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Front cover photo by © Todd Easterla of Rancho Cordova, California: Streaked Shearwater (*Calonectris leucomelas*), Monterey Bay, Monterey County, California, 12 October 2008. A species of the western Pacific, the Streaked Shearwater has been substantiated once in Oregon, 18 times in California (most frequently on Monterey Bay but once inland), and once in Wyoming.

Back cover "Featured Photo" by © Brad Schram of Arroyo Grande, California: juvenile Rufous-crowned Sparrow (*Aimophila ruficeps*), Deer Canyon, San Luis Obispo County, California, 6 August 2006. Note the pencil-streaked upper breast and sides over buff, streaked crown, and facial pattern, a paler version of the adult's.

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