERONS THROUGH RAPTORS

Draining of sump 1-B at Tule Lake N.W.R. created ideal conditions and produced record numbers for several species in *Modoc*: 357 Great Egrets on 30 Jul, 56 Snowy Egrets on 22 Jul, and 1700 White-faced Ibises on 1 Jul (RE). An imm. Little Blue Heron in se. *Sutter* 20–26 Jul was a county first (C.

Hawley, E. Pandolfino). Wayward flocks of White-faced Ibis continued well into June (see Spring report), with 18 at Eureka, Humboldt, 8 Jun (M. Kuehner), 20 flying s. past Younger Lagoon, Santa Cruz, 14 Jun (JL), and 21 inland at Hopland, Mendocino, 16 Jun (RJK). Dawn counts at breeding sites provided population estimates for two major colonies, with tallies of 1799 pairs at Sierra Valley, Plumas, 17 Jun (DS, MMcM) and 886 pairs at Leavitt L., Lassen, 21 Jun (DS). A group of 9 California Condors released in Sespe in s. California spent time roosting on the observatory at Chews Ridge, Monterey, 11 Jun (ph. I. Eberle). Driven off by squirt guns (at the request of researchers in order to deter any learned behavior of sitting on buildings), the birds were several hundred miles south within two hours and never made contact with any of the 14 condors released in Monterey (fide J. Burnett, Ventana Wilderness Soc.).

American Wigeons nested for the first time in the S.F. Bay area at Hayward R.S., Alameda, where a female and 4 young were seen 12 Jun (RJR). A influx of over 200 Blue-winged Teal was remarkable. Most were in the north and northeast and included record or near-record numbers of 45 at Alexandre Dairy, Del Norte, 7 Jun (ADB), 24 at Honey & Leavitt Lakes, Lassen, 18 & 21 Jun respectively (DS), 15 at Shasta Valley W.A., Siskiyou, 23 Jun (RE) and 20 at Tule Lake N.W.R., Modoc, 1 Jul (RE). First county breeding records were obtained in Martinez, Contra Costa, 8 Jun (SAG) and at Hayward R.S., Alameda, 18 Jun and 17 Jul (RJR). An alternate male Tufted Duck at Modoc N.W.R., Modoc, 19-20 Jun (†DS) was our 3rd summer record. The significance of last season's nesting attempt of a female Hooded Merganser at Putah Cr., Yolo, was diminished by information received concerning escapees from a local captive flock (fide JMHu).

Osprey was confirmed breeding in the Santa Cruz Mts. when a report surfaced of a nest active since at least spring 1997 along San Vincente Cr., *Santa Cruz*. Two adults were at the nest 15 May (S. Butler, M. Greene, G. Holmes). The species last bred in the Monterey Bay vicinity in the 1930s.

#### **RAILS THROUGH SHOREBIRDS**

Common Moorhens near Grenada 18 Jul (RE) provided a very rare nesting record for *Siskiyou*. Adult Pacific Golden-Plovers were at L. Talawa, *Del Norte*, 15 Jul (ADB, Eileen Cooper) and Ukiah, *Mendocino*, 22–23 Jul (CEV, GEC et al.). An ad. Lesser Yellowlegs at Chowchilla, *Madera*, 23 Jun was among the earliest fall migrants ever (ph. DR, RC). A presumed ad. Solitary Sandpiper at Sierra Valley, Plumas, 8 Jul (†SRv, SAG) eclipsed the previous early record by 10 days. This species is rare anytime in July. A basicplumaged Wandering Tattler at Pelican Rock, Santa Cruz, 1 Jun (DLSu) may have summered locally. Four Sanderlings 20 Jul at Tule Lake N.W.R., Modoc, were notably early and numerous inland (MFRb). Five Semipalmated Sandpipers included 4 adults 2-29 Jul and the first juvenile 30 Jul in South San Francisco, San Mateo (RSTh). An ad. Baird's Sandpiper 26 Jul at Laguna Cr. marsh, Santa Cruz (DLSu) and a presumed ad. Pectoral Sandpiper 22 Jul at Carmel R. mouth, Monterey (D. Werner) were expected but our only reports.

## SKUAS THROUGH ALCIDS

An ad. Long-tailed Jaeger inland at Davis 9-12 Jun (†DMS, ph. WEH, m.ob.) was a first for Yolo and 7th for the C.V. A record 51 Franklin's Gulls was counted at the Lower Klamath N.W.R., Siskiyou, 8 Jul (RE), while one at Davis 21 Jul (JMHu, †DMS) was the seventh for Yolo. After nesting last year for the first time in Monterey, Heermann's Gulls nested again at Roberts L., Seaside (DR, RC). A third-summer Herring Gull, rare in summer, was well-studied on Monterey Bay, Santa Cruz, 23 Jul (SBT). Suspected Western Gull nesting on mall rooftops in Capitola, Santa Cruz, was confirmed this year (LHe, DLSu), and an unusual inland Western Gull was at Ukiah, Mendocino, 29 Jul (CEV, MMtt). A Common Tern was at Bridgeport, Mono, where rare, 4 Jun (KNN). The banded Arctic Tern returned to Hayward R.S., Alameda, for the 7th year, where it once again paired with a Forster's Tern (RJR); the nest was abandoned in early July. The hybrid young from the successful nesting last year returned to Hayward R.S. 18 Jun (RJR). A Forster's Tern colony at Corte Madera, the only breeding location in Marin, started with 3 nests in 1998 and was up to 31 nests this year (RS). Three pairs of Least Terns nested for the 3rd consecutive year near Kettleman City, Kings (JSe, SBT). This remains the only known inland breeding location for the California Least Tern. All three nests hatched young, and several hatch-year birds were later seen flying. A Least Tern at Pt. Reyes 24 Jun was only about the ninth for Marin (RS). Black Skimmers continue to increase in the region, including the first nesting record for Monterey (J.&R. Warriner; the eggs were later lost to a predator). One of two at Corte Madera, Marin, had been banded as a chick in August 1998 at Seal Beach in s. California (RS). A Long-billed Murrelet was off Pt. St. George, *Del Norte*, 14 Jul (†EE, L. Detweiler, B. O'Donnel).

### **CUCKOOS THROUGH VIREOS**

Yellow-billed Cuckoos near Eel R. mouth, Humboldt, 25 Jun (†G. Falxa) and Lower Rush Cr., Mono, 7 Jun (KNN) provided rare records away from breeding sites. A Yellowbilled Cuckoo near Meridian, Sutter, 22 Jul (C. Swolgaard fide J. Snowden) was encouraging; cuckoos are rare anywhere in the C V The remains of a fledgling Western Screech-Owl under a Great Horned Owl nest near Crestview 15 Jun was the first nesting confirmation for Mono (KNN). Despite thorough coverage, no nesting Black Swifts were detected along the n. coast of Santa Cruz, an area where several pairs bred annually through the mid-1990s (DLSu, JL) Six Blacks at Royal Gorge of N. Fork American R., Placer, 15 Jul-2 Aug, strongly suggest that nesting took place around some of the large falls in the area (T. Beedy). An impressive 70 Blacks were at Bridalveil Falls, Mariposa, 2 Jul (RS). A White-throated Swift 17 Jun at Cooks Valley, Humboldt, was in an area previously where unrecorded (M Widdowson). A female Broad-tailed Hummingbird at a feeder in w. Nevada 19 Jul (†D. Lukas) provided one of few records for the w. slope of the Sierra.

The range expansion of Nuttall's Woodpecker continued northward up the S.F. peninsula, with a pair feeding young at the nest at San Bruno, San Mateo, 1 Jun (RSTh). Reports of Empidonax flycatchers included 11 Willows, all coastal, 4-16 Jun (typical timing), a vagrant Least at Pt. Reyes, Marin, 19 Jun (RS), and a Dusky at SF 16 Jun (S. Davies). A Say's Phoebe 10 Jun at Glen Canyon, Santa Cruz (†B Scharfenstein), was extremely unseasonal on the coast, as was a Cassin's Kingbird 8 Jul near Pescadero, San Mateo (RSTh). Santa Clara's resident pair of Cassin's were feeding a fledgling near Gilroy 24 Jun (WGB, Merry Haveman). Vagrant Eastern Kingbirds were noted at Santa Cruz 3 Jun (Matthew Gallagher), Bridgeport Res., Mono, 4 Jun (KNN), and Redwood Cr. mouth, Humboldt, 15 Jun (KI); a late summer bird appeared near Pescadero 31 Jul (DLSu). An Eastern Kingbird nest at Lava Lakes Ranch, Siskiyou, 13 Jun was evidently destroyed, but a second nesting was likely attempted (MFRb, RE)

The singing male **White-eyed Vireo** first found 20 May remained on territory at Big Sur R. mouth, *Monterey*, to at least 17 Jun (m.ob.), while a second bird was banded there 12 Jun (JBo). Four migrant Plumbeous Vireos, all singing males, were detected: McKinleyville, *Humboldt*, 20 May–4 Jun (GSL), Big Sur R. mouth 7–8 Jun (JBo) and upper Carmel Valley, both *Monterey*, 7 June (RF), and at Mineral, 13 June (*Tehama*'s first; †JCS, T. Sloat). Vagrant Red-eyed Vireos were at Pt. Reyes 3 Jun (RS, JsC), Big Sur R. mouth 4 Jun (CHo) and lower Carmel Valley 3–30 Jul (Karen Ritchie), and Arcata, *Humboldt*, 4 Jul (LEE).

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#### SWALLOWS THROUGH SILKY-FLYCATCHERS

Single ad. male Purple Martins at Davenport, Santa Cruz, 25 Jul (R. Smith) and Princeton Harbor, San Mateo, 26 Jul (AJ) were thought to be post-breeding dispersers. The Bank Swallow colony at Topaz L, Mono, continued to expand, with 150 individuals noted 4-8 Jul (Andrew Kirk) and a new colony reported from Honey L., Lassen (B. Tatman, fide TDM). Unseasonal Banks were at Coyote Creek F.S., Santa Clara, 5 Jul (AJ) and near Dixon, Solano, 17 Jul (RgM). Three Pygmy Nuthatches 16 mi. east of Klamath R. mouth 30 Jul were just the second ever recorded in Del Norte (ADB, PFS) A Ruby-crowned Kinglet 10-29 Jul at Big Basin Redwoods S.P., Santa Cruz, was apparently the first to be documented as summering in the Region's lowlands (†DLSu). A Townsend's Solitaire at Half Moon Bay, San Mateo, 11 Jun was unusually late for the coast (RSTh), but even more unusual was one at Trinidad, Humboldt, on the summery date of 4 Jul (KI). Documented evidence at the s. edges of the coastal breeding range of Cedar Waxwing has always been mercurial, so a pair of adults feeding young in Pescadero 1 Jul (†RSTh) was the first confirmed nesting evidence for San Mateo. Phainopeplas along Wilson Cr. 6 Jun (2 fem ) and Rush Cr. 11 Jun (2 males) added to the few Mono records (KNN).

#### WARBLERS THROUGH TANAGERS

For the 3rd consecutive year Northern Parulas nested at Big Sur R. mouth, *Monterey*. Confirming evidence (as in 1998) was limited to a brood patch on a netted female, but careful surveys documented the presence of at least 5 singing males and 2 females (JBo, CHo, DR, RC) from late May into July. Parulas were widespread elsewhere along the coast in June (almost all singing males): 4 more in *Monterey*, another 4 in *San Mateo* and *Humboldt*, 3 each in *Santa Cruz* and on Pt. Reyes, *Marin*, 2 in S.F., one on F.I., and one near Pittsburg 8 Jun, *Contra Costa*'s 3rd record (SAG).

Pt. Reyes had another major run of eastern vagrants in early June, including such rarities as a Golden-winged Warbler singing between 2 Magnolia Warblers 4 Jun (LEd, RS, JsC et al.), 2 Black-throated Green Warblers 2-3 Jun (RS), an albilora Yellowthroated 19 Jun (RS), 3 Ovenbirds 4-18 Jun (†AME, RS, LLu, CLu et al.), and a singing Hooded 20-21 Jun (EDG, RS). F.I. had single Virginia's, Cape May, and Blackburnian, and 5 Ovenbirds (PCp). Six more Ovenbirds were along the coast in June: 2 banded at Big Sur R. mouth 16-25 Jun (male may have been trying to summer, JBo), 2 songsters in San Mateo (RbF, DLSu), and 2 more in S.F. 5 & 17 Jun (HuC, Calvin Lou). Also unexpected were a male Magnolia Warbler along Navarro R., Mendocino, 28-30 Jun (J. Ward, RJK et al.), and 4 more on F.I. Monterey's first spring Blackpoll Warbler was singing in Salinas 2 Jun (CT); F.I. hosted one on the mid-summer date of 13 Jul (PCp). Another F.I. rarity was a Kentucky Warbler 4 Jun (PCp). A singing Hooded was on Mt. Davidson, S.F., 17 Jun (C. Lou) and a midsummer female was along the Eel R., Humboldt, 14 Jul (†PAH). More regular spring vagrant warblers on the coast and F.I. in June or early July were 4 Tennessees, 10 Chestnut-sideds, 4 Black-and-whites, and 19 American Redstarts. In Mono, e. of the Sierra, "eastern" warblers included a singing Magnolia along Rush Cr. 11 Jun (KNN), and a Black-and-white and a Northern Waterthrush in June.

Among "western" warblers of note were single Townsend's s. of their breeding range at Grizzly Flat, *Mendocino*, 24 Jun (CEV, MMtt) and near Raker Peak in Lassen N.P., *Shasta*, 19 Jun (B. Mulrooney, S. Stevens). Hermit Warblers at The Indians, *Monterey*, 12 Jun (RbF) and Tilden Park, *Contra Costa*, 26 Jul (imm. female; Brian Fitch) may suggest breeding at locales where none has yet been documented. Two Summer Tanagers were among the vagrants on Pt. Reyes, *Marin*, 2–3 Jun (RS) and F.I. 9 Jun.

#### **SPARROWS THROUGH FINCHES**

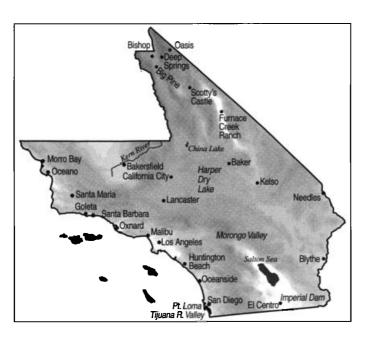
Rufous-crowned Sparrows were located at 12 sites in *Solano (fide* RLCL), while the lower and upper limits of their range were documented in *Butte, Placer*, and *El Dorado* (BDW). Single Clay-colored and Brewer's Sparrows reached F.I. in June. Sparrows near the n. limits of their range were a Blackchinned on Pacific Ridge, *Lake*, 5 Jun (BDW) and a Black-throated in Butte Valley, *Siskiyou*, 15 Jun (MFRo). Better coverage of their habitat yielded Grasshopper Sparrows at new sites in *Mendocino* (RJK) and a sizable disjunct population in the Bald Hills, e. of Orick, *Humboldt* (ADB), but one on a brush-covered ridge above Yreka, *Siskiyou*, 29 Jun was strangely out-of-habitat (RE).

At least 30 coastal Rose-breasted Grosbeaks from Humboldt to Monterey (13 in Santa Cruz alone) and out to F.I. were unprecedented numbers; many were ad. males at feeders. It is hard to say how much of this is incipient range expansion and how much is better reporting from feeder-watchers. A couple in Mono were routine, but one well inland in Siskiyou 14 Jun along the Gazelle-Callahan Rd. was not (MFRo). A male Blue Grosbeak 2 Jun at Chadbourne Gulch on Hwy 1 (†JRW) was Mendocino's 2nd record. Another vagrant was on Pt. Reyes 3 Jun (RS, JsC), but new breeding pairs were located on Liberty I., Solano (RgM). Indigo Buntings also had a strong showing, including singing males for 2nd consecutive summers at Piper Slough, Contra Costa, 1 Jun (SAG) and near Boonville, Mendocino, 31 May-2 Jun (CEV et al.), 5 on F.I., and Shasta's 2nd record at Redding 5-6 Jul (†SRv, BED, BY et al.).

A singing Bobolink was on Pt. Reyes 6 Jun (RS), and a singing Yellow-headed Blackbird was at McNabney marsh, Contra Costa, 8 Jun (SAG), both unusual. Greattailed Grackles at the edges of their everexpanding range were nesting at two sites in Monterey (DR, RC, R.J. Adams); at Almaden L., Santa Clara (JMa, MJM et al.); and in McNabney marsh (SAG). An ad. male Baltimore Oriole at San Carlos, San Mateo, 14 Jul (RSTh) was not just a vagrant but also well out-of-season; an oriole on F.I. 7 Jun showed characteristics of a Baltimore × Bullock's hybrid (fide PCp). Lawrence's Goldfinch enjoyed another strong season, with widespread coastal nesting noted in Santa Cruz/Monterey (m.ob.), new sites located in arid foothills in Placer and Colusa (BDW), northward expansion apparent in Mendocino (RJK, CEV), and even a lone male in Shasta R. canyon, Siskiyou, 1-17 Jul (John Kafel, RE, MFRo).

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**D** ry conditions prevailed throughout the Region. Some noteworthy waterbirds were found at the Salton Sea, and the first fall migrant shorebirds reached the Region at the end of June. As always, late spring migrants continued to move through the Region into the latter half of June, and included a few vagrants from the East.

**Abbreviations:** C.L. (China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station, ne. *Kern*); F.C.R. (Furnace Creek Ranch, Death Valley N.P., *InyO*); G.H.P. (Galileo Hill Park, e. *Kern*); N.E.S.S. (north end of the Salton Sea, *Riverside*); S.E.S.S. (south end of the Salton Sea, *Imperial*); S.F.K.R.P. (South Fork Kern River Preserve, near Weldon, *Kern*). Since virtually all rarities in s. California are seen by many observers, only the observer(s) initially finding and identifying the bird are included. Documentation for species on the California Bird Records Committee (CBRC) review list is forwarded to the CBRC Secretary and archived at the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology in Camarillo.

#### **BOOBIES THROUGH PTARMIGANS**

An ad. Masked Booby, a casual straggler to California waters, was associating with nesting Western Gulls on San Nicolas I. 5 Jun (SH). An ad. Little Blue Heron inland at S.E.S.S. 1 Jul (BED) was the only one reported away from coastal San Diego. Three Glossy Ibis photographed at S.E.S.S. 1 Jul (PAG, GMcC, MAP), with at least one reported in that area through 6 Aug (SK), probably included the one near Calipatria on 27 May (Spring report). One in San Bernardino 29-31 Aug 1999 (N. Am. Birds 54:104) was the first to be reported in California, and it will be interesting to learn weather these birds are reaching California by crossing the Southwest or moving northward from the w. coast of s. Mexico. A Wood Stork in Sorento Valley, San Diego, 8 Jul+ (CDeW) was on the coast where now a casual to accidental straggler.

The two Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks found at S.E.S.S. 28 May (Spring report) remained through 22 Jun (AK, GMcC) and established the 16th record for the state. No more than 2 pairs of Fulvous Whistling-Ducks were present around S.E.S.S. this summer (BM), with no evidence of successful nesting; this species is on the verge of being extirpated as a breeding bird in California. A Brant far inland in Bishop, *Inyo*, through 31 Jul (T&JH) had been present since 11 May, and another at Inyokern, *Kern*, through 16 Jun (TM) had been present since 16 May. Four Surf Scoters at Buena Vista L., *Kern*, 2 Jul (JMC), 2+ at