

Northern California

Weather onshore drew little comment, although an unusually cool and wet June in Humboldt County was blamed for failed breeding attempts by swallows and bluebirds. Offshore, the situation was apparently much bleaker, with widespread reproductive failure of many seabirds, especially alcids and cormorants, and many birds not breeding at all or abandoning their nesting attempts in mid-season. The cause was apparently a lack of wind-induced upwelling, and the result was more severe breeding failure than observed during El Niño events.

Abbreviations: C.B.R.C. (California B.R.C.); C.R.P. (Cosumnes River Preserve, Sacramento); C.V. (Central Valley); F.I. (Southeast Farallon I., San Francisco); P.R.B.O. (Pt. Reyes B.O.); S.F. (San Francisco, not State Forest). Reports of exceptional vagrants submitted without documentation are not published. Documentation for C.B.R.C. review species will be forwarded to Guy McCaskie, Secretary, P.O. Box 275, Imperial Beach, California 91933. Birds banded on F.I. should be credited to Point Reyes Bird Observatory (P.R.B.O.), and those banded at Big Sur R. mouth to the Big Sur Ornithology Lab (B.S.O.L.) of the Ventana Wilderness Society.

LOONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

An alternate-plumaged Red-throated Loon migrating northward past Pigeon Pt., *San Mateo* 15 Jun (RSTh) was on the late side. Red-necked Grebes are relatively scarce during the summer months, thus individuals at King Salmon, *Humboldt* 1–17 Jun (MWa), at Bodega Bay, *Sonoma* 9 Jun–12 Jul (LHg), and at Table Rock, *Santa Cruz* 2 Jul (DLSu) were noteworthy. An imm. Short-tailed Albatross was w. of Middle Farallon I., S.F. 26 Jul (ph. Ben Saenz, Jason D. Yakich). A Flesh-footed Shearwater off Cordell Bank, *Marin* 30 Jul (SBT, RS et al.) was the only one reported. The only Black-vented Shearwater reported was one off Pescadero S.B., *San Mateo* 26 Jul (RSTh). Ten Wilson's Storm-Petrels were off Cordell Bank, *Marin/Sonoma* 30 Jul (RS et al.). This area has by far the most records of this species in the n. Pacific. Present off and on last fall and winter, the Pelagic Cormorant again visited Shoreline L., *Santa Clara* 8 Jun (FV, KP). A Brown Booby was reported without details from Pt. Reyes N.S., *Marin* in early Jul.

A booming American Bittern at the Paynes Cr. Wetlands 12–19 Jun (BED) suggested possible breeding in *Tehama*, where



the species is hard to find. The only Least Bittern reported was a single bird at C.R.P. 12 Jul (JTr). Ad. Little Blue Herons were seen at the Big Sur R. mouth, *Monterey* 13 Jun (Mike Tyner, ph. BHL), at *Solano's Salt Pond* 1A 21 Jun (Kate Goodenough, Louie Terrazas), and twice in *Santa Clara*: over Artesian Slough 24 Jun and at Guadalupe Slough 14 Jul (both EFe). The latter two records likely pertain to the same individual. Little Blue Herons bred sporadically in the Alviso heronry between 1980 and 1998, but since the abandonment of the heronry in 1999, they have been found much less frequently in s. S.F. Bay, and only during a short period from late Jun–early Aug; formerly, the species was present from late Apr–Sep or early Oct (*vide* WGB). A summering Cattle Egret 20 Jun+ at Moonglow Dairy, *Monterey* (RF et al.) was unexpected. A flyby imm. night-heron thought to be a Yellow-crowned Night-Heron was seen at Terrace Pt. 19 Jun (tSGe); it would be *Santa Cruz's* first if accepted by the C.B.R.C. One thousand White-faced Ibis at the San Joaquin River N.W.R. 16 Jul included nesting birds, apparently providing the first breeding record for *Stanislaus* (JHG, m.ob.). White-faced Ibis from coastal counties consisted of one e. of Willits, *Mendocino* 1 Jun (John Ranlett), up to 2 at the Mountain View Forebay, *Santa Clara* through 14 Jun (Dotty Calabrese, m.ob.), and one at the Salinas R. mouth, *Monterey* 17 Jul (Laird Henkel).

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SA The *Sonoma Common Black-Hawk* continued to frequent the Laguna de Santa Rosa through October, spending most of its time on private land n. of Sebastopol (ph. Stan Moore, Don Jackson, JW). Interestingly, the landowner was able to recognize the bird by its calls and felt that the vocal black-hawk had been present, at least intermittently, for perhaps as long as four years. Remarkably, a Common Black-Hawk was reported from this same area on 14 Oct 2000 (LHg). The unprecedented nature of this n. California sighting at the opposite time of year from the two prior state records from *Riverside*, combined with the fact that the bird was eating a meadowlark rather than the aquatic prey normally eaten by this species, resulted in the record not being accepted by the C.B.R.C. More extensive observation of the bird this season suggested that it was feeding primarily on crayfish (Stan Moore). There is no overlap in dates to suggest that more than one Common Black-Hawk has been present in n. California, and it seems quite likely that this individual is the same one that wintered in Stockton, *San Joaquin* for the past two winters. In an effort to better track this bird's movements, an attempt to band it was made in Jun, but the attempt was not successful (JW).



A Common Black-Hawk spent much of the year (here 24 May 2005) on private land north of Sebastopol, Sonoma County. It was very vocal and displayed regularly, attracting the ire resident Red-shouldered Hawks (left). Photograph by Stan Moore.

A Tundra Swan at Shollenberger Park, *Sonoma* 3 Jun (PLv) was unseasonal. A female Gadwall at the Ukiah S.T.P. 1 Jun (CEV) was the first documented summer record for *Mendocino*. A female American Wigeon with 6 young at Redwood Shores 21 Jun–24 Jul (RSTh et al.) marked the first breeding record for *San Mateo* and one of very few for the S.F. Bay area. Two female-plumaged Northern Pintails at Borax L. 19 Jul (BJMcI) constituted the first summer record for *Lake*. A count of 26 young pintails at Redwood Shores 26 Jun (RSTh) indicated better-than-average breeding success in *San Mateo*. Above-average numbers of Greater Scaup lingered on s. S.F. Bay, including 43 at Belmont Slough, *San Mateo* 5 Jun (RSTh). The resident male Harlequin Duck at Coyote Pt., *San Mateo*, present now for a 4th summer, was joined by a female on 16 Jul (KrO). Two others were noted in *Monterey*: a female at Monterey harbor through the period (m.ob.) and a male at the Big Sur R. mouth 19 Jun (Mike Tyner). White-winged Scoters s. of *Humboldt* were at Bodega Harbor, *Sonoma* 15 Jul (LHg) and Pescadero Beach, *San Mateo* 22 Jul (RSTh). The only Black Scoter reports were from *San Mateo*: one at Pacifica 5 Jun (Judy Spitler) and 2 at Princeton Harbor 29 Jun (RSTh, AJ). The lone Long-tailed Duck reported was at Double Rock, S.F. 14–19 Jul (KMCK, Michelle Brodie). Breeding Buffleheads continue to be found s. of their historically known range, with broods found in *Plumas*, *Placer* (first or 2nd county breeding record), and *Alpine* in late Jul. The only Common Goldeneye reported was a female at the mouth of the Russian R., *Sonoma* 15 Jul (LHg). An imm. male Hooded Merganser at Foster City 20 Jun was only the 3rd summer record for *San Mateo*

(RSTh). Common Mergansers at Coyote Pt. 20 Jul (RSTh) and at the Millbrae BART Station the same day (Judy Spitler) provided the first summer records for the bayslands of *San Mateo*. A Red-breasted Merganser at Crowley L., *Mono* 22 Jun–13 Jul (RS, m.ob.) was unusual both for the inland location and the time of year.

RAPTORS THROUGH CRANES

Ospreys bred successfully at multiple locations in *Santa Cruz* again. This increasing population was thought to be responsible for a record number of summer sightings in nearby *Santa Clara*. Successful nesting by Bald Eagles was reported from *Humboldt*, *San Benito*, and two new locations in *Mono*. An inexplicable surprise were recently fledged Swainson's Hawks in urban *Santa Clara* 1 & 17 Jul; these birds were both brought to the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley from areas where Swainson's Hawks have never been reported and where no suitable breeding habitat exists. Reports of coastal Crested Caracaras continue, with an ad. found at Ft. Dick, *Del Norte* 9–12 Jul (ph. ADB, RbF) and another (or the same) bird at the confluence of the Eel R. and Van Duzen R., *Humboldt* 19 Jul (STu, KBu). Yellow Rails were once again reported from Mt. Shasta, *Siskiyou* 23 Jun–23 Jul (AWgh, RLeb et al.) and Surprise Valley Rd., *Modoc* 2 Jun–27 Jul (JCS, DEQ). Two Sandhill Cranes "undoubtedly breeding" at Logan L., *Shasta* 14 Jun (B&CY) were the first reported on a local breeding bird count since its inception in 1973.

SHOREBIRDS

Humboldt's 2nd Lesser Sand-Plover was an ad. at Clam Beach 10 Jul (Zach Nelson, ph. KGR, SMcA et al.). A pair of Black Oystercatchers nesting at Oyster Cove 1 Jul (Mary

Betlack) marked the first breeding along the bayside of *San Mateo*. A pair of Black-necked Stilts successfully fledged 2 young at the Ukiah S.T.P. 1 Jun+ (CEV, m.ob.) for the first *Mendocino* breeding record. A Solitary Sandpiper at the Davis Wetlands 24 Jun (JKn) was the first Jun record for *Yolo* and is also the first Jun record in our notebooks; fall migrants were noted at the confluence of the Klamath R. and Blue Cr., *Humboldt* 22 Jul (DFx) and at C.R.P. 24–28 Jul (JTr). A displaying Willet at Deer Cr Meadows 26 Jun (RoS) suggested possible breeding in *Tehama*. A lingering Wandering Tattler was noted at Pigeon Pt., *San Mateo* 4 Jun (RSTh); the first southbound bird was at Davenport Landing, *Santa Cruz* 8 Jul (DLSu). We also received a belated report of *El Dorado's* first Wandering Tattler, at s. Lake Tahoe 20–22 May (ph. TEa, TS, Fritz Steurer, WRi). A lingering Red Knot was at the Salinas W.T.P., *Monterey* 4 Jun (MtB, RyT, SRv). Adding to the fewer than 20 Jun records in our notebooks, 3 Sanderlings were at the Redwood Cr. mouth, *Humboldt* 28 Jun (Heather Brown). Eighteen Semipalmated Sandpipers were reported 4 Jul+, with the first juvs. noted 22 Jul. More Western Sandpipers lingered into Jun than usual, with 3 at the Salinas W.T.P., *Monterey* 3–4 Jun (RF, DR) and 10+ at the San Francisco Cr. Delta, *San Mateo* 4 Jun (MMR), the first returning fall migrants were noted 24 Jun. A record-early juv. Least Sandpiper at Pescadero Marsh, *San Mateo* 22 Jul (RSTh) was upstaged by one even earlier at Arcata Marsh, *Humboldt* 20 Jul (DFx, JCP), previously the earliest date in our notebooks was 23 Jul. Three Baird's Sandpipers were reported 22 Jul+. A Pectoral Sandpiper at Younger Lagoon 15 Jun (†SGe) was the first summer record for *Santa Cruz* and only the 3rd Jun record for the Region following last year's bird in *Kings*; the only other one reported was an ad. at the Struve Rd. pond, *Monterey* 25 Jul (ELb, CKf). Summer Dunlins included one at Mad River C.P., *Humboldt* 1 Jul (JEH) and an alternate-plumaged ad. at Natural Bridges S.B., *Santa Cruz* 29 Jul (ph. Larry Selman). An ad. Wilson's Snipe protecting young with a distraction display at C.R.P. 16 Jun (JTr) provided the first breeding confirmation for *Sacramento*.

LARIDS THROUGH ALCIDS

An ad. Laughing Gull was at Elkhorn Slough, *Monterey* 30 Jun+ (Carol Nichols, ph. Melinda Nakagawa et al.). Seventy Franklin's Gulls at Tule L., *Siskiyou/Modoc* 24 Jun (RLeb, AWgh) was a very high number for the Region. Elegant Terns were widely reported as arriving relatively late in the Region and as being in substantially reduced numbers relative to recent years

Least Terns are quite rare in the n. C.V., thus 2-3 at the Davis Wetlands 20-22 Jun (ph. Oscar Johnson, CIH et al.) were a real surprise and only the 2nd record for Yolo. In the s. C.V., a pair again attempted to nest near Kettleman City, Kings but did not arrive until Jun and nesting failed (JSy). Coastal migrants were in Monterey at Moss Landing 10 Jun (Bud Fox) and Elkhorn Slough 23 Jul (TAm). Six ad. with 3 young Black Skimmers at Redwood City, San Mateo 26 Jul (PJM) likely nested there. Although this species has nested in small numbers in the South Bay for over a decade, this would represent a new nesting location for this expanding species. In the far n. portion of the Region, a 2nd Black Skimmer for Humboldt was at Clam Beach 19 Jul (KGR). Santa Cruz represents the s. limit of the Marbled Murrelet breeding range. Concern for this apparently decreasing population continues, and this year activity at inland nest sites continued to be very low and the incidence of below-canopy flights (indicative of active nesting) was especially reduced, suggesting few murrelets attempted to nest this season (DLSu). Quite scarce in summer, an Ancient Murrelet was in Monterey harbor, Monterey 17 Jul (RT et al.).

DOVES THROUGH THRASHERS

San Mateo's first Eurasian Collared-Dove nesting was confirmed 8 Jun at Pescadero (GrH). We received a flurry of Yellow-billed Cuckoo reports. Presumed migrants included a rare *Mono* sighting at Rush Cr. 9 Jun (CMc), a first for heavily birded Arcata Marsh, Humboldt 19-20 Jun (EE, SWH, RbF et al.), one at Big Sur R. mouth, Monterey 16 Jul (b.; B.S.O.L.), and one on FI. 28 Jul (P.R.B.O.). A singing Yellow-billed at the Eel R., Humboldt 6 Jun-6 Jul (ph. SMcA, JTz) was at a spot where the species was detected 2000-2002; others were detected in the C.V. along Putah Cr. 22 Jun and Cache Cr. 23 Jul (both Yolo; Ron Melcer, Ryan Phillips, SCH), Todd Is., Tehama 22 Jul (KBu), and along the Sacramento R., Butte 23 Jul (2 males; JHS).

Flammulated Owls are true C.V. rarities, but one at Carmichael, Sacramento was more noteworthy for its presence on the early date of 22 Jul (†SPa); the bulk of historical records are from fall. Two Lesser Nighthawks at Camp Far West Res. 1 Jul provided a very rare Yuba record (MiF); the species was noted several times during the

1960s at nearby Beale A.F.B. (fide BED). Single nighthawks near Los Gatos, Santa Clara 2 Jun (Kevin & Barbara Monahan) and

warded (fide DLSu).

A male Costa's Hummingbird at Rush Cr. 9 Jun-4 Jul may have been the first to summer in the Mono Basin, Mono (CMc). An apparent pair of Costa's visiting a feeder at Little Valley, Lassen throughout Jun was in an area from which they are virtually unknown (Ken Able). An ad. male Calliope Hummingbird visiting a feeder at Lakeport, Lake 3 Jun provided a very rare "summer" record for the Region's lowlands (DvW). An ad. male Rufous Hummingbird along Road A6, Shasta 7 Jun was likely already southbound (JTz). A Belted Kingfisher 18 Jun was a summer rarity for San Francisco, S.F. (DSg). An Acorn Woodpecker 7 Jul was the just the 2nd noted by the observer in Capitola, Santa Cruz in 20 years (DLSu). A Nuttall's Woodpecker 23-30 Jul at Paradise provided a very rare *Mono* record (DHo). A typical smattering of Willow Flycatchers, primarily coastal, was detected during the first two weeks of Jun; 13 on 8 Jun at the Big Sur R. mouth (9 banded) was a particularly impressive showing (B.S.O.L.). An Eastern Kingbird 26 Jul near Scott Cr., Santa Cruz fits a pattern of mid-summer coastal records (DLSu). A Western Kingbird nest with young at Corralitos 3-10 Jul provided just the 3rd modern nesting confirmation for Santa Cruz (Wayne & Sylvia Macon). Three Scissor-tailed Flycatchers graced the Region: 22 Jun at Lincoln Park, S.F. (first city record; †DvA), 24-25 Jun at FI. (P.R.B.O.), and 27 Jun-4 Jul along Little Valley Rd., an apparent first for Lassen (Ken Able, ph. BY, m.ob.).

A singing Bell's Vireo reported at the L. Solano Diversion Dam, Solano 25 Jun (Brent Campos) was outdone by a pair at the San Joaquin River N.W.R., Stanislaus that apparently produced two broods (Kim Forrest, fide JHG). This constitutes the first con-



Most summers bring at least one Scissor-tailed Flycatcher to northern California, but few are photographed as well as this one that stayed near Little Valley, Lassen County 27 (here 29) June through 4 July 2005. Photograph by Bob Yutzy.

Clearlake, Lake 6 Jun (Jeanette Knight) were left unidentified, though the dates are suggestive of migrant Commons. Sacramento's Sierra foothill Commons continued through 18 Aug, with at least 5 birds present (JTr, m.ob.). A pair of Black Swifts was suspected of nesting at the traditional site at Año Nuevo S.R., San Mateo (GJS), but another determined effort to confirm nesting at historical Santa Cruz sites went unre-

SA Russell Bradley and Pete Warzybok of P.R.B.O. Conservation Science tendered the following summary of the complete breeding failure of Cassin's Auklets in our Region this season: "Breeding by Cassin's Auklets on Southeast Farallon I. has been continuously monitored for over 35 years as part of interdisciplinary, long-term research on seabirds as ecological indicators. The 2005 breeding season was a unique one for auklets, at least in the context of this study. For most of the spring and early summer, there was a lack of upwelling winds, anomalously high sea surface temperatures, and a virtual absence of krill—the auklets' primary prey. Breeding propensity and success were both reduced by about 90% compared to 2004. Mean timing of breeding was delayed by several weeks, with massive egg abandonment observed among the birds that did breed. Productivity in our main study sample, which is used for inter-annual comparisons, was zero. This level of reduced productivity and egg abandonment is unprecedented in our multi-decadal studies of this species, even when compared to extreme El Niño events. Future analysis of the links between the uniquely poor oceanographic conditions in this non-El Niño year and the seabird response are planned."

firmed nesting in the Region since 1997. A singing Yellow-throated Vireo 1–3 Jun at Loch Lomond R.A. was the first ever found in *Santa Cruz* (†DLSu, RgW). Once nearly unknown in the Region, spring Yellow-throateds have been detected annually in recent years. A stunning find was a singing Philadelphia Vireo at McGee Cr., *Mono* 30 Jun–13 Jul, the first to ever be found summering in California (v.r., ph. CMC, m.ob.). Normally less than annual in the Region in summer, 3 Red-eyed Vireos were detected: 1 Jun–3 Jul at Loch Lomond R.A., *Santa Cruz* (LGo, JPo, MSc, DLSu), 3 Jul near Sebastapol, *Sonoma* (Mike Bumgardner, Fritz Steurer), and 12–13 Jul at Big Sur R. mouth, *Monterey* (b.; B.S.O.L.). A Ruby-crowned Kinglet near Winters, *Yolo* 7 Jul may be unprecedented in summer on the C.V. floor (Ryan Phillips). The nesting Western Bluebirds in the Presidio, S.F. successfully fledged a 2nd brood 30 Jul (Stefanie Arthur). A Townsend's Solitaire 7 Jul at Jacks Peak, *Monterey* was anomalous, as solitaires are unknown to breed in the Coast Ranges s. of *Colusa* (†BMth). A singing Wood Thrush on Chalk Mountain Rd. 16 Jun was a first for *Santa Cruz* and the Region's first since 1996 (†, v.r. DLSu). *San Mateo* had a Gray Catbird 4 Jun at Gazos Cr. (RSTh), and S.F. had 2: 25 Jun at FI. (P.R.B.O.) and 3–5 Jul at Mt. Lake Park (Matt Zlatunich, HuC, PSar, AdW). A Sage Thrasher 3 Jun near Covelo furnished *Mendocino's* 2nd summer record (GEC, CEV).

WARBLERS

The 22 species of warblers reported included some significant records. A Blue-winged Warbler photographed 7 Jul near Hayfork was *Trinity's* first (ph. Josee Rousseau, Lauren Outhisack-Morgan). A whopping 14 Northern Parulas were along the coast from *Monterey* (5) to *Humboldt* (3, including the county's 3rd confirmed nesting pair, at Arcata 27 Jun–27 Jul; K1 et al.); 2 more were inland in *Mono*. Yellow Warblers breeding in unusual locales included a pair at Arcata Marsh, *Humboldt* 19–25 Jun (RbF, ScC) and ads. feeding young at San Luis N.W.R., *Merced* 24 Jun (Renee Cormier).

Four Chestnut-sided Warblers were in *Humboldt*; another was along Putah Cr. near Winters, *Solano* 12 Jul (Brent Campos, Mary Chambers). A Magnolia Warbler was found dead along a *Marin* beach 24 Jun (LHg), and a male graced Strybing Arboretum, S.F. 3 Jul (Ginny Marshall, DvA). The first Black-throated Gray Warblers to be confirmed nesting in *Mono* were found in the Bodie Hills (P.R.B.O.). Two Blackburnians included one 13 Jun at Sacramento County Bufferlands, *Sacramento* (†CCo) and a female at Russian Gulch, *Sonoma* 31 Jul (DgSh). A singing male Prairie Warbler spent 7 Jun–8

Jul at Mono Lake C.P., *Mono* (†DHo, m.ob.). A singing male Palm Warbler was at Big Sur R. mouth, *Monterey* 12 Jun (Mike Tyner).

Fairhaven, *Humboldt* hosted a Blackpoll Warbler 21 Jun (Gary Davidson, *vide* GSL). Six Black-and-white Warblers included 3 in *Mono* and a singing male in Yosemite Valley, *Mariposa* 3 Jul (†Andy Zdon). Single male Prothonotary Warblers were at Big Sur R. mouth, *Monterey* 1 Jun (RF) and Soquel Cr., *Santa Cruz* 10 Jun (DLSu). Ovenbirds included singles 5 Jun at Hearst, *Mendocino* (Kate Marianchild) and 22 Jun at Rush Cr., *Mono* (P.R.B.O.). A Northern Waterthrush was at FI. 25 Jun (P.R.B.O.). Seven Hooded Warblers were along the coast: one singing along Skyline Boulevard 2 Jun (GrH) was *Santa Clara's* 6th, and a male at Butano S.P. 15 Jun–8 Jul observed with a female carrying food 2 Jul confirmed nesting in *San Mateo* (†DLSu). Two different males were inland at C.R.P. 20 & 23 Jun (Sasha Auer, Kirsten Lindquist, JTr, m.ob.).

TANAGERS THROUGH FINCHES

Summer Tanagers were at FI. 31 May–1 Jun (P.R.B.O.) and Natural Bridges S.B., *Santa Cruz* 24 Jun (†SGe). A Field Sparrow along the Mad R. at Blue L. 11–17 Jul (KBU, STu, ph., †RbF) was *Humboldt's* first and just the 3rd for the Region, the first since 1994. A Black-throated Sparrow at Frazier Canyon, *Mono* 3 Jul was at an unusually high elevation (MWE). A White-throated Sparrow 3 Jun at Carmel (CHo) was *Monterey's* latest spring migrant by a week; even more surprising was one 11 Jun at McKinleyville, *Humboldt* (GSL). A Golden-crowned Sparrow in Pacific Grove, *Monterey* 19–27 Jun provided a rare summer record (ph. DR, RC).

A remarkable 37 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks bested our 1998 summer record of 33 and included *Modoc's* first, 2 Jun at New Pine Cr. (JCS), another at Smithneck Cr., *Sierra* 27 Jun (Phil Gordon), and strong showings from coastal counties: 10 in *Santa Cruz*, 9 in *Monterey*, and 7 in *Humboldt*, setting the single-season county record there (*vide* DFX). An Indigo Bunting x Lazuli Bunting hybrid was at Blue L., *Humboldt* 11 Jul (JEH). Indigo Buntings included one 27 May–7 Jun on Ice House Rd., *El Dorado* (TS, CLu, LLu, WEH); 2 on FI. 20–26 Jun (P.R.B.O.); one at Blue L., *Humboldt* 23 Jun (BS); and a singing male with a female Lazuli 2–14 Jul at Salyer, *Trinity* (RoS, ph. SAG, KBU et al.).

Great-tailed Grackles continue their expansion, reaching the last C.V. county without a record: a male 2 Jun at Payne's Cr. Wetlands (†PAH) was the first for *Tehama*; the 2nd was a male 14 Jun along I-5 near Red Bluff (EP). A female Orchard Oriole was along Higgins Creek Rd., *San Mateo* 19 Jun (RSTh). A pair of Hooded Orioles 26–30 Jun

at Cameron Park provided just the 2nd nesting record for *El Dorado* (ph. Oscar Johnson, CH, TS). We received four reports of male Baltimore Orioles: 4–5 Jun at Big Sur R. mouth, *Monterey* (RyT, ph. DR, ph. SRv); 12 Jun at Half Moon Bay, *San Mateo* (RSTh); and 2 in *Humboldt*: 15 Jun at Trinidad (BS) and 1 Jul at Arcata (SWH, RbF). Red Crossbills were widespread along the coast and nested at the Presidio, S.F. (ASH).

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