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Strong northwesterly winds blew much of June, and at Southeast Farallon Island, mean sea surface temperatures were slightly below average, which is often a good indicator of increased upwelling and krill abundance. Krill dominated the diets of Cassin's Auklets throughout the season, and they enjoyed their third straight year of high productivity. In contrast, Brandt's and Pelagic Cormorants and Western Gulls suffered yet another year of poor reproduction at Southeast Farallon Island, apparently due to a continued lack of anchovies in their diet. Rarities included the continuing Northern Gannet and Common Black-Hawk, as well as two adult Little Stints.

Abbreviations: C.B.R.C. (California B.R.C.); C.R.P. (Cosumnes River Preserve, Sacramento); C.V. (Central Valley); FI. (Southeast Farallon I., San Francisco); H.R.S. (Hayward R.S., Alameda); PRBO (PRBO Conservation Science); S.F. (San Francisco, not State Forest). Reports of exceptional vagrants submitted without documentation are not published. Documentation of C.B.R.C. review species will be forwarded to Guy McCaskie, Secretary, P. O. Box 275, Imperial Beach, California 91933.

WATERFOWL

A blue-morph Snow Goose, the first ever for Monterey, summered 5 Jun–19 Jul at Pt. Pinos (BTM, ph. DR, ph. BHL, m.ob.) and was seen again nearby in Salinas 29 Jul (BTM). Other summer Snow Geese included the continuing ad. at Bridgeport Res. through 18 Jun (PJM), the first summer record for Mono, and 8 at Sacramento N.W.R., Glenn 27 Jun (Wayne We-

ber), with one lingering through 31 Jul (BED). A summer Ross's Goose was found at Merced N.W.R., Merced 31 Jul (DLSu). A pair of Canada Geese with goslings on Año Nuevo I. in Jun (fide Ryan Carle) provided the first "offshore" breeding record for San Mateo, as well as the first breeding record for the s. San Mateo coast. A female Northern Pintail along White Rock Rd. 10 km from Merced 19 Jul (ph. DLSu) may have been the first summer record for Mariposa. Lesser Scaup broods at H.R.S. were accompanied by Redhead chicks 30 Jun and 24 Jul (RJR). A female Long-tailed Duck joined the resident Harlequin Duck at Coyote Pt., San Mateo 27 Jun+ (RSTh, LBT, m.ob.); other Long-tailed included a male at Pillar Pt. Harbor, San Mateo 3–10 Jun (Barbara Kossy) and a continuing female near Moss Landing, Monterey through 10 Jun (Kevin Clark). A Bufflehead with 5 ducklings at Thompson L. 15 Jul (JTz) provided Fresno's first breeding record. A Hooded Merganser at Caspar, Mendocino 1 Jun (REH) was late for a coastal record away from known breeding areas; a Red-breasted Merganser at Mono L., Mono 18 Jul (DHo) was likewise unexpected in summer. Notable Ruddy Duck breeding confirmations included broods at Lake McSwain Recreation Area, Mariposa 18 Jul (DLSu) and at Ukiah W.T.P., Mendocino 22–28 Jul (CEV).

LOONS THROUGH PELICANS

An ad. Pacific Loon in alternate plumage at Grant L., Mono 17–21 Jun (DWm, RCP et al.) was followed by a first-summer bird there 29 Jun (ph. Nancy Overholtz), which lingered to be joined by another 17–22 Jul (KNN, Ken Wells, Karen Murphy). Clearly we have much to learn about the summer movements of Pacific Loons, which are very rare inland in summer. One on Vasona Res. 9–13 Jun (JPa et al.) was much closer to the coast but still provided Santa Clara with only its 2nd summer record.

A high concentration of 560 Pied-billed Grebes was at O'Neill Forebay, Merced 30 Jul (DLSu). Single Horned Grebes lingered into Jun, as late as the 15th, at four locations. A Red-necked Grebe at Pescadero S.B. 15 Jun (RSTh) provided San Mateo's 2nd Jun record, and another was at MacKerricher S.P., Mendocino 28 Jun (ph. REH). Eared Grebes are rare in summer in the n. Sacramento Valley, so one at Sacramento N.W.R., Glenn 27 Jun (Wayne Weber) was noteworthy. A pair of Clark's Grebes attempted nesting on a small island in a former salt pond in Mountain View, Santa Clara, as they did last year; the first egg was noted on 6 Jun, and incubation continued until 17 Jul, but nesting was unsuccessful (Ron & Patty Fulks et al.).

The first Black-vented Shearwater of the season, at Pigeon Pt., San Mateo 4 Jul (RSTh), portended the species' first good fall showing in three years. Our only Manx Shearwater was off Fort Bragg, Mendocino 15 Jul (COG, GEC). The Northern Gannet on FI. remained through the period; although it was not always detectable, most birding boat trips were able to find it. A Brown Booby was also on FI. 21–23 Jul (PRBO), and an unidentified booby was at Seacliff S.B., Santa Cruz 24 Jun (Kate St. Clair). A pair of Brandt's Cormorants nested unsuccessfully along the Oakland waterfront (Eric Lichwardt), providing a rare Alameda nest record. The Double-crested Cormorant colony at Big River, Mendocino, discovered just last year, supported 8–9 nests on 1 Jun (REH). Mendocino's first inland Pelagic Cormorant was at L. Mendocino 10 Jun (Cynthia de la Cruz). The number of American White Pelicans at Elkhorn Slough, Monterey 24 Jun–26 Jul peaked at 73 on 8 Jul (Amy McDonald), providing a high summer concentration for this coastal location.

BITTERNS THROUGH CRANES

Least Bitterns included a singing bird at Del-evan N.W.R., Colusa 14 Jun (CIH, FrO) and at

SA With populations buoyed by high breeding success in Mexico in 2011 and 2012, large numbers of Brown Pelicans dispersed into the Region. Although coastal numbers were high in some areas, such as along the Mendocino coast, prey fish were apparently in low abundance in at least some of the pelican's normal coastal haunts; for example, the high count at FI., of 13 on 24 Jul (Pete Warzybok, Russ Bradley), was far below average, and numerous individuals were recorded emaciated and dying at a number of locations. Unprecedented numbers (primarily imms.) pushed inland, and except for a bird near Patterson, Stanislaus 27 Jun (JND), the inland invasion began very synchronously 5–8 Jul, with birds remaining in some locations through the period. Inland birds included Tuolumne's first, at Brentwood L. 5–8 Jul (Laura Murphy); 3–4 in Napa 5–28 Jul (MBe, Bob Frescura, Paul Pedersen); one at Kettleman City, Kings 6–26 Jul (ph. JSy); 4 in Yolo 6 Jul+ (with 3 together in West Sacramento 14 Jul; Magill Weber); Mono's 9th at Mono L. 7 Jul (KNN, ph. Scott Teague); one at Covelo, Mendocino 7 Jul (ph. Janet Heppler); one at Contra Loma R.P., Contra Costa 7–14 Jul (Paul Schorr); one at Sherman I., Sacramento 8 Jul+ (GEW, Karen Zumwalt, JRow, Dan Welsh); and up to 8 at San Luis Res., Merced 17 Jul+ (KVV), spiking to a record inland count of 35 there 30 Jul (DLSu).

least one at Mather L., *Sacramento* 4 Jul+ (Phil Lutz, Karen Zumwalt, WEH, Dan Welsh, CCo, GEW). A Black-crowned Night-Heron colony discovered in Ukiah 15-16 Jul (Jack Booth) provided a long overdue first breeding record for *Mendocino*. Coastal summer White-faced Ibis reports of up to 14 birds were received from *Humboldt*, *Napa*, *Santa Cruz*, and *Monterey*; *Mono* reports from Mono L. 4 Jul (juv.; KNN, ph. Teague Scott) and Bridgeport 6 Jul (2 birds; ES, Mike McClasky) were early for fall migrants, raising speculation of possible nearby breeding.

The continuing *Sonoma Common Black-Hawk* was reported again from Laguna de Santa Rosa 20 Jun (RAR). A Swainson's Hawk at Pt. Reyes 9 Jun (RS) was unexpected in coastal *Marin*, particularly in summer. A Ferruginous Hawk near McArthur 21 Jun (DPM) provided the first summer record for *Shasta*. At least 3 Yellow Rails were heard calling near Eagle L., *Lassen* in Jun (Tom Rickman et al.); another was at Willow L., *Plumas* 25 Jun (Peter Gaede). A fledgling Sora accompanied by an ad. at Spring Lake Regional Park (Monica Schwalbenberg-Pena) provided the 2nd breeding record for *Sonoma*. Notable Common Gallinule breeding confirmations included broods at Ukiah, *Mendocino* 12 Jun-3 Jul (GEC) and at Lake McSwain Recreation Area, *Mariposa* 18 Jul (DLSu). The pair of Sandhill Cranes at Bridgeport Res. successfully raised a chick (PJM, ES), which survived at least through 6 Jul to provide apparently the first successful breeding for *Mono*; another bird at Merced N.W.R., *Merced* 12 Jun (DLSu) was unseasonable.

SHOREBIRDS

Ad. American Golden-Plovers were detected in unexpected numbers, with the first at Lower Klamath N.W.R., *Siskiyou* 22-26 Jun (Dave Mauser, Cynthia Stockwell, ph. Alan Contreiras, ph. Rich Hoyer, m.ob.) being followed by 3 together at Manchester S.B., *Mendocino* 2 Jul (ph. Angela Liebenberg). A Spotted Sandpiper with a chick at San Pablo Res. 15 Jul (Rusty Scalf) provided a rare breeding record for *Contra Costa*; the lone breeding confirmation during the county's breeding bird atlas effort from 1998 to 2002 was from this same location. Two ad. Solitary Sandpipers were located during the last few days of the season, one at Salinas W.T.P., *Monterey* 28 Jul (ph. BLS) and another at 3210 m elevation at Moose L. in Sequoia N.P., *Tulare* 29 Jul (ph., †JITz). Very surprising was an alternate-plumaged Wandering Tattler slightly inland at Stevens Creek Res. 15 Jun (Rob Furrow, ph. Steve Patt et al.), providing *Santa Clara* with its first Jun record (out of about only 20 total county records at any time of year); tattlers are rare anywhere in the Region in Jun.

A Long-billed Curlew at Indian Creek Res. 27 Jun (GrH) was unexpected in *Alpine*. A total of 50 Marbled Godwits at the Yolo Bypass W.A. and Yolo County landfill 21 Jul (SCH, Michael Perrone) provided a record single-day high count for *Yolo*; 40 at Mono L., *Mono* 18 Jul (DHo) was also a notably high inland count. Two ad. Ruddy Turnstones at Green Island Lagoon 28 Jul (MBe) constituted *Napa's* 9th record and first since 1987; other notable reports even farther inland were from Modesto W.T.P., *Stanislaus* 10 Jun (HMR, ERC, Bill Amundsen) and Mono L., *Mono* 19 Jul (ph. DHo, Chris Allen). Up to 25 Red Knots summered at H.R.S. through the period (RJR); the first large influx of fall migrants reported arrived 26 Jul, with 750 being tallied that day at Foster City, *San Mateo* (RSTh, LBT). A single alternate-plumaged Red Knot far inland at Mono L. 19 Jul (ph. DHo, Chris Allen) was unexpected and apparently the earliest fall migrant ever found in *Mono*. Southbound Semipalmated Sandpipers began to appear 10 Jul, with an ad. at H.R.S. (RJR); the first juv. was at Don Edwards N.W.R., *San Mateo* 22 Jul (MDo). *Humboldt* hosted 2 ad. **Little Stints**, the first at the Elk R. mouth 24 Jul (p.a. KMS) and the 2nd at Arcata Marsh 29-30 Jul (RHw, ph. TKz, †RbF et al.). The only Baird's Sandpiper report was from Salinas W.T.P., *Monterey* 14 Jul (BTM). The only Pectoral Sandpiper reports were of an apparent late northbound bird at Atwell I., *Tulare* 21 Jun (Dane Fagundes) and a fall migrant at Crowley L., *Mono* 22 Jul (Ken Wells). Ad. Stilt Sandpipers were reported from Lake Earl W.A., *Del Norte* 8 Jul (LuB), Yolo Bypass W.A., *Yolo* 14-15 Jul (TEa), and Eel River W.A., *Humboldt* 16 Jul (2 birds; ph. TKz). The only Ruff reported was an ad. female w. of Visalia, *Tulare* 30 Jul (ph. Dane Fagundes). Sixty Wilson's Phalaropes at the Ukiah W.T.P. 8 Jul (CEV, GEC, CWH, GeH) was the highest count ever tallied in *Mendocino*, more than four times the previous high of 14. Unexpected Jun Red-necked Phalaropes included one at Pajaro Dunes, *Santa Cruz* 11 Jun (DLEk, Connie Vigno) and up to 4 in New Chicago Marsh, *Santa Clara* 18-21 Jun (MJM, RWR, FV).

GULLS THROUGH ALCIDS

Franklin's Gulls included 40 at Goose L., *Modoc* 16 Jun (SCR) and one in Chalfant Valley, *Mono* 1 Jul (ph. Monte Taylor, JLD). A Heermann's Gull at the San Francisquito Cr. mouth 2 Jun (MMR, Alma Rogers) was in both *San Mateo* and *Santa Clara*, providing the first Jun record for the latter county. Ring-billed Gull is surprisingly scarce along most of the immediate coast, so one at the Big Sur R. mouth, *Monterey* 10 Jun (ph. DR) was a downright rarity. Western Gull is rare inland in summer, so 2 at Sherman I., *Sacramento* 8 Jul (GEW et al.)

and up to 2 near a Patterson, *Stanislaus* landfill 1-21 Jul (John Harris, SSa, HMR) were unusual; a Mew Gull at the latter location 21 Jul (HMR) was even more unusual. PRBO's annual count of California Gulls at Mono L., *Mono* in late May detected 20,059 nests; this is below the long-term average of 23,000 but well above last year's all-time low of 16,700 nests (*fide* KNN). California Gulls nested among Western Gulls at two Capitola, *Santa Cruz* locations; ads. were carrying nesting material to two different areas on the Capitola Mall rooftop 19 Jun, and 3 nearly fledged young were on another rooftop 24 Jul (both DLSu). *Santa Cruz* had only one prior nest record, from the Capitola Mall in 2009. For the 3rd consecutive year, California Gulls attempted nesting at the Davis W.T.P., *Yolo*, but they were once again unsuccessful (Ed Whisler). Similarly, the California Gull colony at FI. was again unsuccessful, with fewer breeding attempts than in the past few years.

A pair of Least Terns returned to the Sacramento Regional W.T.P., *Sacramento* for the 5th consecutive year 21 May-8 Aug (CCo). After the first nest was depredated, a 2nd nesting produced 2 chicks, but neither survived. An ad. Least Tern at Natomas, *Sacramento* 4 Jul (WEH, Dan Tankersley) could possibly have been one of these birds. Two ads. were at their traditional location near Kettleman City, *Kings* 7 Jun (JSy). Pomarine Jaeger occurs inland much less frequently than the other two jaeger species, so an ad. at Duck L., an alpine lake at 3178 m elevation in *Fresno*, 19 Jul (ph. Don & Dave Lewis) was remarkable. Migrant Black Skimmers in *Monterey* included one at Zmudowski S.B. 10 Jun (Kevin Clark) and 2 at the Salinas River N.W.R. 22 Jul (BTM). Pigeon Guillemots have been suspected of breeding in weep holes at the e. end of the old S.F.-Oakland Bay Bridge, *Alameda* for four or five years; this year, six pairs were present around cavities in both the old and new bridge spans, and a juv. observed in a weep hole 24 Jul (Eric Lichtwardt) provided *Alameda's* first breeding confirmation. A Rhinoceros Auklet at H.R.S. 19 Jul (RJR) marked the 5th year of Jul/Aug records at this location. Horned Puffin has become a fairly regular summer visitor in recent years, as exemplified by one at Patrick's Point S.P., *Humboldt* 26 Jul (KBu, ph. Alison Lui, MMo).

PIGEONS THROUGH THRUSHES

Band-tailed Pigeon is casual in *Mono*, so five reports from disparate locations comprising 9 birds—one at Oasis 9 Jun (RSTh, LBT), 3 at Inyo Craters 23 Jun (DHo), one at Minner Vista 8 Jul (J. Aquayo, m.ob.), 3 at June L. 27 Jul (Jora Fogg), and one at Navy Beach 28 Jul (Chris Leuchtenberg)—represented an un-

precedented showing. Our only White-winged Dove flew n. along Fish Slough Rd. from Inyo into Mono 10 Jun (RSTh, LBt). Three Yellow-billed Cuckoos spanned the width of the Region: one in the C.V. at the Tracy WTP 24 Jun (†Terry Ronneberg), the first for San Joaquin in about 20 years (*fide* DGY); one e. of the Sierra Nevada at Lundy Canyon, Mono 30 Jun (Richard Banks, Rusty Scalf, Judith Dunham); and one on the coast at Cock Robin I. in the Eel R. estuary, Humboldt 9 Jul (TWL). Greater Roadrunner continues to be elusive in Modocino, with another report of a brief sighting, this one at the U.C. Hopland Research & Extension Center 26 Jun (Zane Kagley). At least 60 Flammulated Owls, at an average density of 3 territorial males/km², were detected along a ridge e. of Davis L., Plumas during a study conducted 1 Jun+ (DPA), illustrating why this species is considered the most abundant forest-dwelling owl. It is less numerous in Mono, however, where it had not been confirmed breeding until at least one juv. with an ad. near Green Creek Campground 24-25 Jun (Robert & Marnie McKernan) provided confirmation. A Barred Owl calling 5 km sw. of Fish Camp 15 Jun (DLSu) established the 3rd record for Mariposa. Generally associated with large trees and high mountain meadows, a Great Gray Owl ad. with 3 juvs. was unexpected in 2nd growth forest at 1250 m elevation well away from meadows in the Miami Mountain Motorcycle Area, Mariposa 15 Jun (ph. DLSu). Two Common Nighthawks calling just s. of the Chico airport, Butte 19 Jul (Robert Doster) contributed to a growing number of records for the n. Sierra Nevada foothills, where the status of this species is still unclear.

Continuing a decade-long trend, there was again no evidence that Black Swifts nested in San Mateo or Santa Cruz, where the species was a once a regular breeder. Black-chinned Hummingbird is scarce in Mono, so several visiting feeders in Lee Vining throughout Jun (KNN, m.ob.) were unexpected. An imm. male Costa's Hummingbird at Loma Prieta 3 Jun (ADeM) provided the first summer record for Santa Cruz. The first Broad-tailed Hummingbird for Plumas was an imm. female at a Chester residence 13-14 Jul (†RDB). The same location hosted an apparent Broad-tailed Hummingbird x Anna's Hummingbird hybrid 26 Jul (ph. RDB). An imm. male Calliope Hummingbird at a feeder in Fair Oaks, Sacramento 31 Jul (GEW) contributed to an accumulation of post-breeding records of this species from this part of the C.V. Lewis's Woodpeckers evidently had another poor breeding season in Lassen, where nesting birds were present in low numbers (*fide* KAb). Meanwhile, a nesting pair at S. Lake Tahoe, El Dorado 28-29 Jun (Dan Gaube,

WRi) provided the first breeding record for the Tahoe basin since the 1980s. Del Norte's Crested Caracara was seen again near Fort Dick 11 Jun (ADB, Carol Wilson).

The small, dwindling population of Willow Flycatchers on lower Rush Cr., Mono suffered a major blow this season. For the first time since the population was discovered in 2000, no females returned to the site, and only one male persisted through the period (CMc, PRBO). The Region saw a total of 4 Least Flycatchers, with 2 in Sierra—one at Church Meadow 8 Jun (Donelda Warhurst) and the other at Yuba Pass 14-20 Jun (Donelda Warhurst, m.ob.)—plus singles in Modoc at Fort Bidwell 16 Jun (SCR) and El Dorado at Sugar Pine Point S.P. 29 Jun-3 Jul (Kevin Spencer, CIH, WRi). An unseasonable Pacific-slope Flycatcher visited Nicolaus, Sutter 12 Jun (Mark Dettling). Two Eastern Phoebes included singles at Iron Gate Dam, Siskiyou 10 Jun-20 Jul (Mike Robbins, †RE, ph. B&CY, m.ob.) and Humboldt Hill, Humboldt 14 Jun (DCo). A Say's Phoebe at Moffett Field, Santa Clara 2 Jun (MMR) was considered a late spring transient, whereas one at Penngrove Nursery, Sonoma 27 Jun (JsC) and another at Gray Whale Ranch 15 Jul (Santa Cruz's 2nd in summer; †Sharon Hull, Kathy Kuyper, Pam Myers) were unseasonable. In Mariposa, where the species is also unexpected in summer, a pair along Mt. Gaines Rd. 21 Jun-18 Jul (ph. DLSu) seemed to be on territory, with one carrying nesting material 21 Jun, although a nest was never found. Six Eastern Kingbirds were reported. They included a presumed breeding pair at Blue L., Lassen 7 Jul (W. Lofthouse) and singles along Stage Rd. in Pescadero, San Mateo 2 Jun (LBt, RSTh), in Sierra Valley, Sierra 15 Jun (BLE, Doug Hendricks, Patricia Langenhahn, m.ob.), on the w. shore of Mono L., Mono 18 Jul (DHo), and at Arcata Marsh, Humboldt 19 & 21 Jul (RbF, Ralph Bucher, Pat Bitton).

The 2 singing male Least Bell's Vireos discovered last season at Merced N.W.R., Merced persisted through at least 3 Jul (KVV). Another was at San Joaquin River N.W.R., Stanislaus 14 Jun-5 Jul (Cory Gregory, John Harris, m.ob.). A nesting pair of Cassin's Vireos at Davis Creek Res. 24 Jun (TEa, KvG) established the first breeding record for Yolo. Two Red-eyed Vireos represented an average showing, with one at Golden Gate Park, S.E. 4 Jun (JsC) and another at Patrick's Point S.P., Humboldt 23 Jun (KI, ph. TKz, Greg Chapman). A Steller's Jay at Merced, Merced 10 Jun (Julie Ekeland), while unexpected on the C.V. floor in summer, recalled the bird that lingered in Sacramento, Sacramento through mid-Jun 2011. Establishing the first summer record for California, a Blue Jay appeared in Redwood Valley, Humboldt 11

Jul (ph. Karen Larkin). A gathering of 1473 Common Ravens near Patterson, Stanislaus 21 Jun (HMR) was the largest group ever reported in the Region. A Purple Martin over S. Lake Tahoe Keys Marina, El Dorado 9 Jun (JCS) represented just the 3rd record for the Tahoe basin. Establishing the first breeding record for the baylands of San Mateo, a pair of Tree Swallows tended young in a eucalyptus at Coyote Pt. 29 Jun (LBt, RSTh). On the heels of the comeback in Santa Cruz and coastal Monterey reported last season, a pair of Western Bluebirds carrying food to young at a nest in a eucalyptus at Coyote Pt. 18 Jun (RSTh) provided the first breeding record for the baylands of San Mateo. A Townsend's Solitaire at Coyote Hills R.P., Alameda 15-16 Jun (ph. Davor Desancic, ph. Jerry Ting) was presumably a late northbound transient. Swainson's Thrush is expected during spring migration at San Joaquin River N.W.R., Stanislaus, but one lingering there 6-28 Jun (Cory Gregory, SSa, Ralph Baker, HMR) had some wondering if it might nest, but no evidence of breeding was found.

THRASHERS THROUGH FINCHES

Modoc's 3rd Gray Catbird was at New Pine Creek 28 Jun (Brent Campos). Notably late reports of lingering Cedar Waxwings came from Napa 10 Jun, Glenn 12 Jun, and Santa Clara 1 Jul. A Worm-eating Warbler banded at Palomarin, Marin 10 Jun (Renee Cormier) provided the Region's 3rd summer record in the past 20 years. Our only Northern Waterthrush was an inland bird along Sand Creek Rd., Colusa 7 Jun (ph. JCS). Three of 5 reported Black-and-white Warblers were singing males, as was our only Prothonotary Warbler at Tioga Lodge, Mono 2 Jun (KNN), our only Hooded Warbler at Dechambeau Cr., Mono 4-5 Jun (KNN, m.ob.), our only Prairie Warbler on the Marin Headlands, Marin 10-12 Jun (ph., v.r., Tara McIntire), and both our Chestnut-sided Warblers at Stevens Creek Res., Santa Clara 16 Jun (MMR, DvWb) and at Pt. Reyes, Marin 24 Jun (RS). A Lucy's Warbler on FI. 26-31 Jul (PRBO) provided the 8th island record and the first summer Regional record for at least the past 25 years. Five American Redstarts included Alpine's first in Markleeville 17 Jun (JLD, JIx). Nineteen Northern Parulas was a good total and included one in e. Mariposa 5 Jun (DLSu) and C.V. birds along the Sacramento R. in s. Glenn 11-12 Jun (Mark Dettling, ph. JCS, JLD, JIx) and at C.R.P. 21 Jul (JTr, CCo, Jerry Marinovich). Two Yellow Warblers on the C.V. floor were both in appropriate breeding habitat: one at Caswell S.P., San Joaquin 4 Jul (DGY) and one near Nicolaus, Sutter 12 Jun (Mark Dettling). Yellow-breasted Chats were notable Modoc finds at Fort Bidwell 15 Jun and near the s.

end of Surprise Valley 15 Jun (both SCR).

Clay-colored Sparrows are quite rare in the Region in Jul, so a singing bird along the Eel R., *Humboldt* 2-4 Jul (RHw, Meghan Still) was remarkable. Black-chinned Sparrows could be characterized as irruptive breeders in the Region, with most irruptions coinciding with severe droughts in desert habitats to the south. The irruption we noted in our spring report continued into summer, with birds reported in seven counties (*Tuolumne*, *Contra Costa*, *El Dorado*, *Mono*, *Mariposa*, *Santa Clara*, and *Santa Cruz*). In Yosemite N.P., Foresta Rd. hosted a remarkable 20+ Black-throated Sparrows 7 Jun–18 Jul (DLSu, m.ob.) and gave *Mariposa* its first breeding record for this species. Late *Zonotrichia* sparrows included a White-throated Sparrow lingering from spring at Occidental, *Sonoma* through 20 Jun (Mike Heffernon) and White-crowned Sparrows (of subspecies that do not breed in the Region) staying into mid-Jun in *Alameda* and *Mono*, with one *Mono* White-crowned at Crowley L. staying until 7 Jul (ES). A Golden-crowned Sparrow near Ruth 26 Jul (SMcA) provided a summer first for *Trinity*.

Summer Tanagers were at Jamestown, *Tuolumne* 6 Jun (RSTh, LbT), Palo Alto, *Santa Clara* 8 Jun (Robin Carle et al.), *Trinidad* S.B., *Humboldt* 24 Jun (ph. TKz), and *Twin Lakes*, *Mono* 24 Jun (Ken Wells). Thirty-one Rose-breasted Grosbeaks included *San Benito's* 3rd along the Pajaro R. 11 Jun (Wilma Vermilyer), *Alpine's* 3rd at Sand Flat Campground 16 Jun (HKo), and *Placer's* 3rd in Foresthill 30 Jun (ph. BWb). A Blue Grosbeak near Dechambeau Cr., *Mono* 12 Jul (KNN) was remarkable, especially in midsummer. Seventeen Indigo Buntings rep-

resented our 2nd highest total in the past three decades. Hooded Orioles continued to colonize the Sierra Nevada foothills: one at Tulloch L. Resort, *Calaveras* 17-26 Jul (JLD, JLD) was the latest example. A well-described male Baltimore Oriole in *Sierra Valley* 17 Jun (†Mark Kudrav) provided a first record for *Sierra*.

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The summer period was typically warm and dry, though July temperatures were a bit below normal and some desert areas received greater-than-normal precipitation in the latter half of July. The avian highlight was the Great Knot x Surf-bird hybrid (the former species still unrecorded in California) in San Diego in July; this is almost certainly the same individual found here in 2009. Most encouraging were the numbers of desert riparian-nesting birds such as Yellow-billed Cuckoos and Lucy's Warblers at a habitat restoration site in extreme southeastern Riverside County near Palo Verde; good numbers of cuckoos were also found this summer on the South Fork of the Kern River.

Abbreviations: B.S. (Butterbrecht Spring at the s. end of the Sierra Nevada above Cantil, e. Kern); C.L. (China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station, extreme ne. Kern); G.H.P. (Galileo Hill Park in extreme e. Kern); N.E.S.S. (n. end of the Salton Sea, Riverside); S.C.R.E. (Santa Clara River Estuary near Ventura, Ventura); S.E.S.S. (s. end of the Salton Sea, Imperial); S.F.K.R.P. (South Fork Kern River Preserve near Weldon, Kern); S.J.W.A. (San Jacinto Wildlife Area near Lakeview, Riverside); V.A.F.B. (Vandenberg A.F.B., nw. Santa Barbara). Museum collections abbreviated in the text are: SDNHM (San Diego Natural History Museum). Because most rarities in s. California are seen by multiple observers, only the observer(s) initially finding and/or