

MIDDLE PACIFIC COAST REGION

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Usually cool and wet weather occurred this spring in the Region. Rainstorms moved through the area at regular intervals March 1-7, 14-18 & 25, April 5-6 & 20-23, and May 8-11 & 22-24. A gale-force windstorm also occurred March 30. Low nighttime temperatures in the foothills averaged in the high 40sF even in May, and very few days reached 80°, even at the warmest locations. One Bay Area observer reported this spring to have been the coldest in memory (LF).

Waterfowl appeared to migrate on schedule. The major event was the fallout of shorebirds in the Great Basin after the May 8-11 storm. The total number of shorebirds at Lower Klamath N.W.R. increased by a factor of 14 in two weeks, and unprecedented numbers of Ruddy Turnstones and Red Knots and a Baird's Sandpiper were found there. A Wandering Tattler was seen at Mono Lake. The sparsely-birded inland portions of the Region can yield rich rewards following a storm of this type.

In the Central Valley (hereafter, C.V.) the Dog I. census data of SAL & KC documented a very late and slow landbird migration, a

phenomenon noted by other observers as well (CH, TBe). In the Klamath Basin and along the coast songbird migration was thought to be on time, but few impressive numbers were reported (m.ob). Minor migrant waves were recorded at S.E. Farallon I. (hereafter, F.I.), Apr. 12 & 27 and May 2 & 30-31.

Observer response to queries regarding arrival dates was impressive, and produced the following early dates (see text for exceptional dates for a few species). These dates should be used with caution in interpreting average arrivals since increased observer field-hours may increase early date records without reflecting accurately the arrival of the population as a whole. Also, what may be an "early" spring at one location may not be at another. Much work still needs to be done in our Region to unravel the relationship of migrant arrival to latitude, longitude, and elevation. *Early arrivals:* Com. Nighthawk at L. Shastina May 25

(MRO, *fide* SAL), Lesser Nighthawk at Sutter Buttes Apr. 16 (*fide* WA), Vaux's Swift in Humboldt County Apr. 14 (*fide* JGHe), Black-chinned Hummingbird in Springville Mar. 31 (MEM), Calliope Hummingbird in Siskiyou County Apr. 9 (CSt), W. Kingbird in Springville Mar. 29



(MEM), Ash-throated Flycatcher in Sacramento County Apr. 10 (*fide* BK), Dusky Flycatcher in Yolo County Apr. 20 (TBe), W. Flycatcher in Santa Cruz Mar. 13 (SG), W. Wood Pewee at Point Reyes National Seashore (hereafter, P.R.N.S.) Apr. 19 (JE), Olive-sided Flycatcher in Marin and Monterey counties Apr. 12 (DS, BGE), Bank Swallow at Sacramento N.W.R. Mar. 14 (SAL), Purple Martin at Bolinas Mar. 6 (DS), Swainson's Thrush at P.R.N.S. Apr. 19 (JE), Solitary Vireo in Oakland Mar. 22 (DM), Warbling Vireo at P.R.N.S. Mar. 19 (JE), Nashville Warbler in Lafayette Apr. 10 (LF), Yellow Warbler at Olema Marsh Apr. 8 (DS), Black-throated Gray Warbler in Yolo County Apr. 2 (DEI), Hermit Warbler in Yolo County Apr. 20 (TBe), MacGillivray's Warbler in Berkeley Apr. 8 (GH), Yellow-breasted Chat in Springville Apr. 20 (MEM), Wilson's Warbler in Oakland Mar. 20 (JM), Hooded Oriole in Alamo Mar. 17 (JRI), "Bullock's Oriole in Lafayette Mar. 10 (*fide* LF), W. Tanager in Humboldt County Apr. 14 (JGHe), Black-headed Grosbeak in Lafayette Apr. 7 (LF), Lazuli Bunting in Lafayette Apr. 17 (LF), Grasshopper Sparrow in Santa Cruz Apr. 7 (SG), Chipping Sparrow in Marin and Sacramento counties Apr. 12 (DS, BK).

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LOONS THROUGH HERONS—Common Loon migration was well monitored this spring. Peak migration occurred Apr. 15-May 5 at both coastal and inland locations, with 1131 at Pigeon Pt., Apr. 22 (PM), ten at L. Almanor, Plumas Co., Apr. 20-30 (DAA), and five at Iron Gate Res., Siskiyou Co., Apr. 16 (MHM). A Red-throated Loon, very rare inland in spring, was at Monticello Dam, Yolo Co., Mar. 21-Apr. 13 (DEI, CH, TBe). Forty-six Eared Grebes at Tulare L., Kings Co., May 31 (JiR) was a large number this late in the season.

Normal numbers of Black-footed Albatrosses were reported, the largest total being 50 over the Eel R. Canyon, Humboldt Co., May 4 (RLeV). A Laysan Albatross was found on the Cordell Banks, off Bodega Bay Mar. 13 (BL). Sooty Shearwaters were reported in greater-than-normal numbers; 3000 on Monterey Bay Mar. 31 (DRo) was high for that date, and many thousands were reported from all coastal locations by late April. Eight Fork-tailed and eight Ashy storm-petrels were seen near shore at Pt. Pinos, Monterey Co., Mar. 25 (DRo). These appeared during high winds as a storm system approached the coast.

The first post-breeding Brown Pelican was found on F.I. Apr. 3, an early date. Large numbers were being seen by mid-May, with flocks consisting of 40-50% immatures. Four Double-crested Cormorant nests were found at Corcoran Irrigation District Res., Kings Co., May 30 (JiR), an unusual location, and 150 Cormorants were at Iron Gate and Copco Res., May 29 (MHM), indicating probable nesting there. The Brandt's Cormorant nesting colony at Pt. Lobos State Reserve was found to have 793 nests, 10% more than in 1974 (HLC).

A Great Blue Heron rookery with 26 nests was found on Trinity L., Trinity Co., May 28 (PD), at a previously undiscovered location. Green Herons are extremely rare east of the Sierra, so one at Susanville May 14 (BS) was surprising. An ad. Little Blue Heron in breeding plumage was at the Alviso Heronry s. S.F. Bay April 18 (CSw). Great Egrets were found nesting at two heron rookeries in Tehama County, with four pairs at Moony I., May 11 (SAL, KC) and ten pairs at Bloody I., May 9 (PD). No Egrets were found at either location during the 1974 colonial bird survey. One-hundred-fifty pairs of Snowy Egrets were found at the Alviso heronry Apr. 18 (CSw) and a high total of 56 was seen at the Humboldt Bay Indian I. colony May 3 (RLeV). The Alviso heronry also had 150 pairs of nesting Black-crowned Night Herons Apr. 18 (CSw). The number nesting at this site continues to grow each year. The colony at Woodland Sugar Ponds had 30 nests Apr. 10 (TBe), a normal number. This colony is threatened by major habitat alteration. A Least Bittern at Lava Lakes Nature Center, Siskiyou Co., seen and heard Apr. 22-May 16 (MRo, RE, CSt) was the only one reported.

WATERFOWL—Two Whistling Swans were at Dales Pond in n.c. Tehama County, Apr. 11 (SAL, KC), much later than their usual mid-March departure date. Three at Lower Klamath N.W.R., May 26-31 (m.ob.) were probably summering. A Canada Goose at Bay Farm I., Alameda Co., Mar. 27 appeared to be nesting (*fide* ER). Five Black Brant were at Mono L., May 4 and another was there May 16 (Dean Taylor, *fide* DW). These were also the latest reported. Peak coastal migration occurred the last week in March (PM, JE), but major movement was noted Apr. 23 with 600 Brant moving N past Limantour, P.R.N.S. (JE). Significant flights of White-fronted Geese were seen, with 15,000 Apr. 13 near Davis, Yolo Co., (TBe) and 1050 at Red Bluff, Tehama Co., Apr. 16 (SAL, KC).

A "Eurasian" Green-winged Teal was found at Lower Klamath N.W.R., Mar. 9 (SS, MRo, RE). It provided the first spring record since 1973 and the first for the Klamath Basin. Blue-winged Teal were plentiful along the n. coast this spring with 14 reported Apr. 25-May 17 (m.ob.). European Wigeon were found on every visit to Lower Klamath N.W.R., Mar. 1-Apr. 19 (SSE, RE, MRo). The high count was eight Apr. 9.

Ring-necked Ducks appear to nest much more commonly than had been believed in the Shasta Valley and Klamath Basin region. Fifteen pairs were found during the last two weeks of May (SAL, BED, B&CY). There were none elsewhere after Apr. 29. Two pairs of Canvasbacks in the Tulare Basin, Kings Co., May 31 (JiR) were unusual. Greater Scaup lingered in high numbers with 2000 on San Pablo Bay near Novato Ck., May 14 (DEI). Numbers dropped to 200 by May 23 and to four a week later (DEI). The Abbott's Lagoon Tufted Duck was last seen Mar. 3 (JE, DS) but one was at Richardson's Bay Mar. 16 (DRo) & Apr. 15 (Holly Peake). A late ♀ Barrow's Goldeneye was at the Honey L. Wildlife Area Apr. 13 (SAL, KC). Five Oldsquaws were reported from coastal locations as late as May 3 (m.ob.). A White-

winged Scoter was at the Stockton Sewage Ponds Mar. 31 (TBe). The peak of Surf Scoter migration was noted along the coast Apr. 14-23 (PM, JE). A ♀ Red-breasted Merganser at Tule Lake N.W.R., Apr. 26 (SS, RE, MRo) was the only one reported inland.

HAWKS THROUGH COOTS—While the fall migration of large Turkey Vulture flocks has been well documented, 140 vultures migrating N near Reedley, Fresno Co., Mar. 9 (RGe) furnished one of the few spring records. A Sharp-shinned Hawk 15 mi. w. of Red Bluff, Tehama Co., May 24 (SAL, KC) in Blue Oak woodland was unusual. A Ferruginous Hawk was seen on Pt. Reyes Apr. 18 (JE), as late as the species has occurred in the Region. Ospreys were found to be more numerous on L. Almanor, where 13 nests were located (DAA), than had previously been assumed. More migrant Ospreys than normal were seen in the San Joaquin Valley (hereafter, S.J.V.) with six reported (m.ob.).

A very late coastal Prairie Falcon was at Palomarin, P.R.N.S. Apr. 19 & 25. The last non-breeding Peregrine Falcon was seen along the coast at Bodega Bay May 3 (DS). A late Merlin was at Moffett Field May 8 (WB). There are few May records for the Region, the usual late date being mid-April.

Mountain Quail were found calling Apr. 27 in n.w. Yolo County (CH, TBe), an area where they were not previously known to occur. Ten Black Rails were heard calling over a period of several hours in Petaluma Marsh, Sonoma Co., May 17 (Pete Colosanti, *fide* DS). Is this species really more common than its "rare" status would indicate?

SHOREBIRDS—Eight pairs of Black-necked Stilts, including one with a nest and three eggs in a *Salicornia* marsh, were found near San Rafael May 6-10 (DS). This area has only recently been colonized. Semipalmated plovers were very poorly reported this spring with none of the usual concentrations. A pair of Killdeer nested for the fourth consecutive year on the roof of a school in Auburn. Three young hatched and were moved to the ground by the observer (MA). Seven Snowy Plover at the South Wilbur Flood Area, Kings Co., May 31 (JiR) were found again where they nested last year.

American Golden Plovers were found in exceptional numbers along the coast. A high count of 11 was seen at the Spilleta Ranch, P.R.N.S. Apr. 18 (JE). At least 12 others were reported in March and April. Very unusual was one at Pescadero Marsh, San Mateo Co., May 27-31 (PM, AE), a late date, and one inland at Lodi Sewage Ponds, San Joaquin Co., Mar. 31 (TBe). The first inland spring arrivals of Black-bellied Plover were noted Mar. 15 when seven were seen at Sacramento N.W.R. (SAL). The first ones were sighted in the Klamath Basin Apr. 7 (SS). A flock of 2000 feeding in a pasture in Capay District in s.c. Tehama Co., Apr. 16 (SAL, KC) was the largest flock ever reported inland in the Region. This concentration had dwindled to 25 a week later.

One to two Marbled Godwits were found at Lower Klamath N.W.R. Apr. 5-May 11 (MRo, RE, SS). This is one of the few spots inland in the Region where they are regular. Two at the Woodland Sugar Ponds Mar. 29

were slightly more unusual (SAL, KC). Spring Whimbrel migration through the C.V. has been well documented in recent years. Four hundred at Dinuba, Tulare Co., Mar. 28 (RGe) were both earlier and more numerous than normal. Four were at Mono L. May 9 (DW), an unusual location. Four Solitary Sandpipers were found Apr. 28-May 20 (m.ob.), a normal number for spring. A Willet at Orange Cove, Fresno Co., Apr. 21 (RGe) was notable. A Wandering Tattler was at Mono L., May 11 (DW) for the first inland spring record. Seven found along the coast at various locations during the last week in May were late.

A massive drop-in of 22 Ruddy Turnstones was found at Lower Klamath N.W.R. May 11 (MRo, RE) following a storm, and two were near Colusa, Colusa Co., May 15 (J.D. Garr, *vide* WA). This is a higher-than-usual number for an inland location. A flock of 600 Black Turnstones on Bolinas Lagoon Apr. 20 (SAL, KC) seemed unusual. Many greater-than-normal numbers of Red Phalaropes were found at coastal locations during May. The peak at Pigeon Pt. was 20,295 in five hours May 20 (PM). A Com. Snipe at Bolinas Sewage Ponds May 23-24 (DS, JE) provided a late observation in a non-breeding location. Four Surfbirds migrating past Pigeon Pt., May 27 (PM) were also very late. The largest flock of Red Knots reported consisted of 62 at Lower Klamath N.W.R., May 13 (MRo, RE, SS). Twenty-two had been found two days earlier by the same observers. This number is unprecedented inland in the region. Three Baird's Sandpipers were found; one at Lodi Sewage Pond Mar. 24 (†JM), one at Pescadero Marsh Apr. 1 (†PM) and one at Lower Klamath N.W.R., May 11 (MRo, RE). There has been some question as to the validity of March records for this species even though seven have been reported in the past four years. These well-described sightings should lay doubts to rest. This seems to be a rare, but regular occurrence. Rarer were single Pectoral Sandpipers just w. of Lower Klamath N.W.R. Apr. 26 (SS, MRo, RE), and at Bolinas Sewage Ponds May 17-18 (DDeS) and May 23-24 (DS, JE). Thirteen Rock Sandpipers, more than normal, were found along the coast at six locations until May 9 (m.ob.). The Region's first spring **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** was at Arcata May 3-4 (†RLEv).

GULLS THROUGH ALCIDS—A second-year Thayer's Gull was at Red Bluff Apr. 30 (SAL, KC) for an unusual date and location. The Black-headed Gull remained at the Stockton Sewage Ponds until Mar. 31+ (m.ob.). A Laughing Gull was at Bodega Bay Apr. 15 (JE, Gary Page, Lynn Stenzel). Three Franklin's Gulls were reported, two at Pigeon Pt., May 20 & 21 (PM), and one at the Hwy. 43 Holding Ponds, Kings Co., May 28-31 (JiR), a more noteworthy location. The Little Gull also remained at the Stockton Sewage Ponds until Mar. 31+ (m.ob.). Since a few Heermann's Gulls winter along the coast, it is difficult to tell with certainty when the first birds arrive from their breeding grounds. One at Pigeon Pt., Apr. 16 (PM) was believed to be an early migrant as was one adult at Golden Gate Bridge, S.F., Apr.

20 (CSw). Only seven Sabine's Gulls were reported. One on F.I., Mar. 26 (P.R.B.O.) and one on Monterey Bay Mar. 31 (DRo) are noteworthy since there is only one previous March record for the Region.

Common Terns were reported from seven locations along the coast Apr. 17-May 26. Nine at various points in Marin County, May 16-22 (DS, JE) are from an area where they are, oddly enough, rarely reported in spring. Only six Arctic Terns were reported, May 4-13 (m.ob.), many fewer than usual. An Elegant Tern was at Pajaro Dunes, Monterey Co., May 7 and two were there May 27 (J&RW). There are few May records for the Region.

One-hundred fifty Marbled Murrelets at Crescent City, Del Norte Co., May 13 (GS) was one of the largest concentrations ever reported in the state. A Xantus' Murrelet was at F.I. Mar. 26. An ad. Horned Puffin was found dead on Limantour Spit Mar. 17 (JE). Three to four others were found dead on beaches in February (P.R.B.O., *vide* JE) but were not previously reported. An ad. Tufted Puffin at Pt. Reyes Lighthouse May 29 and a pair at Sea Lion Overlook near there June 1 (JE, DS) indicate that they may be nesting there.

PIGEONS THROUGH FLYCATCHERS

—Band-tailed Pigeons were widely reported (m.ob.), with a high count of 500 near Chico, Butte Co., Mar. 2 (SAL). Screech Owls in Siskiyou County, May 22 at Sawyers Bar and May 27 near Scotts Bar (SAL) provided notable extensions of known range in that area. A Flammulated Owl at Squaw Cr., Shasta L., Apr. 17 (PD) represents the earliest regional record for this migratory species. In Siskiyou County ten individuals May 20 near Oak Knoll Ranger Station (SAL, KC) and one May 27 at Mill Cr. (SAL) were from previously unreported locales but within the species' suspected range (Winter, J. 1974. *W. Birds* 5:25-44). A Spotted Owl in the Cascades 7 mi w. of Macdoel, Siskiyou Co., May 30 (SAL) was also from an area where they were previously unknown. Nineteen Long-eared Owls were reported from five locations (m.ob.). The last of 21 wintering Short-eared Owls was at Limantour Estero, P.R.N.S., Apr. 28 (DS). A Saw-whet Owl at 320ft, 5 mi w. of Red Bluff Mar. 9 (SAL, KC) was at a low elevation for the interior for that time of year. Single Poor-wills Apr. 8 at Arcata (JGHe) and May 11 in the S.J.V. near Stratford, Kings Co. (JiR) were in areas from which they are rarely reported.

A remarkably early Black Swift was seen Apr. 14 at Alamo, Contra Costa Co. (Jri), and 47 flying N 10-20 mi. w. of Red Bluff May 24 (SAL, KC) were notable migrants. An out-of-place Costa's Hummingbird was at Yreka May 27 (SAL, †BED *et al.*). Twenty Calliope Hummingbirds May 12 at Black Diamond Mines R.P., Contra Costa Co. represented a high count. The last reported non-breeding Lewis' Woodpecker in the lowlands was near Red Bluff May 12 (BED).

A Cassin's Kingbird was at Riverdale, Fresno Co., May 9 (Gary Potter, *vide* Mark Myers); this species is presently very rare in the S.J.V. The E. Phoebe that wintered in Santa Cruz remained until Apr. 7 (SG). Two

Say's Phoebes' nests were found May 9 s.w. of Byron, Contra Costa Co. (DE), near the n. limit of the species' breeding range in the interior coast range. Twenty-two Willow Flycatchers May 22 at Greenhorn Park, Yreka (SAL, KC) indicated a major migratory movement. Five Hammond's Flycatchers were *singing* in oak-Digger Pine woodland at 3400 ft w. of N. Yosemite June 1 (MM); though *Empidonax* flycatchers rarely sing away from breeding habitat, these individuals were presumably late migrants. Three Gray Flycatchers were reported from w. of the Sierran divide Apr. 26-29 (JiR, JH, DS); this is a smaller number than has been expected in recent years. A.W. Wood Pewee Mar. 19 at Dog I., Tehama Co. (†KC), was an unprecedentedly early arrival, especially for a C.V. location. More intriguing was a late May wave of this species with 41 on outer Pt. Reyes (DS, JE) and 30 at F.I., both on May 29, and 16 along 5 km of road near Crescent City May 30-June 4 (GS). Although a common breeder, this species had not arrived at 7800 ft e. of the Sierra at Lundy Canyon, Mono Co., June 12 (MM). A warm, early spring there was followed by a cold and snowy spell. Under such conditions, do migrants arrive on time and stage at lower elevations, moving upslope as conditions ameliorate, or do they actually arrive "late"? (MM).

SWALLOWS THROUGH SHRIKES—

May 10 at Bear Valley Hdqtrs., P.R.N.S. a colony of approximately 50 Cliff Swallows was hosed off a public building by the park maintenance crew for reasons of "sanitation and esthetics" (JE); but what could be more pleasing than the daily swirling of these joyous creatures through the air as they carry on the age old nesting rituals?? Wintering Steller's Jays were last seen in the Sierra foothills at Auburn Apr. 28 (MA). Most surprising was a Pirin Jay at the Pt. Reyes Lighthouse May 29 (†JE, †DS); the very few previous coastal records have occurred in fall and winter. Small numbers of Red-breasted Nuthatches (1-7/locale) were widely reported away from breeding habitat through mid-May (m.ob.), with the last noted migrants at the Pt. Reyes Lighthouse May 27 (DS); such a pattern is to be expected after an influx to the lowlands in fall and winter. A Winter Wren at W. Pittsburg, Contra Costa Co., May 13 was a late migrant (DE).

A **Bendire's Thrasher** visited F.I., Apr. 17-18 (†BrB); this bird furnished only the fourth regional record, three of which have been at F.I. Notable Sage Thrashers were single birds Mar. 14 at Gridley, Butte Co. (†BED); Mar. 16-Apr. 16 at Bay Farm I., Alameda Co. (JM, m.ob.); May 7 & May 19-24 at F.I. A Hermit Thrush May 18 at W. Pittsburg, Contra Costa Co., was a late migrant (DE). A Townsend's Solitaire Apr. 18-22 at the Fish Docks, Pt. Reyes (†JE, Michael Ellis) was a rare and unseasonal coastal migrant. A Ruby-crowned Kinglet May 13 at the "New Willows", P.R.N.S. (DS) was a late migrant.

The landbird sensation of the season was a first year ♂ **White Wagtail** singing at Tiburon, Marin Co., May 22 (BL, Sue Smith *et al.*; photos †Leonard Compagno), and pro-



White Wagtail (*Motacilla alba lugans*), first-year male, discovered by Bill Lenarz and Sue Smith at Tiburon, Marin Co., Calif., May 22, 1980. Racial identification: Joe Morlan. Apparently the first of this race south of Alaska. Photo/Leonard Campagna.

viding the third regional record. The bird was identified as *M.a.lugens* (JM), the only race with a thin black line through the eye and a black back in breeding plumage. The appearance of this bird apparently represents the first record of the *lugens* race s. of Alaska; details will be published elsewhere (JM). A Water Pipit May 23 at the Bolinas Sewage Ponds (DS, JE) furnished a very late date for the lowlands. Cedar Waxwings were well reported (m.ob.) with a high count of 500 in junipers Apr. 26 near Cedar L., Siskiyou Co. (B&CY). The only N. Shrike away from the n. Great Basin was one Mar. 21 near Lomo, Butte Co. (BDP, JP).

WARBLERS THROUGH TANAGERS—Five Black-and-white Warblers were seen near the coast Apr. 11-May 30 (m.ob.) and one was reported inland near Stratford, Kings Co., Apr. 26 (JiR). Five Tennessee Warblers were reported from the coast May 3-31 (m.ob.) and one was seen inland near Stratford, Kings Co., Apr. 26 (JiR *et al.*). Single Nashville Warblers at Bay Farm I., Alameda Co., Mar. 19 (DE) and at Golden Gate Park Mar. 8-21 (DM) were undoubtedly winter lingerers. The Yellow Warbler that wintered at Walton Square S.F., was seen almost daily through Apr. 28 (DE). Yellow Warblers were seen May 15 singing territorially from hard chaparral at 4600 ft on the s. shore of L. Almanor, Plumas Co.; "they appear to be colonizing this new successional brushfield habitat" (DAA). Though Yellow Warblers are known to use this habitat in other areas, the geographic range of such use is not well known.

A ♂ *Magnolia* Warbler was at F.I. May 31. The effect of weather on montane migrants (see W. Wood Pewee above) was demonstrated by the "large numbers" of "Audubon's" Warblers foraging on the n.e. shore of L. Almanor May 26, the day after a late season snowstorm (DAA). Were these birds late migrants or residents driven downslope by inclement weather? The peak movement

of Townsend's Warblers was noted May 17 & 25 in Novato, Marin Co. (DS) and 30-50 on Mt. Diablo (AE). A ♂ Yellow-throated Warbler was recorded and banded May 2-3 at F.I., providing the tenth regional record. Rare in spring, a ♂ Blackpoll Warbler was banded May 27 at F.I. Four wintering Palm Warblers remained at Neary's Lagoon, Santa Cruz through Apr. 10 (SG) and the last of three wintering Palms was at Beach Front Park, Crescent City May 12 (GS). In recent years these two spots have consistently harbored Palms through the winter. Single migrants were at F.I., May 3, 26, & 31. Three Ovenbirds were recorded May 30-31 at F.I., and one skulked around near the Pt. Reyes Lighthouse May 30 (DS *et al.*). A ♀ Hooded Warbler observed May 27 at 7900 ft above Big Pine, Inyo Co. (†Jon Dunn), represents the first Sierran record. A ♂ Am. Redstart was sighted May 2 at the Klamath R. mouth, Del Norte Co. (Gary Lester, *vide* GS).

Male Bobolinks were seen on Pt. Reyes at the Fish Docks May 27 (DS) and at the Lighthouse May 30 (BL); this species is rarer in spring than in fall. A rare Yellow-headed Blackbird was migrating along the coast near Watsonville, Santa Cruz Co., Apr. 13 (SG). A ♂ Orchard Oriole May 12 at Yreka (†MRO) was most unexpected and represented only the second inland and second regional spring record. A ♂ Hooded Oriole Apr. 26 at Lee Vining, Mono Co. (David Gaines, *vide* DW) produced the first regional record e. of the Sierra. A Scott's Oriole on Chimney Peak, s.e. Tulare Co., May 27 (Frank Baldridge, *vide* MEM) provided the eighth regional record. The ♂ & ♀ Great-tailed Grackles seem to have taken up residence in S.F.: the female was last seen at Walton Square Apr. 4 (DE) and the male at Fort Mason Apr. 26 (Sybel Kaplan, *vide* SFB). Of interest was the report of 24 Brown-headed Cowbirds distributed among five sites along the shores of L. Almanor May 4-15; all were found near roads, urban areas, and subdivisions (DAA). Although recent range expansion has been

documented for the Sierra (Rothstein *et al.* 1980. *Auk* 97:253-268) little data is available for the n. Sierra/s. Cascades. A migrant concentration of 100+ W. Tanagers was near L. Berryessa, Napa/Yolo Cos., Apr. 29 (D&S Jue, *vide* TBe).

FRINGILLIDS—Male Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were banded at F.I., May 30&31. Single ♂ Indigo Buntings were banded at Palomarin, P.R.N.S., May 27 and at F.I., May 30-31, while inland a ♂ was sighted May 4 at Lee Vining, Mono Co. (D.Gaines, *vide* DW). A ♀ Dickcissel was at F.I., May 18. This bird represented the seventh spring record; all but one have been at F.I.

Evening Grosbeaks were widely reported away from breeding haunts (m.ob.) with the last seen May 10 at Fremont Peak S.P., San Benito Co. (SG). Remarkable were evidently conservative estimates of 15,000 grosbeaks in a two-hour period flying W along the s. shore of Eagle L., Lassen Co., Mar. 16 in flocks of 15-75 (Dick Johnson *et al.*). A similar movement of 1000-1200 birds in two-and-a-half hours Apr. 13 was noted in the same area (DAA). The flocks were concentrated by the lakeshore, but the type of movement involved needs further study. As both observations occurred from mid-day through the afternoon, and both flights were moving E to W, the birds may have been returning from foraging areas to roost sites. A seasonal movement from berry-depleted juniper habitat back to breeding locales in coniferous forests cannot be ruled out (DAA), however, though movement of this magnitude over a month's time is hard to imagine.

Purple Finches appeared in greater-than-normal numbers in Lafayette through Apr. 24 (LF) and a major migration was noted at Dog. I., Tehama Co., Mar. 10-Apr. 16 with a peak of 29 on Apr. 16 being ten times the 5 year average (SAL, KC). A ♂ Cassin's Finch was found and banded Apr. 12-13 at F.I. There are very few well-documented coastal records of this species. An estimated 1500 Gray-crowned Rosy Finches appeared in one swirling flock n. of Conway Summit, Mono Co., Mar. 31 (GMCC); approximately 80% were the "gray-headed" form (presumably *L.t.littoralis*) and the remainder had more restricted gray on the head (presumably *L.t.tephrocotis* &/or *L.t.dawsoni*). This record-size flock of Gray-crowns also harbored one Black Rosy Finch (†GMCC), the only other regional record being one collected approximately 20 mi away at Bodie Jan. 15, 1904. April 2 would seem to have been the true arrival date of Am. Goldfinches in coastal Marin County this year as indicated by observers at Palomarin and Laguna Ranch (JE). There were more than the usual number of Lawrence's Goldfinch reports Apr. 1-May 30+ (m.ob.) and nesting was confirmed May 3 at Walnut Cr. (Winifred Orcutt). Single Lark Buntings occurred near Red Bluff Apr. 6 (SAL, KC) and more notable for the season, near the coast along the Estero Trail, P.R.N.S., Mar. 1 (†FBe). Two singing Grasshopper Sparrows May 28 at Orange Cove, Fresno Co. (RGe) were of note, as there have been no reports from the e. edge of the C.V. in recent years.

Sightings of three Vesper Sparrows Apr. 12 (two one week later) at L. Earl Dunes, Del Norte Co. (GS) and one May 3 at Trinidad, Humboldt Co. (RLeV, LD) lend credence to suggestions that though these birds may have been migrants, the species may breed on the North Coast. Three Tree Sparrows at Honey L., Mar. 23 (BSt) were the latest of eight reported from the Great Basin (m.ob.). A Chipping Sparrow Mar. 20 at Gray Lodge W.A. was either a very early migrant or a winter wanderer, since the birds are normally rare and local in the C.V. at that time. The Clay-colored Sparrow that wintered at San Rafael was last seen Apr. 20 (Holly Peake). The Harris' Sparrow wintering in Lafayette was last seen Apr. 6 (LF) and one was found in Arcata Apr. 7 (JGHe). A very late White-throated Sparrow visited Novato May 23 (Scott Carey). A breeding-plumaged ♂ Lapland Longspur noted very late in the season, on May 13 at Hall Ranch, Pt. Reyes (†DS) provided one of only a few coastal spring records. A ♂ Chestnut-collared Longspur, also in nuptial dress, at F.I., May 18, represented the second coastal spring record.

ADDENDUM—Because of the omission of a table from the fall AB 34 report, the following *coastal* (includes F.I. totals) "vagrant" warbler data was left out: 22 Black-and-whites Aug. 27-Nov. 12, 21 Tennessees Aug. 26-Oct. 28, 9 N. Parulas Sept. 2-30, 19 Magnolias Sept. 17-Oct. 23, 6 Cape Mays Sept. 22-Oct. 3, 24 Black-throated Blues Sept. 23-Oct. 21, 15 Blackburnians Sept. 18-Nov. 24, 21 Chestnut-sideds Sept. 13-Oct. 14, 4 Bay-breasteds Oct. 1-14, 80 Blackpolls Sept. 3-Nov. 7, 13 Prairies Sept. 8-Nov. 16, 196 Palms Sept. 18-Nov. 28, 9 Ovenbirds Sept. 20-Oct. 9, 7 N. Waterthrushes Sept. 6-Oct. 27, 4 Canadas Sept. 24-Nov. 11, 83 Am. Redstarts Aug. 30-Nov. 10 (m.ob.).

A late report was received of an E. Phoebe Dec. 8, 1979-Feb. 6, 1980 at Burris Park n. of Hanford, Kings Co. (†JiR, RH).

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