

Middle Pacific Coast Region

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The entire fall season was very dry and warm throughout the Region. Perhaps the most notable effect was good observer turnout, as reports were many and widespread. No notable trends occurred over ocean waters. The mild weather throughout the West was to blame for most species of waterfowl staying to the north through the Season. The weather conditions were perfect for passerine migrants, and the vagrant pool was outstanding. Landbird vagrants came from all directions, so it was hard to tell what forces were in place. Our regular migrants and winterers were felt to be late, on average. Irruptives were noted by their widespread absence, especially among berry eaters such as Varied Thrush and waxwings.



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Loons to Cormorants

Inland Pacific Loons in *Plumas* Oct. 28 (RNJ) & Nov. 23 (BMS) bracketed one on Donner L., Nov. 10 (†M. Meyers). The latter was probably the first for *Nevada*. The alternate-plumaged Yellow-billed Loon that returned to its haunts of last year off Pacific Grove, *Monterey*, Nov. 10+ (RT, ph.DR, AB) was believed to be a 3rd-year bird, as an immature wintering there 2 years ago showed similar habits.

Flesh-footed Shearwaters again were seen on many boat trips, with 7 trips reporting counts between five–nine (DLSh, m.ob.). Buller's Shearwaters also showed well, peaking at 1200 around Cordell Bank Oct. 14 (ASH). Manx Shearwaters were less common than in the past 2 years. There were "only" 6 sightings in *Monterey Bay*, *Monterey*, and/or *Santa Cruz* Aug. 12–Oct. 29 (DLSh, m.ob.), plus one near F.I., Oct. 15 (PP). Even rarer was documentation for these records (†DR, †BDCW, ph.BMcK).

Cordell Bank produced 2 peak counts of storm-petrels Sept. 16, with 25 Wilson's and 120 Fork-taileds (RS). Two Wilson's were in *Monterey Bay* Aug. 5 and one was there to Oct. 21 (DLSh, m.ob.). Unexpected Leach's Storm-Petrels appeared well

inside enclosed bays 4 days apart: on Humboldt Bay at Eureka Sept. 19 (EE) and on S.F. Bay at H.S., Sept. 23 (RJR; the 3rd for H.S.). A Least Storm-Petrel at Cordell Bank Sept. 10 (SBT) was unusually far north for a year in which peak counts in *Monterey Bay* were only five or six.

A tropicbird 35 mi s.w. of Cypress Pt., *Monterey*, Aug. 22 was probably a Red-billed (H. Neese, *vide* RT). Our Region's 5th Red-tailed Tropicbird was a spectacular adult 46 mi w.s.w. of Rocky Pt., *Monterey*, Sept. 16 (DLSh, ph. JMD). Was an ad. Brown Booby at F.I., Sept. 27 (*vide* KH) one of the individuals that had visited F.I. in recent years? A Pelagic Cormorant that strayed as far as Alviso, *Santa Clara*, was seen sick Aug. 18 and found dead Aug. 25 (*vide* V. Layne).

Hérons to Waterfowl

Great Egrets nested in *Santa Cruz* for the first time, with 3 nests discovered at Pinto L., July 25 (A. Diaz, R. Castro). An imm. Little Blue Heron at the Las Gallinas sewage ponds, *Marin*, Oct. 17 (RLe) was the only one reported away from the south S.F. Bay, where \leq two adults were present in *Santa Clara* Aug. 8–Sept. 22 at the Alviso and Sunnyvale salt ponds (SCR, PJM). White-faced Ibis made a poor showing along the coast with one at H.S., Sept. 12 (RJR), one along coastal *San Mateo* Sept. 22 (DJK), and eight at Moon Glow Dairy, *Monterey*, Sept. 30 (SMI). One inland near Truckee, *Placer*, Aug. 27 was a rare Sierran record (BWi).

Large numbers of geese are rarely noted along the coast or in the Coast Ranges, but strong NE winds presumably accounted for a significant movement of Greater

White-fronted Geese toward the coast Oct. 4, with 240 seen from the *Marin* headlands (BDP). At least 100 Snow Geese flying NNW high over Hopland, *Mendocino*, Nov. 2 (CEV) were more difficult to explain. Four Ross' Geese at Pacines Res., *San Benito*, Nov. 18–24 represented only a 2nd county record (SDF). A rare blue-morph Ross' was at Tule L., *Siskiyou*, Nov. 28 (RS). A single "Eur." Green-winged Teal in *Santa Clara* Nov. 23+ (MMR, MiF) was the only one reported. The first Garganey for the Region in 3 years was in *Humboldt* Sept. 16–23 (JCS, †ph.GL). *Santa Clara* again hosted a hybrid Blue-winged x Cinnamon Teal Nov. 4 (†SCR). Very early Eur. Wigeons included two in *Santa Clara* Sept. 10 (MJM) and one in *Marin* Sept. 11 (KH). Apparent Eur. x Am. Wigeon hybrids were in *Santa Cruz* Oct. 28–Nov. 19 (CKf, †DLSh) and in Palo Alto, *Santa Clara*, Oct. 14–15 (†MJM). Seven Oldsquaws, all coastal, represented a poor showing but included very early or over-summering birds at the Big Sur R. mouth, *Monterey*, Aug. 13 (DHpt) and Princeton, *San Mateo*, Aug. 22 (JsC). Inland scoters included a Surf at L. Almanor, *Plumas*, Oct. 15–18 (JHu, HG) and two White-wingeds at Johnstonville, *Lassen*, Nov. 11–12 (TDM).

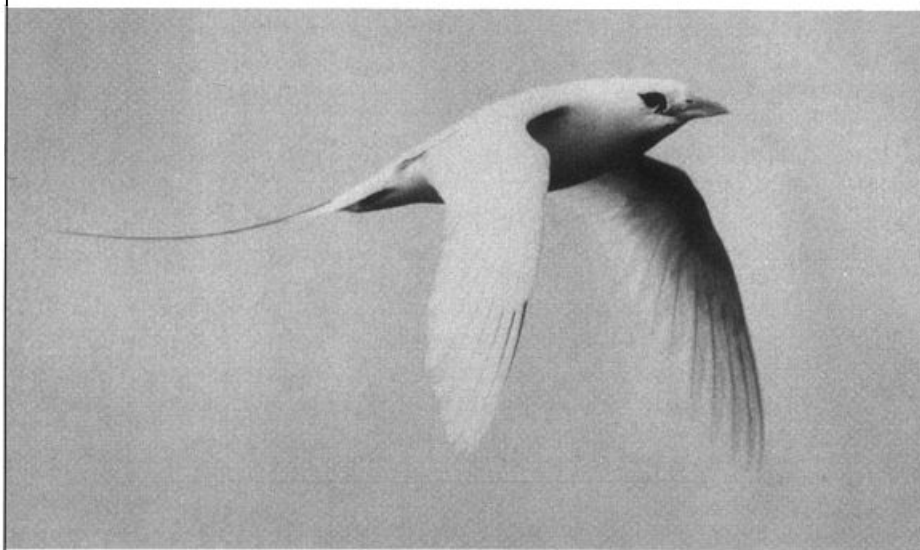
Raptors

Golden Gate Raptor Observatory noted no new record counts this fall. Sharp-shinned Hawks remained low (3158). The Observatory counted 101 Broad-winged Hawks Sept. 16–Nov. 20 and one Swainson's Hawk Aug. 29. Away from *Marin*, a Broad-winged Hawk visited H.S., Sept. 12 (RJR), and three were noted in *San Mateo* Sept. 16–22 (RSTh, BS, T. Sullivan). A Swainson's Hawk passed El Granada, *San Mateo*, Sept. 13 (BS, *vide* RSTh).

Rails to Shorebirds

A Yellow Rail was seen briefly at Glass Beach in Ft. Bragg, *Mendocino*, Oct. 5 (†RJK, †DAE) when it flushed out of tall grass at the observers' feet. Additional Black Rail sites continue to be found in the Sierran foothills, leading us to wonder "where will it end?" New sites were noted in September near Smartville, *Yuba*, and *Nevada* (J. Tecklin), the Spenceville W.A., *Yuba*, Sept. 23–Oct. 31 (BWi), and e. of Camp Far West Res. in *Nevada* Oct. 22 (BWi).

For the 2nd consecutive fall Am. Golden-Plovers were scarcely reported with only 17, of which three were inland. Solitary Sandpipers appeared to be down, with only eight individuals reported. An ad. Bar-tailed Godwit at Pt. Reyes Oct.



A spectacular find was this adult Red-tailed Tropicbird 46 miles w.s.w. of Rocky Point, Monterey County, California, September 16, 1995. It provided a fifth record for northern California. Photograph/J. Michael Danzenbaker.

2–21 (†SML, ph. EDG, ph. SMz) made the first fall appearance since 1990 with only one report. A total of 48 Semipalmated Sandpipers were reported between July 28–Oct. 15 (all but eight coastal) for an average season. Well-covered and reported *San Mateo* accounted for 25% of the total (12–13 sightings), while well-covered (and underreported?) *Marin* accounted for just 2% (one sighting). A possible ad. Little Stint was at Bolinas Lagoon, *Marin*, Aug. 30–Sept. 8, but the description was more suggestive than conclusive (†RHo, TEa, JBo). Sharp-tailed Sandpipers were reported in record numbers with no less than 10 coastally between Sept. 20–Nov. 8. One at Yolo Oct. 5–6 (JMHu) was an exceptional rarity inland. Equally impressive were a record 18 Stilt Sandpipers from Sept. 2–Oct. 7. Two Buff-breasted Sandpipers in *Del Norte* at L. Talawa (JBo, JEHu) and two–three at Pt. Reyes Sept. 16–23 (m.ob.) were at expected locales, but one at MacKerricher S.P., Sept. 17–24 (DT) was thought to provide only the 2nd record for *Mendocino*. Of five or six Ruffs reported between Sept. 8–Oct. 3, one was in *Humboldt*, two were in *Mendocino*, two–three were in *Marin*, and one was in *Santa Cruz* (all m.ob.). The only inland report of Red Phalaropes was of five from Mono Lake Aug. 12–13 (SAG, RJR).

Larids to Alcids

A Pomarine Jaeger at Richmond Sept. 22–23 (SAG, JMR, GFi) was the first for *Contra Costa*. Long-tailed Jaegers 45 mi s.w. of Pt. Sur Oct. 30 (JMD, DLSh) and at Cordell Bank Nov. 4 (ADeM) were late. A good fall for S. Polar Skua offshore Monterey showed peaks of 18 Sept. 16 (DLSh) and 15 Oct. 8 (JMcK).

Only five–six imm. Franklin's Gulls visited the coastal zone Sept. 3–Nov. 22. A 2nd-basic (?) Little Gull at H.S., Nov. 14 (†RJR) might have been the same as the previous spring's first-year bird there. One of two first-alternate Mew Gulls in *Santa Clara* during late August (SCR, PJM, REM) seemed to be the one seen July 3. An ad. Lesser Black-backed Gull in the Alviso area, *Santa Clara*, Oct. 22+ (N. Lethaby, m.ob., ph. J. Hardie) was only the Region's 2nd, although s. California has hosted ≥six since the first for the state was found at Seaside, *Monterey*, Jan. 14, 1978. A first-basic W. Gull was very rare inland at Davis, *Yolo*, Nov. 9 (S. Hampton). The first four imm. Glaucous Gulls appeared on schedule Nov. 6–18. Immature Sabine's Gulls found land at Pebble Beach, *San Mateo*, Aug. 5 (N. Lethaby) and Abbotts Lagoon, *Marin*, Aug. 10 (†GFi, MPL), while another found salt

water at Mono L., Oct. 9 (P. Davis). An imm. Com. Tern lingered at Arcata Nov. 18–19 (†DFx). An imm. Arctic Tern appeared inside S.F. Bay near H.S., Sept. 21 (RJR). Highlights of Suddjian's many observations of south-bound migrants crossing the Santa Cruz Mts. included two ad. Elegant Terns Sept. 2, the first overland in *Santa Cruz*, and a total of 13 Least Terns Aug. 16–26. Topping these was an ad. Black Skimmer over Capitola Aug. 25! The successful pair of skimmers at H.S. fledged three young by Aug. 11 which were last seen there Sept. 7 (RJR). Two juv. Black Skimmers at Brooks I., *Contra Costa*, Sept. 22 (JLo) might have been from this brood. The skimmer pair at Mountain View fledged two young Sept. 8 (PMB), but only one juvenile was seen subsequently. All three birds remained into December (JMD)! A late migrant skimmer stopped at Moss Landing, *Monterey*, Nov. 29 (RMrr).

A juv. Com. Murre at Guadalupe Slough, *Santa Clara*, Aug. 16–20 (PJM, SCR, ADeM) followed precedent that has often proved fatal to the strays. The fall's only Thick-billed Murre swam one mi w. of Cypress Pt., *Monterey*, Oct. 16 (DLSh, SFB). The first Pigeon Guillemot for H.S. appeared Sept. 3 (RJR). Wandering Marbled Murrelets included an adult at H.S., Aug. 12–19 (K. Davidson, C. Wolff, RJR, HG) and a probable parent-juvenile pair at Monterey Aug. 28 (SFB, AB, DLSh). An injured fledgling Marbled Murrelet picked up at Pescadero, *San Mateo*, Aug. 27 (B. Day, *vide* C. Gill) suggested local nesting. Six *hypoleucus* Xantus' Murrelets were far offshore Monterey Sept. 9 (DLSh) and another was described nearby the next day (†BDCW).

Doves to Woodpeckers

Three coastal White-winged Doves Sept. 8–Nov. 27 was less than half the recent fall average. The only report of Yellow-billed Cuckoo was one on F.I., Aug. 6; reports have decreased dramatically in recent years.

Migrating Flammulated Owls are very rarely detected; a vocalizing outer-coastal bird at Manila, *Humboldt*, Sept. 3 (GjH) was a noteworthy apparent migrant. Two regularly vocalizing Spotted Owls along American R. Canyon below Auburn, *Placer* (G. Metson), were at a low elevation (900 ft) for the Sierran race *occidentalis*. The ad. Long-eared Owl with two young along Mines Rd., Aug. 6 (RJR) was *Alameda's* first confirmed breeding attempt in many years. A N. Saw-whet Owl was calling along upper Mines Rd., Aug. 5 (RJR); they have bred in the Dia-

blo Range before, but their status in this region is unclear.

A Com. Nighthawk along Willow Cr. Road, *Sonoma*, Aug. 2 (ChW) was very rare coastally s. of *Mendocino*. In *Placer*, two near Rocklin Aug. 3 and another over Lincoln Aug. 6 (both JRa) continued the records from the lowlands of the greater Sacramento area. Single Chimney Swifts were over F.I., Sept. 8 & 15 (PP) and Alviso, *Santa Clara*, Sept. 12 (SBT, JCS); the majority of records of this very rare vagrant have been from F.I., but the latter locale was a county first.

Hummingbirds banded at C.C.R.S. were well below the 10-year mean. Black-chinned Hummingbird recaptures were down by 80%, and no Rufous contrasted strongly to the 10-year mean of 14. It has been speculated that the significant loss in tree tobacco, both from weed control and last winter's flooding, was to blame as it is a primary hummingbird food source (WGB).

An all-time high 10 Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were reported, most by the end of October and all coastal save one. A more typical four Red-naped Sapsuckers were found coastally Oct. 30–Dec. 2. Hitting the lowlands, the Pileated Woodpecker just w. of Vacaville Nov. 2 (EDG) was a *Solano* surprise and with little precedent in our interior district.

Flycatchers to Thrushes

Coastally, 12 Least Flycatchers Sept. 6–Nov. 5, three Hammond's Flycatchers Aug. 28–Sept. 24, eight Dusky Flycatchers Aug. 27–Sept. 14, and two Gray Flycatchers Aug. 28 & Oct. 7 were healthy totals. A Gray Flycatcher at Crane Flat, Yosemite N.P., Aug. 15 (ES) was one of few fall Sierran records on the w. slope. As usual a few E. Phoebes were found: singles at Bodega Bay Oct. 28–Dec. 3 (BDP, m.ob.) and Big Sur R. mouth, *Monterey*, Nov. 29 (J. Tietz, JBo).

Twenty-five coastal Tropical Kingbirds Sept. 24–Nov. 19 was an average showing. Single Cassin's Kingbirds at the Big Sur R. mouth Sept. 29 (JBo, JCS *et al.*) and near Hollister, *San Benito*, Nov. 10 (SDF) were overshadowed by the state's 2nd for the n. coast: one at Bear R. Ridge (*Humboldt's* first) Oct. 26–27 (ph. SMcA, S. Brennan, m.ob.). Three E. Kingbirds were along the c. coast Sept. 6–19.

A group of 35 Scrub Jays at the Big Sur R. mouth Oct. 11 (JBo) was considered a migrating flock. A Com. Raven at F.I., Oct. 4 (PP) was only the island's 2nd this century; its presence was believed related to the devastating Inverness fire in *Marin*.

SA In a season already full of color and surprises, the outstanding rarity was undoubtedly the Lanceolated Warbler (*Locustella lanceolata*) banded and photographed on F.I., Sept. 11. The only other record for North America appears to be one on Attu. What will the legendary "Rock" turn up next? Also getting into the act, the marvelous banding station at B.S.O.L. turned up the state's first Arctic Warbler (*Phylloscopus borealis*) Sept. 13 (ph. †A. Spaulding *et al.*). Except for a Baja record, this was the first North American record away from Alaska.

The state's 8th and 9th records of Northern Wheatear were at Baker Beach, S.F., Sept. 23 (ph. †DSg, DL, m.ob.), and Bodega Bay Sept. 26 (ph. L&S Spitalnik).

Mockingbird to Vireos

The N. Mockingbird at Glenshire, e. of Truckee, Nevada, Aug. 15 (M. Meyers) had little elevational precedent (6000 ft) in the Sierra Nevada. Single Brown Thrashers were at Los Altos Hills Oct. 21–22 (ph. B&S Young; *Santa Clara's* 2nd) and F.I., Nov. 2–3. It was a banner season for Motacillids, thanks to more Old World visitors. Back-to-back Yellow Wagtails were at L. Earl, *Del Norte*, Aug. 29 (J. Gartland, RHw, GJH) and Ocean Ranch, *Humboldt*, Sept. 18 (†GJH, RHw, *et al.*); their timing fit the window of the state's 10 accepted records. The state's 5th or 6th Black-backed Wagtail was in Bolinas, *Marin*, Nov. 3 (†PP, m.ob.). Fifteen coastal Red-throated Pipits Sept. 22–Oct. 31 and one inland at Ruth Lake Res., *Trinity*, Oct. 8 (†GJH) was our strongest incursion ever except for the 1991 invasion. Not surprisingly, a *japonicus* Am. Pipit also turned up: F.I., Oct. 20 (PP).

For the 2nd fall in 2 years, Bell's Vireo was found in the Region: *Monterey's* first along the coast at the Big Sur R. mouth Sept. 20–21 (†DHP, †DR) was judged to be of the race *pusillus*; and one from the C.V. was reported at the Cosumnes R. Preserve, *Sacramento*, in October (JTr, *fide* JML). Are all these recent Bell's Vireo sightings the result of successful Brown-headed Cowbird trapping programs in s. California? Three of the four "Eastern" Solitary Vireos coastally Sept. 3–Nov. 26 were documented (†DR, †DEG). Another at Mono L. County Park Sept. 5 (†ES, D. Parker) may have been a first for our Great Basin district. *Monterey* had all four "Plumbeous" Vireo reports Oct. 6–22. A very rare Yellow-throated Vireo at Pine Gulch Cr., *Marin*, Sept. 16 (DDeS) lacked

details. Three Philadelphia Vireos was average: F.I., Sept. 11–19 (†P. Capitolo *et al.*), Mad R. County Park, *Humboldt*, Sept. 16 (†SRo *et al.*), and Princeton, *San Mateo*, Sept. 24–28 (DPo, †RSTh *et al.*). Red-eyed Vireos set a fall record as 19 moved through Aug. 11–Oct. 29. *Monterey* alone had seven, and one was inland at Sweetwater Cr., *Eldorado*, Aug. 11 (†JML, GML). For the 7th fall in the past 8, Yellow-green Vireo made its presence known with singles at L. Merced, S.F., Oct. 15–28 (DPM, †JM, m.ob.) and Sunset State Beach Oct. 17 (†RMrr, †DLSu; *Santa Cruz's* first).

Warblers

It was another stunning fall season for warblers. Except for 1992, the sheer number and quality of vagrants during the past 5 falls has reminded many of the glory days of the 1970s. *Monterey*, in particular, experienced exceptional numbers. As usual, most were coastal, unless noted.

Species in record or near-record numbers were: nine Virginia's Sept. 9–Nov. 9 (*six* in *San Mateo* alone!); six Lucy's (two in September, one in October, three in November); 11 N. Parulas Aug. 26–Oct. 2; 277 Palms Sept. 12–Nov. 12 (an amazing total if one overlooks the 1993 season); 50 Black-and-whites Aug. 25–Nov. 27; and 35 N. Waterthrushes Aug. 26–Nov. 18 (28 in September). Those in above-average numbers were: 29 Chestnut-sideds Aug. 27–Oct. 30; 27 Magnolias Sept. 8–Nov. 1; 14 Prairies Aug. 25–Oct. 28; and seven Canadas Sept. 9–Oct. 24. Average totals were managed by: 36 Tennessees Sept. 8–Nov. 4; 12 Black-throated Blues Sept. 22–Nov. 8; 83 Blackpolls Aug. 31–Nov. 4 (*Monterey's* 25 was about 4 times its recent average); 65 Am. Redstarts Aug. 23–Nov. 12; and six Ovenbirds Sept. 9–Oct. 29. The only ones below recent averages were 10 Blackburnians Sept. 21–Nov. 9 and one Hooded Aug. 27.

A Golden-winged Warbler was in Pescadero, *San Mateo*, Aug. 26–30 (RSTh, †BMck *et al.*). The Tennessee Warbler at Boggs L., *Lake*, Sept. 12–17 (†JRW, BMcl), as well as one at San Benito R., *San Benito*, Oct. 8 (KVV), provided county firsts. A Townsend's Warbler s. of W. Sacramento, *Yolo*, Aug. 12 (LEd) was very early for the C.V. Single Cape May Warblers at F.I., Sept. 9–10 and Oct. 17–23, and another at Pt. Reyes Sept. 19–25 (FGB, m.ob.) met the recent average. Also matching their recent fall totals were a Black-throated Green Warbler at F.I., Sept. 10, and single Bay-breasted Warblers at F.I., Sept. 9, Purisma Cr. mouth, *San*

Mateo, Oct. 14 (RSTh), and Soquel Cr. Nov. 10 (†DLSu; *Santa Cruz's* first).

Our only inland Palm Warbler was in Diamond Valley, *Alpine*, Oct. 8 (JSL). The New World warbler highlight of the season was the Region's 6th Cerulean Warbler at the Big Sur R. mouth Oct. 4 (B.S.O.L., †DR, RC, SRo); our last was in 1981. Inland Black-and-white Warblers were at Dog I., *Tehama*, Aug. 25 (RHw), Gloria Rd., *San Benito*, Aug. 30 (DLSH; a county first), and Bethel I., *Contra Costa*, Sept. 12 (JLo). An inland Am. Redstart was in Stockton, *San Joaquin*, Sept. 22 (DGY). Prothonotary Warblers in El Granada, *San Mateo*, Sept. 23–28 (DPo *et al.*) and at the Big Sur R. mouth Oct. 2–3 (B.S.O.L., JBo, DR) were not unexpected. Worm-eating Warblers were everywhere. One in Fairhaven, *Humboldt*, Aug. 26–Sept. 1 (†GJH *et al.*) may have been the one from summer. *Sonoma's* first was at Bodega Bay Sept. 15–16 (†BDP, DN, RAR), and *Monterey* had two with window collisions: one found dead in *Monterey* Oct. 26 (C. Maehr, ph. †BJW), and another stunned in Pebble Beach (ph. E. Coon, *fide* BJW). One in Middle L., S.F., Nov. 19–December (ASH, m.ob.) appeared to be attempting to winter. The N. Waterthrush in Roseville Sept. 14 (BWb) was *Placer's* first. Vagrant *Oporornis* warblers were sparse; just four Connecticut on F.I., Sept. 9 (†P. Capitolo), Sept. 21 (†B. Walker), Sept. 23 (†PP), and Oct. 1 (†PP).

Tanagers to Grackles

Four Summer Tanagers Sept. 20–Nov. 27, and 12 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks Sept. 1–Nov. 22 coastally were average totals. *Santa Clara's* first nesting Blue Grosbeaks were along Llagas Cr., in Gilroy Sept. 2 (†SCR, MMR). The Region's first chasable Painted Bunting was in Santa Cruz Nov. 3–17 (†S Howe, ph. JDv, †m.ob.); this female/immature would be the Region's 10th if accepted by the C.B.R.C. The bird generated many comments on its age as few, if any, adults have been accepted. If judged an ad. female, it could have bearing on a stunning ad. male visiting a feeder near Crescent City, *Del Norte*, Nov. 6–11 (ph. †C. Cratty). Our lone Dickcissel was in Salinas, *Monterey*, Oct. 28–Nov. 1 (JB). The s.w. flavor continued as the Region's first Cassin's Sparrow since 1988 was at F.I., Oct. 15–17 (†PP).

Lark Buntings invaded the foothills of the Diablo Range, as \leq eight were in the Panoche Valley area Oct. 14+ (RMrr, m.ob.; *San Benito's* first) and one was along Kelso Rd, e. *Alameda/Contra Costa*, Oct. 17 (RJR). *Santa Clara's* first was in

San Jose Sept. 13 (†SCR), and two more were along the n. coast Sept. 24–25. The Region's 12th **LeConte's Sparrow** was at the expected locale, F.I., Oct. 27 (†B. Walker, PP). *Mendocino's* first Sharp-tailed Sparrow was at MacKerricher S.P., Oct. 9 (R. Irvin, †DT, †JRW). For the 2nd consecutive fall, McCown's Longspurs graced the Region: one at Pt. Reyes Oct. 15–25 (†CCo, †ES, m.ob.), and the first for the C.V. at Oroville W.A., *Butte*, Nov. 25 (†DS, †LJ). However, they were overshadowed by the state's 3rd **Smith's Longspur** at Pt. Reyes Oct. 24–30 (TEa, †JMR, †BDP, †J. Kemper, m.ob.). A documented Snow Bunting was at Pt. Reyes Oct 22–30 (ph. S.Metz, †BMCK, m.ob.), and four undocumented birds were in *Humboldt* Nov. 10–17.

An impressive 37 Bobolinks Aug. 14–Nov. 2 included a flock of six in the Arcata Bottoms Sept. 14 (JCS) and one in the C.V. in Davis, *Yolo*, Oct. 27–Nov 2 (StH *et al.*). The Rusty Blackbird at the Woodland Sugar Ponds Oct. 10 (†TDM, ph.BWb) provided *Yolo's* first. The Great-tailed Grackle invasion into the C.V. continued as two males and a female were in Stockton Nov. 13 (WRH).

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