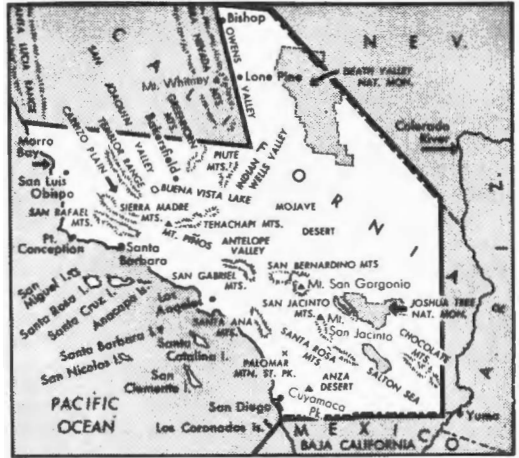


appeared scattered, with no major concentrations of landbirds reported, and most observers commented on the scarcity of these birds. The Salton Sea hosted large numbers of migrant shorebirds including some species unusual for that locality.



The early arrival dates for some of our key migrants were: Wilson's Phalarope Mar. 31, San Diego; N. Phalarope Apr. 13, L. Cuyamaca; Com. Tern Apr. 16, Ventura and San Diego; Least Tern Apr. 8, San Diego; Elegant Tern Mar. 11, San Diego; Black Tern Apr. 22, Salton Sea; Lesser Nighthawk Mar. 25, Salton Sea; Vaux's Swift Apr. 14, Ventura; Black-chinned Hummingbird Mar. 25, Pt. Mugu; W. Kingbird Mar. 18, Borrego Valley; Ash-throated Flycatcher Mar. 23, Borrego Valley; Willow Flycatcher May 5, San Diego; Hammond's Flycatcher Apr. 2, Borrego Valley; W. Flycatcher Mar. 19, Cambria; W. Wood Pewee Apr. 3, Topanga Canyon (exceptionally early — LJ) and Apr. 21, San Diego; Olive-sided Flycatcher Apr. 20, Colorado R. valley; Swainson's Thrush Apr. 6, San Diego (exceptionally early — CGE) and Apr. 16, Yaqui Well; Bell's Vireo Mar. 26, San Diego; Solitary Vireo Apr. 5, Borrego Valley; Warbling Vireo Mar. 14, Santa Barbara; Nashville Warbler Apr. 1, Los Angeles; Yellow Warbler Apr. 8, San Diego; Black-throated Gray Warbler Mar. 21, Borrego Valley; Hermit Warbler Apr. 21, Laguna Mts.; MacGillivray's Warbler Apr. 5, Borrego Valley; Yellow-breasted Chat Apr. 8, San Diego; Wilson's Warbler Mar. 13, Colorado R. valley; Hooded Oriole Mar. 3, Imperial Beach; N. Oriole Mar. 12, Escondido; W. Tanager Apr. 14, Vista; Black-headed Grosbeak Apr. 1, Topanga Canyon and Oceanside; Blue Grosbeak Apr. 13, Encino and Riverside; Lazuli Bunting Apr. 2, Anza Borrego Desert; Black-chinned Sparrow Mar. 23, Borrego Valley.

## SOUTHERN PACIFIC COAST REGION

/Guy McCaskie

Wet weather continued through April and into early May, leaving the Region with a lush growth of grasses and many areas of standing water. Migrants

**LOONS, GREBES** — In 107 hours of seawatching from Goleta Pt., Santa Barbara Co., Paul Lehman counted 477 Com. Loons, 35,093 Arctic Loons and 1746 Red-throated Loons moving N during the period, giving a good indication of the ratio of loon species to be found wintering in S. California. More

than 20 Com. Loons were found inland Apr. 9 – May 29, including nine on L. Cuyamaca, San Diego Co., Apr. 29 (EC), indicating a relatively good movement of these birds across the interior of this Region. A Red-throated Loon on L. Cuyamaca Apr. 25-29 (VR, EC) was far inland. A Horned Grebe at the north end of the Salton Sea (hereafter, N.E.S.S.) May 13-14 (JD, LD) was the only one reported away from the coast.

**ALBATROSSES, SHEARWATERS, STORM-PETRELS** — Eight Black-footed Albatrosses off San Diego May 8 (AS, CGE) and four off San Miguel I., May 14 (JD) would be considered normal. Most interesting were a Flesh-footed Shearwater off Santa Rosa I., and another off San Nicolas I., May 14 (JD, KG), since there are few spring records for the Region. Manx Shearwaters persisted later than usual with one still present off San Diego May 20 (PU). As expected Black Storm-Petrel was the predominant storm-petrel off the coast in April and May but a Leach's Storm-Petrel was seen off San Miguel I., May 14 (JD, KG) along with ca. 50 Ashy Storm-Petrels.

**PELICANS** — An imm. Brown Pelican at N.E.S.S., May 24-26 (SC, GSS) was exceptionally early, June 7 being the previous early arrival date for this inland locality.

**HERONS, STORKS, SPOONBILLS** — An ad. Little Blue Heron was at Goleta Apr. 29 (PL, H&PB) and another was there May 10-29 (LRB) adding to the growing list of May-June records from the coast of S. California. Cattle Egrets were quite numerous along the coast with up to 12 at Pt. Mugu during May (REW, DE) and as many as 30 near Imperial Beach in the same period (PU, EC); this species normally withdraws from the coast by early April. A single bird in Bishop Apr. 7 (TH), one at Tecopa, Inyo Co., Mar. 1 (JT) and another at Furnace Cr. Ranch in Death Valley (hereafter, F.C.R.) May 24 (PL) were all at interesting localities. One or two Reddish Egrets remained around San Diego throughout the period (RCS, CGE) and another was seen inland at N.E.S.S., May 8 (KG). A Louisiana Heron was still present at Imperial Beach May 31 (RCS) and an adult was at N.E.S.S., May 24 (SC). An Am. Bittern was still present at N.E.S.S., May 24 (SC) and suspected of nesting; no documented nesting record exists for the Salton Sea area. A Wood Stork at the south end of the Salton Sea (hereafter, S.E.S.S.) Apr. 15 & 23 (DE, GMcC) was most likely the same individual present here during the winter period since post-breeding wanderers are not expected in the area before late May. An imm. Roseate Spoonbill at N.E.S.S., May 19-26 (SC, GSG) could possibly be the individual seen at S.E.S.S., during the winter.

**GEESE, DUCKS** — A white-bellied Brant, a rare bird on the West Coast, was seen with "Black" Brant on Mission Bay in San Diego Apr. 4 (DP). Paul Lehman counted 17,485 Brant moving N past Goleta Pt., during the period giving some insight to the numbers of these birds now wintering on the coast of Baja California (only small numbers winter on the coast of S. California). A flock of 120 Brant was at

N.E.S.S., Apr. 1 (EC) with smaller numbers there to May 31+, eight were on L. Henshaw in the mountains of San Diego County Mar. 18 (PU), and the bird on Apollo L., near Lancaster was still present Apr. 8 (FH); this species now occurs regularly as a spring migrant through s.e. California from wintering grounds, probably in the Gulf of California. A Ross' Goose at N.E.S.S., Apr. 25 – May 7 (VR, KG) was exceptionally late and may have been carrying shot, although it could fly strongly.

Three Fulvous Whistling Ducks in the San Joaquin Marsh at Irvine, Orange Co., Apr. 2 (TS) behaved like wild birds, however this locality is close to a known source for escapees (Lion Country Safari), and all sightings of this species in coastal S. California are likely to be of escapees. Greater Scaup were more numerous than usual with some remaining quite late, such as four in San Diego May 19 (CGE) and one at S.E.S.S., Apr. 23 (DE). A ♂ **Tufted Duck** at Pt. Mugu Apr. 18 (E. Colley, *vide* GSS) would appear to be only the second individual found in the Region. A ♂ Harlequin Duck at Pt. Fermin, Los Angeles Co., May 22 (C. Pollard, *vide* GSS) was late and far south. More than the average number of Surf Scoters was found inland, with eight seen on the Salton Sea Apr. 29–May 31+, up to 22 on L. Cuyamaca Apr. 15 – May 6, and one at Baker, San Bernardino Co., May 13 (SC). The number of Black Scoters present in S. California waters last winter is indicated by the 59 counted flying past Goleta Pt. during the period (PL), however, it is important to relate this number to the 63 White-winged Scoters and 23,448 Surf Scoters seen during the same period.

**HAWKS, EAGLES, FALCONS** — The wintering Broad-winged Hawk in Santa Barbara was last seen Apr. 14 (BS) and the one in neighboring Carpinteria Apr. 13 (BS); one at Morongo Valley May 3-5 (R&MW) was a spring migrant outside its normal range. Swainson's Hawks were more numerous than in recent years with up to 50 at Oasis May 21 – June 4 (TH, REW), 4 or 5 in the Owens Valley Mar. 22 – Apr. 30 (TH), up to seven in the Antelope Valley Apr. 22 – May 27 (FH), one near Needles May 10 (SC), one at Morongo Valley Apr. 23 (DR), one at N.E.S.S., May 6 (LD), and up to five in the Borrego Valley of e. San Diego Co., Apr. 5-29 (PU, JD). A Zone-tailed Hawk at Morongo Valley Apr. 21-22 (SC) was one of the very few found in California during the spring. Rough-legged Hawks remained later than usual with one in the Antelope Valley Apr. 17 (JD) and another at Oasis, Mono Co., Apr. 22 (TH) being the last to depart. Ferruginous Hawks also remained into early April with one in the Antelope Valley Apr. 17 (JD) being the latest. One or two wintering Bald Eagles lingered into early April but an immature near L. Hemet May 6 (JD, PL) and another near Palo Verde on the Colorado R., May 19 (KVR) were both exceptionally late. One or two Peregrine Falcons were seen around San Diego during April (PU, CGE) and another was at N.E.S.S., Apr. 22-23 (PL, EAC).

**RAILS** — A rail, believed to be a Yellow, was flushed from a wet area overgrown with grasses along the shore of San Jacinto L., Riverside Co., Apr. 15 & 19 (EAC, DMM); recent records of this species from S. California

are nonexistent, but an old record (Jan. 31, 1914) is from this area.

**SHOREBIRDS** — An Am. Oystercatcher on Anacapa I., Apr. 16 (REW) was undoubtedly the same individual present there since 1964, but one on Pt. Loma, San Diego Co., Apr. 20-21 (DE) was only the second found on the mainland coast in this century. A Black Oystercatcher, rare along the S. California coast, was at Goleta May 18 (PL), two were at Pt. Dume May 28 (KG), the three wintering birds at Playa del Rey were still present Apr. 29 (FH), and one or two were on Pt. Loma through April (PU).

A flock of 43 Semipalmated Plovers on Owens L., Apr. 29 (TH) was an exceptional number for any inland locality away from the Salton Sea. Three Mountain Plovers at Ocotillo Well, San Diego Co., Mar. 18 (CGE) were at an interesting locality and rather late. The wintering Am. Golden Plovers at Goleta and Playa del Rey were both last seen Apr. 29 (PL, FH), four were on San Clemente I., Apr. 25 (P. Kelly, *vide* DE) and single spring migrants were at McGrath S.P., Ventura Co., May 18 (REW) at N.E.S.S., May 8 (KG) and at S.E.S.S., Apr. 23 (LB); records from the interior of S. California are scarce. Whimbrels regularly occur in large numbers around S.E.S.S., during spring migration but are rarely reported from elsewhere inland, hence 150 in the Antelope Valley May 7 (JD), up to four at Baker May 13-20 (SC, PL), and another at Owens L., Apr. 8 (TH) are of interest. Six Solitary Sandpipers, always scarce in spring, were found, with one near Duarte, Los Angeles Co., Apr. 15 (JD), one at Baldwin L., May 2 (KG), one in Morongo Valley May 6 (BAC, RCY), another in Baker May 22 (SC) and two at F.C.R., Apr. 22 (TH). Ruddy Turnstones were continuously present on the Salton Sea Apr. 9 – May 13 with a high count of 12 at N.E.S.S., May 6 (GMcC). Most unusual was a Black Turnstone at Salton City on four days Apr. 1-22 (GMcC); whether all sightings involved the same individual could not be determined, but the species is considered casual anywhere inland.

Even more exciting were up to five Surfbirds at Salton City Apr. 9-22 (GMcC), and it is believed that as many as ten individuals of this species, considered accidental inland, stopped at this locality. Red Knots were more numerous than usual on the Salton Sea, being constantly present Mar. 14 – May 5 (JD, GMcC), with up to 200 seen Apr. 22-23; one at Stovepipe Wells in Death Valley June 1 (REW) was at a most unusual locality. A Semipalmated Sandpiper at N.E.S.S., May 13 (LD) was the only one found this spring. A Pectoral Sandpiper, extremely rare in spring, was at Goleta Apr. 30 (PL). Stilt Sandpipers were more scarce than usual on the Salton Sea with three at N.E.S.S., Apr. 22 (DR) and a flock of 28 at S.E.S.S., May 13 (LD) being the only ones found; one at Pt. Mugu, Ventura Co., Apr. 26 (REW) was at a coastal locality where few are recorded. A Ruff, rare anywhere in the Region, was at Pt. Mugu Apr. 1 (REW).

**SKUAS, GULLS, TERNS** — South Polar Skuas were again found off the coast with one Santa Catalina I., Apr. 30 (LJ), six around the n. Channel Is., May 14 (JD, KG), another in the Santa Barbara Channel May 15

(PL) one 20 mi off Redondo Beach May 21 (RLP) and four off San Diego May 20 (PU); it is becoming evident that this species is a late spring visitor to the offshore waters of S. California. A first-year Glaucous Gull was again seen at McGrath S.P., Mar. 12 (REW) and the second-year bird remained at Salton City to Apr. 15 (DE). Two Glaucous-winged Gulls, rare so far inland, were at N.E.S.S., Apr. 15 – May 6 (DE) and another was at Salton City Apr. 23 – May 5 (EAC). A Herring Gull at L. Cuyamaca Apr. 25 (JD) was late and at a most unusual locality. An imm. Thayer's Gull at N.E.S.S., May 5 (GMcC) was the only one found away from the coast. An imm. Mew gull, rare inland, was at Salton City Apr. 1 (PU) and an adult was near there Apr. 9 (JD). A Franklin's Gull at McGrath S.P., Mar. 2 (REW) was probably wintering locally; an adult near N.E.S.S., Apr. 1 (EC) was an early migrant, and 3-4 at N.E.S.S., Apr. 29 – May 2 (JD, AS) were as expected. Bonaparte's Gulls again appeared inland in large numbers such as *ca.* 300 on L. Henshaw Apr. 1 (PU) and *ca.* 200 on L. Cuyamaca Apr. 15 (KG), and occurred at such unlikely localities as Cabazon (3 on Apr. 16 – KG), F.C.R. (5 on May 20 – DE) and Big Pine (10 on May 29 – REW).

Two Gull-billed Terns on the Salton Sea Mar. 14 (JD) established the earliest spring arrival date on record. Two or three Arctic Terns were seen off the coast in late May as is now expected, but one at S.E.S.S., June 4 (LD) established only the third interior record for the Region. A Least Tern, very rare inland, was at S.E.S.S., Apr. 15 (DE) and another was at N.E.S.S., May 19 (SC). A few Elegant Terns ventured N of San Diego in April as indicated by four at McGrath S.P., Apr. 14 (JD) and two at Goleta Apr. 17 (PL); these sightings are two months earlier than previously early sightings from the same areas. A Black Tern at McGrath S.P., Apr. 14 (JD) is best treated as a wintering bird since it was in non-breeding plumage; first spring arrivals are normally in stunning breeding plumage and do not appear until the end of April.

**ALCIDS** — A few Com. Murres lingered well into May with six off Pt. Mugu May 13 (REW) and another off San Diego May 20 (PU) being the last. A Pigeon Guillemot at Goleta Apr. 16 (PL) was at an interesting locality. A Tufted Puffin near Santa Cruz I., May 15 (PL) was the only one reported. A Horned Puffin near San Nicolas I., Feb. 26 (REW) was unseasonable, virtually all previous S. California records falling in May and early June.

**DOVES THROUGH WOODPECKERS** — A Band-tailed Pigeon on Clark Mt., May 20 (PL) and another at F.C.R., June 3 (REW) were both outside the species' normal range. White-winged Doves wandered N to Inyo County as appears normal, with one in Shoshone May 27 (H&PB) and another at F.C.R., May 30 (REW); one in Goleta Apr. 25 (PL) was the only one found on the coast. A Yellow-billed Cuckoo was at Oasis May 27 – June 4 (PL, REW) and another was at F.C.R., May 29 – June 2 (REW, LJ); both are best treated as early spring migrants away from known nesting localities. A Pygmy Owl at El Capitan Beach, Santa Barbara Co., Mar. 26 (KG) was unusually close to the ocean. A Com. Night-hawk at Oasis May 28 (BBR) was the earliest noted this

year; like the Yellow-billed Cuckoo, this species does not arrive in S. California until around June 1. A Black Swift over Big Bear L., May 5 (KG) was the first noted this spring, and established one of the earliest records for the Region. A Calliope Hummingbird at Pt. Mugu Apr. 26 (REW), and single individuals on Pt. Loma Apr. 30 (GMCC) and May 3 (BC) furnished the only three coastal reports; numbers of these birds found on the coast vary from year to year, but this spring appeared poor for all migratory hummingbirds in S. California. A Yellow-shafted Flicker on Pt. Loma Apr. 4 (CGE) and another in Big Pine Apr. 8 (TH) were somewhat late. Up to five Acorn Woodpeckers remained around the Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery to Apr. 29 (TH) and another was found out of range near Twenty-nine Palms, San Bernardino Co., May 6 (GSS).

**FLYCATCHERS, SWALLOWS** — The only E. Kingbird reported was one at Deep Springs May 31 – June 1 (REW). A Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, always a rare find in California, was at Westgard Pass in the White Mts., June 4 (REW). A Vermilion Flycatcher at F.C.R., Mar. 26 (SG) may well have wintered at that locality. Purple Martins continued to decline; twelve at L. Cuyamaca Apr. 29 (EC) comprised the only flock reported, with single birds on the coast at Pt. Mugu Apr. 1 (REW) and Santa Barbara Apr. 17 (LRB), and inland at Palo Verde Apr. 17 (KVR) and F.C.R., May 20 (REW) being the only others found.

**NUTHATCHES THROUGH SHRIKES** — A Pygmy Nuthatch in Whitewater Canyon, Riverside Co., Apr. 22 (DE) was outside its normal range and habitat. Winter Wrens remained into March with one in San Timoteo Canyon near Redlands Apr. 15 (DMM) being quite late for the Region. A Gray Catbird was at Ft. Piute May 31 (REW) and another was at Panamint Springs June 2 (LJ); this species is proving to be regular in limited numbers during late May and early June in the e. part of the Region. The wintering Brown Thrasher in Santa Barbara remained to Mar. 18 (LB) and a spring vagrant was at Yucca Valley May 6-7 (SC). A Bendire's Thrasher in Joshua Tree N.M., Mar. 25 (DZ) marked the spring arrival date for the species this year. Sage Thrashers were on the move during March as usual with one present in Santa Barbara Mar. 13-18 (LRB). A Varied Thrush on Mt. Laguna Apr. 13 (BC) was late for this far south. three Townsend's Solitaires on Clark Mt., May 20 (DE) were unexpected since the species does not breed in that area of California. Northern Shrikes remained in the Owens Valley later than normal with two near Big Pine Mar. 5 (TH), one there Mar. 26 (TH) and another on Apr. 9 (TH).

**VIREOS, WOOD WARBLERS** — A **Yellow-throated Vireo**, a very rare straggler to California, was at Oasis May 28-30 (JB,REW), and another was at Ft. Piute May 28 (GA). A Solitary Vireo in Encinitas, San Diego Co., Apr. 9 (FSD) was of the gray interior race *plumbeus*, quite rare on the coast. A Red-eyed Vireo, remarkably scarce in S. California considering the species' breeding range, was in Morongo Valley May 23 (H. Baxter, *vide* GSS) and another was at Oasis May 28-30 (REW). Most exciting was a Philadelphia Vireo at Scotty's Castle May 14 (TH) since only three previous spring records exist for the Region.

About 20 Black-and-white Warblers were found, with most occurring May 20-31, as is now expected. Unexpected were two Prothonotary Warblers, with one near Imperial Beach May 19 (PU,EC) and the other in San Diego May 29 – June 2 (TL). Eight Tennessee Warblers were found at desert oases of e. California May 6-28, which is fewer than we have become accustomed to in recent years. A Virginia's Warbler in Morongo Valley May 5 (BAC,RCY) was the only migrant of this species reported. Northern Parulas continued to appear in unaccustomed numbers during the spring with an exceptionally early male near Borrego Springs Mar. 24 (DZ), a female in Whitewater Canyon Apr. 18 (SG), followed by 11 at various desert oases May 13 – June 9; no other eastern wood warbler with a comparable range occurs in California during the spring in such numbers. Only three Magnolia Warblers were reported, with one at Oasis May 29 (BBR), another at Scotty's Castle June 1-2 (REW) and a third at F.C.R., June 2 (REW).

A **Yellow-throated Warbler**, one of the really rare stragglers to California, was in Long Beach, May 19-21 (JA). Two Chestnut-sided Warblers, one in Morongo Valley May 31 & June 1 (BAC,RCY) and the other at Scotty's Castle June 3 (REW), were far fewer than expected. A Bay-breasted Warbler, a species now occurring regularly each spring, was at Oasis June 4 (REW). A Palm Warbler in Goleta Mar. 27 (PL) and another at Pt. Mugu Apr. 9 (REW) had both probably wintered locally since spring vagrants would not be expected before mid-May. The only Ovenbirds reported were single individuals at Oasis and Deep Springs June 2 (REW) and a third near Imperial Beach June 5 (EC,PU). A N. Waterthrush near Blythe Apr. 1 (KVR) undoubtedly wintered locally, and another in Oceanside Apr. 18 (BC) was somewhat early for a migrant and may have also wintered locally; ten in the n.e. part of the Region May 11 – June 3 followed the pattern of spring records from previous years. Seventeen Am. Redstarts found in the n.e. part of the Region May 20 – June 4, and four in coastal San Diego County Apr. 25 – May 24 were appreciably fewer than present last year.

**BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES, TANAGERS** — An early Bobolink was in the Lanfair Valley of e. San Bernardino Co., May 13 (SC), four were found at F.C.R., May 25 – June 2 (PL,REW) and another was on the coast near San Simeon May 29 (FRT); this species is now found in S. California each spring. A ♂ Orchard Oriole in Goleta Mar. 27 (E. Gray, *vide* PL) had undoubtedly wintered locally; a female in Earp on the Colorado R., Apr. 23 (DE) is difficult to assign as either a wintering individual or a spring vagrant. Four Hooded Orioles in Big Pine Mar. 28 – Apr. 27 (TH) and another in the Saline Valley Mar. 23 (TH) were all in an area outside the species' known breeding range. A "Baltimore" Oriole on Pt. Loma Apr. 7 (PU) was exceptionally early for a spring vagrant, whereas one at Mesquite Springs in Death Valley May 20-21 (DE), and single birds at Oasis May 24-29 (PL) and June 2 (REW) occurred during the normal period for e. vagrants to appear in California. A Great-tailed Grackle at Stovepipe Wells in Death Valley May 21 (REW) was somewhat n. of the species' known range in California. Single Summer Tanagers near Independence May 10

(LB) & 15 (EC), at Tollhouse Springs June 2 (LJ) and at Oasis June 1-4 (REW), along with one on the coast near San Diego June 3-31 (CGE) are all best treated as spring vagrants, most likely of the nominate race.

**FINCHES, SPARROWS** — A Cardinal at Earp Apr. 23 (JD) was at a known breeding locality, but a male at Laguna Dam farther down the Colorado R., May 10 (KG) & 23 (KVR) was the first to be found in that area of California, and it will be interesting to see if the species becomes established at that locality. Three Rose-breasted Grosbeaks in Santa Barbara Apr. 1-13 (JG) were too early for spring vagrants and had probably wintered locally; a male in Carpinteria May 2 (BS), one on Pt. Loma June 1 (CGE) and another near Imperial Beach June 3 (DE) were the only three found on the coast, whereas about 15 were seen in the n.e. sector of the Region May 20 – June 4 along with another at S.E.S.S., May 26 (GSG). A ♀ Blue Grosbeak at Imperial Dam Mar. 30 (KG) is best treated as a wintering individual. As usual small numbers of Indigo Buntings appeared, with  $15 \pm$  individuals reported from various localities in the e. part of the Region May 14 – June 7. Evening Grosbeaks remained quite late in the s. part of the Region with one at Jacumba Apr. 30 (BC), two in Temple City May 4 (PVanE) and another at Morongo Valley May 28 (DZ) being the latest. Lark Buntings were more numerous and widespread this spring than previously recorded, with six individuals found along the San Diego County coastline May 3-20 (PU), two near Lakeview, Riverside Co., May 7 (AS), up to 40 near Ocotillo, Imperial Co., Apr. 2 – May 1 (DE,JD), three or four in the Lanfair Valley May 8-18 (KHB), five at Cima Apr. 8 (SC) and six near Baker Apr. 26 (BBu).

A Grasshopper Sparrow near Palo Verde Apr. 4 (KVR) was at an unusual locality. Totally unprecedented was an influx of **Cassin's Sparrows**, a species recorded only twice in this Region prior to this spring. One at N.E.S.S., May 2 (JD) was followed by another near Lucerne Valley May 8-16 (R&MW), then up to 15 singing males were present in the Lanfair Valley May 21 – June 7 (SC,DMM), and the last was a male near El Cajon, San Diego Co., June 10-12 (PU); one can only speculate that the lush growth of grasses stimulated by the heavy rains of last winter enabled these birds to move farther W than usual, crossing the normally barren deserts into e. California. A Black-throated Sparrow at Newport Mar. 18 (SJR) was outside its normal range. The wintering Clay-colored Sparrow in Arcadia was still present Apr. 30 (JD), and a spring vagrant was found at F.C.R., June 1 (REW). A Golden-crowned Sparrow near Imperial Beach June 3 (DE) was exceptionally late.

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