

SOUTHERN PACIFIC COAST REGION

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The fall period was relatively dry with no major storms. The shore-bird migration was about average, but most observers felt landbirds were scarcer than normal. However, some extreme rarities were found including North America's first Little Curlew along with California's first White Wagtail. Large numbers of Black-vented Shearwaters offshore and a movement of jaegers through the interior were the most notable events among the waterbirds, and an influx of finches, including Red Crossbills, was the major event among the landbirds.

ABBREVIATIONS — F.C.R. = Furnace Creek Ranch in Death Valley, Inyo County; L.A.C.M.N.H. = Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History; N.E.S.S. = north end of the Salton Sea, Riverside County; S.D.N.H.M. = San Diego Natural History Museum; S.C.R.E. = Santa Clara River Estuary, Ventura County; S.E.S.S. = south end of the Salton Sea, Imperial County; U.C.S.B. = University of California, Santa Barbara. 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 — An Arctic Loon, casual inland, was at N.E.S.S., Oct. 13-18 (GMcC). A Com. Loon at S.E.S.S., Oct. 17 (REW) was a little early. A Red-necked Grebe on Morro Bay Nov. 22 (TME) was about as early as the species ever reaches s. California in fall.

SHEARWATERS, STORM-PETRELS — Northern Fulmars, irregular winter visitors to s. California waters, appeared along the coast in late October (one off Hermosa Beach Oct. 18—NS) and quickly built up in numbers as indicated by 20 in the Santa Barbara harbor during early November (JF), 20 off the S.C.R.E., Nov. 11 (SR), 18 off Redondo Beach Nov. 1 (ABa) and 65 off Pt. Loma Nov. 2 (REW); however, these numbers soon dissipated with only a few still present at the pe-riod's end. A Cook's Petrel was seen near the San Juan Seamount off Santa Barbara Aug. 14 (RLP), another was 35 nautical mi s.w. of San Miguel I., Aug. 19 (RLP) and an unidentified *Cookilaria* was 18 nautical mi s. of San Nicholas I., Aug. 25 (RLP); it appears these birds remain over deep water far from shore and may be more numerous off California than formerly thought. In general, the inshore waters off the s. portion of the Region were somewhat sterile as indicated by a virtual



lack of Pink-footed and Sooty shearwaters seen on September trips out of San Diego and Los Angeles. Two Buller's Shearwaters on Estero Bay off San Luis Obispo County Sept. 22 (TME) and one 10 mi s.w. of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Oct. 14 (HC) were the only ones seen. A Short-tailed Shearwater off Pt. Piedras Blancas, San Luis Obispo Co., Sept. 2 (JR) and another on Estero Bay Sept. 22 (JMCD) were exceptionally early for s. California waters. Black-vented Shearwaters appeared earlier than normal, and were more numerous than usual, as indicated by 15,000 on Estero Bay Aug. 29 (JMCD); numbers remained high off San Luis Obispo County and n. Santa Barbara County, with 3000 off Montana de Oro S.P., Oct. 15 (CM), 1500 there Nov. 2 (JMCD) and 2000 off the Santa Ynez R. mouth Oct. 25 (PEL). Unexpected were five Wilson's Storm-Petrels and two Leach's Storm-Petrels among 2000 "rafting" Ashy and Black storm-petrels 10 mi off Pt. Estero, San Luis Obispo Co., Sept. 22 (BS), this being only the 6th time Wilson's has been found in s. California waters. Least Storm-Petrels were relatively common and widespread as indicated by 60 in the Catalina Channel off Los Angeles Sept. 30 (REW) and 15 off Pt. Estero Sept. 22 (BS).

PELICANS THROUGH HERONS — Ten Brown Pelicans on the Salton Sea Sept. 16 (JO) were the latest at this inland location this year. Thirteen imm. Magnificent Frigatebirds at various points around the Salton Sea Sept. 16 (B & MMcl) were unexpected considering the paucity of sightings during the summer.

The only Little Blue Herons found away from San Diego, where three or four now appear to be resident, was a calico bird near Imperial Dam along the Colorado R., Aug. 26 (PU). A Tricolored Heron in Anaheim Oct. 9 (P & JR) and one to two on s. San Diego Bay Oct. 28+ (GMcC) were the only ones believed present. An imm. Reddish Egret, a casual visitor to s. California, was in Anaheim Sept. 10 (LRH) and another was on s. San Diego Bay Oct. 28+ (LF). The numbers of Cattle Egrets found in the n.e. part of the Region during late October and November, along with the numbers found along the coast during that same time each year, suggest this is the time of the year these birds disperse N; this year 35 near Scotty's Castle at the n. end of Death Valley Oct. 20 (JO), 18 at F.C.R., Nov. 14 (JLD) and 10 at Panamint Springs, Inyo Co., Nov. 24 (JO) along with such concentrations along the n. coast as 30 in Encino Nov. 29 (SW), 50 in Malibu Canyon Nov. 8 (PJ), and 42 in Goleta Nov. 10 (PEL) would support this idea, and should be monitored. The elusive ad. Yellow-crowned Night-Heron seen off and on at San Elijo Lagoon since 1981 was present Aug. 19-Oct. 8 (EC).

WATERFOWL — Two Tundra Swans on L. Cachuma, Santa Barbara Co., Nov. 17 (GT) were the only ones found away from the Owens Valley. Four Greater White-fronted Geese on Baldwin L. in the San Bernardino Mts., Sept. 22 (EAC) and two near Imperial Beach Sept. 29 (REW) were a little early; a flock of 34 in flight over Huntington Beach Oct. 15 (BED) was a large number for along the coast, and one in Baker, San Bernardino Co., Oct. 13 (EAC) was at an unusual location. As appears normal, a few Ross' Geese occurred along the coast in November, and three in California City Nov. 16 (MHe) were at a desert oasis. A flock of 31 Wood Ducks on L. Cachuma Nov. 14-19 (PEL) was a large concentration for s. California. A ♂ Eur. Green-winged Teal in Goleta Nov. 3+ (CDB) was apparently the same bird known to have spent the past 3 winters at this location. A Eur. Wigeon in Santa Barbara Oct. 15 (JLD) and another on San Elijo Lagoon Oct. 23 (LuS) were the first of the wintering birds to be found this year.

Up to three Oldsquaws, rare but regular winter visitors to s. California, were at Arroyo Grande Creek mouth, San Luis Obispo Co., Oct. 27+ (BS), one was at S.C.R.E., Oct. 21 (JP), one flew S past Pt. Loma Nov. 15 (REW) followed by two more Nov. 18 (REW), and one to two were on n. San Diego Bay Nov. 26+ (JO), to give us an above-average number for this time of year. Twelve Black Scoters were found along the coast after Oct. 15 including three around San Diego, where rare, Oct. 31+ (REW, JO). Two ♂ Surf Scoters on L. Henshaw in the mountains of San Diego County Nov. 17-18 (RH) were the only ones found inland. White-winged Scoters were more numerous than usual along the coast, particularly from Los Angeles County n.; inland, where considered casual, one was near Lone Pine, Inyo Co., Nov. 23 (JO), another was on Holiday L. in the Antelope Valley Nov. 18-26 (KLG), one was on L. Cachuma Nov. 22 (LB) and a 4th was near Anaheim Nov. 20-30 (DRW).

RAPTORS THROUGH CRANES — Black-shouldered Kites were found e. of the species' normal range in California, with one in the Fremont Valley of e. Kern County Nov. 10-23 (MHe), another near Mojave Oct. 14 (JW), one at Morongo Valley Oct. 18 (DRW), one at N.E.S.S., Oct. 16 (JLD), and single birds in the Imperial Valley s. of the Salton Sea near Seeley Aug. 25-Sept. 30 (PU), near Calexico Aug. 21 (REW) and at Calipatria Nov. 25 (JLD), indicating a range expansion. An ad. Northern Goshawk at Tecopa, Inyo Co., Oct. 25 (JLD) was in an area where small numbers may occur most falls. The only Broad-winged Hawks to be found this year were an immature in Long Beach Sept. 13 (BED), another in W. Los Angeles Oct. 11 (KLG), one over Carpinteria Oct. 20 (LB) and another near Santa Maria, Santa Barbara Co., Nov. 10 (LB). A Swainson's Hawk at L. Henshaw Sept. 30-Oct. 1 (RH) was at an unusual locality. An imm. Zone-tailed Hawk, a casual migrant through s. California, was seen over Cuyamaca Rancho S.P. in the mountains of San Diego County Sept. 3 (MR) and an adult near Vista Oct. 19+ (CW) was undoubtedly the same bird frequenting this general area each winter since 1977-1978. Rough-legged Hawks appeared more widespread than normal after the first was reported Nov. 10, and includ-

ed one along the coast in Carpinteria Nov. 25 (LRB) where considered most unusual.

The origin of 40 Gambel's Quail seen near Rosamond, Kern Co., within one mi of the Los Angeles County line Aug. 10 (MHe) is open to speculation, but it would appear no quail were originally native in this area. Five Sandhill Cranes near Needles Nov. 24 (GT) were probably part of the small flock still believed to winter in this area.

SHOREBIRDS — The only Lesser Golden-Plovers found inland were two *dominica* near Rosamond Sept. 22-Oct. 20 (MHe) and one at N.E.S.S., Oct. 13 (GMcC); 30± along the coast Aug. 14-Nov. 24 appeared about average, and up to 25 *fulva* near Santa Maria Sept. 1+ (JLD) and two at Seal Beach Sept. 18+ (LRH) were at known wintering localities. An ad. Wandering Tattler at Salton City Aug. 25 (EAC, ph. S.D.N.H.M.) was one of very few ever to have been found inland, and only the 7th during the fall.

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A juv. **Little Curlew** (*Numenius minutus*) near Santa Maria, Santa Barbara Co., Sept. 16-Oct. 14 (PEL) was the first to have been found in North America, and thanks to the generosity of Mr. Mahoney, the landowner on whose property this bird was staying, literally hundreds of birders were able to see it. This species has a limited breeding range in n. central Siberia, and winters primarily in Australia, with 2 records of fall vagrants in Europe (Norway and Great Britain). It is closely related to the Eskimo Curlew, from which it can best be separated by the color of the underwings, and was considered a possible vagrant to North American by Farrand (AB 31:137-138, 1977).



Little Curlew (Numenius minutus) near Santa Maria, Cal., Oct. 2, 1984. First record for North America. Photo/Bruce Peterson.

Single Ruddy Turnstones, rare inland in fall, especially away from the Salton Sea, were near Lancaster Aug. 4-9 (JW), Aug. 20-23 (BB) and Sept. 15 (KLG), and single birds were seen on the Salton Sea Aug. 4 (DLD), Aug. 25 (ASa) and Sept. 11 (REW). A Red Knot, very rare inland away from the Salton Sea, was near Rosamond Aug. 25 (MHe), single birds were near Lancaster Sept. 2 (GMcC) & 15 (KLG), and a 3rd was at Desert Center Sept. 21 (BW); four at S.E.S.S., Nov. 17 (RN) were unusually late for migrants. A Sanderling, rare inland away from the Salton Sea, was on L. Elsinore Aug. 19 (JLD) and another was near Lancaster Sept. 15 (BWK). Twenty-two Semipalmated Sandpipers, all identified as juveniles, were found Aug. 4-Sept. 11, including one in Bishop, Inyo Co., Aug. 8 (JLD), up to two in Long Beach Aug. 9-13, and another at Bolsa Chica Aug. 5 (BED), indicating this species is indeed a regular fall migrant through California in limited numbers. A Baird's Sandpiper near Rosamond Oct. 13 (MHe) was a little late, most having moved through the Region during August and September as is normal. Pectoral Sandpipers were found between Aug. 12 and Nov. 1 with a late individual in Anaheim Nov. 9-16 (DRW); 40 near Imperial Beach Sept. 22 (GMcC) 33 at San Jacinto Sept. 15 (RMck) and 23 on L. Henshaw Sept. 20 (RH) were the largest concentrations reported. A juv. Sharp-tailed Sandpiper at the Santa Maria R. mouth Sept. 26-29 (PEL) was along the coast, but another near Lancaster Oct. 12-14 (GM) was inland where accidental. The appearance of two **Curlew Sandpipers**, both juveniles, with one near Santa Maria Sept. 16-20 (LB) and the other at N.E.S.S., Oct. 13-16 (GMcC, ph. S.D.N.H.M.) brought the total number of records for the Region to 5. The only Stilt Sandpipers

found away from S.E.S.S. were one at the Los Angeles R. mouth Aug. 7 (BED) and one to three on San Elijo Lagoon Sept. 29-Oct. 14 (REW). The only Ruff was the male found near Imperial Beach July 15 which remained on s. San Diego Bay through the period, and is now believed to be the same bird present the last 2 winters.

JAEGERS THROUGH SKIMMER — Parasitic Jaegers were apparently more numerous than usual on the Salton Sea with one or two constantly present Sept. 10-Nov. 25, and concentrations of 10 Sept. 10 (D. Sibley, *vide* JLD) and 24 Sept. 16 (GMcC); two on Tinnemaha Res. in the Owens Valley Sept. 2 (GMcC) were the first to have been found in Inyo County. An ad. Long-tailed Jaeger, casual inland, was at N.E.S.S., Sept. 10-11 (D. Sibley, *vide* JLD) and an immature was there Sept. 11-16 (REW). Six Franklin's Gulls between Sept. 16 and the end of the period was about an average total. A Little Gull on L. Elsinore Sept. 3-5 (GMcC) was only the 2nd in juv. plumage to have been found in California, the first having been one in Crescent City Aug. 15, 1981 (AB 36:214); such birds must originate from North American breeding colonies, possibly closer than the Great Lakes. An ad. Mew Gull on Morro Bay Sept. 7-13 (GPS) and another at the Santa Maria R. mouth Sept. 25 (DLD) were both exceptionally early. Three ad. Herring Gulls at the Santa Maria R. mouth Sept. 26 (LB) were the earliest this fall, and only 3 days short of the earliest ever, and a 3rd-winter Herring Gull at Diaz L. in the Owens Valley Nov. 13 (REW) was only the 2nd ever to have been found in Inyo County. A Thayer's Gull at N.E.S.S., Oct. 13 (GMcC) established the earliest date for fall in s. California. Western Gulls continued to be found inland on the Salton Sea, with a first-winter bird at Salton City Sept. 11 (REW) and an ad. *wymani* there Nov. 18 (LB, *U.C.S.B.), suggesting the species may be very rare to casual there, rather than accidental as originally thought. A first-winter Glaucous-winged Gull at N.E.S.S., Oct. 16 (JLD) was very early for this inland locality. An imm. Glaucous Gull in Anaheim Nov. 9 (DRW) was remarkably early, the previous earliest record having been Nov. 24. An ad. Sabine's Gull, casual inland, was at a small pond in the Lucerne Valley, San Bernardino Co., Sept. 5 (BW), a juvenile was near Lancaster Oct. 4 (REW), an adult was at N.E.S.S., Sept. 16 (GMcC) and a juvenile was there Oct. 13-15 (GMcC). An ad. Elegant Tern well-studied on L. Elsinore Aug. 18 (BED, DRW, LRH) was the first ever to have been found inland in s. California, which is remarkable considering the numbers that evidently move from the Gulf of California to the Pacific each year. A concentration of 41 Black Terns on L. Henshaw Aug. 10 (RH) was a large number for a locality away from the Salton Sea. Black Skimmers have declined appreciably on the Salton Sea, but continue to increase in numbers along the coast in San Diego County, with six to 10 at Bolsa Chica throughout the period (LRH), up to five in Ventura County Aug. 25-Nov. 10 (JB, KS) and two on Morro Bay Oct. 12-15 (GS) being n. of San Diego County.

DOVES THROUGH HUMMINGBIRDS — A White-winged Dove north of Lompoc Oct. 24 (PWC) was the northernmost of the 20 found along the coast. An Inca Dove at Iron Mt. Pump Station, San Bernardino Co., Oct. 13 (GMcC) was outside the species' known range. Common Ground-Doves were found n. of their range with three to four in Carpinteria between Oct. 4 and Nov. 23 (PEL, MH, TW) and one in Goleta Sept. 13 (LB).

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Intriguing was a ♂ **Ruddy Ground-Dove** at Iron Mt. Pump Station Oct. 11-Nov. 3 (BW, ph. S.D.N.H.M.). The Nov. 24-26, 1978, occurrence near Fillmore, Ventura Co., was treated as a probable escapee because of a lack of records n. of Sinaloa. However, the closely related Com. Ground-Dove, also considered largely resident, has wandered far to the N of its range in fall/early winter, and there are now fall/early winter records of Ruddy Ground-Doves for Arizona and New Mexico along with those for s. Texas. Iron Mt. Pump Station is a remote oasis in s.e. San Bernardino County, far from any possible source for escapees. Consequently, I feel it necessary to review all records from the Southwest prior to arbitrarily treating this, and the others, as escapees.

A Lesser Nighthawk near Camarillo, Ventura Co., Sept. 25 (KS) was in an area where considered rare. Two Black Swifts over Goleta Aug. 31 (PEL), two over Carpinteria Sept. 7 (LRB), one near Santiago Peak, Orange Co., Aug. 18 (DRW), two over Pt. Loma Sept. 8 (CGE), another there Sept. 15 (B & MMCI), one over Mt. Palomar Oct. 4 (RH) and two over nearby L. Henshaw Oct. 7 (RH) were all considered migrants, but we still know little about the movements of this species. Five Chimney Swifts present over downtown Los Angeles all summer were present through Aug. 16 (KLG). Twenty thousand Vaux's Swifts near Griffith Park, Los Angeles Co., Oct. 5-11 (LaS) formed an impressive concentration. A Black-chinned Hummingbird near Imperial Beach Oct. 5 (EC) and another in Huntington Beach Oct. 10-13 (DRW) were the latest this fall. An Anna's Hummingbird at Deep Springs, Inyo Co., Oct. 3 (REW) and another at F.C.R., Oct. 4 (REW) were in an area where very few have previously been recorded. A ♂ Costa's Hummingbird at Elk Hills on the w. side of the San Joaquin Valley Nov. 26-30 (RSA) was at an unexpected locality. A ♀ hummingbird exhibiting the characters of a Broad-tailed Hummingbird was carefully studied in California City Aug. 10 (MHe) and a 2nd was seen there Sept. 2 (JW); this species does nest in the White Mts. immediately to the n., but was previously unrecorded in this area of California.

WOODPECKERS THROUGH SWALLOWS — Lewis' Woodpeckers were widely scattered throughout most of the Region, with no concentrations reported other than 30 at Chilao in the San Gabriel Mts. during October and November (BED), but including a few along the immediate coast such as two near Goleta Nov. 10+ (LB), one in Del Mar Oct. 24 (MV) and single birds on Pt. Loma Oct. 7 & 13 (REW). An Acorn Woodpecker at Deep Springs Oct. 7 (KLG) was far out of range. A Gila Woodpecker at N.E.S.S., Sept. 3 (BWK) was only the 2nd ever to be found n. of the Salton Sea. A ♂ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker in Goleta Oct. 3 (PEL), an immature there Oct. 21 (ABi) and another in Morongo Valley Oct. 24+ (BAC) were all identified as birds of the nominate race *varius*, considered casual in California. A Pileated Woodpecker seen on Breckenridge Mt., Kern Co., Oct. 14 (MOC) was the first ever to have been found s. of the Kern R., although a small population is known to be resident in the Greenhorn Mts. immediately n. of the river.

A Greater Pewee, a casual straggler to California, was on Pt. Loma Oct. 6-7 (REW); one in Santa Barbara Nov. 10+ (JLD) and another in San Diego Nov. 10+ (REW) both remained and were clearly wintering. A W. Wood-Pewee in Carpinteria Oct. 18-23 (PEL) and another in Huntington Beach Oct. 25 (SG) were the latest this fall. Seven Least Flycatchers were reported with one inland at Shoshone, Inyo Co., Oct. 25 (BED) and the rest along the coast with one in San Simeon Sept. 23-24 (CM), four in Santa Barbara County between Oct. 3 & 29 (JLD, LB, LRB) and one at Playa del Rey Sept. 16-19 (HLJ). At least 15 Hammond's Flycatchers were found along the coast, where considered quite rare in fall, with the latest being one on Pt. Loma Nov. 5 (REW). A Gray Flycatcher, rare along the coast in fall, was in Goleta Oct. 1-3 (PEL) and three were seen on Pt. Loma between Aug. 24 and Nov. 18 (REW, GMcC). A ♀ Vermilion Flycatcher at Stovepipe Wells in Death Valley Oct. 10 (LB) was at an unusual locality.

A Great Crested Flycatcher at Montana de Oro S.P., Sept. 26-29 (GPS), another in Carpinteria Oct. 19-20 (LRB) and a 3rd in Santa Monica Oct. 28 (JA) were the 10th through 12th to have been found in s. California. A **Brown-crested Flycatcher** carefully studied in Goleta Oct. 21-24 (JLD) was only the 2nd to have been positively identified along the coast of California, the first having been captured on the Farallon Islands Sept. 17, 1983 (AB 38:243), even though it is a regular summer visitor to the s.e. portion of the state. Tropical Kingbirds were unusually scarce this fall with only eight reported, but including a remarkably early one at Atascadero Beach on Morro Bay Sept. 5 (LD). A **Thick-billed Kingbird** in Peters Canyon near Tustin Nov. 8+ (DRW) was believed to be the same bird present during the preceding 2 winters, and another in Claremont Nov. 3+ (MB) was the first to have been found in Los Angeles County. The only E. Kingbird reported was a worn adult near Tinnemaha Res. in the Owens Valley Sept. 15 (RSt). A Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, casual to accidental along the coast, was seen briefly in flight on Pt. Loma Oct. 1 (REW). A N. Rough-winged Swallow near Imperial Beach Nov. 17 (GMcC) was one of very few ever found along the coast between mid-November and late January.

KINGLETS THROUGH VIREOS — A minor flight of Golden-crowned Kinglets brought fair numbers to the mountains of extreme s. California, such as 30 in the Laguna Mts., Nov. 17 (CGE), as well as smaller numbers to the coast all the way s. to San Diego County, such as up to seven on Pt. Loma Oct. 18-28 (REW), and a scattering of individuals throughout the e. portion of the Region, including one at Finney L., Nov. 17 (LB). A flight of Mountain Bluebirds brought some to the immediate vicinity of the coast such as 34 in Goleta between Nov. 16 and the end of the period (ABI), 17 in Carpinteria Nov. 30 (LRB), one near Oxnard Nov. 19 (KS) and one on Pt. Loma Oct. 25 (REW). Up to two Townsend's Solitaires on Pt. Loma Oct. 27-29 (GMCC) were right along the coast where rare. A Gray Catbird at Stovepipe Wells in Death Valley Oct. 4 (REW), one in Baker Oct. 12-14 (BED, ph. S.D.N.H.M.) and another at Iron Mountain Pump Station Nov. 3 (GMCC) provided only the 4th through 6th fall records from interior s. California. A Sage Thrasher near Arroyo Grande, San Luis Obispo Co., Oct. 4 (BS) was one of only a few ever found in this area of California. The only Brown Thrashers this fall were one on Pt. Loma Oct. 27-30 (EB) and another in Bakersfield Nov. 17+ (MHe).

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An ad. **White Wagtail** (*Motacilla alba*) at the mouth of Arroyo de la Cruz immediately n. of Pt. Piedras Blancas, San Luis Obispo Co., Oct. 5-8 (GPS) was the first to be so identified in California. However, in addition to two definite Black-backed Wagtails, there are 5 records of unidentified imm. White/Black-backed Wagtails for California, including one at the mouth of Arroyo de la Cruz Oct. 9 of last year (AB 38:247) that may well have been the same bird as this year; adults are the only birds being identified to species.

A Water Pipit at the Santa Maria R. mouth Sept. 9 (LB) was very early. A Sprague's Pipit in Goleta Sept. 21-22 (BED) was the first for Santa Barbara County. An ad. N. Shrike in Westguard Pass of the White Mts., Nov. 13 (REW) was in the extreme n.e. corner of this Region where considered rare but regular in late fall and winter. Single Bell's Vireos in Gaviota, Santa Barbara Co., Sept. 21-24 (DB) and Oct. 16-17 (DB), one in Carpinteria Oct. 12 (LB) and a 4th on Pt. Loma Sept. 15 (REW) were all migrants away from known nesting localities. A Solitary Vireo in Huntington Beach Oct. 4-6 (DRW) and another on Pt. Loma Oct. 10 (REW) were felt to be of the nominate race *solitarius*, considered a casual fall vagrant to California. A Yellow-throated Vireo in Newport Beach Sept. 23 (DRW) was only the 3rd found along the coast in fall. Three Red-eyed Vireos along the coast of San Luis Obispo County between Sept. 8 & 30 (BS, CM) and a 4th in Carpinteria Sept. 17 (LRB) furnished an average number for fall.

WOOD WARBLERS — Most observers felt the number and variety of wood warblers encountered this fall were below average and no doubt that was true. However, with the increased number of observers and the continuing interest in finding vagrants from the e., a total of 39 species of wood warblers was reported, more than any state e. of the Mississippi R. could hope for. A ♂ Golden-winged Warbler in La Jolla Oct. 6-12 (JM) was the first for San Diego County. A Virginia's Warbler in Montana de Oro S.P., Oct. 10 (DH) was the northernmost of the 11 found along the coast. A Lucy's Warbler at Turtle Rock Nature Center, Orange Co., Aug. 4 (BED) and another on Pt. Loma Aug. 9 (REW) were both along the coast where considered very rare. The only N. Parulas, always inexplicably rare in fall considering the numbers found in spring, were one in Carpinteria Sept. 25-26 (LRB), another near Oxnard Oct. 17-21 (JLD) and a 3rd inland at Morongo Valley Oct. 13 (BAC). Fifteen Chestnut-sided Warblers along the coast between Sept. 18 and Nov. 11 were more than expected, and 12 Magnolia Warblers there between Sept. 13 and Oct. 30, along with one inland at F.C.R., Oct. 24-26 (JLD), was about average. Of the 11 Black-throated Blue Warblers found between Oct. 13 and 29 only five were along the coast, the rest being at desert oases in the e. portion of the Region. The only Black-throated Green Warblers found this fall were one at the mouth of Zuma Creek, Los Angeles Co., Sept. 3 (H & PB), another on the Palos Verdes Peninsula Oct. 21-25 (MK) and a 3rd in Huntington Beach Sept. 23 (V & WG).

Blackburnian Warblers were scarcer than in recent years with only six reported between Oct. 10 and Nov. 4, but did include one inland in Riverside Nov. 3 (EAC). A Grace's Warbler, one of the rarest vagrants to be found along the coast, was in Carpinteria Oct. 12-13 (LRB) and a 2nd was on Pt. Loma Oct. 11-12 (REW). A Pine Warbler near Imperial Beach Nov. 4-6 (EC) was the 13th found in the Region. Six Prairie Warblers along the coast between Sept. 2 and Oct. 7 was more than in recent years. Only 18 Palm Warblers were found along the coast, but did include an unusually early bird in Anaheim Sept. 21 (DRW); inland, where decidedly rarer, three were found with one at Oasis Oct. 3 (REW), another at Scotty's Castle in Death Valley Oct. 3 (REW) and the 3rd at L. Henshaw Oct. 1 (RH). The only Bay-breasted Warblers reported were one in Montana de Oro S.P., Sept. 18-21 (CM) and another near Imperial Beach Nov. 4 (TM). A Blackpoll Warbler in Whitewater Canyon, Riverside Co., Oct. 11 (DCH) and another at Iron Mt. Pump Station Oct. 14 (BAC) were inland where rarely found. Eight Prothonotary Warblers was a remarkable total with single birds in Oceano Sept. 1-7 (BS), near Oxnard Sept. 16-18 (TW), on Pt. Fermin Sept. 19 (BED) and on Pt. Loma Sept. 25 (REW) being along the coast, and single birds at Scotty's Castle Oct. 3 (REW) and F.C.R., Oct. 20 (GMCC) along with two in Baker Oct. 13-14 (EAC, ph. S.D.N.H.M.) being inland. A Worm-eating Warbler on Pt. Loma Sept. 16 (BF) was the only one found. Three Ovenbirds along the coast between Sept. 19 and Oct. 10 were fewer than we have become accustomed to. A Kentucky Warbler in California City Oct. 19 (JW) was the 15th found in the Region, and a Connecticut Warbler in Oceano Oct. 1-2 (BS) the 12th for the Region. A Mourning Warbler, only slightly more frequent than the 2 previous species, was in Carpinteria Sept. 17 (LRB), and a ♂ Hooded Warbler in Montana de Oro S.P., Oct. 25-31 (CM) and another in Santa Barbara Oct. 18 (HR) were only the 18th and 19th found in fall. Single Canada Warblers, also rare vagrants to California, were in Oceano Oct. 2 (BS), Santa Barbara Oct. 18 (LB), on Pt. Loma Sept. 22 (REW) and Oct. 11 (REW), and inland at Twenty-nine Palms Oct. 10 (BW, *L.A.C.N.H.M.). A Painted Redstart, always an exciting find, was inland at Zaca L., Santa Barbara Co., Oct. 19 (PWC).

TANAGERS, BUNTINGS — A ♂ Hepatic Tanager on Pt. Loma Oct. 29 (REW) could well have been the same bird present there last winter. A Summer Tanager at F.C.R., Oct. 24-25 (JLD) was the only one found inland away from known breeding localities. Four Scarlet Tanagers, very rare stragglers to California, were found with one in Morro Bay S.P., Nov. 11 (KLG) and single birds on Pt. Loma Oct. 12 (REW), Oct. 21 (MH) and Oct. 23 (REW). A Blue Grosbeak in Goleta Oct. 31 (HB) and another on Pt. Loma Nov. 1 (REW) were both quite late. Seven Dickcissels were found along the coast between Sept. 16 and Oct. 10 along with one inland at F.C.R., Oct. 8 (KLG); this species was more numerous 20 years ago.

SPARROWS — The only Am. Tree Sparrow found this fall was one in California City Nov. 10 (MHe). Nine Clay-colored Sparrows along the coast between Sept. 13 and Oct. 29 was close to average. A Black-chinned Sparrow, casual along the coast in fall, was in Santa Barbara Sept. 21 (HM), another was on Pt. Fermin Sept. 15 (BED), and single birds were on Pt. Loma Aug. 12 (REW) and Oct. 21 (REW). Single Black-throated Sparrows, also casual along the coast, were in Gaviota Sept. 1-2 (JLD), at Pt. Mugu Sept. 21 (BED) and Irvine Sept. 9 (DRW) along with three in the San Diego area between Aug. 20 and Oct. 11. The only Lark Buntings found this fall were one on the Carrizo Plains Nov. 23 (GPS) and another in Goleta Oct. 4-9 (JLD). A Grasshopper Sparrow in Goleta Sept. 30-Oct. 7 (DB) and another on Pt. Loma Oct. 25-Nov. 1 (REW) were both at unusual localities. Four Swamp Sparrows between Oct. 11 and Nov. 12, and six Harris' Sparrows between Oct. 22 and Nov. 24 were far fewer than expected. The only Lapland Longspurs were one to three near Santa Maria Oct. 28-Nov. 3 (PEL), one on Pt. Loma Oct. 23 (REW), one near Imperial Beach Oct. 27 (GMCC) and another inland at F.C.R., Oct. 28 (REW). Chestnut-colored Longspurs were remarkably scarce with one near Santa Maria Oct. 28 (JLD), two in the Fremont Valley of e. Kern County Nov. 10-23 (MHe) and three in the San Jacinto Valley Nov. 29 (RMCK) being the only ones reported.

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES — About 75 Bobolinks were reported along the coast with one in Goleta Nov. 3-8 (PEL) being exceptionally

late. A ♂ Great-tailed Grackle in Sylmar, Los Angeles Co., Nov. 24 (ASm) was well w. of its normal range. Only three Orchard Orioles were reported with one near San Simeon Sept. 23-24 (CM), one in Goleta Oct. 2 (PEL) and the 3rd inland at Iron Mt. Pump Station Oct. 13 (JO).

FINCHES — A flock of 175 Rosy Finches, an erratic late fall visitor to the extreme n.e. portion of this Region, was encountered in West-guard Pass of the White Mts., Nov. 13 (JLD) along with a flock of eight in nearby Gilbert Pass the same day (JLD). Purple Finches were commoner than normal along the coast during October and November with small numbers scattered across the e. portion of the Region, and a concentration of 80 in Brawley at the end of the month (GMCC). A few Cassin's Finches in the e. portion of the Region, including a group of six at F.C.R., Nov. 24 (GMCC), were undoubtedly associated with the Purple Finch movement, as were the increased numbers of Pine Siskins throughout the Region. Red Crossbills were widely reported, with small numbers along the entire coast s. to San Diego with one on Pt. Loma Oct. 25 (REW) and two more there Oct. 29 (REW); in the foothills and mountains numbers were higher as indicated by 20 on Figueroa Mt., Santa Barbara Co., Nov. 3-4 (JMcD) and up to 50 at Chilao in the San Gabriel Mts. during November (JB); a few were scattered about the deserts, with up to 14 at California City between Oct. 14 and Nov. 10 (MHe), nine at Iron Mt. Pump Station Nov. 9 (JLD), and one as far s. as Brawley Nov. 25-Dec. 1 (JLD), and along the Colorado R. valley with nine near Blythe Aug. 14 (JLD). The only Evening Grosbeaks reported were one in Goleta Nov. 17 (PEL), one to two at F.C.R., Oct. 13-28 (DRW), one at Harper Dry Lake Oct. 26 (JLD) and 18 on Mt. Palomar Nov. 25-30 (RH).

CORRIGENDA — The Am. Tree Sparrow reported in California City (AB 38:248) was near Bakersfield.

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