

Southern Pacific Coast Region

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It was a below-average winter for berry-eating species such as American Robins and Cedar Waxwings, and there was an almost complete absence of the standard boreal and montane irruptive species (e.g. Mountain Chickadee, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Purple Finch, and Pine Siskin) away from areas of normal occurrence. However, Mountain Bluebirds were far more numerous than normal, with large flocks along the coast and in the interior valleys. A nice selection of rarities included at least one Crested Caracara around the Salton Sea, a remarkably late Buff-breasted Sandpiper near San Diego, California's first winter Brown Crested Flycatcher, and the Region's third Field Sparrow in Orange County.

Abbreviations: F.C.R. (*Furnace Creek Ranch, Death Valley National Monument, Inyo*); H.D.L. (*Harper Dry Lake, n.w. of Barstow,*

San Bernardino Co.); L.A.C.N.H.M. (*Los Angeles County Natural History Museum*); N.E.S.S. (*north end of the Salton Sea, Riverside Co.*); S.C.R.E. (*Santa Clara River Estuary near Ventura, Ventura Co.*); S.E.S.S. (*south end of the Salton Sea, Imperial Co.*). As virtually all rarities in s. California are seen by many observers, only the observer(s) initially finding and identifying the bird are included. Documentation is on file with the California Bird Records Committee (c/o Michael A. Patten, P.O. Box 51959, Riverside, CA 92517) for all rarities listed in this report. Reports submitted without documentation are not published.

Loons to Pelicans

A Pacific Loon at Castaic Dam, *Los Angeles* Feb. 16 (KLG) and four on L. Perris, *Riverside* Jan. 19 (CMcG) were inland where considered rare. A Com. Loon at S.E.S.S., Dec. 19 (TC) was in an area where few have been found in winter. A Horned Grebe at S.E.S.S., Dec. 16–Jan. 1 (REW) is one of only a few to be found on the Salton Sea in winter, but 50 on L. Perris and 15 more on nearby L. Skinner throughout the period (CMcG) were on large deep water lakes where numbers regularly winter.

Three Laysan Albatrosses seen over deep water 75 nautical mi off Pt. Conception, *Santa Barbara* during an Los Angeles Audubon Society pelagic trip Feb. 5 (MH) were in an area where this species is undoubtedly regular. Two Murphy's Petrels 286 nautical mi WSW of San Nicolas I., Jan.



24 and another closer to shore at 174 nautical mi WSW of San Nicholas I. the following day (PP) are the earliest for S. California waters. A Cook's Petrel 66 nautical mi SW of San Nicolas I., Jan. 26 (PP) was the closest to shore of at least 20 seen between Jan. 23–26 during a CALCOFI Scientific Research Cruise off S. California. A Flesh-footed Shearwater, rare off S. California at any time of the year, was well described off Anacapa I., Dec. 13 (CIS). A Buller's Shearwater 5 nautical mi NNW of San Nicolas I., Jan. 28 (PP) was the first to be found in S. California waters at this time of the year. Two Fork-tailed Storm-Petrels 176 nautical mi WSW of San Nicolas I., Jan. 31 (PP) were unusually far south.

A Red-billed Tropicbird, somewhat unexpected off S. California in winter, was 103 nautical mi W of San Nicolas I., Jan. 29 (PP). A Red-tailed Tropicbird 160 nautical mi WSW of San Nicholas I., Jan. 25 (PP) was closer than usual to shore, and another 84 nautical mi W of San Nicholas I., Jan. 29 (PP) was even closer. Two–three Brown Pelicans remained inland on the Salton Sea throughout the season (RMcK), as now appears normal.

Hérons to Raptors

An imm. Tricolored Heron at the Tijuana R. mouth, *San Diego* Dec. 18+ (MBS, GLR) was the only one found along the coast, but another immature at N.E.S.S., Jan. 2–Feb. 12 (MAP) was inland where very rare, and is likely the same individual seen there in October. An imm. Reddish Egret at N.E.S.S., Dec. 19–Mar. 20 (JFa, GH) was only the sixth to be reported on the Salton Sea, and the first in winter. The Yellow-crowned Night-Heron that has frequented the coast between La Jolla and San Elijo Lagoon, *San Diego* since Oct. 1981 was present in La Jolla throughout the period (GMcC). Two Wood Storks at the Wild Animal Park near Escondido, *San Diego* Jan. 8 (TC) joined the captive storks at this location at least 3 years ago, and appear settled for life.

A Tundra Swan at Pt. Mugu, *Ventura* Jan. 21–Feb. 20 (BHe) was the southernmost on the coast. A Brant at Little Lake, *Inyo* Dec. 10–11 (RHN) was in the n.e. portion of the Region where very rare, especially at this time of the year. A Wood Duck, very rare around the Salton Sea, was near N.E.S.S., Jan. 2 (SJM). A Com. (Green-winged) Teal, an annual straggler from Asia, was in Irvine, *Orange* Jan. 30–Mar. 5 (RAE). At least 40 Eur. Wigeon were reported from throughout the Region, including up to ten together in San Jacinto Valley, *Riverside* during December and January (RMcK). An Eur. X Am. Wigeon spent its 5th winter in

Goleta, *Santa Barbara* (PEL), another was in Mira Loma, *Riverside* Dec. 19 (MAP), and a third was near San Jacinto Dec. 21 (DG); this hybrid is regularly encountered



Rare in the coastal slope of southern California was this male Barrow's Goldeneye on Lake Cachuma, Santa Barbara County, January 17, 1994. Photograph/Joan Hardie.

in small numbers in California. The only Tufted Duck was a male on Oso Flaco L., *San Luis Obispo* Jan. 22–Feb. 12 (JSR). Three Greater Scaup near Big Pine, *Inyo* Feb. 6 (T&JH) and another near Bakersfield, *Kern* Jan. 16 (JLD) were at unusual localities inland. Two Oldsquaws at N.E.S.S., Jan. 2 (MAP), another nearby Jan. 10 (RMcK), another in Salton City, *Imperial* Feb. 15 (BZ), and a fifth in Sylmar, *Los Angeles* Feb. 12–Mar. 5 (DA) were inland, where rare. At least four Black Scoters were on the Salton Sea, with up to two females at N.E.S.S., Dec. 16–18 (REW, MAP), another female at S.E.S.S., Dec. 16–Jan. 22 (REW, PC) and an imm. male near Bombay Beach, *Imperial* Feb. 13 (MAP). Up to four Surf Scoters—certainly far more numerous in S. California than the previous species, but still rare inland—were at N.E.S.S., Dec. 4–Jan. 15 (MAP); another was at S.E.S.S., Jan. 29 (GMcC), and two more were at Little L., Dec. 11 (RHN). A Barrow's Goldeneye, most unusual along the coast of S. California, was on L. Cachuma, *Santa Barbara* Jan. 16–Feb. 5 (J. Burden).

An imm. Bald Eagle at the Santa Ynez R. mouth, *Santa Barbara* all winter (BHi) and another near Brawley, *Imperial* Jan. 30



This adult Broad-winged Hawk at Los Osos, California, in February 1994, furnished the first winter record in a decade for southern California. Photograph/Greg Smith.

(D&MH) were in areas where few have been found. An ad. N. Goshawk at H.D.L., Feb. 19–Mar. 11 (DT, EAC) was at a most unusual locality, and appeared to be feeding on Long-eared Owls. An ad. Broad-winged Hawk in Los Osos, *San Luis Obispo* Feb. 4–21 (DLS) was the first to be found in S. California in winter in over ten years. A Swainson's Hawk at Pt. Mugu, *Ventura* Jan. 19–Feb. 22 (JS) had undoubtedly wintered locally, but spring migrants do reach S. California quite early, as is evident by one over Irvine Feb. 13 (TEW), and another near El Centro Feb. 14 (BZ), followed by a flock of 15 there Feb. 20 (D&MH). Zone-tailed Hawks appeared more numerous and widespread than normal with an adult photographed in Santa Barbara Dec. 28–Jan. 10 (HPR) being the first in *Santa Barbara*; another photographed in Ojai Feb. 28–Mar. 8 (BSi) being the 2nd in *Ventura*; one in Irvine Nov. 13–Dec. 19 (JEP); another in nearby Mission Viejo Dec. 18–Mar. 13 (MD), and at least one more in Santee, *San Diego* Jan. 16–Feb. 9 (DP, D&MH). A "Harlan's" Red-tailed Hawk, rare any-



A scattering of Zone-tailed Hawk reports over southern California was unusual, especially for the winter season. This adult was over Ojai, *Ventura* County, at the end of February 1994. Photograph/Brad Sillasen.

where in California, was near Needles, *San Bernardino* Nov. 27 (GMcC), and another was photographed in Redlands, *San Bernardino* Dec. 28–31 (BGP, EAC). An imm. Crested Caracara was seen near Westmorland, *Imperial* Dec. 14 (RH), and what may have been the same immature was seen about 50 mi to the n. near Indio, *Riverside* Jan. 9 (EB). Three–four have been seen in N. California in the past ten years, but none received endorsement by the C.B.R.C. for placement on the State List. One of three was collected in extreme N. Baja California some 60 mi e.s.e. of Westmorland in March 1928 (J. Grinnell. 1928. *A Distributional Summation of the Ornithology of Lower California*), making the Lower Colorado R. Valley and the vicinity of the Salton Sea the area most likely for California's first.

Crane to Murrelets

A Sandhill Crane near San Jacinto Dec. 21 (KRB) was away from any area of regular occurrence. Wintering Pacific Golden-Plovers included up to five near Santa Maria, *Santa Barbara* throughout the period (DWQ), two on nearby Vandenberg A.F.B., Dec. 19 (PEL), up to six around Oxnard, *Ventura* all winter (DD), and ten in Seal Beach, *Orange* throughout the period (RAH). A Snowy Plover on Owens L., *Inyo* Dec. 20 (T&JH) was unusually late for that area. A Solitary Sandpiper in Torrance, *Los Angeles* Oct. 28+ (DM, KL) was undoubtedly the same bird present there during the past 2 winters, and another was at the Rubidoux Nature Center near Riverside Jan. 8 (C-TL). Four Ruddy Turnstones inland along the w. shore of the Salton Sea Dec. 5 (WDS), two more at S.E.S.S., Dec. 5 (KLG), and single birds there Dec. 28 (PU) and Jan. 3 (B&CD) were all probably attempting to winter locally, as was a Red Knot near Salton City Dec. 14 (GMcC). Up to 50 Sanderlings a day were found on the Salton Sea during the period (RMCK), where this species now regularly winters in small numbers. Two Stilt Sandpipers in Salton City Nov. 27–Dec. 4 (MAP) and up to three at N.E.S.S., Dec. 16–Jan. 22 (REW, MAP) were the only ones found away from S.E.S.S., where at least 300 spent the winter. A Buff-breasted Sandpiper photographed near Imperial Beach Dec. 4–7 (PC) would appear to be the latest ever to be found in North America. Single Ruffs were along the coast near Santa Maria Jan. 2 (JMC) and at Pt. Mugu Feb. 2–19 (BSi), and inland near Brawley, *Imperial* Dec. 7–Jan. 15 (WDS, GMcC) and Feb. 24 (REW), and at N.E.S.S., Feb. 27 (RMCK). Up to four basic-plumage Wilson's Phalaropes at S.E.S.S., Feb. 24–Mar. 13 (KLG, REW), rare in winter, probably spent the period there.

A first-winter Laughing Gull photographed in Bakersfield Dec. 30 (JCW) is the first to be found in *Kern*. A first-winter Little Gull at N.E.S.S., Dec. 14–Jan. 8 (JFa,

GMcC) was believed present from late November, and two first-winter birds and an adult were together at S.E.S.S. near Bombay Beach Jan. 24–Feb. 27 (GMcC, MAP). A Common Black-headed Gull in Santa Barbara Nov. 29–Feb. 5 (JH) was undoubtedly the same bird present there early last winter. A Mew Gull, always a rare find far inland, was in Bakersfield Dec. 30–Jan. 2 (MTH); another was near Brawley Jan. 29 (GMcC) and a third was at S.E.S.S., Feb. 1–13 (RH, MAP). A first-winter Thayer's Gull photographed in Bakersfield Dec. 23–26 (JCW) was only the second to be found in *Kern*, and at least ten around S.E.S.S. throughout the period (GMcC, MAP) was more than usual for this inland locality. At least ten Glaucous-winged Gulls around S.E.S.S. (GMcC, MAP) was an above-average winter number for this inland locality. Single imm. Glaucous Gulls were along the coast in Santa Barbara Dec. 3 (PEL), Long Beach, *Los Angeles* Dec. 25–30 (KL) and Oceanside, *San Diego*, Mar. 5 (PW), and inland at N.E.S.S., Jan. 29 (BP) and in Brawley Jan. 24 (PEL). A Black Skimmer in Avila Beach Feb. 21 (JMC) was n. of Pt. Conception where rare, especially in midwinter.

Two Marbled Murrelets a mi off Pt. Conception Feb. 2 (PP) were s. of this species' normal range. A minor influx of Ancient Murrelets brought two to Goleta Jan. 1 (PEL), another to Dana Point, *Orange* Dec. 24–26 (JEP) and up to four to Mission Beach in San Diego Dec. 22–Jan. 1 (TPB).

Doves to Woodpeckers

A White-winged Dove in Goleta Dec. 17–Jan. 30 (SEF), three together in Ventura Feb. 5 (RSm), and another in Irvine Dec. 23 (JSB) were along the coast where rare in winter. A Ruddy Ground-Dove at F.C.R., Dec. 28 (T&JH) was the latest seen of those arriving earlier in the fall. A Lesser Nighthawk in Irvine Jan. 3–4 (BO'C) was on the coast where most unusual at that time of the year, and another at N.E.S.S., Dec. 24 (MAP) was one of only a few seen in that area in winter. As usual, one–two flocks of Vaux's Swifts remained through the winter, with ≤100 in Sunland, *Los Angeles* Jan. 28+ (DA) and ≤70 in the San Gabriel Valley through the period (JFi). Following the fall influx of Broad-billed Hummingbirds, one was found in Goleta Jan. 1 (MAH); the two at a feeder in Camarillo since Nov. 12 were still present at the end of the period (J&HW), the two at the S. Coast Botanical Garden on the Palos Verdes Pen. since November remained through the end of the period (JI, KLG, MH), and another was in Sylmar, *Los Angeles* in early December (JI). A Black-chinned Hummingbird, exceptional in winter, was in Fullerton, *Orange* Jan. 23–Feb. 26 (DRW). A Costa's Hummingbird remained in Big Pine

through Dec. 10 (T&JH), unusually far north for that time of the year. Reports of Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers included juveniles in Pomona, *Los Angeles* Dec. 11 (DAG), Sylmar Nov. 6+ (DA), on the Palos Verdes Pen., Dec. 26–Jan. 1 (KL), in Mission Viejo Dec. 22–31 (WG), at Santa Ysabel, *San Diego* Dec. 4–Jan. 1 (LP), and an ad. male near San Diego all winter (KS). The two Williamson's Sapsuckers in Sylmar since October remained through the winter (DA); a male was in Lakeview Terrace, *Los Angeles* Dec. 10–Feb. 5 (DM) and a female was in Agoura, *Los Angeles* Dec. 19 (MSM). This species is most unusual in the coastal lowlands. The Pileated Woodpecker near Bakersfield since Oct. 17 was last seen Feb. 20 (JCW).

Flycatchers to Vireos

A Least Flycatcher in San Diego Dec. 14–18 (REW) may have been a very late fall vagrant, since it could not be relocated later in the winter. Only three Gray Flycatchers were found, with one near Riverside Nov. 25–Jan. 12 (CMcG), another in Temecula, *Riverside* Dec. 5–Mar. 3 (WJM) and the third in Santee during January (D&MH), this being far fewer than in the past for this time of the year. Single Pacific-slope Flycatchers along the coast in Goleta Dec. 20–Jan. 1 (SEF), San Marino, *Los Angeles* Dec. 12 (KLG), and Mission Viejo Dec. 18–19 (DRW), and a fourth inland in Riverside Nov. 3–26 (MAP) could not be relocated on later dates, but one in Beverly Hills, *Los Angeles* Jan. 27 (SLM) probably spent the winter locally. Three E. Phoebe was about average for winter, with one at Laguna L. in San Luis Obispo Nov. 20–Feb. 6 (JSR, JMC), another at L. Morena, *San Diego* Feb. 24 (RG) and the third near San Diego Mar. 5–12 (CGE). A Dusky-capped Flycatcher, a species now found virtually every winter, was on the Palos Verdes Pen., Jan. 1–17 (MH). The only Ash-throated Flycatchers reported were one in Sunland (DA, DM) and another in Long Beach (MH) throughout the period. A Brown-crested Flycatcher in Mission Viejo Dec. 18–28 (JEP, LRH, JSB) was only the fourth to be found on the coast of California, and the first anywhere in the State in winter. Four Tropical Kingbirds were along the coast, with single individuals in Cayucos, *San Luis Obispo* Jan. 9–16 (KAR), Goleta from Oct. 18–Mar. 13 (PEL), Pt. Mugu Jan. 22–Mar. 27 (MC) and in Costa Mesa, *Orange*, Jan. 2–Feb. 6 (RAH); one inland near Ontario Dec. 24–Feb. 9 (MAP) was the first for *Riverside*. A Thick-billed Kingbird near Pomona Oct. 19–Mar. 4 (CMB) was also present at this locality March 5–8, 1993 (CMB). A Scissor-tailed Flycatcher was at L. Hodges, *San Diego*, Jan. 4–17



Surprisingly far inland, and at an odd season, was this first-winter Laughing Gull at Bakersfield, California, December 30, 1993. Photograph/John Wilson.

(SBG), there being about 7 records of this species in California in winter.

A Rough-winged Swallow, rare on the coast in winter, was in Goleta Oct. 29–Feb. 6 (PEL) and another was in Mission Viejo Dec. 4–Jan. 20 (MMcD). A Bank Swallow, most unusual in winter, was in Irvine Jan. 2–Feb. 19 (BED). A Cliff Swallow over Whittier, *Los Angeles* Dec. 12 (LJS) and another in Irvine Dec. 31–Jan. 30 (BED) were also most unseasonal. A Barn Swallow, rare anywhere in California in winter, was in Irvine Dec. 14–Feb. 1 (DRW) and another was over L. Hodges Jan. 8 (GMcC).

A Blue-gray Gnatcatcher in Lone Pine, *Inyo* Jan. 1–Feb. 13 (SM) was most unusual considering the temperatures it had to endure. The Bendire's Thrasher found in Salton City Sept. 14 remained through Feb.



A rare visitor to the California coast, this Bendire's Thrasher was at Point Mugu, Ventura County, February 13, 1994. Photograph/Don Desjardin.

16 (MAP); along the coast one was at Pt. Mugu Jan. 30–Feb. 27 (DD) and another was in Escondido, *San Diego* Jan. 2–22 (JC).

A Bell's Vireo, rare in winter, was at the S. Coast Botanical Garden on the Palos Verdes Pen., Oct. 23–Mar. 3 (KL), another was in Irvine Oct. 14–Feb. 26 (JEP) and a third was in Corona del Mar, *Orange* Dec. 16–Jan. 30 (DRW). Reports of Solitary Vireos included two *cassini* in coastal *Santa Barbara* and three more in coastal *Los Angeles*, with only two of these remaining into January; 16 *plumbeus* were seen along the coast and in the interior, with less than half of these remaining through the winter, suggesting some might be very late fall migrants.

Wood Warblers

Six Tennessee Warblers were along the coast in December, but one in Huntington Beach, *Orange* Feb. 9 (LRH) and another

on Pt. Loma in San Diego Dec. 24–Jan. 19 (REW) were the only two remaining past the New Year. Twenty Nashville Warblers along the coast was about average, but one near Vidal, *San Bernardino* Jan. 5 (GH, JCS) is only the second to be found along the Lower Colorado R. in winter. A Lucy's Warbler, rare in winter, was in the S. Coast Botanical Garden on the Palos Verdes Pen., Dec. 5–Mar. 3 (MK). A N. Parula, very rare in winter, was near Arroyo Grande, *San Luis Obispo* Dec. 26–Jan. 14 (JSR) and what was probably a very late fall vagrant was in Huntington Beach Dec. 10 (JEP). Twenty Yellow Warblers along the coast and only one around S.E.S.S. was fewer than expected. A Chestnut-sided Warbler in Irvine Dec. 19–28 (LRH) and two together in Escondido Dec. 30–Jan. 2 (KW) could not be found on later dates, suggesting they did not winter locally. A ♂ Cape May Warbler near Niland Dec. 28–Jan. 8 (KLG) was the fifth to be found in *Imperial*. A ♂ Black-throated Blue Warbler in Sherman Oaks, *Los Angeles* Dec. 13–February was found long dead Mar. 17 (FEB, * L.A.C.N.H.M.) and another near Corona, *Riverside* Feb. 3–27 (JEP) was undoubtedly present all winter. Thirty-six Black-throated Gray Warblers along the coast was about normal; one near Victorville, *San Bernardino* Jan. 3 (RMcK) and another in Brawley Jan. 15 (GMcC) were inland. Two Hermit Warblers on the coast around Santa Barbara, another in Mission Viejo Dec. 19 (BED), and a fourth inland near Bakersfield Dec. 26–Feb. 5 (MTH) were the only ones found this winter. The Black-throated Green Warbler found near Bakersfield Nov. 13 remained through Dec. 15 (JCW) and another was present in Arcadia, *Los Angeles* Dec. 18+ (TEW). A ♂ Pine Warbler was in Santa Barbara Jan. 1–Feb. 6 (RAH). A Prairie Warbler, most unusual in winter, was at the Hansen Dam Recreation Area in Sunland Nov. 7+ (DA). As predictable after the heavy fall flight, more than the normal number of Palm Warblers remained into the winter, with at least 50 reported from along the coast, along with 10 more in the w. portions of *San Bernardino* and *Riverside*, one at N.E.S.S., Jan. 2 (CMcG), another near Niland, *Imperial* Dec. 28–Feb. 13 (PAG), and two more along the Highline Canal (RMcK) much farther inland. Eleven Black-and-white Warblers along the coast was about average, but single birds in Kernville, *Kern* Jan. 2 (SF) and Brawley Jan. 15–29 (GMcC) were inland, where much rarer. Five Am. Redstarts were along the coast, singles in Morro Bay Nov. 30+ (TME), Lompoc Jan. 4–Mar. 23 (SN), Santa Barbara Dec. 21–Jan. 1 (JEL), Sunland Dec. 26–Feb. 2 (MSM), and in

Oceanside throughout the period; at least three more were around S.E.S.S. during December and January (GMcC, DAG), where small numbers regularly winter. A Worm-eating Warbler, rare at any time in California, was in Santa Barbara Jan. 1–Mar. 12 (PEL). The only N. Waterthrushes reported were one at S.C.R.E., Oct. 23–Jan. 2 (BHe) and another near San Diego Jan. 8–14 (CGE). A Kentucky Warbler in Arcadia Dec. 18–19 (HB, CH) was remarkably the fourth to be found in California in winter. Twenty-three Wilson's Warblers along the coast, with most in *Santa Barbara*, was about average, but one at N.E.S.S., Jan. 2 (SJM) was one of very few found in this area. A Canada Warbler in Oceano, *San Luis Obispo* Dec. 5 (KAR) was remarkably late. A Painted Redstart near Arroyo Grande Dec. 31–Feb. 5 (KAR) was only the second to be found in *San Luis Obispo*, and another in Costa Mesa Oct. 10–Mar. 3 (RAH, JEP) was undoubtedly the same bird present there last winter.

Tanagers to Finches

A ♂ Hepatic Tanager in Santa Barbara Nov. 9–Mar. 30 (HPR) was the same bird present during the past 11 years; a female was in Sylmar, *Los Angeles* Dec. 2+ (DM), and a male was in Irvine Nov. 14–Feb. 13 (JEP). Fifteen Summer Tanagers along the coast was close to an average number for winter, but one at Ramer L. near S.E.S.S., Dec. 28 (PU) was inland where unexpected. Thirty-five W. Tanagers along the coast was somewhat less than normal.

Eight Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were reported, with single birds near Arroyo Grande Dec. 30–Feb. 5 (JCS), in Santa Barbara Feb. 20–Mar. 11 (JS) and Mar. 1 (BDeW), Carpinteria Jan. 15–Feb. 13 (RWH), Ventura Jan. 2 (PEL), Irvine Jan. 30–Feb. 27 (RL), Pt. Loma in San Diego Jan. 16 (REW), and at another location in San Diego Jan. 1 (JO'B). A Black-headed Grosbeak, less common in winter than the previous species, was in Oceano Jan. 9–14 (KAR, JMC); another was in Goleta from late November–Jan. 5 (SEF) and a third was in Santa Barbara Jan. 29–31 (MA).

A Green-tailed Towhee in Corona del Mar Dec. 7 (RJ), another in Downey, *Los Angeles* throughout the period (NJS), and a third near Chino, *San Bernardino* Feb. 28 (JEP) were at unusual localities for that time of the year. A Clay-colored Sparrow in Torrance Feb. 18 (KL), another in Culver City, *Los Angeles* Dec. 24+ (DS), and a third in Irvine Dec. 15–February (RAH, JLD) were an average number. An Am. Tree Sparrow near San Jacinto Dec. 21 (DG) was unusually far south. A Field Sparrow found in Huntington Beach Jan. 20, the fifth in Cali-

fornia, (JEP, JSB) was still present Mar. 13, and was one of two present in the State this winter. Two Lark Buntings in Niland, *Imperial* Dec. 28 (BED, PAG) and two together near Blythe, *Riverside* Jan. 5 (JCS, GH) were the only found. A Le Conte's Sparrow on Upper Newport Bay Dec. 26–Jan. 11 (JBurns, KC) was the first to be found in *Orange*, and only the fourth in California in winter. The two Sharp-tailed Sparrows found on Morro Bay Nov. 12 were still present Feb. 6 (TME), and up to four were on Upper Newport Bay Dec. 12–Jan. 27 (RAE). Swamp Sparrows appeared slightly more numerous than usual, with at least 55 scattered throughout the Region. More than 50 White-throated Sparrows scattered throughout the Region was probably close to normal, but most of these were concentrated in *Santa Barbara*. Four Harris' Sparrows was decidedly less than normal.

A McCown's Longspur near S.E.S.S., Jan. 30 (GMCC) was the only one reported. Up to 12 Chestnut-collared Longspurs remained near Independence, *Inyo* November to at least Feb. 6 (A&LK), 15 were near California City, *Kern* Dec. 25 (MTH), a flock of ≤35 was present near S.E.S.S., Jan. 29–Feb. 17 (MAP, GMCC), and a minimum of seven were on the Plano Trabuco, *Orange* Dec. 19–31 (DRW). The only Lapland Longspur reported was one near California City Dec. 25 (MTH).

Two Rusty Blackbirds were found, with one in San Luis Obispo Dec. 18–Feb. 6 (MTH) and the other in Irvine Feb. 6–Mar. 12 (RAH). The only Orchard Oriole was a female in Santa Barbara Dec. 5–Feb. 25 (PEL). A Hooded Oriole, very rare in winter, was in Santa Barbara Jan. 1 (PEL); single birds were in Ventura Dec. 10 (VK) and Jan. 2 (PEL), four were together in San Marino, *Los Angeles* all winter (KLG), another was in Canoga Park, *Los Angeles* Feb. 22 (WD), and two more were together in Huntington Beach Jan. 2 (JEP). Forty-three N. Orioles along the coast was less than normal, and a N. (Baltimore) Oriole in Irvine Nov. 20–Feb. 6 (JEP) was the only one of this race amongst them. A Scott's Oriole, rare along the coast, was near Morro Bay Dec. 18–23 (RR), up to two were in Santa Barbara Nov. 3–Mar. 27 (JEL), one was in Sylmar Dec. 3+ (DA), one was near Mission Viejo Jan. 13 (RAH), another was near Temecula Dec. 12 (RS), and a seventh was on Santa Cruz I., Mar. 5–7 (MAH).

A few Red Crossbills ventured into the S. California mountains, as evident by about 150 on Mt. Pinos Dec. 17 (JCW), ≤30 on Figueroa Mt. near Santa Barbara all winter (CP), and ≤12 in the Cuyamaca Mts. of *San Diego* Jan. 18–23 (DWA).

Addenda

A Red-faced Warbler in Twentynine Palms, *San Bernardino* June 16–17, 1993 (found dead on the latter date, *S.B.C.M.) was not reported until recently, and constitutes the 10th record for California.

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