

Oregon 21 Jun–9 Jul. A **Dickcissel** at F.R.R. 2 Jul (ph. T. Meinen) was just the third Jun–Jul bird for Oregon, where most of the 15 antecedent records have come Nov–Mar. Single Tricolored Blackbirds at Sprague Lake, *Lincoln* 8 Jun (C. Lundblad) and Toppenish, *Yakima* 20 Jun (E. Heisey) were spring holdovers at locales where they have not bred. Similarly, a male Tricolored inhabited F.R.R. 8 Jul+ (H. Herlyn, m.ob.), and 2 males were at Fernhill Wetlands 24 Jul+ (R. Hoyer, ph. S. Nord); the latter was a first for heavily birded *Washington*. Tricolored Blackbirds first appeared in s.-cen. *Washington* in 2003, and known breeding colonies exist in *Whitman* and *Grant*. A flock of 30 Tricoloreds near Othello, *Adams* 19 Jun (ph. BW) included a number of recent fledglings, presumed to have hatched locally; reed marshes on nearby private lands seem to offer suitable nesting habitat. The count of 50 Yellow-headed Blackbirds at Ridgefield 28 Jul (M. Sullivan) provided a record w. *Washington* summer high count and was probably indicative of good breeding success there. Yellow-

headeds are rare on the outer coast, so a male at Astoria 28 Jun (E. Cain) was noteworthy. A **Great-tailed Grackle** at Bay Center, *Pacific* 24 Jun was likely the same ad. male located in late May about 28 km away at Naselle, *Pacific*; there are only nine records for *Washington*. As is now typical, several Great-taileds were noted in *Harney* in early Jun. More surprisingly, 5 were detected 1 Jun–4 Jul in the W.V., where this species is still barely annual. The season's lone Baltimore Oriole was along Pike Creek, *Harney* 6 Jun (S. Lay). A singing Pine Grosbeak on Bonney Butte, *Hood River* 16 Jun (B. Archer) was particular unusual during summer in the Oregon Cascades, where this species is rare at any season. Lesser Goldfinches continue to press eastward in their ongoing range expansion, as evidenced by a nest found at La Grande 5 Jun (W. Morton, *fide* TB); as recently as 2002, this species had never been recorded in *Union*, and this was the first confirmed breeding effort. A **Lawrence's Goldfinch** at Klamath Falls 12 Jun (†M. Sargent) would be about the eighth for Oregon.

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A typical dry summer produced a few record-warm days in late June, but the weather was otherwise unremarkable. Most seabirds on the Farallones experienced high reproductive success, with cormorants and

gulls achieving their highest productivity since 2007. It was an outstanding season for shorebirds, with several Regional rarities and surprising June records of several more regular species. Top highlights included the continuing Eastern Whip-poor-will and Inca Dove.

Abbreviations: C.B.R.C. (California B.R.C.); C.R.P. (Cosumnes River Preserve, *Sacramento*); C.V. (Central Valley); F.I. (Southeast Farallon Island, *San Francisco*); H.R.S. (Hayward R.S., *Alameda*); Point Blue (Point Blue 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

Inland Brant included the second for *Tulare*, at the Tulare W.T.P. 13–26 Jul (DaF ph. SDS), *Mendocino's* first inland, at the Ukiah W.T.P. 2 Jun (CEV), and 7 continuing near Brooks Island, *Contra Costa* though the period (ES). A Tundra Swan summered at Bobelaine Audubon Sanctuary, *Sutter* 7 Jun+ (Ginny Marshall); 7 unidentified northbound swans 150 m off the Pajaro River mouth, *Santa Cruz* 14 Jun (ph. NLv) were

hard to explain. An unseasonal male Eurasian Wigeon was found along the Mountain View, *Santa Clara* bayside 1 Jun (MJM, Lea Crisp). A brood of American Wigeon was at Crowley Lake, *Mono* 19 Jul, where a brood was found last year 16 Aug 2012 (both PJM); this is one of the few somewhat regular breeding locations away from the northeastern corner of the state. Lesser Scaup broods were found at H.R.S. 8 Jul (RJR) and Sunnyvale, *Santa Clara* 27 Jul (WGB), both sites of regular recent breeding. Bufflehead broods were found at lakes in Lassen Volcanic N.P., the only known breeding location in *Shasta*, 7 Jun (Frank & Darliss Sanderson) and 8 Jun (Barb Peck); another brood at Loch Leven Lake 12 Jul (Chris Lynch) supplied the first breeding confirmation for *Placer*. Six widely scattered Common Goldeneyes were more than expected. A female Hooded Merganser with 2 young at Willits W.T.P. 2 Jun (Mike Curry) provided *Mendocino's* first breeding record. Other broods were found at C.R.P. 21 May–16 Jun (AEN, JTr) and at Antelope Lake, *Plumas* 2–11 Jun (EP, DPA, David Hamilton).

GREBES THROUGH PELICANS

An unseasonal Horned Grebe was at Eagle Lake, *Lassen* 19 Jun (Stephen Long). The only Manx Shearwater was off *San Mateo* 21 Jul (Alvaro's

Adventures). The long-staying Northern Gannet at EI. was seen throughout the period (Point Blue). As it did last year, the bird displayed frequently, and at times it was seen arranging nesting material. It was even observed brooding a Brandt's Cormorant chick on one occasion. Brown Pelicans did not stage a strong inland invasion as they did last summer, but die-offs were still noted around Monterey Bay, Monterey and Santa Cruz, and the high count of 47 at EI. 9 Jul (Point Blue) was far below average for the summer period.

BITTERNS THROUGH CRANES

A Least Bittern at Rodman Slough C.P., Lake 14-19 Jul (JRW, GEC) was the only one reported. An ad. Glossy Ibis at the Yolo Basin W.A. 28-31 Jul (TEa, ph. m.ob.) was Yolo's third and the sixth for the Region. White-faced Ibis were reported from seven coastal counties throughout the summer, but we received no reports of coastal Cattle Egrets. The Hunter's Point shipyard Ospreys fledged 2 young by summer's end (m.ob.), marking the second consecutive year of successful nesting in S.F. Bald Eagle nests included one at Crystal Springs Reservoir with a nearly fledged young bird 26 Jun (PJM, Tim Sullivan), the first successful breeding in San Mateo since 1915. On the heels of the first urban breeding by Cooper's Hawks in Santa Cruz this spring, a remarkable two additional nests and 6+ broods of recently fledged young were found in the county's urban areas this summer (fide DLSu). Such urban breeding has been well established for over a decade in nearby Santa Clara and Alameda counties and in the C.V. The Sonoma Common Black-Hawk was seen incubating near Sebastopol 3-6 Jun (ph. Stan Moore), but the nesting attempt failed to produce young and the nest was abandoned within two weeks. A Red-shouldered Hawk

SAs noted last season, an unprecedented number of spring Swainson's Hawks led to the first confirmed breeding in Santa Clara since at least 1894. A single juv. fledged from the nest along Coyote Creek in s. San Jose 7 Aug (RPh). Equally remarkable was San Benito's first known nest near Hollister, which produced a single fledgling by 4 Aug (ph. Steven Johnson, DLSH). Breeding is also now occurring in s. Sonoma, where a nest produced 3 fledglings by 6 Jul last year (ph. George Eade); three nests were found there again this year, and two produced fledged young by 19 Jul (George Eade). Three successful nests were located this summer in Napa (MBE, fide JGE), where breeding has occurred since at least 2005. This recent expansion of Swainson's Hawks into coastal areas is likely the result of the gradual recovery of the species' populations in its core breeding range, particularly the C.V., where numbers of breeders continue to increase. Time will tell whether breeding in such coastal areas will continue to increase and expand. Groups of up to 35 birds following farm machinery at Tubbs Island, Sonoma 26 Jun into Jul (ph. George Eade, Brian Smucker) indicate increased use of more coastal areas even by non-breeders.

was seen bringing food to the nest vicinity but could not be confirmed as a mate.

Yellow Rails (up to 3) were heard for the third year in a row near Eagle Lake, Lassen 19 Jun-8 Jul (KAb, m.ob.). Black Rails were found along Alviso and Artesian sloughs in Alviso, Santa Clara 6 Jun-17 Jul (PDu, m.ob.), where summer records are unprecedented. Further investigation turned up reports of numerous Black Rails in nearby Triangle Marsh along Coyote Slough, Santa Clara in 2012, first heard during Clapper Rail surveys for the Invasive Spartina Project, and at Dumbarton Marsh and along Old Alameda Creek in Union City in adjacent Alameda in 2013. The latter site has apparently been occupied for several years (fide Jen McBroom). A Common Gallinule at Kyburz Flat 11 Jul (FrO, KZu, LPt) was apparently the first for Sierra. An ad. Sandhill Crane near Fort Dick, Del Norte 6 Jun (LuB) was unusual for both the summer date and the location. The Mono Sandhill Cranes reported last season at Bridgeport Reservoir dwindled

from 5 birds to 2 by the end of summer (PJM, Robert McKernan).

SHOREBIRDS

An ad. American Golden-Plover was photographed at Yolo Bypass W.A., Yolo 21 Jul (ph. KSw et al.). Single Solitary Sandpipers, all inland, were reported in San Joaquin, Yolo, and Tulare 20-26 Jul (DGY, MP, ph. SDS). A Long-billed Curlew over Clear Lake 3 Jul (FHa et al.) was, remarkably, only the fifth (second in summer) for Lake. Mono's first Hudsonian Godwit graced Mono Lake 5-6 Jun (DHo, ph. Chris Allen, KNN). Detailed study of the photographs of this second-calendar-year female suggested that it might be the same bird seen in southern California in late May. An ad. Bar-tailed Godwit was in Crescent City, Del Norte 17 Jun (LuB, ADB, Sky Lloyd, JLx). Santa Cruz hosted very-rare-in-Jun rocky shorebirds, with a Black Turnstone 2 Jun (JGa, AMR), Surf-bird 12-22 Jun (2 birds; JGa, AMR, NLv), and Ruddy Turnstone 14 Jun (JGa, AMR, NLv). The Region's fourteenth and King's first Little Stint was an ad. at Corcoran 27-30 Jul (ph. MSy, m.ob.); all but five of the previous records have been of fall ads. between 6 Jul and 27 Aug. Three ad. White-rumped Sandpipers near Fort Dick, Del Norte 10-13 Jun (LuB, ph. ADB, m.ob.) provided the first record for northwestern California, the twelfth for the Region, and the high count for the state. Two ad. Baird's Sandpipers at Mono Lake, Mono 7 Jul (KNN) were early. An ad. Pectoral Sandpiper near Fort Dick 12 Jun (RbF, mob.) was thought to be the first Jun record for Del Norte. Among a surprising total of 10 Dunlin in four counties was Mendocino's first in summer at the Ukiah W.T.P. 7 Jul (CEV). The only Stilt Sandpiper reported was an ad. at Shollenberger Park, Sonoma 10-22 Jul (ScC, ph. Len Blumin, m.ob.). On the heels of Colusa's first breeding record last season, Wilson's Phalaropes were confirmed breeding in Glenn

SA Paul Lehman continued his noteworthy observations from commercial cruise ships between S.F. and Alaska, with three round-trip cruises through the Region. The highlight was verification that the good numbers of Hawaiian/Galapagos Petrels reported last season continued through the summer. Following one off Humboldt 10 Jul, he observed 6 off Humboldt and singles off Del Norte and Mendocino 18 Jul, the same day he saw 3 in Oregon waters (tPEL et al.). Of the 8 California birds seen on 18 Jul, 4 were seen well enough to be documented as Hawaiian Petrel, as opposed to Galapagos Petrel, which has not been recorded in California waters (tPEL). Two 64 km ssw. of Punta Gorda, Humboldt on 18 Jul provided the first state record of multiple individuals together. Coupled with satellite telemetry studies showing that Hawaiian Petrels tagged in Hawaii regularly travel eastward to waters within 320 km of the California and s. Oregon coastlines, the high numbers reported from recent commercial cruises, other pelagic birding trips, and research cruises suggest that Hawaiian Petrel is a regular component of the offshore West Coast avifauna. Murphy's Petrel is most frequently recorded off California in spring, so 5 off Humboldt and Del Norte 10 Jul (tPEL et al.) were less expected. This was an "off" year for Cook's Petrel, as the only one reported was 130 km w. of Point St. George, Del Norte 30 Jul (PEL et al.).

for the first time when a male with 2 chicks was found in rice fields west of the Sacramento N.W.R 2 Jul (*fide* Monica Iglecia).

SKUAS THROUGH ALCIDS

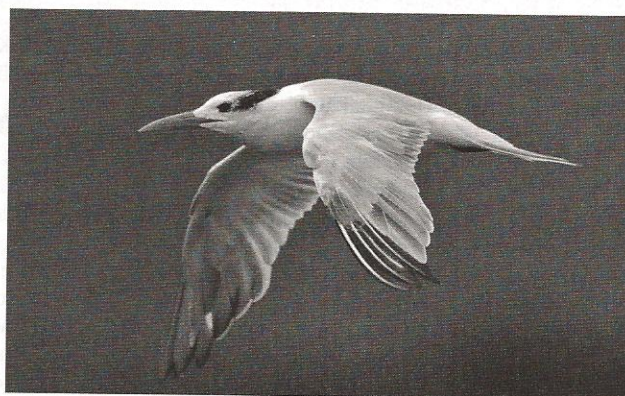
The Region has few onshore records of South Polar Skua, so one on the beach at MacKerricher S.P., Mendocino 5-7 Jun (KHv, ph. RLeV, Linda Perkins) was extremely unusual. The mid-summer status of Long-tailed Jaeger in the Region is unclear, partly owing to the paucity of pelagic trips during that time. On Lehman's cruises, one was 145 km w. of Point St. George, Del Norte 10 Jul, and 5 were in waters from Mendocino to Del Norte 18 Jul (both PEL et al.). A Laughing Gull at MacKerricher S.P., Mendocino 10 Jul (ph. Becky Bowen) was the only one reported and was unusually far north. Five Franklin's Gulls in Sierra Valley, Plumas 1 Jun (EP et al.) were likely late northbound migrants. One at the Pajaro River mouth, Monterey and Santa Cruz 15 Jun (ph. AMR) provided the third Jun record for the latter county. Other singles were at Half Moon Bay S.B., San Mateo 6 Jun (MDeF) and MacKerricher S.P., Mendocino 20 Jul (KHv, GEC, J. Chanot).

Heermann's Gulls nested successfully near Roberts Lake, Monterey (†DR), where nesting occurred in 1999-2004. After three active nests were discovered on the roof of a building 3 Apr (BLS, Marshall Iliff, Chris Wood), 17 ads. and 19 downy young several weeks old were observed 14 Jun (DR), and 9 fully-feathered juvs. were present 12 Jul (DR). Based on the numbers of ads. and young observed, DR estimated that up to 15 pairs may have attempted nesting, with 8-10 pairs hatching young. The presence of Heermann's Gulls on this building during the 2011 and 2012 breeding seasons (BLS) indicates that nesting may have at least been attempted here previously. Three Ring-billed Gulls at the Big Sur River mouth 2 Jun (JGa, AMR) were both late and unusual along Monterey's southern coastline. Although California Gulls have attempted breeding at FI. each year since 2008, this was the first year they succeeded in fledging young. The first hatchlings were observed 5 Jun, and on 25 Jul, 8 fully feathered young were noted (Pete Warzybok, Russ Bradley). During previous years of attempted nesting, Western Gull predation (apparently owing to low abundance of other food sources) was primarily responsible for the lack of California Gull nesting success. This year, other Western Gull food sources were apparently more available, allowing Western Gulls their most productive year since 2007 and reducing predation pressure by Westerns on California Gull nests. Least Terns away from traditional breeding/post-breeding areas included one on Ocean Beach, S.F. 23

Jun (Linda Swanson) and a second-year bird at Half Moon Bay S.B., San Mateo 29-30 Jul (Cedric Duhalde et al.). Although 4 ads. were at the Sacramento Regional W.T.P., Sacramento 28 Jun (ph. CCo, EP, Dell Richards), with one lingering to 29 Jun, the species did not attempt nesting here for the first time in six years. The only coastal Black Tern was at Bolinas Lagoon, Marin 9 Jun (BBg). A Common Tern at Bridgeport Reservoir, Mono 14 Jun (KH, JsC, Alison Sheehy et al.) was probably a late spring migrant; Mono had only two prior spring records. A Royal Tern at Doran R.P. 24 Jul (ph. Bill Grummer) provided the first Sonoma record and the first well-documented Regional record since 1999. Given this species' historical occurrence in northern California and the regularity of northward post-breeding dispersal by Elegant Terns, it is surprising that Royal Terns do not occur in the Region more often. A Black Skimmer at Clear Lake 3 Jul (ph. FHa, m.ob.) provided a first for Lake and the only inland record for the Region away from Kings, where the species nested in 1986 and where, this year, one was near Stratford 22-23 Jul (ph. MSy, m.ob.). The only other record away from breeding areas was of one at the Aptos Creek mouth, Santa Cruz, 10 Jul (DLSu). A Pigeon Guillemot on a former salt pond in Alviso 28 Jul+ (ph. SCR, ph. MJM, RGJ, m.ob.) was unusually far inside S.F. Bay and provided Santa Clara's first record.

DOVES THROUGH THRUSHES

A Band-tailed Pigeon at Fort Bidwell, Modoc 9 Jun (SCR) was 60+ km northeast of known breeding areas. Our only White-winged Dove visited a feed station in Fort Bragg, Mendocino 14 Jun (REH). This species has been recorded in the Region annually in summer since 2008. Prior to that, though, it was almost unknown as a summer visitor. The Region's first Inca Dove, discovered last season at a feeder in Tulare, Tulare, remained through the period (DaF). Six or 7 Yellow-billed Cuckoos included 3 probable breeders in the interior, one each in Glenn, Butte, and Sutter, and 2 or 3 transients along the coast in Humboldt. Common Nighthawks breed south along the coast to Sonoma, where they are detected irregularly. A pair was observed this season engaged in courtship flights at



Northern California's first Royal Tern since 1999, at Doran Regional Park 24 July 2013, provided a first Sonoma County record. Photograph by Rick Lebaudour.

the Pygmy Forest in Salt Point S.P. 19 Jun-1 Jul (RAR, BDo, Don Kirker, ESH); this remains the only locality in the county where breeding has been confirmed. Two farther south along the coast, at Arana Gulch, Santa Cruz 31 Jul (†DLSu), were unexpected on that date so far from known breeding areas. Also in Santa Cruz, the Eastern Whip-poor-will discovered last season at Valencia Creek Ranch remained through 19 Jun (*fide* DLSu).

The plight of the Black Swift as a breeder in Santa Cruz has been well documented, and there were no reports of birds again this season. Coincidentally, a decline in nesting season reports of Vaux's Swifts in recent years—only three this season—suggest this species may be in trouble in the county as well (DLSu). Reports of 4 Allen's Hummingbirds in three interior counties represented an unprecedented showing. Single ad. males turned up at Clear Lake Riviera, Lake 13 Jun (ph. Vicki Miller), e. of Oakdale 28 Jun-2 Jul (ph. JHr, m.ob.); a first for Stanislaus, and at Acampo, San Joaquin 29 Jun (DGY); an imm. male was also at Acampo 25 Jul (DGY). These reports, along with banding records from northern Solano in recent years (*fide* Manfred Kusch), suggest this cryptic species might be more regular in the interior as a post-breeding transient



The few Pigeon Guillemots nesting inside San Francisco Bay rarely stray far from the Golden Gate. This bird, present 28 July 2013 and later (here 3 August) on a former salt pond in Alviso, was unusually far inside the Bay and provided Santa Clara County with its first record. Photograph by Michael J. Mammoser.

than the few prior records indicated. Although expected upstream in *El Dorado* at Folsom Lake, a Hairy Woodpecker at Sailor Bar on the American River, *Sacramento* 16 Jul (MkM) was out of place. A Northern Flicker pair tending young in a eucalyptus cavity at Presidio N.P. 26 Jun+ (Steve Phillips, m.ob.) established the first nesting record of this species for S.F. in well over a decade. *Del Norte's* Crested Caracara continued near Fort Dick 8 Jul (Casey Ryan).

Although most recent statistics concerning the imperiled Willow Flycatcher have been dismal, a tally of 16 territories at Chester Meadows, *Plumas* 17 Jun (RDB), representing one of the highest nesting densities of this species in the state, was welcome news. Pacific-slope Flycatcher is unknown as a breeder in *Stanislaus*, so up to 2 birds at Frank Raines R.P. in *Del Puerto Canyon* 24 Jun–29 Jul (SSa, m.ob.) were notable. A Black Phoebe nest discovered in Adin 1 Jul (JLD et al.) provided the first breeding record of this species for *Modoc*. The first breeding record of Say's Phoebe for the lowlands in the northwestern portion of *Santa Clara* came in the form of an ad. with 2 fledglings at Moffett Field 1 Jun (MMR, Nateri Madavan). Eastern Kingbirds bred again at Blue Lake, *Lassen*, where one bird was attending a partially completed nest 23 Jun (KAb) and incubating 28 Jun (KAb, JLD, DEQ, m.ob.); 2 birds were present on the latter date as well as 10 Jul (Tom Edell) and they were seen feeding a fledged begging juv. 11 Aug (SCR). Two birds were also found on Meiss Lake Rd., 8 km. w. of Macdoel, *Siskiyou* 17 Jun (B&CY), and singles were found at the Rush Creek delta at Mono Lake, *Mono* 4 Jun (KNN), in Sierra Valley, *Sierra* 15 Jun (BWb, ph. Brooke Miller, Lisa Myers), and at Martin Creek, *Lassen* 19 Jun (Paul Taillie).

Our only Red-eyed Vireo was singing along Alderpoint Rd., *Humboldt* 30 Jun (TKz, Danny Franks). Three Black-billed Magpies in Martis Valley 13–21 Jun (WRi) provided the second record for *Placer* and the first since 1875. Birds foraging over a grass fire near Hwy. 99 and Eight Mile Rd. n. of Stockton, *San Joaquin* 4 Jul included 8 Purple Martins (DGY). This was the largest group of martins detected in the county, at least since the species vanished as a breeder there circa 1940s. A mass of 400 Bank Swallows at Chester 25 Jul (RDB) was the largest concentration ever documented in *Plumas*. Two or 3 Mountain Chickadees were at the top of Mount Saint Helena 5 Jun (ESH), establishing *Sonoma* first summer record and one of few overall. A singing Veery at Fort Bidwell, *Modoc* 9 Jun (†ph. v.r. SCR) and another at the Sierra Nevada Field Campus, *Sierra* 8–21 Jul (Marsha Feinland, David Lukas, †ph. v.r. AMR, m.ob.) furnished first county records (p.a.). A Varied

Thrush at Basalt Campground, *Merced* 3 Jun+ (Ralph Baker, ph. KVV) was unexpected so far from known breeding areas.

THRASHERS THROUGH FINCHES

Early June produced all our Gray Catbirds with one at Point Reyes, *Marin* 6 Jun (ph. Mark Forney), *Modoc's* fourth in New Pine Creek 7 Jun (SCR), and a third along both sides of Putah Creek 9 Jun, providing *Solano's* first and *Yolo's* second record (Michael Strom, ph. JCS). Brown Thrashers were along Gazos Creek Rd., *San Mateo* 2 Jun (GrH), in Carman Valley, *Sierra* also on 2 Jun (a likely first for *Sierra*; v.r. Brad Walker), and along Airport Rd., *Mendocino* 30 Jun (ph. David Flaim). Ovenbirds included singles banded on FI. 5–7 Jun (Point Blue) and at Palomarin, *Marin* 10 Jun (Diana Humple), and singing birds on Point Reyes, *Marin* 5–6 Jun (ph. PBC) and in Bodega Bay, *Sonoma* 10 Jun (RAR). A Northern Waterthrush found the last day of spring continued through 17 Jun near Lake Almanor, *Plumas* (RDB, Paul Taillie), and another was at Point Reyes, *Marin* 6 Jun (ph. Mark Forney, Todd Plummer, Everett Clark). A total of 6 Black-and-white Warblers was just over our average of 5. Both our Tennessee Warblers were on FI. 4–6 and 10–11 Jun (Point Blue). The great majority of our records of Hooded Warblers are of singing males, but this season both our Hooded Warblers were females, one in Lincoln Park, S.F. 7 Jun (ASH) and the other north of Lee Vining, *Mono* 8 Jun (RSTh, LBT). We average 12 summer reports for both American Redstart and Northern Parula, making this season's 12 redstarts and 9 parulas typical totals. A Magnolia Warbler at Point Reyes, *Marin* 5–6 June (PP, PBC) was in the expected date range for the species, however, the Magnolia Warbler in Golden Gate Park, S.F. 14 Jul (David Freund, m.ob.) may represent our latest summer record. Of our 5 Chestnut-sided Warblers, all were coastal except for one in Adin, *Modoc* 1 Jul (ph. Pat Bacchetti, JLD, m.ob.) that provided *Modoc* its second record. FI. hosted 3 Blackpoll Warblers: two 3–7 Jun and a third 22–23 Jul (all Point Blue). Another Blackpoll was at Point Reyes, *Marin* 10 Jun (PP). We miss Black-throated Green Warbler most summers, so a singing male at Mono Lake C.P., *Mono* 1 Jun was a treat (Dave Marquart, KNN, m.ob.).

Our only out-of-range Green-tailed Towhee was on Pine Mountain, *Marin* 1 Jun (JGE). All 4 Clay-colored Sparrows were on FI. 9–17 Jun (Point Blue). A juv. Bell's Sparrow along Grouse Mountain Rd., *Humboldt* 31 Jul–7 Aug (ph. RbF, Doug Happ, ph. Kurt Ongman et al.) provided an intriguing observation for a county with no breeding records for this species. An ad. male Lark Bunting was w. of Garberville,

Humboldt 21 Jun (†RBS). A male **Hepatic Tanager** on Mount Davidson, S.F. 8 Jun (Kati Jackson, ph. Chris Crow) provided the sixth Regional record, the first in summer, and our first since 1979. A Summer Tanager in Golden Gate Park, S.F. 9 Jun (Bob Dunn) provided our only report. Totals of 33 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks and 16 Indigo Buntings were both above our averages (25 and 10, respectively). A Bobolink was at Rodeo Lagoon, *Marin* 1 Jun (David Assman). A female Orchard Oriole was south of Lee Vining, *Mono* 9 Jun (RSTh, LBT). Hooded Orioles continue to expand and consolidate their breeding range in the Region. *Humboldt* hosted Hooded Orioles in Arcata with a male continuing from spring through 4 Jun (Cindy Moyer) and a group (up to 4) 18–27 Jul (RbF, m.ob.). In addition, 2 recently fledged Hooded Orioles visited feeders in Ukiah, *Mendocino* 15 Jul (DAB). An ad. male Baltimore Oriole, still singing into early Jun, continued from spring through 9 Jul at Vasona C.P., *Santa Clara* (Karen Burnson, ViT). A female Baltimore Oriole was at the Big Sur River mouth, *Monterey* 1 Jun (JGa, AMR). It is an exceptional year when we record a single Scott's Oriole in summer, so 4 this season was remarkable. *Mono* recorded its second and third occurrences with 2 birds in Chidago Canyon 7 Jun (ph. Ron & Nancy Overholtz) and another along Parker Lake trail 15 Jun (†Ken Etzel). The other Scott's Oriole was at Point Reyes 12 Jun (†Al Hesla). If one adds the bird found this spring in *Tuolumne*, that gives the Region an unprecedented 5 Scott's Orioles for this spring-summer period. Interestingly, we recorded 4 Scott's Orioles in summer 2003, another year (like this year) in which s. California experienced extreme drought conditions.

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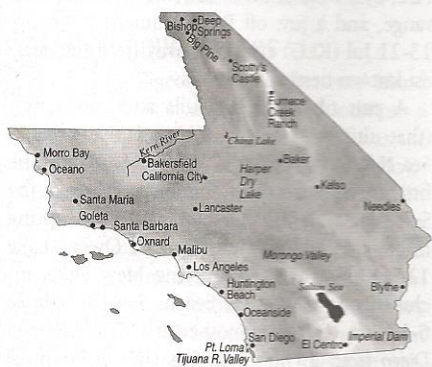
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A typically dry summer followed a rainy season far drier than average; many creeks and ponds dried completely, and chaparral and desert scrub habitats were clearly drought-stressed. Several notable Asian shorebirds were found in July, southbound birds that complemented a northbound White-rumped Sandpiper in mid-June. An inland, summering Arctic Loon in eastern Los Angeles County was a surprise, as was a late spring vagrant Dusky-capped Flycatcher near San Diego.

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*); N.E.S.S. (n. end of the Salton Sea, *Riverside*); P.M.N.A.S. (Point Mugu Naval Air Station, *Ventura*); P.P. (Piteute Ponds on Edwards A.F.B., ne. *Los Angeles*); S.E.S.S. (s. end of the Salton Sea, *Imperial*); V.A.F.B. (Vandenberg A.F.B., nw. *Santa Barbara*); V.C.G.P. (Ventura County Game Preserve near Point Mugu Naval Air Station, *Ventura*). Museum collections abbreviated in the text are: SDNHM (San Diego

Natural History Museum), WFWZ (Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology). Because most rarities in s. California are seen by multiple observers, only the observer(s) initially finding and/or identifying the bird are included. Documentation for species on the California Bird Records Committee (C.B.R.C.) review list (see www.californiabirds.org) is forwarded to the C.B.R.C. and archived at the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology in Camarillo.

WATERFOWL THROUGH PELICANS

A Harlequin Duck at Estero Bluffs S.P. 18 Jun–31 Jul (TME) was likely the same bird present each summer since 2008. A Surf Scoter at N.E.S.S. 15 Jul (CMcG), along with a White-winged Scoter inland at S.E.S.S. 1 Jun (JSt) and another at N.E.S.S. 29 Jun (CMcG), were inland. A Hooded Merganser at Apollo Park in Lancaster, *Los Angeles* during Jun and Jul (WM, JBi) provides one of a very few records for summer in the Region. The presence of 2 ad. female Common Mergansers with 8 ducklings below the dam on Piru Creek 8 Jun (DPe) establishes one of only a few successful nesting records in *Ventura*; the presence of a female with 9 ducklings on the San Gabriel Reservoir 10 Jul (BSm) establishes the first breeding record for *Los Angeles*.

An **Arctic Loon** on Puddingstone Reservoir, San Dimas, *Los Angeles* 31 May–28 Sep (RH) is the first to be found inland in California. The species is a casual stray along the coast to as far s. as *Orange*. A Common Loon at S.E.S.S. 13 Jul (AJS) provides one of a very few summer records for the Salton Sea. A Horned Grebe at Bolsa Chica, *Orange* during Jun and Jul (DRW) is one of fewer than six known to have summered in Southern California. A recently dead Laysan Albatross was found in the Split Mountain area of Anza Borrego Desert S.P., *San Diego*

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26 Jun (SB; *SDNHM); there are eight previous records from the desert region of se. California, the Salton Sink, and extreme w. Arizona. A Black-footed Albatross off *Santa Barbara* 8 Jul (MC) provides one of a very few records in the Santa Barbara Channel. A Buller's Shearwater 26 km w. of Point Loma, *San Diego* 16 Jun (MS) was unusually early. A Manx Shearwater was photographed 3.33 km nw. of Santa Rosa Island 23 Jul (JBa). Numbers of Black-vented Shearwaters in the coastal waters increased rapidly after the earliest was seen off Point Loma 16 Jun (CAM), suggesting nesting failures. A Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel at Point La Jolla, *San Diego* 28 Jul (DDiT) is the first ever recorded in Jul so far south. Fourteen Ashy Storm-Petrels off *San Diego* 28 Jul (PEL) is the highest number ever recorded in *San Diego* waters.

The only Wood Storks were up to 20 at S.E.S.S. 14 Jun–16 Jul (GMcC). A young Masked/Nazca Booby was at Point La Jolla 18–19 Jun (PEL, BLC), and the remains of another were recovered at McGrath State Beach, *Ventura* 23 Jul (AF; *WFVZ); criteria for identifying immos. of these two species in the field have yet to be determined. A Blue-footed Booby was well photographed off Dana Point, *Orange* 13 Jul (JKP). Four Brown Boobies were reported in *San Diego* waters during Jun and Jul (DPo, JMcm, MS), and single birds were se. of Anacapa Island 21 Jul (JBa), 11 km nnw. of Santa Rosa Island 2 Jul (JBa), and on Santa Barbara Island 6 May (JH). Numbers of Neotropic Cormorants continue to increase at the Salton Sink, as indicated by up to 6 at Fig Lagoon near Seeley, *Imperial*, up to 6 at the Alamo River Wetlands near Brawley, *Imperial*, about 20 along the s. shore of the Salton Sea, and one at the nw. corner of the Salton Sea during Jun and Jul (GMcC, CAM). A pair of Pelagic Cormorants attending a nest at Wilson Cove on San Clemente Island 17 May