

# MIDDLE PACIFIC COAST REGION

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The season was generally unremarkable. Vagrant production was probably on the low side of average on the central and southern coasts but was very good on the north coast by local standards. The continued flow of significant nesting records produced by several ongoing county atlas projects is appreciated.

Birders searching for vagrants at traditional migrant traps on the coast in June have long realized that many common species, as well, do not recognize the American Birds cutoff of May 31 as the end to all migration. This year late migrant reports came from the length and breadth of the Region but concentrated on the coast and in the Central Valley, also our human population centers. The following species were all reported as migrants in the first nine days of June except where noted: Black Swift (to May 29), Olive-sided Flycatcher, Western Wood-Pewee, Willow Flycatcher (see below), Hammond's Flycatcher, Dusky Flycatcher (to May 31), "Western" Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Swainson's Thrush, Cedar Waxwing (to May 29), Warbling Vireo, Nashville Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Townsend's Warbler (June 12 in Mono County, June 16 in Humboldt County), Hermit Warbler (to May 26), MacGillivray's Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Black-headed Grosbeak, and Savannah Sparrow.

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**ABBREVIATIONS** — C.A.S. = California Academy of Sciences; C.B.R.C. = California Bird Records Committee; C.C.R.S. = Coyote Creek Riparian banding Station, Santa Clara County; C.V. = Central Valley; F.I. = S.E. Farallon I.; S.F. = San Francisco; ph. = photo on file with Regional Editors. Place names in *italics* are counties. All records from F.I. and Palomarin banding stations should be credited to Point Reyes Bird Observatory (P.R.B.O.).

**LOONS TO FRIGATEBIRDS** — A basic-plumaged Red-throated Loon far inland at Bridgeport Res., Mono, June 12 was joined by another by July 25 (PJM). Equally far inland was a breeding-plumaged Pacific Loon on L. Tahoe at Tahoe City July 1 (tGMCC). A basic-plumaged Pacific Loon on Calaveras Res., Santa Clara, June 1 (M. Seibert) was closer to the coast but still unusual. Over 250 Pacifics on Drakes Bay, Marin, June 11 & 18 (MJL, JM) represented a large group for summer. A Horned Grebe in mixed plumage at Charleston Slough, Santa Clara, June 3 (MRo) may have been a very tardy straggler, but a breeding-plumaged individual on Tule L., Modoc, July 3 (SFB) was at a potential breeding location. Grebe nesting continued to be disrupted by low lake levels in several counties from Monterey to the Great Basin.

A foreign factory fishing fleet offshore Humboldt Bay concentrated 1000 Black-footed Albatrosses and 10,000 Sooty Shearwaters June 11 (SWH, GSL). A Wilson's Storm-Petrel 21 mi w.s.w. of Pt. Reyes June 10 (tPP, P.R.B.O.) was early, and a Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel one mi n.n.e. of N. Farallon I., San Francisco, June 12 was "suspicious" (P.R.B.O.). Possibly this

is the origin of the summer birds at Cordell Bank (AB 40:1249).

Probably reflecting the continuing but decreasing drought, Am. White Pelicans were again unusually widespread, early returning, and/or present through the spring and summer away from breeding areas. These trends were seen also in 1985, 1987, and 1988, being strongest in 1988. Two or three **Brown Pelicans** in Mono were the first confirmed east of the Sierra in our Region. One (age not reported) was at Negit Islets, Mono L., July 3–5 (J. Dierks, m.ob.). A weak immature beside the road in Lundy Canyon July 16 was reportedly carried to the Lee Vining Ranger Station later that day (WDS). An adult roosted with Am. White Pelicans at Bridgeport Res. July 25 & 29 (PJM, +ES). On June 17 there were 125 Double-crested Cormorant nests on Knight I., Solano, and 9 nests on Russ I., Napa (RLCL, V. Coburn). At least 12 nests of this species on power towers beside the San Mateo Bridge July 23 (PJM, SFB) established the 2nd recorded breeding for San Mateo. The previous record was on the coast at Devil's Slide in 1940 (fide PJM). A ♀ Magnificent Frigatebird soared with hang gliders over Waddell Cr., Santa Cruz, June 25 (GJS, fide RSTh).

**HERONS TO WATERFOWL** — A Least Bittern was calling at Little Chico Cr., Butte, June 30 (JHS). We have averaged fewer than 2 reports a year during the past 6 years from known areas of breeding in the C.V. and Great Basin. While the birds are secretive, efforts should be made to detect whether their already greatly reduced numbers are dwindling further. Twenty active Snowy Egret nests at Modoc N.W.R. June 19 (ECKB) represented a nesting first for the refuge. As usual, three to four Little Blue Herons were reported from Santa Clara. However, most intriguing was the interspecific marriage between a Little Blue Heron and a Cattle Egret at Colusa N.W.R. June 12–July 25 (tph. S. Berendzen). The pair laid 4 eggs, hatched 3, and fledged two hybrids! This chance mating may have been stimulated by the estimated 80 nesting pairs of Cattle Egrets observed at the refuge during the Period (S. Berendzen), which is by far their highest Regional total away from the s. San Joaquin Valley. Attempted hybridization between these two species appears to be previously unknown.

The Mono Basin had its 2nd nesting of Black-crowned Night-Herons in one year and 3rd overall: Negit Islets, Mono L. July 4 (J. Dierks). White-faced Ibises continued to stake claims in the Region as they provided first nesting records for Modoc N.W.R. and Sierra Valley Marsh, Plumas: 30 nests June 19 at the former (ECKB), and several nests with about 100 birds present June 10 (tMBG et al.) & 17 (WDS, DnB) at the latter.

Summering swans and white geese are always rare and not seen annually, especially if presumed healthy as were the following: single Tundra Swans at Modoc N.W.R. July 1–4 (SFB, CGR) and Tule Lake N.W.R. July 3 (SFB), and two at L. Almanor, Plumas, July 4 (SFB); single Ross' Geese at Tule Lake N.W.R. July 3 and Lower Klamath N.W.R. July 3 (both SFB).

Ducks oversummering and those pushing the boundaries of their breeding ranges are always noteworthy, especially in light of our recent drought and man's constant negative impact on suitable nesting habitat. A summary of some follows. A ♂ Green-winged Teal summered at the Bolinas sewage ponds, Marin, June 25–early August (WDS). A family of N. Pintails at the Martinez sewer ponds June 22 (KGH) constituted Contra Costa's first nesting record. A rarely reported ♂ Gadwall x Mallard was found at the Stockton sewage ponds June 3 (tDGY). An Am. Wigeon at Mono L. June 11 (PJM) was a first in summer for the Mono Basin.

Canvasback bred for the first time in Santa Clara, with a pair and two young found at Guadalupe Slough June 16 (T. Espersen, S. Formenti). Only three additional birds were found summering away from the Great Basin. The brood of Redheads at the Sunnyvale sewer ponds July 22 (PJM) was Santa Clara's first since 1984. A female at the Eel River W.A..

Humboldt, May 30–June 11 (JCS) furnished one of few summer records for the n. coast. Three ♂ Ring-necked Ducks at Bridgeport, Mono, June 6 provided the Mono Basin's 3rd summer record, while 12 Lesser Scaup at Mono L. June 10 suggested breeding there as in 1987 (both PJM). A flightless ♀ Hooded Merganser was at Tahoe City July 2 (GMCC); summer records for the Region are few.

**RAPTORS** — The pair of Ospreys that had nested unsuccessfully for 5 years on the South Tufas of Mono L. finally raised two fledglings this year (R. Potashin, m.ob.). Obviously they caught their fish elsewhere. Sharp-shinned Hawks were inferred or suspected to be nesting at several new sites in Monterey (DR, RFT, RER), as well as in Tilden Park, Contreras Costa (JM). An ad. Cooper's Hawk with three nestlings on Woodley I., Eureka, July 10 (RAE, M. Morris) established the first coastal nesting record for Humboldt. An ad. Red-shouldered Hawk at Mono L. County Park July 16 (WDS) was the first in midsummer in Mono. A newspaper report discussing raptor mortality owing to windmills in the Altamont Wind Farm, Alameda, listed 29 Golden Eagles and one Bald Eagle in the past year, but did not touch on the more common raptors which should also have been impacted (fide ALE, GFB).

**PHEASANT TO SHOREBIRDS** — No viable population of Ring-necked Pheasant is known in Humboldt, so a male at Samoa Dunes Recreational Area June 7–17 (RAE et al.) was strutting his stuff in vain, and falls in that county's "not established" category.

Our only Lesser Golden-Plover report was of an alternate-plumaged *dominica* at the Davis sewer ponds, Yolo, July 19–26 (TCo et al.). A non-breeding-plumaged Semipalmated Plover at the Stockton sewage ponds June 8–30 (DGY) was our first definite summering individual from the interior. Apparently the first nesting Snowy Plovers for Napa were on Little I. June 17 (RbL, V. Coburn). There was no mention of their success.

Surprisingly, no June Willets were found in Humboldt/Del Norte (RAE, GSL), while one made a rare mountain stop at L. Forrest, Placer, July 2 (GMCC) and 10 juveniles at the Stockton sewage ponds July 28 (DGY) made a fairly high C.V. count. Spotted Sandpiper was added to Santa Clara's nesting list as active nests were found at Anderson Res. June 10–29 (E. Curtis) and the Pajaro R. at Hwy 101 July 24 (DLSu). A Marbled Godwit at Crowley L. July 25 (PJM) was a Mono Basin rarity, while five Ruddy Turnstones in late July from the interior were also noteworthy. A single Red Knot at Mono L. July 24 (PJM) was interesting, but 100–125 summering at the Hayward Regional Shoreline, Alameda, June 17–July 1 (RJR) was an unprecedented number.

Two ad. Semipalmated Sandpipers hit the n. coast July 9–12 while four juveniles appeared July 26–28. A W. Sandpiper that summered at the Palo Alto Flood Control Basin June 17–July 1 had a broken leg (PJM). The first returning adults arrived June 25–26 with the first juveniles reported July 25–28. An ad. Baird's Sandpiper graced the Modesto sewer ponds July 21 (HMR), a juvenile was at L. Talawa, Del Norte, July 26 (JCS), and two unaged birds were at Año Nuevo Pt. July 23 (GJS). Additionally, up to three ad. Pectoral Sandpipers were at the latter locale July 29–30 (GJS, RSTh). An alternate-plumaged Dunlin summered at L. Talawa June 8–26 (JCS) while a similarly dressed Short-billed Dowitcher was at Samoa, Humboldt, June 2–15 (RAE).

**LARIDS, ALCIDS** — South Polar Skuas at Cordell Bank, Marin, June 3 (P.R.B.O.), 8.5 mi s.s.w. of Santa Cruz June 11, and near Pt. Pinos July 23 (both RT, fide AB) were seasonally rare. Five ad. **Franklin's Gulls** vigorously defending two nests at Lower Klamath N.W.R., Siskiyou, July 3–4 (ph. +SFB) added a new breeding species to the California list. Details will be reported elsewhere. Nearby at Indian Tom L. an adult was seen June 24 (PEG), and another adult was at the Fleming

Unit of Honey Lake W.M.A. June 19 (AM). Our C.V. and S.F. Bay Franklin's Gulls were all immature: a bird in fresh juvenile plumage at Lodi sewage ponds, San Joaquin, July 25–29 (DGY), first-summer birds at Modesto sewage ponds June 26–27 (tHMR, ERC) and July 21 (same?—HMR), plus one there possibly in juvenile plumage July 23 (ERC), and a first-summer bird at Mountain View Forebay, Santa Clara, July 19 (PJM, D. Keller). Late spring Sabine's Gulls included 26 near the Pioneer Seamount, Marin and/or San Mateo, June 4 (P.R.B.O.), and three adults flying N about 30 mi s.w. of Pt. Reyes June 11 (JM).

Caspian Terns nesting in 2 colonies on Knight I. June 17 may have been the first known breeding in Solano (RLCL, V. Coburn). An ad. Royal Tern at Pajaro R. mouth, Monterey, June 25 (PJM, RER) was very rare for the Region. Forster's Terns nesting on Russ I. and Island No. 2 on June 17 may have been the first known breeding in Napa (RLCL, V. Coburn). At the Alameda Naval Air Station Least Tern colony, 72–75 pairs (78 nesting attempts) produced about 80 fledglings (LDC). The other four fledglings of 1989 were evenly divided between colonies of 3 nests at West Pittsburg, Contra Costa, and 9 nests at the Oakland Airport (LDC, LRF). Westward vagrant Black Terns were at the Alameda Naval Air Station Least Tern colony June 4 (LDC) and at Salinas sewage ponds June 9 (DEG). A Black Skimmer at Salinas R. mouth June 5 (DEG) carried a band on one leg. A pair of Black Skimmers in the tern colony on Bair I. July 29 gave no sign of nesting but represented the first record for San Mateo (P. Woodin, S.F.B.B.O.). When will nesting be proven in our Region?

A **Thick-billed Murre** led five or six Com. Murres in flight S past Pt. Reyes June 28 (†RS).

An unseasonal Ancient Murrelet was off Whaler I., Crescent City, July 5 (S. Miller, B. O'Donnell). A **Parakeet Auklet** in breeding plumage at a water boundary 11.7 mi w.s.w. of Año Nuevo Pt. June 6 (†PP, P.R.B.O.) produced the first summer record for the Region. Following the large numbers

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Two **Marbled Murrelet** nests were discovered in Big Basin Redwoods State Park, Santa Cruz (Steven Singer, Nancy Naslund), the site of the first nest discovered in North America (Binford *et al.* 1975, Wilson Bull. 87:303–319). The Santa Cruz Marbled Murrelet Research Team (N. Naslund, S. & S. Singer, G.J. Strachan, R. Burton) used this unprecedented opportunity to observe these nests from long distance, but the nests were preyed upon by a Com. Raven and a Steller's Jay. Details will be published elsewhere.

of Horned Puffins chronicled in last season's summary, 26 were reported May 31–July 2 offshore from Sonoma to Monterey (P.R.B.O., ASH, JM, PhR, MLE, DLM). Additionally, one landed on F.I. July 6 (10th record there, but probably first to land), and another was found dead on Agate Beach, Bolinas, July 9 (*fide* KH).

**PIGEONS TO WOODPECKERS** — Two confirmed Band-tailed Pigeon nestings in n.w. Napa in June followed a long hiatus in that county (*fide* RbL). Following last year's remarkable eight, only one Yellow-billed Cuckoo was found on the coast this "spring": F.I., July 1. A previously unreported **Barred Owl** n.e. of Zenia, Trinity, Apr. 17–June 13 was in the same area where a pair was present April–June and September 1988 (P. Udd *et al.*). In Mendocino, one or two were found in Wheel Gulch, Ten Mile R., in July (J. Ambrose, K. Roberts). These are the southernmost Regional records of this rapidly invading species. The status of Long-eared Owl continued to be among the least understood of any species in our Region. Two at Sand Flat, near Big Meadow, Calaveras, July 29 (RJR) were presumably near a nesting area.

As in most years, Lesser Nighthawks reached the coast with singles at F.I. June 10 and July 12 and at Pt. Reyes June 17

(RS). Large concentrations of Com. Nighthawks were found at Bridgeport Res., Mono (150 July 24—PJM) and Manzanita L., Lassen Volcanic N.P. (70+ July 29—D. Holmes). One at Lakeport, Lake, July 8 (JPM) was in an area with few (any?) previous records. Single Chimney Swifts were identified at Pt. Reyes June 4 (RS) and Mono L. County Park June 10 (PJM). The latter furnished only the 2nd Regional record east of the Sierra/Cascade crest. Two probable Chimneys were in S.F. June 22 (ASH).

A ♀ Costa's Hummingbird at Westhaven July 31–Aug. 7 (GSL, LPL) provided the 3rd July/August Humboldt record in as many years. Single Broad-tailed Hummingbirds were in Mono at Tom's Place throughout the Period and at Hilton L. July 18 (both CDH). The status of Rufous and Allen's hummingbirds is far from understood in this Region. At C.C.R.S., 18 captured hummers were identified as Rufous in June and July, compared to only 13 Allen's. But as Bousman states: "the identification of imm. hummingbirds still represents a major problem." In the heart of Allen's nesting range in Marin, an exodus of hummers in the Inverness area June 19–22 reduced Allen's (males only?) numbers by 50% and *Selasphorus* sp. by 95%, and coincided with the appearance of many migrants on outer Pt. Reyes (RS).

Two Lewis' Woodpeckers in Del Puerto Canyon, Stanislaus, June 19 were considered post-breeding wanderers since they were out of suitable nesting habitat (HMR). Another wanderer near Caswell S.P., San Joaquin, July 29 (DGY) was on a more typical date but at a less expected location on the C.V. floor. An Acorn Woodpecker at Tom's Place June 5–6 (CDH) furnished a very rare Mono record. Six active Red-naped Sapsucker nests found in Emerson and Deep Cr. Canyons, Modoc, June 19–21 indicated how common this species is on the east side of the Warner Mts. (WDS, DnB). An adult with a juvenile near Emma L. July 20 (†D. & J. Dow) represented only the 3rd Mono nesting record.

**FLYCATCHERS TO CHICKADEES** — Thirteen-plus Willow Flycatchers from across the Region June 1–15 were considered migrants. Known or suspected breeding birds were three at the Klamath R. mouth, Del Norte, June 16–18 (KI *et al.*), an adult with a recently completed nest at Parsnip Springs, Warner Mts., Modoc, June 18 (WDS, DnB), and a singing male at Barney L., Hoover Wilderness, Mono, July 29 (HG). Monitoring continued at many other nesting sites in the Cascades and Sierra Nevada. Single Willow Flycatchers at Modoc N.W.R. July 4 (ECKB) and C.C.R.S. July 6 are less easily explained, but may well pertain to very late spring migrants. At least four Dusky Flycatchers in "burned over chamise/manzanita/mountain chaparral" on the ridge running from Cone Peak to the northeast June 6–July 2 may be newly established there (DR, RER). Chew's Ridge was the only previously known nesting site in Monterey. An Empidonax sp. in Del Puerto Canyon, Stanislaus, June 25 (RJR) was very unusual; it was considered a probable Dusky.

Extraordinary was a ♂ (probably first-year) **Vermilion Flycatcher** at the Big Sur R. mouth June 14 (†DEG, †DR, RFT). Previous Regional records come from Napa (one), Mono (2), and the San Joaquin Valley where 6 records include a previously unpublished male at Faith Ranch, Stanislaus, Dec. 31, 1987 (RMcN). A pair of Cassin's Kingbirds at a nest with young s. of Tracy June 3 represented the first breeding record in San Joaquin in 6 years (DGY). Western Kingbirds at Portola Valley June 26 and Webb Ranch June 28 were at potential nesting locations, although the species is still unconfirmed as a breeder in San Mateo (PJM). A W. Kingbird at McGurk Meadow, Yosemite N.P., July 28 (GFi, KGH) was a high-elevation disperser. Point Reyes hosted two to three E. Kingbirds June 3–4 (AME, DSg, RS *et al.*) and one June 19 (RS). Another was at Ash Creek W.A., Modoc/Lassen, July 16 (S. McWilliams, J. Dunn). A Scissor-tailed Flycatcher at Pt. Reyes June 10 (MLR, ALE *et al.*) was apparently different from one seen there in May. Two were found elsewhere: Gualala Pt. County Park, Sonoma, June 4–6 (B. & R. Crooks, †B. Perry, B.



Van Shaick) and Mono L. June 28 (†Richard Hansen).

Passerine "fall migration" began very early this year at F.I. when a juv. Violet-green Swallow appeared June 2. A colony of 30+ pairs of Bank Swallows at Bridgeport, discovered June 12 (PJM), was only the 2nd known in Mono. Nesting was also suspected on the lower Salinas R., Monterey, where three were seen at the river mouth June 25 and five July 2 (PJM). Note, however, that one to five birds were seen at 5 other scattered non-breeding sites in the C.V. and Marin in mid-late June.

Coastal Humboldt is reaping the benefits of a gentle southward range expansion of Black-capped Chickadees. Although the species was recorded south to Eureka in the non-breeding season as early as the 1920s, nesting in the county was not proven until 1974. Nesting was suspected at Fairhaven in 1988 but unconfirmed south of Little R. prior to this year. A pair again frequented Fairhaven this summer and was seen bringing food to a nest hole in June, but no young fledged (RAE, GSL et al.). A pair at Woodley I., Eureka, was successful, however, as a family group was seen June 26–July 10 (RAE, GSL et al.). The species remains unrecorded south of Ferndale.

**WRENS TO WOOD WARBLERS** — A Winter Wren and a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher at 7000' McGurk Meadow, Yosemite N.P., July 15 (MJL) were presumably high-elevation dispersers. A family group of five Mt. Bluebirds at Salmon Mt., Humboldt/Trinity, July 8 (RAE, GSL) was near the far w. limit of the species' breeding range in the Klamath Mts. region. Scratch the spring report comment about latest ever coastal Townsend's Solitaire. We have a new record: one at F.I. June 5. Also very late was a Varied Thrush on the island June 10. Wrentits are unknown east of the San Joaquin R. corridor in Stanislaus, so one at Turlock L. July 4 was considered a post-breeding wanderer (HMR).

Two rare thrashers were found at Pt. Reyes: a Brown Thrasher June 9–11 (ABT et al.) and a **Bendire's Thrasher** June 11 (†DSg). The latter bird was Marin's first, as all previous Regional records are from F.I. (5) or the C.V. (2). An active Phainopepla nest near Pine Canyon, Mt. Diablo S.P., June 16 (KGH) represented, surprisingly, the first confirmed nesting for Contra Costa. A pair of adults with a juvenile at Jasper Ridge in July (J. Becker-Have et al.) provided San Mateo's 2nd known nesting. One or two plumbeus Solitary Vireos singing at Indiana Summit, s. of Mono L., June 8 (WDS) were in the same general area where a small population seems to be established. A **Philadelphia Vireo** at F.I. June 6 furnished only the 3rd Regional spring record. In contrast, a few Red-eyed Vireos are to be expected in June. Two were on F.I. June 6 and one was at Fairhaven June 26 (RAE).

The spring's warbler highlight was clearly the ♂ **Blue-winged Warbler** seen briefly at Trinidad S.B., Humboldt, June 27 (†GSL). About 10 previous California records (two Regional) all came from the southern two-thirds of the state. Single Tennessee Warblers were at Pt. Reyes (RS et al.) and S.F. (ASH) both June 1, five were on F.I. in the period June 5–8, and one was there June 26–27. Two coastal Nashville Warblers were found: F.I. June 5, and 30 mi s.w. of Año Nuevo Pt. June 6 (P.R.B.O.). A N. Parula at Bolinas Lagoon June 22 (BMx, KH) was the only one seen. Three Chestnut-sided and six Magnolia warblers were found along the coast in June. Another Chestnut-sided was at June L., Mono, June 17 (BHG). A warbler at Fairhaven June 14 resembled a ♀ Golden-cheeked Warbler, but an unstreaked gray back and yellowish sides to the vent indicated it was a hybrid from the group of similar, and known interbreeding, species including Hermit, Townsend's, Black-throated Gray, and others (†RAE et al.). One Blackburnian Warbler at F.I. June 12 was enough to provide for an average spring. A singing Yellow-throated Warbler was at Trinidad June 14 (†KI, †GSL). Five previous Humboldt records include a pair that attempted nesting in Eureka in 1982 (not Fairhaven, as stated in Morlan & Erickson, Supplement to the birds of northern California, 1988.). A

Blackpoll Warbler was singing at Pt. Reyes June 2 (RS).

Three Black-and-white Warblers were found on the Region's central coast in Marin and San Mateo June 4 and one was on the n. coast at Trinidad S.B. June 25 (GSL, LPL). Five Am. Redstarts on the central coast, one in Del Norte, and one in Mono in June were typical, but ten in Humboldt June 12–July 5 (KI, GSL et al.) were exceptional. Most surprising, in light of this, was a June 18 visit to Del Norte's Klamath R. mouth where no redstarts were found for the first time on a June/July visit this decade (GSL, RAE et al.). Ovenbirds were well reported with nine on F.I. and five others on the central coast June 3–16, one at Fairhaven June 28 (RAE), and a late bird at F.I. July 11. We have averaged nearly 10 per spring over the last 15 years. Two N. Waterthrushes were found on the coast: S.F. June 2–4 (ASH, SFB et al.) and F.I. June 27. Another bird near Silver L., Mono, June 17–24 (BHG, ES) was singing on territory for the 3rd consecutive year. The species nests as close as Klamath, Oregon.

Hooded Warblers made a strong showing with five found. Singles were at F.I. June 5, Pt. Reyes June 12 (JM et al.). Mono June 24 (P. Wilburn), S.F. June 27 (S. Morrical), and Mt. San Bruno, San Mateo, July 21 (DES). Two Canada Warblers were also more than expected in spring. Both were at F.I.: June 12 and June 26. A Yellow-breasted Chat at Gazos Cr. Apr. 27–June 25 (RSTh et al.) and another at Pescadero Marsh May 28–June 4 (PJM et al.) were intriguing since there are no San Mateo nesting records. Overdue was Stanislaus's first nesting record at Orestimba Cr. June 27 (CB). A bird at the Big Sur R. mouth June 15 was believed to be a late migrant (DEG, fide DR).

**TANAGERS TO CROSSBILLS** — Three Summer Tanagers were more than are expected. One was on F.I. June 4, one was in Pacific Grove June 9 (RFT), and one was in S.F. June 22 (ASH). The central coast supplied all 14–15 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks June 4–July 12 except for one at Tom's Place, Mono, July 1 (CDH). A Blue Grosbeak at Pt. Reyes June 4 (RS et al.) was a typical coastal vagrant, but Santa Clara's first at C.C.R.S. July 22 was more difficult to explain. Indigo Buntings were found on the central coast (nine to 10 in June), above Eagleville, Modoc, June 24 (KLH, PAW), and at the Modesto sewage ponds July 21–23 (†HMR, SLR, ERC).

Vagrant sparrows on the coast included one or two Brewer's at Pt. Reyes June 1–4 (RS, JM et al.), and single Vespers at F.I. June 6–7 and Pt. Reyes June 11 (DSg). The Pt. Saint George Grasshopper Sparrow found in spring was last seen July 6 (B. O'Donnell). Lincoln's Sparrows are quite local as breeders in the higher Coast Ranges. Seven at Waterdog L., Humboldt, July 15–16 (LPL) and one at Snow Mt., Lake, July 15 (JRW, JPM) were in rarely birded locales. A vagrant White-throated Sparrow was at Pt. Reyes June 4 (RS, JM et al.). A Golden-crowned Sparrow at Palomarin July 10 and a White-crowned Sparrow of the race *pugetensis* at C.C.R.S. June 13 were both far south of their normal summer ranges. A juv. "Oregon" Junco, with down tufts still visible on its head, had travelled some distance to reach Lodi L., San Joaquin, where it was found July 6 (DGY). The species is not known to nest anywhere in the C.V. Vagrant "Slate-colored" Juncos (same?) were at F.I. June 3 and Pt. Reyes June 4 (RS, JM).

There has been no evidence of Tricolored Blackbirds nesting in San Mateo for 15+ years, so 20 at Moss Beach June 5 were of interest (PJM). The S.F. Bay area and C.V. account for all Regional records of Great-tailed Grackles. One in residential San Jose July 9–14 (BBrr) and one at Sacramento N.W.R., Glenn, July 17 (D. Wolsworth) furnished the 6th records for each area respectively. More intriguing was the report of a Com. Grackle feeding a fledgling (it has been suggested this may have been a hybrid—RHG) in the Riverdale area, Fresno, at least June 8–12 (H. Maddox, †B. Mertz). The report was accompanied by scant details, however, and should be considered tentative until an official decision is made by the

C.B.R.C. Unlike the Common Grackle, Great-tailed Grackle has colonized much of southern California in the last 25 years, even attempting nesting in S.F. from 1980–1983, and would be much more likely involved in the Fresno event. The only "Baltimore" N. Oriole found was at F.I. June 6–12.

Purple Finches remain unconfirmed as Stanislaus breeders, as a pair with two apparent juveniles nearby in Orestimba Valley June 21 were considered too close to the Santa Clara line (HMR). Cassin's Finches at Salmon Mt. and N. Trinity Mt., Humboldt/Trinity, July 8–15 (RAE, GSL, LPL) were at the periphery of their range, but three at Snow Mt. July 15 were the first recorded in Lake in the breeding season (JRW, JPM). Red Crossbills were found breeding along the central coast in Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo.

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