

SOUTHERN PACIFIC COAST REGION

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The Region finally received a reprieve from the five years of drought, with most areas receiving above-average rainfall by the end of the period. In general, most observers commented on the low numbers of many species, such as Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Hermit Thrushes, and Fox Sparrows. There was no influx of winter finches, minimal numbers of montane species into the lowlands, and unimpressive numbers of berry-eaters such as American Robins and Cedar Waxwings. However, we were blessed with a remarkable number and variety of "quality" birds, making it an exciting season. Observers on a CAL COFI research cruise off the coast January 28–February 13 reported a variety of seabirds, giving us valuable information from this rarely-visited area.

Abbreviations: FCR (*Furnace Creek Ranch, Death Valley, Inyo Co.*); NESS (*n. end of the Salton Sea, Riverside Co.*); SCRE (*Santa Clara River Estuary near Ventura*); SESS (*s. end of the Salton Sea, Imperial Co.*). As virtually all S. California rarities are seen by many observers, only the observer(s) initially finding and identifying the bird is included. Documentation is on file with the California Bird Records Committee (c/o Michael A. Patten, P.O. Box 8612, Riverside CA 92515) for all rarities listed in this report. Records submitted without documentation are not published.

LOONS TO FRIGATEBIRDS

A Red-throated Loon photographed on Diaz L. near Lone Pine Dec. 21–Jan. 10 (JWi) was the 2nd for *Inyo*; another photographed at SESS Jan. 25–27 (MBS) was the first for *Imperial*. An Arctic Loon photographed on Morro Bay Dec. 7–23 (TME) immediately followed California's (and the Lower 48's) first, on Point Reyes in November. I suspect Arctic Loons will be found regularly along the Pacific coast now that observers know what to look for to identify this species. A Pacific Loon on L. Isabella, *Kern*, Nov. 28–Feb. 15 (RL) was inland, where considered rare. Since Red-necked Grebes are very rare anywhere in S. California, one in Ventura Dec. 5 (SE), another in nearby Oxnard Dec. 8–23 (BS), and a 3rd on a small pond in Manhattan Beach, *Los Angeles*, Dec. 11–24 (DSt) were all of interest. At least 120,000 Eared Grebes died on the Salton Sea in late winter (RMCK); the cause is still unknown.

Eleven Laysan Albatrosses were seen well offshore Feb. 5–11 (PP) during the CAL COFI cruise, with nine between 119 and 58 naut. mi w. of Pt. Arguello, *Santa Barbara*, Feb. 11. Two Mottled Petrels were seen Feb. 11 (PP), with one at 34°10'N 122°41'W (109 naut. mi w. of Pt. Arguello) and the other at



34°29'N 122°04'W (71 naut. mi w. of Pt. Arguello); although considered casual over California waters, recent work far offshore suggests it may be regular there November–March. A Murphy's Petrel 159 naut. mi w. of San Miguel I. Feb. 10 (PP), and three more between 79–71 naut. mi w. of Pt. Arguello Feb. 11 (PP) were earlier than any previous spring records. Five Cook's Petrels around 33°07'N 124°06'W (193 naut. mi w. of San Miguel I.) Feb. 10 (PP) and another at 34°10'N 122°42'W (110 naut. mi w.n.w. of Pt. Arguello) Feb. 11 (PP) were all over waters where this species is proving regular. A Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel, very rare anywhere in S. California waters, was off the Palos Verdes Peninsula during an organized boat trip Feb. 21 (MH). A Least Storm-Petrel 50 naut. mi w. of San Miguel I. Feb. 9 (PP) was the first reported in California waters in winter.

An imm. **Brown Booby** at the entrance to San Diego Bay Dec. 14 (DPo) brings the number of records for the coast to more than half-dozen. An imm. **Red-footed Booby** accompanied the CAL COFI ship for about an hour and a half as it moved from 31°23'N 121°54'W (161 naut. mi w.s.w. of San Nicolas I.) to 31°33'N 121°29'W (141 naut. mi s.w. of San Nicolas I.) on Feb. 1 (PP), the 5th in S. California waters but the first in winter. Three **Brown Pelicans** at NESS Dec. 15 (MAP) and another at SESS Jan. 1 (GMCC) were undoubtedly wintering on this inland body of water. An imm. ♀ **Magnificent Frigatebird**, exceptional in winter, was grounded by heavy rains in National City, *San Diego*, Jan. 5 and was taken to an animal shelter, where it was nursed back to health and identified to species (GMCC).

HERONS TO RAPTORS

A Great Egret near Bishop, *Inyo*, Dec. 1 (T & JH) was unusually late for this area of California. At least three ad. Little Blue Herons remained around s. San Diego Bay through the period (EC), but the species was unrecorded elsewhere. The ad. Reddish Egret spending its 10th winter on s. San Diego Bay remained through at least Jan. 10 (JWal); the immature there Nov. 11 was still present Mar. 29 (GMCC). The ad. Yellow-crowned Night-Heron frequenting the area between La Jolla and San Elijo Lagoon, *San Diego*, since 1981 was associating with Black-crowned Night-Herons in La Jolla Dec. 26 through the end of the period (EC); one of the two adults in the Tijuana R. valley near Imperial Beach since October 1991 was still present at the end of the period (GMCC).

Seven Tundra Swans near Whittier, *Los Angeles*, Dec. 15–16 (MCL) and three more in Carlsbad, *San Diego*, Dec. 5 (MJ) were the southernmost along the coast; one on L. Hemet, *Riverside*, Jan. 19 (CMCG) was the southernmost in the mountains; 13 around SESS Dec. 3–7 (WRR, Cin-Ty Lee) were the southernmost in the e. part of the Region. An ad. ♂ **Trumpeter Swan** in Tecopa, *Inyo*, Jan. 23 (JTa) was wearing a numbered green collar; it had been transported from Montana to s. Oregon earlier in the winter and was only the 3rd ever in S. California. At least six blue morph **Snow Geese** spent the winter around SESS (MAP) and another was near Ridgecrest, *Kern*, Nov. 2–Feb. 9 (MTH), this being more than the normal numbers in S. California most winters.

A ♂ Eur. Green-winged Teal, very rare to casual in S. California, was near SCRE Dec. 16 (HB). Blue-winged Teal are regular along

the coast in winter but very rare in the e. part of the Region at this time of year; two along the Colorado R. at Imperial Dam Dec. 28 (MAP) and two more at NESS Jan. 19 (ES) were of interest. At least 35 Eur. Wigeon were found this winter, including two near Big Pine Feb. 19 (T & JH) and two more at SESS in January and February (PEL) in the e. portion of the Region. In addition, single hybrid Eur. XAm. Wigeon were at the Santa Ynez R. mouth Dec. 6–15 (SEF), in Goleta all winter (SEF), on Chatsworth Res. in the San Fernando Valley Mar. 15 (KLG), and near Lakeview, *Riverside*, Jan. 20 (MAP).

What was undoubtedly the same Common Pochard that spent part of the 1988–1989 and 1990–1991 winters at Silver Lakes near Victorville, *San Bernardino*, was there again Jan. 14–Feb. 8 (CM). Three ♂ Tufted Ducks were found this winter: one on Miramar L. in San Diego Jan. 13–Feb. 9 (PAG), another on L. Isabella Jan. 17–18 (JS), and

the 3rd at Fisherman's Retreat w. of Beaumont, *Riverside*, Feb. 27–Mar. 15 (*vide* EAC). In addition, a hybrid Tufted Duck X scaup was present in Oceanside Feb. 16 through the end of the period (TC). An imm. ♂ King Eider at the pier in Seal Beach Dec. 13–17 (JB), then at the nearby pier in Belmont Shores Jan. 9–17 (CM), and finally at the pier in Hermosa Beach Mar. 4–5 (PB), was the 7th in S. California. A Harlequin Duck, rare in S. California, was off Morro Bay Jan. 28 (SH); another was at Pt. Sal, *Santa Barbara*, Dec. 21–22 (DQ); the two at Point Mugu, *Ventura*, in November 1990 remained through the end of the period (BL). Ten Oldsquaws were reported along the coast, average for this time of year. Thirty-three Black Scoters off Vandenberg AFB, *Santa Barbara*, Dec. 15 (SEF) were in an area where similar concentrations were found in previous winters; only 10 others were found away from this area. Three imm. White-winged Scoters on Castaic L., *Los Angeles*, Jan. 26 (JKA) were inland, where considered very rare.

A Bald Eagle spent its 3rd winter on Siler Lake Res. near downtown Los Angeles (DKo), proving this species can adapt to the close proximity of man. A Red-shouldered Hawk near Westmorland, *Imperial*, Jan. 1 (MAP) was outside this species' normal range. An imm. Broad-winged Hawk on Pt. Loma in San Diego Dec. 28–29 (REW) was probably a very late fall straggler since it could not be found after this date. At least two Zone-tailed Hawks were in coastal *San Diego*, where one or two are found each winter, with an adult at L. San Marcos Dec. 21–24 (DKi) and what may have been the same bird near Escondido Jan. 12 (CR), and an immature in Santee Jan. 15–Feb. 3 (TC);

an immature near Brawley Dec. 31 (PU) gives us the first sound record for the area around SESS. A "Harlan's" Red-tailed Hawk, very rare to casual in S. California, was near Ridgecrest, Kern, Dec. 14 (T & KS); another was near Otay L., San Diego, Jan. 14 (JCL). A few Rough-legged Hawks were scattered throughout the Region, with one near Lakeview Dec. 1-Jan. 20 (MAP) and two around SESS Jan. 17-27 (GMcC) being the southernmost.

CRANES TO ALCIDS

An imm. Sandhill Crane near Lancaster Dec. 10-Jan. 20 (TM) was away from known areas of regular occurrence. As usual, a few Lesser Golden-Plovers of the Asiatic race *fulva* were along the coast this winter, with two on Vandenberg AFB Feb. 11 (KH), up to seven near Santa Maria Dec. 1-Jan. 25 (BH), one in Goleta Feb. 23-Mar. 1 (FS), at least 12 in Seal Beach throughout the period (DRW), and one on San Nicolas I. Dec. 3-6 (Gerry McChesney). A flock of 750-800 Mountain Plovers near El Centro Feb. 24 (BRZ) was a larger-than-normal concentration. A Black Oystercatcher in Laguna Beach Dec. 10-28 (DRW) was one of very few in Orange.

A Solitary Sandpiper in Torrance, Los Angeles, Jan. 10-Mar. 7 (MB) was one of a very few ever found wintering in California. Single Whimbrels at SESS Dec. 17 (GMcC) and Feb. 23 (GMcC) were inland, where virtually unrecorded in winter. Four to five Ruddy Turnstones on the Salton Sea near Salton City Jan. 1-Feb. 2 (KR) were undoubtedly wintering at this inland locality. At least 20 Sanderlings were inland on the Salton Sea near Salton City in January and February (MAP), where this species is now found regularly in winter; but another inland on Owens L., Inyo, Jan. 2-6 (T & JH) was completely unexpected. A Wilson's Phalarope, casual in winter, was at Point Mugu, Ventura, Dec. 19 (LRH). A Red-necked Phalarope was off San Pedro, Los Angeles, Feb. 8 (KLG), where this species may prove regular with Red Phalaropes in very limited numbers in winter. A Red Phalarope near San Luis Obispo Feb. 20 (BKS) was a short distance inland.

A Mew Gull on L. Hemet Dec. 1 (SM) was well inland. Since W. Gulls are most unusual away from the immediate vicinity of the coast, an adult on L. Perris, Riverside, Feb. 14 (DG), another adult at NESS Dec. 15 (MAP), and a 3rd-winter bird at Bombay Beach near SESS Feb. 16 (NF) were of interest. An ad. Glaucous-winged Gull at SESS throughout the winter (GMcC) and a first-winter bird in nearby Brawley Jan. 26 (PEL) were in an area where two or three are found each winter; but a first-winter bird on L. Isabella Jan. 19-20 (JLD) was the first in Kern. Three Glaucous Gulls, rare in S. California, were reported, with a first-winter bird on Vandenberg AFB Jan. 28 (KH), another on Miramar L. in San Diego Jan. 25 (TLW), and the 3rd around s. San Diego Bay Jan. 7-Feb. 15 (TC).

Two Elegant Terns in Carpinteria Dec. 7 (LRB) were late. A Com. Tern at the mouth



Immature male King Eider at Seal Beach, California, in December 1991. Photograph/A. Borodayko.

of the San Diego R. Jan. 25 through February (PEL) undoubtedly wintered locally. The status of Black Skimmer on the coast continues to change, with increasing numbers wintering farther and farther north: up to 77 in the Santa Barbara/Goleta area throughout the period (GT), up to three at the Santa Ynez R. mouth Jan. 3-26 (GL), and one at San Simeon Feb. 15 (GPS) were the northernmost this winter.

A concentration of more than 250 Com. Murres off Pt. Mugu Jan. 18-26 (DD) was a large number this far south. A Xantus' Murrelet 185 naut. mi s.w. of San Nicolas I. Jan. 30 (PP) was far from shore, but we have very little information as to where this species spends the winter. Of extreme interest were seven Parakeet Auklets during the CAL COFI cruise, with one at 31°33'N 121°28'W (140 naut. mi w.s.w. of San Nicolas I.) Feb. 1 (PP), five around 33°07'N 124°06'W (193 naut. mi w. of San Miguel I.) Feb. 10 (PP), and the 7th about 211 naut. mi off the coast Feb. 6 (PP). A loose aggregation of 1200 Rhinoceros Auklets on the water s. of Santa Rosa I. Feb. 8 (PP) was an exceptional concentration.

DOVES TO WOODPECKERS

Up to four White-winged Doves in Goleta Dec. 20 through February (PEL) and another in nearby Solvang Oct. 30-Dec. 20 (HS) were along the coast, and far from the desert oases in e. San Diego, where small numbers regularly winter. Four Inca Doves that arrived at FCR in fall remained to at least Jan. 10 (T & JH); one in Borrego Springs Feb. 16 into March (AM) was only the 2nd in San Diego. One of the Com. Ground-Doves that arrived at FCR in fall remained through at least Dec. 17 (T & JH). Six Ruddy Ground-Doves were at FCR Dec. 2 (DSi), with four remaining to at least Jan. 10 (T & JH); a male was in Ridgecrest, Kern, Feb. 3 into March (MA); a female was along the Colorado R. near Earp Dec. 10 to at least Feb. 1 (JS); and another was on the coast in Santa Barbara Oct. 5-Jan. 30 (KB, SEF).

A Lesser Nighthawk near Brawley Jan. 11 (CMcG) and another in nearby El Centro Feb. 24 (BRZ) were both probably wintering locally. Five Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were reported, with single immatures in San Diego Dec. 12-Jan. 5 (B & IM), Santa Isabella, San Diego, Dec. 16-Jan. 11 (DA), Desert Center, Riverside, Jan. 2 (GH) and at Snow Creek near Palm Springs Mar. 3-5

(MAP), and an ad. female in Cambria throughout the period (TME).

FLYCATCHERS

An Olive-sided Flycatcher, most unusual in winter, was in Santa Barbara Dec. 28-Feb. 9 (JH). Two Greater Pewees were in San Diego, with the individual that spent the past 3 winters again present Nov. 7 through February (DH) and another nearby Dec. 14 through February (B & IM). A Hammond's Flycatcher on Point Loma in San Diego in October was still present Jan. 24 (REW) and probably wintered locally. A Dusky Flycatcher in San Luis Obispo Dec. 1-Jan. 25 (TME, JLD) and another in Laguna Hills, Orange, Dec. 14 through February (DRW) were among very few in California in winter. Only three Gray Flycatchers were reported, with one near Robidoux, Riverside, Dec. 12-Feb. 9 (CMcG), another in Westminster, Orange, Dec. 22-Jan. 17 (SM), and the 3rd in Santee, San Diego, Jan. 18-Feb. 1 (DPA); this species used to be more numerous as a wintering bird in California. Four "W. Flycatchers," presumably Pacific-slope Flycatchers, were reported, with one in Lompoc Feb. 23 (BH), one to two in Irvine Dec. 29-Feb. 22 (MTH), and the 4th in Coronado Dec. 25 (REW).

More than the expected number of E. Phoebe were found, with single birds in San Luis Obispo Feb. 27 (EVJ), Montana de Oro S.P., Nov. 13-Feb. 22 (JSR), Atascadero Dec. 21-Feb. 16 (GAM), Santa Barbara Nov. 23-Dec. 28 (PEL), Irvine Nov. 16-Mar. 15 (DRW), and near San Diego Nov. 3-Mar. 1 (CGE). A Vermilion Flycatcher in Irvine Nov. 16-Feb. 9 (DRW) and another spending its 3rd winter near Santa Maria Oct. 20-Jan. 25 (KH) were along the coast, where now quite rare; one near Lancaster Dec. 14-Jan. 29 (TMA) was away from any area of regular occurrence. Two Dusky-capped Flycatchers, a casual winter visitor to California, were found: one along the Santa Ynez R. near Lompoc Jan. 31-Feb. 9 (MAH), and the other in Orange, Dec. 12 through February (DRW). Single Ash-throated Flycatchers in San Luis Obispo Dec. 14-15 (JSR), Castaic Junction Feb. 2 (KLG), and near San Pedro Oct. 25-Feb. 18 (MH) were along the coast, where very rare in winter; but one in the Algodones Dunes Feb. 23 (SG) was in the s.e. corner of the Region, where small numbers undoubtedly winter regularly.

Three Tropical Kingbirds remained through winter, with one near Chino Dec. 24-Jan. 11 (KR) believed to be the same bird first found here in winter 1981-1982; another in Anaheim Dec. 31-Feb. 29 (JEP) was the same bird found here the last 2 winters; the 3rd was on the coast at Point Mugu Jan. 13-Feb. 2 (NBB). The Thick-billed Kingbird in Seal Beach Oct. 29 was still present Mar. 14 (TW); the individual that spent the past 9 winters near Tustin, Orange, was again present Dec. 8 through the end of the period (BED); but most remarkable was a 3rd individual braving night temperatures of 18°F in

Lone Pine, *Inyo*, Dec. 25 through the end of the period (MS). A W. Kingbird in Santa Barbara Dec. 8–Feb. 10 (MAH, SEF) was only the 4th in California in winter.

BUSHTITS TO VIREOS

Four Bushtits at FCR Jan. 10 (T & JH) were at an unusual locality. Up to three Pygmy Nuthatches in Santa Barbara Feb. 4–Mar. 5 (FS) were away from any area of regular occurrence. A Rufous-backed Robin, found loosely associating with Am. Robins in Snow Creek Village near Palm Springs Mar. 1–20 (TJG), had probably been in this general area all winter and was the 7th in California. What was surely the same White Wagtail as present around Saticoy, *Ventura*, the past 4 winters, was there Feb. 8 (JWas). The only N. Shrikes were an adult at Fish Springs near Big Pine Dec. 21 (T & JH) and another adult near Olanchia, *Inyo*, Dec. 22 (T & JH).

At least a dozen Solitary Vireos were along the coast, with seven being the interior race *plumbeus*; another inland in Bakersfield Jan. 4 (JCW) was also of this race. A Philadelphia Vireo in Goleta Feb. 14–Mar. 17 (HM, SEF) was the first known to have successfully wintered in California (and the U.S.?), although one lingered to Jan. 1 in *Orange* and another to Jan. 12 in *Los Angeles* in 1983 and 1979, respectively.

WOOD WARBLERS

A ♂ Golden-winged Warbler near El Toro, *Orange*, Feb. 19–Mar. 14 (BB) was a complete surprise; there was no previous winter record for California, although individuals have been found as late as Dec. 15 (1990) in *San Diego* and Dec. 20 (1972) in *Los Angeles*. A Tennessee Warbler in San Marino Jan. 4 (KLG) and another in *Orange* Feb. 9 (MTH)



Prairie Warbler near San Diego, California, on January 26, 1992. Only the third known to have spent the winter in southern California.
Photograph/Jon L. Dunn.

were the only two this winter. Ten Nashville Warblers along the coast was fewer than in recent winters. Seven Yellow Warblers along the coast this winter was far fewer than expected. Two Chestnut-sided Warblers were present, one in Irvine Regional Park near *Orange* Nov. 24–Feb. 29 (JB) and the other on Pt. Loma in *San Diego* Feb. 18 to at least Mar. 29 (EL); one in *Goleta* Dec. 7 (PEL) was best treated as a late fall migrant. Only 12 Black-throated Gray Warblers were reported along the coast, half the expected number for winter. Five Hermit Warblers between Santa Barbara and *San Diego* was about average along the coast



Thick-billed Kingbird at Lone Pine, California, on December 27, 1991. This individual stayed for the rest of the winter at this high northern location, surviving many sub-freezing nights.
Photograph/Tom Heindel.

this time of year. A Blackburnian Warbler in Bakersfield Dec. 29–30 (DSH) is best considered an exceptionally late fall vagrant.

A Grace's Warbler in Santa Barbara Oct. 6–Feb. 17 (HPR) was the same bird from last winter. Four Pine Warblers were found, one in *Goleta* Dec. 26–Feb. 16 (RWH, SEF), another in Santa Barbara Dec. 12–16 (PEL), a female in *Laguna Beach* Nov. 24 through February (RAE), and a male on Pt. Loma in *San Diego* Jan. 6 to at least Apr. 12 (PAG). An imm. ♂ Prairie Warbler in *Penasquitos Canyon* near *San Diego* Nov. 3 through at least Apr. 5 (CGE) was only the 3rd in S. California in winter. Thirteen Palm Warblers along the coast was an expected number for winter, but one at *NESS* Jan. 25–Feb. 2 (RMCK) was inland, where most unusual. Seven Black-and-white Warblers along the coast was about average. Two Am. Redstarts around *SESS* in December and January (GMCC) were in an area where small numbers are found every winter, but one on the *Colorado R.* at *Lost Lake* Dec. 13 (MAP) was of more interest. The only N. Waterthrush was in *Irvine* Feb. 23 (RAE). At least 25 Wilson's Warblers were in riparian growth along the coast, where small numbers are found each winter.

TANAGERS TO ORIOLES

A ♂ Hepatic Tanager in Santa Barbara Dec. 23–Mar. 13 (HPR) was the same bird first found here in winter 1982–1983. A Summer Tanager was in Santa Barbara Dec. 23 (JEL); five more were found in January and February in *Orange* and *San Diego*, where small numbers regularly winter. Western Tanager numbers were decidedly low: only 21 along the coast. Five Rose-breasted Grosbeaks along the coast was about average, but four Black-headed Grosbeaks in the same area was more than expected in winter. A Blue Grosbeak in *Irvine Regional Park* near *Orange* Feb. 29–Mar. 9 (CTC) was one of very few ever found in California in winter. An Indigo Bunting at FCR Dec. 2 (DSi) was a late fall vagrant.

A Green-tailed Towhee at L. Perris Feb. 14 (CMCG) and another on the *Palos Verdes Pen.* Dec. 21–Feb. 22 (RAE) were n. and w. of areas of regular winter occurrence. The only Am. Tree Sparrow was one at FCR Dec. 4 (T & JH). Two Clay-colored Sparrows were found: one in *Goleta* Dec. 28–Mar. 3 (RPH) and the other on Pt. Loma in *San Diego* Jan. 10 through at least Apr. 10 (GMCC). A Black-chinned Sparrow, most unusual in winter, was in *La Jolla Canyon, Ventura*, Feb. 1 (LRH). A

Black-throated Sparrow in *Colton, Riverside*, Mar. 7 (MAP) and another in *Brawley* Feb. 9 (HC) were both away from areas of normal occurrence. A Lark Bunting on the *Carrizo Plain, San Luis Obispo*, Dec. 7 (JCW), and another near *Blythe* Dec. 22 (MAP) were the only two reported. Large-billed [Savannah] Sparrows again wintered in coastal marshes, with three on *Morro Bay* Jan. 20 (JM) and one on *s. San Diego Bay* Feb. 16 (PU) being the latest; this species arrives early and departs early as a winter visitor to S. California. Three Sharp-tailed Sparrows in marshes at the mouth of the *Tijuana R.* in *Imperial Beach* Dec. 22 (TMe) were still present Feb. 16 but were only seen during exceptional high tides. At least 40 Swamp Sparrows were along the coast, more than expected. White-throated Sparrows were in about normal numbers, with 30 reported; only seven Harris' Sparrows could be found.

At least three McCown's Longspurs remained near *Palmdale, Los Angeles*, from fall to at least Dec. 30 (AME); eight were with other longspurs near *Blythe* Dec. 22 (GMCC). A few Lapland Longspurs remained into December, with one in *Seal Beach* Dec. 17 (RAE), two in *Irvine* Dec. 15 (SM), and four more near *Blythe* Dec. 22 (GMCC); two on the *Plano Trabuco, Orange*, Dec. 17 through February (JT) clearly wintered. A flock of 17 Chestnut-collared Longspurs in *Irvine* Dec. 7–29 (SM), about 35 on the *Plano Trabuco* Dec. 14 through the end of the period (JTo), and about 60 near *Blythe* Dec. 22 (GMCC) were large numbers for S. California.

A Rusty Blackbird in *Seal Beach* Dec. 8–9 (SM) was only the 2nd in *Orange*. A Com. Grackle, a casual straggler to California, was in *Big Pine* Feb. 16 through February (T & JH). A ♀ Orchard Oriole near *Tecopa* Jan. 22–Feb. 1 (JTa) was in a most unusual area for a wintering bird; single males in *Manhattan Beach* all winter (ML) and *Irvine* Nov. 16–Jan. 18 (DRW) were along the coast, where one or two are found each winter. Five Hooded Orioles along the coast this winter was more than usual, but 25 N. Orioles in the same area was far fewer than expected. An imm. ♂ Streak-backed Oriole at *Parker Dam, San Bernardino*, Dec. 10–18 (JS) was the 6th in California. A Scott's Oriole at *Whitewater, Riverside*, Dec. 21 (DCH) and up to five in *Borrego Springs, San Diego*, throughout the period (AM) were along the w. edge of the low desert, where small numbers are found every winter; but single birds in *Lompoc* Nov. 4–Dec. 15 (PR), *Santa Barbara* Dec. 27–28 (JEL) and near *Orange* Jan. 4–Feb. 29 (JTo), and three more near the *Plano Trabuco* Feb. 14 through the end of the period (RT) were along the coast, where unexpected.

Addendum: Ashy Storm-Petrels reported netted on *San Miguel I.* the night of Jan. 7 (AB 45:319, 1991) were actually netted on *Prince I.* off the n. end of *San Miguel I.* the night of Jan. 8–9 by a USFWS survey crew under the direction of Harry R. Carter.



Clay-colored Sparrow in Goleta, California, on February 22, 1992. Photograph/Shawneen Finnegan.

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