

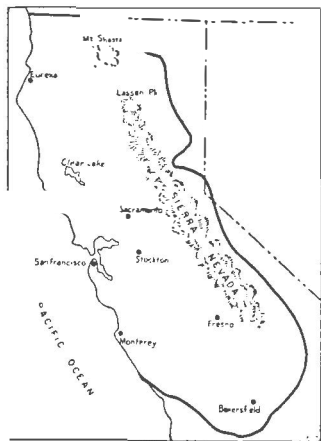
San Francisco Cliff House, July 13.

*Heron, Geese.*—Heron, apparently attracted by small fish which could be seen near the surface of the water, were in unusual concentration at Alviso where Mrs. Smith counted 25 Great Blue Herons, July 11 and 4, July 25; 8 Am. Egrets on July 11 and 43, July 25; and 27 Black-crowned Night Herons, July 11, and 21 on July 25. A. J. Argante found a Snowy Egret at the south end of Lake Tahoe on July 3 where the same observer saw 4 Am. Bitterns, June 27. Black Brant, reported in early June at Bodega Bay in the Spring Season, were seen there, July 2, when Joseph Kittredge counted 17. On June 22, Walter J. Fitzpatrick saw a pair of Mallards flying over Tioga Pass, 10,000 ft. elevation.

*Vultures, Hawks.*—At Pinnacles National Monument, Betty Jackson found the nest of a Turkey Vulture with one downy young on July 7. White-tailed Kites were reported in the vicinity of Monterey Bay during June and July with 3 on July 23 (CA, VA); near Newark, one on Aug. 15 (HLC); and 3 north of Sacramento, Aug. 7 (WKK). There was an immature Golden Eagle at the Pinnacles, June 6 (BJ). The Argantes saw a Bald Eagle at the top of a tall dead redwood at Richardson's Grove State Park in southern Humboldt County, July 31. At the south end of Lake Tahoe, F. G. Evenden and the Argantes found 2 Ospreys "with a nest" on June 27 where the Argantes observed them again on July 3 and 14.

*Shorebirds, Alcids.*—Migratory movement of Ringed Plover in late July is indicated by reports from four areas: Moss Landing, 5, July 20 (CA, VA); San Francisco Bay, about 35 at Bay Farm Island, July 29 (HLC); Jenner, 9, July 22 (JK); and Bodega Bay, 15 on July 28 (WKK). The nesting of Willets at Lake Tahoe reported in the spring Season report was unsuccessful; the eggs failed to hatch (ERP). Eight single Wandering Tattlers sighted along the coast north of Bodega Bay on July 28 (WKK) seem to be evidence of migratory movement. Ken Legg had seen one near Santa Cruz on July 25. The Andersons reported a Red Knot and a Baird's Sandpiper on both July 21 and 27 at Moss Landing. Western Sandpipers began moving into the Region in early July with 53 near Moss Landing, first of the season, July 1 (CA, VA); 210 at Bodega Bay, July 2 (JK); and 20 at Carmel, July 4 (Emily Smith). On the shores of San Leandro Bay, Alameda County, Cogswell found none on June 22; about 60, July 13; and 18,000 ( $\pm 3000$ ), July 29. At Elkhorn Slough near Moss Landing the Andersons found 3 nests of Am. Avocets and one chick able to swim but not fly on July 4. Cogswell saw about 30 adults and 3 non-flying young near Dumbarton Bridge, Aug. 15, and watched numbers at Bay Farm Island increase from one on July 29 to about 400, Aug. 14. Red Phalaropes were seen on Elkhorn Slough, 6 on June 6 and one, July 28 (CA, VA). The same observers found 3 Wilson's Phalaropes near Moss Landing, July 4, and 40 on Elkhorn Slough, July 28. Cogswell reported a ♂ and 3 ♀'s at Bay Farm Island in breeding plumage and 4 in winter plumage, Aug. 4. At Natural Bridges State Park near Santa Cruz on June 9, Legg saw 2 Northern Phalaropes. There were thousands at Alviso, July 25

**MIDDLE PACIFIC COAST REGION.**—Temperatures remained generally below normal in the interior with consequent warm weather on the coast.



Although observations show abnormal displacement of several species and interesting marginal records, no generalizations appear to be justified.

*Grebes, Pelicans.*—Off La-Salva Beach north of Moss Landing on June 27 Charles and Viola Anderson saw about 200 Western Grebes. Beginning July

11, when Etta W. Smith saw 58 in the air over Alviso, White Pelicans were present in coastal areas. At Dumbarton Bridge, a few miles to the north, there were about 100, July 26 (Junea W. Kelly) and these had increased to about 300 by Aug. 15 (Howard L. Cogswell). William K. Kirsher saw 75 flying high 10 miles north of Sacramento, Aug. 8; and east of the Sierran crest Edwin R. Pickett and Barbara O'Neill counted 50 over Markleeville, Aug. 4. The Andersons reported hundreds of Brown Pelicans in the Monterey Bay area during July and Cogswell counted 110 at the

(FWS); about 250 on Elkhorn Slough, July 28 (CA, VA); and about 8000 near Dumbarton Bridge, Aug. 15 (HLC). Pigeon Guillemots were feeding young at Natural Bridges State Park, June 25 (KL). On Monterey Bay there were 3 Ancient Murrelets, July 22 (CA, VA).

*Owls through Swallows.*—Great Gray Owls are seen more commonly every year in Yosemite. This summer they were reported frequently, especially at Bridalveil Campground, 7000 ft. (WJF). Vaux's Swifts were observed at three interior locations: 2 at Whitehall, Eldorado Co., June 19 (ERP, Bob Graham); one near Hobart Mills, Nevada Co., July 11, where one was seen repeatedly in 1950 and 1951 (HLC); and 3 at Burney Falls, Shasta Co., July 8 (HLC). Junea W. Kelly watched the nesting of an Anna's Hummingbird in her Alameda garden from Jan. 4, when it was discovered nest building, through the complete cycle. The first egg was laid, Jan. 20, and the second, Jan. 22. The first egg hatched, Feb. 6 and the second, Feb. 7. The first bird left the nest, March 3 and the second, March 4. The Andersons located a new colony of Bank Swallows near Watsonville and Legg found 2 large colonies of at least 300 on San Andreas Road, 15 miles east of Santa Cruz.

*Nutcrackers through Orioles.*—A Clark's Nutcracker wandered down to Yosemite Valley, June 10 (WJF). Chestnut-backed Chickadees were feeding young out of the nest on Mill Creek near Mt. Veedor Road, 2½ miles WNW of Napa, June 16 (RHP). At Summit Lake, Lassen National Park, at 6700 ft.,

Cogswell found 2 Winter Wrens, one singing, July 8. Near Soladad there were 3 Phainopeplas, June 19 (CA, VA). A pair of Yellow-headed Blackbirds was seen near Lakeport, July 5 (HLC). A. Lawrence Curl watched an adult male Hooded Oriole with one young in El Cerrito, June 16.

*Finches and Sparrows.*—A fall wandering Blue Grosbeak was seen near Forestville, Sonoma Co., Aug. 4 (JK). Fitzpatrick reported that a great abundance of Evening Grosbeaks from El Portal, 2000 ft., to Lukens Lake, 8500 ft., in Yosemite Park through July and into August was the most unusual phenomenon of the season. At 6000 ft. elevation in Eldorado County. Pickett watched young being fed, Aug. 11. Pine Grosbeak reports have never been so numerous as this year in Yosemite, where they were seen from Perego Meadow to Lukens Lake (WJF). Red Crossbills were reported from Silver Lake, Amador Co., June 20 (FGE, WKK) and Lake Tahoe, July 14 (AJA) to Modoc and Siskiyou Counties, July 8 and 9 (HLC). In the Coast Range there were 2 ♂'s and a ♀ on Crockett Peak in NE Lake County, 5100 ft., foraging in fallen yellow pine cones, July 6 (HLC); and from July 27 to Aug. 24, Lelah Miller and Emily Smith saw at least 6 adults at Mt. Hermon, Santa Cruz Co., where some were seen from June 8 to Aug. 5, 1951. Fox Sparrows were feeding 3 young in a nest on Sheetiron Mountain, 6380 ft., NE Lake Co., July 6 (HLC).—RUSSELL H. PRAY, 662 Santa Rosa Ave., Berkeley 7, Calif.