SOUTHERN PACIFIC COAST REGION

/Guy McCaskie

Wet weather persisted through most of the period with rain in the desert in late May. Many of the unusual species discovered during the winter remained well into the spring while additional wintering birds were still being found in March and April. Waterbirds dominated the season as shorebird migration brought some noteworthy rarities, and the variety of gulls and terns proved particularly interesting. On the other hand, those birders searching for landbird vagrants in late May were disappointed, since the variety and number of passerine rarities were far below recent levels.

The early arrival dates for some of our key migrants were: Wilson's Phalarope Apr. 1, San Jacinto L.; N. Phalarope Apr. 11, Los Angeles; Com. Tern Apr. 17, Los Angeles; Least Tern Apr. 11, San Diego; Elegant Tern Mar. 15, San Diego; Black Tern Apr. 30, Lancaster; Lesser Nighthawk Mar. 22, Los Angeles; Vaux's Swift Apr. 7, e. of Lancaster (early); Black-chinned Hummingbird Apr. 6, Los Angeles; W. Kingbird Mar. 15, Goleta; Ash-throated Flycatcher Apr. 6, Los Angeles; Willow Flycatcher May 16, San Diego and e. of Lancaster; Hammond's Flycatcher Apr. 10, San Diego; W. Flycatcher Mar. 15. Ventura; W. Wood Pewee Apr. 8, Los Angeles (early); Olive-sided Flycatcher Apr. 11, Morro Bay; Swainson's Thrush Apr. 24, Morongo Valley; Bell's Vireo Mar. 30, San Diego, Solitary Vireo Mar. 31, Anaheim; Warbling Vireo Mar. 9, Ventura; Nashville Warbler Apr. 5, Anaheim; Yellow Warbler Apr. 12, San Diego; Black-throated Gray Warbler Apr. 7, Costa Mesa; Hermit Warbler Apr. 12, San Diego; MacGillivray's Warbler Apr. 7, Los Angeles; Yellowbreasted Chat Apr. 14, San Diego; Wilson's Warbler Mar. 13, Los Angeles; Hooded Oriole Mar. 3, San Diego; N. Oriole Mar. 15,

Goleta; W. Tanager Apr. 12, San Diego; Black-headed Grosbeak Mar. 31, Anaheim; Blue Grosbeak Apr. 17, San Diego; Lazuli Bunting Apr. 4, Santa Ana; Black-chinned Sparrow Apr. 24, Morongo Valley.

LOONS, GREBES—An Arctic Loon, rare anywhere away from the coast, was on L. Cachuma, Santa Barbara Co., Apr. 10 (PL); another was at Little L., Invo Co., May 27

(JD) and a third was at Whalen L., San Diego Co., Apr. 17 (DPa). A Red-throated Loon on L. Cachuma Mar. 10 (PL) was also inland, but, as small numbers of this species occur on lakes close to the coast, it was not as unusual as the Arctic Loon at this locality. The Rednecked Grebe found in Ventura last winter remained to May 2 (REW). Two Horned Grebes on L. Cuyamaca Mar. 1 (CGE) were inland.

ALBATROSSES, SHEARWATERS, STORM-PETRELS—A few Black-footed Albatrosses were in s. California waters this spring, with 40 at the Davidson Seamount off Morro Bay Mar. 8 (GMcC), four near San Miguel I. May 18 (REW), single birds in the Catalina Channel May 4 (FH) & May 11 (JD) and 25 s. of San Clemente I., Apr. 29-30 (JPK). Three Laysan Albatrosses were seen at

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the Davidson Seamount Mar. 8 (GMcC); though rarely recorded in this Region, this species may prove to be regular over the deeper waters off San Luis Obispo County. A very late Short-tailed Shearwater was found off San Diego Apr. 20 (EC). Two Manx Shearwaters off Ventura Apr. 23 (REW) and another in the Catalina Channel May 11 (JD) were late for that area, but 25 were still present off Oceanside May 15 (FWH). An Ashy Storm-Petrel at the Davidson Seamount Mar. 8 (GMcC), three off Pt. Dume Mar. 25 (KG) and 35 between Santa Barbara and San Miguel I. May 18 (JD) were the only ones reported.

BOOBIES, FRIGATEBIRDS—A Bluefooted Booby close to shore near Oceanside Mar. 16 (FWH) was most unusual since few are recorded along the coast and most occur in California during the late summer and fall. Also out of season was an imm. Magnificent Frigatebird at Redondo Beach Mar. 25 (H&NS).

HERONS, STORKS, IBISES—An ad. Little Blue Heron was seen near Imperial Beach May 23 (CGE) and another appeared near Seeley in the Imperial Valley May 20 (JD); one or two are found each year during May, a pattern that suggests a regular movement of these birds into California in the late spring. Two of the wintering Louisiana Herons were still present around San Diego Apr. 5 (JO1).



Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Ventura, Calif., Apr. 20, 1980. Photo/Brad Shramm.

An ad. Yellow-crowned Night Heron in Ventura Apr. 20-26 (REW, ph. S.D.N.H.M.) was the eighth to be found in s. California. A Least Bittern at the Santa Clara R. estuary, Ventura (%). (hereafter, S.C.R.E.) Apr. 29 (REW) and two near Oceanside Mar. 16 (JC) were the only ones found along the coast. A Wood Stork at the n. end of the Salton Sea (hereafter, N.E.S.S.) Apr. 10+ (BW) was exceptionally early. A White-faced Ibis in Goleta, Santa Barbara Co., Apr. 19-20 (NC) was unexpected, the species being scarce this far n. at this time of the year.

GEESE, DUCKS-The presence of 211 Brant on L. Henshaw Mar. 4 (RH), along with two on L. Cuyamaca Mar. 16 (DPa) and 19 there Apr. 6 (DPa), suggests that numbers of these birds cross the mountains of San Diego County to the coast when migrating N from the Gulf of California in spring. Interesting were a White-fronted Goose on Chatsworth Res., Los Angeles Co., Mar. 2 (GSS) and another in San Diego Mar. 23 (DKe) as this species is now quite rare in coastal s. California. A healthy Snow Goose at N.E.S.S. May 21 (JD) was exceptionally late. A Fulvous Whistling Duck at the Santa Maria R. mouth May 18 (PL) and another at S.C.R.E. May 31 + (REW) could both have been genuine stragglers, but the presence of many free-flying "captives" in s. California leaves all records away from areas of normal occurrence open to question. A Eur. Wigeon at Pt. Mugu, Ventura Co., Mar. 23 (REW) was the latest reported for this past winter. A O' Wood Duck near Beaumont, Riverside Co., Apr. 13-May 1 (BW) appeared away from areas of normal occurrence. A Greater Scaup off Pt. Dume Apr. 24 (JD) and another off Pt. Mugu May 17 (REW) were both somewhat late. An Oldsqauw at the Santa Maria River mouth May 11 (LBev, ph. S.D.N.H.M.) was late. The or Harlequin Duck found in Carlsbad in 1977 was still present May 31 (PU). Surf Scoters were found in the mountains of San Diego County, with up to 45 on L. Henshaw Mar. 4-23 (RH) and two



Oldsquaw, Santa Maria River mouth, San Luis Obispo Co., Calif., May 11, 1980. Photo/Paul Lehman.

on L. Cuyamaca Mar. 16 (DPa), indicating a movement of these birds from the Gulf of California to the coast at this time of the year. Late Black Scoters included one near Morro Bay May 5-8 (FRT), one at Pt. Mugu Apr. 6 (REW) and one on San Diego Bay Apr. 13 (PP). A & Hooded Merganser at Furnace Creek Ranch in Death Valley (hereafter, F.C.R.) Mar. 29 (MWB) was at an unusual locality. Three Red-breasted Mergansers at F.C.R., May 21 (REW) and another near Lancaster May 10 (GMcC) were the only ones found on the desert this spring.

HAWKS—A flock of 2000 + Turkey Vultures near Lancaster Mar. 2 (FH) was clearly composed of spring migrants and indicated how early the peak of the migration of this species can occur. The Broad-winged Hawk that wintered in the Rosemead district of Los Angeles remained to Mar. 19 (KG). Reports of migrant Swainson's Hawks included one near Desert Hot Springs Apr. 26 (BW), another near Beaumont May 15 (RLM), three in the Antelope Valley Apr. 16 (JD), one over Encino Apr. 1 (KG) and up to six around Oasis May 23-31 (REW).

GROUSE—A Sage Grouse at Schulman Grove in the White Mts., Inyo Co., May 4 (DPa) was at the extreme s. limit of the species' present range in California.

SHOREBIRDS-The Am. Oystercatcher first noted on Anacapa I. in 1964 was still present Apr. 27 (GSS). A Black Oystercatcher in Ventura Apr. 10 (JM), six on Pt. Fermin Mar. 2 (BSh), eight in San Pedro May 4 (FH) and two at Playa del Rey throughout the period (KG) were all found away from areas of normal occurrence. Three Semipalmated Plovers at Harper Dry L., San Bernardino Co. May 11 (EAC) and one at F.C.R., May 25 (JD) appeared in areas from which few have been reported; but small numbers were continuously present near Lancaster, and the species is common on the Salton Sea, indicating that it does move through the interior of s. California. Six wintering Am. Golden Plovers were still present near Santa Maria Apr. 20 (PL) and another remained at Playa del Rey to Mar. 22 (BMcI), but several were later seen migrating through: one near Morro Bay May 9-12 (FRT), six at the Santa Maria R. mouth May 15 (LBev), one at S.C.R.E. May 31-June 6 (JM), another at Pt. Mugu May 3 (REW) and single birds inland near Lancaster on Apr. 27 (JD), May 12 (LJ) & May 24 (KG). A Hudsonian Godwit near Lancaster May 9-19 (JD, ph. S.D.N.H.M.) was only the second to be found in s. Califor-



Hudsonian Godwit, Edwards A.F.B., Los Angeles County, Calif., May 11, 1980. Photo/Herbert Clarke.

nia. A maximum concentration of 1300+ Whimbrels was observed in the Antelope Valley Apr. 16 (JD) while one at Tecopa, Inyo Co., Apr. 9 (JT) was at an unusual locality. An Upland Sandpiper at F.C.R., May 23-24 (FB) was the eighth to be recorded in s. California. A Solitary Sandpiper, rare in spring, was in the Kern N.W.R., Apr. 25 (JRo), another was near the Santa Maria R. mouth Apr. 20 (LBev) and a third was in Encino Apr. 16-20 (JD). A Willet at F.C.R., May 1-28 (MWB) was unusual, few having been found in this area of California. Ruddy Turnstones were present on the Salton Sea Apr. 26 -May 12 with a high count of 47 at N.E.S.S., May 12 (RLM) and an exceptionally late bird there June 3 (BW). A Black Turnstone at N.E.S.S., June 3 (BW) was most unusual since the species is considered casual inland. Twenty-five Short-billed Dowitchers near Lancaster Apr. 7 (JD) were interesting as there are few interior spring records away from the Salton Sea.

Red Knots were numerous on the Salton Sea with birds present Apr. 5-May 21, and a high count of 225 at N.E.S.S., May 12 (RLM); three near Lancaster May 9 (H&NS) were the only ones reported from elsewhere inland and represent the second interior spring record away from the Salton Sea. Three Sanderlings at Harper Dry Lake May 11 (EAC) were unusual, few having been recorded inland away from the Salton Sea in s. California. A Semipalmated Sandpiper at Salton City Apr. 26 (GMcC) was the only one found on the Salton Sea, but one at S.C.R.E, May 6-8 (REW) was the second found along the coast of s. California in spring. Three Baird's Sandpipers, very rare in spring, were at S.C.R.E., Apr. 15 (REW). Equally rare were three Pectoral Sandpipers near Lancaster May 9 (JD). A Stilt Sandpiper at the Santa Maria R. mouth June 1 (PL) and another at S.C.R.E., May 17-21 (LS) were observed along the coast, one was at F.C.R., May 24-26 (DE) and four were at N.E.S.S., May 12 (RLM); normally, few are found away from the s. end of the Salton Sea. The three Ruffs wintering at Pt. Mugu all departed in March, with the last seen Mar. 30 (REW). Red Phalaropes passed close to the coast in late May, with many present along the shore. Counts of 30,000+ near Santa Cruz I., May 28 (JD) indicate how common this species was offshore, and sightings of 70 at the Santa Maria R. mouth May 26 (LRB) and 50 at S.C.R.E., May 27 (REW) illustrate its abundance along the shore. Four at N.E.S.S., May 10 (EAC) were the only ones found inland.

LARIDS-A first-winter-plumaged Glaucous Gull, rare in s. California, was at S.C.R.E., Mar. 6-16 (LBev). A first-winter Thayer's Gull at Salton City Apr. 5-13 (EC) occurred inland from its normal range. An ad. Mew Gull near Lakeview, Riverside Co., Mar. 8 (EAC) and another at N.E.S.S., Apr. 6 (RLM) were both seen far inland from their usual locations. After last winter's influx, Laughing Gulls were still to be found along the coast in spring, with one observed off La Jolla Mar. 10 (CGE) and another at the Santa Ynez R. mouth, Santa Barbara Co., May 18-19 (PL, ph. S.D.N.H.M.). One at N.E.S.S., May 21 (JD) was unexpected since the species is not normally encountered on the Salton Sea until July. Three Franklin's Gulls were found around the Salton Sea during May along with one near Lancaster May 16-19 (DM), another at S.C.R.E. May 27 (PL) and a third in Carlsbad Apr. 26-27 (CGE); small numbers pass through the Region each spring. An imm. Little Gull, a casual straggler to s. California, was at S.C.R.E., Mar. 1-5 (JM). A Gull-billed Tern at Salton City Mar. 16 (EC) was the earliest reported this year. An imm. Com. Tern at Redondo Beach Mar. 14 (H&NS) was probably wintering locally, since the first spring migrants are not expected before mid-April. Two ad. Arctic Terns near Palmdale in the Antelope Valley June 1-3 (KG) were observed farther inland than usual but careful checking of all terns seen inland at this time of year may show the species to be regular in limited numbers through the interior of s. California. Three ad. Least Terns were at N.E.S.S., May 21 (JD); this species is a casual straggler to the Salton Sea, but is unrecorded elsewhere in the interior of s. California. Elegant Terns were found to the n. of San Diego much earlier than expected, with up to seven at S.C.R.E., Apr. 24+ (REW) and three in Santa Barbara May 22 (LRB). Totally unexpected was an ad. Sandwich Tern presenting fish to Elegant Terns at the nesting colony on San Diego Bay May 11-15 (Fred Schaeffner); this is the first such tern to be recorded on the West Coast of the United States, but small numbers are known to winter in the Gulf of Panama, and we can speculate that this bird joined a migrant flock of Elegant Terns moving N from South America. A Black Skimmer in Carlsbad Apr. 16 (DDS), another near Oceanside Apr. 21 (LBel), two at Pt. Mugu Apr. 26 (REW) and two or three at S.C.R.E., May 9+ (JM) were all n. of the nesting colony on San Diego Bay.

ALCIDS-Common Murres appeared off the s. portion of the Region in larger numbers than expected as indicated by counts of 48 off Pt. Mugu Apr. 26 (REW), 60+ in the Catalina Channel May 4 (FH), 25 off San Onofre May 18 (FWH) and 30 off San Diego Apr. 20 (DPo). Point Mugu was an unusual location for a Pigeon Guillemot Mar. 29 (REW). An Ancient Murrelet at Santa Barbara June 1 (DBa) was very late. The sighting of a Horned Puffin at the Davidson Seamount Mar. 8 (GMcC) suggests that searching far offshore in winter may produce additional records of this far nothern visitor. A Tufted Puffin near Santa Rosa I. June 1 (DBa) was the only one reported.

DOVES THROUGH WOODPECKERS-A Band-tailed Pigeon at Scotty's Castle in Death Valley May 31 (REW), another in Oceanside May 18-19 (MGa) and a third on Pt. Loma June 3 (EC) were observed away from areas of normal occurrence. A Whitewinged Dove near Imperial Beach May 7 (DBe) and another on Pt. Loma in San Diego May 19-20 (IMacG) were both on the coast where they are rarely found in spring. A Ground Dove at Pacific Palisades, Los Angeles Co., May 8 (LK) was unusually far n. for a coastal locality. A Barn Owl at F.C.R., Mar. 1 (LN) and another there May 1 (MWB) were in an area of California from which few have been recorded. Two Elf Owls were found near Needles Apr. 12 (KC), but the future of this species as a breeding bird in California is in jeopardy because of habitat destruction. Whip-poor-wills were heard at two localities in the San Bernardino Mts. during May (SG, EAC), an indication that the species is breeding. Two Com. Nighthawks at Baldwin L. in the San Bernardino Mts. May 22 (JD) appear to be the earliest ever found in California. This was a banner spring for viewing migrant Black Swifts; overcast conditions during much of the period forced these birds to feed closer to the ground than usual and to remain for prolonged periods at one locality. The earliest were one in Goleta Apr. 20-23 (EG) and another in Santa Barbara Apr. 23 (LRB). The largest concentrations along the coast were 65 over Goleta May 25 (BSc), 25 over Santa Barbara May 10 (MP), 16 at S.C.R.E., May 21 (JM) and 40 at Carlsbad May 21-24 (PU). Three over L. Henshaw along the slopes of Mt. Palomar May 30 (RH) were s. of any known nesting locality. One e. of Lancaster in the Antelope Valley May 24 (KG) and ten over Desert Hot Springs May 22 (JD) were in the desert portions of the Region, where they are normally virtually unrecorded. Vaux's Swifts also occurred along the coast in remarkable numbers between mid-April and mid-May. A or Hairy Woodpecker in W. Palm Springs Mar. 18 (RLM) was certainly at an unusual locality.

FLYCATCHERS, SWALLOWS-A Tropical Kingbird in Whittier Mar. 1-25 (KG) had probably wintered locally. A Wied's Crested Flycatcher was seen at N.E.S.S., Apr. 28 (BW) and territorial birds were first observed at Morongo Valley May 3 (R&MW). The E. Phoebe wintering at Morro Bay was last seen Mar. 16 (DE) and the one near Corona remained to at least Mar. 14 (EAC). The Willow Flycatcher that wintered in Arcadia was last seen Apr. 29 (BCoh). Single Gray Flycatchers, rare along the coast in spring, were at Pt. Mugu May 17 (REW), at Newport Beach May 24 (SJR) and on Pt. Loma Apr. 17 (JO1). The Coues' Flycatcher present at Leo Carillo State Beach during the winter was last seen Mar. 19 (B&TC). The wintering Olive-sided Flycatcher remained in Los Angeles to Mar. 29+ (KG). Purple Martins remained scarce, with only eight migrants reported.

CROWS THROUGH VIREOS—A Com. Crow was found in the unlikely location of Stovepipe Wells in Death Valley May 21-27 (REW). Two Wrentits frequenting a honey mesquite thicket near Palm Springs Apr. 1 + (RLM) were e. of the species' known range and out of normal habitat. A Gray Catbird at Northridge in the San Fernando Valley Mar. 27-Apr. 18 (CS) had probably wintered locally, and if so would establish the first winter record for the Region. The Brown Thrasher that wintered in Goleta was last seen Mar. 23 (PL). A Bendire's Thrasher at the mouth of Whitewater Canyon Apr. 16 (RLM) was at an unusual locality. Two Water Pipits at Baker May 27 (PL) were late. A Yellow-throated Vireo, a rare straggler to California, was found near Banning Apr. 29 (RLM).

WARBLERS-Of the 17 Black-and-white Warblers reported, half were found in the n.e. part of the Region, as expected. Twenty + Tennessee Warblers during May is about a normal number. A Virginia's Warbler at Baker Dam in Joshua Tree N.M., May 24 (RLM) was in an area where small numbers could be anticipated, but one at Newport Beach Apr. 19 (SJR) was on the coast where few have been found in spring. As usual a few N. Parulas occurred: a male at Deep Springs May 25 (PL), another near Lancaster May 26 (KG), a third at Mojave Narrows Regional Park near Victorville May 29 (GNVanE) and a male and female together near Blythe May 22-26 (SC) in the interior, along with a male along the Santa Ynez R. in Santa Barbara Co., May 18 (DBa) and another in Long Beach June 3 (B&TC) along the coast. The Cape May Warbler found wintering in Goleta was last seen Apr. 13 (LRB); one female at Deep Springs May 26 (JD) was the only migrant reported. A Yellow-throated Warbler, a rare straggler to California, was on Pt. Loma Apr. 26 (CWS, ES) and another was at Oasis May 29-June 1 (REW, ph. S.D.N.H.M.), both of the race albilora. The Grace's



A Yellow-throated Warbler present at Oasis, Mono County, from May 29-June 1, 1980. Photo/Jeri M. Langham.

Warbler that wintered in Santa Barbara was last seen Apr. 2 (LRB) and the one in nearby Carpinteria remained through Apr. 11 (LBev). A o Chestnut-sided Warbler at Deep Springs May 26 (JD) was the only one found this spring. A o Bay-breasted Warbler, rare but regular in spring, was near Lancaster June 2 (JD). A & Blackpoll Warbler was found at Oasis May 26 (REW). A Palm Warbler near Santa Maria Apr. 20 (LBev), another near Beaumont Apr. 9 (RLM) and a third near N.E.S.S. Apr. 28 (BW) are all believed to have wintered somewhere on the West Coast, the dates of the observations being too early for vagrants from the East, while one at Indian Ranch in the Panamint Valley May 28 (DPa) fits well into the pattern set by Eastern vagrants. The only Ovenbirds found this spring were one near Imperial Beach May 26 (EC), another at Scotty's Castle May 24-25 (SS) and a third at Deep Springs May 25-27 (JD). A wintering N. Waterthrush near Imperial Beach remained to Mar. 8 (DPa) and the other nearby was last seen May 4 (GMcC); 11 migrants were found in the n.e. portion of the Region May 14-31. A Q Hooded Warbler at F.C.R., May 29 (REW) was the only one found. A or Canada Warbler at Oasis May 30 (BD) established the fourth regional spring record. As usual a few Am. Redstarts passed through the n.e. portion of the Region with 30 seen during the last half of May; one on Pt. Loma May 22 (BCor) and another there June 2 (EC) were the only ones reported from along the coast. A Painted Redstart in Del Mar, San Diego Co., Mar. 1-16 (DPa) has spent the past two winters in the neighborhood according to local residents; one at Scotty's Castle May 16 (SJ,JL) was n. of its usual range.

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES, TANA-GERS—Bobolinks were scarcer than usual in the n.e. portion of the Region with two or three seen at Oasis May 23-27 (REW) and only four at F.C.R. May 26-31 (REW). A Q Orchard Oriole was near Imperial Beach Mar. 22 (GMcC), a male was there May 22 (DPa) and a third was near Malibu Apr. 23-29 (B&TC). A Scott's Oriole in Santa Barbara Mar. 16 (LBev) and another on Pt. Loma May 16 (CGE) were both along the coast. Nine N. (Baltimore) Orioles were reported, an indication that small numbers reached California this spring, as usual. A Q Rusty Blackbird, rare in spring, was at Tecopa Apr. 10 (JT). A Great-tailed Grackle at Scotty's Castle May 14 (B&TC) was a little to the n. of its known range in e. California, and one at L. Cachuma near Santa Barbara May 6+ (LRB) was well to the w. of its established range. Two Com. Grackles were found in Inyo County with one at Deep Springs May 21 (REW) and the other at F.C.R. May 24-26 (REW); this species is now being recorded annually in California, particularly in late spring. A o Hepatic Tanager in Blythe Apr. 2-5 (IA) had probably wintered in that area, since the date is too early for the appearance of a spring migrant. Breeding Summer Tanagers arrived at Morongo Valley Apr. 26 (R&MW), and territorial males were present at three other localities in that general area in May (BW) along with a male near Borrego Springs May 9-31 (AM) that may have been on territory. In the n.e. part of the Region single birds were found at F.C.R., May 14 (B&TC) & May 21 (REW) and another was near Oasis May 31-June 1 (EC); along the coast a male was found at Montana de Oro S.P., near Morro Bay June 1 (FRT) and another was near Piru May 8 (REW).

FINCHES, SPARROWS, LONG-SPURS—Three Rose-breasted Grosbeaks in Santa Barbara Mar. 17 (NC) had undoubtedly wintered locally, but 15 found scattered throughout the Region in May were all vagrants wandering a little to the w. of the species' normal migration route. About 20 Indigo Buntings were found during May including a male on territory at Morongo Valley May 15+ (EAC), an indication that some remain within the Region to nest. A flock of up to ten Red Crossbills was feeding on ornamental pines on the Yucca Valley golf

course Apr. 4-May 31; this species is rare in the desert. A o Lark Bunting was in Agoura Apr. 21-May 3 (KC) and another was in San Bernardino May 11 (SG); the number of these birds varies from year to year. A "Pinksided" Junco at Scotty's Castle May 31 (BD) was exceptionally late for a desert locality. A wintering Clay-colored Sparrow near Irvine remained to Apr. 12 (DW) and another near Imperial Beach was last seen Mar. 22 (DPa); one on Pt. Loma May 19 (EC) was a spring vagrant. Harris' Sparrows appeared in Yucca Valley Mar. 31 (RLM); at Montana de Oro S.P., Apr. 11-26 (EVJ); in Ventura Mar. 25-Apr. 29 (JOg); and at Pt. Mugu May 5 (REW). The wintering bird in Goleta remained to May 1 (PL) and the other in Santa Barbara was last seen Apr. 13 (PL). The latest White-throated Sparrow was one near Ventura Apr. 19-26 (FD). Two Swamp Sparrows near Oceanside Mar. 15 (EC) had undoubtedly wintered there. A Lapland Longspur at F.C.R., Mar. 26 (SJR) was very

CORRIGENDA—In AB 34:201 the Ferruginous Hawk near Santa Maria should have been reported as having been seen Sept. 18, not Sept. 10. The range of dates for the 12 coastal Black-throated Green Warblers noted in AB 34:203 should have been Sept. 7-Nov. 10 not Oct. 3-Nov. 10. A line was omitted from the comments concerning Lark Buntings in AB 34:203 and should read: Single coastal Lark Buntings were in Goleta Sept. 3-5 (PL) and Sept. 19 (LB), near Pt. Mugu Sept. 23 (TC) and near Imperial Beach Sept. 16 (EC)....

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