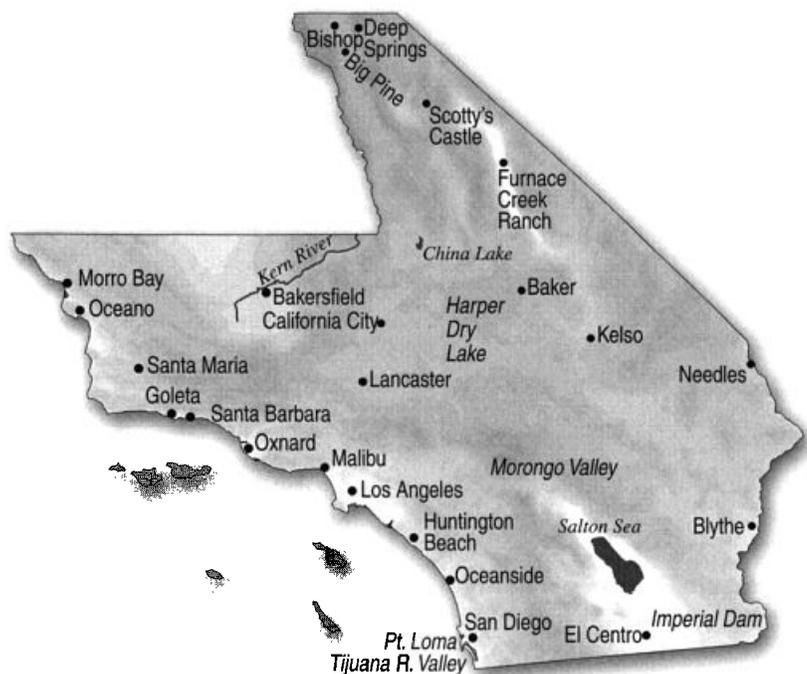


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Although drought conditions following another relatively dry winter continued through the period, the concentrating effects of well-watered desert oases was not as pronounced as during the very dry spring of 2002. There were major movements of migrant passerines on the coast 23–27 April and through the Imperial Valley 6 May. Away from eastern Kern County (most notably Butterbrecht Springs), the number and variety of vagrants was less than expected. However, the numbers of Yellow-throated Vireos, Northern Parulas, and Kentucky and Hooded Warblers were higher than normal, suggesting a minor repeat of the unprecedented influx of southeastern warblers and vireos experienced in the Region in 1992 (see Patten and Marantz. 1996. *Auk* 113: 911–923). The daily monitoring of

raptors migrating through the Borrego Valley in eastern San Diego County documented far more Swainson's Hawks moving northward through southern California than suspected for recent decades. A better-than-average variety of shorebirds was reported, and Franklin's Gulls were more numerous and widespread than normal.

Abbreviations: B.S. (Butterbrecht Spring at the s. end of the Sierra Nevada above Cantil, e. Kern); C.L. (China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station, extreme ne. Kern); E.A.F.B. (Edwards on Edwards Air Force Base, se. Kern); F.C.R. (Furnace Creek Ranch, Death Valley National Park, Inyo); G.H.P. (Galileo Hill Park in extreme e. Kern); N.E.S.S. (n. end of the Salton Sea, Riverside); P.P. (Piute Ponds on Edwards Air Force Base, ne. Los

Angeles); S.C.R.E. (Santa Clara R. Estuary near Ventura, Ventura); S.E.S.S. (s. end of the Salton Sea, Imperial); S.F.K.R.P. (S. Fork Kern R. Preserve near Weldon, Kern); V.A.F.B. (Vandenberg Air Force Base in nw. Santa Barbara); V.C.G.P. (Ventura County Game Preserve near Pt. Mugu Naval Air Station, Ventura). Museum collections abbreviated in the text are: LACM (Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County) and SDNHM (San Diego Natural History Museum). Because virtually all rarities in s. California are seen by many observers, only the observer(s) initially finding and identifying the bird are noted. Documentation for species on the California Bird Records Committee (C.B.R.C.) review list is forwarded to the Secretary and archived at the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology in Camarillo.

LOONS THROUGH DUCKS

A Pacific Loon inland on L. Isabella 24 Apr (BW) was likely the same bird present in midwinter, but one near Trona, San Bernardino 17 Apr (SH) was a spring vagrant. A Yellow-billed Loon was seen flying northward past Pt. Piedras Blancas, San Luis Obispo 12 May (RAR). A Red-necked Grebe at La Jolla, San Diego 4 Mar–28 Apr (MS, SES) was unusually far s. and late for anywhere in the Region; one on Cachuma L., Santa Barbara 9 Apr–1 May (B&EU) and another at Tinemaha Res. near Big Pine, Inyo 31 May (T&JH) were inland, where most unusual.

A Laysan Albatross seen from Boulders Beach on San Clemente I. 17 Mar (SWS, JHP) was closer to land than usual, and this species was found to outnumber Black-footed 20 to 17 w. of the Channel Is. 29 Apr–1 May (TMcG). Small numbers of Northern Fulmars, stragglers from last fall, remained in the San Pedro Channel through the period (KGL, BLS), with stragglers elsewhere (e.g. Newport Beach, Orange 17 May [MJI] and Ocean Beach, San Diego 10 May [SWS]). A Flesh-footed Shearwater, rare in s. California waters, was 14.5 km off La Jolla 21 Apr (WW), and another was 27 km sw. of Santa Rosa I. 23 Apr (WW). A Manx Shearwater 25.5 km off Oceanside 28 Apr (TMcG) was the first in San Diego. Since virtually all Black-vented Shearwaters have normally moved to breeding locations s. of this Region by the end of Mar, with only the occasional straggler present through Jun, 12 flying northward past Pt. Vicente, Los Angeles 23 May and 58 there 30 May (KGL) suggest possible nesting failures.

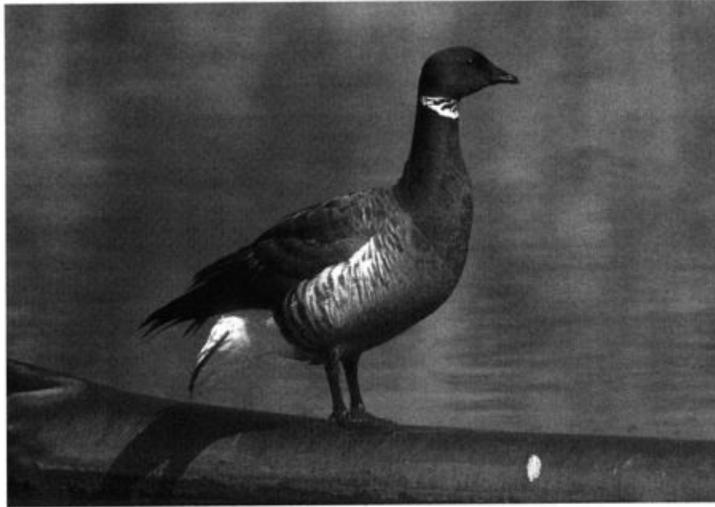
Seven Red-billed Tropicbirds were seen far off *Los Angeles* and *Ventura* 24 Apr (WW), and 6 more were there 30 Apr and 1 May (TMcG). An *Anhinga* at Ramer/Finney Lakes, *Imperial* 19 Mar–6 May (BM, GMcC) was the same bird present this time last year. Two imm. Magnificent Frigatebirds over Pt. Loma, *San Diego* 19 Apr (DA) were most unusual considering the time of the year. A White-faced Ibis at San Clemente I. 4 Apr (JMMcM) provided only the 2nd record for the island. Likely Glossy Ibis x White-faced Ibis hybrids were photographed near Surf, *Santa Barbara* 1 May (MJL) and at P.P. 12–23 May (MSanM, KLG).

Nine Fulvous Whistling-Ducks were reported in the Imperial Valley, including 7 near El Centro, *Imperial* 19 Apr (SNGH), but there was no indication of breeding. Brant were noted passing through the Salton Sink 25 Mar–late Apr, with high counts of 25 near Seeley, *Imperial* 21 Apr (Joe Branna, *vide* BM) and 130 at the White-water R. mouth, *Riverside* 30 Apr (CMcG); however, up to 6 near Trona 30 Apr–7 May (SH) were truly lost. A Wood Duck, rare at the Salton Sink, was near Brawley, *Imperial* 18 Apr (TRC). Surf Scoters, migrating northward after wintering in the Gulf of California, were reported in the Salton Sink mid-Mar+, with an impressive 78 at two locations (Fig Lagoon; Sheldon Res.) in the Imperial Valley 23 Mar (CAM). A White-winged Scoter at S.E.S.S. 9 May+ (GMcC), another at N.E.S.S. 20 May+ (GMcC), a Black Scoter near Seeley 23 Mar (CAM), and up to 2 at N.E.S.S. 1 May+ (GMcC) were undoubtedly associated with the movement of Surf Scoters. Totally unexpected was a Hooded Merganser successfully fledging young from a Wood Duck nest box at the Prado Basin, *Riverside* in Apr (GO).

HAWKS THROUGH PHALAROPES

A Harris's Hawk photographed near Seeley, *Imperial* 27 Mar (BLS) was one of a very few reported at the Salton Sink in recent years. A Broad-winged Hawk at Lompoc, *Santa Barbara* 3 May (PK) and another in Whitewater Canyon, *Riverside* 22 May (RLMcK) were 2 of a very few ever to be found in California in

spring. A total of 4974 Swainson's Hawks was counted migrating northward through the Borrego Valley in e. *San Diego* 21 Feb–8 Apr, including an impressive 1081 on 26 Mar (HC, PJ). The presence of at least one Zone-



This Brant near Imperial, Imperial County, California 25 March 2004 was one of those that moved north through the Salton Sink in March and April of this year. Photograph by Kenneth Z. Kurland.

tailed Hawk around the Providence Mts. in e. *San Bernardino* 3 Apr–15 May (TME, AEK) suggests nesting in that area, but one at Twentynine Palms, *San Bernardino* 2 May (ES) and another at Morongo Valley, *San Bernardino* 22 May (BD) were evidently late vagrants. A Crested Caracara flying northward over Cottonwood Marsh at Owens L., 9



This Curlew Sandpiper at Red Hill on the south shore of the Salton Sea, Imperial County, California 9 April 2004 established the earliest date for a spring migrant in California. Photograph by Kenneth Z. Kurland.

May (REM) was the first to be seen in *Inyo*.

Single American Golden-Plovers at widely separated locations in the Imperial Valley 8 (JLD), 19 (SNGH), & 27 Apr (GMcC) were noteworthy, as the species is rarely detected in spring, particularly inland. Three wintering Pacific Golden-Plovers remained near Port Hueneme, *Ventura* through 22 Mar

(DD), 4 were at Seal Beach, *Orange* through 25 Apr (PC), and single birds were near Imperial Beach, *San Diego* through 3 Apr (REP) and on San Clemente I. to 4 Mar (ELK); one in alternate plumage near Seeley 21 Apr (JL) was believed to be a spring migrant. An American Oystercatcher, a casual straggler to the coast of California, was well studied with 3 Black Oystercatchers in La Jolla 16 Mar (SES). An American Oystercatcher x Black Oystercatcher hybrid was in Laguna Beach, *Orange* 14–23 Mar (MD, ALA), 2–3 were on San Nicolas I. 25 May (WW), and at least 2 more were present on Santa Cruz I. in Mar–Apr (DMC).

About 35 Solitary Sandpipers was more than expected 1 Apr–15 May; most were in the e. half of the Region. A Wandering Tattler, rare inland, was at S.E.S.S. 30 Apr–9 May (KZK, PS). The only Black Turnstones reported inland were singles at Salton City, *Imperial* 22 Apr (TE) and at S.E.S.S. 6–11 Jun (GMcC), the latter exceptionally late. Single Surf-birds, rare inland, were at S.E.S.S. 10 (GCH) & 21–23 Apr (GMcC, Kul). About 500 Red Knots at N.E.S.S. 30 Apr (CMcG) made an impressive flock, particularly for an inland location. Single Semipalmated Sandpipers were found at P.P. 1 May (MSanM) and near Lancaster, *Los Angeles* 12 May (CAM). A Baird's Sandpiper, rare in spring, was at E.A.FB. 12 May (MSanM). Pectoral Sandpipers, equally rare in spring, were at C.L. 12 Apr (BS), San Jacinto W.L.A., *Riverside* 16 Apr (CMcG), and near Brawley, *Imperial* 3 Apr (JL). A first-year Curlew Sandpiper at S.E.S.S. 9 Apr (JLD, GMcC) was the 8th to be found in California in spring. A Stilt Sandpiper at Bolsa Chica, *Orange* 15 Apr (PEL) and 2 at P.P. 17 Apr–8 May (KLG, JoF) were the only ones found away from S.E.S.S. A Ruff around V.C.G.P., *Ventura* 16–22 Mar (TMcG) had probably wintered locally. Exceptionally early northbound movement of Red-necked Phalaropes was indicated by up to 10 alternate-plumaged birds at Bolsa Chica 1–2 Apr (LRH), about 30 around Newport Beach 2 Apr (MJI), along with single birds at Malibu, *Los Angeles* and Goleta, *Santa Barbara* the same day (KLG, WTF), 2 at Playa del Rey,

Los Angeles 2 Apr, and 15 at nearby Ballona Cr. the next day (KGL).

SKUAS THROUGH HUMMINGBIRDS

Three South Polar Skuas around the n. Channel Is. 22 May (TMcG) was an expected number for this time of the year. A Laughing Gull on s. San Diego Bay 19 Mar (MBS) was on the coast, where rare; one at S.E.S.S. 23 Mar (CAM) was unseasonably early. At least 135 Franklin's Gulls were reported 3 Apr+, with most in the e. half of the Region; high counts were of 20 at C.L. 2 May (TEW), 16 at F.C.R. 30 May (C&RH), and 15 at N.E.S.S. 25 May (CMcG), suggesting that more than the expected numbers passed through the Region this spring. Most unusual was a single Heermann's Gull photographed at Owens L. 24 May (SS); up to 5 at C.L. 5 Apr-3 May were also noteworthy (SS, TEW). A Sabine's Gull at E.A.F.B. 29-30 May (JS) was the only one found inland this spring. Two Elegant Terns photographed at S.E.S.S. 6 May (MJI, BLS) were inland, where casual. Four Least Terns were seen at S.E.S.S. after 23 May (GMcC). Two Black Terns at S.E.S.S. 9 Apr (GMcC) were early spring migrants. At least 8 Ancient Murrelets off Palos Verdes, Los Angeles 14 Mar (KLG) made a high count for this time of the year.

Single Band-tailed Pigeons in Ridgecrest, Kern 20 Apr. (N&EG), B.S. 23-24 May (TEW), and on San Clemente I. 25 Apr and 29 May (CRK, BLS) were far from areas of normal occurrence. Eurasian Collared-Doves at F.C.R. 28 Mar (SS) and 29-31 May (DVP, DR), Warm Springs in the Saline Valley, Inyo 12 Apr (REM), Baker, San Bernardino 29 May (MSanM), and Twentynine Palms 4 May (ES) document the continued spread of this species into the e. part of this Region. A White-winged Dove in El Centro 21 Mar (KZK) established the earliest date for a spring migrant in the Salton Sink. An Inca Dove in Julian, San Diego 20-31 Mar (PP) was in the mountains w. of the species' known range. Up to 2 Ruddy Ground-Doves were in Blythe 27 Mar-25 Apr (RH), and at least 12 remained through the period near Calipatria, where the species is now resident and breeding (GMcC). A Common

Nighthawk in Bishop, Inyo 19 May (JZ) was the earliest this year, and a Chimney Swift over Long Beach 29 May (KGL) was likewise the first. At least 20 Calliope Hummingbirds reported from along the coast 3-30 Apr was an above-average tally of migrants.

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH SWALLOWS

The earliest Willow Flycatcher reported was



This Heermann's Gull at China Lake, Kern County, California 13 April 2004 was one of up to six found in the northeastern part of this Southern Pacific Coastal region this spring. Photograph by Susan Steele.

at Eagle Mt. Pumping Station, Riverside 5 May (JCS). Exceptional numbers of Hammond's, Gray, and Dusky Flycatchers were reported during a wave in late Apr. Hammond's is considered a common spring migrant through the Region, but a peak count



This adult Sabine's Gull at Edwards on the Edwards Air Force Base, Kern County, California 29 May 2004 was inland, where casual in spring. Photograph by Kelli Levinson.

of 19 on San Clemente I. on 25 Apr (BLS et al.) was exceptional for the Channel Islands. In contrast, Dusky is thought to be a very rare spring migrant on the coast, so a total of 27 birds on San Clemente I. 23-27 Apr and a peak count of 12 on 25 Apr (BLS) was as-

tounding. Clearly not all *Empidonax* were identified to species, and it should be noted that 154 Hammond's/Dusky Flycatchers were also found during the spring on San Clemente I. Several observers commented on the greater-than-expected movement of Dusky through the Mojave Desert. Gray Flycatchers, too, were in higher-than-average numbers, with 10 in coastal Los Angeles 4 Apr-5 May, up to 8 in coastal Orange 14 Apr-2 May (DRW), and 9 on San Clemente I. 23-27 Apr (BLS). The wintering Dusky-capped Flycatcher in Fountain Valley, Orange was last seen 25 Apr (PC). Up to two pairs of Brown-crested Flycatchers in Borrego Springs 17 May+ were in San Diego's only known nesting locale, and a bird in Darwin Canyon, Inyo 23 May (JZ) was quite far north. The wintering Tropical Kingbird in Ormond Beach, Ventura remained to 24 Apr (DP, OA); the only Eastern Kingbird reported was at F.C.R. 9-11 Jun (KNN). A Scissor-tailed Flycatcher was on Pt. Loma, San Diego 29 Apr-1 May (EA).

An above-average 3 Yellow-throated Vireos were recorded: at Ft. Piute, San Bernardino 16 May (AH et al.), at B.S. 29-31 May (JM), and in Harbor Regional Park near San Pedro, Los Angeles 31 May (MJB). A well-studied Blue-headed Vireo at B.S. 20 Apr (PEL) seemed exceptionally early; the status of this species in the Region is still unclear, pending review of numerous "pre-split" records. Plumbeous Vireos are "chronically over-reported" as spring migrants (undoubtedly being confused with dull, worn Cassin's), but a well-studied bird near El Centro 16 Apr (KZK) was perhaps the first valid spring record for the Salton Sink, and 4 at e. Kern oases 25 Apr-16 May made the highest spring total for that area; one at F.C.R. 8 May (V&GW) was the earliest arrival ever in Inyo. Red-eyed Vireos were at B.S. 6 (TEW) & 24 May (CAM). Fewer than 10 Purple Martins were reported away from the Region's few known or suspected nesting areas; 4 in Atascadero 25 Mar (LA) were the earliest reported. Several pairs of Tree Swallows successfully nesting in boxes at Playa del Rey in May (RB, JW) established a long-awaited recolonization of the Los Angeles coast. A hundred Bank Swallows near Bish-

op 8 May (J&DP) were at one of the Region's last persisting colonies.

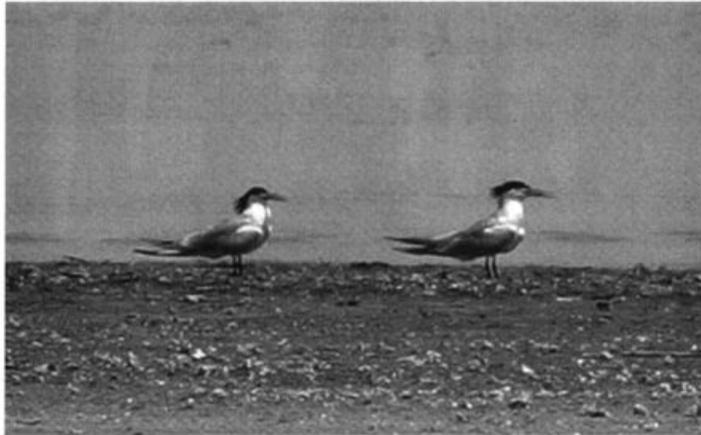
PARIDS THROUGH WARBLERS

A family group of Chestnut-backed Chickadees at El Capitan S. B., 8 km w. of Goleta, *Santa Barbara* 15 May (GT) established the southernmost nesting for the Region. Two Juniper Titmice at Aspendell, *Inyo* 13 Mar (C&RH) were a bit w. of their normal range. A Pygmy Nuthatch at G.H.P. 24–25 Apr (KeL) was the first to be found in spring in e. *Kern*. Recent surveys had yielded no remaining Cactus Wrens in the Baldwin Hills of the Los Angeles Basin, so the appearance of one at a residential feeder there 9 Mar (A&EB) was quite a surprise. A Ruby-crowned Kinglet at Pt. Piedra Blancas 26 May (RAR) established the latest spring record for *San Luis Obispo*. Western Bluebirds continued their expansion into coastal Los Angeles, with nesting documented in Inglewood (RB) and Palos Verdes (SB) in May.

Townsend's Solitaires at Pt. Loma 9 Apr (MBi) and San Clemente I. 30 May (BLS) were at unusual coastal locations. A Hermit Thrush e. of San Juan Capistrano, *Orange* 10 Jun (DRW) appeared sick, perhaps explaining the unusually late date. An exceptionally early Swainson's Thrush near El Centro 27 Mar (KZK) beat the previous early spring record for the Salton Sink by some 10 days. Encouragingly, 24 Le Conte's Thrashers (some in family groups) were surveyed in the s. Carrizo Plain, *San Luis Obispo* 7–29 May (AFS, TME). The Curve-billed Thrasher at Black Meadow Landing, *San Bernardino* remained through 18 Mar (BAB).

The only Tennessee Warblers reported were an early bird at Huntington Beach, *Orange* 1 May (CAM) and one in Wilmington, *Los Angeles* 15 May (ALe). A singing Lucy's Warbler at Wister, S.E.S.S. 22 Mar (CAM) was one of few recently found in the Imperial Valley. Early Northern Parulas at V.A.F.B. 9 Apr (MBa) and near Santee, *San Diego* 16–18 Apr (PEL) foreshadowed the appearance of 17 additional birds in coastal counties through the remainder of the period, with some remaining into summer; 8 additional birds were in e. *Kern* 29 Apr–6 Jun. A Yellow Warbler near Seeley 27 Mar (GMCC) was the earliest migrant ever found in spring in the Salton Sink. Single Chestnut-sided Warblers

were at B.S. 24–27 (MR) & 31 May (JB), and Magnolia Warblers turned up in Banning, *Riverside* 22 May (RLMcK) and California City, *Kern* 30 May (BED). A Black-throated Blue Warbler, casual in the Region in spring, was at B.S. 3–6 Jun (K&BK). Five Black-throated Gray Warblers at various sites in *Inyo* 5 Apr (J&DP, C&RH) established the earliest records for the county. A Black-



Two Elegant Terns photographed at the south end of the Salton Sea, Imperial County 6 May 2004 established one of a very few documented records of the species for the California interior. Photograph by Brian L. Sullivan.

throated Green Warbler at F.C.R. 9 Jun (KNN) was the only one reported. A Townsend's Warbler near El Centro 1–3 Apr (KZK) was the earliest migrant to be found in the Salton Sink, and a singing male in La Cañada Flintridge, *Los Angeles* 30 May (KLG) was quite late. Amazing concentrations of 269 Townsend's Warblers on San Clemente I. 25 Apr and 64 Hermit Warblers



This female Summer Tanager at Butterbreddt Spring, Kern County 13 March 2004 had probably spent the winter somewhere nearby, as spring migrants of this species do not normally reach California before the end of April. Photograph by Pierre Howard.

there 26 Apr (BLS) were part of a major passage of w. migrants on the island during that period (a passage that also brought 323 Warbling Vireos and 172 Western Tanagers 26 Apr). A Blackburnian Warbler was at B.S. 23

May (NF). Yellow-throated Warblers, both apparently of the expected *albiflora* subspecies, were in Long Beach, *Los Angeles* 25 Apr (KGL) and at F.C.R. 29–31 May (DV). The wintering Pine Warbler in Newport Beach, *Orange* was last seen 17 Apr (PC). An additional wintering Palm Warbler was in Encino 2 Mar–1 Apr (RMcM), and 6 were in coastal *Los Angeles* and *Santa Barbara* 5–25 Apr; additional migrants in the n. interior were n. of Bishop 30 Apr (J&DP) and at G.H.P. 9 May (JoF). A male Blackpoll Warbler at B.S. 31 May (KeL) was the only one reported.

Seven Black-and-white Warblers not known to be wintering were along the coast 27 Mar–30 May, and another 12 were on the deserts 1–28 May. Wintering American Redstarts lingered as late as 27 Apr at S.E.S.S. (GMCC) and 4 May at Coronado, *San Diego* (MS); only 9 migrants were reported on the deserts. Seven Ovenbirds were noted on the deserts 5 May–13 Jun (with one found dead on the last date in Lancaster; JaF; *LACM); another was at Bolsa Chica 31 May (BED). Migrant Northern Waterthrushes were at Santa Clarita, *Los Angeles* 29–30 Apr (DRW) and Playa del Rey 19 May (RB), and a below-average 4 additional birds were on the deserts 22 Apr–23 May. A good showing of Kentucky Warblers, all in *Kern* (hence the nickname "Kerntucky Warbler sometimes given this species in the Region), included birds at Ridgecrest 15–17 May (SS, BS), Jawbone Canyon 16 May (KeL), B.S. 19–23 May (KA), and California City 28 May (AH). A MacGillivray's Warbler in Brea 23 Mar (DRW) was the earliest spring record for *Orange* by three days. Hooded Warblers staged a small invasion, with single males near Imperial Beach 26 Apr (MW), Irvine 23 May (BED), and Huntington Beach 30 May (JEP) and 1–19 Jun (LRH), an early bird in Zzyzx, *San Bernardino* 16 Apr (EC), females w. of Big Pine 8 May and at F.C.R. 29 May (DV), and 10 in e. *Kern* 20 Apr–24 May, including 6 at B.S. 21 May (RT). An early Yellow-breasted Chat in Irvine 1 Apr (BAA) beat the previous early record for *Orange* by three days.

TANAGERS THROUGH FINCHES

A Summer Tanager at B.S. 13 Mar (JCW) was found on an astonishing date, considering that wintering at this harsh, high-desert locale seems highly unlikely, but

spring arrivals do not normally occur until the end of Apr. Migrant Clay-colored Sparrows were at S.E.S.S. 8 Apr (JL), San Juan Capistrano 4 May (DRW), Lake View Terrace, Los Angeles 9 May (CAM), and n. of Bishop 3 May (J&DP). Unusual coastal-slope Black-throated Sparrows were on San Clemente I. 6 Mar (IR), near Riverside 17 Mar (HBK), at San Onofre S.B., San Diego 22 Mar (LA), and n. of Laguna Beach, Orange 28 Mar (BR). A Savannah Sparrow at G.H.P. 6 Jun (TEW) was a very late migrant. A Harris's Sparrow was at Morongo Valley 1 May (JT). Late wintering White-throated Sparrows remained through 21 Apr at Pt. Loma (JWo), 23 Apr in Arcadia, Los Angeles (MSanM) and in Nipomo, San Luis Obispo (TME), and 26 Apr in Goleta (B&EU); the latest migrant was at B.S. 22 May (TEW).

Twelve Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were found in coastal counties 12–30 May, with an earlier bird at Pt. Loma 19 Apr (DA); another 8 were on the deserts 11–30 May. The expected scattering of Indigo Buntings included a male found dead at Pt. Loma (PU, *SDNHM). A male Blue Grosbeak at Arroyo Grande 11 Apr (DML) established a new early date for *San Luis Obispo*. Yellow-headed Blackbirds are erratic and uncommon spring transients along the coast, so a concentration of over 200 at Playa del Rey 24 Apr (DS, DSC) was noteworthy. Bronzed Cowbirds arrived by 27 Mar at S.E.S.S. (MBr, RT); a male on the Palos Verdes Peninsula 6–11 May (MMcJ) was only the 2nd to be found on the Los Angeles mainland. Common Grackles, rare but increasing in the Region, were in Ridgecrest 19–20 Mar (LS), at Wister, S.E.S.S. 27 Mar for an overdue *Imperial* and Salton Sink first (MMR), and in Desert Center, Riverside 1 Apr (CMcG). A Baltimore Oriole in Goleta 25 Mar–9 Apr (PaC) was probably wintering locally; migrants were in Desert Center 4 May (JCS) and Manhattan Beach, Los Angeles 11 May (KGL). A Scott's Oriole at B.S. 13 Mar (KeL) was *Kern's* earliest but in line with expected arrivals in adjacent counties to the south. Red Crossbills nested once again in exotic pines in Barstow, with a juv. present 15 May (HBK).

EXOTICS

Striking "one-time" escapees included a Turquoise-browed Motmot in Carlsbad, San Diego 22 May (JFG) and a Blue Tit in Long Beach 10 Apr (KGL). Northern Cardinals were reported widely in coastal



This Black-throated Sparrow at San Onofre State Beach, San Diego County, California 22 March 2004 was on the immediate coast, where unexpected. Photograph by Linda Allen.

counties from *Ventura* to *San Diego*, with continued breeding noted near Imperial Beach (MW).

Corrigendum: In the fall 2003 report (N.A.B. 58: 147) the late Virginia's Warbler on 11 Oct was at Westchester rather than



Establishing only the second record for mainland Los Angeles County, this male Bronzed Cowbird spent several days (here on 6 May 2004) at a Palos Verdes Peninsula feeder. Photograph by Madeleine McJones.

nearby Playa del Rey, and the correct observer was Russell Stone.

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