

MIDDLE PACIFIC COAST REGION.—Although reports from observers for this Spring Season have not been so numerous as usual those received generally

indicate average or normal migration and nesting both as to numbers and dates. Precipitation was adequate and weather conditions were such that there were no noticeable waves of migrants. So this report consists primarily of those records which appear to be sufficiently uncommon to be worth noting.

Shearwaters through Ibises.—Sooty Shearwaters numbering in the thousands were seen on Monterey Bay by Charles and Viola Anderson, May 25. Walter J. Fitzpatrick reported a flock of 25 White Pelicans that flew over Yosemite Valley on May 8. On April 14, W. B. Minturn found an Am. Bittern at Moss Landing where the same observer saw a White-faced Ibis, May 22.

Geese and Ducks.—Five Canada Geese, first seen on Mirror Lake, Yosemite Valley, April 18, were still there, June 5 (WJF). Black Brant remained late at Bodega Bay where Joseph Kittredge saw 40 on May 12 and Lillian K. Henningsen counted 21 on June 2. A. Laurence Curl saw 4 Fulvous Tree-ducks on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley near Gustine, April 16. An Oldsquaw was still present on Tomales Bay, April 1 (JK).

Hawks.—On May 11, which is late in the season for so low an elevation, there was a Goshawk at Happy Isles in Yosemite Valley (WJF).

Shorebirds.—An Am. Oyster-catcher was observed at Pt. Lobos on April 3 by H. L. Tuttle, who is familiar with the bird in Mexico. This record, published in *The Sanderling*, appears to be the only one for these coasts since 1910. Ringed Plover, rather uncommon away from the coast, were seen at 2 places in the San Joaquin Valley: 2 near Mendota on April 21 and 2 at Lanes Bridge, 10 miles north of Fresno, April 25 (WBM). Late migrating Hudsonian Curlews were reported at Santa Cruz; 10 on May 24 (WBM); and at Tomales Bay, 5 on June 1 (JK). Ken Legg saw a Lesser Yellow-legs at Natural Bridges Park near Santa Cruz, April 1. A nesting Western Willet at Lake Tahoe, found by W. K. Kirsher and A. J. Argente on May 31, is considerably to the south of previously known sites in California. Mrs. Junea W. Kelly reported 50 Red Knots, April 14, at Bay Farm Island on San Francisco Bay where Curl saw some, April 17. The Andersons found Baird's Sandpipers in unusual numbers at Moss Landing where there were about 30 on April 14, April 20, and May 27. The same observers saw 20 Sanderlings in the same vicinity as late as May 27. Fourteen migrating Western Sandpipers stopped at Lanes Bridge on April 30 (WBM). On the Elkhorn Slough nesting grounds at Moss Landing Black-necked Stilts were more numerous than in other years with at least 20 present on May 3 and still there on June 3 when the first nest was found (CA, VA). Am. Avocets on the nesting grounds at Moss Landing numbered 25 during May with the first 2 nests found, May 2. On May 14 when 2 more nests were found all nests contained 4 eggs. Five young were seen in the area on May 30 (CA, VA).

Gulls and Terns.—Short-billed Gulls remained late near Santa Cruz where Minturn counted 160 on April 10 and 100 on April 20. The large numbers of Western Gulls which stayed about Moss Landing

throughout the season may have accounted for the reduction in the number of Forster's Terns in the nesting colony to about 500, a little more than half as many as in former years (CA, VA). Black Terns, seldom seen on the central California coast, were observed in 2 places: one at Moss Landing, May 2 (CA, VA), and one in the vicinity of Santa Cruz, May 22 (WBM). There were 4 Common Terns at Moss Landing on April 14. Least Terns were feeding young at the mouth of the Pajaro River, May 22 (WBM).

Flycatchers, Bluebirds, Vireos, Warblers.—Minturn, who finds Gray Flycatchers only during the first week in May near Fresno, saw one on May 1. Western Bluebirds again nested on the floor of the San Joaquin Valley at Lanes Bridge (WBM), where the same observer saw a Bell's Vireo on May 3. There was a late migrating Townsend's Warbler at Berkeley on May 21 (JK). At Castle Rock in the Santa Cruz Mountains, where Emily Smith has reported singing male Hermit Warblers for several nesting seasons, she located a nest with a female on it, May 30.

Finches and Sparrows.—The first Blue Grosbeak of the season, a male, appeared at Lanes Bridge, April 28 (WBM). James O. Wanzer had a Common Redpoll in his garden in Sacramento on March 20 when he watched it for some time as close as 6 feet. Two vagrant Lark Sparrows were seen in Yosemite Valley on May 5 (WJF) and they were extremely abundant in the country from San Andreas to Mariposa, May 10 and 11; and on the Big Oak Flat Road, May 14 (WMP).—RUSSELL H. PRAY, 662 Santa Rosa Ave., Berkeley 7, Calif.