

only eastside Swamp was at Paterson Slough 14 Nov (M&MLD). A mere 3 Harris's Sparrows 7-19 Nov was half the seasonal norm. It was recently discovered that Golden-crowned Sparrows around Nome, Alaska sing a uniquely patterned and noticeably different song than other Golden-crowned populations (E. Pandolfino, pers. comm.). The wintering grounds and migratory routes for this population are not known, but birds singing the "Nome song" were heard and seen at Marrowstone I., Jefferson 10 Oct (SM, BW) and Everett 17 Oct (SM). Thirty Lapland Longspurs at S.J.C.R. 4 Oct (SS) was an exceptional count for w. Oregon, where most flocks contain fewer than 10 birds. Washington's 7th Chestnut-collared Longspur enlivened Hoquiam 21-31 Oct (†DW, B. Norton); the state's only other fall record was also from Hoquiam. In Oregon, which has averaged about 4 per fall since 2000, single Chestnut-collareds visited Finley 18 Oct (WDR) and Cape Blanco in early Nov (TJW).

A Rose-breasted Grosbeak near Ilwaco, Pacific 4 Sep (†JD) was Washington's 10th fall bird; 5 have come since 2004. Four Rose-breasteds together at Wood River Wetlands, Klamath 15 Sep (fide K. Fairchild) was highly unusual, as most reports of this vagrant involve singles. Single Black-headed Grosbeaks at Powell Butte, Crook 30 Oct (CG) and at Ridgefield 3 Nov (T. Hicks) were at least five weeks later than normal departure dates. Lazuli Buntings are rare along the outer coast, particularly in Washington, so singles at Sunset Beach, Clatsop 3 Aug (MP), near Neah Bay, Clallam 9 Sep (RM, CW), and at La Push, Clallam 16 Sep (BT) were noteworthy. An Indigo

Bunting that summered near Snoqualmie, King remained until 9 Aug (R. Ben-Shalom), while a molting male at E.E.W. 6-9 Sep (J. Geier) was the season's lone migrant. A migrant Bobolink strayed to G.L.S.R.A. 6 Sep (SR); though this species nests a number of sites in se. Oregon, there are no known colonies near this locale. Western Washington's 3 Rusty Blackbirds represented a typical fall and included Kitsap's first near Kingston 10-20 Nov (BW). Two near Burbank, Walla Walla 19 Nov (MW) were on the eastside, where less than annual. A Great-tailed Grackle near Cow Lakes, Malheur 8 Aug (CG) may have summered locally; this represents just the 3rd post-Jul report in the Region over the past decade. Though Great-taileds have been found annually in Oregon since the 1980s, nearly all occur during May and Jun. Single Orchard Orioles at Neah Bay 9 Sep (ph. RM, CW) and Hoquiam, Grays Harbor 22-27 Oct (ph. I. Ubrovic) were just the 5th and 6th for Washington; all but one were w. of the Cascades Sep-Dec. A Bullock's Oriole at Seaside, Clatsop 10 Nov (S. Warner) was at least six weeks tardy and on the outer coast, where rare but nearly annual in fall and winter. Two Purple Finches near Vantage 29 Aug and another there 4 Sep (likely different birds) were very early for e. of the Cascades, where they are rare (SM, CW). Mary's Peak, Benton hosted up to 3 Cassin's Finches 5 Oct-2 Nov (WDR); this species is less than annual w. of the Cascades. White-winged Crossbills continue to be noted in exceptional numbers along the Cascade Crest, with 65 tallied 19 Aug-10 Oct. Five Common Redpolls near Bend 25 Oct (SK) were well s. and w. of their normal late

fall/winter haunts.

Corrigendum: The American Tree Sparrow reported from Clatsop Spit 6 Oct 2005 (*North American Birds* 60: 149) was in fact at the s. jetty of the Siuslaw R., Lane, OR.

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The Region experienced mostly warm and dry conditions, typical of the season. High water temperatures close to the coast, including well inside Monterey Bay, throughout August were likely related to the developing El Niño-Southern Oscillation pattern. This warm water shifted farther offshore in September. Dense fog and strong northwesterly winds offshore during most of the period contributed to a condensed fall migration on the Farallon Islands. The exception to prevailing conditions was the strongest Octo-

ber storm in several decades. This storm affected the entire Region and brought rainfall totals in excess of 25 cm to portions of the Central Coast 13 October. The season produced several outstanding rarities including the state's first White-chinned Petrel, second Brown Shrike, a flurry of Hudsonian Godwits, and a tantalizing report of a Yellow-breasted Bunting.

Abbreviations: C.B.R.C. (California B.R.C.); C.C.F.S. (Coyote Cr. Field Station, Santa Clara); C.R.P. (Cosumnes R. Preserve, Sacramento); C.V. (Central Valley); EL (San Francisco Farallon I., San Francisco); H.R.S. (Humboldt Regional Shoreline, Alameda); PRBO (Point Reyes Bird Observatory, Conservation Science); S.F. (San Francisco)

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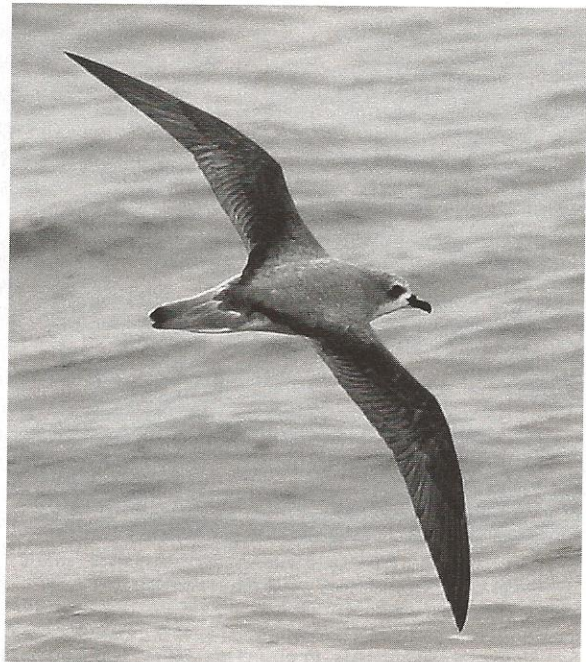
WATERFOWL

Up to 4 well-documented Dusky Canada Geese (*B. c. occidentalis*) at Morgan Hill, *Santa Clara* 27 Oct+ (ph. SCR, m.ob.) were unexpected, as there are very few records of this subspecies in cen. California. Two Snow Geese at Shasta Valley W.A., *Siskiyou* 24 Aug (RE) were notably early. A Ross's Goose at Lewiston L. 20 Sep (JSL) was the earliest ever for *Trinity*, where few have been found; others in unusual locations were at Indian Creek Res., *Alpine* 17 Nov (JSL) and at Goffinet Res., *Amador* 19 Nov (Don Marsh). Up to 7 Trumpeter Swans were at Modoc N.W.R., *Modoc* 26-28 Nov (ph. SCR); up to 2 Bewick's Swans were there the same days (ph. SCR, David Bell). An unusual early push of Tundra Swans was widely reported, with southbound groups of 10-12 seen over Olivehurst, *Yuba* 18 Aug (Kathryn Sanderson), the Smith R. bottoms, *Del Norte* 20 Aug (LuB), and Roseville, *Placer* 20 Aug (Chad Aakre). The male Gadwall × Northern Shoveler hybrid returned to Belmont Slough, *San Mateo* 23 Oct+ (Pat Boor); another male, apparently of this same hybrid combination, was in Alviso, *Santa Clara* 31 Oct (Amy McDonald). Other notable male hybrid ducks reported this season included an apparent Cinnamon Teal × Northern Shoveler at Palo Alto, *Santa Clara* 15 Nov (ph. Ed Rooks) and a Ring-necked Duck × Greater Scaup returning to L. Hennessey, *Napa* for a 4th winter 25 Oct+ (MBe). Eurasian Wigeons well inland included singles at Boca Res., *Nevada* 9 Oct (JSL), s. of Corcoran, *Kings* 10 Oct (JLT), at Twin Lakes, *Mono* 20 Oct-10 Nov (Ken Wells), and at Goffinet Res., *Amador* 28 Nov (Don Marsh). High counts of Blue-winged Teal included 19 in Gilroy, *Santa Clara* 9 Nov (RWR, FV) and 28 at Gustine, *Merced* 23 Nov (PJM, DMO). A male Tufted Duck returned to L. Merritt, *Alameda* 28 Oct+ (fide Hilary Powers). Broods of Lesser Scaup included one at H.R.S. 22 Aug-6 Sep (RJR) and 2 at Sunnyvale, *Santa Clara* 25 Aug (WGB). Five Surf Scoters at Lewiston L. 20 Oct (JSL) constituted the 6th record and a new high count for *Trinity*. Likewise, 5 at Fall River L. 29 Oct (KAb) was a new high count for *Shasta*. Inland White-winged Scoters included an imm. at O'Neill Forebay, *Merced* 22 Nov+ (JLD et al.) and as many as 9 in *Mono* 14 Oct-23 Nov. *Merced's* first Black Scoter was

an imm. male at O'Neill Forebay 10-25 Nov (Ken Schneider, ph. m.ob.). Birders searching for the Black Scoter also turned up a Long-tailed Duck at the same location 11 Nov+ (JLx, m.ob.). The only other truly inland Long-tailed Duck was at Bridgeport Res., *Mono* 16-29 Nov (JSL, m.ob.). The summering Long-tailed Duck at King Salmon, *Humboldt* was last reported 16 Aug (MWa); the first returning bird was an ad. male flying s. at Pajaro Dunes, *Santa Cruz*, found during an aerial survey 20 Oct (JND et al.). An ad. male at Palo Alto 16-17 Nov (WGB, ph. MJM, m.ob.) was the first for *Santa Clara* since 2002. A Barrow's Goldeneye at H.R.S. 29 Aug-22 Sep (PDr, RJR) was inexplicably early. The Barrow's Goldeneye × Hooded Merganser hybrid returned for a 7th winter to L. Merritt, *Alameda* 29 Nov+ (Travis Hails). A female Ruddy Duck with 2 downy young at Ukiah W.T.P. 14 Aug (GEC) supplied one of few *Mendocino* breeding records.

LOONS THROUGH CORMORANTS

Red-throated Loons inland, where scarce, included an overdue first record for Lassen at Eagle L. 11 Oct (LOR) and one at Bridgeport Res., *Mono* 16-23 Nov (JSL, m.ob.). Twenty-one Pacific Loons were part of a large group of migrating piscivores grounded by weather at Eagle L., Lassen 11 Oct (LOR); 4 others were inland in *Mono*, *Lake*, and *Siskiyou*. A Common Loon at the Madera W.T.P. 9 Nov (KPa) provided an unusual record for the C.V. floor in *Madera*. The only Yellow-billed Loon was on Humboldt Bay, *Humboldt* 23-24 Sep (Brent Campos, TKz, ph. ScC). In addition to 20+ Red-necked Grebes (a typical showing) in coastal and estuarine habitats, an impressive 9 on non-tidal water bodies included *Mono's* 3rd record at Crowley L. 12-18 Sep (JuH, m.ob.), Lassen's 4th or 5th at Eagle L. 11 Oct (LOR), and *Napa's* 3rd at L. Hennessey 20-25 Oct (MBe, JLx, m.ob.). Eared Grebes nested late and in large numbers at Crowley L., *Mono*, with 335 active nests on 2 Sep (KNN). A total of 1315 active Western Grebe nests at L. Almanor, *Plumas* 15 Aug (CPD, Anthony E. Hall) was the highest breeding concentration at that location on record. Diligent coastal surveys recorded high numbers of *Aech-*



Nearshore encroachment of warm surface waters was apparently associated with the appearance of record numbers of Cook's Petrels not far off the Northern California coast in late summer and early autumn 2009. This bird was well photographed on Monterey Bay, Monterey County 12 September 2009. Photograph by Scott B. Terrill.

mophorus grebes in *Santa Cruz*, peaking at 4110 at Sequel Cove 8 Oct (DLSu).

In addition to 4 Laysan Albatrosses recorded on three offshore boat trips, the Pt. Arena Cove, *Mendocino* bird returned for its 17th consecutive winter 18 Nov (Tom Reid, m.ob.). The highlight of the season was a White-chinned Petrel 30 km w. of Pigeon Pt.,

SA Four Short-tailed Albatrosses were recorded. A juv. was 32 km sw. of Pt. Arena, *Mendocino* 31 Jul (ph. Kevin Stockmann), and a bird at least one year old was at Cordell Bank, *Marin* 16 Sep (ShJ). A juv. 48 km w. of Pigeon Pt., *San Mateo* 11 Oct (Lter, ph. AJ, m.ob.) carried a satellite transmitter. According to Robert Suryan of Oregon State University, this bird had hatched on Torishima I. but was translocated to Mukojima I., where it was hand-reared until it fledged on 22 May. It then flew a clockwise path around the n. Pacific Ocean, entering California waters in late Sep and continuing s. to the Big Sur/Monterey Bay, *Monterey* area, where it spent about one week before turning northward to be spotted by birders off *San Mateo*. It then wandered n. before its signal was lost off Vancouver I., British Columbia. This bird provided a first *San Mateo* record and obviously traversed the waters of a number of other Regional counties between *Monterey* and *Del Norte* during its journey. According to Suryan, another juv. with a transmitter was tracked off *Humboldt* 28 Sep-13 Oct.



Very late for any location in the United States was this Western Wood-Pewee in the Panoche Valley, San Benito County, California 26 November 2009. Photograph by Debra Shearwater.

San Mateo 18 Oct (ph. AJa, m.ob.). This well-documented bird provided a first record for California (pending C.B.R.C. acceptance) and only the 2nd for North America. Hawaiian Petrels were found in good numbers this season. On 2 Aug, singles were documented 61 km sw. of Davenport (a *Santa Cruz* first) and 63 km sw. of Año Nuevo Pt., *San Mateo* (ShJ, †JCS, †LTer). Near Cordell Bank, *Marin*, one or 2 were observed 12 Aug (ShJ, SNGH, ph., †MtB; †OsJ, †JLD, ph. NS), and one was seen 16 Aug (ph., †RyT; ph., †MWE; ph. SBT, RS). Another was off Noyo Harbor, *Mendocino* 23 Aug (GEC, ph. DWN, m.ob.). No documentation was received for singles reported in *Monterey Bay*, *Monterey* 2 Aug and 12 Sep or 200 km sw. of FI. 2 Aug. Cook's Petrels remained in high numbers into Sep. On 2 Aug, a birding trip recorded 71, 11, and 9, respectively, off *Monterey*, *Santa Cruz*, and *San Mateo* (ShJ), while 36 more were recorded farther off *Santa Cruz* and *San Mateo* by a research vessel the same day (MFO); *Santa Cruz* had just one prior record. Lesser numbers were recorded in *Monterey* on four more dates through 12 Sep, when 24 were on *Monterey Bay* (ShJ). Additional *San Mateo* birds included 23 on 6 Aug (ShJ) and one 23 Aug (JRy). *Sonoma* waters off Bodega Bay had 11 on 12 Aug (ShJ) and 2-3 on 15 Aug (RS, RAR, m.ob.), and 2 were at Cordell Bank, *Marin* 16 Aug (RyT, RS, m.ob.). Three Manx Shearwaters, with singles at FI. 3 Sep (†RyT) and on *Monterey Bay*, *Monterey* 27 Sep and 3 Oct (both ShJ), was about average. Black-vented Shearwaters appeared 8 Oct and were in relatively low numbers through the season, with a high of only 150 at FI. 3 Nov (PRBO). Six

Wilson's Storm-Petrels on five boat trips in *Monterey*, *Santa Cruz*, *Marin*, and *Sonoma* waters 12 Aug–27 Sep represented an average showing. Least Storm-Petrels were nearly absent this fall, with one on *Monterey Bay*, *Santa Cruz* 20 Sep (*Monterey Seabirds*, ph. TEa) and 2 there 27 Sep (*Monterey Seabirds*) comprising the only reports. An Ashy Storm-Petrel at H.R.S. 5 Aug (RJR) was at a location where the species is rare but nearly annual in fall.

An ad. female Brown Booby was on FI. 19 Sep–25 Nov (†RyT, ph. JTz), and an unidentified booby was at Natural Bridges S.B., *Santa Cruz* 2 Sep (W. Breck Tyler, Martha Brown). American White Pelicans

are typically scarce on the n. coast; this season, *Humboldt* observers recorded 2 at various locations 10-23 Aug, followed by singles at *Humboldt Hill* 2 Oct (Leslie Tucci) and *Trinidad* 8 Oct (MHa), and *Del Norte* had 2 at Crescent City 31 Aug (ADB) and up to 2 at the Smith R. mouth 1-7 Sep (ADB, JRy). A total of 400 at Struve Slough 26 Aug (DLSu) was one of the highest counts ever for *Santa Cruz*. Inland Brown Pelicans are becoming increasingly regular. This season, singles were at the Bufferlands 4-5 Aug (Shawn Petrash, Kevin Cassidy, ph. CCo, Roger Jones; 4th *Sacramento* record); at San Luis Res., *Merced* 25 Aug (PJM) and 7-21 Nov (KVV); and at L. San Antonio, *Monterey* 26 Aug (RJA). Numbers were unusually low most of the period at FI., with 1732 on 6 Aug dropping to fewer than 100 through most of the period (PRBO). Pelagic Cormorants unusually far inside S.F. Bay were in *Alviso*, *Santa Clara* 25 Oct (MMR, RGJ) and *Benicia*, *Solano* 29 Nov (EPI).

HERONS THROUGH RAILS

A pair of Least Bitterns with up to 5 young was at the Yolo Bypass W.A., *Yolo* 1-27 Aug (ph. Lyann Comrack, m.ob.). Least Bitterns continued in *Lake*, with 2 at Clear Lake S.P. and 2 at Lakeside C.P. 1 Aug–27 Sep (JRW, m.ob.). Cattle Egrets in less expected locales included *Lake's* 4th at Clear Lake S.P. 2 Nov (JRW) and 2 at Crowley L., *Mono* 23 Aug (JLD); a smattering of reports from several coastal counties spanned 13 Aug–16 Nov. Good numbers of White-faced Ibis reached coastal counties throughout the season, with some lingering past the end of the period in *Santa Clara* and *Santa Cruz*; an ibis in Fall

River Valley, *Shasta* 27 Nov (KAb) was likewise late. A count of 461 at Bridgeport Res. 14 Sep (PJM) was the highest count ever for *Mono*. An unbanded ad. White Stork (*Ciconia ciconia*) near Montague, *Siskiyou* 10 Aug–13 Sep stirred up interest (ph. m.ob.), but its provenance remains unknown.

A juv. Northern Goshawk flew past Hawk Hill, *Marin* and into S.F. 29 Oct (Steve Bauer). The *Sonoma Common Black-Hawk* continued through the period near Sebastopol (ph. Stan Moore). A juv. Broad-winged Hawk at the n. shore of L. Tahoe 4 Oct (†TEa) was *Placer's* first and only the 2nd for the Sierra Nevada in our notebooks. Over 200 Swainson's Hawks assembled at a roost in Visalia, *Tulare* 6-10 Oct (Gary Lindquist), the only known large roost in the Region and one of only two known in the state. Migrant Swainson's Hawks were detected in several coastal counties 14 Aug–14 Oct. Harlan's Hawks included returning ads. in *Humboldt* at Fay Slough W.A. 15 Oct (ScC) and Bayside 12 Nov (dark morph; ScC), birds in *Sonoma* along Valley Ford Rd. 27 Oct (dark morph; RS et al.) and near Sebastopol 21 Nov (light morph; Bill Doyle, Helen Kochenderfer), and a returning ad. along Thornton Rd., *San Joaquin* 8 Nov (BWb, m.ob.). The *Del Norte Crested Caracara* continued through at least 5 Nov (MHa). Aug Merlin reports continued, with singles in four counties 3-14 Aug. Two downy Clapper Rail chicks at Meeker Slough, *Contra Costa* 2 Sep (Alex Navarro) confirmed late breeding by this species.

SHOREBIRDS

A Black-bellied Plover at Salt Springs Valley Res. 21 Sep (JSL) was the first for *Calaveras*. American Golden-Plovers were well reported, with 10 found: Arcata Bottoms, *Humboldt* 18-24 Sep (juv.; DFx, JCP, †RbF et al.); Bodega Harbor, *Sonoma* 18 Sep–3 Oct (juv.; RS, ph. BBg, ph. LHg, m.ob.); O'Neill Forebay, *Mendocino* 26-27 Sep (juv.; †PJM, ADEm, ph. KVV, FrT); Modesto S.T.P., *Stanislaus* 27 Sep (juv.; ph. †JHG, ERC); outer Pt. Reyes, *Marin* 1 Oct (RS, BBg); Salinas R. mouth, *Monterey* 2 Oct (juv.; †RF); L. Earl, *Del Norte* 6-12 Oct (juv.; LuB, ADB); Loleta Bottoms, *Humboldt* 11-14 Oct (juv.; ph., †RbF, KGR, Rachel Smith); *Shasta Valley W.A.*, *Siskiyou* 19 Oct (RE); and Salinas W.T.P., *Monterey* 24 Oct (juv.; ph. OsJ). A Pacific Golden-Plover at San Felipe L. 25 Oct was a long-overdue first for *San Benito* (ph. KVV). Two Snowy Plovers at S. Lake Tahoe 4 Oct (ph. TEa) were a surprising find in *El Dorado*. Mountain Plover numbers sw. of Madera, *Madera* built from 7 on 19 Oct to 320 on 29 Nov (ph. GaW), including one bird 13 Nov that had been color-banded as an ad.

SA Prior to 2009, the Region had amassed 20 Hudsonian Godwit records since the first state record in *Humboldt* in 1973. With the exception of 2003, during which 3 birds were found, at most one or 2 birds were found in the Region during any given year. There is thus no precedent for the occurrence of up to 12 juv. Hudsonian Godwits this season, with at least 4, and perhaps as many as 8, being found in *Mendocino*. Four were at Ft. Bragg 26 Aug (DT, ph. m.ob.). Subsequently, several additional reports came from nearby MacKerricher S.P. to the north: up to 2 were at Virgin Cr. Beach 30 Aug–2 Sep (ph. MMtt et al.), with another there 20–30 Sep (†DT, †Cheryl Watson-Heineken, ph. RLeV, m.ob.), and one was at Ten Mile Beach 30 Aug–2 Sep (ph. Becky Bowen et al.). Records from other counties included California's earliest fall record at Arcata Marsh 4 Aug (*Humboldt's* 6th; †DFx et al., ph. SMcA, vt. RbF), followed by *Humboldt's* 7th at the Eel R. delta 19 Sep (ph. SMcA). *Santa Cruz's* first was at Watsonville Slough 25–27 Aug (RgW, ph. OsJ, m.ob.). The Region's 4th inland record, the 2nd for *Kings*, was s. of Corcoran 30 Aug (ph. JLt, Mark Stacy), in the same area as the Jun bird reported last season.

near Arlington, WY in summer 2008 (*fide* Michael Wunder). Other records of note included 40 s. of Corcoran, *Kings* 31 Oct (JLt) and one at Crowley L., *Mono* 13 Sep (JuH).

American Avocets in unusual locations included 4 at Prosser Creek Res., *Nevada* 19 Aug (Steve Rose) and one at Groveland, *Tuolumne* 18 Sep (Jeanne Ridgley). A notable 79 Lesser Yellowlegs at the C.C.F.S. waterbird pond 1 Sep (MMR) was a new high count for a single *Santa Clara* location; 2 at L. Almanor 15 Aug (CPD, Anthony Hall) provided a rare record for *Plumas*. Migrant Willets in the Sierra Nevada were at Prosser Creek Res., *Nevada* 19 Aug (Steve Rose) and Indian Creek Res., *Alpine* 6 Sep (juv.; JLD).

Three *Humboldt* Bar-tailed Godwit reports 23 Aug–24 Sep were all undocumented. The only inland Ruddy Turnstones reported were *Tulare's* 2nd and 3rd, at Visalia W.T.P. 14 Aug and *Tulare* W.T.P. the next day (both JLt), perhaps involving the same bird. Inland Red Knots included 2 s. of Corcoran, *Kings* 30 Aug (Mark Stacy) and singles 3 km n. of Stratford, *Kings* 6 Sep (PSt), at the Fresno W.T.P., *Fresno* 15 Sep (JCS, *fide* JSy), and at Gustine W.T.P., *Merced* 18 & 26 Sep (PJM, ADeM). Sanderlings in the Sierra Nevada included juvs. at L. Almanor, *Plumas* 18 Aug (†Tim Guida) and at the n. shore of L. Tahoe, *Placer* 17 Sep (SAbb). Also notable at the latter location 20–26 Aug was an ad. Western Sandpiper that had been banded in the Russian Far East a few months earlier (ph. WRi). A Western Sandpiper along White Rock Rd. 18 Sep (JSL) was apparently *Mariposa's* first. A report of a juv. Red-necked Stint at the Yolo Bypass W.A., *Yolo* 30 Aug–1 Sep (TEa, ph. JCS, m.ob.) awaits C.B.R.C. review; all 12 previously accepted state records have been of ads., with the latest lingering only until 18 Aug. A Pectoral Sandpiper at L. Almanor 7 Oct (CPD) was one of few recorded in *Plumas*. Seven Sharp-tailed Sandpipers was an above-average total for the season. An unexpected ad. was at the Yolo Bypass W.A., *Yolo* 4 Sep (TEa, ph. JCS), followed by a juv. in flight over Monterey Bay, *Monterey* 20 Sep (TEa, ph. JPo et

al.) and juvs. at West Struve Slough 29 Sep–1 Oct (2 birds on 29 Sep, 2nd record for *Santa Cruz*; RgW, DLSu), at H.R.S. 3 Oct (RJR), and at L. Earl, *Del Norte* 11–14 Oct (LuB, ADB et al.), with a duller bird at this location 21 Oct (ADB, JSL). *Santa Cruz's* Rock Sandpiper returned for a 7th winter to West Cliff Dr. in *Santa Cruz* 28 Oct+ (SGE, m.ob.). Nine Stilt Sandpipers in seven counties 6 Aug–26 Oct included 3 inland in *Kings* and *Tulare*. Seven Buff-breasted Sandpipers in six counties 23 Aug–19 Sep included *Santa Cruz's* 4th at Watsonville Slough 28 Aug (ph. JCS, TEa). Yet another rare *Plumas* shorebird record came in the form of 2 Short-billed Dowitchers at L. Almanor 1 Aug (CPD).

GULLS THROUGH ALCIDS

Increased coverage of productive sites and scrutiny of gull flocks continue to augment our knowledge of gull occurrence at inland locations. This season, inland reports of Sabine's Gulls spanned the period 27 Aug–26 Sep, with 15+ individuals in *Mono*, 3 in *Kings*, and one in *Placer*; the only other reported away from the coast was on a Fremont, *Alameda* salt pond 16 Sep (MJM, Josh Scullen). Aside from 61 Franklin's Gulls at New Pine Cr., *Modoc*, where regular, 11 Aug (JCS), 13 were in six inland counties; singles at the Madera W.T.P., *Madera* 25 Aug (ph. GaW) and at Clearlake, *Lake* 31 Oct (FHa, Darlene Hecomovich) provided 3rd records for their respective counties. Coastal Franklin's were at MacKerricher S.P., *Mendocino* 11 Aug (KHv, ph. REH) and FI. 21 Sep (Jill Gautreaux; ph. MtB, ph. RyT; 6th island record). A Heermann's Gull at Clear Lake S.P. 1 Nov (Steve & Diane Ross) provided the 6th record for *Lake*. Among 6 Mew Gulls far inland, the most extralimital and unseasonable were in *Modoc*. There, one at New Pine Cr. since May was joined by another 8 Aug (TEa), with one seen again 11 Aug (JCS); another s. of Alturas 10 Oct (JSL) was more seasonally, if not geographically, expected. A Mew Gull at Trinity L. 11 Nov (COg, JEH, RbF) provided a 4th *Trinity* record. An ad. Western Gull at O'Neill Forebay and San Luis Res.,

Merced 5 Aug–26 Sep (CCo, PJM, ADeM) was at a location where the species has become regular in recent years; more unusual were singles at Paicines Res., *San Benito* 24 Aug (†KPa) and Bridgeport Res. 16–23 Nov (JSL, ph. KNN, m.ob.), the latter providing a first record for *Mono*. The first Lesser Black-backed Gull for *Kings*, an ad. discovered 3 km n. of Stratford 16 Nov (ph. GaW, m.ob.), died the next day (*U.C. Davis). The only Glaucous Gull reported was an early ad. at the Yolo County Landfill, *Yolo* 10–19 Nov (SCH).

A Least Tern s. of Hanford 22–30 Aug (Mark Stacy, JLt, SDS) was in *Kings*, where small numbers have bred regularly for more than a decade, but one at O'Neill Forebay 25 Aug (†PJM) was apparently a first for *Merced*. Post-breeding S.F. Bay Least Terns apparently staged in *Alameda* this season, where the high count of 180 was recorded in Coyote Hills salt ponds 4 Aug (MJM), rather than in traditional sites in *Santa Clara*, where the only report was of 10 in Alviso 23 Aug (DvWb). Fourteen Caspian Terns at Indian Creek Res. 6 Sep (JLD) provided a new high count for *Alpine*. Fall migrant Black Terns are typically not reported in large numbers; this season, 12 reported from six counties 1–29 Aug was a fairly good showing. An Elegant Tern at Skaggs Island Rd. 4 Sep (David Bell) provided the first *Napa* record since the 1970s; all county records are from this site. The only inland jaegers reported were a Parasitic at the n. shore of L. Tahoe, *Placer* 11 Sep (DeR) and an unidentified Parasitic or Long-tailed at *Mono* L., *Mono* 19 Sep (JuH). Long-taileds were in high numbers offshore; the peak count of 177 on a Monterey Seavalleys trip 23 Aug, with 70, 29, and 78 in *Monterey*, *Santa Cruz*, and *San Mateo*, respectively (Monterey Seabirds, DR, DSG, RgW et al.), was the highest single-day count on record for the Region. Unusual coastal reports included singles at Crescent City Harbor, *Del Norte* 15 Sep (KMS) and the n. jetty of *Humboldt* Bay, *Humboldt* 19 Sep (KGR, Rachel Smith).

A Common Murre near Austin Cr., *Sonoma* 16 Aug (Linda Petrulias) was unusually far inland along the Russian River. Increased scrutiny of murrelets on the n. coast is revealing Long-billed Murrelet to be regular there in fall. Different individuals were off the Smith R. mouth, *Del Norte* 6 & 7 Aug (ph., †EE, Moe Morrisette, Jeff Jacobsen). One off the Little R. mouth, *Humboldt* 11 Aug (†EE, Moe Morrisette, Vince Slabe, RbF, KGR) may have been the same one seen at Houda Pt., *Humboldt* 31 Aug (†ScC, TKz). The latest was at the mouth of *Humboldt* Bay, *Humboldt* 11 Oct (†KGR, †SFB). Elias considered the 6, 7, & 11 Aug individuals to be different from each oth-

er and from the 31 Jul bird noted in the summer report on the basis of plumage differences. Xantus's Murrelets were recorded on nine pelagic trips 2 Aug–24 Oct, with a high of 24 at the Monterey Seavalleys, Monterey 10 Oct (ShJ); single individuals of the subspecies *hypoleucus* were on Monterey Bay in Monterey 2 Aug and in Santa Cruz 7 Aug (both ShJ). One to 2 Rhinoceros Auklets were present 1–8 Aug at H.R.S. (RJR, Bob Dunn), where rare so far inside S.F. Bay. The season's only Horned Puffin was on Monterey Bay, Monterey 13 Sep (ShJ).

DOVES THROUGH WRENTIT

Notable White-winged Doves included *Modoc's* first at New Pine Cr. 6 Sep (SCR) and *Kings's* 2nd s. of Corcoran 20–28 Sep (ph. SDS et al.). Up to 3 Common Ground-Doves e. of Earlimart 8 Aug–20 Sep (Alison Sheehy, m.ob.) were not only the first for *Tulare* but also for the C.V. portion of the Region. Reports of Yellow-billed Cuckoo included one at Natural Bridges S.B. 11 Aug (PDB, OsJ, Wes Fritz), furnishing *Santa Cruz's* 4th modern record, another netted near Bolinas, *Marin* 11 Aug (ph. PRBO), and *San Mateo's* 2nd at Pescadero 5 Sep (RSTh). A road-killed Flamulated Owl at Angwin 29 Aug (C. Toews) and a live bird at Big Basin Redwoods S.P. 29

Sep (†DLSu) yielded 2nd records for *Napa* and *Santa Cruz*, respectively. Although Long-eared Owls occur regularly in parts of the Interior Coast Range of w. *Fresno*, 2 near Tollhouse 27 Sep (JND, JSy, GaW) established an unusual record for the Sierra Nevada foothills in the e. part of the county. A Northern Saw-whet Owl found after a storm 17 Oct at Lincoln, taken to a rehab facility, and then released 30 Nov (Gordon & Shirley Powers, ph. Kari Friedig) represents an unusual C.V. floor occurrence for *Placer*. Only occasionally detected outside breeding areas in the Region, a Common Nighthawk over Salinas 31 Aug (Tam) was one of very few ever reported for *Monterey*. The Whip-poor-will at Willow Creek, *Humboldt* was present through Oct (*fide* Marla Shull).

Chimney Swift reports included singles at Swanton Pond, *Santa Cruz* 12 Aug (DLSu) and Searsville L., *San Mateo* 19 Sep (†RSTh, Leonie Batkin). A Ruby-throated Hummingbird at Bolinas 30 Sep–1 Oct (KH) would be *Marin's* 2nd, pending C.B.R.C. acceptance. A female Anna's Hummingbird gathering plant down at Watsonville 9 Oct (SGe et al.) and another overseeing a fledgling at Aptos Cr. 19 Oct (DLSu) supplied evidence of rare fall nesting in *Santa Cruz*. An imm. *Selasphorus* at Bolinas, *Marin* 30–31 Aug (ph. KH) showed features consistent with Broad-tailed Hummingbird. Lewis's Woodpeckers made a strong showing for the 3rd consecutive year. Notable numbers included 57 passing s. over Long Canyon, *Napa* 7 Oct during a 15-minute period (MBe) and 100+ at Michigan Bar, *Sacramento* 25 Oct (CrS). A Pileated Woodpecker at Tilden Park 6 & 8 Sep (PCp) was 16 km n. of the only regular enclave for the species in *Contra Costa*.

A Western Wood-Pewee at Panoche Valley, *San Benito* 29 Nov (ph. DLSu, Don Doolittle) established the Region's latest fall record by nearly a month. Six Least Flycatchers reported included *Yolo's* 2nd at Grasslands Park 14 Sep (TEa). Supplying first Nov records for their respective counties were a Hammond's Flycatcher at White Slough W.A., *San Joaquin* 27 Nov (†MDo), a Gray Flycatcher at Elkhorn Slough, *Monterey* 7–8 Nov (RF, Cheryl Fournier), and a Dusky Flycatcher at C.R.P. 7–11 Nov (JTr). A Black Phoebe along Ash Cr. in Adin 7 Sep (SCR) was just the 3rd for *Modoc*. After a several-month absence, the banded Black Phoebe × Say's Phoebe hybrid returned 26 Sep to Ferndale Bottoms, *Humboldt*, where it remained until 14 Oct (Owen Head, KGR, Rachael Smith). A Vermilion Flycatcher at Dechambeau Ranch, *Mono* 12 Oct–2 Nov (JuH, ph. DHo, m.ob.) was just the 2nd for the *Mono* Basin. An unprecedented 2 Great Crested Fly-

catchers turned up in *Monterey*, one at Moon-glow Dairy 15 Sep (†RF, Cheryl Fournier), the other at Laguna Grande 15–20 Oct (BJW, RF, ph. DR, ph. BHL, ph. SRv, m.ob.). Tropical Kingbirds were well represented, with 27 reports spanning the coast from *Monterey* to *Del Norte*. Seven Eastern Kingbirds, all coastal, conformed with the seasonal average.

One of the season's standouts was a well-documented Brown Shrike seen and then netted on FI. 24–25 Sep (ph. MtB, †RyT, Jill Gautreaux, ph. JTz), providing the 2nd record for the island and 3rd for the state. White-eyed Vireo is predominantly a spring vagrant, so one at the Big Sur R. mouth, *Monterey* 16 Sep (†MiT) would provide an unusual fall record for the Region, pending C.B.R.C. acceptance. A Least Bell's Vireo along the Tule R. near Porterville 11 Sep (†SDS) was a great find for *Tulare*. Single Plumbeous Vireos were in *Kings* at Corcoran 30 Sep (JSL) and at Atwell I. 23 Oct (JLi), as well as in *Tulare* at Porterville 6 Oct (SDS) and near Black Rock Ranger Station 20 Oct (JLD). Blue-headed Vireos of note were at L. Merced, S.F. 3 Oct (ph. †MWE, DPM, TGr) and FI. 9 Oct (ph. †JTz, ph., †KNN et al.). Two Hutton's Vireos traveling with a mixed-species flock at Day 25 Sep (ph. SCR) supplied a first for *Modoc*. Eight Red-eyed Vireos included 2 summer leftovers: *Yolo's* 2nd at Davis through 18 Aug (Chris Dunford, TEa, SHa, JCS et al.) and *Modoc's* 2nd at New Pine Cr., through 6 Sep (TEa, JCS, David Irons). The latter bird was feeding a juv. 6 Sep (ph. SCR), supplying an outstanding breeding record for the area. Although this would represent the first breeding for the Region, the nest site itself may have been just across the state line in Oregon. Reported without details, a Yellow-green Vireo in Pacific Grove, *Monterey* 9 Oct was in the same area as one found Oct 1988.

Late nesting by Western Scrub-Jays in *Santa Cruz* was evidenced by a bird carrying nesting material at Natural Bridges S.B. 24 Sep (SGe) and an ad. supervising a fledgling at Capitola 5 Oct (DLSu). A conspiracy of 455 Common Ravens at Pescadero, *San Mateo* 11 Aug (DLSu) was the largest gathering ever reported in the Santa Cruz Mts. Pygmy Nuthatches feeding nestlings at New Brighton S.B., *Santa Cruz* 22 Sep (DLSu) may represent the latest fall nesting for this species in the state. A fallout of 59 Golden-crowned Kinglets at FI. 10 Oct set a new high count for the island (PRBO). An unseasonable Ruby-crowned Kinglet was at C.R.P. 16 Aug (JTr). Western Bluebird made it to FI. 28–29 Oct (Jenny Erbes et al.), for the 3rd island record. Mountain Bluebirds included a dizzying total of 998 among several flocks at Panoche Valley

SA The invasion by Eurasian Collared-Doves continues. Groups of 137 at Moon-glow Dairy 8 Nov (BLS) and 150 at Alturas 26 Nov (SCR) established new high counts for *Monterey* and *Modoc*, respectively. One in the interior of Big Basin Redwoods S.P., *Santa Cruz* 8 Aug (DLSu) provided an unusual record from a densely forested setting. The species made an appearance in the high mts. at S. Lake Tahoe, *El Dorado* 14 Oct (WRI) and well offshore at FI. 25 Aug and 1 Oct (PRBO), providing the first fall records for the island. A bird sitting on a nest in *Fresno*, *Fresno* 30 Sep (Kris McNew) highlighted one of the keys to the collared-dove's success—its ability to nest at any season. Although the species prefers suburban and agricultural areas, some of these records indicate that it is not confined to those habitats. These records also highlight the species' extraordinary dispersal capabilities, another key attribute of this adaptable pioneer.

The pace of the invasion of this exotic bird rivals that of the European Starling, which ensconced itself in the Region over a few decades during the middle of the last century. Although the effects of the starling invasion on populations of native birds are now coming to light (e.g., see *Conservation Biology* 17: 1134–1140 [2003]), those of the collared-dove remain to be determined. Anecdotal evidence, however, suggests the species may be displacing Mourning Doves in some areas.

San Benito 21 Nov (CKf, ELb), the 3rd for the Monterey Pen. at Pt. Pinos, *Monterey* 9-10 Oct (Jim Bangsma et al.), and the 3rd modern record for *Santa Cruz*, with 7 birds at New Brighton S.B. 15 Oct (DLSu). *San Joaquin's* 3rd Townsend's Solitaire was at Mokelumne Day Use Area 12 Nov (Steve & Diane Rose). A Gray-cheeked Thrush at FI. 9 Oct (ph., †RyT; ph., †JTz et al.) was the 14th for the island, which has hosted the lion's share of the state's records. A good month ahead of the normal arrival date for wintering migrants from the north, a Hermit Thrush at Almaden Valley, *Santa Clara* 18 Aug (JPa) presumably dispersed from the coastal breeding population to the west.

THRASHERS THROUGH WARBLERS

Sonoma produced our only Gray Catbird, at Campbell Cove 1-14 Sep (DN). Northern Mockingbirds in unusual locations included singles in *Mono*, at Rush Cr. 19 Sep (JuH) and Simis Ranch 21-23 Sep (KNN), one at outer Pt. Reyes, *Marin* 16 Oct (RS), and another in *Alturas*, *Modoc* 18 & 26 Nov (KAB, LOr, SCR). Ten out-of-range Sage Thrashers matched our fall average, with 3 in *Monterey* and one each in *Humboldt*, *Alameda*, *Santa Cruz*, *Merced*, *Marin*, *Tehama*, and *San Joaquin*. An Eastern Yellow Wagtail at Pillar Pt., *San Mateo* 15 Oct (†PBC, †Arnel Guanlao) would be the only record for the state outside the narrow window of 27 Aug-25 Sep if accepted by the C.B.R.C. Notable reports of single Phainopeplas came from *Oasis*, *Mono* 13 Sep (JuH) and Big Basin S.P., *Santa Cruz* 4 Nov (DLSu).

A generally lackluster season for "eastern" warblers was brightened by *Santa Cruz's* first Blue-winged Warbler near Manresa S.B. 10-15 Oct (ph. TEa, DLSu, SRv et al.). Among 26 Tennessee Warblers was *Butte's* first at Chico State University Farm 17 Sep (†JHS) and *Lake's* 2nd and 3rd at Rodman Slough Park 7 Sep (JRW) and Anderson Marsh 21 Sep (Nick Shepherd). Our 6 Virginia's Warblers included the earliest record for nw. California at Mad River C.P., *Humboldt* 21 Aug (†LuB). A Lucy's Warbler was at Natural Bridges S.B., *Santa Cruz* 19-27 Sep (SGe, ph. Jean Myers, PDB, OSJ, ph. Wendy Naruo, m.ob.). Northern Parula was the only warbler reported in large numbers (15; nearly twice our 20-year average). Twenty-one Chestnut-sided Warblers included only one from an inland county, at Butte Cr. Canyon Reserve, *Butte* 15 Aug (JHS). Only 9 Magnolia Warblers were reported, fewer than half our average. Pt. Reyes, *Marin* had both our Cape May Warblers, one 13-16 Sep (NS, SNGH, DMO) and another 12 Oct (NS). Seven Black-throated Blue Warblers included a male at C.R.P. 17 Sep (JTr) and sin-

gles on FI. and in mainland S.F., *Santa Cruz*, *Alameda*, *Marin*, and *San Mateo*. Black-throated Greens were on FI. 10-12 Oct (KNN, RyT et al.) and at New Brighton S.B., *Santa Cruz* 16 Oct (DLSu). Black-burnian Warblers were in Arcata, *Humboldt* 25-27 Sep (GAB, RbF, Owen Head, ph. KGR, TKz), on FI. 9 & 10 Oct (PRBO), and in *Santa Cruz* at Lighthouse Field S.B. 12 Oct (LGo, WGo) and New Brighton S.B. 16 Oct (DLSu). A Yellow-throated Warbler at Pt. Reyes, *Marin* 10 Oct (ph. NS, Ed Conrad, Natalia Penuela) awaits C.B.R.C. acceptance. Eleven Prairie Warblers was close to average, but 22 Palm Warblers was our lowest total in at least the past 20 years and less than a fifth of our average. A well-described Bay-breasted Warbler near Nevada City 27 Oct (†ECB) was a first for *Nevada*; another was banded on FI. 27 Sep (PRBO). Our total of 25 Blackpoll Warblers was less than half our average.

Seventeen Black-and-white Warblers included *Modoc's* 4th along New Pine Cr. 8 Aug-9 Sep (TEa, SCR), *Placer's* first at N. Lake Tahoe 16 Sep (BWb, ph. Jean Myers), and *Stanislaus's* 3rd in Modesto 20 Sep (ERC). An American Redstart in Chester 15 Aug (CPD, Anthony E. Hall) may be *Plumas's* 3rd; another in Milliken Canyon 8 Sep (MBe) was *Napa's* 2nd. The other 34 American Redstarts were all in coastal or bayside counties. Ovenbirds were at Mad River C.P., *Humboldt* 7-8 Oct (Phil Chaon, KGR, Rachel Smith), at Pt. Reyes, *Marin* 8 Oct (NS), and on FI. 9 & 11 Oct (PRBO). The total of 16 Northern Waterthrushes was well under our 20-year average. Reports of *Oporornis* warblers were few. A first-winter Kentucky Warbler was reported from Convict L., *Mono* 1 Sep (†KPa). A Connecticut Warbler was on FI. 17 Sep (p.a., †RyT, Jill Gautreaux, †MtB). Eight Hooded Warblers included a female-type along the American R., *Sacramento* 19-20 Sep (Kevin Thomas, DKO, JSL). Canada Warblers were on FI. 9 Sep (MtB), at Sunnyvale Baylands Park 19 Sep (RKe, PKe, ph. WGB, ph. MMR, m.ob.; 2nd for *Santa Clara*), and at Pt. Reyes, *Marin* 10-11 Oct (DDeS).

SPARROWS THROUGH FINCHES

American Tree Sparrows were at the Carmel R. mouth, *Monterey* 5 Nov (CHo, ph. BHL, ph. DR), on FI. 8-10 Nov (Dan Maxwell, JTz et al.), near Arcata, *Humboldt* 15-18 Nov (RbF, COg), and at Ellis Cr. Ponds, *Sonoma* 19 Nov



Santa Clara County, California's second Canada Warbler was well documented during its short visit to Sunnyvale Baylands Park 19 September 2009. Photograph by William G. Bousman.

(RAR). Two Clay-colored Sparrows at S. Lake Tahoe 5-6 Oct (ph. WRI, TEa, TS) gave *El Dorado* its first record. Fifty-three other Clay-colored were all in coastal or bayside counties. More than 40 Vesper Sparrows in a 2-km stretch near Millerton L., *Madera* 8 Nov (JND) made an unusual concentration for this species in our Region. Black-throated Sparrows were reported from Ft. Dick, *Del Norte* 22 Aug (ADB), e. of the Hwy. 32/36 junction, *Tehama* 31 Aug (†Timothy Guida), and Red Hills, *Tuolumne* 3 Oct (Charlotte Ginn). Fall observations of Grasshopper Sparrow on the C.V. floor are rare, so reports from Yolo Bypass W.A., *Yolo* 7 Sep (OSJ), Gustine W.T.P., *Merced* 26 Sep (PJM, ADeM), and Woodbridge Rd., *San Joaquin* 21 Nov (DVP, Lauren Harter, m.ob.) were notable. Nelson's Sparrows were reported from Palo Alto Baylands, *Santa Clara* 1-3 & 30 Nov (Ken Schneider, RKe, PKe, m.ob.) and Heron's Head Park, S.F. 16 Nov (†Trent Orr). Fourteen Swamp Sparrows was a low total, but 127 White-throated Sparrows was above our average. Small groups of Lapland Longspurs were widely reported, and 14 Chestnut-collared Longspurs from six counties was a good showing. Snow Buntings were on FI. 27 Oct (ph. Dan Maxwell, Andrew Greene, †JTz) and on Mission Peak, *Alameda* 26 Nov (ph. Bob Briggs). The C.B.R.C. will have to decide the fate of the 10 Oct observation of a well-described Yellow-breasted Bunting on FI. (†JTz). If accepted, this would be the first North American record outside of Alaska, which this season recorded its 6th

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Summer Tanagers celebrated their first fall in a new taxonomic position with the highest total (16) we have seen in over 20 years. Included in this total was *Napa's* first at the Napa R. Ecological Reserve 25-30 Sep (MBe, MBa, m.ob.). The total of 23 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks was above average. Despite a heavy fall snowstorm, a Black-headed Grosbeak stayed into winter at 500 m elevation in Sutter Creek, *Amador* 13 Nov+ (ph. Mary Petrone). Among 13 Indigo Buntings, *Madera's* first was banded at Devils Postpile N.M. 24 Oct (PRBO, ph. WRi). Our only Painted Bunting was on FI. 27-30 Sep (PRBO). Twelve Bobolinks made a near-average total. A Rusty Blackbird was near Arcata, *Humboldt* 11-20 Nov (ph. KGR, KBu, m.ob.). A total of 19 Orchard Orioles set a new high for the Region. Baltimore Orioles were on FI. 9 Sep (MIB), in S.F. 25 Sep (†HuC, PSar), at Sunnyvale Baylands Park 8 Oct (RWR, RKe; 4th *Santa Clara* record), and near Antonelli Pond, *Santa Cruz* 1 Nov (LGo, WGo, RRa, BRa et al.). A Purple Finch at 3000 m elevation near Minaret Vista at *Madera's* e. edge 4 Sep (JLD) was notable, as were single Cassin's Finches in S.F. 25 Sep (†HuC, PSar) and *Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz* 25 Nov (OsJ).

Addenda: Our fall 2008 column failed to note *Mendocino's* first Canada Warbler at Usal Cr. Campground 13 Sep (JRW, KHv); we regret the omission of this significant observation. *Mono's* 2nd Wood Thrush, found dead at Mono L. and preserved in a freezer in late Nov 2008 (Bonnie Noles), was exhumed and identified in fall 2009 (ph. KNN), when it was prepared as a study skin and sent to the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History.

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