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ne of the wettest winters on record led to a wet, slow, and late spring with "weak" migration widely reported and little in the way of exciting passermes. March and April had relentless rain and, at higher elevations, snow. This spring, Mammoth Mountain, Mono County, had the highest snow pack ever recorded, while it was the fourth wettest year since record keeping began in Humboldt County. Conversely, Siskiyou County reported a "bone dry" spring.

This spring will also be remembered for the passing of Dr. Howard Cogswell, at the age of 91. Though his name may not be recognized by newer birders, Dr. Cogswell was a noted professor of ornithology, an ecologist, and the author of *Water Birds of California*. Close to our hearts, he was also one of our earliest Regional Editors. It was Howard who not only created the notebooks we rely upon to this day but also instituted a level of rigor that we struggle to maintain, even after half a century.

Abbreviations: B.S.O.L. (Big Sur Ornithology Lab); C.B.R.C. (California B.R.C.); C.V. (Central Valley); C.R.P. (Cosumnes R. Preserve, *Sacramento*); F.I. (Southeast Farallon I., *San Francisco*); P.R.B.O. (Pt. Reyes B.O.); S.F. (San Francisco, not State Forest); S.J.E.R. (San Joaquin Experimental Range, *Madera*); U.C. (University of California). Reports of exceptional vagrants submitted without documentation are not published. Documentation of 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 Pt. Reyes B.O. and those banded at Big Sur R. mouth to the Big Sur Ornithology Lab of the Ventana Wilderness Society.

WHISTLING-DUCKS THROUGH GROUSE

Two Fulvous Whistling-Ducks at Moro Cojo Slough, Monterey 24 Apr (†RF) and a single bird at Pixley N.W.R., Tulare 29 Apr (John Lockhart, SDS et al.) were thought to be wild birds. There have been only a few Regional records in the past 20 years. The Ross's Goose flock at Merced N.W.R., Merced numbered 36,000 birds 6 Mar, including 7 dark-morph birds (PJM, ADeM). An unusual inland Brant showed up at L. Almanor, Plumas 3-4 May (fide JMMc); another at Paicines Res. 25 Apr (SRv, RJA) was the first for San Benito. Napa's 3rd Brant, first reported 25 Nov 2005, wintered at Kennedy Park through 7 Apr (MBe). A hybrid goose thought to be a Brant × minima Cackling Goose spent the first half of Mar at Humboldt Bay N.W.R., Humboldt (Ana Roberts, Adam Cantor, ph. KGR et al.). Perhaps the same individual was described from a lingering goose flock near Ft. Dick, Del Norte 1 May (Lucas Brug). A Tundra Swan first noted at Shollenberger Park, Sonoma 25 Feb (LHg) lingered with the local Mute Swans through 14 May (AWgh).

The latest Eurasian Wigeon reported was at San Felipe L. 25 Apr (RJA, SRv), only the 5th record for San Benito. Notable concentrations of Blue-winged Teal included 13 at Pescadero Marsh, San Mateo 23 Mar (DLSu) and about 20 in upper Elkhorn Slough, Monterey 30 Mar (JPo, LGo). Northern Shovelers were again confirmed breeding se. of Gilroy, Santa Clara 19 May, where 4 precocial young were found accompanying 4 ads. (WGB). At least 9 Eurasian Teal were reported from three coastal counties 12 Mar-20 Apr (m.ob.). Up to 7 Redheads lingering at Mare 1., Solano 19-26 May (RLCL, WNe) and the same number at Hayward R.S., Alameda through the period (m.ob.) were suggestive of local breeding. Male Tufted Ducks lingered at Berkeley Aquatic Park, Alameda through 8 Apr (ph. JM, Hugh Harvey, m.ob.), at Borax L., Lake through 9 Apr (FHa), and at White Slough, Solano through 27 Apr (RMu). A Tufted Duck × scaup hybrid was at Arcata, Humboldt 6 Apr (KMS, SFB). A pair of Harlequin Ducks was again noted along the Merced R. in Yosemite Valley, Mariposa 27 Apr (Lowell Young et al.). A pair was present all spring at the Monterey harbor, Monterey (RT, DR, m.ob.), and the resident male at Coyote Pt., San Mateo continued as well (DvWb). A pair of Long-tailed Ducks spent 5-20 Apr at the Shasta Valley W.A., Siskiyou (RE, m.ob.), whereas a male found 29 Mar at the Ten Mile R. mouth, Mendocino remained through the period (JHv, KHv, DT, m.ob.). The only other one reported was at King Salmon, Humboldt 24 Mar (MWa). Hooded Mergansers were again occupying nest boxes at Big Lagoon, Humboldt, where 6 hens were also found incubating eggs last summer (Bryan Yost, fide DFx). A surprising 7 inland Red-breasted Mergansers visited the Shasta Valley W.A., Siskiyou 7 Apr (RE). Surveys on private land near Hoopa, Humboldt turned up 32 Ruffed Grouse 23 Mar+ (JTz), an unexpectedly large number.

ALBATROSSES THROUGH CRANE

Laysan Albatrosses were off Monterey 7 Mar (fide JND) and 17 May (RT) and off Humboldt 28 May (Paul Roush). The Pt. Arena, Mendocino wintering bird was last reported 6 Apr (Mike & MerryLynn Denny et al.). Single Manx Shearwaters were reported on Monterey Bay, Monterey 4 May (RT), 16 km w. of Eureka, Humboldt 23 Apr (STu, GSL, m.ob.), and off Pigeon Pt., San Mateo 2 May (†RSTh). The Humboldt record would represent the first for that county if accepted by the C.B.R.C. Only 2 Black-vented Shearwaters were reported: off Ano Nuevo, San Mateo 5 May (JND) and off Pt. Pinos, Monterey 21 May (Sh]). Fork-tailed Storm-Petrels were present in Monterey Bay, Monterey throughout Apr (fide DR), and 2 were found dead 6 Apr on Año Nuevo I., San Mateo (Julie Thayer), where the species is suspected of nesting. A Black Storm-Petrel reported from F.I. 1-23 Apr (P.R.B.O.) was very unseasonable, as this species normally occurs in fall, when ocean temperatures are typically warmest. A Brown Booby was reported without details from EI. 2-5 May (P.R.B.O.). First recorded in the Region in 1985, this species now occurs annually.

An ad. Little Blue Heron was found along the Feather R. sw. of Olivehurst in Yuba and Sutter 18 May (JKn), and another was along Allendale Rd. s. of Winters 21 May (Bonnie Trejo, fide SMcA; Solano's 4th), locations where they are far less expected than around S.F. Bay. A small coastal movement of Cattle Egrets (19 birds in three counties) was noted 27–29 Apr (m.ob.); an ad. at the Palo Alto Baylands heronry, Santa Clara 10–11 May (Hazel Holby et al.) may have been prospecting for breeding opportunities, but no breeding has been reported around S.F. Bay since 2003. The only coastal White-faced Ibis were 4 reported 29 Apr from Monterey, 3 at Zmudowski S.B. (RF, TN), and one at the Salinas WT.P. (JSo, RFT).

Ospreys bred again this year w. of L. Elsman, Santa Clara, with an active nest observed 28 Apr+ (WGB, SCR); breeding was first detected in Santa Clara in 2004, continuing the range expansion observed recently in nearby Santa Cruz. Observations of up to 2 ad Bald Eagles n. of Sebastopol 5-7 May (LHg, ph. Stan Moore) suggest the species may be prospecting for new nesting areas in Sonoma. A briefly seen ad. Northern Goshawk at L. Merced, S.F. 1 Apr (†MWE) was undoubtedly a northbound migrant. Reports from the local landowner indicate the Sonoma Common Black-Hawk returned in early Apr (fide Stan Moore); it was at Delta Pond 30 Apr+ (ph. Stan Moore, DgSh) and was observed carrying nesting material 1 May (ph. Stan Moore), but so far no mate has been detected. Migrating Broad-winged Hawks were seen over S.F. and nearby Marin 13 Apr (Steve Bauer) and 14 May (Robbie Fischer). A lightmorph Swainson's Hawk over Summit Creek Rd 4 May (SAG, FrO) was a first for Trinity. Coastal migrants included birds 3 Mar and 18 May in Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz (SGe, AGa, Eileen Balian), 1 & 2 May in s. Monterey (CKpf, CHz), 18 & 20 May in S.F. (ph. Walter Kıtundu, ASH), and 21 May near Gilroy, Santa Clara (SCR). A pair of dark morphs was near last year's attempted nesting site at Suscol Cr., Napa 29 Apr (MBe).

Reports of Crested Caracaras, all coastal, continue unabated, with singles through 10 Apr near Davenport, Santa Cruz (DLSu; ad.); near Pt. Sur 28-29 Mar (ph. MTy, ph., †DR, RC, CHz; ad., Monterey's 2nd) and then later at the Carmel R. mouth, Monterey 10 Apr-13 May (Bud Fox, ph. DR, ph. BHl); e. of Shell Beach, Sonoma 23 Apr (ph. AWgh); and near Occidental, Sonoma 9 May (Elmer Dudik). Late Merlins included birds at Año Nuevo S R., San Mateo 9 May (GJS) and an extraordinarily late female near Gilroy, Santa Clara 24 May (SCR). Peregrine Falcon nests with young were found on bayside transmission towers in Redwood Shores, San Mateo 24 May (Susan Kritzik) and n. of Moffett Field, Santa Clara 27 Apr-5 May (MJM, MMR). A calling Black Rail was reported from Pebble Beach 31 Mar (†Don Merit) but could not be confirmed; Monterey has only one previous record, from Pacific Grove 29 Sep 1967. A recently hatched Virginia Rail in a marsh with 10+ ads. at Joseph Grant C.P. 6 May (†MMR) provided the first breeding confirmation for Santa Clara; pairs at two locations in the San Antonio Valley, Santa Clara 21 May (MMR, MJM) were also likely breeding. Breeding has long been suspected in the county but was not expected at these high-elevation locations (here about 600 m) in the Diablo Range; perhaps the wet spring played a role in this. A lingering Sandhill Crane at C.R.P. 5 May–4 Jun (JTr) may have been injured.

SHOREBIRDS

At least 17 Pacific Golden-Plovers were reported, including 6 at the Modesto S.T.P., Stanislaus 8 Mar (David Diller, Balduin Fischer) and 4+ in Tulare 19 Mar-9 May (John Lockhart, SDS). One at the Salinas W.T.P., Monterey 31 May-6 Jun (ph. RyT, ph. MTy, ph. Oscar Johnson) was late. At least one Mountain Plover continued e. of Sears Pt., Sonoma through 20 Mar (ADeM). Fourteen Solitary Sandpipers were reported in 10 inland and coastal counties 10 Apr-10 May (m.ob.). Three Willets at the Ione S.T.P. 19-23 Apr (JLx, EP, TS) were the first ever to be documented in Amador. Ten to 12 Lesser Yellowlegs near Cock Robin I., Humboldt 12 Mar (RbF, MWa) formed an unexpected concentration for spring. Two flyover Whimbrels 6 May were apparently the first for the Sierra Valley, Plumas (CCo, KLL, CPD). S.F. bayside Ruddy Turnstones, rare in spring, were found 2 May in San Mateo (MDo) and Santa Clara (RWR, FV; 2 birds). Four northbound Surfbirds at Pigeon Pt., San Mateo 28 May (RSTh) were very late. Two Red Knots along Ingomar Rd., Merced 28 Apr (PJM) were at a surprising inland location. Semipalmated Sandpipers were at the Shasta Valley W.A., Siskiyou 13 May (Jeff Anderson, Neil Schanker, RE), Arcata Bottoms, Humboldt 23 May (DFx), and Pescadero Cr. mouth 27 May (RSTh; 4th spring record for San Mateo). A staggering 300,000 Western Sandpipers were in sight at once on Humboldt Bay, Humboldt 19 Apr (DFx). The only Pectoral Sandpiper was flying northward past Pigeon Pt., San Mateo 27 Apr; the next day, a Rock Sandpiper landed for a few minutes at the same location (both RSTh). The Santa Cruz Rock Sandpiper was last noted along West Cliff Drive 9 Apr (ph. Glen Tepke, Bill Hull). A Stilt Sandpiper at Merced N.W.R., Merced 6 Mar (PJM, ADeM) was likely wintering. A male Ruff was at Arcata Bottoms, Humboldt 21 Mar (ScC). A Short-billed Dowitcher at the Ione S.T.P. 21-23 Apr (EP, JCS, JSL, TS) was the 2nd record for Amador. Three Wilson's Phalaropes at the Hayfork S.T.P. 4 May (ph. SAG, FrO) were the first ever to be found in Trinity; only 3 others were reported, in Santa Clara 24 & 29 Apr (MJM, MMR) and in Humboldt 7 May (TMcK, RHw, Dan Maxwell). Red-necked Phalaropes were widely reported in good numbers, both coastally and inland. The high count was of 21,360 off Pigeon Pt., San Mateo

2 May (RSTh); farther n. in *Mendocino* and *Humboldt*, the "invasion" spanned late Apr-mid-May (*fide* RJK, DFx). Slightly inland in *Santa Clara*, up to 500 were noted on various Alviso salt ponds 5 May (AJ), a high count for spring. Inland reports included 2 at Briones R.P., *Contra Costa* 3 May (Doug Vaughn), 2 at the Redding S.T.P., *Shasta* 4 May (BED, RoS), one at Hayfork S.T.P., *Trinity* 4 May (JLx, JSL, SAG, FrO), and 3 at Borax L 7 May (FHa; 5th spring *Lake* record).

GULLS THROUGH ALCIDS

Quite rare in the Region, an ad. Laughing Gull on Elkhorn Slough, Monterey 4 & 29 Apr (YG et al.) was likely the same bird seen in the area in spring-fall 2005. Close by was a second-cycle Laughing Gull at Aptos, Santa Cruz 8-16 Mar (JPo, DVP, AGa). Franklin's Gulls are regular spring migrants in very small numbers; 5 at Elkhorn Slough, Monterey 5 May (TAm) was the highest number reported A Little Gull reported migrating northward with large numbers of Bonaparte's Gulls off Patrick's Point S.P. 4 May (BS) would be the first in Humboldt in 20 years if accepted by the C.B.R.C.; a Black Tern at the same location 11 May (BS) was the first reported in Humboldt in about 10 years. Slaty-backed Gulls were last detected at Venice S.B., San Mateo 8 Mar (AJ, RSTh), when 2 ads. and one second-cycle bird were present. Remarkably, Alameda's first was found at a Fremont landfill 9 Mar (AJ) Somewhat above average, 20 Glaucous Gulls (primarily coastal) were reported, with the latest 28 May at Redwood Cr., Humboldt (KBu et al.). The ever-increasing wintering flock of Black Skimmers at Charleston Slough peaked at 31 on 22 Apr; 8 in Alviso 27 May were at a known breeding location (both MMR, MJM, both Santa Clara). Elsewhere, 16 skimmers were at Redwood City, San Mateo 17 May (PJM), where three pairs nested last year, and up to 4 were in coastal Monterey (YG et al), where a pair appeared to be nesting at the Salinas R. mouth 13 May (BTM, m.ob.). The breeding population continues to expand in the Region.

The very wet spring had an impact on Marbled Murrelets in *Humboldt*, where inland flights did not initiate fully until late Apr, weeks later than normal (*fide* DFx). Anctent Murrelets w. of Eureka, *Humboldt* (Owen Head et al.), off Little R., *Mendocino* (KGR), and (2) off Pigeon Pt., *San Mateo* 17 May, and off Pt. Pinos, *Monterey* 23 Apr+ (RT, m.ob), were on the late side. Continuing from the winter season, Horned Puffins remained unusually numerous, with single birds occurring at Samoa Beach, *Humboldt* 16 Mar (*fide* KMS), Monterey, *Monterey* 10–23 Mar (RT, BTM et al), and at Seacliff S.B., *Santa Cruz* 9 May (CKf et al.). Most of these were beached birds that were taken to rehabilitators or found dead or moribund.

CUCKOOS THROUGH FLYCATCHERS

An unidentified cuckoo at Hayward R.S., *Alameda* 21 May was completely unexpected (RJR).

The march of Eurasian Collared-Doves continued unabated, producing first county records at Old Shasta, Shasta 10-14 Apr (ph. B&CY), near Winters, Solano 21 Apr (Larry Petrie), and at Quincy, Plumas 29 May (CPD). One on F.I. 26 Apr-31 May was an island first (PR.B.O.). Vagrant White-winged Doves visited feeders at Marina, Monterey 7 May (ph. SRv) and Eureka, Humboldt 8-10 May (ph. BS) Burrowing Owls are considered casual migrants in Mono, though a pair on Hwy. 6 at the Inyo line 31 May is suggestive of breeding (KNN). A Great Gray Owl on Pliocene Ridge Rd near Camptonville, Yuba 31 Mar-11 Apr was in marginal habitat and at an exceptionally low elevation of about 2200 m (†Jan Evers, ph. Dan Evers). Likely the same bird was present in this area 10-17 May and 30 Aug 2005. Single wayward Chimney Swifts were reported 20 May at Big Sur R. mouth, Monterey (TEa, RgW, MtB, RyT) and at Bridgeport, Mono 27 May (TEa). Rare hummingbirds in mainland S.F. included a female Calliope in the Presidio 30 Apr (†MWE), a female Black-chinned at Mt. Davidson 1 May (†PSar), and an apparent imm. male Broadtailed at Mt. Davidson 15 May (†PSar); Broadtaileds are accidental in the Region away from the e. Sierra. A male Costa's Hummingbird at Pittville, Lassen 17 Mar was in an area where they may breed (Ken Able).

An estimated 1000+ Lewis's Woodpeckers were at the S.J.E.R. 23 Mar (JND). Such numbers appear unprecedented in the 56 years of our Regional notebooks. The lone Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was at Redwood Valley, Mendocino 20-28 Mar (ph. Bruce Gove, Cheryl Watson et al.). A Red-breasted Sapsucker 29 May at Carmel Valley Village broke the record late date for Monterey by a full month (RF)! A male Pileated Woodpecker at Bayview Hill 16 Apr was an unanticipated first for S.F. and the first recorded on the Peninsula n. of Woodside (Michelle Brodie, ph. MWE, m. ob.). A Western Wood-Pewee 21 May at Hayward R S, Alameda was thought to furnish the first spring record for that well-worked locale (RJR). A tally of 52 Willow Flycatchers around Hoopa, Humboldt 24 May (JTz) appears unprecedented in the Region in spring, at least in recent decades; none were present 27 May. A smattering of coastal birds was noted during the latter half of May. High one-day counts of migrant Gray Flycatchers at the S.J.E.R. included 10 on 20 Apr, 12 on 24 Apr, and 23 on 28 Apr (JND, Doug Drynan, Brian Gibson). Long considered scarce migrants away from Great Basin breeding haunts, recent work in the Sierra foothills of Madera and Mariposa suggests that such numbers may be typical. An Eastern Phoebe 14 Mar at Inverness, Marin was rumored to have been present for at least a month (Bob Battagin). A Cassin's Kingbird at the Simis Ranch 15 May was thought to be a first for the Mono Basin, Mono (KNN). Traditionally considered an uncommon migrant in San Mateo, no fewer than 128 Western Kingbirds were noted at Coyote Pt. this spring, including a one-day high of 42 on 20 Apr (RSTh).

VIREOS THROUGH WAXWINGS

A singing Bell's Vireo at Pixley N.W.R., Tulare 19-23 May continued the recent spate of C.V. records (SAL, SDS et al.). The wintering Blue Jay at Cordelia, Solano was last noted 25 Apr (Wayne & Dorothy Little). Two male and 2 female Purple Martins migrating over the S.J.E.R. 20 Apr provided the first Madera record since 1985 (JND). A Bank Swallow at Borax L. 22 May was just the 3rd ever found in Lake (JRW). Yolo's Mountain Chickadee was present at Davis through at least 25 Mar (MP, m.ob.). An Oak Titmouse at Foster City, San Mateo 20 Apr was a surprise find near the shores of S.F. Bay (RSTh). A Marsh Wren at the S.J.E.R. 14-21 Apr was the first recorded there in 72 years of observations (Brian Gibson, Doug Drynan, JND). A male Mountain Bluebird at Año Nuevo S.R., San Mateo 9 Mar was likely the same individual noted slightly s. in Santa Cruz 27-28 Feb (Brad Soper). A vagrant Veery on F.I. 2-5 May would represent the earliest Regional record if accepted by the C.B.R.C. (P.R.B.O.). A Hermit Thrush at Pine Lake Park, S.F. 23 May was notably late (DPM).

Gray Catbirds were reported 28 May from Oasis, Mono (ph. JCS) and 31 May from Dye Creek Preserve, Tehama (†Michael Rogner). A Brown Thrasher was in Porterville, Tulare 14-16 Apr (†SDS, Kim Kuska); one visiting feeders in Kneeland, Humboldt was apparently first present in Dec 2005 but only came to the attention of local birders 25-27 Apr (Anthony Desch, GSL, ph. SMcA, ph. KGR, m.ob.). A Red-throated Pipit 26 Apr at Half Moon Bay, San Mateo furnished the first spring record for California (ph. AJ). It was a strong spring for Cedar Waxwings in Santa Clara (fide WGB) and San Mateo, where the peak of migration, 20 May, brought 1000 through Coyote Pt. (RSTh).

WARBLERS THROUGH TANAGERS

A singing Blue-winged Warbler at C.R.P. 28 May (†JTr) will be the C.V.'s first if accepted by the C.B.R.C. As usual, F.I. hosted wandering warblers: a Tennessee 1-5 May, an American Redstart 10-12 May, a Virginia's 19-20 May, a Blackburnian 18-20 May, a Black-andwhite 19 May, and an Ovenbird 19-22 May (all P.R.B.O.). Another Tennessee Warbler was at Big Sur R. mouth, *Monterey* 30 May (RyT) A Lucy's Warbler 30 Apr at Coyote Pt. (RSTh) provided just the 3rd spring record for San Mateo. The Northern Parula wintering at the Presidio, S.F. was last detected 4 Mar (Scot & Debbie Sunderland); others included one singing at Big Lagoon, Humboldt 14 May (KI), a male at Tilden Park, Contra Costa 22-23 May (ES, Mike McClosky), and a female at Big Sur R. mouth, Monterey 23 May (BLS) A well-described Hermit Warbler × Townsend's Warbler hybrid was at Wild Horse Canyon, Solano 27 Apr (†MBe); 2 more such hybrids were reported from Humboldt. Nine Palm Warblers were along the coast. A Black-andwhite Warbler wintering at Arcata Marsh, Humboldt was last seen 7 Apr (Pat Bitton, Alexandra Lamb); one 8 Mar at Garcia R flats, Mendocino (Mike & MerryLynn Denny) probably wintered as well. One 9 Apr at Laguna Grande, Monterey was a migrant (ELb, CKpf), as were singles 25 May at Año Nuevo S.R., San Mateo (GJS) and 30 May at Mt Davidson, S.F. (PSar). The Ovenbird wintering along Putah Cr., Yolo and Solano, was last seen 9 Apr (Jim Dunn, m.ob.). At least one Northern Waterthrush wintered at Arcata Marsh, Humboldt through 25 Mar (JTz); the one wintering at Charleston Road marsh, Santa Clara was singing when last seen 14 Apr (MDo, WGB); and the one wintering at Berkeley's Aquatic Park, Alameda was last detected 28 Apr (m.ob.). Singing male Hooded Warblers were at Soquel, Santa Cruz 11 May (fide DLSu) and Tunitas Cr., San Mateo 27 May (RSTh). A Summer Tanager spent 20 Mar-12 Apr in Palo Alto, Santa Clara (ph Carlin Otto, m.ob.), and a Scarlet Tanager was reported without details from F.I. 20 May (P.R.B.O.). A Western Tanager 31 Mar at Laguna Grande set a new early arrival date for Monterey (DR).

SPARROWS THROUGH FINCHES

A Clay-colored Sparrow at a Richmond feeder 20 Feb–4 Mar (ph. Paula & Kevin Landdeck) furnished *Contra Costa*'s 2nd winter record A Black-chinned Sparrow 6 May at Rancho del Oso (RgW) was the first found in *Santa Cruz* since 2002. Black-throated Sparrows were out of place at the O'Neill Forebay, *Merced* 26 Apr (SBT), near the Klamath R. mouth, *Del Norte* 4-5 May (Greg Holmes, ph. KGR, RbF), and at Luffenholtz Beach, Humboldt 20-21 May (Chris Collins, GSL, Amy Lester, Dana Lester). The Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow wintering at San Mateo, San Mateo was last seen 2 Mar (DEQ). The wintering Swamp Sparrow at Harding Park, S.F. continued through 13 Apr (DvA, Matt Zlatunich), with another possible winterer at Arcata Marsh, Humboldt until 14 Apr (Chris Tonra, EE), and single migrants were documented 26 May near Stoil, Tulare (Tony Kurz) and at Hayward R.S., Alameda 28 May (RJR). A bumper crop of 59 White-throated Sparrows, many wintering, included Calaveras's 5th, 28 Apr on Chili Camp Rd. (John Lewis, Mike Skram); the latest was 23 May at F.I. (P.R.B.O.). A singing male Harris's Sparrow graced Laguna Grande, Monterey 27 Mar-6 Apr (BJW, ph. DR, ph. BHi), and another was at U.C. Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz 30 Apr (Ralph Berger, TN). Late but apparently healthy Golden-crowned Sparrows lingered until 26 May in Monterey (Laura Rodriguez) and 28 May in San Mateo (WGB). Lapland Longspurs in Humboldt included 8 at Arcata Bottoms 11 Mar (RbF) and one at Bear River Ridge 2 Apr (DFx); the only Chestnut-collared reported was at Kneeland, Humboldt 24-30 Apr (Chris Frolking, m.ob.).

It was an off year for Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, with just 6 reported, including Fresno's 4th, 19 Mar–9 Apr in Fresno (Penny Stewart), and one 28 May at Oasis, Mono (JCS). An Indigo Bunting 23 Mar at Lundy Canyon was Mono's earliest record (BrtM); others were at the Big Sur R. mouth, Monterey 2 May (†RyT), F.I. 4 May (P.R.B.O.), and Arcata, Humboldt 29 May (ScC). The Painted Bunting wintering in Sebastopol, Sonoma was last seen 13 Apr (Kathy & Dave Biggs); one was near Prunedale, Monterey 10–20 Apr (ph. TAm, ph. DR, m.ob.).

A Yellow-headed Blackbird 21 May near Garberville (RBS, Doug Wallace, m.ob.) made an unusual interior Humboldt record. Greattailed Grackles were reported in numbers from many counties, with nesting reported in Alameda, Merced, Mono, Monterey, Santa Clara, and Shasta; a male at Sierra Valley 14 May was just Plumas's 3rd (Brian O'Conner), and singles at Yosemite Lakes Park 21 Apr (Joseph Oldham) and near Raymond 20 May (IND) were just the 2nd and 3rd records for Madera's foothills. The wintering Orchard Oriole at Fort Mason, S.F. was last detected 7 Mar (Hugh Harvey). The sole Baltimore Oriole reported was singing 26 May at Big Sur R. mouth, Monterey (TAm). Two singing Scott's Orioles at Chimney Peak N.R.A., Tulare 15 May (SDS) were just n. of known Kern nesting areas, while one at Oasis, Mono 28 May (JCS) was less expected. Red Crossbills were only reported from Humboldt. There was a large and long-staying irruption of Evening Grosbeaks in the Mono Basin, Mono 25 Feb+ (KNN, m.ob.); one in the C.V. was at Davis, Yolo 14 Mar-2 Apr (MP, m.ob.), and 4 were in Eureka, Humboldt 10 May (GSL).

Corrigenda: In the summer issue, we reported that a Black-throated Gray Warbler nest was a first confirmed nesting record for *Mono*, but it was merely a first for the Mono Basin; the species nests elsewhere in the county in the White Mt. and Glass Mt. ranges (*fide* KNN). In the fall issue, we reported that the Wood Thrush on 20 Sep 2005 was the first in the Region since 1996; this statement overlooked one in *Santa Cruz* 16 Jun 2005 (acc. by C.B.R.C., *fide* DLSu).

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