

SOUTHERN PACIFIC COAST REGION

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The fall season's weather was somewhat unusual with two tropical storms, originating far out in the Pacific, reaching the coast during September and low overcast along the coast being the exception rather than the rule. (It is the low overcast weather that concentrates vagrants on the coast.)

Observers were concentrated along the coast with very little work done in the northeastern portion of the Region (the Death Valley area was poorly covered) and even less done in the mountains. American Robins and Cedar Waxwings were virtually nonexistent, Pine Siskins were exceptionally scarce and there was no movement of mountain species, such as Mountain Chickadees, into the southern lowlands. Normally-occurring West Coast migrant landbirds appeared low in numbers with no large concentrations reported. Vagrants were possibly less numerous than normal but did include some exceptionally rare species.

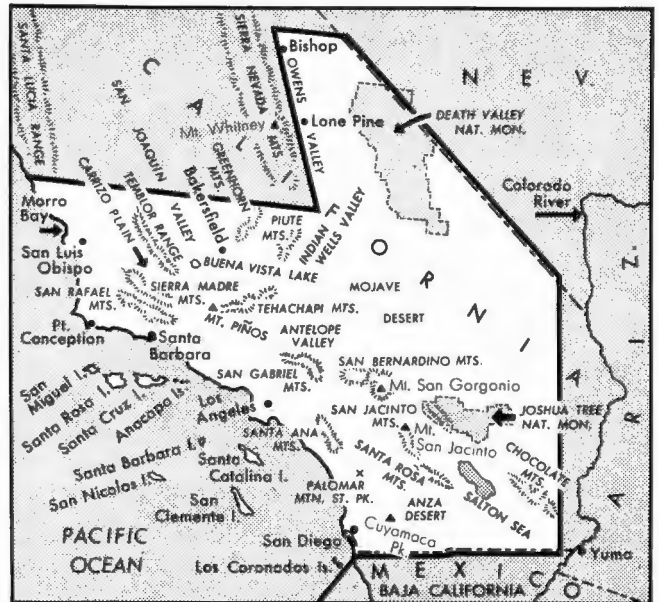
ABBREVIATIONS — F.C.R.—Furnace Creek Ranch in Death Valley National Monument, Inyo Co.; L.A.C.M.N.H.—Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History; N.E.S.S.—north end of the Salton Sea, Riverside Co.; S.B.C.M.—San Bernardino County Museum; S.C.R.M.—Santa Clara River mouth, Ventura Co.; S.D.N.H.M.—San Diego Natural History Museum; S.E.S.S.—south end of the Salton Sea, Imperial County. "Birds of Southern California" by Kimball Garrett and Jon Dunn (1981) is the standard reference for the status and distribution of the birds in this Region. As virtually all rarities found in s. California are seen by numerous observers, only the observer initially identifying the bird is included. Documentation is on file for all rarities listed in the report.

LOONS, GREBES — Four Com. Loons on L. Henshaw in the mountains of San Diego County Oct. 3 (RHi) were early fall migrants; the presence of summering birds in this Region (e.g., one on L. Isabella, Kern Co., Sept. 18—MHe) makes the detection of first fall migrants difficult, but L. Henshaw was regularly checked throughout the year with no summering loons present. A Horned Grebe on Ramer L., near S.E.S.S., Nov. 11 (GMCC) was the only one reported from inland. A Red-necked Grebe, rare in s. California, on Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo Co., Nov. 26 (EAC) was the only one found.

SHEARWATERS, STORM-PETRELS — Two N. Fulmars near Santa Barbara I., Oct. 29 (CD) were followed by small numbers along the entire coast during November; one bedraggled individual seen off San Diego Sept. 12 (BBa) had evidently summered locally. A Flesh-footed Shearwater, rare off California, was near San Miguel I., Sept. 1 (RG). A few Buller's Shearwaters, rare in this Region, were evidently in s. California waters during the early fall as indicated by four s. of Santa Rosa I., Aug. 29 (H & OC), two off San Diego Sept. 10 (REW) and two more there Sept. 12 (GMCC). Forty Leach's Storm-Petrels s. of Santa Cruz I., Aug. 29 (H & OC) was the only concentration found. Single Ashy Storm-Petrels off San Diego Aug. 24 (REW) and Oct. 12 (DPo) were in an area where the species is rare. Least Storm-Petrels were remarkably scarce with only three or four reported.

TROPICBIRDS THROUGH FRIGATEBIRDS — The presence of three Red-billed Tropicbirds s. of San Clemente I., Sept. 10 (REW), five there Sept. 12 (GMCC) and one n. of San Clemente I., Sept. 19 (GSS) indicated more than the average number were in s. California waters. Brown Pelican numbers on the Salton Sea reached a high of 100 on Aug. 14 (GMCC) with the last seen at Salton City Nov. 28 (JOL). One along the Santa Ana R., near Anaheim Sept. 15-Oct. 8 (SJR) was about 20 mi inland. An ad. Olivaceous Cormorant in breeding plumage at N.E.S.S., Aug. 1-Sept. 10 (DSS) was only the third to have been found in California and was the first for the Salton Sea. Magnificent Frigatebirds remained scarce with only 5 sightings along the coast during August and early September including one over Morro Bay Sept. 17 (MNW) which was unusually far n.

HERONS — At least two ad. Little Blue Herons remained around Imperial Beach, San Diego Co., throughout the period (EC) and another adult was near Seeley, Imperial Co., Sept. 10-12 (GMCC); this species appears to be on the increase as a visitor to California. A



Louisiana Heron in Imperial Beach Nov. 25+ (DPA) was the only one reported; small numbers regularly winter along the coast s. of Los Angeles. A Cattle Egret at Baker, San Bernardino Co., Oct. 2 (EAC) and another near Lancaster, Los Angeles Co., Oct. 30 (CB) were away from areas of regular occurrence.

GEESE, DUCKS — A White-fronted Goose at Baker Oct. 2 (EAC) and two on L. Cachuma, Santa Barbara Co., Nov. 8 (PEL) were the only ones reported; this species is becoming increasingly rare in s. California. A Eur. Green-winged Teal, rare in California, in Goleta, Santa Barbara Co., Nov. 3+ (PEL) was undoubtedly the same individual present here last winter. A ♂ Eur. Wigeon on San Elijo Lagoon, San Diego Co., Oct. 24+ (TMy) was the first reported this fall but four others were known to be present by Nov. 30. Two summering Greater Scaup remained at the Santa Ynez R. mouth from July through Aug. 30 (PEL); one in Fremont Valley, Kern Co., Nov. 6 (MOC) was inland. The ♂ Harlequin Duck found in Carlsbad, San Diego Co., in December, 1977 was still present Nov. 30 (EC). Up to three Oldsquaws near San Simeon, San Luis Obispo Co., Nov. 13+ (GPS), another on Morro Bay Nov. 27 (EAC) and one more in Imperial Beach Nov. 20-Dec. 6 (JOL) were the only ones found. A ♂ Surf Scoter at N.E.S.S., Nov. 13 (EAC) was inland. A Hooded Merganser at F.C.R., Nov. 7 (JEL) was at an unusual location and one in Santee, San Diego Co., Nov. 16-19 (REW) was quite far s.

HAWKS — An imm. Bald Eagle at Playa del Rey, Los Angeles Co., Nov. 25 (BBR) and an adult over Mt. Palomar, San Diego Co., Oct. 15 (RHi) were both at unusual localities; an adult at L. Henshaw in the mountains of San Diego County Oct. 4 (RHi) was at a locality regularly supporting wintering birds, but was unexpectedly early. An ad. Goshawk near Independence in the Owens Valley Oct. 13 (BT) was in an area regularly visited by this species during the fall and winter. An ad. Red-shouldered Hawk near Brawley, Imperial Co., Oct. 24+ (BWa) was only the third to have been found in this area of California; this species is more frequently encountered e. of its normal range farther n., as in Inyo County. Broad-winged Hawks were somewhat scarcer than expected with only seven immatures seen along the coast Sept. 28-Nov. 30. The passage of 170+ Swainson's Hawks through the Grapevine area of Kern County Oct. 13-15 (JG) was far more than reported in recent years; two near Santa Maria, Santa Barbara Co., July 25-Sept. 16 (TW) and another over Goleta Oct. 20 (JLD) were along the coast where now considered casual. A Zone-tailed Hawk, an exceptionally rare stray to s.w. California, was over Vista, San Diego Co., Oct. 29 (WJ). A Harlan's Red-tailed Hawk well studied near Valley Vista, Kern Co., Oct. 30 (H & OC) would appear to be only the second to have been found in this Region. Rough-legged Hawks were relatively scarce, but one on Santa Barbara I., Oct. 21 (CD) was at a most unusual locality, and another near Calipatria, Imperial Co., Nov. 27 (KLG) was quite far s. Merlins appeared to be more numerous than usual, the 25 reports including three individuals of the blackish race *suckleyi*—one at

Harper Dry L., San Bernardino Co., Oct. 2-10 (EAC, ph. S.D.N.H.M.), another near Santa Maria Oct. 6 (PS) and the third at L. Henshaw Oct. 6 (REW).

SHOREBIRDS — A Black-bellied Plover at Harper Dry L., Oct. 10 (EAC) was in an area where few have previously been recorded. At least 15 migrant Am. Golden Plovers were found along the coast Aug. 28-Oct. 24, along with one inland near Anaheim Oct. 19 (DRW) and a minimum of 25 wintering birds (21 near Santa Maria) were known to be present by Nov. 30. Most exciting was an ad. **Mongolian Plover** at S.C.R.M., Aug. 7-13 (ASt, ph. S.D.N.H.M.); there is only one other record of this Asiatic shorebird for California (*Am. Birds* 35:221, 1981) along with two others found in Oregon (*Am. Birds* 34:192, 1980) along the Pacific coast outside Alaska. Two Black Oystercatchers at the Santa Maria R. mouth Sept. 9 (BLeB), one in Oxnard, Ventura Co., Aug. 29 (JLD), one or two on the Palos Verdes Pen., Los Angeles Co., Aug. 24-Oct. 23 (BED), one in La Jolla, San Diego Co., Oct. 26-Nov. 11 (EB) and two on Pt. Loma, San Diego Co., Sept. 12 (LCB) were all away from areas of regular occurrence. Solitary Sandpipers were more numerous than usual with 100± reported including a somewhat late bird in Chino, San Bernardino Co., Oct. 23 (JOI). An imm. Wandering Tattler, exceptionally rare inland, was near Lancaster Sept. 4-6 (JLD) and was the first to be found in the well-worked Antelope Valley. A Ruddy Turnstone on L. Hodges, San Diego Co., Sept. 26 (KW) was the only one found inland away from the Salton Sea; one at S.E.S.S., Nov. 13 (EAC) was unexpectedly late as most fall records from this locality fall between late July and mid-September.



Mongolian Plover, McGrath Beach, Ventura Co., Calif., Aug. 10, 1982. Photo/K. J. Zimmer.

A Red Knot near Rosamond, Kern Co., Sept. 6 (KLG), single birds at nearby Lancaster Aug. 7 (BK) & Aug. 28 (ASa) and a fourth near Anaheim Aug. 11 (DRW) were all inland and away from the Salton Sea; along the Salton Sea, where small numbers regularly occur each fall, five at Salton City Nov. 11+ (GMCC) were judged to be wintering. A Sanderling near Lancaster Aug. 16 (JLD), another at Daggett, San Bernardino Co., Sept. 5 (EAC), one on L. Hodges Sept. 18 (REW) and another on L. Henshaw Oct. 4 (RHi) were all at unusual localities. As is now expected, small numbers of juv. Semipalmated Sandpipers were found among migrant W. Sandpipers in August and September with 16 reported including one high in the mountains on Baldwin L., Aug. 23 (EAC). Baird's Sandpipers appeared more numerous than usual with 360± reported including 55 together near Lancaster Aug. 28 (KLG). Pectoral Sandpipers were also quite numerous with 675± reported including exceptionally late individuals at Pt. Mugu Nov. 21 (LB) and in Goleta Nov. 13-28 (JLD). A Rock Sandpiper near San Simeon Nov. 22+ (TMey) was one of very few ever found in s. California, but was frequenting a stretch of rocky coastline where the species may prove to be regular. Up to three Stilt Sandpipers near Santa Maria Sept. 16-18 (PEL), two near Oxnard Sept. 13 (OA) and another near Imperial Beach Aug. 20 (B & MMCI) were all along the coast where the species is considered casual; two near Lancaster Sept. 9 (JLD) were the only others found away from the Salton Sea. A Buff-breasted Sandpiper near Pt. Mugu Sept. 10-15 (TW) was the only one found. Five Ruffs were found with one near Santa Maria Oct. 14-Nov. 4 (PEL) and another in Chula Vista, San Diego Co., Oct. 30-Nov. 2 (EC) being along the coast while one on L. Henshaw Oct. 4-6 (RHi), along with single birds in Chino Oct. 13-Nov. 6 (RCI, ph. S.D.N.H.M.) and Nov. 5-27 (BCa, ph. S.D.N.H.M.) were inland. A major flight of Red Phalaropes in November placed large numbers along the coast (e.g., 5000 off Morro Bay Nov. 14—TME, and 1000 off Pt. Loma Nov. 8—REW); in

addition, numbers were found inland including one in Chino Nov. 9 (JW), 100+ on L. Hodges Nov. 11 (KW), 60 on L. Henshaw Nov. 11 (GMCC) and up to 35 on the Salton Sea Nov. 9+ (GMCC).

JAEGERS, GULLS, TERNS — Five Parasitic Jaegers on the Salton Sea Sept. 7-26, another on L. Elsinore, Riverside Co., Sept. 17 (DD) and an unidentified jaeger on L. Hodges Sept. 9 (DHy) were all inland. Two Long-tailed Jaegers off Santa Rosa I., Aug. 29 (H & OC), two off San Diego Sept. 10 (REW) and eight plus there Sept. 12 (GMCC) were more than normally encountered. Three S. Polar Skuas off Santa Rosa I., Aug. 29 (H & OC), another near San Clemente I., Sept. 19 (GSS) and another off San Diego Sept. 10 (REW) were of interest as few are reported from off s. California in fall. Franklin's Gulls were relatively scarce with only 10 reported. A Heermann's Gull 9 mi inland near Santa Maria Sept. 23 (PEL) and four together on L. Elsinore Nov. 8 (DMM) were exceptional; this species normally remains on the coast and never strays inland. The Mew Gull found summering near Lancaster was last seen Aug. 28 (KLG) and an adult on Morro Bay Aug. 31-Sept. 13 (MHR) had undoubtedly summered locally. An early Thayer's Gull was found at N.E.S.S., Oct. 15 (GMCC). Totally unexpected were an ad. W. Gull on the Salton Sea at Salton City Sept. 26 (GMCC) and a third-winter bird there Nov. 11-28 (GMCC) as this species is accidental inland; both birds were judged to be of the dark-mantled race *wymani*.

A second-winter Glaucous-winged Gull at S.E.S.S., Nov. 28+ (JLD) was the only one found inland. A juv. Sabine's Gull at Barstow Sept. 18 (DD), an adult near Lancaster Sept. 9 (SFB), a juvenile near Anaheim Sept. 15 (DRW), and two more juveniles at N.E.S.S., Sept. 25 (DD) were all inland. An ad. Arctic Tern, most unusual on shore, at Morro Bay Aug. 31 (TME, ph. S.D.N.H.M.), another on nearby Oso Flaco L., Oct. 3 (CM) and a third at S.C.R.M., Aug. 28 (PEL) were all oiled. An imm. Sooty Tern seen flying out to sea from the San Diego R. mouth Sept. 27 (REW) was the first to have been found in California; although the species does not normally occur within 1500-2000 mi of California (Pelagic Studies of Seabirds in the Central and Eastern Pacific Ocean, Smithsonian Contributions to Zoology 158, 1974) this bird appeared with an approaching tropical storm that had originated far out in the Pacific. Two Black Skimmers at the Santa Maria R. mouth Aug. 6-14 (ES) and another on Morro Bay Aug. 7 (JR) were much farther n. than the species normally ventures along the coast.

ALCIDS — Common Murres remained more numerous and widespread through the fall. Up to four Marbled Murrelets at Pt. Sal, Santa Barbara Co., Aug. 8-21 (TW) were s. of the species' normal range but at a location where it may prove to be regular.

PIGEONS THROUGH WOODPECKERS — Single Band-tailed Pigeons on Pt. Loma Oct. 8 (REW) & 11 (REW) were away from areas of regular occurrence. A Spotted Dove near Calipatria Nov. 28 (JLD) was only the second ever found in the Imperial Valley and suggests this introduced bird is still expanding its range in s. California. Thirty-five White-winged Doves (22 in San Diego County) found along the coast were more than expected; one near Cayucos, San Luis Obispo Co., Aug. 29 (NSw) was exceptionally far n. Up to five Ground Doves near Oxnard during September and October (OA) along with one found dead in nearby Saticoy Aug. 24 (GG) indicate that an isolated population exists in this area; two in Goleta Oct. 12 (MHe) established the third record for Santa Barbara County. A Spotted Owl in Santa Barbara Oct. 23 (LB) was along the coast and away from any known nesting locality. A Long-eared Owl on Santa Barbara I., Oct. 27-28 (CD) and up to four near Imperial Beach Nov. 17-21 (EC) were believed to be migrants. A Whip-poor-will in Goleta Nov. 2 (DB) was one of very few ever found away from limited suspected breeding localities in the mountains and was the first to occur in Santa Barbara County. Migrant Black Swifts are rarely encountered in fall; hence, one in Irvine Aug. 28 (GSS), ten over Pt. Loma Sept. 19 (CGE), three more there Oct. 9 (FD) and two over Mt. Palomar Oct. 7 (RHi) were of interest. A Chimney Swift remained around Burbank, Los Angeles Co., to the late date of Sept. 7 (AFP) and a pair fledged one young from a nest in a chimney in LaCanada, Los Angeles Co., Sept. 1 (BK).

A ♂ Broad-billed Hummingbird near Irvine Sept. 29-30 (DRW) was the first to be found in Orange County and another male in Santa Barbara Oct. 13-17 (RB) was the fourth for Santa Barbara County. A Black-chinned Hummingbird in Huntington Beach, Orange Co., Oct. 7 (DRW) was late for a fall migrant. A ♂ Broad-tailed Hummingbird on Pt. Loma Sept. 14 (REW) would appear to be one of three or four

ever to be found on the coast. Two Lewis' Woodpeckers near Blythe, Riverside Co., Sept. 23-Oct. 1 (SC) were at an unusual locality and 60+ on Mt. Palomar Oct. 26 (RHi) was a significant concentration. Single Acorn Woodpeckers on Pt. Loma Oct. 10 (GMcC) and Nov. 1 (REW) were away from areas of normal occurrence. A ♂ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (*S.v. varius*), very rare in California, was in Carpinteria, Santa Barbara Co., Oct. 22-29 (TW); single individuals of the regularly occurring "Red-naped Sapsucker" (*S.v. nuchalis*) in Goleta Oct. 29 (JLD) and Nov. 11-14 (TW) were at the n.w. extreme of this form's range in California. A ♀ Nuttall's Woodpecker in California City, Kern Co., Nov. 27 (JW) was at an unusual locality.

FLYCATCHERS, SWALLOWS — A Coues' Flycatcher, an exceptionally rare vagrant to California, was at Morro Bay Sept. 26 (GPS) and another in Griffith P., Los Angeles Oct. 31+ (KLG) was the same bird known to have spent the past 3 winters at this location. A W. Wood Pewee at Zuma Beach, Los Angeles Co., Oct. 16 (KLG) was late. Three migrant Least Flycatchers were reported with one near Pt. Mugu Sept. 14 (DD), another near Imperial Beach Sept. 21 (EC) and the third on Pt. Loma Oct. 6 (REW); one in Carpinteria Nov. 23+ (TW) and another in nearby Goleta Oct. 29+ (TW) appeared to be wintering. An E. Phoebe, a rare fall vagrant to California, was in Carpinteria Nov. 20 (MHe) and another was on Pt. Loma Nov. 4-7 (PEL). Twenty years ago small numbers of Vermilion Flycatchers were found along the coast each fall; however, even with increased coverage one on Pt. Loma Oct. 3 (REW) was the only migrant found, indicating a decline in the population. As usual small numbers of Tropical Kingbirds appeared along the coast as a small portion of the population moves N instead of S in fall, with 25± reported Sept. 17-Nov. 30; one at Harper Dry L., Oct. 2 (TMey, *S.B.C.M.) was one of very few ever found inland in California. The only E. Kingbirds were one inland at F.C.R., Sept. 4 (REW) and five along the coast in the Santa Barbara/Goleta area Aug. 24-Sept. 20. Single Purple Martins, now rarely encountered on migration, were near Cambria Sept. 11 (GPS) and on Pt. Loma Sept. 19 & 28 (REW), and two more were over N.E.S.S., Sept. 14 (JLD).

CREEPERS THROUGH PHAINOPEPLAS — A Brown Creeper on Pt. Fermin Nov. 23 (DRW) and another near Imperial Beach Nov. 5 (EC) were both along the s. coast where considered rare. Single Winter Wrens near Imperial Beach Oct. 4 (EC) & 9 (DPo), and another in San Diego Nov. 20-Dec. 5 (JOL) were quite far s. A Dipper on Santa Cruz I., Aug. 29 (PC) was far out of range, being only the second ever recorded on the Channel Is. Two Golden-crowned Kinglets at Brock Ranch in the extreme s.e. corner of the Region Nov. 27 (MHe) were in an area where few have been recorded. A Mountain Bluebird near Pt. Mugu Nov. 6 (LB) was along the coast where rare. Two Townsend's Solitaires, rare along the coast, were on Pt. Loma Oct. 9 (CGE). A Wood Thrush on Pt. Loma Nov. 1-25 (D & NK) was only the sixth ever to be found in California. The only Brown Thrasher found this fall was one on Santa Barbara I., Sept. 29 (CD).

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A White/Black-backed wagtail along the Los Angeles R., in Long Beach Nov. 4+ (JLA) was in first-winter plumage. Now that the Black-backed Wagtail (*Motacilla lugens*) is considered a species distinct from the White Wagtail (*Motacilla alba*) there is increased incentive to learn ways to separate these similar looking birds. Eleven of these wagtails had been reported s. of Alaska prior to this fall; three of these were definite *lugens*, but none was unquestionably *alba*. At this time we are unable to identify first-winter birds in the field, as the only known differences are in minor shading of wing feather coloring and slight differences in bill shape (J. Morlan. Status and identification of forms of White Wagtail in western North America. *Cont. Birdlife* 2:37-50, 1981).

A Red-throated Pipit was in Goleta Nov. 6 (PEL) and single birds were present near Imperial Beach Oct. 4 (EC), 10-11 (REW), 16-17 (GRH) & Nov. 7 (REW); this species is now found each fall along the coast of s. California. A group of eight Phainopeplas near Lone Pine in the Owens Valley Aug. 4 (T & JH) was a large number for that area.

VIREOS, WOOD WARBLERS — The White-eyed Vireo that summered in Goleta was last seen there Sept. 14 (PEL). A Bell's

Vireo, a species rarely found away from nesting localities here in s. California, was in Goleta Sept. 9 (PEL) and another was near Oxnard Sept. 17-19 (PEL). A Solitary Vireo in Carpinteria Nov. 21 (TW) and another on Pt. Loma Sept. 26-27 (EAC) were believed to be of the nominate form *solitarius*, a casual straggler to California. Three Philadelphia Vireos, rare stragglers to California, were reported with one in San Pedro Oct. 15-16 (BED), another in Huntington Beach Nov. 26+ (REW) and the third on Pt. Loma Sept. 30 (REW). Five Red-eyed Vireos were found with one at Deep Springs Sept. 8 (DRW) being in an area where small numbers probably occur each September and one in Huntington Beach Nov. 11 (V & WG) being exceptionally late; the other three were of the race *flavoviridis* ("Yellow-green Vireo") with one at Gaviota Oct. 3 (JTo) and two together in Goleta Oct. 11-12 (TW).

A Golden-winged Warbler, one of the rarest vagrants to reach California, was in Santa Barbara Oct. 22-23 (DB, ph. S.D.N.H.M.) and another was well seen in Fullerton, Orange Co., Oct. 24 (J & KT). Tennessee Warblers appeared more numerous than usual with 60± reported after Sept. 10. Fifteen Virginia's Warblers along the coast Sept. 4-Oct. 30 was about normal but fewer than expected 20 years ago. A Lucy's Warbler near Palm Springs Oct. 1 (BWA) was unexpected and one in Goleta Oct. 24-25 (PEL), another in Huntington Beach Oct. 22 (BED) and five in the San Diego area Aug. 22-Oct. 31 were along the coast where rare. A N. Parula near Blythe Oct. 12-13 (JS), one near Cayucos Oct. 17-19 (TME), another near Santa Maria Oct. 7 (NSC) and a fourth in Goleta Oct. 4 (JS) were the only ones found. Chestnut-sided Warblers were relatively scarce with single birds at F.C.R., Sept. 24 (DD) and at Brock Ranch Oct. 24 (GRH) being inland and six during September and October being along the coast. Of the 14 Magnolia Warblers reported one at Deep Springs Oct. 24 (MOC), another at F.C.R., Sept. 22 (DD) and a third near Westmorland Nov. 28 (KLG) were inland.

Black-throated Blue Warblers were scarcer than normally with one at Whitewater Canyon Nov. 21-Dec. 5 (SM) being inland and seven more during October and November being along the coast. A Black-throated Green Warbler at Deep Springs Nov. 14 (DD) along with five along the coast would appear about normal. Eleven Blackburnian Warblers was an unexpectedly high number, but one at Thurman Flats in the San Bernardino Mts., Nov. 14 (TG, ph. S.D.N.H.M.) was not only exceptionally late but was also at a most unusual locality. The only Prairie Warblers to be found this fall were one near Morro Bay Oct. 15 (CM), another near Santa Maria Sept. 16-18 (PEL) and a third near Imperial Beach Oct. 3-4 (REW). About 30 Palm Warblers were fewer than normal but included single birds at Oasis Sept. 23 (DD) and F.C.R., Oct. 30 (BBR) along with two at L. Henshaw Oct. 4 (RHi) which were inland. Two Bay-breasted Warblers, with one in Goleta Sept. 4-10 (KB) and the other on Pt. Loma Nov. 5-10 (REW) were fewer than expected. Thirty Blackpoll Warblers were certainly fewer than we have become accustomed to but included one inland at Redlands Sept. 27 (MC, *S.B.C.M.). Thirty Black-and-white Warblers were about average and included an exceptionally early transient in Goleta Aug. 14-18 (KB). American Redstarts appeared about normal with 75± reported. Four Prothonotary Warblers, one of the rarer vagrants to reach California, were reported with one in Baker Oct. 3 (EAC) inland and single birds along the coast in the San Diego area Sept. 14 (SG), Oct. 8 (REW) & 9 (VJ.)

A Worm-eating Warbler, another casual vagrant to California, was in Goleta Sept. 9-17 (PEL), another was in Long Beach Nov. 1-5 (BED) and a third was at another location in Long Beach Nov. 5+ (BED). An Ovenbird inland at Ft. Piute, San Bernardino Co., Sept. 21 (DD) along with one along the coast in Carpinteria Oct. 21 (PEL) and five more in the San Diego area Sept. 23-Nov. 27 were about average. Forty N. Waterthrushes found after Sept. 1 were about normal. A Mourning Warbler was in Goleta Sept. 23 (LB), another was in Carpinteria Sept. 24-Oct. 4 and a third was seen briefly on Pt. Loma Oct. 8 (REW); this species is one of the rarer vagrants to California. A ♂ Hooded Warbler, a particularly rare vagrant in fall, was at Morro Bay Nov. 1 (JMcD). Ten Canada Warblers Sept. 3-Nov. 16 were more than expected, and included one inland near Lancaster Sept. 19 (KLG). A Red-faced Warbler on Pt. Loma Sept. 11-12 (REW) was only the second ever to be found along the coast in fall, and one of fewer than ten recorded in California. A Painted Redstart, another straggler from the mountains of n. Mexico, was in Santa Barbara Nov. 11+ (LRB) and another was seen near Pt. Mugu Oct. 6 (BBE). A Yellow-breasted Chat at Morro Bay Oct. 11 (GPS) was late.

BOBOLINK THROUGH TANAGERS — The only concentra-

tions of Bobolinks occurred in Goleta where 65 were found Sept. 8-Oct. 21; one there Nov. 2 (PEL) was late and another at F.C.R., Sept. 22 (DD) was inland. An early Rusty Blackbird in Baker Oct. 17 (JW, ph. S.D.N.M.H.) was the only one found in the e. portion of the Region where small numbers are normally found each fall, but one in San Luis Obispo Oct. 22-Nov. 10 (CM, ph. S.D.N.H.M.) was along the coast where considered casual. Great-tailed Grackles continue to push W with two near Chino Oct. 29 (GSS), one in the Goleta area Sept. 8-14 (TW) and another near San Diego Nov. 15-21 (D & NK). Five Orchard Orioles, rare but regular fall vagrants to California, were found in the San Diego area Sept. 17-Oct. 31. A Scott's Oriole, rare along the coast, was near Imperial Beach Oct. 17 (GMCC). As usual, small numbers of Summer Tanagers appeared along the coast with 25 ± reported; collecting indicates all are of the nominate form from the e., and the single birds inland near Oasis Sept. 22 (DD), at Ft. Piute Sept. 21 (DD) and in Valyermo, Los Angeles Co., Sept. 11 (EAC) were also believed to be vagrants of this race. A Scarlet Tanager, a casual vagrant to California, was in Carpinteria Sept. 14 (LB), another was found dead in Malibu Nov. 7 (KLG, *L.A.C.M.N.H.) and a third was well seen in Huntington Beach Nov. 25 (HLJ).

GROSBEAKS, BUNTINGS, SPARROWS—Two Evening Grosbeaks on Mt. Palomar Nov. 17 (RH) were the only ones reported and were quite far s. Eighteen Rose-breasted Grosbeaks and 27 Indigo Buntings were average numbers for fall. A Painted Bunting on Pt. Loma Sept. 10-15 (RS) was joined by a second individual Sept. 14-15 (REW); these are two of very few recorded in California. Four Dickcissels in the Goleta/Santa Barbara area Sept. 14-Oct. 20, along with two near Imperial Beach Oct. 17-18, were along the coast where most are found. A Tree Sparrow at F.C.R., Nov. 15 (DD) was in an area where small numbers occur each fall, but two on Pt. Loma Oct. 28-31 (REW) and a third there Nov. 6-7 (BCo) were far s. and on the coast where considered casual. Fifteen Clay-colored Sparrows along the coast Sept. 6-Nov. 15 were normal, but one near Lancaster Oct. 2 (KLG) was the only one found inland. Lark Buntings were exceptionally scarce with one inland at Harper Dry L., Oct. 31 (JLD), another near Lakeview, Riverside Co., Nov. 4 (BWA), and single birds along the coast in Goleta Sept. 14 (PEL) & Oct. 5 (EG).

A Grasshopper Sparrow in the Lanfair Valley of e. San Bernardino Co., Oct. 10 (EAC), and another at Morongo Valley, San Bernardino Co., Oct. 12 (BCa), were away from areas of normal occurrence, and one in Santa Barbara Oct. 29 (PEL) was on the coast where casual. Two Swamp Sparrows in the Goleta/Santa Barbara area during November were the only ones reported. A Harris' Sparrow on Pt. Loma Oct. 29-31 (GMCC) was along the coast where rare. A McCown's Longspur near Needles, San Bernardino Co., Nov. 26 (JLD) was the only one found. Lapland Longspurs were scarce with one near Santa Maria Nov. 13 (LB), another in the Cuyama Valley of Santa Barbara Co., Nov. 20 (PEL) and a third near Blythe Nov. 21 (WCH) being the only ones reported. Similarly, Chestnut-collared Longspurs were much scarcer than normal with single birds in Goleta Oct. 17 (PEL), at S.C.R.M., Oct. 9 (H & OC) and near Imperial Beach Oct. 16 (GRH) being the only ones found.

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