

SOUTHERN PACIFIC COAST REGION

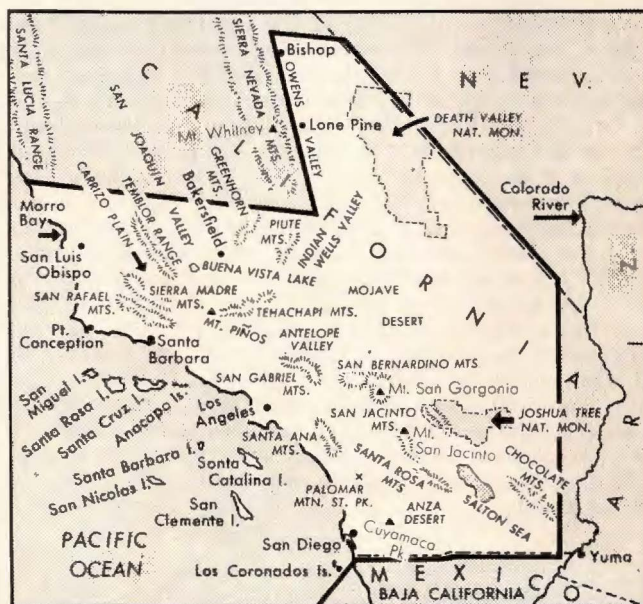
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The fall period was relatively dry through October, with less than the expected amount of coastal fog and no Santa Ana conditions, but with above-average rainfall during November. Waterfowl were noticeably scarce, but included a couple of rarities, and the passage of southbound shorebirds was about average with only one true rarity. Numbers of migrant landbirds were low, this being especially noticeable in the numbers of wood warblers found at the traditional vagrant traps, even though 38 species were reported. In contrast to last fall there was no movement of finches within the Region or into the Region.

ABBREVIATIONS — F.C.R. = Furnace Creek Ranch in Death Valley, Inyo Co.; N.E.S.S. = north end of the Salton Sea, Riverside Co.; S.C.R.M. = Santa Clara River mouth near Ventura, Ventura Co.; S.D.N.H.M. = San Diego Natural History Museum; S.E.S.S. = south end of the Salton Sea, Imperial County. As virtually all rarities found in southern California are seen by numerous observers, only the observer initially identifying the bird is included. Documentation is on file with the California Bird Records Committee (c/o Don Roberson, 282 Grove Acre, Pacific Grove, CA 93950) for all rarities listed in this report, and records submitted without documentation are not published.

LOONS THROUGH FRIGATEBIRDS — Two Red-throated Loons on L. Henshaw in the mountains of San Diego County Nov. 12-17 (RH) were well inland where considered casual. Unexpected numbers of Pacific Loons were found inland, with one seen to crash-land in an alfalfa field at Oasis Oct. 15 (DAS), one found on the highway near Scotty's Castle, Inyo Co., Nov. 9 (SM), two on Quail L. in the Antelope Valley Oct. 24-Nov. 10 (DAS), one on L. Perris, Riverside Co., Oct. 23 (CMcG), one at N.E.S.S., Nov. 3 (GMcC), and two on L. Henshaw Nov. 12-15 (RH). A flock of 211 Com. Loons on L. Henshaw Nov. 12 (RH) was an exceptional concentration for an inland location. A Red-necked Grebe at Avila Beach Nov. 18 (CM) was the only one reported.

In general Procellariiformes were scarce off s. California, especially so off the s. portion of the Region during August and September. The only Black-footed Albatross reported was one near the Rodriguez Seamount off Santa Barbara County Sept. 16 (JO). A Flesh-footed Shearwater, rare off s. California, was off Pt. Estero Sept. 28 (JMcD). Some 75 Buller's Shearwaters were



reported off San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties between Aug. 22 and Nov. 2 with 25 on Estero Bay Sept. 28 (TME) being the largest single-day count. Three Short-tailed Shearwaters off San Pedro Nov. 8 (CTC) and another off Pt. Loma Nov. 20 (REW) indicated at least a few were off s. California during November. Ten thousand Black-vented Shearwaters off Shell Beach Oct. 31-Nov. 3 (MA) made an impressive concentration. A Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel off Pt. Conception, Santa Barbara Co., Sept. 14 (JO) was quite far south. Two dark-rumped Leach's Storm-Petrels among 125± Leach's over the San Juan Seamount off Santa Barbara County Aug. 22 (JLD) were exceptionally far north. No Least Storm-Petrels were seen, even though coverage of the offshore waters was better than usual.

The only Red-billed Tropicbirds reported were four in the area of the San Juan Seamount Aug. 22 (JLD). An incredible 500 Brown Pelicans were on the Salton Sea Sept. 29 (GMcC) but only one could be found Nov. 28 (GMcC). The Olivaceous Cormorant found at N.E.S.S., July 27 was last seen Aug. 31 (REW). Eight imm. Magnificent Frigatebirds at N.E.S.S., Aug. 10 (AS) was a large number; one at N.E.S.S., Aug. 17 (GMcC) and one over Bolsa Chica Aug. 14 (JBe) were the only others reported.

HERONS THROUGH RAILS — Two or three ad. Little Blue Herons around San Diego through the period (EC) were the only ones known to be present in s. California. An ad. Tricolored Heron near Imperial Beach Nov. 28+ (BR) was the only one found. An ad. Reddish Egret on s. San Diego Bay Nov. 9+ (EC) was undoubtedly the same bird that has spent the past 3 winters in this area. A Wood Stork on L. Henshaw Sept. 2 (RH) and another near Oceanside Nov. 6-10 (SB) were the only ones found away from the s. end of the Salton Sea.

Two Fulvous Whistling-Ducks on the Santa Ana R. in Anaheim Nov. 11 (DRW) acted as if wild; formerly small numbers occurred along the coast with vagrants recorded as far n. as Mendocino County in n. California in fall, and we may be too quick to treat all such birds found today as escapees. The only Tundra Swans reported were two at Los Osos Nov. 30-31 (MC). A flock of 15 Greater White-fronted Geese flying S over Pt. Loma Sept. 22 (JO'B) established one of the earliest records for fall migrants in s. California. A "Cackling Goose" (*Branta canadensis minima*), rare in s. California, was near Santa Maria Nov. 1-2 (PEL). A ♂ Eur. Green-winged Teal in Goleta Nov. 13+ (GTi) was undoubtedly the same bird that spent the past 4 winters at this locality, and another in Huntington Beach Nov. 17+ (GTo) was the same bird first seen here during the 1983-1984 winter. A ♂ Eur. Wigeon on San Elijo Lagoon, San Diego Co., Sept. 29 (JC) was the earliest ever to be found in s. California, and at least eight others were known within the Region by the end of the period. A ♂ Tufted Duck on Quail L., Oct. 15+ (RMck) was undoubtedly the same bird present here during the past 2 winters, and possibly the same bird as that present during the 1978-1979 and 1979-1980 winters; another male was on L. Perris Nov. 8 (RMck). A ♀ King Eider, a casual straggler to California, was on Morro Bay Oct. 28+ (TME). A ♂ Harlequin Duck at Bolsa Chica Sept. 27+ (LRH) was undoubtedly the same bird present here last winter, which probably never departed. An Oldsquaw, casual inland, was on L. Perris Nov. 25 (HL). A ♀ Black Scoter, accidental inland, was at F.C.R., Nov. 2 (DRW), and an ad. male was at Little Lake, Inyo Co., Nov. 28 (TW). A flock of 238 Surf Scoters on L. Henshaw Nov. 12 (RH) was an exceptional number for an inland locality in fall; three at Nipton in e. San Bernardino County Oct. 6 (EAC) were at an unusual locality, and three on the Salton Sea near Salton City Nov. 3 (GMCC) were the only others found inland. White-winged Scoters were rare this fall but one on Quail L., Nov. 16 (JO) was inland. A ♀ Hooded Merganser on L. Elsinore Aug. 24 (GMCC) appeared to be flightless and undoubtedly summered at that locality.

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Clapper Rails were quite common in the large saltwater marshes of Orange and San Diego counties 5 years ago, but have all but disappeared during the past 2 years as indicated by the recording of only two in the extensive Seal Beach marshes during a census there Nov. 13 (LRH) and the presence of no more than two individuals in the marshes at the mouth of the Tijuana R. in Imperial Beach, where a year and a half ago there were 40 pairs (EC).

The presence of a juv. Black-shouldered Kite in Bishop Aug. 7 (JLD) strongly suggested this species is now nesting in the Owens Valley. An imm. Mississippi Kite flying S down Pt. Loma Sept. 21 (GMCC) was the first to be found in s. California in fall. An imm. Bald Eagle, now very rare on the immediate coast, was at Pt. Mugu Nov. 17 (CDB). A Red-shouldered Hawk at Iron Mountain Pump Station in s.e. San Bernardino County Sept. 25 (WDW) was far out of range. The only Broad-winged Hawks found were one (dark phase) over Morro Bay S.P., Oct. 7 (JA), and single immatures at Cambria Oct. 15 (JLD), Los Osos Nov. 2 (KLG), Goleta Sept. 28 (PEL), and flying S over Pt. Loma Oct. 6 (LS). A Swainson's Hawk over Santa Barbara Aug. 23 (LB) and another near Imperial Beach Sept. 29 (EC) were along

the coast where now exceptionally rare. A "Harlan's" Red-tailed Hawk, casual to accidental in s. California, was at Big Pine Nov. 10+ (TW). A Ferruginous Hawk migrating S with a flock of Swainson's Hawks near Bakersfield Sept. 2 (MOC) was very early. A Rough-legged Hawk migrating down Pt. Loma Nov. 20 (DP) and another hunting over the Silver Strand State Beach in Coronado Nov. 24 (EC) were far s. and on the coast where rare.

SHOREBIRDS THROUGH ALCIDS — Single Lesser Golden-Plovers at Tulare L., Kern Co., Sept. 28 (MH) and Oct. 5 (RS) were the only ones found inland; 30± along the coast between Sept. 1 and Nov. 27 was about average. A Mountain Plover on the beach at Morro Bay Oct. 15 (LT) was in atypical habitat. Nineteen Black Oystercatchers on the Long Beach/Los Angeles Harbor breakwater Oct. 11 (LRH) was an exceptional concentration for this locality. A juv. **Spotted Redshank** near Santa Maria



Juvenile Spotted Redshank near Santa Maria, Cal., Oct. 25, 1985. Photo/Paul Lehman.

Oct. 25 (LB, ph.) was the 3rd ever to be found in California. A Solitary Sandpiper in Encino Oct. 17 (CF) was late. Ten Ruddy Turnstones at various localities on the Salton Sea Aug. 3-24, and single birds at Lancaster in the Antelope Valley Aug. 3 & 26 (BWK), were inland. An ad. Surf-bird at Salton City Aug. 25 (JLD) was the first to be found inland in fall. A Red Knot on L. Isabella, Kern Co., Aug. 15 (SAL), two on Tulare L., Aug. 3-4 (JWi), and another near Lancaster Sept. 16-17 (PS) were the only ones found inland away from the Salton Sea. A Sanderling, rare inland away from the Salton Sea, was near Lancaster Aug. 3 (BWK) and another was on L. Isabella Aug. 22 (SAL). Fifteen juv. Semipalmated Sandpipers between Aug. 8 and Sept. 17 were fewer than expected. A flock of 92 Baird's Sandpipers on L. Henshaw Sept. 2 (RH) was an unusually large concentration, and one at S.C.R.M., Nov. 1 (JSR) was exceptionally late.

Single Pectoral Sandpipers at S.E.S.S., Sept. 3 & 4 (DAS) were in an area of California where the species is unexplainably rare. A juv. Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, casual in s. California, was near Santa Maria Oct. 20 (TW). A Rock Sandpiper at Avila Beach Nov. 18 (TME) was at the s. extreme of the species' winter range. A Stilt Sandpiper at Tulare L., Aug. 18 (JWi) was the only one found inland away from S.E.S.S., and single birds near Santa Maria Sept. 6 (JML) and Anaheim Aug. 31 (DRW) along with three at Bolsa Chica Sept. 12 (LRH) and four on San Elijo Lagoon Sept. 2 (REW) were along the coast where rare. A Buff-breasted Sandpiper, casual in California, was near Lancaster Sept. 7-11 (NBB, ph.) and two more were near Imperial Beach Sept. 11 (EC). The ♂ Ruff found near Imperial Beach July 28 remained through the period (EC) and was the only one known to be present in the Region this fall. A Red Phalarope at Baker Oct. 13 (BED) was far inland.



Buff-breasted Sandpiper near Lancaster, Los Angeles Co., Cal., Sept. 10, 1985. Photo/Robert McKernan.

At least 10 Parasitic Jaegers were found inland at various points around the Salton Sea between Aug. 31 and Sept. 29 and another flew over the "Condor Lookout" along the Mil Potrero Highway near Mt. Abel Aug. 31 (EJ). A juv. Long-tailed Jaeger found dead at S.E.S.S., Sept. 5 (REM, *S.D.N.H.M.) and another juvenile near Lancaster Sept. 7-11 (AS) were both inland where



Juvenile Long-tailed Jaeger near Lancaster, Los Angeles Co., Cal., Sept. 11, 1985. Photo/Jon L. Dunn.

considered casual to accidental. The only S. Polar Skuas found were two off Morro Bay Sept. 28 (KH), four in the area of the San Juan Seamount Aug. 22-23 (JLD), and one off Pt. Conception Sept. 14 (JO). A young Franklin's Gull in Anaheim Oct. 6 (DRW) was the only fall transient found; single birds at S.E.S.S., Aug. 10 (JLD) and N.E.S.S., Aug. 16 (BWK) probably summered locally. A subad. Heermann's Gull, casual inland, was at S.E.S.S., Aug. 17-Sept. 3 (GMCC). A juv. Thayer's Gull at Salton City Sept. 29 (GMCC) was very early. A W. Gull at N.E.S.S., Sept. 21-29 (BED) and at least five at Salton City between Sept. 29 and Nov. 28 (GMCC, DAS) were far inland where considered accidental. A one-year-old Sabine's Gull at N.E.S.S., Aug. 7-9 (BD) and a juvenile near Palm Springs Sept. 16 (BCa) were inland, and two at Pismo Beach Nov. 9-10 (CMW) were late. Two Least Terns were found inland at S.E.S.S., Aug. 31 (REW). A Black Skimmer in Goleta Aug. 23-24 (CDB) was quite far north.

Small numbers of Craveri's Murrelets were present along the coast during August and September as indicated by four off San Diego Sept. 7 (GMCC), two near San Miguel I., Sept. 15 (TW),

one in Santa Barbara harbor Sept. 16 (CDB), a sick bird in Morro Bay Aug. 18 (GPS), and 15 off Morro Bay Sept. 28 (TME). An Ancient Murrelet off Pt. Loma Nov. 18 (REW) was quite far south.

DOVES THROUGH WOODPECKERS — Single White-winged Doves on San Nicholas I., Aug. 19 (TM), near Santa Maria Aug. 24 (BS), and in San Simeon Oct. 27 (TME) were the northernmost of 15 found along the coast. An Inca Dove at Iron Mountain Pump Station Oct. 23 (WDW) was at an unusual locality. A Com. Ground-Dove nest with eggs near Fillmore Sept. 11 (KS) provided the first breeding record for Ventura County, and the presence of up to three in Carpinteria Sept. 17-Nov. 19 (TW) along with single birds in Goleta Aug. 18 (A & JC) and Santa Barbara Sept. 1-3 (AP) suggested the species is attempting to extend its range northward into Santa Barbara County. Totally unexpected was a ♀ **Ruddy Ground-Dove** at Iron Mountain Pump Station Oct. 9 (WDW, ph.); a male present at this location last fall (AB 39:103) is felt to have been a N wandering vagrant rather than an escapee.

A Yellow-billed Cuckoo, now exceedingly rare on the coast of California, was near Imperial Beach Aug. 18 (JO). A Long-eared Owl in Gaviota Oct. 6 (GTo) and a N. Saw-whet Owl at Deep Springs Oct. 16 (DAS) were both at unusual localities. A Black Swift over Carpinteria Sept. 26 (LRB) and another over Pt. Loma Aug. 23 (REW) were the only ones reported from along the coast this fall. A migrant flock of 3000 Vaux's Swifts over Burbank Oct. 20 (KLG) was a little late considering the number involved. An imm. ♂ Broad-billed Hummingbird, a casual stray to s. California, was in Goleta Oct. 16-25 (MN) and another was at San Marcos Pass above Santa Barbara Nov. 3-5 (J & GH).

Lewis' Woodpeckers were virtually non-existent this fall, but one was at the remote Iron Mountain Pump Station Oct. 16 (WDW). Single Acorn Woodpeckers in Mojave, Kern Co., Aug. 31 (MH) and nearby California City Sept. 13 (MH) were well out of range. An imm. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker at Santa Ysabel Oct. 19 (CGE) was the only one reported. A Downy Woodpecker near Imperial Beach Aug. 25 (EC) was at the s.w. extreme of the species' range. A White-headed Woodpecker near Mojave Sept. 22 (JWi) was at a most unusual location.

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH SHRIKES — Single W. Woodpeewees at Los Osos Oct. 19 (JH) and in Huntington Beach Oct. 22 (LRH) were very late. The only Least Flycatcher found this fall was one on Pt. Loma Sept. 10 (REW). An E. Phoebe, a rare vagrant to California, was in Carpinteria Oct. 19-20 (BDP) and another was on Pt. Loma Nov. 5-13 (REW). A Vermilion Flycatcher at F.C.R., Oct. 12-13 (BED) and another in nearby Death Valley Junction Oct. 13 (JO) were quite far n., and single birds near Imperial Beach Oct. 12 (CGE), on Pt. Loma Oct. 4-5 (REW), in Ventura Oct. 31+ (RJ), and in Goleta Nov. 5+ (CDB) were along the coast where now very rare. A Great Crested Flycatcher, a casual vagrant to California, was in Doheny State Beach Sept. 30 (DRW). A young Brown-crested Flycatcher in San Pedro Aug. 24-Sept. 7 (JLD) was only the 3rd ever found along the California coast. A Tropical Kingbird in the San Joaquin Marsh of Orange County Sept. 14 (DRW) was, remarkably, the only one found in s. California this fall. A **Thick-billed Kingbird** in Peter's Canyon near Tustin Oct. 26+ (TW) was evidently the same bird that spent the past 3 winters at this location. Five E. Kingbirds were found with an early individual on Santa Cruz I., Aug. 11 (MAR), three in Santa Barbara between Aug. 30 and Sept. 21 (LB, HR), and the 5th inland at Thousand Palms Oasis Oct. 3 (RMCK). An ad. Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, a casual straggler to California, was near Lompoc Sept. 6-Oct. 13 (BB).

A Chestnut-backed Chickadee in Goleta Sept. 6 (KB) was significantly s. of the species' range, but was the 2nd to have been found in this area. Two Winter Wrens on Mt. Pinos Aug. 27 (JLD) and another in Mojave Sept. 2 (MH) were very early migrants, and one on Pt. Loma Nov. 13 (REW) was quite far south. An Am. Dipper in Malibu Canyon Nov. 24+ (KLG) and



Scissor-tailed Flycatcher near Lompoc, Cal., Sept. 11, 1985.
Photo/Paul Lehman.

two in Whitewater Canyon, Riverside Co., Oct. 2+ (DCH) were at unusual localities. A Bendire's Thrasher near Lancaster Oct. 12 (FH), the only one found this fall, was in an unexpected area. A calling imm. **White/Black-backed wagtail** seen well in flight when flushed from the San Joaquin Marsh, Orange Co., Oct. 27 (JBo) was the fourth such bird found in s. California during fall and early winter. A Red-throated Pipit, very rare along the coast during October, was near Imperial Beach Oct. 6-11 (GMcC), and another at F.C.R., Oct. 5 (JLA) provided our first inland record. An imm. N. Shrike at Oasis Nov. 10 (SM) was in the extreme n.e. corner of the Region where one or two occur most years.

VIREOS, WOOD WARBLERS — A Bell's Vireo at Oceano Sept. 11 (CM) was the first to be found in San Luis Obispo County in recent years and one in Huntington Beach Sept. 7+ (BED) appeared to be settled for the winter. A Solitary Vireo in Carpinteria Sept. 30-Oct. 5 (PEL) and another there Nov. 1 (LRB) were both felt to be of the nominate form *solitarius*; at least 10 gray birds of the Great Basin form *plumbeus* were found along the coast during October. Three Yellow-throated Vireos, casual vagrants to California, were found with one in Santa Barbara Oct. 1 (HR), another in Huntington Beach Sept. 26-28 (BED), and the 3rd on Pt. Loma Nov. 13-20 (D & MH). The only Philadelphia Vireo found this fall was in Oceano Sept. 18 (JAJ). Single Red-eyed Vireos were found in Carpinteria Aug. 22-24 (KB) and Sept. 30 (JLD), and a 3rd was in Goleta Sept. 29-30 (CDB).

A Tennessee Warbler at the Kern R. Preserve above L. Isabella Aug. 17 (SAL) was exceptionally early for a fall migrant. A Lucy's Warbler near Otay Aug. 18 (GMcC) and one to two near Imperial Beach Aug. 31-Sept. 21 (JO) were along the coast where very rare. A N. Parula at Yucca Valley, San Bernardino Co., Sept. 21 (NBB) and another in Oceano Oct. 19-Nov. 1 (BS) were the only ones found. Six Chestnut-sided Warblers were reported with single birds in Carpinteria Sept. 20-24 (PEL) and Oct. 30 (TW), one near Malibu Sept. 21 (KLG), one in Arcadia Sept. 28 (BCo), another in Huntington Beach Oct. 3 (AS), and the 6th on Pt. Loma Oct. 5 (REW). Magnolia Warblers were commoner than normal with 14 along the coast during October, and single birds inland at Deep Springs Oct. 17 (DAS) and F.C.R., Nov. 9 (SM). Eight Black-throated Blue Warblers at various locations in the Region between Sept. 19 and Nov. 4 was about an average number. A Townsend's Warbler at Deep Springs Aug. 7-8 (JLD) was exceptionally early for a fall migrant. A Black-throated Green Warbler in Carpinteria Oct. 10-13 (JLD) was the only one found. Three of the eight Blackburnian Warblers found along the coast between Sept. 20 and Oct. 28 were together, near Cayucos Oct. 12-16 (GPS)!

A Yellow-throated Warbler, a very rare vagrant to California, was on Pt. Loma Oct. 12 (REW). Three Prairie Warblers were found with one in Oceano Oct. 12-21 (KZ), another in Goleta

Oct. 27-28 (HR), and the 3rd at S.C.R.M., Sept. 15 (JSR). A Palm Warbler on Pt. Loma Oct. 15 (CGE) was a yellow bird from the n.e. population *hypochrysea*. Single Bay-breasted Warblers on Pt. Loma Sept. 29 (REW) and Nov. 20 (CGE) were the only ones found. Thirty Blackpoll Warblers were found along the coast, including an exceptionally late individual in Mission Viejo Nov. 14 (DRW); single birds in California City Sept. 6-8 (JAJ) and at Iron Mountain Pump Station Oct. 30 (WDW) were inland. A Cerulean Warbler in Cambria Oct. 13-15 (JH) was only the 7th found in s. California. Four Prothonotary Warblers were found with one in Cambria Oct. 13-19 (TME), single birds in Carpinteria Sept. 2-18 & 15-21 (LRB), and the 4th in Inglewood Oct. 18 (L & NMCC). An early Worm-eating Warbler in Goleta Aug. 21-22 (TW) was the only one found. Five Ovenbirds along the coast, Aug. 25-Oct. 21, were fewer than normal. A **Louisiana Waterthrush** at Deep Springs Aug. 7 (JLD) was only the 2nd ever found in California, the first having been in Mecca Aug. 17, 1908. A ♂ Kentucky Warbler was in Carpinteria Aug. 22-23 (LB) and a female was inland at Oasis Sept. 15 (AME). A Connecticut Warbler, very rare in California, was in Oceano Oct. 13-14 (BS). Three Mourning Warblers were found with one in Goleta Sept. 26 (PEL), a 2nd on Pt. Loma Oct. 2 (REW), and the 3rd near Imperial Beach Sept. 21 (GMcC). The only Canada Warblers found this fall were one in San Pedro Sept. 28 (DS) and one in Oceano Oct. 13 (BS). Three Painted Redstarts reached the coast with one at Morro Bay S.P., Sept. 18 (WO), another on San Nicholas I., Sept. 25-26 (TM), and the 3rd on Pt. Loma Oct. 17-18 (JWo).

TANAGERS THROUGH FINCHES — A ♂ Hepatic Tanager in Santa Barbara Nov. 16+ (JEL) was evidently the same bird present there during the past 3 winters and another on Pt. Loma Oct. 4+ (GJ) was undoubtedly the same bird present during the past 2 winters. Fifteen Summer Tanagers along the coast during the period was about a normal number. Three Scarlet Tanagers were found with one in Santa Barbara Oct. 6-7 (PWC), another in Ventura Oct. 27 (JSR), and the 3rd on Pt. Loma Nov. 13-16 (REW). Fifteen Rose-breasted Grosbeaks at various localities in the Region Sept. 1-Nov. 8 were somewhat fewer than expected, as were 17 Indigo Buntings Aug. 16-Nov. 10. Five Dickcissels were found along the coast between Sept. 11 and Oct. 5 and a 6th was inland at Kelso Oct. 10 (ALC).

Single Am. Tree Sparrows at Mesquite Springs Nov. 9 (SM), Baker Oct. 20 (EAC), and Nipton Nov. 3 (CMcG) were in the e. portion of the Region where small numbers can be found each fall, but one on Pt. Loma Oct. 25-27 (REW) was on the coast where very rare. Ten Clay-colored Sparrows along the coast Sept. 17-Oct. 23 were fewer than expected. A Black-throated Sparrow in Anaheim Sept. 1 (DRW) and another on Pt. Loma Oct. 5 (REW) were both on the coast where most unusual. The only Lark Bunting found this fall was one in Goleta Sept. 6-7 (HR). Up to 15 Grasshopper Sparrows near Figueroa Mt., Santa Barbara Co., Nov. 16+ (SS) were totally unexpected. Swamp Sparrows were unusually scarce with single birds at F.C.R., Oct. 12-13 (CM), Pismo Beach Nov. 2 (PEL), and Malibu Oct. 27 (HMB) being the only ones found.

Five Harris' Sparrows in the n.e. corner of the Region Oct. 4-Nov. 2 were fewer than expected. A Dark-eyed (Gray-headed) Junco in Santa Barbara Nov. 1-10 (JEL) was one of only a few ever found this far n. on the coast. A McCown's Longspur near Pt. Mugu Oct. 17 (JLD) was on the coast where considered casual. Thirteen Lapland Longspurs were reported from 6 localities including a somewhat early individual in Goleta Oct. 10 (PEL), one at Desert Center Oct. 16 (RMCK), and up to four on the Plano Trabuco, Orange Co., Oct. 20+ (BED). Chestnut-colored Longspurs were exceptionally scarce with seven at Deep Springs Oct. 14-17 (DAS), single birds in Goleta Oct. 17-18 (PEL) and Pt. Mugu Nov. 2 (JSR), and up to three on the Plano Trabuco Oct. 27-Nov. 9 (TW).

Twenty-five Bobolinks along the coast between Sept. 1 and Oct. 27 were fewer than normal, and one at F.C.R., Oct. 20 (DAS) was the only one found inland. A Great-tailed Grackle in

Ventura Nov. 15 (JG) and another in San Diego Aug. 18 (CGE) were both along the coast where casual. Four Orchard Orioles in the Santa Barbara area Sept. 30+ (LRB, JLD) and one in Ventura Sept. 21 (JLD) were the only ones reported. A Red Crossbill in Long Beach Aug. 4 (BED) had undoubtedly summered locally, leaving the two at Mojave Oct. 18 (JWi) as the only "migrants" this fall.

CORRIGENDUM — The ♂ Hooded Warbler reported on San Nicholas I. in "late August" (AB 39:212) was actually present Sept. 5 (TM).

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