

## SOUTHERN PACIFIC COAST REGION

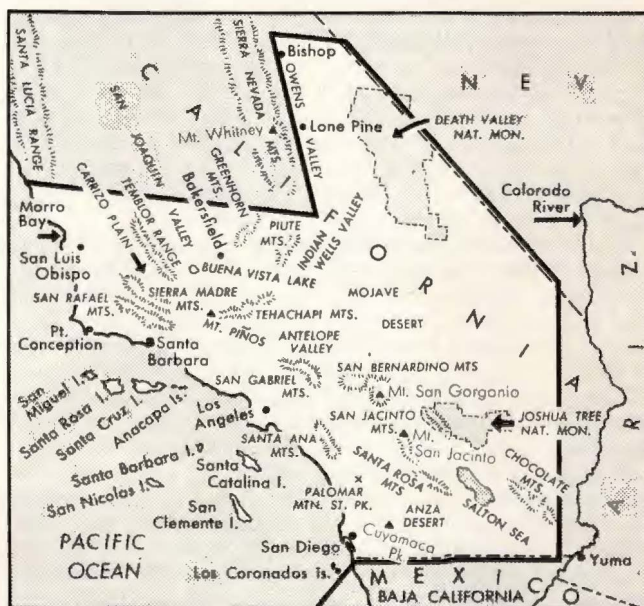
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There were no unusual weather conditions in southern California this fall, the period being drier than normal, and lacking Santa Ana conditions. Numbers of migrant landbirds found along the coast and at inland "migrant traps" were about average and contained enough "vagrants" to maintain most birders' enthusiasm and interest.

**ABBREVIATIONS** — F.C.R. = Furnace Creek Ranch in Death Valley, Inyo Co.; L.A.C.N.H.M. = Los Angeles County Natural History Museum; N.E.S.S. = north end of the Salton Sea, Riverside Co.; S.B.C.M. = San Bernardino County Museum; S.C.R.E. = Santa Clara River Estuary 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 s. 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 STORK** — A Pacific Loon on L. Perris, Riverside Co., Nov. 19 (CMcG) was the only one found inland. Five Com. Loons on L. Palmdale in the Antelope Valley, Los Angeles Co., Sept. 28 (KLG) were early fall migrants, and 16 on L. Cachuma, Santa Barbara Co., Nov. 12 (PEL) was a large number for an inland locality. Eleven Horned Grebes were forced down onto Weist L. near the S.E.S.S., Nov. 17 (RHi) by stormy weather, and 35 on L. Perris Nov. 9 was a high count for an inland locality.

A N. Fulmar off Morro Bay Aug. 5 (MC) had undoubtedly summered locally. Two Flesh-footed Shearwaters, rare in s. California waters, were found off Morro Bay Aug. 13 (MC). A Buller's Shearwater off San Diego Sept. 6 (JO) was in an area where few are found, but one off Ventura Nov. 9 (JSR) and 43 off Morro Bay Sept. 28 (TME) were in waters where the species regularly occurs. A Short-tailed Shearwater off Ventura Nov.



9 (JSR) was the only one identified. A Black Storm-Petrel at N.E.S.S., Sept. 28 (JO'B) was the first ever to be found inland in California. Twelve Least Storm-Petrels off San Diego (some off n. Baja California) Sept. 7 (JLD) were the only ones reported, and based on the amount of time birders spent offshore it was clear that very few, if any, were present n. of San Diego.

A flock of 200 Am. White Pelicans over Dana Pt., Nov. 2 (LRH) was a large number for along the coast, but at the time of the year large numbers are moving S across the eastern part of the Region. Brown Pelican numbers remained higher than normal throughout the period on the Salton Sea, with more



than 50 still present at the end of November (GMCC); large numbers were along the coast during most of the fall, with some impressive concentrations reported, such as the 2500 on the Marina del Rey breakwater Oct. 19 (KLG). The ad. Oliveaceous Cormorant at N.E.S.S. during the summer was last seen Aug. 24 (RHi). The only Magnificent Frigatebird was an immature at S.E.S.S., Aug. 20 (RHi).

An imm. Little Blue Heron in Goleta Aug. 17–Sept. 16 (BA) and another at Bolsa Chica Aug. 17–Sept. 13 (JS) were the only ones found away from s. San Diego Bay, where up to three adults and one immature were present throughout the period. The only Tricolored Heron to be found was a wintering adult in Imperial Beach Nov. 6+ (D & MH). Four Reddish Egrets appeared in the San Diego area with an immature at the mouth of the Tijuana R., Sept. 4+ (CGE) joined by an adult Nov. 8 (GMCC), another adult, the bird known to have spent the past 4 winters on s. San Diego Bay, back Oct. 13+ (NBB), and an immature in Del Mar Nov. 16+ (JO'B), being more than normally expected. The ad. Wood Stork found in the Prado Basin, Riverside Co., in July was present through Aug. 25 (LRH).

**WATERFOWL** — A flock of 38 Fulvous Whistling-Ducks near Brawley Oct. 12 (RHi) was a large number for this day and age. Five Tundra Swans on Morro Bay Nov. 24 (RC), another there Nov. 30 (GPS), and four on L. Cachuma Nov. 22+ (GT) were the only ones reported, and indicate the normal time of arrival of wintering birds in s. California. A flock of 45 Greater White-fronted Geese flying S over Pt. Loma Sept. 29 (REW) was a little early and a large number for along the coast. The "Cackling" Canada Goose is a rare late fall and early winter visitant to s. California, hence three with 125 Canada Geese at Castaic Dam, Los Angeles Co., Nov. 28–29 (JLD), two with 1000 Canada Geese over Encino Nov. 29 (JLD), and seven with 80 Canada Geese in Huntington Beach Nov. 8 (RAH) were all of interest. Two of the endangered "Aleutian" Canada Geese were also with the 125 Canada Geese at Castaic Dam Nov. 28–29 (JLD). A ♂ Eur. Wigeon on Morro Bay Oct. 25–26 (VP) was the earliest to be found this fall, and at least 12 were known to be present in the Region by the end of the period. A ♂ Tufted Duck on Quail L., Los Angeles Co., Nov. 25+ (AS) is believed to be the same bird seen here off and on during the past 8 winters. A Greater Scaup in San Simeon, San Luis Obispo Co., Sept. 12 (TME) had undoubtedly summered locally, one in Santa Barbara Sept. 27–Oct. 8 (PEL) was an exceptionally early fall migrant, and one at F.C.R., Nov. 15–19 (DRW) was at an unusual locality. A ♂ Harlequin Duck at Bolsa Chica Oct. 25+ (CH) was undoubtedly the same bird seen here off and on since December 1984. Up to two Black Scoters, quite rare in recent years, were on Morro Bay Nov. 27+ (GPS) and another was at Pt. Mugu, Ventura Co., Nov. 22 (LB); these were the only ones found. An imm. Surf Scoter at N.E.S.S., Nov. 22 (EAC), another in El Centro Nov. 15 (RHi), and five males on nearby Weist L., Nov. 17 (RHi), along with a White-winged Scoter on L. Perris Nov. 19 (CMCG), were the only scoters found inland.

**RAPTORS** — An imm. Mississippi Kite at Oasis Aug. 30 (GMCC) was only the 4th fall migrant ever to be found in California. An imm. Bald Eagle over the Plano Trabuco, Orange Co., Nov. 29 (CMA) was evidently a migrant moving S close to the coast and was in an area where now considered exceedingly rare. An imm. N. Goshawk in Tecopa Oct. 13 (JT) was in the n.e. corner of the Region where small numbers probably occur each fall and winter. Red-shouldered Hawks are now found annually as post-breeding wanderers at such localities as Deep Springs and F.C.R. in extreme e. Inyo County, and are starting to be found with regularity in the Imperial Valley in s.e. California, with an adult in Brawley Aug. 26+ (RHi), suggesting this species may be expanding its California range eastward. An imm. Broad-winged Hawk over Pt. Loma Sept. 28 (JO'B) was the only one found this fall. A flock of 28 Swainson's Hawks near Bakersfield Sept. 5 (MOC) and six over Redlands Sept. 12 (RMCK) indicate small numbers still pass through this Region during migration, although this is a drastic reduc-

tion in numbers from those encountered 25 years ago; an adult near Pauma Valley, San Diego Co., Nov. 1 (CGE) was not only late, but also along the coastal slope where now considered casual at best. Zone-tailed Hawks were present around the nest site on Hot Springs Mt., San Diego Co., through Aug. 10 (DK), one seen over Vista Sept. 13–25 (CW) was apparently the same bird which has wintered in this area for the past 4 years, and another at the Plano Trabuco Nov. 28+ (JLD) was undoubtedly the same bird present here last winter. A Rough-legged Hawk near S.E.S.S., Nov. 8 (RHi) was far to the south and the only one reported. An ad. Golden Eagle near Brawley Sept. 30–Nov. 4 (RHi) was one of a very few ever to be found in the Imperial Valley.

**CRANES, SHOREBIRDS** — A Sandhill Crane at the Goose L. Ponds near Wasco, Kern Co., Sept. 14 (RHa) was exceptionally early, and 300 were there Oct. 19+ (MOC); 11 near Needles Nov. 12 (TM) were the only others reported away from known wintering localities. With the potential splitting of the Lesser Golden-Plover into two species, more observers are attempting to identify these birds to "race", the gray birds being called *dominica* and the yellow birds *fulva*; however, we still have much to learn about the variation in the plumage coloration of these two "races", and the characters we can rely on to separate them. At least 18 birds considered *dominica* were found along the coast between Sept. 26 and Nov. 28, along with one near Rosamond, Kern Co., Aug. 29 (JLD) and six at S.E.S.S., Oct. 26 (REW) being inland. In addition, 35 birds (including a flock of 22 near Santa Maria, Santa Barbara Co.) felt to be *fulva*, the only form known to winter in California, were at various points along the coast after Sept. 12. Fifty Snowy Plovers at Harper Dry Lake, San Bernardino Co., Oct. 2 (EAC) was a large concentration for an inland locality. A Solitary Sandpiper near Oxnard Oct. 21 (JSR) was late, and another in Tapia Park near Malibu Nov. 20–27 (KLG) was exceptionally late. A Red Knot on the Kern N.W.R., Kern Co., Sept. 14 (MOC) and another near Lancaster, Los Angeles Co., Oct. 4 (J & ES) were the only two found inland away from the Salton Sea. Likewise, a Sanderling near Lancaster Aug. 8 (NBB), four more there Oct. 5 (KLG), and another on nearby L. Palmdale the same day (KLG) were also the only ones found inland away from the Salton Sea. As is now expected there was a movement of juv. Semipalmated Sandpipers through the Region in August and early September with 20± reported between Aug. 4 and Sept. 7; one well-studied near Santa Maria Oct. 30 (PEL) was exceptionally late, the previous latest record being of one in the same area Oct. 19, 1980 (AB 35:226). A Pectoral Sandpiper in Goleta Nov. 9–11 (CDB) was the latest this fall. A juv. Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, a casual straggler to s. California, was on Upper Newport Bay Oct. 13–14 (DD, ph. AS). A Rock Sandpiper at Avila Beach, San Luis Obispo Co., Oct. 31+ (CMA) was un-



Juvenile Sharp-tailed Sandpiper at Upper Newport Bay, Cal., Oct. 14, 1986. Photo/Arnold Small.





Albino dowitcher (probably Long-billed) with a flock of Long-billed Dowitchers near Chino, San Bernardino Co., Cal., Sept. 22, 1986. Photo/Henry Childs.

doubtedly the same bird that was present here last winter. A Stilt Sandpiper in San Luis Obispo Oct. 7 (ph. GPS), up to six at Pt. Mugu, Ventura Co., Oct. 12–Nov. 16 (JSR), and another in Long Beach Aug. 31–Sept. 6 (BN) were all along the coast where considered very rare to casual. A Buff-breasted Sandpiper, very rare in California, was near Imperial Beach Oct. 11 (RM). Ruffs were more numerous than usual with as many as seven near Santa Maria between Aug. 31 and Oct. 17 (DRW, CDB) including four together Oct. 6 (KJZ), one in Anaheim Sept. 5–12 (DRW), one on Batiquitos Lagoon, San Diego Co., Sept. 4–13 (REW), another near Imperial Beach Sept. 13 (GMCC), and the returning male on San Diego Bay Aug. 17+ (JO'B) all being along the coast, and single birds near Norco, San Bernardino Co., Aug. 22 (LRH), at S.E.S.S., Aug. 3 (JO), and in El Centro Nov. 4+ (RHi) being inland. A Com. Snipe near Santa Maria Aug. 2 (GPS) was an early migrant.

**JAEGERS THROUGH ALCIDS** — Up to six Parasitic Jaegers a day were to be seen on the Salton Sea between Sept. 16 and Oct. 27, but the species went unreported anywhere else inland. Three S. Polar Skuas 20 mi off Morro Bay Sept. 28 (JLD) were in an area where probably regular at this time of the year. A Laughing Gull in El Centro Nov. 15–26 (RHi) was quite late. Seven Franklin's Gulls, all first-year birds, along the coast between Santa Maria and Anaheim between Sept. 23 and Nov. 23, along with one more near Lancaster Oct. 4–15 (JKA, ph. SVW), was about average for this time of year. One to two

Heermann's Gulls, casual inland, were at N.E.S.S., Aug. 3–9 (MAP), another was there Sept. 28 (GMCC), and a 4th was at S.E.S.S., Aug. 23–25 (JO'B). A juv. Mew Gull on Pt. Loma Aug. 30 (REW) was remarkably early. A Herring Gull near Santa Maria Sept. 23 (JLD) was the earliest this fall. Unexpected was an ad. **Lesser Black-backed Gull**, only the 3rd ever to be found in California, at N.E.S.S., Sept. 14–Oct. 5 (ph. RHi), and what was felt to be the same bird at S.E.S.S., Oct. 25 (RHi). Western Gulls continue to be found on the Salton Sea, where up until recently considered accidental, with a juvenile photographed at Salton City Aug. 15 (DH), an adult there Sept. 16 (REW), and a first-year bird there Sept. 28–Oct. 3 (GMCC). One or two Glaucous-winged Gulls, rare far inland, were at S.E.S.S., Nov. 2+ (RHi). The Glaucous Gull that spent the summer at N.E.S.S. was still present Nov. 8 (CMA). Three ad. Sabine's Gulls were found inland, where considered casual, with one on the Goose L. Ponds near Wasco Sept. 14 (RHa), another near Lancaster Sept. 21–28 (JLD), and the 3rd on Baldwin L. in the San Bernardino Mts., Aug. 21 (BSK); one off Montana de Oro S.P., Nov. 28 (JSR) was exceptionally late. An Arctic Tern in San Luis Obispo Aug. 13 (ph. GPS) was slightly oiled and another near Santa Maria Sept. 23 (PEL) had a slightly injured wing; a full adult at N.E.S.S., Oct. 3 (REW) provided the first true inland occurrence in s. California in fall. A Black Tern at S.E.S.S., Nov. 2 (GMCC) and another at Dana Pt., Nov. 25 (LRH) were both late. A Black Skimmer in Carpinteria Oct. 12 (JC) was the only one found north of the S.C.R.E.; this species is now



First-winter Franklin's Gull at Santa Barbara, Cal., Oct. 13, 1986. Photo/Paul Lehman.



Ancient Murrelet on Newport Bay, Cal., Nov. 12, 1986. Photo/James Gallagher.



found regularly along the coast at suitable locations north to S.C.R.E., being common around San Diego and Bolsa Chica.

A Pigeon Guillemot in Carpinteria Nov. 5 (PEL) was a little to the south of the species' normal range on the coast, and somewhat late for along the immediate coast, this species evidently moving far out to sea or northward in winter. Two Marbled Murrelets off San Simeon Sept. 13-14 (CMA) and another off nearby Cayucos Nov. 12 (TME) were at the s. limit of the species' range. An Ancient Murrelet in Newport Harbor Nov. 10-12 (DRW, ph. JRG), another at the nearby Newport Pier Nov. 10-23 (CMCG), and a third on San Diego Bay Nov. 26 (D & MH) were all far to the south of the species' normal range.

**DOVES THROUGH WOODPECKERS** — A White-winged Dove in San Simeon Oct. 12 (GPS) was the northernmost of the 15± found along the coast. A Yellow-billed Cuckoo, now casual to accidental on the coast, was in Carpinteria Sept. 18-25 (PEL). A **Groove-billed Ani** near Seeley, Imperial Co., Oct. 25 (PU) was the 3rd ever to be found in California. A recently-dead Flammulated Owl found on a road through the Granite Mts., San Bernardino Co., Oct. 10 (EAC, \*S.B.C.M.) was undoubtedly a migrant, since the location is far from suitable breeding habitat. A Great Horned Owl at Finney L. near S.E.S.S., Aug. 10 (JLD) was felt to be a migrant, because the species is believed extirpated as a nesting bird in the Imperial Valley. Every year a few Com. Poorwills are found away from areas of normal occurrence during October, suggesting October is the peak period for migration, and this year was no exception with 10 reported between Oct. 8 & 25 including one on a shopping center parking lot in W. Los Angeles Oct. 9 (BP), one on the Santa Monica Pier Oct. 23 (KLG), and another in the Brawley Cemetery Oct. 17-19 (PEL). Two Black Swifts over the Prado Basin Aug. 14 (LRH) were the only ones reported. A ♀ Broad-billed Hummingbird, a rare to casual straggler to California, was in Oceanside Sept. 23-24 (TK). A minor influx of Lewis' Woodpeckers moved into s. California as indicated by such concentrations as 15 moving through Oak Springs Valley along the n.e. edge of the San Gabriel Mts., San Bernardino Co., Sept. 29 (WDW), and 15 on W. Big Pine Mt., Santa Barbara Co., Nov. 13 (JS), along with such reports as five in Goleta Sept. 26 (AB), two at Iron Mt. Pump Station in e. San Bernardino Co., Oct. 4 (EAC), and two in Tapia Park near Malibu Oct. 27 (AS).

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With the splitting of the Yellow-bellied Sapsucker and Red-naped Sapsucker, there is increased interest in identifying and reporting birds out of range. Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers are believed to be casual stragglers to California at best, yet five were reported, including adult males near Oxnard Oct. 3 (JSR) and at Morongo Valley Oct. 4 (CMCG), and an immature at F.C.R., Oct. 9 (JLD). However, there are hybrids, and every sapsucker lacking red on the nape may not necessarily be a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. I feel we are going to have to learn exactly what plumage characters are diagnostic before we can report Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers with certainty, and determine their true status in California.

A Red-naped Sapsucker near San Marcos Pass behind Santa Barbara Nov. 5 (SB) and another in Montana de Oro S.P., Oct. 10+ (KJZ) were both a little to the n.w. of the species' normal range in s. California. A ♀ Williamson's Sapsucker at the Schulman Grove in the White Mts., Aug. 7 (JLD) was in an area where breeding is unrecorded, and was therefore considered an early migrant; a female in Kelso, San Bernardino Co., Oct. 5 (EAC, \*S.B.C.M.), another female near Victorville, San Bernardino Co., Oct. 12 (RMCK, \*L.A.C.N.H.M.), and a male on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, Los Angeles Co., Oct. 31-Nov. 8 (AS) were all at most unusual localities. A Downy Woodpecker at Mojave Oct. 10 (JLD) was far out into the desert, but

not as unexpected as the ♀ White-headed Woodpecker at the same location on the same date (JLD).

**FLYCATCHERS THROUGH THRUSHES** — A Greater Pewee in San Diego Nov. 23+ (EC) was undoubtedly the same bird present at this very location all of last winter. A W. Wood-Pewee in Oceano Oct. 18 (BS) was late, and another wood-pewee in nearby Los Osos Oct. 21 (CMA) was possibly an E. Wood-Pewee based on call. A Willow Flycatcher in Huntington Beach Nov. 12-16 (LRH) was exceptionally late. Four Least Flycatchers were found along the coast with single birds in Carpinteria Oct. 16 (JLD), Anaheim Sept. 16-18 (DRW), on Pt. Loma Sept. 27-28 (REW), and in Coronado Oct. 10 (EC) for an average number for fall. Three E. Phoebes, a very rare to casual straggler to California, were reported with one inland in Brawley Oct. 12-14 (RHi), and single birds along the coast at Malibu Oct. 12-Nov. 1 (RS) and Long Beach Oct. 25 (BED). Up to three Vermilion Flycatchers near Imperial Beach Sept. 22+ (DPo) were the only ones found along the coast. Tropical Kingbirds were exceptionally scarce with an exceptionally early bird in Goleta Sept. 5 (HR) followed by another there Oct. 26+ (CDB), one in Santa Barbara Nov. 11-28 (JH), and a 4th at Pt. Mugu Oct. 12 (JSR) being the only ones found. A **Thick-billed Kingbird** near Tustin Nov. 9+ (LRH) was undoubtedly the same bird that had spent the past 4 winters at this location. Six E. Kingbirds were found along the coast with one at Arroyo de la Cruz, San Luis Obispo Co., Aug. 24 (K & JH), another in Gaviota, Santa Barbara Co., Sept. 1 (CDB), single birds in Goleta Sept. 6-13 (MH) and Sept. 16 (RoH), another in Huntington Beach Sept. 10 (JLD), and the 6th at San Elijo Lagoon, San Diego Co., Sept. 28-Oct. 1 (CGE). An ad. Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, a casual straggler to California, near Imperial Beach Aug. 17-Oct. 19 (GMCC) arrived in worn summer plumage, molted into fresh winter plumage, and moved on.

More than the average number of Red-breasted Nuthatches were found in the coastal lowlands and s.e. deserts, indicating a movement of these birds into the Region, with individuals at Morro Bay Aug. 18 (JMcD) and Harper Dry Lake Sept. 3 (EAC) being the earliest. Only a few were still present at the end of the period. Brown Creepers also appeared in the coastal lowlands and s.e. deserts during late October and early November. One of six present around Brawley Nov. 14-19 (RHi) was collected Nov. 19 (PU \*S.D.N.H.M.) and found to be *americanus*, a race not normally found west of Texas in winter, and previously unrecorded in California. A Cactus Wren at Scotty's Castle in Death Valley Oct. 26 (RM) was north of the species' normal range. A slight movement of Winter Wrens brought individuals to the coastal lowlands and desert oases, with one in La Jolla Nov. 18-19 (JM) and another in Whitewater Canyon, Riverside Co., Oct. 18 (DCH) being the southernmost. Golden-crowned Kinglets were also on the move during October and November, getting as far south as the Mexican border along the coast. One at Mojave Sept. 21 (JLD) was a little early for such a locality, and two in Blythe Nov. 9 (AME) along with three to four in Brawley Nov. 1-25 (RHi) were far to the south-east.

Forty-five Mountain Bluebirds on Santa Rosa I., Nov. 11-14 (PWC) and 30 on the Plano Trabuco Nov. 10 (BED) were high numbers for the coast. Four Townsend's Solitaires found around San Diego between Oct. 9 & 22 (EC, REW) were unusual for the immediate coast. A **Gray-cheeked Thrush** seen on Pt. Loma Oct. 1 (REW) was the first ever to be reported in s. California, but disappeared before other interested birders arrived on the scene. A Wood Thrush, casual to accidental in California, was at F.C.R., Nov. 15 (BED, ph. DRW), and was the first to be found inland in California. A scattering of Varied Thrushes brought individuals south to Kelso Oct. 12 (CMCG) and Pt. Loma Nov. 2-6 (B & MMCL).

**THRASHERS THROUGH VIREOS** — A Gray Catbird, a casual straggler to California, was photographed in Tecopa Oct. 3-8 (JT) and another was present on Pt. Loma Oct. 16-23 (REW). A Brown Thrasher in Morongo Valley Nov. 27 (SP) and another



on Pt. Loma Sept. 21 (JRM) were the only ones found this fall. Red-throated Pipits were again found along the coast with the first near Santa Maria Oct. 5–6 (PEL), one in Goleta Oct. 14–15 (TEW), another rather late bird there Nov. 4–15 (PEL), and up to three near Imperial Beach Oct. 14–Nov. 2 (RM). Up to five Sprague's Pipits were found in alfalfa fields just n. of Needles Nov. 2+ (EAC) and another was seen at Brawley Nov. 29 (GMcC); this species is proving to occur regularly in California in small numbers during fall and winter.

A Bell's Vireo in Brawley Nov. 10+ (RM) was apparently wintering at that locality. A Gray Vireo at Harper Dry Lake Sept. 3 (AM) was one of a very few ever to be found away from known breeding localities. A Yellow-throated Vireo, a casual straggler to California, was in Huntington Beach Oct. 23–Nov. 1 (DRW). A Philadelphia Vireo in Carpinteria Oct. 1 (TEW) was the long-awaited first for Santa Barbara County. A Red-eyed Vireo at Morro Bay Sept. 21 (GPS) was the only one reported; this species is certainly scarcer in s. California today than it was 20 years ago.

**WOOD WARBLERS** — This was a better-than-average fall for seeing numbers and variety of wood warblers in s. California, with all the regularly-occurring species being relatively numerous, and a total of 39 species being recorded. Twenty-two Tennessee Warblers along the coast between Sept. 1 and the end of the period was about average, as was 12 Virginia's Warblers in the same area between Aug. 27 and Oct. 5. A Lucy's Warbler in Del Mar Oct. 4 (EM) was the only one found. The summering N. Parula in Santa Barbara remained through Sept. 27 (CDB); single fall vagrants were at Refugio State Beach Oct. 1 (PEL), in Santa Barbara Sept. 17–29 (PEL), near Oxnard Sept. 11 (JSR), in Irvine Oct. 22 (DRW), near Imperial Beach Oct. 15–23 (GMcC), and inland near Blythe Nov. 28–29 (PEL) and at Brock Ranch, Imperial Co., Nov. 28 (RMCK), and an exceptionally long-staying bird was in Oceano Aug. 3+ (BS). Seven Chestnut-sided Warblers were found along the coast between Sept. 7 and Oct. 25 and an 8th was inland at Brock Ranch Nov. 30 (RMCK); one in Brawley Nov. 9+ (CMA) was undoubtedly the same bird found wintering here a year ago. Single Magnolia Warblers were at Oceano Sept. 5–6 (TME), in Santa Barbara Sept. 21–29 (PEL), in Huntington Beach Sept. 9–10 (LRH), on Pt. Loma Sept. 5 & 28 (REW) and Oct. 12 (BED), and inland at Seeley Oct. 25 (RHi). A ♂ Cape May Warbler, a species that has become remarkably scarce in California during the past 5 years, was in Tapia Park near Malibu Oct. 26 (CB). Three Black-throated Blue Warblers were found with a male near Tecopa Oct. 18 (DG), a female in Yucca Valley Oct. 7 (CMcG), and another female in Huntington Beach Oct. 15–31 (BED). Seven Black-throated Green Warblers were more than expected with one in Los Osos Oct. 10–Nov. 1 (TME) and six around San Diego between Sept. 22 and Oct. 25.

Seven Blackburnian Warblers were found with single birds in Oceano Oct. 5–12 (CMA), in Santa Barbara Oct. 6 (JLD), near Oxnard Sept. 28–Oct. 1 (TEW), in Tapia Park Nov. 15–23 (NBB), on Pt. Loma Sept. 6 (REW), and near Imperial Beach Oct. 12 (REW) and Oct. 15–23 (FB). A Yellow-throated Warbler, one of the rarer vagrants to reach California, was in Montana de Oro S.P., Sept. 7–8 (TME) and another was at Torrey Pines S.P. near San Diego Oct. 8–9 (JO'B). It was certainly an exceptional fall for Pine Warblers with a female in Montana de Oro S.P., Oct. 26–27 (TME), a male at Gaviota Oct. 30 (PEL), a female there Nov. 1 (TEW), a male near Imperial Beach Oct. 15 (GMcC), and a male and female together there Nov. 8 (EC), to give us an unprecedented six individuals. Six Prairie Warblers were found with single birds in Morro Bay S.P., Sept. 3 (TME) & 10 (GPS), one at Montana de Oro S.P., Sept. 5–9 (GPS), another in Oceano Oct. 13 (SF), and one on Pt. Loma Sept. 2–5 (REW) being along the coast, and the 6th being inland at L. Palmdale Sept. 28 (KLG). Twenty-seven Palm Warblers were found along the coast after Sept. 26, and three more were seen inland, where much rarer, with one at Panamint Springs, Inyo Co., Oct. 26 (GMcC), another at S.E.S.S., Oct. 11 (RHi), and the 3rd in Brawley Oct. 22 (RHi). A Bay-breasted Warbler in Oceano Oct. 17–

18 (WC) was the only one found. Blackpoll Warblers were also quite numerous with 35± along the coast between Sept. 9 and Oct. 25, and three more inland, with very early birds at Deep Springs, Inyo Co., Aug. 30 (GMcC) and California City, Kern Co., Sept. 1 (JWi), and the third also in California City Sept. 21 (NBB). A Cerulean Warbler on Pt. Loma Sept. 13 (REW) was only the 8th ever to be found in s. California.

Single Prothonotary Warblers, casual vagrants to California, were at Oceano Oct. 17–22 (KJZ), in Long Beach Oct. 16–25 (BED), on Pt. Loma Sept. 20–21 (REW), and near Imperial Beach Oct. 22 (JWa). The only Ovenbirds reported were a dead bird near Santa Maria Sept. 29 (MB), single birds on Pt. Loma Oct. 12–14 (DPA) & 26 (MAP), and a 4th inland at F.C.R., Oct. 26 (GMcC). A ♀ Kentucky Warbler in La Crescenta, Los Angeles Co., Sept. 11–Oct. 18 (CMu) was the 23rd to be found in s. California. Two Mourning Warblers were reported with one at Montana de Oro S.P., Sept. 7 (JMcD) and the other near Oxnard Sept. 27 (AS), there now being 23 records for this species in s. California. A ♀ Hooded Warbler, rarer in fall than in spring, was in Del Mar Oct. 11–13 (RM). A Canada Warbler, another of the rarer vagrants to reach California, was in Montana de Oro S.P., Sept. 14–17 (GPS), another was in Oceano Sept. 5 (CDB), a 3rd was at Gaviota Oct. 17–20 (EAC), a 4th was accompanying the Hooded Warbler in Del Mar Oct. 10–13 (EM), and a 5th was in nearby La Jolla Oct. 23 (JO'B). A Painted Redstart, always a colorful find, was at Torrey Pines S.P., Oct. 6 (SW), single birds were on Pt. Loma Sept. 1 (FD) and Sept. 29–30 (CGE), and a 4th was inland at Morongo Valley Oct. 7–9 (SVW).

**TANAGERS THROUGH LONGSPURS** — A ♀ Hepatic Tanager in Irvine Nov. 17+ (DRW) was undoubtedly the same bird found at this location during the past 2 winters. Fifteen or so Summer Tanagers along the coast was about average; one in California City Nov. 16 (ph. JWi), a female in Brawley Nov. 10 (GMcC), and a male there Nov. 14 (RHi) furnished interesting records from inland. A Scarlet Tanager, very rare in s. California, was on the Palos Verdes Peninsula Oct. 30–Nov. 1 (BED), another was in Del Mar Oct. 11 (JO'B), one was on Pt. Loma Oct. 19 (REW), and a 4th was inland at Thousand Palms Oasis Oct. 3 (JLD). Twenty-five or so Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were reported from along the coast, but one at F.C.R., Oct. 9 (JLD) was the only one found inland. Indigo Buntings were scarcer than usual with only eight reported. A Painted Bunting, casual to accidental in California, was at Gaviota Sept. 1 (CDB) and a second was found on San Clemente I., Sept. 9 (LS). Four Dickcissels, rarer today than 20 years ago, were found, with single birds in Goleta Sept. 26–27 (PEL), Oct. 1–3 (JLD), and Oct. 15 (JLD), and the 4th on Pt. Loma Oct. 4–7 (FD).

The only Am. Tree Sparrow found this fall was one Nov. 15 at F.C.R. (BED), an area where small numbers undoubtedly occur regularly. Ten Clay-colored Sparrows along the coast between Oct. 4 and Nov. 8 was about average, but one at Scotty's Castle in Death Valley Aug. 31 (GMcC) was exceptionally early, and another at nearby Mesquite Springs Oct. 26 (JO'B) was the only other one found inland. A Black-throated Sparrow in Carpinteria Sept. 10 (PEL) and another near Malibu Oct. 27 (MCL) were along the coast where considered casual, and one at Finney L. near S.E.S.S., Aug. 10 (JLD) was in an area where very few have been found. The only Lark Buntings reported were one near Blythe Nov. 29 (PEL) and another on San Clemente I., Sept. 9 (ph. LS). Single Grasshopper Sparrows in Goleta Sept. 14 (HR) and Oct. 24 (PEL), a 3rd on Pt. Loma Oct. 30–31 (REW), and a 4th near Blythe Nov. 29 (PEL) were away from known nesting localities. A Sharp-tailed Sparrow, very rare in California, was at Morro Bay S.P., Nov. 2 (LT). Only seven Swamp Sparrows were reported, all in November. Up to seven Harris' Sparrows were present at F.C.R., Oct. 9–Nov. 29, but one near Lancaster Nov. 14 (NBB) was the only one found away from Furnace Creek Ranch. A McCown's Longspur on the Plano Trabuco Nov. 28+ (JLD) was the first to be found in Orange County. The only Lapland Longspurs found this fall





Summer Tanager at California City, Cal., Nov. 16, 1986. Note that this fresh-plumaged bird, seen from this angle, shows a faint suggestion of wing-bars. Photo/John Wilson.

were single birds near Santa Maria Nov. 2 (PEL) and in Goleta Nov. 4-5 (PEL), two near Oxnard Nov. 2-16 (JSR), and up to two on the Plano Trabuco Nov. 28+ (JLD) along the coast, and single birds inland at F.C.R., Nov. 19 (JLD) and near S.E.S.S., Nov. 20 (RHi). Chestnut-collared Longspurs were relatively scarce with one near Oxnard Nov. 2-16 (JSR), up to eight on the Plano Trabuco Nov. 10+ (BED), one near Needles Nov. 16 (BED), and two in Baker Oct. 12 (EAC) being the only ones reported.

**BLACKBIRDS, FINCHES** — Thirty Bobolinks along the coast between Aug. 28 and Oct. 27 were far fewer than expected. A ♀ Rusty Blackbird in California City Nov. 15-19 (MOC, ph. JW) was the only one found. Six different Great-tailed Grackles were found along the coast, indicating this species is still expanding its range, and one near Lancaster Nov. 11 (CY) was the first to be found in that area. Up to five Bronzed Cowbirds in Brawley Aug. 1-25 (RHi) supported the idea that this species is a regular summer visitor to the Imperial Valley. Single Orchard Orioles, rare but regular stragglers to California, were in Goleta Sept. 13 & 29-30 (CDB), one was in Irvine Nov. 22 (RAH), another was on Pt. Loma Sept. 30 (REW), and a male was found inland in Baker Oct. 12 (CMcG).

The presence of up to 15 Purple Finches in Brawley Aug. 28+ (RHi) suggested small numbers moved into the lowlands of s.e. California. Single Cassin's Finches in California City Oct. 10 (RAE), near Seeley Nov. 9 (CMA), and in Brawley Nov. 10-14 (RHi) were probably associated with the movement of Purple Finches, and 17 on Figueroa Mt. near Santa Barbara Nov. 9 (PEL) was a large number for that locality. Two Red Crossbills on Figueroa Mt., Nov. 9 (PEL) were the only ones reported. Evening Grosbeaks moved into the s. California mountains in large numbers as indicated by such reports as 120 on Piute Mt., Kern Co., Nov. 22 (AS), 450+ on Mt. Pinos Nov. 19 (JLD), 30 at Big Bear in the San Bernardino Mts., Nov. 23 (DRW), and 25± on Figueroa Mt., Nov. 9-15 (PEL); however, the first to arrive were single birds on the high desert at Baker, Kelso, and L. Palmdale, all on Oct. 5 (EAC, KLG), with up to five found at similar localities through November to as far south as Whitewater Canyon (one Nov. 23—DCH); single birds near Malibu Oct. 12 (KLG) and Nov. 16 (KLG), one in San Pedro Oct. 15 (KLG), and another on Pt. Loma Nov. 13 (REW) were the only ones found along the coast.

**ADDENDA** — An ad. N. Goshawk in an area of open chaparral at 4500 ft near Madulce Peak, Santa Barbara Co., Feb. 1, 1985 (JS) was far from the nearest known nesting locality. A singing ♂ Red-

eyed Vireo near Palo Verde, Imperial Co., June 21, 1986 (Steve Laymore) was a late spring vagrant at an unexpected locality. A Lapland Longspur near Madulce Peak Mar. 14, 1985 (JS) was at a most unusual locality.

**CORRIGENDA** — The 27 Pomarine Jaegers at the N.E.S.S. last spring (AB 40:524) were seen May 4, not Apr. 5. Photographs of the "Hooded Warbler" in California City May 24 (AB 40:525) clearly show the bird to be a Wilson's Warbler, thus casting doubt on the correct identity of the May 11th bird; hence, both sightings must be deleted.

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