

AN UPDATE FROM THE CALIFORNIA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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The California Bird Records Committee (CBRC) received 221 records in 1990. A similar number (213) of records was received in 1989, and this will probably be close to the annual average. The CBRC has reviewed about 2860 of the 3110 "published records" (as defined by Roberson, "News from the California Bird Records Committee," *W. Birds* 20:269-271, 1989) through May 1990, which represents a review percentage of close to 92%.

The twelfth report of the CBRC is now in press (next issue of *Western Birds*) and a draft of the thirteenth report has been completed. These reports will publish all Committee decisions for bird records received through 1988. A fourteenth report is also in preparation. It will cover all pre-1986 records for which documentation has been obtained and recently reviewed. A list of "unresolved" records will also be published soon, either separately or as an appendix to the fourteenth report. This publication will list all published records for which little or no documentation has been received by the CBRC.

Roberson (1989) reported that as of January 1990 the California state list stood at 572 species. The CBRC has since reviewed and accepted three additional species: Murphy's Petrel (*Pterodroma ultima*), Common Pochard (*Aythya ferina*), and Gray Wagtail (*Motacilla cinerea*). Also, the Introduced Birds Subcommittee submitted the Sierra Nevada population of White-tailed Ptarmigan (*Lagopus leucurus*) for review, and the species was formally accepted. Thus, the current (April 1991) state list stands at 576 species. A number of species that would represent first state records are currently under review: Solander's Petrel (*Pterodroma solandri*), Crested Caracara (*Polyborus plancus*), Band-tailed Gull (*Larus belcheri*), Iceland Gull (*L. glaucooides*), Swallow-tailed Gull (*Creagrurus furcatus*), Oriental (Rufous) Turtle-Dove (*Streptopelia orientalis*), Green Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle americana*), Cave Swallow (*Hirundo fulva*), Red-flanked Bluetail (*Tarsiger cyanurus*), Eyebrowed Thrush (*Turdus obscurus*), Smith's Longspur (*Calcarius pictus*), Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*), and Oriental Greenfinch (*Carduelis sinica*).

The current members of the CBRC are Stephen F. Bailey, Jon L. Dunn, Richard A. Erickson, Kimball L. Garrett, Matt T. Heindel, Paul E. Lehman, Michael J. Lippmeyer, Guy McCaskie, Joseph Morlan, and Michael A. Patten. After serving five years as Secretary, Don Roberson retired in January 1991. All documentation and correspondence should now be sent to me at the above address.

The annual CBRC meeting was held on 12 January 1991 at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History. At this meeting, no changes were made to the bylaws or the Review List, last given by Roberson (1989). As in the past, copies of the CBRC bylaws and Review List can be obtained from the Secretary at no charge, but please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.