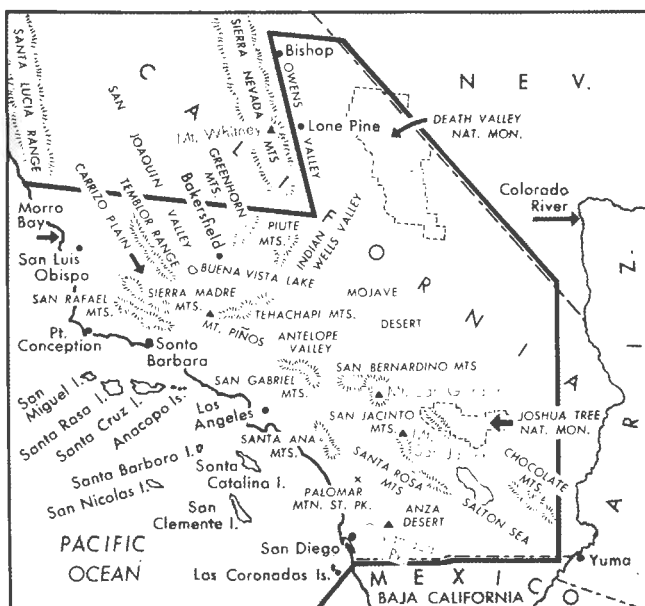

SOUTHERN PACIFIC COAST REGION

/Guy McCaskie

More than 425 species were found during the 15-week autumn season, including two species new to the Region, making it one of the more exciting periods in recent years. Vagrants were numerous and widespread (39 species of wood warblers reported) and many of our regularly occurring species were found in unusual localities.

An influx of mountain species into the deserts and coastal lowlands was one of the more prominent features of the fall. Golden-crowned Kinglets were widespread, with above-average numbers along the coast during October and November pushing south to the Mexican border (*e.g.*, ten on Pt. Loma October 29—REW) and some straying far out into the deserts (*e.g.*, ten at Ft. Piute, October 31—EAC). White-breasted Nuthatches and Brown Creepers appeared out of range in small numbers along the immediate coastline and a few ventured out into the desert. Small flocks of Pine Siskins were scattered throughout the Region and Evening Grosbeaks pushed south along the mountains to at least San Diego County (one at Mt. Palomar October 17 + —RH). A few Mountain Chickadees along the coast, along with a Plain Titmouse at Deep Springs Sept. 7 (PEL) and ten ± Bushtits at Furnace Creek Ranch in Death Valley Nov. 18-28 (LLN) may have been associated with the movement. Above-average numbers of American Robins and Cedar Waxwings moving



into the Region during October, bringing with them a few Varied Thrushes, were other noteworthy features of the season.

LOONS, GREBES — As usual a few Com. Loons were found inland with one at Furnace Creek Ranch in Death Valley (hereafter, F.C.R.) Nov. 27+ (LLN) being at the most unusual locality. A Red-necked Grebe at Redondo Beach, Los Angeles Co., Nov. 26-28 (NS) was the only one found. A Horned Grebe on Whale Rock Res., near San Luis Obispo Sept. 15 (JSR) was exceptionally early, and one at Tecopa, Inyo Co., Oct. 27 (LLN) was the only one found away from the coast.

SHEARWATERS, STORM-PETRELS — Northern Fulmars appeared off the coast in mid-October with small numbers reported along the entire coastline by the end of the period. A Flesh-footed Shearwater, rare in California waters, was 4 mi off Goleta, Santa Barbara Co., Sept. 18 (LBev). Twenty Black-vented Shearwaters off Anacapa I., Aug. 29 (REW) along with nine off Goleta Sept. 4 (LBev) were early for this latitude. An Ashy Storm-Petrel captured in San Diego Nov. 22 (JRJ) had wandered a short distance inland. Least Storm-Petrels were relatively common offshore during August and September with 110 counted off Goleta Sept. 18 (LBev).

PELICANS THROUGH FRIGATEBIRDS — Brown Pelican numbers built up to a high of 47 on the Salton Sea Sept. 17 (PJM) with none to be found in October; an immature at China Lake, Kern Co., Aug. 21 (RLB) had flown far from the head of the Gulf of California. An *Olivaceous Cormorant* at Imperial Dam, Imperial Co., Sept. 7-Oct. 7 (MK, ph., S.D.N.H.M.) was only the second to have been found in California. Magnificent Frigatebirds remained scarce with only four seen along the coast during August and September, but five were together over the s. end of the Salton Sea (hereafter, S.E.S.S.) Sept. 10 (MK).

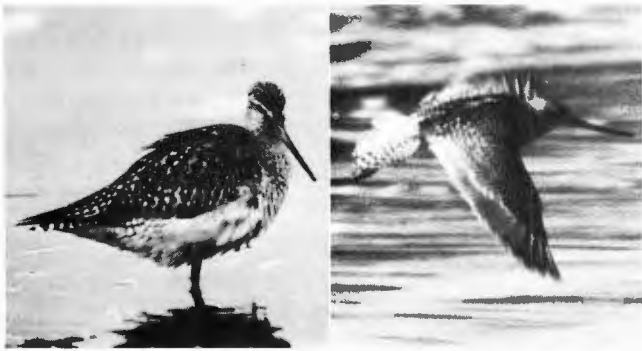
HERONS, STORKS — An imm. Little Blue Heron near Imperial Beach, San Diego Co., Oct. 10-11 (EC) and an adult on Mission Bay in San Diego Nov. 11+ (DMacK) were the only ones found. A total of 34 Cattle Egrets at F.C.R., Nov. 28 (LLN), along with 44 at nearby Stovepipe Wells on the same day (LLN), indicated a movement of these birds through Inyo County in late November. The imm. Reddish Egret found in San Diego July 17 was still present Sept. 17 (JO) and another was found inland at Salton City Aug. 15 (BSHa, ph., S.D.N.H.M.). Up to three Louisiana Herons were around Imperial Beach after Oct. 25 (DMacK) and one was at Bolsa Chica, Orange Co., Nov. 29+ (LRH); small numbers occur along the s. coast each winter. An ad. Yellow-crowned Night Heron, a casual straggler to California, was on San Elijo Lagoon, San Diego Co., Oct. 25+ (T. Meyer, *vide* DK). An imm. Wood Stork near Oceanside, San Diego Co., Nov. 9 (TMx) was along the coast where now considered casual.

SWANS, GEESE, DUCKS — Three Whistling Swans on L. Hodges, San Diego Co., Nov. 29 (KW) and another in a flooded field near Bard, Imperial Co., Nov. 27 (PEL) were exceptionally far s. Thirteen of the endangered Aleutian Canada Geese were near Imperial Beach Nov. 13-14 (GMcC). A Ross' Goose near Lancaster, Los Angeles Co., Nov. 22 (JLD), another at Harper Dry Lake, San Bernardino Co., Nov. 12 (JLD), three at F.C.R., Nov. 27 (GMcC) and another at Tecopa Nov. 8+ (TW) were all on the high desert where very rare. A Fulvous Whistling Duck was in Goleta Nov. 17-26 (HR); this species is considered accidental anywhere along the coast of California, but the presence of many captive birds leaves all sightings open to question. A Eur. Wigeon on San Elijo Lagoon Oct. 12+ (SSu) was the earliest reported this fall. A flock of 56 Wood Ducks on Isabella Res., Kern Co., Aug. 28 (RAB) was a large concentration for this Region. A Barrow's Goldeneye at F.C.R., Nov. 28 (JO) and another at nearby Stovepipe Wells the same day (LLN) were the 5th and 6th found in this area in late fall. Two Oldsquaw at Imperial Beach Nov. 6-11 (JH) were the only ones reported. A ♀ Harlequin Duck at Montana de Oro S.P., San Luis Obispo Co., Oct. 5 (JSR) was in an area where small numbers may occur each winter. Black Scoters were scarce with only six reported from the entire coastline.

HAWKS — An imm. Goshawk at Deep Springs, Inyo Co., Oct. 17 (BBR) and another near Independence, Inyo Co., Nov. 26 (JO) were in the n.e. corner of the Region where believed to occur regularly in small numbers each fall; an adult near Round Valley in the San Jacinto Mts., Nov. 4 (KB) was in an area thought to support a small resident population. At least ten Red-shouldered Hawks were reported from the n.e. portion of the Region where small numbers occur every fall, but one in Niland, Imperial Co., Nov. 11 (REW) was only the 2nd found in the Imperial Valley. As expected, a few Broad-winged Hawks moved through the Region with six reported from along the coast; an adult at Scotty's Castle in Death Valley N.M., Sept. 8 (JS) was exceptionally early. An imm. Swainson's Hawk near Imperial Beach Sept. 20 (EC) was on the coast where considered very rare. An imm. Zone-tailed Hawk, a casual straggler to s. California, was near Imperial Beach Sept. 17-19 (EC). Rough-legged Hawks were found in about average numbers with one at L. Henshaw, San Diego Co., Oct. 12-13 (RH) and another near Calipatria, Imperial Co., Nov. 11 (GMcC) being the farthest s. An imm. Bald Eagle over Topanga, Los Angeles Co., Oct. 17 (KLG) was at an unusual locality. Of the nearly 30 Merlins reported one in Goleta Oct. 30 (PEL) was clearly of the dark form *suckleyi*.

SHOREBIRDS — Two Black Oystercatchers in Santa Barbara Aug. 12 (KA), one in Oxnard, Ventura Co., Aug. 29 (REW) and another on Pt. Loma, San Diego Co., Nov. 3 (MT) were all away from areas of regular occurrence. Exceptionally early was a Mountain Plover near Lancaster Aug. 18 (JLD) with seven there at the end of the month. An Am. Golden Plover at Harper Dry Lake Sept. 7 (AS, ph., S.D.N.H.M.) and another near Lancaster Nov. 1 (HLJ) were both inland where exceedingly rare; 60± along the coast would appear about normal. A Marbled Godwit near Tecopa Sept. 8 (PEL) and another at Baldwin L., in the San Bernardino Mts., Sept. 26 (EAC) were both of interest since the species is considered casual inland away from the Antelope Valley and Salton Sea. A **Bar-tailed Godwit** in Coronado, San Diego Co., Nov. 4-27 (BShe, ph., S.D.N.H.M.) was only the second found in this Region and the 5th for California. A flock of 450 Long-billed Curlews near Lancaster Oct. 22 (KLG) was an exceptional concentration for that area. A Ruddy Turnstone at Daggett, San Bernardino Co., Sept. 7-8 (EAC, ph., S.D.N.H.M.) was one of very few ever found inland away from the Salton Sea. Two Com. Snipe near Santa Maria Aug. 9 (LRB) were early. A Red Knot near Lancaster Sept. 16 (DLD) was the only found inland away from the Salton Sea.

A Sanderling, rare inland away from the Antelope Valley and Salton Sea, was near Tecopa Aug. 6 (JT) with another near Taft, Kern Co., Sept. 19 (GWP). At least 50 Semipalmated Sandpipers were reported with individuals found along the entire coast from Arroyo Grande Cr., San Luis Obispo Co., to Famosa Slough, San Diego Co., as well as inland (18 near Lancaster Aug. 4) all during August and September; one in Baker, San Bernardino Co., Sept. 5 (BD), single birds at Barstow, San Bernardino Co., Aug. 15 (EAC) and Sept. 7 (AS), another at nearby Daggett Sept. 8 (PEL, ph., S.D.N.H.M.), one at S.E.S.S., Aug. 8 (JO) and two more there Sept. 14 (REW) were all in areas where basically unrecorded in fall. A Pectoral Sandpiper



Bar-tailed Godwit, Coronado, San Diego Co., Nov. 9, 1981. Photo/ Jerry Oldenettel.

near Santa Maria Aug. 4-16 (PEL) was early, especially so, as it was a juvenile. A Stilt Sandpiper at Pt. Mugu, Ventura Co., Sept. 20 (JLD) and two in Long Beach, Los Angeles Co., Aug. 4 (BD) were the only ones found away from the Salton Sea. Three Ruffs were found along the coast with one near Santa Maria Oct. 9-29 (PEL), another at Pt. Mugu Sept. 20 (PEL) and the third in Long Beach Sept. 6-7 (JI), but one near Lancaster Aug. 29 (JLD) was less expected since the species is considered casual inland. A N. Phalarope at Pt. Mugu Nov. 15 (PEL) and another on Whale Rock Res., Nov. 22 (JSR) were late.

JAEGERS THROUGH SKIMMERS — Up to three Parasitic Jaegers were inland at the n. end of the Salton Sea (hereafter, N.E.S.S.) Sept. 13-20 (CM, JO) and another was at S.E.S.S., Sept. 14 (REW); small numbers regularly occur on the Salton Sea each fall. The only Long-tailed Jaeger to be seen was an adult near San Miguel I., Aug. 29 (GMCC). Two S. Polar Skuas s. of San Miguel I., Aug. 29 (REW) were in an area where small numbers may occur every year.

Single Thayer's Gulls in Santa Barbara Oct. 21 (JLD) and at Malibu Oct. 24 (KLG) were the earliest this fall. A Mew Gull in Santa Barbara Sept. 17 (KA) had evidently summered locally; one at Hermosa Beach Oct. 20 (NS) was the first of the wintering population to be seen. Seven Franklin's Gulls were found along the coast after Oct. 24 along with three around the Salton Sea in September. A Heermann's Gull, casual inland, was near Salton City on the Salton Sea Sept. 18 (PJM). A first-summer Sabine's Gull at S.E.S.S., Aug. 8 (GMCC) may have summered locally, but a juvenile there Sept. 12-14 (SCW, EC) and up to three at N.E.S.S., Sept. 17-20 (JS, REW) were clearly fall stragglers migrating S through the interior; one in Santa Barbara Sept. 22-23 (KA), another at nearby Carpinteria Sept. 19 (TW), one at Doheny Beach S.P., Oct. 11 (BSc) and a fourth on San Diego Bay Sept. 26 (DPa) were all on shore where rare.

An ad. Arctic Tern, rare on shore, was at Cayucos, San Luis Obispo Co., Sept. 8 (JSR, ph., S.D.N.H.M.). An imm. Least Tern present in San Diego through Oct. 28 (REW) established the latest date of occurrence in California. Black Skimmers continue to occur along the coast n. of San Diego with three at Bolsa Chica, Orange Co., Sept. 1 (LBev) one of which remained through Oct. 28 (SJR), two at Pt. Mugu Aug. 23 (LBev), one at the Santa Clara R. estuary (hereafter, S.C.R.E.) Sept. 1 (LRB) and two on Morro Bay Aug. 15-17 (GPS).

ALCIDS — Six Marbled Murrelets were found along the coast of San Luis Obispo County during August (JSR) and eight were at Pt. Sal, Santa Barbara Co., Aug. 4 (PEL) with two remaining through Sept. 24 (PS). The only Craveri's Murrelets found this year were one between Santa Rosa I. and San Nicolas I., Aug. 29 (GMCC) and two in the surf at Imperial Beach Aug. 11-14 (REW).

DOVES THROUGH WOODPECKERS — A White-winged Dove at Oasis, Mono Co., Sept. 7 (JS) was exceptionally far n. A Ground Dove in Kelso, San Bernardino Co., Oct. 4 (AS) was outside the species' range. An imm. Black-billed Cuckoo, the fifth found in California (first for s. California), was at Brock Ranch, Imperial Co., Sept. 12-13 (AS, ph., S.D.N.H.M.). A Flammulated Owl at F.C.R., Oct. 19-24 (LLN, ph., S.D.N.H.M.) was one of very few ever found away from known breeding localities and gives us a clue as to when this secretive bird migrates in fall. A Spotted Owl in Santa Barbara

Nov. 15+ (JLD) was outside the species' normal range. A Saw-whet Owl trapped and banded in Arcadia, Los Angeles Co., Sept. 26 (MSanM) was one of very few ever found in the lowlands of s. California. A Com. Nighthawk at F.C.R., Sept. 7 (PEL) was at a lowland locality outside the species' breeding range. Of interest were flocks of 12 and nine Black Swifts moving S over Mt. Palomar, San Diego Co., Oct. 14 & 16 respectively (RH) since we have little data on fall migrants; one found dead in Yucaipa, San Bernardino Co., Nov. 1 (EAC, *S.B.C.M.) was exceptionally late. Two Vaux's Swifts over Desert Hot Springs, Riverside Co., Nov. 18 (RMCK) were late for an inland locality.

A Black-chinned Hummingbird near Imperial Beach Oct. 10 (EC) would appear to be the latest ever for a fall migrant in s. California. A ♀ Broad-billed Hummingbird, a rare straggler to California, was near Imperial Beach Oct. 8-9 (HLJ), a male was in San Diego Nov. 20-21 (REW) and another was in Blythe, Riverside Co., Oct. 4+ (IA). An Acorn Woodpecker at Ft. Piute, San Bernardino Co., Sept. 13 (PJM) was far from any breeding locality in California and could well have strayed W from Arizona. A Yellow-bellied Sapsucker of the nominant form *varius*, rare in California, was in Morongo Valley, San Bernardino Co., Oct. 24 (SM) and another was in Long Beach Nov. 17 (DRW); an individual of the red-naped form *nuchalis*, rare along the coast n. of Los Angeles, was at Morro Bay Oct. 20-Nov. 7 (JSR). A Williamson's Sapsucker, rare in the lowlands, was in Yucca Valley, San Bernardino Co., Oct. 24 (EAC). Two White-headed Woodpeckers, exceptionally rare away from the mountains, were also present in Yucca Valley Oct. 24-25 (JO).

FLYCATCHERS, SWALLOWS — The only E. Kingbirds reported were one inland at F.C.R., Sept. 12 (JML) and single birds along the coast in Santa Barbara Sept. 15-21 (PEL), at S.C.R.E., Sept. 16-18 (OA), near Port Hueneme Sept. 30 (S & DR) and on Pt. Loma Aug. 23 (GMCC). As usual a few Tropical Kingbirds appeared along the coast with 16 reported Sept. 14-Oct. 29. A W. Kingbird in Goleta Oct. 30-Nov. 4 (EVG, ph., S.D.N.H.M.) was the latest ever recorded in s. California. A Cassin's Kingbird, casual in s.e. California, was at Imperial Dam Sept. 9 (REW). A Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, a casual visitant to California, was at Tecopa Aug. 31-Sept. 7 (JT). A Great Crested Flycatcher, the eighth found in s. California, was in Long Beach Oct. 30-Nov. 1 (BD, ph., S.D.N.H.M.). An E. Phoebe in Huntington Beach Nov. 13+ (SG), one on Pt. Loma Oct. 26 (REW) and another near Imperial Beach Nov. 8 (DPa, ph., S.D.N.H.M.) were the only ones reported. Three Willow Flycatchers on Pt. Loma Oct. 26-Nov. 3 (REW) were unexpected, the previous late date for a fall migrant being Oct. 27. Six Least Flycatchers were reported with an early bird in Goleta Sept. 6 (LBev) followed by one at Harper Dry Lake Oct. 3 (EAC, *S.B.C.M.), another in Morongo Valley Oct. 11 (CM) and three along the coast of Santa Barbara and Ventura Cos., Oct. 14-15 (PS, LRB, SSu). A W. Wood Pewee at Oasis Oct. 17 (EC) and another in Huntington Beach Oct. 19 (DRW) were both late. An Olive-sided Flycatcher on Pt. Loma Oct. 9-22 (REW) along with another there Oct. 20 (GMCC) were both later than any previous late fall migrants in s. California. A Purple Martin at Oasis Sept. 8 (JS), another at F.C.R., Sept. 7 (PEL) and a third near Lancaster Sept. 6 (REW) were all fall migrants found inland where rare.

CROWS THROUGH SHRIKES — A flock of 700 Com. Crows near Needles, San Bernardino Co., Nov. 27 (KLG) was an exceptionally large concentration. Thirty Piñon Jays in flight over Goleta Sept. 19 (PEL) were far out of range. Single Winter Wrens on Pt. Loma Sept. 30 (REW) & Oct. 18 (DR) were farther s. than normal. A Cactus Wren at Deep Springs Nov. 27 (JO) was n. of the species' normal range. An unusually early Gray Catbird was at Scotty's Castle in Death Valley Sept. 9 (JS). Single Brown Thrashers, rare in California, were in Santa Barbara Oct. 31 (DB) & Nov. 3 (LRB) along with one at F.C.R., Oct. 21 (LLN) and another at Thousand Palms Oasis, Riverside Co., Nov. 2 (RMCK). A Crissal Thrasher at Triangle Springs in Death Valley Oct. 12 (LLN) was a little w. of the species' known range. A Wood Thrush on Pt. Loma Oct. 24-Nov. 5 (BD, ph., S.D.N.H.M.) was only the fifth found in California. Single Swainson's Thrushes, exceptionally rare inland in fall, were found near Lancaster Oct. 8 (JLD) & 22 (KLG) with a third at Kelso Oct. 11 (EAC); one in Casper Park, Orange Co., Oct. 30-Nov. 1 (SJR), another in Newport Beach Nov. 8 (SJR) and a third on Pt. Loma Oct. 26-Nov. 8 (JLD) were all exceptionally late. An early Red-throated Pipit in Goleta Sept. 9-11 (PEL) was followed by two near Imperial Beach Oct. 10-25 (GT), one on Pt. Loma Oct. 25-28 (DR, ph.,

S.D.N.H.M.) and another in Goleta Nov. 1 (PEL). The discovery of five Sprague's Pipits near Lancaster Nov. 22+ (JLD, ph., S.D.N.H.M.) and another near Needles Nov. 27 (KLG) would suggest this casual fall transient may not be as rare as thought. An imm. N. Shrike at Oasis Nov. 28 (BD) was the only one found in the Region.

VIREOS, WOOD WARBLERS — A Hutton's Vireo at F.C.R., Nov. 27 (REW) was far outside the species' normal range. A Bell's Vireo, very rarely encountered away from known breeding localities, was near Imperial Beach Oct. 3-10 (JO) and another was at Brock Ranch Nov. 11 (REW). Even more unusual was a migrant Gray Vireo at the summit of Mt. Palomar Sept. 19 (RH). A Yellow-throated Vireo, a casual vagrant to California, was at the mouth of Pico Cr., San Luis Obispo Co., Oct. 3 (JSR). A Yellow-green Vireo on Pt. Loma Oct. 1 (DPa) was the eleventh to have been found in the Region. Twelve Red-eyed Vireos were found during September, with eight being along the coast where considered casual. The only Philadelphia Vireo to be found was one at F.C.R., Nov. 8 (TW).

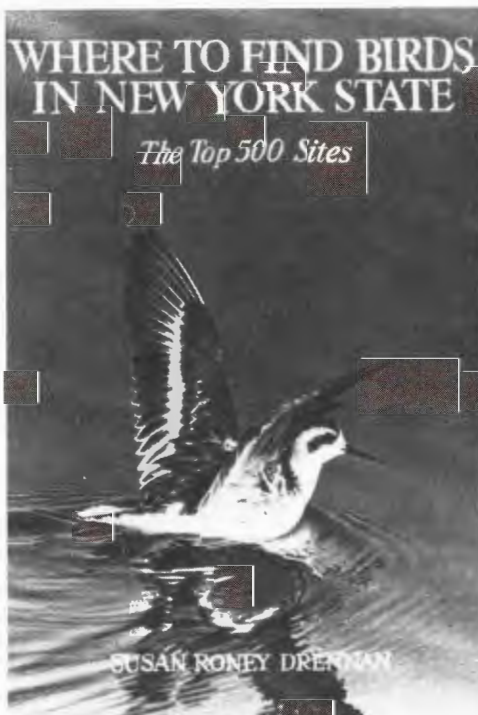
Forty-five Black-and-white Warblers were well above average for the fall migration period. A Prothonotary Warbler, a casual vagrant, was in Morongo Valley Sept. 19 (CM), another was in San Pedro Sept. 21 (JI), one was in Pasadena Sept. 27 (GSS), another was in West Los Angeles Oct. 3-4 (KLG) and a fifth was at Dana Pt., Oct. 8-11 (BSc). A Worm-eating Warbler was along Manzana Cr., near Figueroa Mt., Santa Barbara Co., Nov. 1 (SP), one was in Topanga, Los Angeles Co., Sept. 20 (HLJ), single birds were in Long Beach Nov. 6 (BD) & 6+ (BMcl) and another was on Pt. Loma Oct. 4 (REW) for an unprecedented five during the fall period. A Golden-winged Warbler, a species recorded no more than 15 times in s. California, was in Morongo Valley Oct. 24 (GMcC) and another was near Malibu Nov. 2 (S & MW). An early Tennessee Warbler near Imperial Beach Aug. 30 (GMcC) was followed by more than 70 by period's end, certainly more than encountered during an average fall. Eighteen Virginia's Warblers along the coast during September and October along with seven inland during September would appear somewhat low. Up to three Lucy's Warblers near Imperial Beach

Aug. 30-Nov. 7 (EC), one at Dana Pt., Oct. 27 (BSc) and another at Gaviota Oct. 11 (NSC) were all along the coast where it is a rare transient. A N. Parula, rare in fall, was in Goleta Sept. 23-Oct. 4 (PEL), another was there Sept. 24-28 (PEL), one was in Long Beach Oct. 19-23 (BD) and a fourth was on Pt. Loma Oct. 5 (REW).

Eighteen Magnolia Warblers Sept. 11-Nov. 11 was well above average. A Cape May Warbler inland at Kelso Oct. 4 (DRW) along with one along the coast in Santa Barbara Oct. 13 (LRB) and another on Pt. Loma Oct. 20-23 (REW) was near average. Six Black-throated Blue Warblers were found along the coast Sept. 29-Nov. 13 along with one at Kelso Oct. 4 (DRW) and another in the nearby Providence Mts., Oct. 23 (GT, ph., S.D.N.H.M.). Seven Black-throated Green Warblers found along the coast of Los Angeles and San Diego Cos., during October and early November follow the pattern of occurrences set in previous years. Sixteen Blackburnian Warblers along the coast Sept. 26-Nov. 4 were more than twice the number normally encountered and one in Riverside Sept. 27 (D & BH) was at an unusual locality. A Yellow-throated Warbler, exceptionally rare in fall, was inland at Oasis Sept. 5-8 (JO) and another was along the coast on Pt. Loma Sept. 24 (REW); the summering bird in Santa Barbara was last seen Sept. 20 (LRB). A Grace's Warbler on Pt. Loma Oct. 10 (MH) was only the sixth fall vagrant to have been found in California. Ten Chestnut-sided Warblers along the coast Sept. 14-Nov. 8 were about normal, but one in Earp, San Bernardino Co., Nov. 29 (GMcC) was somewhat late. Six Bay-breasted Warblers were found along the coast Sept. 22-Oct. 11 along with one inland at Brock Ranch Sept. 14 (REW). Seventy Blackpoll Warblers were reported, including two early individuals inland at Deep Springs Sept. 5 (JO) and another in Arcadia Sept. 27 (MSanM) being at an unusual locality. A Prairie Warbler in Santa Barbara Oct. 21 (KLG) along with four near Imperial Beach Sept. 9-Oct. 10 (EC) was more than encountered in an average fall. An exceptionally early Palm Warbler at Oasis Sept. 7 (PEL) and another on Pt. Loma Sept. 9 (DR) were followed by at least 50 more including a Yellow Palm Warbler (*hypochrysea*) in Imperial Beach Nov. 15 (REW) and another in Goleta Nov. 25 (LBv).

Eight Ovenbirds Sept. 3-Oct. 26 would appear about average. The

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normal movement of N. Waterthrushes in late August and early September produced records of 10 in the interior and 18 more along the coast, with one near Weldon, Kern Co., Aug. 14 (RAB, ph., S.D.N.H.M.) being a little early. A Kentucky Warbler at Morongo Valley Oct. 4 (DRW) was only the ninth to be found in this Region. A Mourning Warbler, the Region's eighth, in Carpinteria Sept. 6-7 (DLD) was followed by another at nearby Refugio State Beach Sept. 17 (PEL). A ♀ Hooded Warbler, exceptionally rare in fall, was in Kelso Oct. 4 (DRW). Four Canada Warblers, casual vagrants to California, were found with one at Morro Bay Nov. 5-7 (DS), one in Canoga Park, Los Angeles Co., Oct. 10 (TK), another in Huntington Beach Sept. 24 (SG) and the fourth on Pt. Loma Sept. 21 (PC). American Redstarts were relatively numerous with 80+ reported. A Painted Redstart at Brock Ranch Sept. 13 (DLD) was the only one found.

BLACKBIRDS, TANAGERS — Bobolinks were widespread and relatively numerous with 150+ found along the coast (70 in Goleta Sept. 20), but one at Deep Springs Oct. 17 (EC), three at F.C.R., Sept. 12 (JML) and one in Arcadia Sept. 27 (MSanM) were the only ones reported from inland. Seven Orchard Orioles, scarce stragglers to California, were found along the coast in September and early October. Eight N. (Baltimore) Orioles found after Sept. 12 would appear normal. An early Rusty Blackbird at F.C.R., Oct. 17-18 (GMCC) and another near Lancaster Oct. 22 (JLD) were followed by four more in the e. portion of the Region during November. A Great-tailed Grackle at Dana Pt., Oct. 3 (BSc) and another in Oceanside Nov. 22-24 (SB) were both along the coast where casual.

Four Scarlet Tanagers were found with one in Goleta Nov. 17-18 (PEL), another near San Pedro Nov. 8-11 (BD), a third near Imperial Beach Nov. 7-8 (REW) and the fourth inland at Morongo Valley Oct. 24 (EAC). A ♂ Hepatic Tanager, exceptionally rare away from the limited breeding localities in California, was on Pt. Loma Oct. 12 (REW) and a female was at Ft. Piute Oct. 31 (EAC). Seventeen Summer Tanagers scattered through the s. portion of the Region was about average.

FINCHES THROUGH LONGSPURS — Twenty-four Rose-breasted Grosbeaks and 25 Indigo Buntings was a few more than



Baird's Sparrow, Point Loma, San Diego, Oct. 8, 1981. Photo/Jerry Oldenettel.

expected. A ♀ Blue Grosbeak at F.C.R., Nov. 21 (D & BH) was exceptionally late. A Lazuli Bunting on Pt. Loma Oct. 20 (REW) was one of the latest ever found in California. An imm. Painted Bunting at Deep Springs Sept. 17 (RSt) was about the 15th recorded in s. California. The only Dickcissels to be found were one at F.C.R., Sept. 7 (PEL), two at Yucca Valley Oct. 11 (CM) and a fourth at Dana Pt., Aug. 23 (BSc). A Cassin's Finch, a casual straggler to the coast, was on Pt. Loma Oct. 25 (HLJ). Lark Buntings were scarce, with only nine reported. A Grasshopper Sparrow at Yucca Valley Oct. 24-25 (EAC) and another near Desert Center Oct. 8 (RMCK) were both outside the species' known range in California. An imm. *Baird's Sparrow*, only the second to be found in California, was on Pt. Loma Oct. 5-10 (GMCC, ph., S.D.N.H.M.). A Rufous-crowned Sparrow, most likely *scottii*, was found at Mitchell Caverns in the Providence Mts., Oct. 18 (AS); what appears to be an isolated population of these birds was recently discovered in this area of California. A Black-throated Sparrow, very rare on the coast, was in Santa Barbara Aug. 16-Sept. 6 (KA), another was at Huntington Beach Nov. 18 (BD) and three or four were found on Pt. Loma Aug. 24-Oct. 5 (REW, DPo). Ten Tree Sparrows in the n.e. corner of the Region Oct. 31-Nov. 27 were in an area where small numbers occur annually; however, one on Pt. Loma Oct. 30 (REW) and another there Nov. 13-16 (REW) were but the fourth and fifth ever found in San Diego County. Clay-

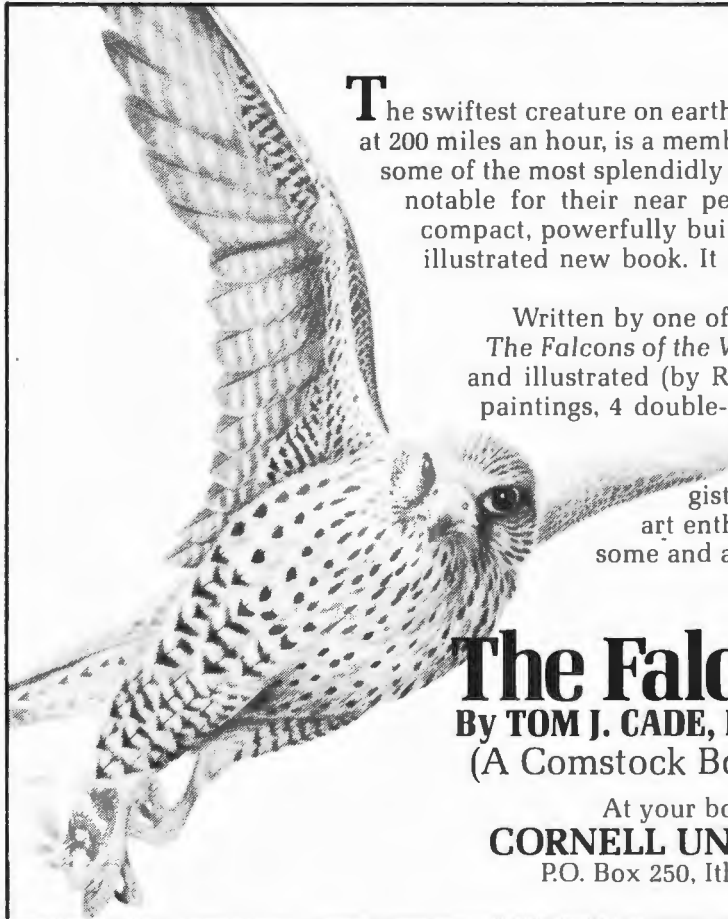
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colored Sparrows appeared in about normal numbers with 28 reported. Harris' Sparrows were scarce with only six found, but White-throated Sparrows appeared relatively numerous with 26 reported. Swamp Sparrows were exceptionally scarce with but five found.

Two McCown's Longspurs, by far the rarest longspur occurring in California, were on the coast at Pt. Mugu Nov. 15+ (PEL), and one near Lancaster Nov. 22 (JLD) along with two near Blythe Nov. 27-29 (PEL) were inland. About ten Lapland Longspurs were found scattered throughout the Region including an early bird near Santa Maria Oct. 9 (PEL) and two as far s. as Imperial Beach Oct. 24-25 (DPa). Reports of Chestnut-collared Longspurs included seven from the immediate vicinity of the coast between Goleta and Imperial Beach and concentrations of 40± near Needles Nov. 27 (KLG) and 60± near Blythe Nov. 29 (JO).

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