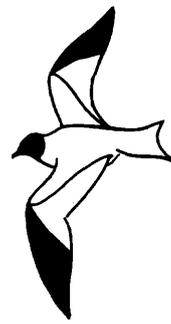


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The California Bird Records Committee is moving with enthusiasm and dedication. Records reviewed by the committee through 1974 were reported by Winter (West. Birds 4:101-106, 1973) and Winter and McCaskie (West. Birds 6:135-144, 1975). The number of reports submitted has been increasing the last 2 years. Continue to be patient and helpful as you make the committee a success by your participation. We need your detailed observations and photographs of the species presently on the review list.

The last 2 years have seen numerous changes in the committee. Jon Winter retired as secretary after many years organizing and developing the committee. John Luther is your new secretary. Bylaws have been drafted, debated, approved and published (West. Birds 8:161-165, 1977) by the committee in the hope that you will better understand our operations. The major change is a rotating system for committee members, with no person serving on the committee for more than 6 consecutive years. Present members are David DeSante, Jon Dunn, Richard Erickson, Kimball Garrett, Lee Jones, Paul Lehman, John Luther (Secretary), Benjamin D. Parmeter, Arnold Small and Philip Unitt. Laurence C. Binford, Eugene A. Cardiff, Ted Chandik, Alan Craig, Pierre Devillers, Clifford Lyons, Guy McCaskie, Richard Stallcup, G. Shumway Suffel and Jon Winter are to be thanked and commended for firmly establishing the committee by their years of dedicated service as it was developing.

Some of the species included in this report are no longer being reviewed by this committee. Because these reports were received

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before the revised list was published, the committee reviewed them. The list of species the committee presently considers is shown below. In addition, the committee reviews all species that would be new to California.

Yellow-billed Loon, Least Grebe, Wandering Albatross, Short-tailed Albatross, Laysan Albatross, Streaked Shearwater, Scaled Petrel, Galapagos Storm-Petrel, Wilson's Storm-Petrel, White-tailed Tropicbird, Masked (Blue-faced) Booby, Brown Booby, Red-footed Booby, Olivaceous Cormorant, Reddish Egret, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, White Ibis, Bewick's Swan, Trumpeter Swan, Emperor Goose, Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Baikal Teal, Garganey, Tufted Duck, King Eider, Mississippi Kite, Zone-tailed Hawk, Harris' Hawk, Gyrfalcon, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Yellow Rail, Purple Gallinule, American Oystercatcher, Piping Plover, Wilson's Plover, Dotterel, European Jacksnipe, Upland Sandpiper, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, White-rumped Sandpiper, Rufous-necked Sandpiper, Curlew Sandpiper, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Bar-tailed Godwit, Hudsonian Godwit, Ruff, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Black-headed Gull, Little Gull, Thick-billed Murre, Parakeet Auklet, Black-billed Cuckoo, Groove-billed Ani, Snowy Owl, Blue-throated Hummingbird, Violet-crowned Hummingbird, Broad-billed Hummingbird, Red-headed Woodpecker, Thick-billed Kingbird, Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher, Great Crested Flycatcher, Olivaceous Flycatcher, Least Flycatcher, Coues' Flycatcher, Eastern Wood Pewee, Blue Jay, Gray Catbird, Curve-billed Thrasher, Rufous-backed Robin, Wood Thrush, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Veery, Wheatear, White Wagtail, Red-throated Pipit, Sprague's Pipit, White-eyed Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Yellow-green Vireo, Philadelphia Vireo, Prothonotary Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler, Golden-winged Warbler, Blue-winged Warbler, Golden-cheeked Warbler, Cerulean Warbler, Yellow-throated Warbler, Grace's Warbler, Pine Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush, Kentucky Warbler, Connecticut Warbler, Mourning Warbler, Red-faced Warbler, Streak-backed (Scarlet-headed) Oriole, Common Grackle, Scarlet Tanager, Pyrrhuloxia, Varied Bunting, Painted Bunting, Black Rosy Finch, Common Redpoll, Baird's Sparrow, Le Conte's Sparrow, Sharp-tailed Sparrow, Cassin's Sparrow, Field Sparrow, Snow Bunting.

The following records are presented in phylogenetic order regardless of the year of observation or the year received by the committee. We believe this will aid the reader in reviewing records of particular species. Comments on the usefulness of such a sequence or suggestions for a different reporting system would be appreciated. The file number assigned to each record is given in parentheses. All records are on file with the committee secretary and are available for examination by interested persons. The initials of the observers who submitted the record follow each accepted record. Only those observers submitting written reports or photographs are indicated. If the person or persons finding a bird submitted a report, their initials are given first. Other observers submitting reports are indicated in alphabetical order. In those few cases where no observer of the bird submitted a report but another individual gathered the evidence and reported it (such as the Wandering Albatross), the initials have an asterisk (*).

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The comments following each species are those of the authors and not the committee. For some species additional reports received by the secretary, but not yet circulated through the committee, or reports not submitted to the committee are mentioned in these comments. These reports are noted simply as items of interest and do not in any way reflect the feelings of the committee.

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YELLOW-BILLED LOON (*Gavia adamsii*). One (53-1976) 25 Jan 1976 through at least 13 Mar 1976, Berkeley Marina, Alameda Co. (JM, GMcC, DR, BS); photo on file (Figure 1).

This individual reappeared on 17 Jul and was last seen on 2 Aug 1976. This species is of annual occurrence along the central coast of California in winter. A review of all records from California through Aug 1974 is in print (Remsen and Binford, West. Birds 6:7-20, 1975).

WANDERING ALBATROSS (*Diomedea exulans*). One adult female (144-1977) 11-12 Jul 1967, Sea Ranch, Sonoma Co. (RP*); photo on file.

This is the only record for California and the North Pacific (Paxton, Auk 85:502-504, 1968).



Figure 1. Yellow-billed Loon (*Gavia adamsii*) (53-1976), 6 Mar 1976, Berkeley, Alameda Co., California.

Photo by Bruce Sorrie

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SHORT-TAILED ALBATROSS (*Diomedea albatrus*). One subadult (100-1978) 20 Apr 1978, about 50 mile WNW of Monterey Bay, Santa Cruz Co. (RCH, LAB) (Helm, West. Birds, in press): photo on file.

The committee is reviewing an Aug 1977 observation made off the southern California coast. The last sighting in California was in 1946 (Traylor, Condor 52:90, 1950).

SHORT-TAILED SHEARWATER (*Puffinus tenuirostris*). Three (55-1976) 17 Jan 1976, Monterey Bay, Monterey Co. (GMcC, JM). Three to six (56-1976) 15 Feb 1976, Monterey Bay, Monterey Co. (GMcC, DR). Five (48-1974) 2 Feb 1974, Monterey Bay, Monterey Co. (VR).

Recent intensified work off the coast of central California indicates that this species is of regular occurrence in midwinter (Baltz and Morejohn, Auk 94:526-543, 1977). It is no longer on the review list.

STREAKED SHEARWATER (*Calonectris leucomelas*). One (93-1977) 9 Oct 1977, Monterey Bay, Monterey Co. (DR, JM, AS, SFB, KB, DP): photo on file. One specimen (90-1978) 3 Oct 1975, Monterey Bay, Monterey Co. (LCB*).

For discussions of these records see Roberson, Morlan and Small, Am. Birds 31:1097-1098, 1977, and Morejohn, Auk 95:420, 1978, respectively. These two records are the first for California and North America.

WILSON'S STORM-PETREL (*Oceanites oceanicus*). One (47-1976) 11 Oct 1976, Monterey Bay, Monterey Co. (RS).

What was probably this same bird was reported on Monterey Bay on 9 and 17 Oct (Am. Birds 31:217, 1977). This species is now found annually among "rafting" Ashy and Black storm-petrels congregating on Monterey Bay each fall. Individuals have been found as early as 18 Aug and as late as 1 Nov, with most in early Oct.

MASKED (BLUE-FACED) BOOBY (*Sula dactylatra*). One adult (1-1977) 10 Jan 1977, SW of San Clemente Island, San Diego Co. (DL, WBT).

This is the first record for California. The sighting was made during a regularly scheduled standard transect under a United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management contract. For more information see Lewis and Tyler, West. Birds 9:175-176, 1978.

RED-FOOTED BOOBY (*Sula sula*). One adult female (60-1976) 26 Aug 1975, SE Farallon Island, San Francisco Co. (HH, TJL). One adult (61-1976) 12 Oct 1975, SE Farallon Island, San Francisco Co. (JW).

These records represent the first and second for California (Huber, West. Birds, in press).

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD (*Fregata magnificens*). One adult male (28-1974) 10 Aug 1973, mouth of Santa Clara River, Ventura Co. (HK). Two immatures (28-1974) 20 Aug 1973, Red Hill, Salton Sea, Imperial Co. (HK).

The year 1973 was relatively good for frigatebirds in California with 11 sightings reported from along the coast north to Bodega Bay between 7 Jul and 14 Sep and 7 together at the north end of the Salton Sea on 25 Aug. This species is regular in California (McCaskie, Calif. Birds 1:117-142, 1970) and is no longer on the review list.

WHITE IBIS (*Eudocimus albus*). One adult (45-1976) 10-24 Jul 1976, mouth of Whitewater River, Salton Sea, Riverside Co. (DR,RS).

What was probably this same individual was reported at the south end of the Salton Sea on 5 Aug.

BEWICK'S SWAN (*Cygnus bewickii*). One adult (3-1975) 13-24 Jan 1975, Hog Lake, Tehama Co. (VR, RS).

Three immatures apparently accompanying this bird were either Bewick's Swans or Bewick's Swan × Whistling Swan hybrids. The American Ornithologists' Union (Check-list of North American birds, 1957) treats the Whistling Swan (*Cygnus columbianus*) as a distinct species from the Bewick's Swan, making no revisions in either the

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32nd Supplement (Auk 90:411-419,1973) or the 33rd Supplement (Auk 93:875-879, 1976). However, the two forms are treated as one species, the Tundra Swan (*Cygnus columbianus*), in two recent major publications (Palmer, Handbook of North American birds, Vol. 2, part 1, 1976 and Cramp, The birds of the western Palearctic, Vol. 1, 1977). This represents the first record of this swan in California. BRANT (*Branta bernicla hrota*). One (3-1974) 27 Nov 1973-8 Jan 1974, Malibu Lagoon, Los Angeles Co. (JD). One (4-1976) 13 Dec 1975-10 Jan 1976, San Diego Bay, San Diego Co. (VR).

One or two "white-bellied" Brant are found along the coast of California every year. They normally associate with the numerous "Black Brant" (*B.b. nigricans*). Reports of this distinct form are no longer being reviewed by the committee. The American Ornithologists' Union (Auk 93:875-879, 1976) now considers all forms of the Brant as one species, *Branta bernicla*.

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*). Three (43-1974) 15 Oct - 4 Nov 1973, Wister Unit, Imperial Wildlife Area, Imperial Co. (JD, VR); photo on file (Figure 2).

This straggler from Mexico has been reported from the vicinity of the Salton Sea on three previous occasions (1912, 1951, 1972).

GARGANEY (*Anas querquedula*). One male (27-1976) 19 Mar 1975, Long Beach, Los Angeles Co. (GMcC).

This is the first accepted record for California although this same individual or a different male appeared at the same location 15 Mar 1972 and 4 Apr 1974.

TUFTED DUCK (*Aythya fuligula*). One (25-1974) adult male 31 Dec 1973-2 Feb 1974, Lake Sherwood, Ventura Co. (probably same individual here every winter Jan



Figure 2. Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) (43-1974), 3 Nov 1973, Imperial Wildlife Area, Imperial Co., California.

Photo by John Luther

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1973 through Jan 1977) (RS). One (46-1976) 7 Nov-12 Dec 1976, Lake Merritt, Alameda Co. (RS); photo on file. One adult male (126-1976) 31 Oct 1976-28 Mar 1977, Lake Merritt, Alameda Co. (RS). One (25-1976) adult male 30 Oct 1974-12 Jan 1975, Lake Sherwood, Ventura Co. (GMcC).

This straggler from northeast Asia is now being found in California every winter, with at least 10 individuals so far reported.

KING EIDER (*Somateria spectabilis*). One immature male (2-1974) 22 Nov 1973-28 Jan 1974, Malibu, Los Angeles Co. (JD, VR); photo on file. One immature male (24-1974) 24 Nov 1973-27 Apr 1974, Monterey Harbor, Monterey Co. (JD, VR); photo on file.

This is a very rare and sporadic wanderer from the north, apparently moving south from Alaska with migrant scoters. In addition to the above two records, two birds were found dead or dying at Bolinas Lagoon during the fall of 1973 (28 Oct and 3 Nov—Point Reyes Bird Observatory). The bird at Malibu establishes the southernmost record for the Pacific coast.

MISSISSIPPI KITE (*Ictinia mississippiensis*). One immature (7-1976) 6 Sep 1975, Cape Mendicino, Humboldt Co. (BC, LMcC). One adult (64-1976), 25-26 May 1976, Furnace Creek, Death Valley, Inyo Co. (DR, VR); photo on file. One adult (63-1976) 13 Sept 1976, Pt. Diablo, Marin Co. (WMP).

There are now nine records of this species in California, seven in spring (21 May-18 Jun) and two in fall. Five of the spring records are from Furnace Creek Ranch, one from near Goleta, Santa Barbara Co. (18 Jun 1933) and one from Santa Barbara (3 Jun 1970).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK (*Buteo platypterus*). One immature (5-1974) 24 Sep 1973, Pt. Loma, San Diego Co. (JD).

This species, first found in California in 1966, is now found annually in small numbers as a fall migrant with at least one or two wintering and an occasional bird found in spring. It is no longer being reviewed by the committee.

ZONE-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo albonotatus*). One immature (4-1974) 19-20 Sep 1973, Pt. Loma, San Diego Co. (JD). One adult (66-1976) 13-20 Sep 1974, Pt. Loma, San Diego Co. (TW, JBu). One immature (21-1976), 18-19 Sep 1975, Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co. (GMcC). One immature (68-1976) 18 Oct 1975, northwestern Orange Co. (SR). One subadult (67-1976) 22 May 1976, Fort Piute, San Bernardino Co. (SFB).

One or two of these birds have been reported annually in southern California since 1972, most in the fall.

AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER (*Haematopus palliatus*). One adult (9-1976) 6 Sep 1975 and 18 Apr 1976, Anacapa Island, Ventura Co. (GMcC).

An American Oystercatcher, initially reported on Anacapa Island on 24 May 1964 (Audubon Field Notes 18:486, 1964), has apparently been present there continuously, being seen on virtually the same rock year after year by most field ornithologists visiting the island. It was still present as of 20 May 1979.

PIPING PLOVER (*Charadrius melodus*). One (84-1974) 16 Dec 1973 - Mar 1974 (and two previous winters), Goleta, Santa Barbara Co. (JA); photo on file. One (44-1974) 18 Nov 1973-16 Apr 1974, Malibu Lagoon, Los Angeles Co. (JD, VR); photo on file (Figure 3).

These are the only two individuals to have been found in California.

DOTTEREL (*Eudromias morinellus*). One (82-1974) 12-20 Sep 1974, SE Farallon Island, San Francisco Co. (PH, DW, HH). Photo on file and in print (Henderson, West. Birds 10:92-94, 1979).

This is the first of this species to be found in California and only the second in North America outside Alaska, one having been collected in coastal Washington on 3 Sep 1934 (D.E. Brown, Condor 37:82, 1935).

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UPLAND SANDPIPER (*Bartramia longicauda*). One (33-1976) 15 May 1976, Furnace Creek, Death Valley, Inyo Co. (RS, JSL).

This is the seventh of this species to be reported in California. It is significant that the four spring records all fall within the 13-23 May period.

SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER (*Calidris acuminata*). One immature (78-1974) 29 Sep 1974, Pt. Reyes, Marin Co. (JM). One immature (74-1976) 11 Oct 1976, near Visalia, Tulare Co. (BB, JL); photo on file.

This species is now being found almost annually along the coast of California in fall, with small numbers occurring in some years (e.g. 1969) and dates of occurrences ranging from Sep into Dec. The one near Visalia is only the second inland record reported to this committee.

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER (*Calidris fuscicollis*). One (70-1976) 16 Jun 1976, Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge, Imperial Co. (LB, PL, JD, RW); photo on file.

One collected at the north end of the Salton Sea on 7 Jun 1969 (Audubon Field Notes 23:625, 1969) is the only previous record of this species in California.

CURLEW SANDPIPER (*Calidris ferruginea*). One (57-1974) 27-28 Apr 1974, Salton City, Imperial Co. (GMcC). One (73-1974) 7-14 Sep 1974, Bolinas Lagoon, Marin Co. (LS, GP); photo on file.

These are the third and fourth Curlew Sandpipers to be found in California, the previous two being for the fall period. (7 Sep 1966 and 16-17 Sep 1972).

SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER (*Calidris pusilla*). One (56-1974) 11-12 May 1974, SE corner of Salton Sea, Imperial Co. (RS, BB, GMcC). One (80-1974) 21 Aug 1974, Limantour Estero, Marin Co. (GP, LS); photo on file. One (77B-1976) 12 May 1975, SE corner of Salton Sea, Imperial Co. (JM). One (45-1975) 2-4 Aug



Figure 3. Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) (44-1974), 22 Nov 1973, Malibu Lagoon, Los Angeles Co., California.

Photo by Van Remsen

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1975, Pescadero Marsh, San Mateo Co. (SFB , DR); photo on file. One (77A-1976) 16 May 1976, SE corner of Salton Sea, Imperial Co. (RS). One (76-1976) 6 Jun 1976, Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge, Imperial Co. (VR). One (79 -1976) 16-17 Jun 1976, Abbott's Lagoon, Marin Co. (LS, GP).

This species is now being recorded annually in California with most records from the Salton Sea in May and from along the coast in Aug. The one at Abbott's Lagoon on 17 Jun is the latest to be recorded in spring.

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER (*Tryngites subruficollis*). One (80-1976) 30 Aug 1975, Santa Catalina Island, Los Angeles Co. (LJ). Two (44-1976) 27 Aug-6 Sep 1976, mouth of Salinas River, Monterey Co. (RS, RB, DR); photo on file.

The previous records are all from along the coast in Sep.

BAR-TAILED GODWIT (*Limosa lapponica*). One (32-1976) 11 Feb-2 Mar 1976, Culver City, Los Angeles Co. (RM, BB).

The only two previous records submitted to and accepted by this committee are from Humboldt Bay (17 Jul-3 Sep 1974) and Bolinas Lagoon, Marin Co. (26 Oct-30 Nov 1973).

RUFF (*Philomachus pugnax*). One (20-1975) 19-20 Sep 1974, Doran Beach State Park, Sonoma Co. (JW); photo on file. One (24-1976) 6-15 Jan 1975, Playa del Rey, Los Angeles Co. (GMcC). One (28-1975) 23-29 Mar 1975, Los Banos, Merced Co. (JPM). One (17-1976) 4-10 Oct 1975, Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co. (GMcC). One (50-1976) 28 Oct 1976-19 Mar 1977, Pacific Grove, Monterey Co. (RS); photo on file (Figure 4).

This species is now of annual occurrence in California, appearing most frequently in fall with some overwintering.



Figure 4. Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*) (50-1976), 28 Oct 1976, Pacific Grove, Monterey Co., California.

Photo by Ron Branson

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LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL (*Larus fuscus*). One adult (64-1978) 14 Jan 1978, Monterey, Monterey Co. (LCB, RB, BP, JP); photo on file.

This is the first record of this species for California and the Pacific Coast. For complete details see Binford, West. Birds 9:141-150, 1978.

BLACK-HEADED GULL (*Larus ridibundus*). One adult (31-1976) 5-8 Apr 1976, Tomales Bay, Marin Co. (BS, JW, DR).

This is the third documented record for California, one having been in Richmond, Alameda Co. on 23-24 Jan 1954 and another on Humboldt Bay, Humboldt Co. 16-23 Jul 1972.

LITTLE GULL (*Larus minutus*). One immature (2-1975) 19 Jan-1 Mar 1975, Zmudowski State Beach, Monterey Co. (RB, VR, RS); photo on file.

This is the fourth Little Gull to be found in California, two of the previous three being around the Salton Sea (16-21 Nov 1968 and 3 Dec 1972) and the third at Redondo Beach, Los Angeles Co. (22-25 Dec 1969). This is the first immature to be recorded.

THICK-BILLED MURRE (*Uria lomvia*). Two (32-1974) 14 Sep-10 Nov 1973, Monterey Bay, Monterey Co. (RB, VR); photo on file. Two (75-1974) 11 Aug 1974, Monterey Bay, Monterey Co. (SFB).

One or two Thick-billed Murres have been reported around Monterey Bay almost annually since the discovery of the first one there on 27 Aug 1964 (Yadon, Calif. Birds 1:107-110, 1970).

HORNED PUFFIN (*Fratercula corniculata*). One (7-1975) 26 Sep-23 Oct 1974, SE Farallon Island, San Francisco Co. (RS).

This species may not be as rare on the open ocean off California as previously thought, especially in the light of the large numbers encountered in 1975. It is no longer on the review list.

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO (*Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*). One immature (41-1976) 8 Sep 1976, Carmel River mouth, Monterey Co. (MN).

One on Point Reyes, Marin Co., on 22 Sep 1965 (Condor 69:318, 1967) is the only other acceptable record for California.

GROOVE-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*). One (35-1976) 4-16 Nov 1976, near Lakeview, Riverside Co. (BP, AA, RC); photo on file.

This is the first Groove-billed Ani to be recorded in California.

SNOWY OWL (*Nyctea scandiaca*). One (6-1974) 28 Dec 1973, near Eureka, Humboldt Co. (JD). Five (7-1974) 28 Dec 1973, Lake Earl, Del Norte Co. (JD). One (8-1974) 29 Dec 1973, Pt. St. George, Del Norte Co. (JD). One (51-1974) 6-7 Jan 1974, Pt. Reyes National Seashore, Marin Co. (VR); photo on file. One (53-1974) 30 Jan-9 Feb 1974, Bodega Bay, Sonoma Co. (VR). One (52-1974) 9-18 Feb 1974, Alameda, Alameda Co. (VR); photo on file.

What may well have been the largest influx of Snowy Owls in historical times into California took place during the winter of 1973-74, with more than 40 individuals reported from various points along the coast south to Monterey County (Am. Birds 28:685, 1974).

BLUE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD (*Lampornis clemenciae*). One female (20-1978) 27 Dec 1977-27 May 1978, Three Rivers, Tulare Co. (GSC, FB, JM, VR, HS); photo on file (Figure 5).

This is the first record of this species in California. It apparently bred successfully, perhaps hybridizing with an Anna's Hummingbird (details to be published elsewhere). It apparently re-nested, but was not successful.

VIOLET-CROWNED HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia verticalis*). One (36-1976) 6 Jul to late Dec 1976, near Santa Paula, Ventura Co. (JJ, FZ, HC, DR, RS); photo on file.

This is the first Violet-crowned Hummingbird to be recorded in California. For details see Johnson and Ziegler, West. Birds 9:91-92, 1978.

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BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD (*Cyanthus latirostris*). One (40-1976) 21 Jan-18 Feb, Glendale, Los Angeles Co. (JB); photo on file.

There are at least five previous records of this southern hummingbird for California. (McCaskie, Calif. Birds 1:111-112, 1970).

THICK-BILLED KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus crassirostris*). One immature (83-1974) 27 Oct-19 Dec 1974, San Francisco, San Francisco Co. (LCB, SFB); photo on file.

There are four previous records for California, all from the area around San Diego, on dates ranging from 18 Oct to 27 Dec.

SULPHUR-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes luteiventris*). One (69-1974) 22 Sep-5 Oct 1974, Point Mugu State Park, Ventura Co. (HB).

This is the first Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher to be recorded in California.

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus crinitus*). One (19-1976) 19 Sep 1975, Pt. Loma, San Diego Co. (GMcC). One (43-1976) 3 Oct 1976, Bolinas, Marin Co. (SFB).

There are now at least 12 reports of this eastern flycatcher in California, all during the fall period, on dates from 17 Sep to 20 Oct.

OLIVACEOUS FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*). One (10-1976) 29 Nov 1975-4 Jan 1976, Furnace Creek, Death Valley, Inyo Co. (BY, GMcC, MA, JH, RH, TH, RL, RS); photo on file. One (8-1976) 7 Dec 1975-11 Apr 1976, Carmel River mouth, Monterey Co. (GZ, RB, GMcC, VR); photo on file.

This species is an accidental late fall and winter visitant to California. Apart from these two records, there are two specimen records for California: one from Furnace Creek Ranch, Inyo Co., 23 Nov 1968 (Suffel, Calif. Birds 1:79-80, 1970) and one near Walter's Camp on the Colorado River, Riverside Co., 14 Nov 1977 (present since 9 Nov).

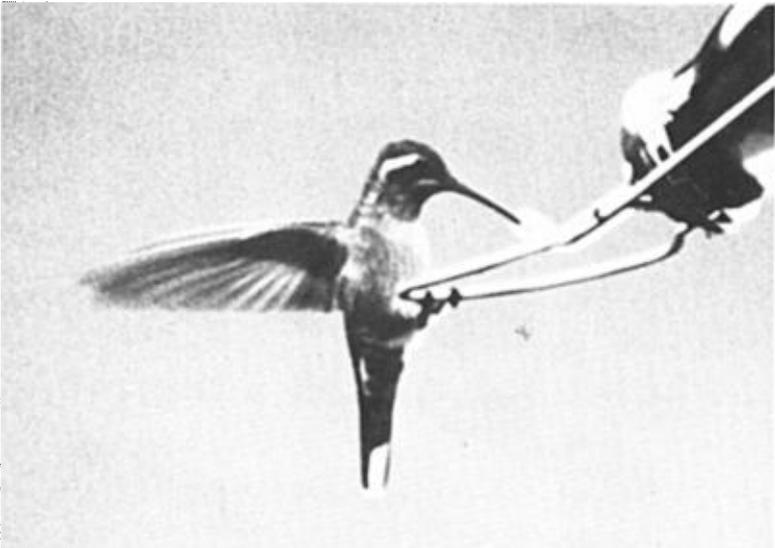


Figure 5. Blue-throated Hummingbird (*Lampornis clemenciae*) (20-1978), Jan 1978, Three Rivers, Tulare Co., California.

Photo by Frank Baldridge

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EASTERN PHOEBE (*Sayornis phoebe*). One (34-1974) 21 May 1973, Furnace Creek, Death Valley, Inyo Co. (HK). One (84-1976) 14 Dec 1975-7 Feb 1976, near Bodega, Sonoma Co. (JM). One (83-1976) 9 Jan-3 Mar 1976, Santee Lakes Park, San Diego Co. (GMcC). One (85-1976) 24 Jan-22 Feb 1976, Paicines, San Benito Co. (JM, AG, WG).

This species is a rare but regular late fall and winter visitant to California (mid Oct to early Apr). All but one of the above records match this pattern, the exception being the late May record at Furnace Creek Ranch. This record establishes the first documented record of this species for California during the spring period. This species is no longer being reviewed.

LEAST FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax minimus*). One (18-1976) 28-29 Sep 1975, Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co. (GMcC). One (16-1976) 1 Oct 1975, Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co. (GMcC). One (15-1976) 15-19 Oct 1975, Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co. (GMcC). One (88-1976) 28 May 1976, Oasis, Mono Co. (JM).

Recent field work by observers familiar with the characteristics of the genus *Empidonax* has shown that this species is a rare but perhaps regular late spring and fall vagrant to California. Most reports have come since 1974, reflecting when some observers first felt competent to identify this species in the field.

COUES' FLYCATCHER (*Contopus pertinax*). One (46-1974) 19 Jan-25 Mar 1974, Presidio Park, San Diego Co. (JD, RS). One (91-1976) 15 Nov-31 Dec 1974, near Pacific Palisades, Los Angeles Co. (KG, LJ). One (5-1976) 6 Dec 1975-18 Feb 1976, New Brighton State Beach, Santa Cruz Co. (VR, BY, CY); photo on file. One (90-1976) 3 Jan-10 Mar 1976, Oceanside, San Diego Co. (GMcC).

This species is a casual fall and winter visitant to California. There are now 14 reports for California, all but two being from southern California. Dates of occurrence range from 29 Sep to 10 Apr. It is significant that except for two collected in fall, all individuals remained into the winter season.

EASTERN WOOD PEWEE (*Contopus virens*). One (27-1975) 18-19 Oct 1974, Big Sycamore Canyon, Ventura Co. (JD).

This calling bird established the first record for California.

BLUE JAY (*Cyanocitta cristata*). One (55-1974) 24 Oct 1973, Panamint City, Inyo Co. (SDV); photo on file.

There are now eight reports for California with only two records for southern California, the above record and one at Igos in the San Bernardino Mountains from 20 Oct 1963 - 20 Apr 1964 (McCaskie, Calif. Birds 1:81-83, 1970).

GRAY CATBIRD (*Dumetella carolinensis*). One (45-1974) 28 Dec 1973 - 20 Feb 1974, Pebble Beach, Monterey Co. (RB, JD, VR, RS); photo on file. One (61-1974) 1 Jun 1974, Deep Springs, Inyo Co. (VR). One (21-1975) 19-20 Sep 1974, Bodega Bay, Sonoma Co. (JW). One (23-1976) 30 May - 1 Jun 1975, Oasis, Mono Co. (GMcC, TH). One (94-1976) 27-28 Oct 1975, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara Co. (JGM). One (96-1976) 24-25 Sep 1976, Pt. Loma, San Diego Co. (KVV, GMcC). One (95-1976), 17-18 Oct 1976, Pt. Loma, San Diego Co. (RS, GMcC, DR).

This species is a casual spring and fall vagrant to California. Of the nine spring reports, all but one are for the eastern portion of the state from the Oasis/Deep Springs area south to Ft. Piute in San Bernardino Co. The Pebble Beach bird listed above establishes the first winter record for California.

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER (*Toxostoma curvirostre*). One (67-1974) 14 Apr 1974, Brock Ranch, Imperial Co. (BB). Two (97-1976) 25 Jan (one bird), 31 Jan (two birds)-13 Apr (at least one still present) 1976, Finney Lake, Imperial Co. (GMcC).

This species is primarily a casual fall and winter visitant to southeastern California. A report for late Jul at Brock Ranch and the above Apr record differ from the primary pattern. There are now about 14 reports for California.

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RUFIOUS-BACKED ROBIN (*Turdus rufopalliatu*s). One (50-1974) 17 Dec 1973 - 6 Apr 1974, Imperial Dam, Imperial Co. (KK, JA, JD, CL, SL, SEL, RS).

This west Mexican species now occurs somewhat regularly as a late fall and winter visitant to southeastern Arizona north to the Phoenix area. The above record, the first for California, closely matches the pattern established in Arizona. There is a report of this species at Saratoga Springs, San Bernardino Co., 19 Nov 1974 (Am. Birds 29:123, 1975) which has not yet been circulated through this committee.

VEERY (*Catharus fuscescens*). One (95-1973) 20 Oct 1973, SE Farallon Island, San Francisco Co. (RS). One (81-1974) 12-16 Oct 1974, Big Sycamore Canyon, Ventura Co. (HB, BB); photo on file.

The Farallon Island bird cited above is the first recorded in California. At present these are the only accepted records for California. Other records are still to be reviewed by the committee.

SPRAGUE'S PIPIT (*Anthus spragueii*). One (12-1976) 22 Nov 1975, Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co. (GMcC). One (98-1976) 21-24 Oct 1976, Carson, Los Angeles Co. (GSS, GMcC).

This species is proving to be a somewhat regular late fall visitant to the coast of southern California. Since 1974, when this species was first recorded in California (McCaskie, West. Birds 6:29-30, 1975), it has turned up every fall. This species regularly winters in southeastern Arizona north to Phoenix, and recent field work along the Colorado River has revealed its presence there, though to date all of the records have been from the Arizona side of the river.

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO (*Vireo flavifrons*). One (34-1976) 5-9 May 1976, Morongo Valley, Riverside Co. (RS). One (99-1976) 23-26 May 1976, Deep Springs, Inyo Co. (HK, GMcC, DR).

This species is a casual spring and fall vagrant with one winter occurrence in Riverside (5 Dec 1969 - 19 Mar 1970).

YELLOW-GREEN VIREO (*Vireo flavoviridis*). One immature (100-1976) 25 Oct 1976, Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co. (GMcC).

This species appears to be a casual fall vagrant from the south. There are now about nine reports for California, all but one being for southern California. A bird collected near Riverside on 1 Oct 1887 (Price, Auk 5:146, 1904) is the only one found away from the immediate coast.

RED-EYED VIREO (*Vireo olivaceus*). One immature (11-1974) 1 Sep 1973, Deep Springs, Inyo Co. (JD). One immature (22-1974) 2 Sep 1973, Furnace Creek, Death Valley, Inyo Co. (JD).

This species is a rare but regular spring and fall vagrant to California, although individuals seen in early Sep in the eastern part of California may be on the fringe of the normal migratory route from their breeding grounds in the Pacific Northwest. This species is no longer being reviewed by the committee.

PHILADELPHIA VIREO (*Vireo philadelphicus*). One (44-1975) 14 Sep 1975, E. Anacapa Island, Ventura Co. (SFB). One (20-1976) 19-23 Sep 1975, Pt. Loma, San Diego Co. (GMcC). One (14-1976) 18-19 Oct 1975, Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co. (GMcC); photo on file. One (105-1976) 24-25 May 1976, Oasis, Mono Co. (VR, DR). One (104-1976) 26-27 May 1976, Scotty's Castle, Death Valley, Inyo Co. (DR). One (102-1976) 19 Sep 1976, Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co. (GMcC). One (106-1976) 22-23 Sep 1976, Pt. Reyes, Marin Co. (RE, JM). One (103-1976) 17 Oct 1976, Santa Barbara Island, Santa Barbara Co. (GSS). One (101-1976) 15-17 Oct 1976, Pt. Loma, San Diego Co. (GMcC, DR).

This species is a rare but somewhat regular vagrant to California, with most records being in fall (mid Sep to mid Nov).

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (*Protonotaria citrea*). One male (62-1974) 25-26 May 1974, Furnace Creek, Death Valley, Inyo Co. (VR, RS, MW); photo on file. One

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male (38-1975) 28 Sep 1974, Neary's Lagoon, Santa Cruz Co. (RAM). One male (39-1975) 3 Oct 1975, Pt. Reyes, Marin Co. (JM).

This species is a casual late spring and fall vagrant to California.

WORM-EATING WARBLER (*Helmitheros vermivorus*). One (26-1974) 16-21 Aug 1973, Santee, San Diego Co. (DBR). One (21-1974) 1 Oct 1973, Pt. Loma, San Diego Co. (JD). One (108-1976) 5 Oct 1975, Pt. Loma, San Diego Co. (LSa). One (41-1975) 11-13 Oct 1975, Saline Valley, Inyo Co. (CI). One (107-1976) 27 Nov 1975, Tapia Park, Los Angeles Co. (BB).

This species is a casual vagrant to California, occurring mostly in the fall.

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER (*Vermivora chrysoptera*). One male (49-1974) 20-21 May 1973, Deep Springs, Inyo Co. (JSL, SAL, JD). One female (63-1974) 26-27 May 1974, Oasis, Mono Co. (RS, VR). One male (19-1975) 29 Sep 1974, Deep Springs, Inyo Co. (TH). One male (112-1976) 30 Nov 1974, San Gabriel Mountains, Los Angeles Co. (CV). One male and one female (32-1975) 19-21 Sep 1975, Fairhaven, Humboldt Co. (DRu, TS); photo on file. One male (111-1976) 15-17 Oct 1976, Scotty's Castle, Death Valley, Inyo Co. (GMcC, DR, TH).

This species is a casual late spring and fall vagrant to California.

NORTHERN PARULA (*Parula americana*). One female (36-1974) 27 May 1973, Oasis, Mono Co. (JSL). One female (20-1974) 3-7 Oct 1973, Otay Mesa, San Diego Co. (JD).

This species is a rare but regular spring and fall vagrant to California, being casual during the winter season. It has twice nested in the state. It is no longer being reviewed by the committee.

CAPE MAY WARBLER (*Dendroica tigrina*). One male (19-1974) 29 Sep 1973, San Nicolas Island, Ventura Co. (JD). One male (18-1974) 27 Oct - 3 Nov 1973, Desert Center, San Bernardino Co. (JD). One female (17-1974) 3 Nov 1973, Desert Center, San Bernardino Co. (JD). One male (9-1975) 1-3 Jun 1974, SE Farallon Island, San Francisco Co. (RS); photo on file. One male (9-1975) 1-5 Jun 1974, SE Farallon Island, San Francisco Co. (RS); photo on file. One female (29-1975) 28-30 Oct 1974, Furnace Creek, Inyo Co. (SS). One male (30-1975) 30 Oct 1974, Shoshone, Inyo Co. (GSS).

This species is proving now to be a rare but regular late spring and especially fall vagrant to California. It appears to have increased its tendency to wander to California, as prior to 1968 only three were reported in the state. It is no longer on the review list.

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER (*Dendroica virens*). One (12-1974) 3 Nov 1973, Kelso, San Bernardino Co. (JD). One (13-1974) 3 Nov 1973, Twentynine Palms, San Bernardino Co. (JD). One (14-1974) 21 Oct 1973, San Nicolas Island, Ventura Co. (JD). One male (15-1974) 20 Sep 1973, Otay Mesa, San Diego Co. (JD). One (13-1975) 26-27 Oct 1974, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Los Angeles Co. (SW).

This species is a rare but regular fall vagrant to southern California, but only a casual straggler in the northern part of the state. It is no longer on the review list.

CERULEAN WARBLER (*Dendroica cerulea*). One female (59-1974) 27 May 1974, Oasis, Mono Co. (RS, VR).

This is the third report of this vagrant in California and the first during spring. The other two records are of one collected at the south end of the Salton Sea, Imperial Co., on 1 Oct 1947 (Hanna and Cardiff, Condor, 49:245, 194) and one seen on Pt. Loma, San Diego Co., on 26 Oct 1967.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER (*Dendroica dominica*). One male (58-1974) 23 Apr 1974, San Diego, San Diego Co. (GMcC). One (24-1975) 24 May 1975, Antelope Springs, Inyo Co. (RD). One (30-1975) 26 May 1975, Deep Springs, Inyo Co. (GMcC). One (114-1976) 31 May 1975, Oasis, Mono Co. (TH). One (113-1976) 2-7 Sep 1976, Pt. Reyes, Marin Co. (AG, JM, RS); photo on file (Figure 6).

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This species is a casual spring and fall vagrant to California. The San Diego bird was exceptionally early for a traditional eastern vagrant and suggests that this individual may have wintered somewhere on the west coast of Mexico. All of the above individuals were believed to be of the "white-lored" subspecies *D. d. albilora*. The only record of the "yellow-lored" type, *D. d. dominica* or *D. d. stoddardi*, is of one banded on Pt. Loma, San Diego Co., 15 Oct 1969 and present to 5 Nov 1969 (Craig, Calif. Birds 3:17-18, 1972).

GRACE'S WARBLER (*Dendroica graciae*). One (23-1975) 15 Jun - 3 Jul 1975, Arastre Creek near Onyx Summit, San Bernardino Co. (KG).

This is only the fourth reported in California and the second of a bird during summer in suitable nesting habitat. Two were on the coast of San Diego Co. on 29 Oct 1966 and 8 Sep 1968 (Craig, Calif. Birds 1:77-78, 1970) and one was on Clark Mountain, San Bernardino Co., on 30 May 1974 (Johnson and Garrett, West. Birds 5:45-56, 1974).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER (*Dendroica pensylvanica*). One male (66-1974) 26 May 1974, Furnace Creek, Inyo Co. (BB). One (17-1975) 21-22 Sep 1974, Oasis, Mono Co. (JH, TH). One (22-1975) 26 May 1975 Wyman Canyon, Inyo Co. (RD).

This species is a rare but regular late spring and fall vagrant in California. It is no longer being reviewed by the committee.

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER (*Dendroica castanea*). One male and one female (10-1975) 1-3 Jun 1974, SE Farallon Island, San Francisco Co. (RS); photo on file. One male (60-1974) 3 Jun 1974, Deep Springs, Inyo Co. (VR). One (12-1975) 20-21 Sep 1974, Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co. (PU). One (18-1975) 20 Oct 1974, Deep Springs, Inyo Co. (TH). One (6-1976) 2 Oct 1975, Pt. Reyes, Marin Co. (JM).



Figure 6. Yellow-throated Warbler (*Dendroica dominica*) (113-1976), 5 Sep 1976, Pt. Reyes, Marin Co., California.

Photo by Al Giorso

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This species is now a rare but regular late spring and fall vagrant in California. Like the Cape May Warbler, it is now recorded with much greater frequency than formerly even though vagrant traps were being checked in the early and mid 1960s. This species is no longer being reviewed.

PINE WARBLER (*Dendroica pinus*). One (110-1976) 13-16 Oct 1976, Pt. Loma, San Diego Co. (GMcC, DR, BSc); photo on file.

This species has only been reported along the coast of California during the fall. It should be identified with extreme caution, as bright fall immature Blackpoll Warblers have often been erroneously identified as Pine Warblers.

KENTUCKY WARBLER (*Oporornis formosus*). One male (39-1974) 1 Jun 1973, Santa Barbara Island, Santa Barbara Co. (KG). One female (8-1975) 1-3 Jun 1974, SE Farallon Island, San Francisco Co. (RS); photo on file.

This species is a casual late spring vagrant to California with most records coming from SE Farallon Island. There is also one specimen supported record for late fall (21-23 Nov 1972) at Eureka, Humboldt Co. (Am. Birds 27:118, 1973).

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (*Oporornis agilis*). One (79-1974) 22 Sep 1974, Stovepipe Wells, Inyo Co. (DR, JM, SFB). One (37-1975) 26 Sep 1974, Pt. Reyes, Marin Co. (TS, RE). One (36-1975) 29 Sep 1974, Pt. Reyes, Marin Co. (PM).

This species is a casual late spring and fall vagrant to California. The record at Stovepipe Wells is the first for the interior of the state.

MOURNING WARBLER (*Oporornis philadelphia*). One male (37-1976) 29 May 1976, Furnace Creek, Inyo Co. (HB, JH, TH).

This species is a casual late spring and fall vagrant to California.

RED-FACED WARBLER (*Cardellina rubrifrons*). One (42-1974) 14 Jun 1973, San Gabriel Mountains, Los Angeles Co. (KG, JD). One (28-1976) 17 May 1975, Clark Mountain, San Bernardino Co. (GMcC).

The only previous record of this species was of one collected in the desert lowlands at Brock Ranch, Imperial Co., on 30 May 1970 (McCaskie, Calif. Birds 1:145-146, 1970). What may have been the same individual as # 28-1976 was reported on Clark Mountain on 22 Jun 1975 (Am. Birds 29:1036, 1975). The two records listed above are from plausible breeding localities.

HOODED WARBLER (*Wilsonia citrina*). One male (6-1975) 5-6 Oct 1974, near Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz Co. (RS). One male (4-1975) 30-31 Oct 1974, Furnace Creek, Inyo Co. (RS). One female (49-1976) 15 Sep 1976, Carmel River, Monterey Co. (RS).

This species is a rare but apparently regular spring and fall vagrant to California. It is no longer being reviewed.

CANADA WARBLER (*Wilsonia canadensis*). One (35-1974) 9-11 Sep 1973, Otay Mesa, San Diego Co. (JD). One (2-1976) 26 Sep 1974, Pt. Reyes, Marin Co. (RE, TS). One (1-1976) 27 Sep 1974, Ano Nuevo, San Mateo Co. (BY). One (74-1974) 6 Oct 1974, Montana de Oro State Park, San Luis Obispo Co. (JJ). One (16-1975) 20 Oct 1974, San Clemente Island, Los Angeles Co. (JLa). One (1-1975) 27 Oct 1974, Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co. (JM). One (3-1976) 6 Sep 1975, Fairhaven, Humboldt Co. (SS). One (34-1975) 26 Oct 1975, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Marin Co. (VR). One (117-1976) 7 Sep 1976, Oceanside, San Diego Co. (GMcC). One (119-1976) 25 Sep 1976, Big Morongo, San Bernardino Co. (DM). One (118-1976) 26 Sep 1976, Pt. Loma, San Diego Co. (GMcC). One (48-1976) 3-8 Oct 1976, Pacific Grove, Monterey Co. (BH, CJ, RS).

This species is a rare but regular fall vagrant, accidental in spring. The record listed above for Big Morongo is one of very few records away from the coast. This species is no longer being reviewed.

PAINTED REDSTART (*Myioborus pictus*). One (11-1975) 2 Sep 1974, Pt. Loma, San Diego Co. (PU).

There are now about 50 records of this species for California, all from the southern portion of the state north to Tulare Co. Along the coastal slope this species occurs

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primarily as a rare or casual fall vagrant and winter visitant. For a complete discussion of its distribution in California see Unitt, West. Birds 5:94-96, 1974. The species is no longer being reviewed.

STREAK-BACKED (SCARLET-HEADED) ORIOLE (*Icterus pustulatus*). One immature male (147-1977) 6 Nov - 11 Dec 1977, Furnace Creek, Inyo Co. (JD, GMcC, VR, DR).

This is the first report of this species at an inland locality in California. The previous five reports have come from coastal localities in San Diego (4) and Los Angeles (1) counties.

RUSTY BLACKBIRD (*Euphagus carolinus*). Two (68-1974) 5-12 Jan 1974, near Solvang, Santa Barbara Co. (JA).

This species occurs regularly as a scarce late fall transient through the northeastern portion of southern California (McCaskie, Calif. Birds 2:55-68, 1971). Along the coast and on the Channel Islands it is rare but regular as a fall transient and winter visitant. It is no longer being reviewed by the committee.

COMMON GRACKLE (*Quiscalus quiscula*). One (29-1976) 21-26 May 1975, Furnace Creek, Inyo Co. (GMcC, AM); photo on file. One (38-1976) 30 Apr 1976, Morongo Valley, San Bernardino Co. (RD).

A specimen from El Cajon, San Diego Co., 20 Nov 1969 was the first record for California. The Furnace Creek bird above establishes the second occurrence.

SCARLET TANAGER (*Piranga olivacea*). One male (43-1975) 5 Jun 1975, Morongo Valley, San Bernardino Co. (WT). One male (13-1976) 4-8 Nov 1975, Furnace Creek, Inyo Co. (GMcC). One male (120-1976) 27 Nov - 13 Dec 1976, San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo Co. (FT).

This species is a casual, bordering on very rare, late spring and late fall vagrant to California, the great majority occurring in southern California. The record for San Luis Obispo establishes the latest fall record for California.

PYRRHULOXIA (*Pyrrhuloxia sinuata*). One female (64-1974) 23 May 1974, Brock Experimental Ranch, Imperial Co. (RS). One male (72-1974) 14 Jul 1974, Palo Verde, Riverside Co. (GS). One male (70-1974) 18 Jul 1974, Westmorland, Imperial Co. (DR).

All records to date are for the southeastern portion of the state. There appears to be no clear seasonal pattern, although the first two records for California were clearly of wintering birds.

VARIED BUNTING (*Passerina versicolor*). A flock of 15 to 20 birds (145-1977) with one adult male and one female collected by Dr. J.A. Hornung, 8-9 Feb 1914, near Blythe, Riverside Co. (JD*). One male (130-1977) 18-21 Nov 1977, Mesquite Springs, Inyo Co. (DD, DR, JD, GMcC); photo on file.

These are the only accepted records for California.

PAINTED BUNTING (*Passerina ciris*). One (22-1976) 11 Sep 1975, Pt. Loma, San Diego Co. (GMcC). One immature male (122-1976) 27-28 Nov 1976, Scotty's Castle, Inyo Co. (BP, GMcC, DR); photo on file.

This species is a casual fall vagrant to southern California. Birds, particularly adult males, falling outside the known pattern of fall vagrancy are highly suspect as escapes. **BLACK ROSY FINCH** (*Leucosticte atrata*). One (11-1976) 28 Nov 1975, Westgard Pass, Inyo Co. (GMcC).

This species is a rare straggler along the eastern fringe of the state, always occurring with flocks of Gray-crowned Rosy Finches. It may be more regular than the five reports indicate but it is still probably of irregular occurrence.

LE CONTE'S SPARROW (*Ammospiza leconteii*). One (15-1975) 16 Nov 1974, Richmond, Contra Costa Co. (EH).

This establishes the fourth occurrence of this species in California, the previous three also being during fall.

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SHARP-TAILED SPARROW (*Ammospiza caudacuta*). One (26-1976) 26 Jan 1975, Newport Bay, Orange Co. (GMcC). Two (124-1976) 23 Oct 1975 - 5 Mar 1977, Newport Bay, Orange Co. (GMcC, DR); photo on file. One (125-1976) 25-26 May 1976, Oasis, Mono Co. (DR). One (123-1976) 27-29 May 1976, Furnace Creek, Inyo Co. (DR, GMcC).

This species has been found almost every winter in recent years at Newport Bay and in the San Francisco Bay area. The two records at inland localities are the first documented occurrences away from coastal marshes.

CASSIN'S SPARROW (*Aimophila cassinii*). One (62-1976) 8-11 May 1976, El Cajon, San Diego Co. (GMcC, VR).

The bird cited above and one present at the same locality 15-30 May 1970 were singing and skylarking. These are the only California records away from SE Farallon Island prior to 1978.

SNOW BUNTING (*Plectrophenax nivalis*). One (35-1975) 16 Nov 1975, Bodega Bay, Sonoma Co. (RA, DWe).

This species is rare but somewhat regular along the coast south to Marin Co., with most reported from late fall to early winter.

UNACCEPTED RECORDS, Identification uncertain

YELLOW-BILLED LOON (*Gavia adamsii*). One (51-1976) 6 Sep 1976, Boca Reservoir, Nevada Co.

SCALED PETREL (*Pterodroma inexpecta*). One (14-1975) 1 Dec 1974, between Catalina Island and Palos Verdes Peninsula, Orange Co.

RED-BILLED TROPICBIRD (*Phaethon aethereus*). One (67-1973) 29 Jun 1973, Pescadero Marsh, San Mateo Co.

BROWN BOOBY (*Sula leucogaster*). One (59-1976) 20 Jul 1975, Scott's Creek Beach, Santa Cruz Co.

MASKED DUCK (*Oxyura dominica*). One (72-1977) 17 Jul 1977, Salton Sea, Imperial Co.

ZONE-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo albonotatus*). One (65-1976) 7 Nov 1975, San Pedro, Los Angeles Co.

SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER (*Calidris acuminata*). One (72-1976) 19 Sep 1976, Malibu Lagoon, Los Angeles Co.

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER (*Calidris pusilla*). One (75-1976) 5 Aug 1976, Mono Lake, Mono Co.

BAR-TAILED GODWIT (*Limosa lapponica*). One (47-1975) 28 Sep 1975, Pt. Reyes, Marin Co. One (81-1976) 17 Apr 1976, Bodega Bay, Sonoma Co.

SNOWY OWL (*Nyctea scandiaca*). One (54-1974) 15 Jan 1974, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara Co.

RIVOLI'S HUMMINGBIRD (*Eugenes fulgens*). One (78-1977) 7 Sep 1977, near Auburn, Placer Co.

WHITE-EARED HUMMINGBIRD (*Hylocharis leucotis*). One (42-1976) 19-20 Mar 1976, Ojai, Ventura Co.

ALDER FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax alnorum*). One (118-1977) 21 Sep 1971, SE Farallon Island, San Francisco Co. Specimen identified as a Willow Flycatcher (*E. traillii*).

LEAST FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax minimus*). One (87-1976) 12 Oct 1975, Oasis, Mono Co. One (89-1976) 19 Sep 1976, Kelso, San Bernardino Co.

UNACCEPTED RECORDS, Identification uncertain (Cont.)

- EASTERN WOOD PEWEE (*Contopus virens*). One (92-1976) 11 Oct 1975, Big Sycamore Canyon, Ventura Co.
- VEERY (*Catharus fuscescens*). One (42-1975) 6 Oct 1975, Pt. Reyes, Marin Co.
- WHEATEAR (*Oenanthe oenanthe*). One (71-1974) 2 Sep 1974, Pt. Reyes, Marin Co.
- WHITE WAGTAIL (*Motacilla alba*). One (40-1975) 2 Mar 1975, Pajaro River, Watsonville, Santa Cruz Co.
- RED-EYED VIREO (*Vireo olivaceus*). One (65-1974) 28 May 1974, Scotty's Castle, Inyo Co.
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO (*Vireo philadelphicus*). One (77-1974) 24 Aug 1974, Tilden Regional Park, Contra Costa Co.
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER (*Limnothlypis swainsonii*). One (109-1977) 31 Apr 1977, El Monte, Los Angeles Co.
- PINE WARBLER (*Dendroica pinus*). One (76-1974) 6 Oct 1974, Pt. Reyes, Marin Co.
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER (*Oporornis agilis*). One (39-1976) 15-16 Sep 1975, Big Sycamore Canyon, Ventura Co. One (115-1976) 18 Sep 1976, San Francisco, San Francisco Co.
- MOURNING WARBLER (*Oporornis philadelphia*). One (25-1975) 24 May 1975, Deep Springs, Inyo Co.
- RED-FACED WARBLER (*Cardellina rubrifrons*). Two (116-1976) 15 May 1975, Lake Fulmor, San Jacinto Mountains, Riverside Co.
- COMMON GRACKLE (*Quiscalus quiscula*). One (26-1975) 1 Jun 1975, Pt. Reyes, Marin Co.
- INDIGO BUNTING (*Passerina cyanea*). One (10-1973) 30 Sep 1972, Kelso, San Bernardino Co.
- PAINTED BUNTING (*Passerina ciris*). One female (33-1975) 13 Mar 1975, Fremont, Alameda Co. Two males (31-1975) 28 Mar 1975, near Tulles Lake, Imperial Co.

UNACCEPTED RECORDS, Origin Uncertain (Identification accepted)

- ANHINGA (*Anhinga anhinga*). One female (3-1977) 4 Feb 1977 to at least 17 Mar 1978, Sweetwater Reservoir, San Diego Co.
- BLACK DUCK (*Anas rubripes*). One specimen (88-1978) 1 Feb 1911, Willows, Glenn Co.
- SPECTACLED EIDER (*Lampronetta fischeri*). One adult male specimen (head only) (141-1977) Feb 1893, Bitterwater Lake, San Benito Co.
- BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*). One (12-1972) 13 Apr 1972, Chico, Butte Co. One (35-1978) 5 Sep 1977, near Parker Dam, San Bernardino Co. One member voted identification uncertain on the Parker Dam record, and one member voted origin uncertain.
- HARRIS' HAWK (*Parabuteo unicinctus*). One (69-1976) 23-24 Aug 1976, Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co.
- BLACK-TAILED GULL (*Larus crassirostris*). One adult female specimen (143-1977) 28 Nov 1954, San Diego, San Diego Co.
- For details see Monroe, Auk 72:208, 1955 and McCaskie et al., Calif. Birds 1:24-25, 1970.
- KITTLITZ'S MURRELET (*Brachyramphus brevirostris*). One juvenile specimen (83-1978) 16 Aug 1969, La Jolla, San Diego Co.

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