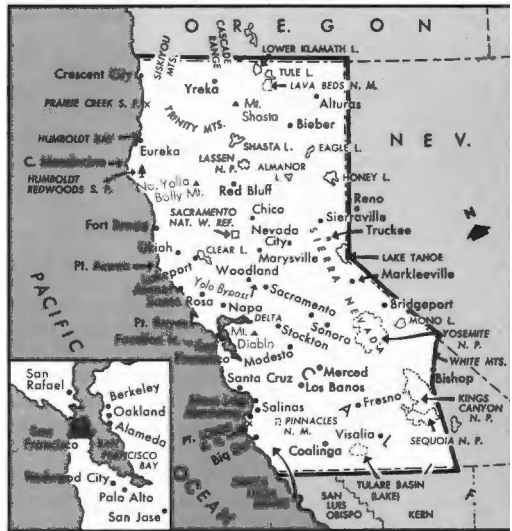


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MIDDLE PACIFIC COAST REGION /Dick Erickson and Joseph Morlan

California's worst recorded drought continued to affect bird distribution this season. Virginia Rails and Soras went unrecorded in Livermore Valley where normal localities dried up (AE). Increased salinity in San Francisco Bay was believed responsible for a Brown Pelican August 13 and eight Surf Scoters November 24 at Benicia (FKB) and a Common Murre at the Napa River mouth September 12 (SM) where unexpected, and 30 Western Gulls at the Martinez Dump November 22 (SM,DE) where normally found only in summer.



The drought may have contributed to an outstanding flight of irruptive species such as Varied Thrush, Evening Grosbeak, Pine Siskin, Red-breasted Nuthatch, and Golden-crowned Kinglet into the coast and Central Valley. The dry winters in the Sierras and Pacific Northwest may have reduced the standing crop of typical winter food items driving birds south and into the lowlands. Other high mountain species and

some birds of the oak woodland such as Lewis' Woodpeckers, Steller's Jays, Acorn Woodpeckers and Band-tailed Pigeons were in higher than average numbers in the Central Valley (hereafter, C.V.) Several contributors suggested that the acorn crop may have been poor in some areas as a result of the drought.

Lewis' Woodpeckers staged a major invasion while White-breasted Nuthatches appeared out of range at several localities along the entire coast. Saw-whet Owls were more common than usual along the coast and may have been part of the northern invasion.

The drought also contributed to the postbreeding "upslope drift" phenomenon which brought four Western Kingbirds into the mountains of Lake Tahoe August 8 - September 10 (WS) and a Say's Phoebe there September 10 (WS).

LOONS, TUBENOSES — A Yellow-billed Loon at Pt. Reyes Oct. 3 (DDeS) represented the earliest fall record for the state. Arctic Loons were found inland at Topaz L., Oct. 15-16 (EH), the American R., near Fair Oaks Oct. 23 (*vide* BK), Tule Lake N.W.R., Nov. 8 (BED), and Eagle L., Nov. 25 (JM).

California's second **Streaked Shearwater** was well seen by two boatloads of birders on Monterey Bay Oct. 9 (AS, JM⁺, DRo, SFB⁺, DP⁺ *et al.*). Three Short-tailed Shearwaters off Humboldt Bay (*vide* DRu) and one on Monterey Bay (RS), both Oct. 1, are our earliest records in recent years. More than five off Pt. Pinos Nov. 19 (TC) was the maximum of several other reports from Monterey Bay. Elsewhere eight were seen from Pigeon Pt., Nov. 12 (BSa) and one was found dead at Pt. Reyes Nov. 19 (L. Hale *et al.*, skeleton to U.C., Berkeley).

A "Manx" Shearwater on Monterey Bay Aug. 27 was clearly seen to have white under tail coverts and rather clean underparts unlike the expected race *opisthomelas* (GMcC, JM, DRo *et al.*⁺). It has been submitted to the California Bird Records Committee as a Townsend's Shearwater (*P. auricularis* of w. Mexico) but identification of the various "Common" Shearwaters is not easy and observers are not in agreement over this bird. Some feel it more closely resembled the highly migratory nominate *puffinus* of the Atlantic.

Single typical Manx Shearwaters were seen on boat trips on Monterey Bay in September and October but November brought numbers to the Region: two were seen from Pt. Pinos Nov. 6 (VR, JM), 106 from Pigeon Pt., Nov. 12 (BSa), 112 from Pt. Pinos Nov. 13 (VR, DE, BJM) and two from Pigeon Pt., Nov. 24 (PM). The species occurred off Monterey by the thousands as recently as 1939 and by the hundreds as recently as 1966 (H.L. Cogswell, *pers. com.*) but only small numbers have been seen in the last decade.

It was the best fall yet for storm-petrels on Monterey Bay with *seven* species recorded! Rafts of Ashies and Blacks were present off Moss Landing at least Sept. 24-Oct. 30 with *ca.* 10,000 birds present to mid-October. Estimated ratios ranged from 7:1 in favor of Ashies to 2:1 in favor of Blacks. One-two Fork-taileds were present Sept. 24-Oct. 12; single Leasts were seen Sept. 8 (RS, TC *et al.*) and Oct. 9 (DRo) and up to 4-6 Wilson's Sept. 24-Oct. 23

(GMcC, JM, VR, RS, m.ob.⁺) was a record count. Not surprising, the only Leach's was at Monterey Harbor Nov. 6 (VR, JM) during strong w. winds. The real find was the **Galapagos Storm-Petrel** first glimpsed in the rafts Sept. 24 (AS *et al.*) and well seen Oct. 1 (GMcC, RS, VR, DRo *et al.*⁺) & Oct. 9 (SFB⁺ *et al.*). Because of its very small size, the bird was believed to be *O.t.kelsalli* (the s. race, breeding off Peru), the same race as the only previous regional record (Carmel Jan. 21, 1969, *Auk* 87:588-589).

Most interesting was a raft of 2000 Ashy Storm-Petrels off Humboldt Bay Sept. 23 where the species had been considered casual. A "few" Fork-taileds and Leach's were seen among them but unfortunately further searching was not possible (*vide* DRu).

PELICANS THROUGH HERONS — A count of 4746 Brown Pelicans at Pajaro Dunes Sept. 2 was more than double the previous high count there in 1975 (J&RW). An imm. **Blue-footed Booby** on the ocean at San Francisco Sept. 1 (PM⁺) was only the third regional record. Following the July reports, two Magnificent Frigatebirds were seen Aug. 26: at the Golden Gate (RLeV *et al.*) and at Monterey (TH, BDP).

An imm. Little Blue Heron was at Abbott's Lagoon, Marin Co., Oct. 2 (K. Yamane, *vide* DRo). Cattle Egrets were seen in the C.V., near Maxwell Sept. 26 (20-SAL) and near Friant Oct. 4 (one-*vide* RH) and in the Great Basin at Lower Klamath N.W.R., Oct. 14 (one-*vide* MT) but did not appear on the coast until Oct. 30. Fifteen Snowy Egrets were at L. Talawa, Del Norte Co., Oct. 1 (*vide* DRu), an exceptional number for this location. A White-faced Ibis at Honey L., Aug. 4 (DW) and 20 at Sacramento N.W.R., Sept. 22 (OJK) are of interest.

WATERFOWL — Fifteen Whistling Swans near Loomis Aug. 21 (*vide* BK) were early and one at Honey L., Aug. 4 (DW) may have been summering. Four ad. Trumpeter Swans at Mono L., Nov. 27 (DDeS⁺, SL⁺) were the first reported in the region since 1969.

At Tule L., two "Black" Brant were seen Nov. 5 (BED, SS) with one bird remaining to Nov. 15 (*vide* MT). More exciting were a light-bellied Brant at Bodega Bay Nov. 22 (WMP, JR) and an imm. Emperor Goose at Lower Klamath N.W.R., Oct. 8-14 (R. Ekstrom⁺, *vide* MT). The first White-fronted Geese had returned to Gray Lodge by Aug. 27 (BED), one day before a single Snow Goose was seen at Lower Klamath N.W.R. (*vide* MT). Two Ross' Geese at Grant L., Mono Co., Nov. 27 (DAG, DW, DDeS) were at an unusual location.

A Redhead at S. Lake Tahoe Aug. 28 (WS) and two Ring-necked Ducks near Friant Aug. 9 (RH) were noteworthy. Oakland's L. Merritt is becoming the spot in the Region to see Tufted Ducks. A male there Oct. 27 was joined by another the next day (H. Connon, *vide* DRo) and both remained to at least Nov. 6 (SFB). One remained to the end of the period. Seven Oldsquaws were found along the coast in November and a female in summer plumage was at Tule L., Nov. 13-15 (BED *et al.*). Scoters were reported inland as follows: a White-winged at Topaz L., Nov. 4 and

single Surfs there Oct. 15-16 and Nov. 4 (all EH), and at Ukiah Nov. 18 (*fide* OJK). Up to 10-20 Red-breasted Mergansers at Tule L., Nov. 5-20 (BED *et al.*) must be the record number from an inland location.

HAWK MIGRATION — Hawk watching has not yet caught on in the Region. This fall 75 hours were spent at Pt. Diablo on 16 partial days Aug. 15-Oct. 26 (LCB, BJM *et al.*) resulting in the following totals: Turkey Vulture 56, White-tailed Kites 5, Sharp-shinned Hawk 867, Cooper's Hawk 624, *Accipiter* sp. 121, Red-tailed Hawk 156, Red-shouldered Hawk 35, Broad-winged Hawk 7 (Sept. 21-Oct. 2, including two adults), Rough-legged Hawk 1, Ferruginous Hawk 3, Golden Eagle 3, Marsh Hawk 28, Osprey 7, Prairie Falcon 1, Peregrine Falcon 1, and Am. Kestrel 48. The overall passing rate of one bird/1 min., 40 sec. *under favorable weather conditions* was considered normal but rates of one bird/31 sec., Sept. 21 and one bird/28 sec., Sept. 22 were the highest ever recorded here (LCB). Two other Broad-winged Hawks were seen Sept. 23 & Oct. 5 but other species were not recorded those days.

Unprecedented in Golden Gate Pk., San Francisco was the passage of 139 birds in 2 hours Oct. 31 (LCB). Included in the total were six Rough-legged Hawks, previously unrecorded in the park.

RAPTORS THROUGH RAILS — Out of range White-tailed Kites were again reported from Tule L., Oct. 5-Nov. 17 (BED *et al.*) and Honey L. (1-2) Sept. 11-Nov. 25 (SAL, LRB, JM). A Goshawk was seen at Butte Sink Oct. 9 (*fide* WA). Two *light-phase* "Harlan's" Hawks were reported: Sacramento N.W.R., Nov. 13 (DDeS⁺) and Ft. Bidwell Nov. 26 (JM⁺). There may be only two previous regional records of this form (AB 25:101; Honey L., Feb. 4, 1972—DE⁺ *et al.*). Single Red-shouldered Hawks were at Honey L., Sept. 11 (SAL) and near Grenada Nov. 9 (*fide* MT). An imm. Broad-winged Hawk at Monterey Sept. 25 (AS) was the only one seen away from Pt. Diablo. First Trinity and Humboldt County Swainson's Hawks were at Papoose L., Trinity Alps Aug. 17 (JE) and Cape Mendocino Sept. 25 (BC⁺). Other coastal sightings were near Rodeo Lagoon Sept. 1 (BJM) and at the Carmel R. mouth Nov. 19 (DP⁺, TB⁺). The latter bird is the latest regional record. Rough-legged Hawks were present in exceptional numbers with one at Gray Lodge Aug. 14 (BK⁺) and one in the Arcata Bottoms Aug. 29 (CH) very early.

A Ruffed Grouse near Orick Sept. 11 (DS) and more than three at Forks of Salmon Sept. 17 (*fide* MT) were the only ones reported. Sandhill Cranes were found on the coast near Crescent City Nov. 19 (*fide* DRu) and one at Manchester Nov. 11 may have been the same bird seen at Caspar about a week later (*fide* OJK). A Com. Gallinule was seen at Tule L., Nov. 14 (BED).

SHOREBIRDS — One-to-two Snowy Plovers were at S. Lake Tahoe Aug. 6-14 with another there Sept. 2-4 (WS), and one on the Farallon Islands (hereafter, F.I.), Oct. 5 (P.R.B.O.) was the first record there. Mountain Plovers are very rare on the coast yet one in the Arcata Bottoms Oct. 29 (*fide* DRu) was the fifth

record from that general area. Two Am. Golden Plovers at Goose L., Sept. 5 and one at Mono L., Oct. 8 (both DW) were the first regional Great Basin records. Less unusual were 1-2 at Woodland Sept. 17-25 (TM⁺, JML *et al.*), and most significant of 75+ coastal birds was one of the race *fulva* at Pt. Pinos Sept. 10-12 (VR *et al.*).

The shorebird of the season was at L. Talawa Sept. 12 (RSW⁺). It was reported as a Hudsonian Godwit and almost certainly was, but the description does not eliminate Black-tailed Godwit of the Old World. There are two previous state records, one regional, of Hudsonian (AB 29:908), none of Black-tailed. A Marbled Godwit at Franklin Oct. 27 (RS, TM, DW) was noteworthy either as a late migrant or potential wintering bird. South L. Tahoe hosted a Long-billed Curlew Aug. 6 and 1-2 Lesser Yellowlegs Sept. 2-4, with another near L. Christopher Sept. 10 (all WS). Both are casual migrants in the mountains. Elsewhere Lesser Yellowlegs were reported in normal numbers with the exception of L. Talawa where present Aug. 5-Sept. 17 with a peak of 186 on Aug. 22 (RSW), the greatest concentration ever recorded in the Region. Only one Ruddy Turnstone was found inland: Mono L., Aug. 31 (DW).

A Com. Snipe at Limantour Aug. 5 (SJ) was very early. Red Knots were found inland as follows: four at Mono L., Aug. 31 (DW), one-two at Woodland Sept. 17-22 (TM⁺, DAG, JML *et al.*) and one at S. Lake Tahoe Sept. 23 (WS⁺), the first regional "mountain" record. Goose L. had a Sanderling Sept. 5 (DW), Chico had two Aug. 13 (SAL) and S. Lake Tahoe had one Aug. 11 and a peak of six Sept. 10 during their continuous presence Sept. 4-20 (WS), an impressive inland total. Semipalmated Sandpipers were carefully identified for the fourth consecutive fall: Limantour Aug. 5 (SJ⁺, GP, R. Halbeisen), Bolinas sewage ponds Aug. 6-9 (JE), Bodega Bay Aug. 13 (LCB, BDP) and one-two on the F.I., Aug. 19-23 (SJ, RLeV, B. Bohmke, P.R.B.O.). The Region's latest ever Baird's Sandpipers were singles at the Salinas R. mouth Nov. 10 (LS, GP) and Pajaro Dunes Nov. 12-27 (J&RW⁺); there are apparently no previous November records. An amazing *seven* Sharp-tailed Sandpipers were seen at L. Talawa: two Sept. 14, three Oct. 25 and two Nov. 10 (RSW⁺). In addition one was in the Arcata Bottoms Oct. 8-15 (CH, DRu, DA, BC *et al.*) and one at the Salinas R. mouth Oct. 2 (LCB, BDP) may have been the same bird seen at Castroville Oct. 15-19 (LCB, VR⁺, BGE, m.ob.) for the best showing since 1969. Stilt Sandpipers were also reported in good numbers with two at L. Talawa Oct. 25 (RSW), up to three at Woodland Aug. 25-29 (*fide* DRu), another there Sept. 19 (JML), one at Coyote Hills, Alameda Co., Sept. 8-11 (EM *et al.*), another there Sept. 21 (*fide* DRo) and Tulare County's first, near Visalia Sept. 23-24 (RAB⁺ *et al.*). The Region's second **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** was at Pt. Reyes Sept. 5-16 (JML⁺, E. Greaves, VR, DP *et al.*). Four Ruffs were found this fall: L. Talawa Sept. 12 (RSW⁺), Arcata Bottoms Sept. 4-9 (*fide* DRu), Pescadero Marsh Sept. 17-18 (GG, BE, PM, TB, DP), and Año Nuevo Oct. 27 - Nov. 6 (REM, PMR, TBr, TD, AE). The species has now been recorded for the last four consecutive falls.



Ruff, Año Nuevo S.P., Calif. Nov. 2, 1977. Photo/ T.H. Davis.

JAEGERS THROUGH ALCIDS — A Parasitic Jaeger was at Crowley L., Aug. 17 (DAG). A Long-tailed Jaeger was off Humboldt Bay Sept. 24 (*fide* DRu) and 1-2 each were seen on 5 trips off Monterey Sept. 5 – Oct. 1 (GF,TC,JL,EM,AS). Another was seen from Pt. Pinos Sept. 5 (RS). Adults at the Bay Bridge Toll Plaza Aug. 31 (*fide* DRo) and near the San Rafael Bridge Sept. 12 (SM†) provide the first records from San Francisco Bay. Easily most impressive however was the adult beautifully described, drawn and photographed at Lower Klamath N.W.R., Aug. 6 (R. Ekstrom†, M. Robbins, *fide* MT) for only the second inland (first Great Basin) regional record.



Long-tailed Jaeger, Lower Klamath N.W.R., Calif. Aug. 6, 1977. Photo/ Ray Ekstrom.

Early Glaucous Gulls were at Pescadero Beach. Oct. 25 (JR) and Pt. Reyes Oct. 26 (D. Wechsler, P.R.B.O.). Tule L. had a Glaucous-winged Gull Nov. 12-13 (BED). A Herring Gull at Limantour Aug. 5 (JE) represented one of very few recent summer records. Two at Newby I. Dump, near Milpitas Sept. 2 (SM) may have been very early migrants. Thayer's Gulls were first reported from the Bay Bridge Toll Plaza Oct. 1 (SFB) and Alameda Oct. 8 (SM). As usual a few Franklin's Gulls were found; eight birds Aug. 19 – Nov. 16. A Sabine's Gull at Merced N.W.R., Sept. 14 (PC†) was followed by one at Topaz L., Oct. 15-16 and no fewer than four there Nov. 4 (both EH†) for an excellent inland showing.

Two ad. Com. Terns at S. Lake Tahoe Sept. 10 were unusual and may have been the same two birds seen there one week later (WS†). Single Arctic Terns again visited San Francisco Bay: Alameda Aug. 23 – Sept. 1 & Sept. 29 (*fide* ER), Foster City Aug. 24 (PM), and the Bay Bridge Toll Plaza Aug. 25 (JR). An immature

at the Salinas R. mouth Nov. 6 (VR†,JM,EM) provided the latest record for California. A Least Tern n.w. of Vallejo Sept. 3 (CP†) was somewhat out of place.

A juv. Marbled Murrelet found on the forest floor at Big Basin S.P., Aug. 31 represents the seventh such occurrence there since 1959 (SWS). The bird died in captivity,* California Acad. Sci. Singer estimates a breeding population of 50 pairs in the park. For the first time since the early part of the century, Craveri's Murrelets were found in numbers on Monterey Bay. They outnumbered Xantus' Murrelets on at least two occasions: Aug. 27 with 6-10 Craveri's, 3-5 Xantus', ca. ten *Endomychura* sp. (GMC†,LCB *et al.*), and Sept. 11 with six Craveri's, no Xantus' and 18 *Endomychura* sp. (JM,VR *et al.*). Four Craveri's were seen Sept. 8 (RS,TC *et al.*), and two Sept. 24 (AS *et al.*). Off Humboldt Bay, one bird Aug. 14 and four Sept. 23-26 were believed to be Xantus' (*fide* DRu) but it is not known how carefully Craveri's was eliminated —there is an August record for Oregon (Jehl, 1975. *West. Birds* 6:109). Early Ancient Murrelets were one at Bolinas Sept. 22 and four-six there Sept. 30 – Oct. 2 (RS,JE), and one on Monterey Bay Oct. 9 (JM).

DOVES THROUGH OWLS — A well described White-winged Dove was at the Carmel R. mouth Oct. 1 (VR† *et al.*). Vagrant Yellow-billed Cuckoos were found along the coast with one at L. Merced, San Francisco Oct. 7 (PM) and one at the Pajaro R. mouth Nov. 2 (J. Oetzel *et al.*).

A Screech Owl at 9800 ft in the Hall Natural Area, Mono Co., Aug. 29 (DDeS) was very much out of place. A Flammulated Owl near L. Berryessa Sept. 23 (R. Boekelheide† *et al.*) was certainly a migrant. There are only two previous regional records of migrants. A Snowy Owl at Arcata Nov. 24-30 (DRu *et al.*) was unexpected. It has been found in the Region two out of the last ten winters. Four Pygmy Owls in the upper C.V., provided the third through sixth C.V. records. Two were at Pine Cr., Tehama Co., Nov. 6 (SAL), one was at Dog I., Tehama Co., Nov. 13 (SAL), and one was at Chico Nov. 30 (JRo,DDe). They were darker than Sierran birds suggesting they may have been long-range invaders. Short-eared Owls nested successfully along the coast. Thirteen adults and three young took advantage of a *Microtus* irruption at the Salinas R. mouth (BGE).

NIGHTJARS THROUGH FLYCATCHERS — A very late Lesser Nighthawk was at Herndon Oct. 8 (*fide* RH). Vaux's Swifts peaked Oct. 1 when over 1500 flew past Pt. Diablo (SFB,AE *et al.*), and one there Oct. 26 (LCB) was very late.

Amazing was the discovery of the northernmost documented record of Costa's Hummingbird, two males at Arcata Nov. 27 (DRu *et al.*). One stayed until the next day (BBu *et al.*) when the bottlebrush where they were feeding was removed by a work crew. A Yellow-bellied Sapsucker feeding a fledgling near Mendocino Oct. 8 (FAP) represents the southwesternmost breeding locality. Two E. Kingbirds were found. One was at Ft. Barry Sept. 3 (M. Rosegay) and one visited the F.I., Sept. 14-16 (RLeV, P.R.B.O.).

Twenty-two Tropical Kingbirds reached the coast Sept. 24 – Nov. 30. A late Ash-throated Flycatcher lingered at Princeton marsh Oct. 28-30 (PM, JM). An E. Phoebe visited Bolinas Nov. 15-16 (RS† *et al.*). A Black Phoebe at L. Tahoe Aug. 12 (WS†) represented only the third Tahoe Basin record, and three at Honey L., Sept. 11 (SAL) were equally significant. Seven Least Flycatchers appeared along the coast: one at Pt. Reyes Sept. 18-19 (LCB, JM, DS, SJ, m.ob.†), one at L. Merced Sept. 23 (DD†, BJM), one at the Carmel R. mouth Oct. 16 (PL†), and singles banded on the F.I., Aug. 17, Sept. 12, 23, and 27 (RLeV, P.R.B.O.).

SWALLOWS THROUGH THRUSHES — Three Barn Swallows at Tule L., Nov. 5-18 (BED *et al.*) were late as were three at Honey L., Nov. 11 (LRB). Two Gray Jays were noted at Lower Twin L. in Lassen N.P., Oct. 1 (BBu). This species breeds at nearby Juniper L. (*vide* D. Murphy) and this may be the source of other records in Lassen and Plumas Cos. A single **Blue Jay** was heard at Pt. Diablo Oct. 21 (LCB) and two others were photographed at Pt. St. George Oct. 30-31 (RSW† *et al.*). There is only one previous regional record, one collected at Chico Apr. 24, 1950. A vagrant Black-billed Magpie was at Mt. Shasta Sept. 22 (*vide* MT).

A Gray Catbird was at Pt. Pinos Oct. 2 (N.P. Hill, *vide* BSo) for only the seventh regional record. The Bendire's Thrasher returned to Courtland Aug. 1 (*vide* RS) where it has wintered for the last two years. A Brown Thrasher at Springville Oct. 11 – Nov. 30 (MM†, RAB† *et al.*) constituted the Region's first montane record. Two Sage Thrashers were found along the coast, with one Oct. 2-6 on the F.I. (RLeV, P.R.B.O.) and one at Pt. Reyes Nov. 5-11 (EM†, WMP).

A very late Swainson's Thrush was in San Francisco Nov. 5-7 (JM, LCB). A **Wheatear** photographed at Shelter Cove, Humboldt Co., Sept. 15 (G. Clarke) provided the second regional record. The first was June 11, 1971 on the F.I.

KINGLETS THROUGH VIREOS — A very early Ruby-crowned Kinglet appeared at Pt. Diablo Aug. 15 (BSo). Three fledgling Water Pipits being attended by two adults at Center Basin just above Golden Bear L., Kings Canyon Aug. 24 (M. Burke, J. Wehausen, *vide* DAG) established a new breeding site for this species in the Region. The only previous known nesting sites are near Saddlebag L. A vagrant Phainopepla visited the F.I., Sept. 1 (RLeV, P.R.B.O.). Loggerhead Shrikes were found unexpectedly in the mountains with one at L. Tahoe Aug. 9 (WS) and one at Red Slate Mt., Mono Co., Sept. 10 (DAG).

A **Yellow-throated Vireo** was at Olema marsh Sept. 11-18 (J. Wilburn, P. Betlow, JW, EM, RS, BDP *et al.*). The only previous record was June 1969 on the F.I. Eight Red-eyed Vireos reached the coast Aug. 28 – Oct. 4 with a maximum of three at Pt. Reyes Sept. 13. Four documented Philadelphia Vireos were found: one at Pt. Reyes Sept. 27-28 (DRo, JM, VR, m.ob.†), one on the F.I., Sept. 14 (RLeV†, P.R.B.O.), one at the Carmel R., Oct. 16 (BDP†), and another there Oct. 29-30 (RS†, m.ob.). There are only eight previous regional records. Very late Warbling Vireos were at Carmel

Highlands Nov. 2 (TB) and at the Carmel R., Nov. 4 (JL).

WARBLERS — Twenty-four Black-and-white Warblers appeared along the coast Aug. 12 – Nov. 30. Only two were on the F.I. Forty-one Tennessee Warblers were found, 25 along the coastal mainland Sept. 2 – Nov. 29, and 13 on the F.I. Most unusual was one in the C.V. at Dog I., Sept. 10 (SAL†) where it furnished the second Tehama County record. A very late Nashville Warbler lingered at the Carmel R. until Nov. 19 (DP). Two Virginia's Warblers reached the coast, one at Pacific Grove Aug. 15 (MN) and one at Pt. Reyes Sept. 25 (EM). A Lucy's Warbler Sept. 25 (DDeS, P.R.B.O.) was the first for the F.I. and the tenth regionally. Single N. Parulas at L. Merced Sept. 13-15 (PM, LCB) and at Fairhaven Sept. 15 (DRu, CH) were expected, but one near Burris Pk., Kings Co., Aug. 29 (JL) was only the second C.V. record.

Six Magnolia Warblers, three along the coast Sept. 13 – Oct. 24, and three on the F.I., Sept. 10-16 were fewer than expected. The only Cape May Warblers were: one on the F.I., Oct. 3-7 (P.R.B.O.), one at Pacific Grove Sept. 11 (MN), and another there Oct. 27 (DP†, TB). Three Black-throated Blue Warblers were reported: one at Pt. Reyes Sept. 12 (EM), one on the F.I., Oct. 3, and one at Belmont Sept. 8 (FN†). A Black-throated Gray Warbler lingered late at the Carmel R. until Nov. 13 (EM). One at Burris Pk., Nov. 26 (JL) was probably wintering. Three Townsend's x Hermit Warbler hybrids were described: one Aug. 4 (TB†) s. of Carmel, one at Pacific Grove Sept. 30 (RS†, DS†) and one at Moss Beach Oct. 13 (JM). Three Black-throated Green Warblers reached the coast, all singles as follows: Pt. Reyes Sept. 16 (JM *et al.*), San Francisco found dead (*vide* LCB), and Carmel R. mouth, Oct. 17 – Nov. 13 (JR†, m.ob.). Extraordinary was the **Black-throated Green Warbler** at the Red Bluff Diversion Dam Nov. 5 (SAL†). This represents the first documented inland regional record. Eight Black-burnian Warblers were recorded: five coastal Sept. 10 – Oct. 5, and three F.I., Sept. 2-14. The Region's sixth Yellow-throated Warbler appeared at the Carmel R. mouth Oct. 27-29 (DP† *et al.*). As expected it was *albilora*. Twenty-two Chestnut-sided Warblers included 15 on the mainland Sept. 2 – Oct. 22, six on the F.I., Sept. 2 – Oct. 4, and one inland at Honey L., Sept. 11 (SAL†). Five Bay-breasted Warblers included one at Pt. Reyes Sept. 11-14 (BDP *et al.*), another there Sept. 13 (JR *et al.*), one on the F.I., Sept. 10-13 (RLeV, P.R.B.O.), and one at the Carmel R. mouth Nov. 6 (VR *et al.*). But these were eclipsed by the **Bay-breasted Warbler** found dead in Sacramento Oct. 31 (G. Manolis, TM, RS) for the Region's first interior record. Blackpoll Warblers totalled 60 along the coast Aug. 24 – Nov. 5 including ten on the F.I. Most unusual was the Blackpoll at Christmas Valley, L. Tahoe Sept. 17 (WS†) for the Region's first montane record. Six Prairie Warblers were tallied along the coast Aug. 30 – Oct. 2 including one on the F.I. But a **Prairie Warbler** near Corcoran Nov. 26-30 (JL) provided the Region's first interior record. At least 112 Palm Warblers reached the coast Sept. 10 – Nov. 30; 26 of which were on the F.I.

Of 12 Ovenbirds Sept. 10 – Oct. 17, six were coastal mainland and six were F.I. Eight N. Waterthrushes visited the coast Sept. 3 – Oct. 11. Six were mainland and two F.I. A Connecticut Warbler photographed at Pt. Reyes Oct. 6 (AG⁺) was a surprise and constituted the Region's fifth mainland record.

A Yellow-breasted Chat at Fairhaven Oct. 5 (CH) was late. There was a Hooded Warbler on the F.I., Oct. 4 (P.R.B.O.) and another near Sebastopol Aug. 28 – Oct. 15 (M. Perry *et al.*). A late Wilson's Warbler lingered at the Carmel R. until Nov. 19 (DP, TB). Five coastal Canada Warblers Aug. 30 – Oct. 29 including one on the F.I., were more than expected but a **Canada Warbler** at Davis Sept. 14-17 (T. Love *et al.*) was the Region's first inland. Forty-six Am. Redstarts Aug. 6 – Nov. 30 were all coastal including nine on the F.I.

BLACKBIRDS THROUGH SPARROWS — Five Bobolinks appeared along the coast Sept. 12 – Oct. 2. Five coastal Yellow-headed Blackbirds were recorded Aug. 22 – Oct. 12. Eight Orchard Orioles visited the coast Sept. 8 – Oct. 16. A Scott's Oriole on the F.I., Sept. 12 (RLeV, P.R.B.O.) was banded and photographed for the Region's sixth record. A Rusty Blackbird at the Carmel R. mouth Oct. 22 (J. Alban) was the only coastal report but one at Mono L., Nov. 26-27 (DAG *et al.*) provided the Region's first basin record. A **Common Grackle** at Hayward Oct. 13 (SM⁺) represented only the second regional record.

A Rose-breasted Grosbeak at Springville Sept. 30 (MM⁺) was significant as there are very few montane records. Two were found in foothills around the C.V., where they are accidental. One was in the Sutter Buttes Aug. 9 (WA) and one at Marshall Station, Fresno Co., Sept. 30 (*vide* RH). Fifteen reached the coast Aug. 14 – Nov. 23. Vagrant Blue Grosbeaks appeared along the coast with three on the F.I., Aug. 16 – Sept. 12 (P.R.B.O.) and one at Pt. Reyes Sept. 25 (AG). The only Indigo Bunting was at Pacific Grove Sept. 29 (MN). A Dickcissel on the F.I., Oct. 4 (P.R.B.O.) was the Region's 15th. Green-tailed Towhees reached the coast Sept. 13 – Oct. 2 with two in Marin County and one on the F.I. Three Lark Buntings Sept. 18 – Oct. 1 were all coastal; two on the F.I., and one at Pt. Reyes. There was a Sharp-tailed Sparrow at Santa Cruz Oct. 4 (RM⁺), and one which was found last winter at Bolinas Lagoon returned Nov. 14 (P.R.B.O.).

Three Tree Sparrows found Oct. 23 (JML) at Pt. Reyes and another at Inverness Oct. 18 (WMP *et al.*), were the only coastal reports. A flock of ten at Tule L., Nov. 17-27 (BED *et al.*) were the only others found. Twenty-one Clay-colored Sparrows reached the coast Aug. 23 – Nov. 8, more than half from the F.I. Seven Harris' Sparrows were found Oct. 18 – Nov. 26 all coastal or basin. A Swamp Sparrow at 10,300 ft at Hall Natural Area Oct. 23-24 (DDeS) is the Region's second Sierran record. The nine other Swamp Sparrows were all coastal. The only Chestnut-collared Longspurs were two at Pt. Reyes Oct. 23 (JML), with one staying until Nov. 19. Nine Snow Buntings Nov. 6-30 along the coast as far south as Pt. Reyes were more than expected but one at Monticello Dam Nov.

19-30 (RS, m.ob.) was the first for Yolo County and a first for the inner coast ranges.

ADDENDUM — An E. Kingbird at L. Tahoe Aug. 28, 1976 (S. Lanier, D. Dinkler) was a first for the Tahoe Basin.

CORRIGENDA — In AB 31:368 the Harlequin Duck was at Brisbane, not Belvedere and on page 371 the Bohemian Waxwings were at L. Tahoe Feb. 28 not Dec. 28. Under Sharp-shinned Hawk in AB 31:1042 Kernville is not in the C.V. Delete a previous record of a white-vented Manx Shearwater off Marin County in 1970 (AB 25:100).

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