

MIDDLE PACIFIC COAST REGION.—April and May were mild with almost no storms or low overcast periods, and there were no conspicuous



waves of migrant birds forced to accumulate in the area. Summer birds generally arrived late and in small numbers. The dryness of the spring and the continued cool weather favored successful nesting. Temperatures approached 100° for only one brief period, toward the end

of May. Plants kept growing and green through May. These conditions seemed to favor the presence of some birds nearer to the ocean than they usually occur in summer. About San Francisco Bay, Mrs. Kelly found land birds, and especially hummingbirds, still scarce. She found shorebirds generally about as usual in numbers, but large waders were scarce after April 10. The Andersons report that installation of the large electric power plant at Moss Landing has not interfered with the nesting water birds.

Water Birds.—Horned Grebes at Bay Farm Island on April 4 were in summer plumage (Mrs. G. E. Kelly). A. L. Curl on May 27 saw young Western Grebes, 25 White Pelicans, and a Green Heron at Los Banos. ✓ ✓ ✓

Geese and Ducks.—Reports of Brant were of 5 at Bay Farm Island on April 17 and 18 (Kelly) and at Moss Landing of 24 on April 6 and 4 on May 30 (Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Anderson). On May 5 a Cinnamon Teal and a Ruddy Duck at Moss Landing each tended a brood of young (Andersons). Curl saw 4 female Hooded Mergansers on Orinda Lake as late as April 7. ✓

Hawks.—On May 2, C. Dietz saw an Osprey at Searsville Lake near Stanford. W. M. Pursell found a Pigeon Hawk on April 7 in Tilden Park, Berkeley.

Shorebirds.—On May 27, Curl saw a Florida Gallinule at Los Banos. The Andersons saw a great number of Black-bellied Plover, some still in winter plumage, at Moss Landing on May 5, but none on May 30. On April 5, C. G. Sibley found a nest and 3 eggs of Snowy Plover at Alviso. At

✓ Albany on May 10 Curl saw a single Hudsonian Curlew. On May 13, single Spotted Sandpipers were reported from St. Marys College (Curl) and near Milpitas (Miss E. Smith). Mrs. Kelly found a Surf-bird and a Ruddy Turnstone on April 17 at Bay Farm Island. The Andersons reported 3 Ruddy Turnstones on May 6 at Moss Landing. On April 7 and 17 about 100 Red Knots were present at Bay Farm Island (Kelly) and on May 10 there were 3 in Albany (Curl). On April 5, Sibley found an Am. Avocet nest with 4 eggs at Alviso.

✓ *Gulls and Terns.*—On April 6 the Andersons saw 250 Kittiwakes at Moss Landing and on April 17 Mrs. Kelly saw one at Bay Farm Island. Allan Cruickshank picked up a dead Sabine's Gull at Point Lobos on April 26 and the next day he saw 2 in flight there. On April 6 the Andersons found only 1 Caspian Tern at Moss Landing. In the same locality they saw about 100 Forster's Terns on May 5. A month later there were twice as many adults and some recently-hatched young. On May 6 the Andersons found the first Least Tern for the season at Moss Landing.

✓ *Doves and Woodpeckers.*—From May 13 to 23 a pair of Mourning Doves visited a feeding station on Seminary Court, Oakland (D. Brock). Lewis's Woodpeckers remained late at their wintering stations. Late dates were April 7, a pair near Orinda (Curl); April 8, one in Corral de Tierra (Andersons); and May 9, 2 at Hastings Reservation (G. Christman). Curl saw nesting Pileated Woodpeckers at Lokoya Lodge, Napa County, on May 30.

✓ *Flycatchers, Swallows, Wrens.*—On April 15 A. Wool saw the first Ash-throated Flycatcher of the year at the Pinnacles National Monument. Near the western edge of the breeding range of Say's Phoebe a nest containing 1 egg on April 1 at Coyote Reservoir (Sibley) had 3 eggs and a newly-hatched young bird on April 22 (E. Smith). Olive-sided Flycatchers were reported at Uvas Dam on April 17 (E. Smith) and in Oakland on May 5 (Curl). The Andersons found 100 Bank Swallows in a new colony at Moss Landing on May 9. By the end of the month there were at least 140 nest holes and some nestlings. Curl recorded a Purple Martin and 2 singing Cañon Wrens on April 8 at Mt. Diablo.

✓ *Thrushes through Silky Flycatchers.*—Late occurrences of the Varied Thrush were April 8 at Mt. Diablo (Curl) and April 13 and 18 near Los Gatos (F. Dieterich). At Mt. Hermon Mrs. Boylan saw the last wintering Hermit Thrush on April 9, and the first summering one was singing there on May 1. Early dates for the Olive-backed Thrush were April 25 in Napa County (Kelly), May 6 in Strawberry Canyon, Berkeley (Curl), and May 7 near Los Gatos (E. Smith). A. Wool saw the last Townsend's Solitaire on April 4 near Milpitas. Mrs. Kelly found about 10 Water Pipits in Arroyo Mocho on April 4. Cedar Waxwings remained in El Cerrito until May 20 (Curl) and a flock of about 50 was present in the Santa Cruz Moun-

tains on May 25 (Mrs. M. E. Shore). On April 25, Mrs. Kelly saw a Phainopepla in Pleasant Valley, Yolo County.

✓ *Warblers.*—On May 8 young Orange-crowned Warblers left a nest in Los Gatos (Miss G. Record). On April 29, a singing Nashville Warbler was recorded at Alma (E. Smith). Miss Smith heard singing Audubon's Warblers in the Santa Cruz Mountains on May 24 and at Fremont Peak State Park on May 31. Observers in the Santa Cruz Mountains detected unusual numbers of Black-throated Gray Warblers this spring. A female Townsend's Warbler on May 24 was late for the Santa Cruz Mountains (E. Smith). On May 30, Curl saw a Hermit Warbler at Lokoya Lodge, Napa County.

✓ *Blackbirds, Orioles, Tanagers.*—Miss Smith reported a breeding colony of Tricolored Blackbirds with young already out on May 13 on the A. Wool Ranch, near Milpitas. Reports of Hooded Orioles came from the following places: El Cerrito, 3 separate birds on May 23, 24, and 26 (Curl); Berkeley, nesting pair present from April 15 to May 18 (Mrs. P. Breck); Seminary Court, Oakland, pair seen on April 13, 2 young left the nest on May 22 (D. Brock); Salinas, pair in Central Park on May 5 (Andersons). Brown-headed Cowbirds were unusually abundant this spring with records from El Cerrito to San Juan. Miss Smith reported that the Western Tanager has increased as a breeder in the last few years near Los Gatos.

✓ *Finches and Sparrows.*—The last Evening Grosbeak at a feeding tray in San Jose came on May 9 (Mrs. Zwaal). Mrs. Boylan saw a female Red Crossbill at Mt. Hermon on April 22. On April 7 and 8, Seibert heard a singing Grasshopper Sparrow near San Jose and on May 13 Curl found the species near Orinda. Late Golden-crowned Sparrows were seen at El Cerrito on April 29 (Curl), at Mt. Hermon on May 2 (Boylan), Los Gatos on May 4 (E. Smith), and at Carmel on May 17 (Angwins). Reports of the White-throated Sparrow were from near Saratoga on April 17 (Seibert) and near Evergreen on April 22 (Mrs. Nielsen).—JEAN M. LINSDALE, *Hastings Reservation, Jamesburg Route, Robles del Rio, Calif.*