

Middle Pacific Coast



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A relatively mild winter continued into a mostly-dry March, but April and May brought record-setting rainstorms along the coast and a cold, wet spring east of the Sierra. The harsh weather in the mountains may have caused the unprecedented invasion of certain montane breeders—particularly Calliope Hummingbirds and Hammond's, Dusky, and Gray Flycatchers—in the Central Valley and along the coast during migration.

Birdwise, it was a tardigrade spring: an almost-universal refrain was "slow migration," with wintering birds leaving late and breeders arriving late, with a few prominent exceptions. Observers noted low numbers and few unusual migrants. The wet spring meant good insect crops, perhaps presaging a productive summer season.

Abbreviations: C.B.R.C. (California Bird Records Committee); C.V. (Central Valley); F.I. (Southeast Farallon I., *San Francisco*); N.S. (National Seashore); R.P. (River Preserve); R.S. (Regional Shoreline); S.B. (State Beach), S.F. (*San Francisco*); S.P. (State Park); U.C. (University of California); W.A. (Wildlife Area).

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LOONS THROUGH BOOBIES

A Horned Grebe 18 May at Shoreline L., *Santa Clara* (DLSu) was notably late. Unusual inland in the Region, a Red-necked Grebe was at Thermalito Afterbay, *Butte* 5 Apr (JSL, LWC). Laysan Albatrosses were off *Humboldt* 18 Mar (Jared Bryant, *fide* DFX) and 19 Apr (2 birds; TMcK, STu et al.) and *Santa Cruz* 13 Apr (RgW, RT, m. ob.). There were second-hand reports of up to 2 Short-tailed Albatrosses off *Humboldt* 6 Mar (Jared Bryant, *fide* EE, SWH) and 6 Apr (Tim Piretti, *fide* EE).

Two Murphy's Petrels were off Ft. Bragg, *Mendocino* 11 May (ShJ, ph. Eric Preston). There have been few Regional records of this species over the past decade. A Hawaiian/Galápagos Petrel 5 km w. of the Salinas R. mouth, *Monterey* 4 May (ph. Nancy Black) was thought to be a Hawaiian based on structural characteristics (DR). The recent determination that the two taxa of Dark-rumped Petrel represent two distinct species has sparked interest in their at-sea identification. Currently, only specimens can be identified to species, and no specimens exist from North American waters. Identification in the field remains problematic, and the birds should continue to be considered Hawaiian/Galápagos Petrels at this time.

Somewhat unseasonable and unusual from shore, a Flesh-footed Shearwater was just off Pt. Pinos, *Monterey* 3 May (SBT et al.). Manx Shearwaters were offshore of *Monterey* 9 Mar (†DR et al.), 26 Mar (RT), and 13 Apr (RT, RgW et al.) The Brown Booby discovered last season at Pillar Pt. Harbor, *San Mateo* remained until 23 Mar (FrT).

BITTERNS THROUGH CRANES

Perhaps related to the wet spring, good numbers of Least Bitterns were reported, with up to 5 at three locations in *Merced* 15 Mar–31 May (GWpO, LLu, CLu, FrT, PJM, m. ob.), one at Cosumnes R.P., *Sacramento* 12 Apr–10 May (JTr), one nw. of Davis 7 May (3rd *Yolo* record; Marcel Holyoak), and one at San Joaquin River N.W.R. 18 May (3rd *Stanislaus* record in 20 years; JHG). The only report away from the C.V. was one at Coyote Hills R.P., *Alameda* 4 May (Rusty Scalf). Little Blue Herons continue to be

scarce, with an ad. at Moss Landing 9 Mar (Monterey's 5th; Bettie Harriman) being the only one noted. Cattle Egret reports were sparse, but of note were 2 near Leavitt 30 Apr+ (4th Lassen record; TDM), one on a nest at Hayward R.S., Alameda 29 May (3rd successive year of breeding here; RJR), and 2 pairs nesting in Santa Rosa, Sonoma 13 Apr (Lorin Leitner, Philip Greene). A few White-faced Ibis pushed coastward 3–27 May, with the largest group being 27 in a flooded field near Gilroy, Santa Clara 27 May (RWR, FV). Four near Richfield 11 May (BED) were thought to represent only the 2nd record for Tehama.

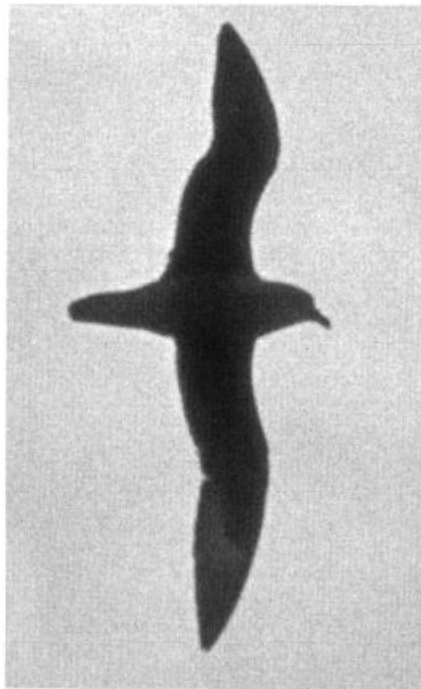
The 3 ad. Trumpeter Swans at Modoc N.W.R., Modoc remained through at least 7 Mar (†Sandy Koonce). A male Garganey at the Yolo Bypass W.A., Yolo 5 Apr (AEn) would be only the 6th spring record for the Region but was reported without documentation. A female Green-winged Teal with 4 recently hatched ducklings at Redwood Shores 20 May (†RSTh) provided the first breeding record for San Mateo. Reports of 6 Common (Eurasian Green-winged) Teal came from Humboldt, Yolo, San Mateo, and Santa Clara; the last lingered until 15 Apr. Six male Eurasian Wigeons at Humboldt Bay N.W.R., Humboldt 4 May (SMcA) was a remarkable number for so late in the season. A male at La Grange Road 24–30 Mar (Roy Carlson) may have been only the 2nd for Tuolumne; one at Moonglow Dairy, Monterey 3–21 May (RF, m. ob.) was likely summering. A pair of Ring-necked Ducks at Kutrass L. in Redding, Shasta 27 May (BED) was very late. Only 2 Tufted Ducks were reported: one on Bolinas Lagoon, Marin 2 Mar (Richard Ackley) and a female sw. of Napa, Napa through 9 Mar (LHg). The apparent Tufted Duck x Greater Scaup hybrid at Port Sonoma, Sonoma was last seen 13 Mar (RLeb). An imm. Long-tailed Duck at the Pajaro R. mouth, Santa Cruz and Monterey 5–31+ May (BMth) was summering. Barrow's Goldeneyes were scarce, with a male at the American R. Parkway, Sacramento 4 Mar (SAbb) and a female in Truckee, Nevada 14 Mar (Zach Smith) being the only reports. A female Hooded Merganser with 6 young se. of Lincoln, Placer 17–27 May (CIH) provided a rare C.V. breeding record; apparently the young were depredated prior to fledging.

The male Zone-tailed Hawk in the lower Carmel R. Valley, Monterey was seen through 24 Mar (CHO) and then again 26 May+ (Erica Lindgren). Another was reported over Muddy Hollow, Pt. Reyes N.S., Marin 11 Apr (KBu). Somewhat late and in an unusual location, the last northbound Ferruginous Hawk was seen over Watts Valley, Fresno 8 Apr (JND). Late falcons included Merlins at Coyote Pt., San

Mateo 9 May (RSTh) and at Clam Beach, Humboldt 13 May (KGR) and Prairie Falcons n. of Winters, Yolo 14 May (JKn, Anne King) and over Cole Valley, S.F. 15 May (PSar). Three Black Rails ne. of Lincoln 29 Apr (JCS) were the first for Placer; several more were at the known breeding location in Spenceville W.A., Yuba 10 May (EP, SAG). Early Virginia Rail broods were at Shollenberger Park, Sonoma 31 Mar (David Hofmann, Ron Storey) and Baldwin Cr., Santa Cruz 8 Apr (DLSu). A wayward Common Moorhen at El. 6 May provided the 3rd island record (PP). Eleven Sandhill Cranes over L. McSwain 24 Mar (Roy Carlson) were noted as "quite possibly the first for Mariposa."

SHOREBIRDS

Inland shorebird coverage was good this season, with many notable reports. American Golden-Plovers on the move included an ad. at the Merced N.W.R., Merced 25 Apr (JSL) and one at the Modesto W.T.P., Stanislaus 21 Apr–10 May (JHG, JSL). A Pacific



This Murphy's Petrel at the 600-fathom contour some 33.3 km off of Fort Bragg, Mendocino County, California 11 May 2003 was one of two seen that day. Note the distinctive shape, the overall gray color, the contrasting lighter primaries, and the light throat patch. The birds that day followed a rash of sightings in the Southern Pacific Coast Region in April. Photograph by Eric Preston.

Golden-Plover at the Llano Seco Unit of Sacramento N.W.R. 5 Apr (†JSL, LWC) was thought to be Butte's first. Snowy Plovers were reported from seven inland counties, with high counts of 9 at Lower Klamath N.W.R., Siskiyou 3 May (Danielle Thomson, RE, DS) and up to 7 at the Modesto W.T.P., Stanislaus (JHG, JSL, MiF); one at the Red-

ding W.T.P. 29 Apr was the first for Shasta (Ray Bruun, BED, m. ob.). Three Semipalmated Plovers at Indian Creek Res. 2 May (TEa) constituted the 2nd record for Alpine.

An American Avocet x Black-necked Stilt hybrid was a surprise find on a Hayward salt pond, Alameda 29 May+ (Robin Dakin, ph. David Cardinal). Two Lesser Yellowlegs 10 May near Soledad, Monterey (RF) were late, but one 25–27 May in a flooded field near Gilroy, Santa Clara (JiD, RWR, FV) was one of only about a half-dozen records for the last week of May. Seventeen Solitary Sandpipers were found in 13 inland and coastal counties 15 Apr–10 May. A Long-billed Curlew at Trinity Center 31 May was a long overdue first for Trinity (JLx, Sheree Lomax). Marbled Godwits were widely reported and in large numbers inland: 21 at the Shasta Valley W.A., Siskiyou 24 Apr (RE); 18 at Camp Far West Res. 25 Apr (first Yuba record?; TDM); 22 at Beach L., Sacramento 28 Apr (CCo, Shawn Pettrash); 29 at the Redding W.T.P. 29 Apr (2nd Shasta record; Rob Santry, m. ob.); and 35+ n. of Lincoln, Placer 3 May (SAG, EP, CIH).

Surprising inland Ruddy Turnstones were at Gustine, Merced 3 May (KVV) and the Shasta Valley W.A., Siskiyou 9 May (3 birds; RE). A Black Turnstone at the latter location 24 Apr (RE) was only the 3rd record for Siskiyou and the first in spring. The highest count ever for S.F. Bay, 87 Surfbirds were at Coyote Pt. 21 Apr; a high count of 329 Red Knots at nearby Redwood Shores 27 Apr was similarly impressive (both San Mateo; both RSTh). Other Red Knots of note included up to 2 in Long Valley, Mono 25 Apr into May (KNN), the first Shasta record at the Redding W.T.P. 27–29 Apr (ph. Ray Bruun, m. ob.), and the first Shasta Valley, Siskiyou record at the Shasta W.A. 9 May (RE). Inland Sanderlings were found at Crowley L., Mono 14 Apr (2 birds; KNN) and at the Modesto W.T.P., Stanislaus 1 May (Karen Rapp). Semipalmated Sandpipers were reported from Arcata, Humboldt 21 Apr and Pt. Isabel R.S. 4 May (first spring Contra Costa record; RbF). Two White-rumped Sandpipers, the 7th and 8th for the Region, were found: Crowley L., Mono 26 May (†REM) and Pt. Reyes N.S., Marin 31 May–1 Jun (†CLu, vt. †LLu, †RS). Two Baird's Sandpipers at Abbott's Lagoon, Marin 22 Apr (KBu) and single Pectoral Sandpipers e. of Rio Oso 5 May (first spring record for Sutter; JCS) and near Soledad, Monterey 10 May (RF) were the only ones reported. Two alternate-plumaged Rock Sandpipers lingered at Humboldt Bay, Humboldt through the late date of 20 Apr (RS et al.). A Stilt Sandpiper at Merced N.W.R., Merced 20 Apr (PJM) may have been the bird found there in winter. An alternate-

plumaged bird there on 25 May (first late May record for the Region; AJ), however, may have been a migrant from elsewhere, especially given that it was keeping company with a basic-plumaged Curlew Sandpiper present 25–26 May (ph. †AJ, †KVV), the 4th spring record for the Region. Ruffs continued at Humboldt Bay N.W.R., *Humboldt* through 17 Mar (male; STu et al.) and at the Yolo Bypass W.A.; *Yolo* through 23 Mar (female; WEG). Others were at White L., *Siskiyou* 25 Mar (RHw) and Pt. Reyes N.S., *Marin* 8–11 Apr (female; RS et al., KBu).

GULLS THROUGH SKIMMERS

Lingering Glaucous Gulls were reported at Capitola, *Santa Cruz* 3 Mar (DLSu), near Davis, *Yolo* 3 Mar (JKn), Alviso, *Santa Clara* 8 Mar (ph. Ryan Terrill), Liberty Island Rd., *Solano* 23 Mar (Roger Muskat), Eel R., *Humboldt* 6 Apr, Pt. Pinos, *Monterey* 16 Apr (DR), and Salinas R. mouth, *Monterey* 10 May (DR, RC). The wintering concentration of Black Skimmers in Mountain View, *Santa Clara* decreased from 18 on 13 Apr (Phil and Pat Gordon) to one on 21 Apr (WGB). It is unknown whether these birds all breed in the S.F. Bay estuary complex following dispersal, but a nest was present 7 May+ at a salt pond in Alviso, *Santa Clara* (RWR et al.), where this species has nested previously.

DOVES THROUGH SOLITAIRES

Wayward Band-tailed Pigeons were in upper Del Puerto Canyon, *Stanislaus* 11 Apr (pair; SAG) and near Davis, *Yolo* 18 Apr (SCH). Vagrant White-winged Doves were at Carmel R. mouth, *Monterey* 7 May (RF) and Bodega Bay, *Sonoma* 30 May (DN). Great Gray Owl nests with incubating females found 21 Apr (Doug Drynan; JND) and 26 Apr (*vide* Doug Drynan) near Shaver L., *Fresno* represent not only the southernmost for the state but also for the entire world; the first nest was also notable for being far from any large meadows. A Common Poorwill 3 May near Davis, *Yolo* was a rare find for the floor of the Sacramento Valley (JKn). Notable sightings of Black Swift included 2 at the San Jose Cr. mouth 3 May (*Monterey's* earliest migrants ever; †Theo and Chris Maehr), one at Oregon Bar S.P. 11 May (*Yuba's* 2nd; RS et al.), and one at Clear Cr. 21 May (*Lassen's* first; †BMS). Black-chinned Hummingbirds normally arrive in the Region in mid-Apr; a male at Santa Cruz, *Santa Cruz* 21 Mar (†DLSu) and a well-described female at Mt. Davidson, S.F. 27–28 Mar (†PSar) may have been the earliest ever recorded. One of the more noteworthy events of the season was an unprecedented invasion of migrant Calliope Hummingbirds. No fewer than 21 birds

were detected along or near the coast, and a whopping 37 were tallied in the C.V., particularly at feeders in the Redding, *Shasta* region. Migrant Acorn Woodpeckers in unusual locations included single birds in S.F. at Golden Gate Park 17 May (Brian Fitch) and at Lincoln Park 29 May (Matt Zlatunich), as well as one 28 May at Mad R. Slough, *Humboldt* (GSL). *Monterey's* wintering Williamson's Sapsucker near Pebble



Banders at Big Sur Ornithology Lab, Monterey County, California captured this Louisiana Waterthrush 30 May 2003, only the second record for the Region. Photograph by Jessica Griffiths, Ventana Wilderness Society.

Beach was last seen 5 Mar (m. ob.).

Many Willow Flycatchers, normally very late migrants, were exceptionally early, including one 26 Apr near Davis, *Yolo* (JKn), one at Smith's Creek, *Santa Clara* 30 Apr (†WGB), and 6 more throughout the Region by 3 May. Migrant Hammond's, Dusky, and Gray Flycatchers were all reported in far larger-than-normal numbers. Though Hammond's are noted regularly in the inner Coast Ranges in spring, they are far less common elsewhere in the lowlands, so no fewer than 25 coastal and 21 C.V. sightings were most impressive. Three coastal and 3 C.V. Grays was an average showing, but at least 22 Coast Range migrants shatters all previous totals. Nine coastal Dusks were more than normal but were overshadowed by at least 8 on the C.V. floor 20 Apr–23 May. An Eastern Phoebe near Lincoln 16 May was *Placer's* first (†JLx). The Tropical Kingbird at Colma, *San Mateo* was last seen 1 Apr (Hugh Harvey). *Santa Cruz's* 6th Cassin's Kingbird was near Watsonville 23 Mar (CGE), and *Humboldt's* 3rd was at Patrick's Point S.P. 13 May (†KI). Vagrant Eastern Kingbirds were at Big Sur R. mouth, *Monterey* 28 May (RF) and outer Pt. Reyes, *Marin* 31 May (RS). Scissor-tailed

Flycatchers brightened the spring migration on outer Pt. Reyes, *Marin* 3 May (Mike Erb; m. ob.) and at Ft. Bragg, *Mendocino* 23 May (†Reuben Casillas).

A Loggerhead Shrike at N. Lake Tahoe, *Placer* 3 May was at an unusual altitude, particularly so late in spring (TEa). A Plumbeous Vireo at Mix Canyon 14–19 Apr was Solano's first (†Roger Muskat, RLCL); one near Watsonville 24 Apr was the first spring record for Santa Cruz (†RgW). Observers should remain cautious when attempting to identify birds in the Solitary Vireo group, especially in spring when birds are particularly worn. A Red-eyed Vireo near Wendel 21 May was *Lassen's* 3rd (BMS). Steller's Jays were once assumed to be rarities in *Merced* until the discovery of 15 at Pacheco S.P. 22 Mar (KVV). A pair of Steller's carrying nest material at Inspiration Pt. 11 Mar provided just the 2nd nesting confirmation for S.F. (Matt Zlatunich). The realization that Bank Swallows may now be extirpated as a *Monterey* breeder was disheartening news (m. ob.). Out-of-place Townsend's Solitaires were at Lost Lake Park, *Fresno* 18–21 Apr (Ed Case et al.) and Pacheco S.P., *Merced* 31 May (JLx).

THRASHERS THROUGH TOWHEES

Four extralimital Sage Thrashers were a good showing, including the cooperative one wintering at U.C. Davis Raptor Center, *Solano* through the period (m. ob.), and singles 10 Apr at N. Lake Tahoe, *Placer* (WRI), 3 May at Coyote Pt., *San Mateo* (RSTh), and 8 May at Orleans, *Humboldt* (KMS). Single American Pipits 3 May in coastal *Monterey* (Dan Lebeune) and 14 May in coastal *Humboldt* (JTz) were late, while one 21 May at the City of Davis Wetlands was the latest spring date for *Yolo* (JKn).

Interesting e. warblers at FI. the last week of May included a Tennessee, a Blackburnian, and a Chestnut-sided; an Ovenbird was there 14 May (PP). On the mainland, a Tennessee at Wendel 31 May was only *Lassen's* 3rd (BMS); in *Santa Cruz*, a male Chestnut-sided was in Capitola 26 May and an Ovenbird was at Cowell Redwoods S.P. 9 May (DLSu). Strong numbers of Nashville Warblers were reported Regionwide, including 43 on a *Siskiyou/Humboldt* Breeding Bird Survey (DFx, JCP) and a near-record 17 moving through *Santa Cruz* (m. ob.). A scattering of 5 Northern Parulas included singing males in *San Mateo* and *Monterey*, where they have bred in recent years.

A male Magnolia Warbler at Pt. Reyes N.S., *Marin* 23–25 May was a treat (RS, †ES). A male Cape May Warbler in suburban Sacramento 1 Mar–3 Apr was a first for *Sacramento* and only the C.V.'s 2nd (Jeri Langham, m. ob.). The male Black-throated Blue Warbler spending its 2nd winter in

Santa Cruz, *Santa Cruz* was last seen 12 Mar (KAR). The wintering female Black-throated Green Warbler at Laguna Grande, *Monterey* was last there 1 Mar (SRV, †JSL, m. ob.). A male Black-and-white Warbler wintered in Pacific Grove, *Monterey* until 12 Mar (AB), while singles at Big Sur, *Monterey*, 30 Apr–3 May (JsSc, Jessica Griffiths), 6 May at Dechambeau Cr., *Mono* (Joel Ellis), and 30 May at King Salmon, *Humboldt* were migrants (MWa).

Two Northern Waterthrushes banded 6 & 8 May at Big Sur R. mouth (B.S.O.L., ph. Sarah Hamilton, JsSc) were trumped by *Monterey's* first (and our Region's 2nd) Louisiana Waterthrush, banded there 30 May (B.S.O.L., ph. Jessica Griffiths; †DR). Four Hooded Warblers were one-day wonders: 30 Apr at Coyote Pt., *San Mateo* (RSTh), 21 May at Carmel R. mouth, *Monterey* (JsSc), 23 May at Pt. Reyes, *Marin* (RS), and one banded 27 May at Palomarin, *Marin* (P.R.B.O., Kim Kreitinger). A singing male graced S.F. from 19–29 May (Brian Fitch, m. ob.). No American Redstarts were reported this season, but even more surprising was a Painted Redstart 27 Apr at Santa Cruz, a first for *Santa Cruz* (†SGe) and one of few for our Region. The Green-tailed Towhee that wintered in Pacific Grove, *Monterey* began singing daily by early Feb and stayed until 21 Apr (ph. RC, ph. DR).

SPARROWS THROUGH BUNTINGS

Increased attention is broadening our knowledge of the range of Rufous-crowned Sparrow, with interesting discoveries of singles 27 Apr near Alderpoint, *Humboldt*; 12 May n. of Jenner, *Sonoma*; 16 May in S.W. *Trinity* (all DFX); and 2 along the Eel R., *Mendocino* 31 May (CEV, GEC). The only Clay-colored Sparrow was *Solano's* 3rd, visiting feeders 10–27 Apr at Winters (John & Liz Honeysett, Calvin and Kent Lou). Two Brewer's Sparrows on the C.V. floor were out of place: 26 Apr near Cosumnes R., *Sacramento* (Jeff Skevington) and 10 May at Yolo Bypass W.A., *Yolo* (WEG, Dan Tankersley, Ed Harper). A Vesper Sparrow 6 Apr at Trinity Center was the 2nd for spring in *Trinity* (LWC, JSL), while one 16 May at UC Santa Cruz, *Santa Cruz* (MSc) and 2 at Arcata Bottoms, *Humboldt* 5 May (KI) were rare coastal migrants. Grasshopper Sparrows had another strong spring Regionwide. A Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow 2–10 Mar at a S. San Francisco salt marsh provided just the 4th record for *San Mateo* (RSTh). Six Swamp Sparrows on the coast were expected, but one 23 May at Merced N.W.R., *Merced* was a rare C.V. record (John Fulton, JSL).

Common wintering *Zonotrichia* sparrows lingered later into the spring than usual. Thirty-five White-throated Sparrows were

reported, with many staying into May; one banded 16 May at Lagunitas Cr., *Marin* (P.R.B.O., Kim Kreitinger) and another 17 May near L. Camanche, *San Joaquin* (Jim Rowth) were exceptionally late. Our only Harris's Sparrows were single birds, one wintering until 9 Mar near Lincoln, *Placer* (JLx, SRV), and another, *Alpine's* 2nd, 2 May at Woodfords (TEa). Dark-eyed Juncos continued their interest in the Cosumnes R.P., *Sacramento*, with birds singing 16 Apr and copulating 6 May (JTr). The only Lapland Longspur was at Buchli Station, *Napa* 9 Apr (BDP).

All 11 reported Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were coastal. A lost Blue Grosbeak was at Crissy Field, S.F. 2 May (ASH). An impressive 7 Indigo Buntings included a female at Mt. Davidson, S.F. 12 May (†PSar), a continuing male at Lafayette, *Contra Costa* to 24 Mar (Maury Stern), a male in Carmel Valley, *Monterey* 1 Mar–28 Apr (Rusty & Annette Kunz et al.), a male at a feeder in Santa Cruz 24 Mar–16 Apr (Barbara Booth), and a female at Natural Bridges S.B., *Santa Cruz* 11 May (SGe). Exceptional were males 16 May at Island Mountain (DFx) and 19–25 May at Salyer (RbF, JEH), *Trinity's* 3rd and 4th.

BLACKBIRDS THROUGH FINCHES

A male Tricolored Blackbird at Ft. Bragg, *Mendocino* 26 Apr was n. of its usual winter haunts (RJK, GEC, MAM, CEV). A wandering Yellow-headed Blackbird was at a feeder in Glenshire, *Nevada* 4 May (Martin Meyers). Our wintering Rusty Blackbird lasted until 8 Mar in Santa Clara, *Santa Clara*.

Great-tailed Grackles continue to colonize our Region and were widely reported this season; some day (perhaps soon) they will no longer be notable. Nesting was reported in *Alameda*, *Mono*, *Monterey*, and *Santa Cruz*; 2 males at County Line Road 24 May were *Sutter's* first (JCS). Hooded Orioles also continued their slow expansion northward (or are we just noticing them more?), with four reports from inland *Mendocino*, one from *Tehama*, and 2 pairs from *Shasta*, among many others. Most impressive were pairs 26–30 May at Arcata (KMS, DFX) and 28 May at Manila (KGR), both *Humboldt*. A singing male Baltimore Oriole was at Natural Bridges, *Santa Cruz* 29 May (SGe).

Off-course Cassin's Finches were found in Redding, *Shasta* 29 Mar–1 Apr (B&CY) and Davis, *Yolo* 2 Mar (SCH). Red Crossbills were widely reported coastally from *Santa Cruz* to *Humboldt*. Evening Grosbeaks made stops in Redding, *Shasta* 18 May (B&CY) and McKinleyville, *Humboldt* 18–19 Apr (GSL, LPL).

EXOTICS

The Eurasian Collared-Dove population near King City, *Monterey*, traced to a known

release in 1999 and now numbering 50+ birds (J&HBA), may be responsible for sightings in Pacific Grove, *Monterey*, and San Juan Bautista this winter, although many birds in se. California are thought to be arriving from the east.

Corrigenda: RS submitted the following correction to our fall 2002 report: The migrant Nuttall's Woodpecker on outer Pt. Reyes was the 7th transient to be found there, not the first. A pair even nested successfully in 1980!

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