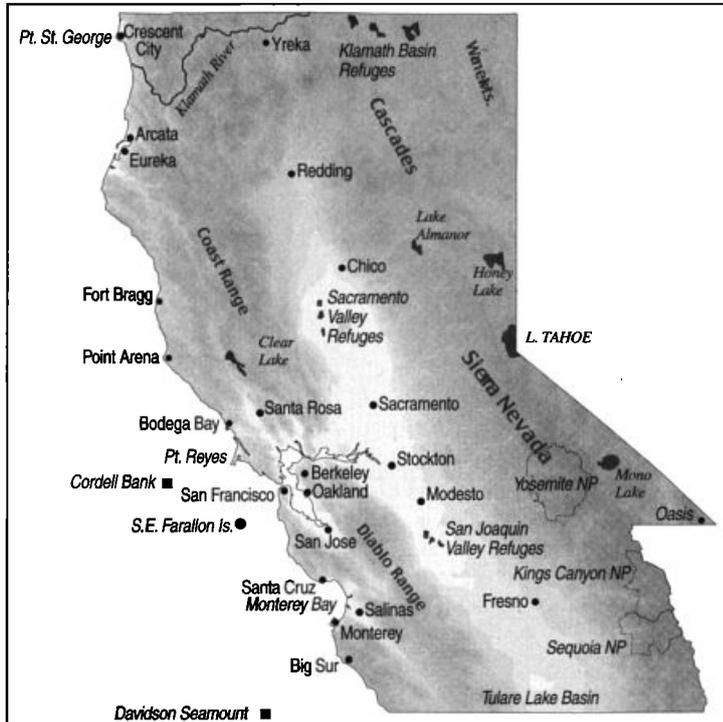


# Middle Pacific Coast



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The spring season was fairly quiet, with few outstanding rarities and a generally weak showing by landbird vagrants, especially along the coast. Big numbers of some western migrants did draw comment, particularly Nashville Warblers, Yellow-breasted Chats, and Lazuli Buntings. Widely reported northerly and westerly incursions of species such as Phainopepla, Yellow-breasted Chat, Black-chinned and Black-throated Sparrows, and Lawrence's Goldfinch may have reflected dispersal related to extensive drought in the interior West, including eastern and southern California.

**Abbreviations:** C.B.R.C. (California Bird Records Committee); C.V. (Central Valley); F.I. (Southeast Farallon I., *San Francisco*), N.A.S. (Naval Air Station), N.S. (National Seashore); O.S.P. (Open Space Preserve), R.P. (Regional Park); R.S. (Regional Shoreline); S.B. (State Beach); S.F. (San Francisco); S.R. (State Reserve); W.A. (Wildlife Area).

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## LOONS THROUGH SHEARWATERS

Very rare inland, especially in spring, a Red-throated Loon at Camp Far West Res. 23 Apr (†TDM) was a first for *Yuba*. A Pacific Loon was at Mono L., *Mono* 26 May (Justin Hite). The peak count of northbound Pacific Loons off *San Mateo* was 85,000 on 17 Apr (RSTh). An imm. **Short-tailed Albatross** photographed from an offshore fishing vessel in Apr was a first for *Humboldt* (fide DFX). Appearing almost annually in recent springs, Manx Shearwaters were seen from shore in *San Mateo* off Bolsa Pt 9 May (RSTh) and Pigeon Pt. 12 May (†AME), another was offshore in *Monterey* 24 Mar (SFB et al.).

## HERONS THROUGH DUCKS

Few Cattle Egrets were reported, with 35 along Delta Rd. near Knightsen, *Contra Costa* 21 Apr being the high count (Joel Summerhill, Gloria Cannon). Seven birds still present there 22 May (SAG) were noted as "very late" for the county. Small numbers of White-faced Ibis reached the coast from *Monterey* to *Humboldt* in May. A flock of 65+ at Schollenberger Park, *Sonoma* 12-19 May (Gail Powell, LHg) was by far the largest group reported. One in Richmond 26 May (RSa, Bob Lewis) was the first for w. *Contra Costa*.

Single wintering Emperor Geese remained at F.I. through 4 Mar (fide PP); at Arcata Bottoms, *Humboldt* through 28 Mar (KGR); and at Bodega Bay, *Sonoma* through 21 Apr (Mike Peters). A group of 18 Ross's Geese near Manton, *Tehama* 5 Apr included a rare dark-morph bird (JCS). Unusual for south S.F. Bay, a Brant graced Redwood Shores, *San Mateo* 5 May (RSTh). An unbanded Nene, almost certainly an escapee, associated with Canada Geese at Bridgehaven, *Sonoma* 3-22 May (Matt Brady, David Vander Pluym, m. ob.). More likely a natural vagrant, a **Falcated Duck** spent 19 Mar—2 Apr at the Fleming Unit of the Honey Lake W.A., *Lassen* (†JCS, Bud Widdowson, m. ob., ph), spending much of its time courting Gadwalls. The simultaneous occurrence of another drake in *Skagit*, WA 21 Feb—26 Mar may bolster the case for natural occurrence. Among a smattering of Eurasian Wigeon were the first for *Calaveras* at Salt Spring Valley Res. 29 Mar (†JSL) and a very late bird at *Humboldt* Bay N.W.R., *Humboldt* 20 May (DFX). Five

Common (Eurasian Green-winged) Teal, both coastal and inland, were perhaps all different from those reported this past winter. Precocious young Cinnamon Teal at the Ukiah W.T.P. 27 May (CEV) constituted the 2nd breeding record for *Mendocino*. A male Ring-necked Duck at F.I. 14 May was only the 2nd island record; a female at Swanton Pond, *Santa Cruz* 7 May (DLSu) was the latest reported onshore this season. Two Barrow's Goldeneyes at the Mineral W.T.P. 20-21 Mar (BED, MFi, Jlx) were apparently the first for *Tehama* since 1981. *Lake's* first nesting record of Hooded Merganser, a female incubating nine eggs, was found during a check of Wood Duck boxes at Romerquie Vineyards 7 Apr, all but 2 eggs later hatched (Eugene Rentsch).

### HAWKS THROUGH SHOREBIRDS

A rare spring Broad-winged Hawk flew over Skyline Ridge O.S.P. in both *San Mateo* and *Santa Clara* 14 Apr (RSTh), providing only the 2nd spring record for the latter county. Six coastal Swainson's Hawks were reported from *Santa Cruz* to *Sonoma* 5 Apr—6 May. One of the *San Mateo* birds flew into *Santa Clara* 14 Apr to make the 3rd record from that slightly inland location in 2 weeks. An imm. Ferruginous Hawk near Tranquility, *Fresno* through 2 May (Kimberly Kreitinger) provided our latest date on record for a wintering bird. Lingering Merlins included birds at the Big Sur R mouth, *Monterey* 5 (RbF) & 8 May (Sarah Hamilton) and another at Coyote Pt., *San Mateo* until 8 May (RSTh).

Out-of-place Snowy Plovers included 2 at the L Tahoe Keys Marina, *El Dorado* 24 Apr (TS) and 2 at the Madera W.T.P. 13 Apr (KVV), the latter apparently a first for *Madera*. A single Mountain Plover at Turlock L. 24 Mar (CLu, LLu) is the latest Regional record in our notebooks and two months after the usual departure date for *Stanislaus*. Black Oystercatchers and Surfbirds continued at Hayward R.S., *Alameda* through 14 Apr and 20 Mar, respectively (both RJR). The recent surge in Black Oystercatcher records from this location may be related to recent breeding by this species at the old Alameda N.A.S. to the n., as there was only a single Hayward record prior to 2000 (RJR). For the first time ever, both Black-necked Stilts and American Avocets attempted breeding at the same site in *Humboldt*, with a single stilt nest and 12-15 avocet nests at the Humboldt Bay N.W.R. during mid-Apr and May (MWa, DFx, JCP, m. ob.). Although some chicks did hatch, none survived to fledging, all apparently falling victim to Common Ravens. Two alternate-plumaged Wandering Tattlers were a surprise well inland at *Mono* L., *Mono* 21 May (†Justin

Hite). Almost as unusual was a Ruddy Turnstone at Crowley L., *Mono* 16 May (KNN).

A Marbled Godwit at the Loyalton W.T.P. 19 Apr (MMC) was only the 2nd for *Sierra*; a Red-necked Phalarope there 1 May (MMC) was a county first. Offshore, passage of Red-necked Phalaropes peaked 11 May, with 19,600 moving n. past Bolsa Pt., *San Mateo* during a two-hour seawatch (RSTh). A Rock Sandpiper in partial alternate plumage 14 Apr was unusually far s. at the Moss Landing Jetty, *Monterey* (ph. Stan Wulkowicz). Perhaps the rarest shorebird of the season, a female Curlew Sandpiper was found and videotaped at the Hacienda Evaporation Basin, *Kings* 19-20 May (RH, ph. †JSy). Other notable shorebirds seen at this inland location included 7 Red Knots 19-20 May (RH, JSy), record numbers of up to 20 alternate-plumaged Sanderlings 19-23 May (JSy, LkC), and 3 Stilt Sandpipers 19-20 May (RH, JSy). Baird's Sandpipers were reported only from *Yolo* (3; BWb, SCH) and *Mono* (3; KNN, Justin Hite) 4-15 Apr; Pectoral Sandpipers only from *Humboldt*, with several May reports of up to 8 birds (KI, m. ob.). *Santa Clara's* Ruff remained through 23 Apr (RWR, FV).

### GULLS THROUGH ALCIDS

Franklin's Gulls were widely reported and in greater-than-normal numbers this spring. High counts included 53 at Tule Lake N.W.R. on the *Modoc/Siskiyou* border 5 May (RE) and about 30 at Goose L., *Modoc* 29 May (RS). Formerly considered rare along the coast in spring, this species is being detected more frequently of late. Coastal sightings included singles at Mendocino Headlands S.P. 5 May (JRW) and off Laguna Pt., Mackerricher S.P. 26 May (MAM), *Mendocino*; n. of Jenner, *Sonoma* 26 May (LLu, CLu, RS); 13 & 17 Apr and 4 May at Bolsa Pt. (RSTh); 27 Apr and 27 May at Pescadero, *San Mateo* (RSTh, LkC); 21 May at Natural Bridges State Beach, *Santa Cruz* (SGe); and 12 May at Moss Landing, *Monterey* (Sarah Lane). Reports of multiple birds included 3 at Bolinas Lagoon, *Marin* 18 May (LLu, CLu, Scott Hein), 5 at Pigeon Pt., *San Mateo* 24 May (RSTh), and 2 at Santa Cruz, *Santa Cruz* 22 Apr (DLSu).

Remarkable were 2 alternate-plumaged ad. Heermann's Gulls at L. Tahoe, *El Dorado* 1 May (TS, JCS). This species is quite rare inland, especially in spring. Returning for a 4th year, four pairs of Heermann's Gulls nested at Roberts L., Seaside, *Monterey* (DR), but all nesting attempts failed for unknown reasons. Unusual far inland, a Thayer's Gull at Crowley L. on 3 Apr was the 2nd for *Mono* (JLD, Karen Perry, Lucy Lee). In *Santa Clara*, the Lesser Black-backed Gull wintering at L. Cunningham was last observed 22

Mar (MJM, m. ob.); it has spent the past five winters here. Another observed at Alviso, *Santa Clara* 9 Mar has been seen in this area intermittently for the past seven winters (†MMR). Large numbers of migrating Black-legged Kittiwakes moved n. along the *San Mateo* coast, with 1780 seen in four hours off Bolsa Pt. 13 Mar (RSTh) and 1250 seen from Pigeon Pt. 15 Mar (JiD).

Least Terns returned to their newly established colony at the Albany Crescent, *Contra Costa* 23 Apr. Numbers peaked at 20 ad. 25 May, but no nests were observed (Dustin Alcalá). A high count for *Mono*, 340+ Black Terns were at Crowley L. 6 May (KNN). Three were seen at Salt Spring Valley Res., *Calaveras* 11 May (JND). Black Skimmers continue their expansion into the Region. Numbers at Charleston Slough, Mountain View, *Santa Clara* declined from 19 on 5 Apr to 3 on 30 Apr (WGB, m. ob.). Up to 3 pairs were observed 12 Apr—11 May at nesting islands in Salt Pond A16, Alviso, *Santa Clara* (RWR, FV, MJM), where a pair was observed incubating 12 May (FrT). Other scattered sightings included 2 at Bodega Harbor, *Sonoma* 2 Apr (Chris Nicholi), 2 at Hahn Marsh, Corte Madera, *Marin* 18 May (LLu, CLu), one at Coyote Pt., *San Mateo* 4 Apr (RSTh), up to 3 at Elkhorn Slough 29 Mar—25 May (YG, CKF), and 5 at the Salinas R. mouth, *Monterey* 27 May (Kathryn Hannay).

Thick-billed Murres are rare off California and typically occur singly, so 4 birds off Eureka, *Humboldt* 12 May (EE, †TmCk, †DFx, et al.) were remarkable. Two calling Marbled Murrelets over the San Lorenzo R. basin, *Santa Cruz* were the first there since 1930 (DLSu). This isolated population, at the s. edge of the breeding range of this threatened species, appears to be dwindling (DLSu, pers. comm.).

### DOVES THROUGH WOODPECKERS

A White-winged Dove at *Santa Cruz* 9 Mar—4 Apr was presumably the same bird present 2-3 Feb (William T. Park, William J. Park, DLSu, Dawn Whittaker). The known range of Barred Owls in California was extended southward yet again by a bird found at Muir Woods, *Marin* 29 Apr—4 May (Dave MacKenzie, RS). A Short-eared Owl at Younger Lagoon 18 Apr was the first spring record for *Santa Cruz* (SGe), and another near Byron 30 May was the first breeding season record for the nearly completed *Contra Costa* Breeding Bird Atlas (DSW, Dorthy Furseth). Two Lesser Nighthawks in w. *Amador* 15 May are apparently the first to be documented from that under-birded county (TS). Migrant Black and Vaux's Swifts were noted at normal times and locations, though at least 20 Blacks moving past Snow Mt. 24-26 May were noteworthy (*Lake's* 3rd to 5th; DvW, Brian

Woodward, JRW). Ten White-throated Swifts with large flocks of migrant swallows near Byron 13 Mar were a rarity for the C.V. portion of *Contra Costa* (SAG).

Single female Calliope Hummingbirds at Mt. Davidson 10 Apr (†PSa, †MWE, m. ob) and Bayview Hill 26 Apr (†JSL) were the overdue first records for mainland S.F. An impressive invasion of Rufous Hummingbirds occurred at F.I. 3-5 Apr, with maximum same-time counts of 70, 80, and 40 respectively. Since these diurnal migrants usually remain on the island for only an hour or two, it was estimated that at least 200-300 were present each day (PP). A similar but smaller influx was recorded there 12-14 Apr 1978. Five Acorn Woodpeckers at scattered S.F. locations 13 Mar—29 May were unusual (m. ob.). Wintering Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers remained through 3 Mar at Bolinas, *Marin* (KH, m. ob.) and at Almaden, *Santa Clara* through 30 Mar (AV). Nine Nuttall's Woodpeckers near Castle Rock S.P., *Santa Clara/Santa Cruz* 25 May (DLSu) were in a location where they were completely absent as recently as several years ago, further evidence of this species's continuing range expansion.

### FLYCATCHERS THROUGH KINGLETS

While a higher-than-normal 6 migrant Dusky Flycatchers were detected, including one very early 6 Apr at Coyote Pt., *San Mateo* (RSTh), Hammond's Flycatchers were reported in far smaller numbers than has been customary in recent years. A Gray Flycatcher at Snow Mt. 26 May, *Lake's* 3rd, fueled suspicion that this species might actually nest locally; the previous records are also from very late May (JRW, DvW). The closest known breeding areas in the Region are east of the Sierra/Cascades. A vagrant Eastern Phoebe put in a brief appearance at Bolinas, *Marin* 17-21 May (KH, CLu, LLu, JMR). A pair of nesting Say's Phoebes at Clayton, *Contra Costa* 20-24 Apr earned the distinction of being the northwesternmost breeders in the Region (†Susan Watson). Amongst the *Tyrannus* flycatchers were S.F.'s Tropical Kingbird, present to at least 18 Apr (m. ob.), a vagrant Cassin's Kingbird at Coyote Pt., *San Mateo* 8 May (RSTh), and an Eastern Kingbird, also at Coyote Pt. 22 May (RSTh). Two good-sized waves of Western Kingbirds were counted: 39 on 8 May at Big Sur R. mouth, *Monterey* (RF, RgW), and 18 in 2 hours at Coyote Pt., *San Mateo* 13 May (RSTh). A Loggerhead Shrike at MacKerricher S.P. 11 Mar was a *Mendocino* rarity (DT, RKI). A singing Bell's Vireo voice recorded at Fish Slough 31 May was *Mono's* 2nd record of this now accidental species (DbP).

Mountaineering Western Scrub-Jays were at Donner Lake S.P., *Nevada* 4 May (Martin

Myers) and near Tahoe City, *Placer* 29 May (Richard C. Carlson). The mystery of Yellow-billed Magpies on the S.F. Peninsula, *S.F./San Mateo*, continued to deepen this spring, with up to 2 birds at Coyote Pt. 20 Mar—16 Apr (RSTh), 3 at Ft. Funston 14 Mar (PSa) and possibly the same birds 24 Mar at Sutro Heights Park (Myra Ulvang), 2 near Hunters Pt. 24 Mar—5 May (ASH, m. ob), and one at mid-span of the Golden Gate Bridge 5 Mar (Herb Brandt). Though it has long been assumed that these out-of-range birds must be escapees, there does seem to be a weak but strengthening pattern of spring vagrancy developing. An American Crow at Ft. Bragg 21 Apr was only the 3rd coastal record for *Mendocino* (Feather Forestwalker).

A pair of Purple Martins in a large snag near Alder Springs in w. *Glenn* 25 Apr was thought to be the first county nest record in over 50 years (BDW, BED, SAG, EP). A pair of Red-breasted Nuthatches in the Presidio 30 Apr—28 May provided the first nesting confirmation for mainland S.F. (Matt Zlautnich, MWE, DvA). A nesting pair of White-breasted Nuthatches at Upper Zayante Rd. 9 May was the first breeding confirmation for *Santa Cruz* since 1976 (DLSu); one bird 4-7 Apr at Hayward R.S., *Alameda* (RJR) was unexpected given the sedentary nature of this species in the Region. Ruby-crowned Kinglets at Ten-mile R., *Mendocino* 23 May (DT) and at F.I. 25 May (PP) were extremely late, causing Pyle to ponder the possibility of the F.I. bird being an eastern vagrant.

### THRASHERS THROUGH WARBLERS

The wintering Sage Thrasher lingered at Montara, *San Mateo* to 29 Mar (AJ); a migrant along Meiss Rd. in e. Sacramento 10 Apr (Andy Englis, Jr.) was out of place. A Bohemian Waxwing along Dechambeau Cr., *Mono* 10 Mar (Joel Ellis, KNN) was late. Phainopeplas scattered widely to new locales, including Loma Prieta, *Santa Clara* 18 May (female; AME); the first S.F. City records at the Presidio 16 May (female; Josiah Clark) and Lincoln Park 24 May (†HuC); and Redding, *Shasta* 4 Mar (R. & J. Van Orden).

A male Lucy's Warbler at Montara 8 Apr (AJ) was just the 2nd spring record for *San Mateo*. A Northern Parula in Burlingame 24 Feb—17 Mar (RSTh) was the first to winter in *San Mateo*; one s. of Livermore, *Alameda* 18-27 Mar (ALE) was likely also wintering; another in Mitchell Canyon, Mt. Diablo, *Contra Costa* 22 Apr (DWO) was quite early for a spring vagrant. A singing Northern Parula was at Big Sur R. mouth, *Monterey* 24 May (Jason Scott), but no breeding was suspected this year; evidence suggests that Northern Parulas bred here most

years from 1996 to 2001. Two singing Northern Parulas were in *Santa Cruz* in May (DLSu, Eric Preston). An ad. male Black-throated Blue Warbler at a mobile home park in Campbell 5 Apr (*Santa Clara's* 3rd; Jerry Towner) was surprising. The early date suggests perhaps a wintering bird on the move. Extensive surveys in the Santa Cruz Mts. in *Santa Cruz/Santa Clara* found Hermit Warblers breeding more widely than previously known (DLSu, m. ob.).

Spring vagrant Black-and-white Warblers were along San Pedro Cr., Pacifica, *San Mateo* 12 May (DSg) and Valencia Rd., *Santa Cruz* 16 May (DLSu). The only American Redstarts were at Big Sur R. mouth 24 May (Dee Sardoff) and on F.I. 25 May (2; PP). Ovenbirds were banded on F.I. 5 & 27 May and at Big Sur R. mouth 31 May; a male was along Tunitas Cr., *San Mateo* 25 May (RSTh). Unexpected Northern Waterthrushes were in Mountain View, *Santa Clara* 2-11 Apr (singing male; Kristi Hein, m. ob.), in the Garcia R. bottoms at Pt. Arena, *Mendocino* 22 Mar (†A. Vishnu), and in Sierra Valley 25 May (first *Plumas* record; Brian Fitch). Another on Mill Cr., *Mono* 20 May (KNN) was e. of the Sierra, where expected in small numbers. A Common Yellowthroat at 1140 m elev at White Pines Res. 18 Apr (JND) was the first *Calaveras* report above 900 m.

A singing male Hooded Warbler brightened a Regional Editor's wedding at Carmel R. mouth, *Monterey* 4-5 May (JM, Robbie Fischer, RC, m. ob.). Four female Hooded Warblers were scattered from Pt. Reyes, *Marin* 10 Apr (very early, RS) to Moss Beach 14 May & Pescadero Cr. 31 May, both *San Mateo* (RSTh), to Hopkins Gulch Rd., *Santa Cruz* 27 May (DLSu). Compilers from a dozen counties commented on the higher-than-usual numbers of Yellow-breasted Chats from mid-Apr through May (earliest 19 Apr Big Sur R. mouth; 16 were found during a "wave" there 8 May; RE, Roger Wolfe). This species is typically a scarce migrant and local breeder along the coast.

### TANAGERS THROUGH LONGSPURS

A female Summer Tanager wintering along Soquel Cr., *Santa Cruz* lingered to 17 Mar (Andy Stone, DLSu); another female was in Golden Gate Park, S.F. 3 Mar (Dennis Braddy, JM, m. ob.). Two were together at Pt. Reyes, *Marin* 28 May (RS). The Green-tailed Towhee wintering on Coyote Cr., *Santa Clara* was present to 10 Mar (Eric Feuss); a spring bird was well out of place at the Cosumnes R. Preserve, *Sacramento* 4 May (Chris Conard, John Trochet). Both Clay-colored and Brewer's Sparrows are very rare on the coast in spring, but single Clay-colored were at Little River, *Mendocino* 5 May (Charlene McAllister) and

Coyote Pt., *San Mateo* 13 May (RSTh), and Brewer's were on F.I. (2 birds, 8 & 23-25 May) and at Pigeon Pt., *San Mateo* 19 May (Richard C. Carlson). Unexpected Vesper Sparrows were found in five coastal counties.

A Black-throated Sparrow was at n. Lake Tahoe, *Placer* 4 May (Will Richardson), and another was singing on territory on Ice House Rd., *El Dorado* 18 May (WEH, EDG). They have bred nearby on the w. slope of the Sierra before (see *FN*: 51: 951, 1051 & *N.A.B.* 53: 327); interestingly, a Black-chinned Sparrow (equally rare here) was singing in the same vicinity (WEH, EDG). Black-throated Sparrows were abundant at lower elevations throughout *Mono* in May, possibly due to dry conditions farther s. (KNN et al.); a half-dozen were in e. *Alpine* (JSL et al.), where there are few prior records. *Siskiyou's* first Lark Bunting was a male nicely sketched in Shasta Valley 25 May (†Jean & Michael Taylor). Grasshopper Sparrows were reported as unusually widespread in *Mendocino* and *Santa Clara*; one at Salt Springs Res. 11 May (JND) was in *Calaveras*, where few have been found. The wintering Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow at Arcata, *Humboldt* was last reported 25 Mar (JTz, Russ Namtzt).

With talk of splitting the Fox Sparrow into several species, some observers are more closely studying those they find and reporting unusual forms to us. This is appreciated, but some of these identifications should be regarded as tentative, as identification criteria for many races and the distribution of birds away from their breeding grounds are not fully understood. An amazing 8 Harris's Sparrows were located away from the Great Basin, including at feeders in Watsonville, *Santa Cruz* (2 different birds 7 Mar—30 Apr; Eileen Halvery, Wayne & Sylvia Macon); a late ad. at Half Moon Bay, *San Mateo* 4-6 May (RSTh); an ad. in Redding, *Shasta* 30 Apr (Dan Greanery, BED); 2 at Loyaltan, *Sierra* 26 Mar—9 Apr (JSL, Dennis Cavallo); and *Placer's* first near Lincoln 13 Mar (BDW). Birds showing characters of hybrid White-crowned x Golden-crowned Sparrows were described from Shasta Valley, *Siskiyou* 11-19 Apr (RE) and Los Altos, *Santa Clara* 21 Apr (†Rob Colwell). A Chestnut-collared Longspur in full nuptial dress was at Mono L., *Mono* 2 Mar (KNN), but a Lapland Longspur at Moss Landing, *Monterey* 3 Apr (RF) showed no signs of prealternate molt and may have wintered nearby.

### GROSBEAKS THROUGH FINCHES

Seventeen Rose-breasted Grosbeak reports came our way this spring (6 in *Santa Cruz*, 4 each in *San Mateo* & *Monterey*). Dates spanned 1 Apr—31 May. We considered 9 an "excellent number" as recently as spring 1998, 11 were

"impressive" in spring 2000, and there were a dozen last spring. Will nesting be next? Huge numbers of Lazuli Buntings peaked in early May, with many more banded at Big Sur R. mouth than in any other spring and migrants 10 times more abundant than usual in places like Henry Coe S.P., *Santa Clara* (m. ob.). An apparent Lazuli x Indigo Bunting was banded at Stone Lakes N.W.R., *Sacramento* 11 May (†TDM et al.), and another photographed at Windy Hill O.S.P., *San Mateo* (MMR), but otherwise Indigo Buntings were conspicuous by their absence, with but 2 on F.I. and a male at Castle Rock S.P., *Santa Cruz* 28 May (RWR, FV).

Single Common Grackles giving diagnostic calls were nicely described from Big Sur R. mouth, *Monterey* 18-19 May (†CHO, †Tonya Haff; a grackle in flight there 26 May could have been this bird), and one at the Klamath R. near Beaver Cr. 9-11 May (†Bob & Patti Claypole) was the first documented for *Siskiyou*. There are still only about a dozen records for all of n. California. Many new breeding pairs of Great-tailed Grackles were documented in *Santa Cruz* (John Welch et al.). A pair carrying nest material in Hollister 17 May provided the first breeding evidence for *San Benito* (Mark Paxton). Courting males were at Kutras L., Redding, *Shasta* (Barbara Peck) and new colonies formed at Delevan N.W.R., *Colusa* (BDW) and at Ione, *Amador* (TS). One to 2 males at Angels Camp 15 Apr—13 May (†Keith Maurer) were the first records in *Calaveras*.

Two Tricolored Blackbirds in Sierra Valley 12 May (LLu, CLu) provided only the 2nd record for *Plumas*. A Scott's Oriole in Golden Gate Park, S.F. 12-31 Mar (Stephen Davies, m. ob.) was a pleasant surprise; they are exceedingly scarce in our Region. The ad. male Orchard Oriole that wintered at Natural Bridges S.B., *Santa Cruz* stayed until 2 Apr (m. ob.) and overlapped with an imm. male there 27 Mar—29 Apr (SGe, DLSu, m. ob.). Another imm. male visited the S.F. Zoo 17 Mar—3 Apr (†DM). An imm. male Baltimore Oriole at Laguna Grande, *Monterey* 13 Apr (RbF) was an early migrant, as none wintered there; given the date, however, it must have wintered somewhere on the West Coast. More typical late-spring vagrant Baltimores were at Big Sur R. mouth 18 May (CHO); Natural Bridges S.P., *Santa Cruz* 25-28 May (Steve & Stephanie Singer et al.); and F.I. 25-27 May (2 birds; PP).

There was a substantial movement of Pine Siskins in the *Santa Clara* lowlands from mid-Mar to late Apr, while one at a feeder near Red Bluff, *Tehama* 24 Mar (BED) was the first ever there in 11 years. And last, but not least, once again Lawrence's Goldfinches were everywhere,

breeding madly along the *Monterey* and *Santa Cruz* coasts, plentiful throughout the Diablo Range and Berkeley Hills, numerous n to *Mendocino*, and a few scattered to *Shasta* and *Tehama*.

### CORRIGENDA

The Common Loon at East Park Res. 4 May 2001 was in *Colusa*, not *Tehama*. The Laughing Gull reported in *Santa Clara* was observed 14 Oct 2001, not 23 Oct, and the Little Gull in *Santa Clara* was observed on 17 Sep 2001, not 17 Nov.

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