

MIDDLE PACIFIC COAST REGION.—Through the current nesting season northern California has had normal summer weather with no extremes of

temperature and no severe storms. There were generally heavy fogs along the shore, and warm, clear days inland. A brief period of heat after mid-July terminated most of the bird nesting and the transient land birds left the less favorable sites.

As usual the late season delayed the start of nesting and there were few second



broods. Recovery from effects of recent dry years was meager and insect food remains scarce. In the summer following the severe winter, some birds (hummingbirds and bush-tits) made some recovery in numbers. Some (California woodpecker) returned to haunts they had left. Others (black phoebe and goldfinches) left sites they usually inhabit the year around. Some (swallows and flycatchers) remained scarce and did not nest in some areas they usually inhabit. Prospects are good for a heavy crop of mast and wild fruit for whatever birds remain or come in the fall.

Water birds.—Horned grebe, Elkhorn Slough, 2 adults on July 4 (Cogswell); pied-billed grebe, Monterey, adults with downy young, June 26 and July 13 (C.); black-footed albatross, 6 and 12 miles off Point Pinos, 14 on July 20 (C.); fulmar, Monterey Bay, about 100 on July 20 (C.); pink-footed shearwater, 4 to 8 miles west of Point Pinos, 9 on July 20 (C.); gray-backed shearwater,

north side Point Pinos, 1 on July 4 and 6 (C.); sooty shearwater, Monterey area, on many days from June 19 to July 31, as many as 800 counted in 5 minutes in the evening of July 26 and as many as 6000 in an hour on that day, usually flying southwest (C.); black-vented shearwater, near Point Pinos, at least 3 on July 4 and 4 on July 6 (C.); white pelican, mouth of Salinas River, about 40 on July 24 (Andersons), Albany, 15 sailing west on Aug. 7 (C.); brown pelican, Point Lobos, about 700 on July 17, none distinguished as young of the year, fewer in Monterey area at end of July than in June (C.); Brandt's cormorant, Point Lobos, 15,000 on July 17, counting large young, some still fed by parents (C.).

Shorebirds.—Coot, Monterey, small red-headed young on June 26, young half grown, apparently independent on July 31 (Cogswell); black oystercatcher, Point Lobos, 15 to 20, including 6 in close flock flying and calling constantly, July 17 (C.); black-bellied plover, Bay Farm Island, 95 on Aug. 1, highest number (Kelly); snowy plover, mouth of Salinas River, pair with downy young on June 26 (C.); marbled godwit, Elkhorn Slough, 30 on June 19 (Andersons), Bay Farm Island, 300 on Aug. 1 (K.); spotted sandpiper, Arroyo Seco, 1 on July 3 (A.), Pacific Grove, 1 on July 26 (C.); willet, Bay Farm Island, 152 on July 3, 203 on July 21 (K.), Elkhorn Slough, 150 on July 4 and 24 (C.); wandering tattler, Monterey Peninsula, 1 on July 17 (C.); surf-bird, Pacific Grove, 5 on July 25, 4 on July 28 (C.); ruddy turnstone, Elkhorn Slough, July 24 (C.); sanderling, Elkhorn Slough, 3 on July 21 (C.); western sandpiper, Bay Farm Island, increasing from 900 on July 3 to 8500 on July 24 and 5200 on Aug. 1 (K.); least sandpiper, Bay Farm Island, 6 on July 24 (K.), Elkhorn Slough, 70 on July 24 (C.); Baird's sandpiper, Elkhorn Slough, 5 on July 21, 1 on July 24, lagoon near mouth of Salinas River, 50 on July 27 (C.); avocet, Bay Farm Island, largest number 76 on July 27 (K.), lagoon near mouth of Salinas River, 100 adults and at least 5 young on June 26 (C.); northern phalarope, Bay Farm Island, 6 on July 5, 60 on July 24 (K.).

Gulls, terns, and alcids.—Heermann's gull, Monterey area, increased from 100 on June 26 to 200 adults on July 3 plus young birds that arrived in mid-July (Cogswell); California gull, Elkhorn Slough, about 200 on July 24 (C.); western gull, Point Lobos, about 300 and many two-thirds grown young, July 17 (C.); glaucous-winged gull, Pacific Grove and Elkhorn Slough, a few worn-plumaged immature birds to mid-July (C.); Bonaparte's gull, Alameda, 5 on July 31 (Kelly); Caspian tern, Moss Landing, 36 on July 31 (Andersons); Forster's tern, Bay Farm Island, largest number 100 on July 21 (K.), lagoon near mouth of Salinas River, 250 adults in nesting colony, June 26 (C.); least tern, Moss Landing, 7 on June 26 and a few on July 31 (A.); pigeon guillemot, Point Reyes, feeding young on June 19, Land's End, San Francisco, nest with 2 young on July 17 (K.), Point Pinos, 17 on July 26 (C.); Xantus's murrelet, off Point Aulon, Pa-

cific Grove, 1 on July 28, 2 on July 31 (C.); Cassin's auklet, Cypress Point, 1 on July 17, 9 miles west of Point Pinos, 2 on July 20 (C.).

Non-passerine land birds.—Mourning dove, Oakland and adjacent hills, more common than in recent years (Seibert), Corral de Tierra, more than 100 in a flock on July 24 (Andersons); Anna's hummingbird, generally continued scarce until after mid-June when broods of young began to fly; rufous hummingbird, Pebble Beach, male on July 17 (Cogswell); Allen's hummingbird, Pebble Beach, adult male on July 17 (C.); pileated woodpecker, Lokoya Lodge, Napa Co., pair feeding 2 young about to leave nest on June 9 (Pray), young left this nest on June 13 (Kelly); downy woodpecker, Pleasant Valley, Yolo Co., pair feeding 2 young out of nest on June 1 (K. and P.).

Passerine birds.—Western kingbird, south of Williams, Colusa Co., abundant, adult feeding fledged young, Aug. 2 (Pray); olive-sided flycatcher, near Chester, Plumas Co., pair feeding young out of nest, Aug. 3 (P.); bank swallow, near Moss Landing, colony larger than last year, June (Andersons), 40 adults flying about the 200 holes, July 3 (Cogswell), few birds remaining on July 24 (A.); rough-winged swallow, Jewel Lake, Tilden Park, parents feeding young on July 22 (Kelly); barn swallow, Salinas, nest started July 6, completed July 9, female incubating, July 14 (A.); cliff swallow, Life Sciences Building, Berkeley, few adults still feeding young in nests on Aug. 6 (C.); California jay, Berkeley, 1 young just out of nest on July 22 (P.); crow, Point Aulon, Pacific Grove, adults feeding young through late June and July (C.); chestnut-backed chickadee, hills back of Oakland and Berkeley, fairly common where none a few years ago (Seibert), Elkhorn Slough, several heard regularly in isolated stand of cypresses and eucalyptus in July (C.); phainopepla, Putah Creek west of Winters, pair on June 1, Pleasant Valley, Solano Co., pair on June 1 (P.); yellow warbler, Arroyo Seco, female feeding young cowbird, and male singing on July 3 (A.); Audubon's warbler, Lokoya, Napa Co., June 9 (P.); hooded oriole, Oakland, pair feeding 3 young in nest on June 19 (Brock); Bullock's oriole, Soquel, parent feeding 2 young out of nest on July 19 (Richardson), Robles del Rio, pair feeding young in nest in tree over paved road on July 10 (C.); cowbird, 5 miles north of Moss Landing, at least 3 on July 3, Seaside, 1 heard twice in early July (C.); western tanager, Dimond Canyon, first week in July, probably nested (S.), Alameda, 2 on July 31 (K.), El Estero, Monterey, male on July 4 (A.); lazuli bunting, hill back of Carmel, female and 2 young came for water to a site where not previously seen, July 18 and 19 (Angwins); pine grosbeak, near Sugar Bowl Lodge, Placer Co., at least 3 on Aug. 4 (C.); gray-crowned rosy finch, Hat Lake, Lassen National Park, a male in this new locality on June 29 (P.); American goldfinch, Stinson Beach, common on July 20 (P.); Savannah sparrow, Point Joe, 1 singing on June 26; mouth of Salinas River, 20, several carrying food, June 26; near old mouth of Elkhorn Slough, 10 on June 30,

and carrying food, these birds disappeared before end of July (C.).—JEAN M. LINDSALE, *Hastings Reservation, Jamesburg Route, Robles del Rio, Calif.*