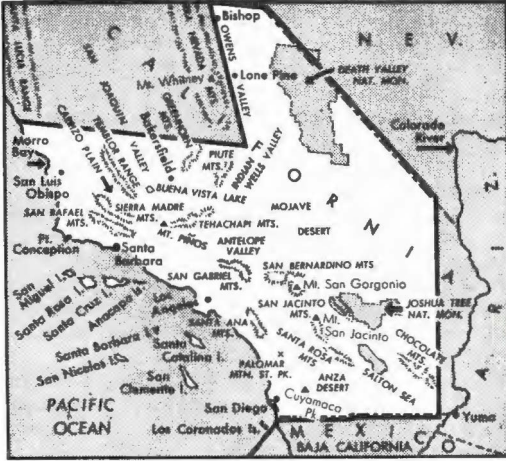


## SOUTHERN PACIFIC COAST REGION / Guy McCaskie

The period was exceptionally dry with much fog along the coast in May, but what effect local weather conditions have on migrants is still not clear. This spring saw a great variety of both water and land birds passing through this Region, including some species very rare or previously unrecorded at this time of the year, including the Region's first Curlew Sandpiper.



**MIGRATION**—On the coast the first wave of migrants appeared Mar. 19-20 bringing with it Warbling Vireos, Wilson's Warblers and N. Orioles. March 26-30 saw the arrival of Nashville and Black-throated Gray Warblers along with a surge of W. Flycatchers, Orange-crowned and Wilson's Warblers, Hooded and N. Orioles and a few Black-headed Grosbeaks. No real pushes were evident until May; then between May 3 and 15 the entire coast was inundated with flycatchers, vireos, warblers, orioles, tanagers and finches. Peak numbers appeared about May 8-10.

On the desert Russ and Marion Wilson monitored bird movements through Morongo Valley where waves were evident on Apr. 18-19, Apr. 23-25 and May 3-4. Migrants were packed into this oasis by the thousands on Apr. 18-19 with Ash-throated Flycatchers, Warbling Vireos, Orange-crowned, Black-throated Gray and Wilson's Warblers, and N. Orioles all reaching their peak numbers for that spot. Western Tanagers made up the bulk of the birds on May 3-4.

The early arrival dates for some of our key migrants were: Wilson's Phalarope, Apr. 20, San Diego Co.; Com. Tern, Apr. 18, San Diego Co.; Least Tern, Apr. 18, San Diego Co.; Elegant Tern, Mar. 10, San Diego Co.; Black Tern, Apr. 23, Imperial Co.; Lesser Night-hawk, Apr. 11, Riverside Co.; Vaux's Swift, Apr. 19, San Diego Co.; Black-chinned Hummingbird, Mar. 25, Imperial Co.; W. Kingbird, Apr. 3, San Diego Co.; Ash-throated Flycatcher, Mar. 24, Imperial Co.; Willow Flycatcher, May 11, Imperial Co.; W. Flycatcher, Mar. 12, San Diego Co.; W. Wood Pewee, Apr. 13, Orange Co.; Olive-sided Flycatcher, Apr. 7, San Diego and Orange Cos.; Swainson's Thrush, Apr. 28, San Diego Co.; Bell's Vireo, Apr. 15, San Diego Co.; Soli-

tary Vireo, Mar. 19, Los Angeles Co.; Warbling Vireo, Mar. 9, San Diego and Imperial Cos.; Nashville Warbler, Mar. 25, San Diego Co.; Yellow Warbler, Apr. 1, Los Angeles Co.; Black-throated Gray Warbler, Mar. 26, Los Angeles Co.; Hermit Warbler, Apr. 15, Orange Co.; MacGillivray's Warbler, Mar. 27, e. San Diego Co.; Yellow-breasted Chat, Apr. 15, San Diego Co.; Wilson's Warbler, Mar. 19, Los Angeles Co.; Hooded Oriole, Mar. 7, San Diego Co.; Scott's Oriole, Mar. 9, e. San Diego Co.; N. Oriole, Mar. 9, San Diego Co.; W. Tanager, Apr. 15, Orange Co.; Black-headed Grosbeak, Mar. 25, San Diego Co.; Blue Grosbeak, Apr. 22, Orange Co.; Lazuli Bunting, Apr. 15, Orange Co.; Black-chinned Sparrow, Mar. 24, San Diego Co.

**ALBATROSSES, SHEARWATERS, STORM-PETRELS**—Pelagic birding trips off the coast included an Apr. 28 boat trip from Santa Barbara to the Channel Is., a May 4 trip from San Diego to San Clemente I. and a May 12 trip from Oxnard to Anacapa I. Three Black-footed Albatrosses off San Diego May 4 were interesting, since few have been seen in these waters recently. Five late N. Fulmars were seen off San Diego May 4. Pink-footed Shearwaters were estimated in the thousands off Santa Barbara Apr. 28, but only 25 were found off San Diego May 4, and 30 off Oxnard on May 12. Similarly Sooty Shearwaters were in the thousands in the Santa Barbara Channel Apr. 28, with only 150 off San Diego May 4 and but 50 off Oxnard May 12; in addition several thousand Sooty Shearwaters were along the coast of Santa Barbara Co. in early May with 1000 off Goleta May 9 and 100,000 there May 17. An Ashy Storm-Petrel off Santa Barbara Apr. 28 was the only one reported. At least 100 Black Storm-Petrels were off San Diego May 4, but only ten were seen off Oxnard May 12 and two off Santa Barbara Apr. 28.

**HERONS**—An ad. Little Blue Heron was still present around Bolsa Chica, Orange Co. throughout April, being last noted May 5 (JS). Cattle Egret sightings away from the Imperial Valley included nine near Blythe, Riverside Co. Apr. 17, ten near Corona, Riverside Co. Apr. 25, and 20 around Imperial Beach, San Diego Co. Apr. 20. The Reddish Egret at Imperial Beach was last seen Apr. 3 after having been present since October. Louisiana Herons persisted around Imperial Beach well into the spring with four still present Apr. 20. A Least Bittern at Stove Pipe Wells in Death Valley June 1 was certainly at an unusual locality, especially since no open water is present.

**GEESE, DUCKS**—As usual a few Black Brant, moving north from wintering grounds in the Gulf of California, were noted in the s.e. portion of the Region with a flock of 30 flying westward against strong winds through the San Geronio Pass, Riverside Co. Mar. 24, and up to ten around the Salton Sea Apr. 11-May 12. Four Fulvous Tree Ducks in the San Joaquin Marsh at the head of Newport Bay, Orange Co. in April and May were the only ones reported away from the Salton Sea, and they were suspected to have escaped from nearby Lion Country Safari. At least 22 ♂♂ Blue-winged Teal were reported, with most being found in the e. portion of the Region. Most interesting was a ♂ Garganey (*Anas querquedula*) with a migrant flock of Cinnamon

Teal in Long Beach, L.A. Co. Apr. 4 (Barbara Massey, SWe), for Massey reported seeing a ♂ Garganey with Cinnamon Teal at the exact location on Mar. 15, 1972, and it would appear the same individual is involved in both sightings; at present the bird is best treated as an escapee. A pair of Wood Ducks at Deep Springs, Inyo Co. May 24 was unusual. An Oldsquaw was present on San Diego Bay throughout April and May; a late straggler. The ♂ Harlequin Duck was still present at Playa del Rey, L.A. Co. on June 1 and appears to be summering. Two young ♂♂ Surf Scoters at Salton City on the Salton Sea Apr. 27 to the end of the period were the only ones found away from the coast. Red-breasted Mergansers are apparently regular migrants through the e. portion of the Region, for this spring about ten individuals were noted at Furnace Creek Ranch in Death Valley (hereafter F.C.R.) Apr. 7-June 1, one was at Desert Center, Riverside Co. Apr. 27, and a few were on the Salton Sea as usual.

**HAWKS**—A White-tailed Kite at Morongo Valley May 11 was east of its normal range. An imm. Goshawk at F.C.R. Apr. 8 (RS) was most unusual. Swainson's Hawks continue to decline with one over San Diego Apr. 17, two near Glamis, Imperial Co. May 23 and another at F.C.R. Apr. 29 being the only migrants reported; single birds near Big Pine Apr. 21 & May 11, and at Oasis May 26 & June 1 were probably nesting locally. Rough-legged Hawks lingered into April in the Owens Valley with one near Bishop Apr. 15 and an exceptionally late bird at Big Pine May 5. An imm. Bald Eagle was still present on Big Bear L. in the San Bernardino Mts. Apr. 7. A Peregrine Falcon over F.C.R. Apr. 14 was the only one reported away from known nesting localities.

**SHOREBIRDS**—Two Am. Oystercatchers were seen at the w. end of Santa Cruz I. Apr. 20-21 (LJ); two at this locality and another on Anacapa I. have apparently been around for a number of years and account for most recent records of this species in California. Four Semipalmated Plovers at Tecopa, Inyo Co. Apr. 30 were in an area of California from which few records exist. The **Piping Plover** that spent the winter in Malibu, L.A. Co. was still present Apr. 16 (JM). At least 18 Snowy Plovers were reported seen in Inyo Co. in May with one at Deep Springs May 27, ten at F.C.R. May 20-June 3, and seven around Tecopa Apr. 30-May 25, indicating it is regular there in small numbers. The only Am. Golden Plovers reported were one on San Nicholas I. May 4 and another at the north end of the Salton Sea (hereafter N.E.S.S.) May 25. Away from the coast a single Ruddy Turnstone was at Salton City Apr. 27, five were at the south end of the Salton Sea (hereafter S.E.S.S.) May 6, and four were at N.E.S.S. May 11; this species is recorded regularly in both spring and fall on the Salton Sea, but is virtually unrecorded elsewhere inland in California or the surrounding states. Single Solitary Sandpipers, rare in spring, were found in Huntington Beach, Orange Co. Apr. 12, near Corona, Riverside Co. Apr. 25, and at Tecopa Apr. 30. A Wandering Tattler at S.E.S.S. Apr. 27 (AP) was most interesting since the species is rarely found inland. Red Knots, now considered regular spring migrants inland at the Salton Sea, were constantly present at the Salton

Sea Apr. 20-May 25 with a high count of 75 on Apr. 26. Unexpected was a breeding plumage **Curlew Sandpiper** at Salton City on the Salton Sea Apr. 27-28 (GMcC, JD, EAC); the third record for California, but the first for the spring. Three **Stilt Sandpipers** at S.E.S.S. May 11 and six there May 19 were the only ones reported this spring. A Semipalmated Sandpiper, very rare in California, was well studied at S.E.S.S. May 11 (RS *et al.*) and two were found there the following day (BB). A fair number of Sanderlings passed through the Salton Sea area in April and May with over 50 counted there on May 11 alone; one was at Desert Center May 19. A number of Red Phalaropes were seen along the entire coast May 4-25 with a high count of 80 near Cambria, San Luis Obispo Co. May 24; one at El Monte, L.A. Co. May 20 was of interest since the locality is inland.

**JAEGERs, GULLs, TERNS, SKIMMERS**—Five Pomarine Jaegers counted in the Santa Barbara Channel Apr. 28, ten seen off Oxnard May 12, and at least 50 encountered off San Diego May 4, while only one Parasitic Jaeger was identified (near Anacapa I. May 12) again indicates which jaeger is the commoner offshore. A skua of unknown identity was seen near Catalina I. May 31 (LJ). The only Franklin's Gulls found this spring was an adult at N.E.S.S. May 11 (JD *et al.*), two at F.C.R. May 23-24 (RS), and another there May 27 (HK). Exceptional was an ad. Heermann's Gull on Big Bear L. in the San Bernardino Mts. Apr. 7 (HK), for the species is very rare away from the coast. A Sabine's Gull off Santa Barbara Apr. 28, ten off San Diego May 4, and four off Oxnard May 12 were the only ones reported. Common Terns are numerous along the coast throughout May, but very rare inland at that time; this year three were seen at N.E.S.S. May 11 (RS, JD *et al.*). Most interesting was a Least Tern at N.E.S.S. May 25 (LJ) since few inland records exist. Black Skimmers again returned to the Salton Sea, being first noted there Apr. 26; however, four at N.E.S.S. Apr. was the most found.

**ALCIDS**—Late Com. Murres include one off Oxnard May 12, about 20 between Ventura and Anacapa I. May 26, and one in San Pedro May 31. Pigeon Guillemots were considered commoner than usual with 30 seen around Anacapa and Santa Cruz Is. Apr. 28, and 60-70 near Santa Barbara I. May 31. Only two Xantus' Murrelets were found off San Diego May 4, and about ten including a pair with a downy chick were seen around Anacapa I. May 12. Only one Cassin's Auklet could be found off Santa Barbara Apr. 28, and 15 off San Diego May 4, however more than 50 were seen off Oxnard May 12. Totally unexpected was a **Horned Puffin** near Anacapa I. May 12 (GWK, EAC *et al.*) in the same general area where an identical looking bird was photographed last year (*Am. Birds* 27:821).

**DOVES, OWLS, GOATSUCKERS, SWIFTS, HUMMINGBIRDS**—Band-tailed Pigeon appeared in a number of localities outside its normal range and habitat including one at Big Pine May 4, single birds at Deep Springs May 5 & June 3, and one at S.E.S.S. May 9 in the e. portion of the Region, as well as three along the coast in San Diego Co. Apr. 5-June 5, one on Santa Barbara I. May 31, another on San Nicholas I. June 8-9,

and seven on Santa Rosa I. June 11. White-winged Doves at Kelso, Tecopa and F.C.R. in May were at the northern limit of the species' range, but one at Deep Springs May 19 (HK) was farther north than normal; one in San Pedro Apr. 14 was the only one seen on the coast. A Ground Dove at F.C.R. Apr. 14 (HK) was north of its normal range. An Inca Dove in Blythe Apr. 23 was the first for that locality.

How can anyone explain the presence of a Saw-whet Owl at F.C.R. June 11 (M & NP) when temperatures were 110°? A pair of Whip-poor-wills had returned to the San Jacinto Mts. by May 18; this species is clearly a regular summer visitor to these mountains. Again Chimney Swifts were found on the coast with 1-2 in Oceanside, San Diego Co. May 31 (HK), and three seen flying over s. Los Angeles June 5 (Herb Clark, *vide* GSS). A ♀ Anna's Hummingbird at Scotty's Castle in Death Valley May 20 (HK) was interesting since very few records exist for this area of California. A ♂ Broad-tailed Hummingbird in San Pedro Apr. 15-23 (SWe) was probably only the third ever found on the coast of California.

**WOODPECKERS**—An Acorn Woodpecker in Morongo Valley Apr. 30 was a little east of its normal range, but one at Deep Springs May 21-24 (SS, VR), and another at Scotty's Castle in Death Valley May 8 (RS) were far out of range; one at Anacapa I. Apr. 28 (LJ, HK) had clearly crossed a large expanse of open ocean.

**FLYCATCHERS, SWALLOWS**—Four E. Kingbirds in the e. portion of the Region was normal with one at Morongo Valley May 18 (*vide* GSS), one at Deep Springs May 25 (JD *et al.*), one at Stove Pipe Wells June 1 (VR *et al.*), and another at nearby F.C.R. June 3 (RLeV). A Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, always rare in California, was at F.C.R. May 24 (RLeV), and another was on Anacapa I. the same day (N. Whelan, *vide* LJ). Wied's Crested Flycatchers were first noted in Morongo Valley Apr. 30; this is the only locality west of the Colorado River Valley where this species is known to nest. A Vermilion Flycatcher at F.C.R. May 25 was at the northern limit of its range in California. A Purple Martin at Pt. Mugu, Ventura Co. Mar. 2 was exceptionally early, and one at Desert Center Apr. 27 was at an interesting locality.

**JAYS, MAGPIES, THRASHERS, SOLITAIRES**—A Scrub Jay in Tecopa Apr. 29 and another at Scotty's Castle May 8 were both at unusual localities. A Black-billed Magpie at F.C.R. May 24 was south of its normal range. Similarly a Clark's Nutcracker in the Laguna Mts. of San Diego Co. May 25 was outside its normal range.

A **Gray Catbird** at Deep Springs June 1 (GMCC *et al.*) is but the fifth recorded in the Region, however, it is the third for that area of California in early June. A Brown Thrasher at Oasis, Mono Co. May 29 (LJ) was the only one found this spring. A lone Bendire's Thrasher at Stove Pipe Wells June 1 (VR) was a little to the north of its range, and may be the first recorded in Death Valley. A Curve-billed Thrasher, a casual straggler to California, was at the Brock Experimental Station in s.e. Imperial Co. Apr. 14 (BB, JD *et al.*). A Townsend's Solitaire at Morongo Valley Apr. 27 was the only one reported seen on the desert this spring.

**WAXWINGS, VIREOS**—A Bohemian Waxwing near Weldon, Kern Co. May 19 (KA) was unexpected since none were reported during the winter. A Gray Vireo in Whitewater Canyon, Riverside Co. Apr. 20 and another at Morongo Valley May 5 were the only migrants of this species reported. A Solitary Vireo of the plumbeous race near San Diego Apr. 15-22 (JD) was a little west for that form, and represents one of the few records for coastal California. Most interesting was a **Red-eyed Vireo** at Morongo Valley June 2 (IMaG) and another at Scotty's Castle in Death Valley June 3 (RLeV), for the species is exceptionally rare in s. California.

**WARBLERS**—This has been the richest spring on record for both the number and variety of the rarer species of warblers occurring in s. California. All eleven of our normally-occurring West Coast species were present in average or above-average numbers as migrants passing through the Region with some remaining to nest. The two southwestern species, Virginia's and Lucy's, whose ranges extend into e. California, were found as expected. Regular rare migrants such as N. Waterthrushes and Am. Redstarts were more numerous than usual, and the number of regular as well as irregular vagrant species recorded swelled the list to 31 species. Records of Black-and-white Warblers included ten in Inyo and s. Mono Cos. May 8 to June 3, one in San Pedro May 7 (SWe), and five on Santa Barbara and San Nicholas Is. May 31-June 8. A ♂ **Prothonotary Warbler** was at F.C.R. May 25-28 (RLeV *et al.*), and another ♂ was on San Nicholas I. June 9 (LJ, JD, GMCC) for the fourth and fifth California spring records. A ♀ **Golden-winged Warbler** at Oasis May 26-27 (RS *et al.*) and a male at nearby Deep Springs May 29 (LJ, JD) were amazing, since there are but seven previous records for the State. A Tennessee Warbler was at Oasis May 8 (RS) and at least four others were seen there and at nearby Deep Springs May 21-June 1 (SS, VR, JD *et al.*) with a fifth at F.C.R. May 29 (GSS *et al.*), and another near Westmorland, Imperial Co. May 11 (JD *et al.*); on the coast single birds were found in San Pedro May 27 (J & DM) and June 7 (SWe), and two were present on San Nicholas I. June 7-8 (LJ *et al.*). Single Virginia's Warblers at Yucca Valley, San Bernardino Co. May 11 (EAC, SC) and F.C.R. May 25 (VR) were probably heading for breeding grounds along the e. border of California, but one in Huntington Beach May 11 (MH) and two on Anacapa I. May 10 were lost. Lucy's Warblers had returned to the Colorado R. by Mar. 17, and reached localities such as Tecopa, F.C.R. and Morongo Valley, which mark the limits of its range in California, by May. Amazing was the recording of nine N. Parulas in the e. portion of the Region with a male and female at Oasis May 25 (J & SL *et al.*), two males there May 27-28 (RS, JD *et al.*) and another male on June 3 (VR *et al.*), a female at Deep Springs June 3 (VR *et al.*), a female at F.C.R. May 26 (RLeV *et al.*), a female at Morongo Valley Apr. 18-19 (RE & MW) and another female near Desert Center June 17 (VR *et al.*). Six ♂ ♂ Magnolia Warblers were unprecedented with one each at Oasis and F.C.R. June 1 (VR, RLeV *et al.*), another at Deep Springs June 3 (VR) and three on San Nicholas I. June 8 (LJ *et al.*). An obvious ♂ Townsend's X Hermit Warbler hybrid was



studied on Pt. Loma May 5 (JD, GMcC). Most exciting was the finding of a ♀ **Cerulean Warbler**, only the third recorded in California, at Oasis May 27 (RS *et al.*). A ♂ **Yellow-throated Warbler** in San Diego Apr. 23-25 (JD *et al.*) is but the second recorded in spring for California; the bird was clearly *albiflora*. Five Chestnut-sided Warblers were more than expected but a male was at Oasis May 25-26 (HK *et al.*), a female at Scotty's Castle May 26 (AS), a male at F.C.R. the same day (BB) and another male there June 1 (M & NP), and a male near San Diego May 29 (RP). A ♂ **Bay-breasted Warbler** at Deep Springs June 3 (VR *et al.*) was followed by another on San Nicholas I. June 8 (LJ *et al.*) and another on Santa Rosa I. June 12 (LJ); amazing considering the fact that only two previous spring records exist for the Region. A ♂ **Blackpoll Warbler**, exceptionally rare in spring, was at F.C.R. May 25 (RS *et al.*) and another was on Santa Rosa I. June 12 (LJ). A Palm Warbler, also very rare in spring, was at Chatsworth, L.A. Co. May 10-12 (HK). Seven Ovenbirds is certainly more than expected, but single birds were at Oasis and Deep Springs May 21 (HK, GSS, SS), one was at F.C.R. May 28-29 (JD, LJ), another was there June 2 (GMcC *et al.*), one was on Pt. Loma June 3 (JD), and single birds appeared on San Nicholas I. June 8 & 10 (LJ *et al.*). A N. Waterthrush at Cardiff, San Diego Co. Apr. 5-7 (SS *et al.*) had probably wintered locally, but one near San Diego Apr. 28 (JD) was probably a spring migrant, and ten in San Bernardino, Inyo and s. Mono Cos. May 8-June 10 were clearly migrants. A ♂ **Connecticut Warbler** on Santa Barbara I. May 31 (LJ *et al.*) is only the third recorded in the Region. A ♀ Hooded Warbler, a rare straggler to California, was studied in Huntington Beach May 12 (MH). At least 28 Am. Redstarts were reported with all but four being found in the e. portion of the Region. Two Painted Redstarts, quite rare in California, were in the Laguna Mts. of San Diego Co. May 23 to the end of the period (EC, PU, SS *et al.*), and a singing male was at the South Fork Campground in the San Bernardino Mts. June 3-6 (SWe *et al.*); both localities are suitable for nesting and observers should be aware of the possibility of breeding within the State.

**BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES, TANAGERS**—Again a few Bobolinks were seen in the e. portion of the Region with three at F.C.R. May 26 (VR *et al.*), another there May 29 (LJ, JD) and two at Oasis June 1 (GMcC *et al.*); in addition two were found on the coast with one on Pt. Loma June 6 (JD) and the other on San Nicholas I. June 8 (LJ, JD). A ♂ Tricolored Blackbird carefully studied at F.C.R. May 26 (VR *et al.*) was far out of range. A ♂ Orchard Oriole frequented a feeder in Santa Barbara Apr. 12-19 (SBas) and another was seen near Tecopa May 31 (JS). A Scott's Oriole in San Diego Apr. 20, and another in San Pedro May 10-13 were on the coast where they rarely occur. Sightings of "Baltimore" Orioles included a female in San Diego Apr. 22 (JD), a male in Westguard Pass, Inyo Co. May 12 (TH) and another male at Stove Pipe Wells in Death Valley June 2 (J & SL *et al.*); this race of the N. Oriole regularly strays west to California.

A belated report of a ♂ Hepatic Tanager near Norwalk, L.A. Co. Feb. 18 (JS) is noteworthy, since the species is casual away from its limited breeding range in

California; this is probably the same individual as seen Oct. 1-14, 1973 (*Am. Birds* 28:110). Reports of Summer Tanagers in the n.e. portion of the Region included a male at Oasis May 25, a ♀ at Deep Springs June 1, a male there June 3, and a male near Tecopa May 17; on the coast a male was near Santa Barbara on May 15, and four males were seen on San Nicholas I. June 7-10. All these out-of-range birds are suspected of being individuals of the eastern race *rubra*.

**FINCHES, SPARROWS**—A singing ♂ **Pyrhuloxia** was seen at S.E.S.S. Apr. 28 (JF), and a female was found at the Brock Experimental Station May 23 (RS); this species appears to be extending its range to include s.e. California. An exceptional number of Rose-breasted Grosbeaks was found this spring with seven along the e. border in s. Mono, Inyo and Riverside Cos. May 25-June 1, four on the coast in Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Diego Cos. May 21-June 4, and three on the Channel Is. May 31-June 9. Indigo Buntings were also quite numerous in s. Mono and Inyo Cos. with at least 16 individuals reported May 5-June 10 and two more at Desert Center in Riverside Co. May 25. A bird believed to be a ♂ hybrid Indigo X Lazuli Bunting was well studied at Deep Springs May 25-27 (VR *et al.*). A few Evening Grosbeaks at Oasis and Deep Springs May 8-25 were the only ones found this spring. Four Lawrence's Goldfinches in the Old Woman Mts. San Bernardino Co. Apr. 12 were a little east of their normal range. A lone Red Crossbill on Pt. Loma Apr. 20 was unexpected. A Rufous-crowned Sparrow at Scotty's Castle in Death Valley May 8 (RS) was far from its known range. A Gray-headed Junco at the Brock Experimental Station Apr. 14 was quite late. A Tree Sparrow at Deep Springs Apr. 7 (RS) is the first recorded in April for California. A Clay-colored Sparrow, very rare in spring, was at Stove Pipe Wells in Death Valley June 1 (SS, J & SL). A singing ♂ Black-chinned Sparrow at Westguard Pass, Inyo Co. May 24 (VR) was a little north of its known range, and a female on Santa Barbara I. May 31 (LJ) represents one of the few records for the Channel Is. Both a Golden-crowned Sparrow and a Fox Sparrow (a rusty bird from the east) on San Nicholas I. June 8 were exceptionally late.

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