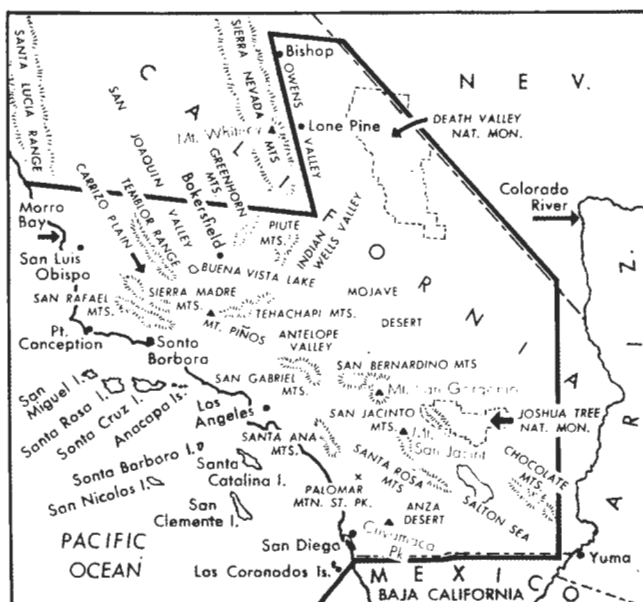


## SOUTHERN PACIFIC COAST REGION

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The moist warm weather of last summer continued on into the fall eliminating much of the normally occurring coastal fog. Ocean temperatures were 2-3 degrees higher than normal, but apart from the early arrival of Black-vented Shearwaters, pelagic birding was uneventful. An impressive variety of vagrant landbirds, especially wood warblers, was found, but many remained for only short periods of time and were consequently seen by fewer than the normal number of observers ("twitchers" in British lingo).

**LOONS, GREBES** — Two Arctic Loons on L. Henshaw in the mountains of San Diego County Oct. 19 (RH) were inland where rarely found. A flock of 14 ad. Com. Loons on L. Henshaw Oct. 1 (RH) were clearly fall migrants, and give us one of the earlier dates for the arrival of fall migrants in s. California; one at F.C.R., Nov. 8 (DD) was at an unusual locality. A Horned Grebe at F.C.R., Oct. 19 (DD) and another near Lancaster, Los Angeles Co., Nov. 6 (KL) were the only ones found inland away from a large body of water, and 15 on L. Perris, Riverside Co., Nov. 25 + (TM) was the largest number reported on a large inland body of water this fall.



**ALBATROSSES, SHEARWATERS, STORM-PETRELS** — The only Black-footed Albatrosses reported were three far off Santa Barbara Oct. 22-23 (REW) and 13 in the same area Nov. 5-6 (JM). Two N. Fulmars at the Cortez Banks off San Diego Sept. 11 (REW) had probably summered locally; wintering birds started to appear in late September, with 20 off San Diego by Oct. 19 (DPo), and remained relatively common into December. Two Flesh-footed Shearwaters, rare in s. California waters, were along the Santa Lucia Escarpment off Santa Barbara Nov. 5-6 (JM). Small numbers of Buller's Shearwaters, rare fall visitors to s. California waters, were present offshore as indicated by up to eight being seen during various boat trips Sept. 25-Nov. 6, with one off San Diego (actually in Mexican waters) Oct. 19 (DPo) being exceptionally far s. for so close to shore. Short-tailed Shearwaters are normally very rare in the Region so one off Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo Co., Sept. 25 (JMcD, ph., S.D.N.H.M.), seven off Santa Barbara Nov. 5-6 (JM), one seen from shore in Goleta, Santa Barbara Co., Nov. 24 (PEL), and two off San Diego Oct. 19 (DPo) were unexpected. Black-vented Shearwaters were more numerous than usual with 10,000 off San Diego Oct. 19 (DPo) and 100 as far n. as Morro Bay Sept. 25 (TME). A **Wilson's Storm-Petrel** 5 mi off Long Beach, Los Angeles Co., Aug. 7 (KLG) was only the 5th to be found in s. California waters. A Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel, a casual stray to s. California, was off Ventura Aug. 29 (CD). An Ashy Storm-Petrel off San Diego Sept. 7 (DPo) was unusually far s. for this time of the year. A Black Storm-Petrel off Pt. Loma, San Diego Co., Nov. 24 (REW) was late. Least Storm-Petrels were relatively common as indicated by 150 off Long Beach Aug. 7 (KLG), and remained later than expected as indicated by 20 ± off Santa Barbara Oct. 22-23 (REW).

**TROPICBIRDS THROUGH FRIGATEBIRDS** — A Red-billed Tropicbird found recently dead on a beach in Coronado, San Diego Co., Sept. 24 (MR, \*S.D.N.H.M.) was the only one reported. An imm. Brown Booby that remained for 2 hrs around a sport fishing boat 3 mi n.w. of Santa Barbara I., Oct. 29 (ALH) was only the 2nd ever reported off the coast of s. California. Twenty-six Brown Pelicans were still present on the Salton Sea Oct. 21 (SC) with one remaining at Salton City as late as Nov. 9 (MG). Magnificent Frigatebirds continued to be virtually nonexistent, but one near Pt. Piedras Blancas, San Luis Obispo Co., Sept. 19 (BW) was unusually far n., and one over L. Henshaw Aug. 8 (RHi) and another at N.E.S.S., Aug. 27 (RMcK) were inland.

**HERONS THROUGH STORKS** — Two or three Little Blue Herons were present around Imperial Beach, San Diego Co., throughout the period (EC); this species is now evidently resident in this area. An imm. Tricolored Heron on L. Henshaw Oct. 18 (RHi) was at a most unusual location, being the first to be found inland away from the Salton Sea and Colorado R. Valley. The ad. Yellow-crowned Night-Heron remained at San Elijo Lagoon, San Diego Co., through Aug. 29 (CGE), but was not been seen thereafter. An imm. Roseate Spoonbill at S.E.S.S., Sept. 4-10 (BBa) was the first to be found in California since 1980. Two Wood Storks near Palo Verde, Imperial Co., Aug. 12 (DK) were along the Colorado R., where rare, and two on L. Hodges, San Diego Co., Oct. 8-9 (KW) were along the coast where now considered casual.

**WATERFOWL** — Twenty Fulvous Whistling-Ducks on Finney L., near S.E.S.S., Aug. 11 (JLD) was a large number by today's standards. A flock of 25 Tundra Swans in flight over Morro Bay Nov. 25 (EAC) were the only ones reported. Single Ross' Geese in Goleta Nov. 28+ (PEL), in Santa Barbara Nov. 23-28 (NSC), at Pt. Mugu, Ventura Co., Nov. 20 (LB) and on L. Hodges Nov. 20+ (KW) were along the coast where scarce, and single birds at Saratoga Springs, San Bernardino Co., Nov. 11 (BWK) and at nearby F.C.R., Nov. 26 (REW) were in an area where few indeed have been recorded. A flock of 20-30 Wood Ducks on L. Sherwood, Ventura Co., during late November (JDL) was a large concentration for anywhere in s. California. A ♂ Eur. Wigeon at San Elijo Lagoon Oct. 2 (JZ) established the earliest arrival date for this rare winter visitor to s. California, and at least 15 more were known to be present in the Region by the end of November. A ♂ Tufted Duck on L. Perris Nov. 25+ (TM) was undoubtedly one of the two found wintering here a year ago. The ♀ King Eider found summering in Ventura remained through Sept. 18 (DB). A ♂ Harlequin Duck seen on San Diego Bay Oct. 5 (AMcM) was unusually far s. and is believed to have been

present all summer, and another at Carpinteria Nov. 25+ (JOg) is only the 3rd ever found in Santa Barbara County. The only Black Scoter reported was one in Huntington Beach Nov. 27+ (R & MW). An imm. Surf Scoter at Deep Springs, Inyo Co., Oct. 20 (SC), four males on L. Henshaw Nov. 14 (RHi) and a female at N.E.S.S., Oct. 9 (RMcK) were inland. A Com. Merganser on Otay L., San Diego Co., Sept. 26 (DPo) had probably summered locally since wintering birds do not normally arrive in s. California before November.

**HAWKS, FALCONS** — Two Black-shouldered Kites at Harper Dry L., San Bernardino Co., Oct. 16 (SC) were somewhat e. of the species' normal range. An imm. Bald Eagle at Harbor L., in Long Beach Nov. 2 (RHo) was at an unusual locality. A Red-shouldered Hawk in Blythe, Riverside Co., Aug. 21 (BBr) and another near there Nov. 22+ (SC) were well to the e. of any area of regular occurrence. The only Broad-winged Hawks found this fall were an immature in the Fremont Valley, Kern Co., Oct. 2 (MH), another at Morongo Valley, San Bernardino Co., Oct. 3 (REW), a 3rd at the summit of Mt. Palomar, San Diego Co., Oct. 31 (RHi) and three in the San Diego area Oct. 16-22 (REW, LSn). A flock of 34 Swainson's Hawks near Bakersfield, Kern Co., Oct. 22 (MH) was the only group noted this fall; one over Whittier, Los Angeles Co., Oct. 23 (MCL) and another near Imperial Beach Sept. 12 (EC) were along the coast where now extremely rare. A Red-tailed (Harlan's) Hawk, a casual stray to s. California, was near Lancaster Nov. 6+ (KLG) and is believed to be the same bird found wintering here a year ago. A Rough-legged Hawk at L. Henshaw Oct. 12+ (RHi) was quite early and relatively far s.

**RAILS** — A Black Rail heard and seen in Morongo Valley Nov. 11 (BC) was at a most unusual location. A Clapper Rail at Pt. Mugu Nov. 14 (GC) was in an area where the species is feared to have been extirpated as a breeder. A Com. Moorhen found dead at the summit of Mt. Palomar Oct. 31 (RHi, \*S.D.N.H.M.) was unusually high in the mountains.

**PLOVERS THROUGH SANDPIPERS** — A flock of 85 Black-bellied Plovers at Harper Dry L., Oct. 16 (SC) was an unusually large number for this area of California. Two Lesser Golden-Plovers at Harper Dry L., Oct. 16 (SC), one at S.E.S.S., Sept. 25 (REW), and five at nearby Brawley Nov. 12 (EC) were all inland where considered very rare to casual; along the coast 20+ were found Sept. 1-Nov. 30. Single Solitary Sandpipers near Imperial Beach Oct. 2 (REW) and in San Diego Oct. 5 (CGE) were both somewhat late. A Ruddy Turnstone in Santa Ana, Orange Co., Sept. 22 (DRW), one to two near Lancaster Aug. 6-14 (FH) and one at N.E.S.S., Aug. 27 (REW) were inland where considered rare. Single Sanderlings were near Lancaster Aug. 6 (NBB), Sept. 9 (REW) & Oct. 10 (KLG), and another was on L. Henshaw Oct. 7 (RHi); this species is very rare inland away from the Salton Sea. The only Semipalmated Sandpipers found this fall were one on Morro Bay Aug. 27-Sept. 1 (JMcD), one to two at S.C.R.E., Aug. 24-30 (JLD), two to three near Imperial Beach Sept. 12-13 (EC) and another there Sept. 24 (REW). A Baird's Sandpiper on L. Henshaw Oct. 18 (RHi) was the latest found this fall. A Pectoral Sandpiper on L. Henshaw Nov. 18 (RHi, ph., S.D.N.H.M.) was exceptionally late. Ten Stilt Sandpipers were found along the coast with one in Goleta Sept. 6 (JLD), four there Sept. 27-Oct. 1 (LB), single birds at S.C.R.E., Sept. 11-12 (PEL) & Sept. 25 (GG), two near Imperial Beach Aug. 7 (GMcC) and another there Oct. 16-23 (REW). A Buff-breasted Sandpiper, a casual visitor to s. California, was near Lancaster Sept. 3-9 (BWK, ph., S.D.N.H.M.). A juv. Ruff, a rare but regular fall straggler to California, was in Goleta Sept. 14-24 (PEL), another was at S.C.R.E., Sept. 19-Oct. 2 (SJM) and a third was near Imperial Beach Sept. 24 (GMcC).

**JAEGERS, GULLS, TERNS** — As usual, Parasitic Jaegers appeared on the Salton Sea with five seen Sept. 10-Oct. 24 (BBa, SC); one near Lancaster Sept. 3 (JLD) was one of a very few found inland away from the Salton Sea. A single Long-tailed Jaeger, the rarest jaeger off California, was off Morro Bay Sept. 25 (CM), three were along the Santa Lucia Escarpment off Santa Barbara Oct. 22 (REW), one was in the San Pedro Channel 12 mi off Long Beach Aug. 7 (KLG) and another was near the Cortez Bank off San Diego Sept. 11 (REW). Three S. Polar Skuas along the Santa Lucia Escarpment off Santa Barbara Oct. 22

(REW) were the only ones seen in s. California waters this fall. A young Laughing Gull on L. Henshaw Sept. 30 (RH) was at a most unusual locality being only the 3rd found inland away from the Salton Sea. Franklin's Gulls were unusually scarce with only seven reported, but including a very early juvenile at N.E.S.S., Aug. 10 (JLD). An ad. **Common Black-headed Gull** in Long Beach Sept. 10-Oct. 13 (LRH) had probably summered locally, and was only the 5th to be found in s. California. A juv. Mew Gull at S.C.R.E., Aug. 16 (JLD) was exceptional, this winter visitor to s. California not normally arriving before mid-November. A first-winter W. Gull (a color-banded bird), an accidental straggler to the interior, was at Salton City Oct. 21 (SC), an adult (judged to be *wymani*) was there Oct. 24 (SC) and a third-winter bird (judged to be *occidentalis*) was on L. Perris Nov. 25 (TM). A juv. Sabine's Gull on Big Bear L., in the San Bernardino Mts., Sept. 24 (EAC) was one of a very few found inland away from the Salton Sea and Colorado R. A Com. Tern at California City, Kern Co., Oct. 2-20 (MH) was at an unusual locality. A Least Tern at Pt. Mugu Oct. 1 (AS) was exceptionally late. A Black Skimmer in Santa Ana (15 mi inland) Sept. 27 (DRW) was at an unusual locality, and one in Playa del Rey, Los Angeles Co., Oct. 8 (B & RS) was the only one reported along the coast n. of San Diego County.

**AUKS** — A Marbled Murrelet off the Santa Maria R. mouth, Santa Barbara Co., Aug. 13 (LB) was a little s. of the species' normal range. Craveri's Murrelets were more numerous than in recent years with eight off Morro Bay Sept. 25 (CM), ten off Long Beach Sept. 11 (REW), one at Dana Pt., Orange Co., Aug. 19-21 (AP) and 12 off San Diego Sept. 10 (GMcC).

**PIGEONS THROUGH WOODPECKERS** — A Band-tailed Pigeon at F.C.R., Oct. 19 (SC) was far from any area of regular occurrence. As usual, small numbers of White-winged Doves wandered to the coast with 35± reported, most during September and October, and one at Montana de Oro, San Luis Obispo Co., Sept. 8-17 (JMcD) being the northernmost. An Inca Dove at F.C.R., Oct. 18-23 (DDi, ph., S.D.N.H.M.) was unusually far n., but the 2nd to be found at this locality. A Com. Ground-Dove in Goleta Oct. 7-Nov. 18 (PEL) and another in Long Beach July 30 (BED) were both away from areas of regular occurrence. A Yellow-billed Cuckoo, accidental along the coast, was in Goleta Sept. 20-26 (PEL). Two migrant Black Swifts over Mt. Palomar Oct. 24 (RH) were a little late. A tight pre-roosting aggregation of 1000 Vaux's Swifts over c. Los Angeles Nov. 2 (KLG) was an unprecedentedly large concentration for this late date, but up to 100 were still present at the end of the period.

A ♂ Broad-billed Hummingbird, a casual fall transient to s. California, was in Brentwood, Los Angeles Co., Nov. 6-17 (AK) and another was near Imperial Beach Sept. 9-11 (JLD). Single Black-chinned Hummingbirds in Long Beach Oct. 15 (BED) and near Imperial Beach the same day (EC) were both unusually late, this species normally being gone from California by late September. A ♀ Williamson's Sapsucker in Yucca Valley, San Bernardino Co., Sept. 30 (EAC) was away from the mountains. A ♀ Ladder-backed Woodpecker near Vista, San Diego Co., Nov. 30-Dec. 1 (CSW) was along the coast where considered accidental. A Downy Woodpecker near Imperial Beach Sept. 25 (CGE) was s. of the species' range. A White-headed Woodpecker in the Fremont Valley of Kern Co., Oct. 2 (MH) was far out in the high desert.

**FLYCATCHERS** — An Olive-sided Flycatcher on Pt. Loma Oct. 10 (REW) was the latest reported this fall. A Greater Pewee in Griffith P., Los Angeles Nov. 10+ (HB) was the same bird present during the past 4 winters. A W. Wood-Pewee near Imperial Beach Oct. 10 (EC) was the latest reported this fall. A Least Flycatcher in Goleta Oct. 29+ (RAH) and another near Oxnard Oct. 4 (JLD) were the only ones reported. An E. Phoebe, a rare but regular fall transient through s. California, was at F.C.R., Nov. 4 (REW) and another was at L. Henshaw Sept. 27 (RH). The only Vermilion Flycatcher found along the coast was a female near Imperial Beach Sept. 16 (EC). A Great Crested Flycatcher on Pt. Loma Sept. 20 (REW) was the 8th to have been found in s. California. Most unusual were a **Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher** at Harbor L., Long Beach Oct. 8 (DS) and another on Pt. Loma Sept. 16-20 (REW) since there were only 3 previous records in California. Thirteen Tropical Kingbirds along the coast after Sept. 13 was about normal. A **Thick-billed King-**

**bird** in Peters Canyon near Tustin, Orange Co., Nov. 26+ (DRW) was the same bird present here last winter. An E. Kingbird was inland at Stovepipe Wells in Death Valley Sept. 3 (JOI); three were found in coastal Santa Barbara and Ventura cos., Sept. 5-11 (PEL, HR) and a rather late bird was at Pt. Mugu Oct. 1 (AS).

**TITMICE THROUGH WAGTAILS** — Mountain Chickadees appeared in the lowlands, being present in coastal lowlands in slightly higher than average numbers after late September, and appearing at many desert locations during October (e.g., one to three at F.C.R., Oct. 23-Nov. 9). A Verdin at Mesquite Springs at the n. end of Death Valley Oct. 19-23 (DDi, SFB) was n. of the species' normal range. Three Brown Creepers, rare along the coast s. of Los Angeles, were found on Pt. Loma Aug. 13-Nov. 6 (BJ, REW). A Winter Wren in Carpinteria Sept. 4+ (PEL) was early. Golden-crowned Kinglets were present along the coast in larger than average numbers, appearing in early October, and reaching those areas s. of Los Angeles where normally quite rare (e.g., 6± on Pt. Loma Oct. 9-11). A Swainson's Thrush on Pt. Loma Nov. 2 (REW) was quite late. A **Rufous-backed Robin** at F.C.R., Nov. 5 (REW, ph., S.D.N.H.M.) was only the 5th to have been found in California, and was farther n. than any previous occurrence in the United States. A Gray Catbird, a casual straggler to California, landed on a boat off San Diego Oct. 26 (MWG, ph., S.D.N.H.M.) and another was on Pt. Loma Nov. 7+ (GJ). A Bendire's Thrasher, a rare to casual straggler to the coast of s. California, was at S.C.R.E., Aug. 21 (S & DR) and another was on Santa Barbara I., Aug. 30 (CD, ph., S.D.N.H.M.). An imm. White or Black-backed Wagtail at the mouth of Arroyo de la Cruz, San Luis Obispo Co., Oct. 9 (TME, ph., S.D.N.H.M.) was the 4th such bird to have been found in s. California; however, without the knowledge of diagnostic characters for separating immatures to species we are forced to deal with each in this manner.

**VIREOS** — A brightly marked Solitary Vireo on Pt. Loma Sept. 20 (EC) was identified as the nominant form *solitarius* from the East. The gray Solitary Vireo (*V.s. plumbeus*) has increased as a transient/winter visitor to California since first recorded in 1960 (*Condor* 65:534, 1963), now regularly reaching the coast where 15 were found this fall. Four Philadelphia Vireos were found with one near Oxnard Oct. 2-3 (S & DR) being along the coast, and single birds at Kelso, San Bernardino Co., Nov. 2 (EAC, \*S.B.C.M.), California City, Kern Co., Oct. 22 (MH) and at Morongo Valley Oct. 3 (DRW). Three Red-eyed Vireos were found along the coast with one near Oxnard Oct. 3-4 (OA), another on Pt. Loma Sept. 16-18 (BED) and the third at another location on Pt. Loma Sept. 18 (GMcC); the first two were obvious examples of *V. o. flavoviridis* from the s., a casual fall straggler to California.

**WOOD WARBLERS** — A **Blue-winged Warbler** well studied at Morongo Valley Oct. 2 (LSa) was only the 7th to have been found in California. The now expected small number of Tennessee Warblers (30±), along with equally regular Black-and-white Warblers (35±), Am. Redstarts (45±) and N. Waterthrushes (35±), were reported. Only 10 Virginia's Warblers were found along the coast, but one at Arroyo Grande, San Luis Obispo Co., Sept. 17-Oct. 9 (PEL) was unusually far n., another inland at Desert Hot Springs, Riverside Co., Oct. 30 (RMCK) was at an interesting locality. Lucy's Warblers were scarce with one at Arroyo Grande Sept. 3-Oct. 6 (CM) and another in Goleta Sept. 4 (PEL) being the only ones reported. A N. Parula, much rarer in fall than spring, was at Arroyo Grande Sept. 30-Oct. 2 (CM), another was on Pt. Loma Sept. 18 (REW) and a third was on San Clemente I., Nov. 2 (TS). Eleven Chestnut-sided Warblers and 12 Magnolia Warblers during late September and October was about average. The only Cape May Warblers, a species on the decline as a vagrant to s. California in recent years, were one at Los Osos, San Luis Obispo Co., Oct. 10 (JMcD) and another at Malibu, Los Angeles Co., Sept. 4 (H & PB). A Black-throated Blue Warbler, a remarkably regular fall straggler to California, was at Deep Springs, Inyo Co., Nov. 4 (REW), another was in Carpinteria Oct. 12 (PEL) and two were found on Pt. Loma Oct. 8-18 (REW). A Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler x Townsend's Warbler in Carpinteria Nov. 23-Dec. 3 (TW, \*S.B.C.M.) was an unexpected hybrid previously undescribed. A Black-throated Green Warbler in California City Nov. 6 (JW, ph., S.D.N.H.M.) and three in the San Diego area Oct. 3-15 (GMcC, REW) were slightly fewer than

normal. The only Blackburnian Warblers reported were one at Montana de Oro Sept. 17 (PEL) and four in the San Diego area Sept. 24-Oct. 31 (REW, CGE, H & PB). A Grace's Warbler, one of the rarer vagrants to reach the coast of California, was on Pt. Loma Sept. 7 (REW). A **Pine Warbler** on Pt. Loma Oct. 13 (REW) was only the 7th ever to have been found in s. California. A Prairie Warbler at Arroyo Grande Sept. 17 (PEL), one near San Diego Oct. 1 (CGE) and another inland at California City Nov. 6 (MOC, ph., S.D.N.H.M.) were the only ones found. A Palm Warbler at L. Henshaw Oct. 7 (RHi) was the only one found inland, but 33 were reported along the coast after Oct. 2. The only Bay-breasted Warblers found this fall were one in Carpinteria Nov. 16 (TW) and another near San Diego Oct. 1 (CGE). A Blackpoll Warbler in Hart P., near Bakersfield Sept. 25 (MOC) was at an unusual locality, but the 40± along the coast during September and October were normal. A Prothonotary Warbler, a decidedly scarce vagrant to California, was at Morro Bay S.P., Oct. 19-20 (GPS), another was in Goleta Oct. 5 (W & KA), a third was at Malibu Lagoon Sept. 18 (KLG) and a fourth was in nearby Santa Monica Canyon Sept. 29 (GF). A Worm-eating Warbler, another scarce vagrant to California, was in Zuma Canyon near Malibu Oct. 15+ (KLG). Four Ovenbirds along the coast Sept. 23-Nov. 6 were fewer than normal. A **Kentucky Warbler** at Montana de Oro Oct. 27 (GPS) and another in Del Mar, San Diego Co., Nov. 14-16 (DDe) were remarkable as there were only 4 previous fall records for s. California. A Connecticut Warbler, a casual straggler to California, was observed walking beneath vegetation along a creek in Carpinteria Sept. 25 (H & PB). A Mourning Warbler, a species now reported annually, was at Pt. Mugu S.P., Sept. 18 (H & PB) and another was on Pt. Loma Sept. 20 (REW). A Hooded Warbler, much scarcer in fall than spring, was near Oxnard Sept. 25 (S & DR) and an exceptionally late individual was at L. Sherwood, Ventura Co., Nov. 28-Dec. 8 (JLD). A Canada Warbler was in Santa Barbara Sept. 12 (PEL) and one to two were near Imperial Beach Sept. 21-23 (EC).

**TANAGERS, BUNTINGS** — A ♂ Hepatic Tanager, a rare vagrant to the coast, was on Pt. Loma Oct. 26 (REW). Fifteen Summer Tanagers along the coast was normal, but one near Tecopa, Inyo Co., Oct. 28 (REW) was somewhat unusual. A Scarlet Tanager, a very rare straggler to California, was on Pt. Loma Oct. 16-17 (FD) and a second was there Oct. 29 (REW). Twenty-five Rose-breasted Grosbeaks and an equal number of Indigo Buntings was about average. A ♀ Painted Bunting in Goleta Aug. 17-26 (LB) and another there Oct. 3 (PEL) were the first to have been found in Santa Barbara County. A Dickcissel near Blythe Aug. 21 (WCH) was the only one found inland, but seven were reported along the coast Sept. 13-Oct. 29.

**SPARROWS** — Six Am. Tree Sparrows were found in Inyo County, where small numbers regularly occur Oct. 27-Nov. 25, and one in California City Nov. 27 (JW) was just s. of that area, but another on Pt. Loma Nov. 22 (REW) was as far s. as ever recorded. Clay-colored Sparrows were unusually scarce with only four reported. A Black-throated Sparrow, most unusual along the coast, was on Santa Barbara I., Aug. 19 (CD) and another was on Pt. Loma Oct. 9 (REW). The only Lark Bunting reported was one on Santa Barbara I., Aug. 1 (CD). A Grasshopper Sparrow at Oasis, Mono Co., Oct. 19 (DDi) was at an unusual locality. A Sharp-tailed Sparrow, a rare straggler to s. California, was at Morro Bay Nov. 19+ (CM). Fifteen Swamp Sparrows Oct. 28+, was about normal. A Harris' Sparrow in Goleta Nov. 6+ (PEL) was the only one found along the coast and five were reported in Inyo County. Two Lapland Longspurs near Imperial Beach Nov. 6 (GMcC) and another at L. Henshaw Nov. 14 (RHi) were the only ones found, and Chestnut-collared Longspurs were remarkably scarce with six individuals reported.

**BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES** — Bobolinks were slightly scarcer than normal with only 55± reported Sept. 7+, but one remaining in Goleta through Nov. 3 (PEL) was late. Single Rusty Blackbirds at F.C.R., Oct. 28 (REW) & Nov. 11 (BWK) were the only ones found in the n.e. part of the Region where small numbers regularly occur each fall, but one near Imperial Beach Oct. 28 (GMcC) was along the coast where casual. Great-tailed Grackles continue to be found along the coast with one at Pt. Mugu Nov. 14 (EN) and one to two near Imperial Beach Nov. 17+ (EC). An Orchard Oriole in Goleta Sept. 12 (BBa), another in Carpin-

teria Oct. 5 (PEL) and a third in San Diego Nov. 5 (LZ) along with two wintering birds in Goleta Nov. 9+ (LB) was about normal.

**FINCHES** — Purple Finches appeared along the coast in small numbers during late October and November, and a few found their way out onto the desert during this same period with eight in Caruthers Canyon of the New York Mts., San Bernardino Co., Nov. 10 (SC) and one in Needles, San Bernardino Co., Nov. 11 (SC) being the most noteworthy. A Red Crossbill in California City Nov. 19 (MH) was at a most unusual locality. Pine Siskins were well distributed throughout the Region being relatively common along the coast after early October. An Evening Grosbeak at Scotty's Castle in Death Valley N.M., Oct. 27 (REW) was the only one reported.

**CORRIGENDA** — The reference to 200 Sandhill Cranes at Harper Dry L., San Bernardino Co., Feb. 12 (*Am. Birds* 37:338, 1983) should be deleted. The wintering White-crowned Sparrow reported as remaining to the late date of May 11 (*Am. Birds* 37:914, 1983) should be changed to a White-throated Sparrow.

**ABBREVIATIONS** — F.C.R.—Furnace Creek Ranch, Inyo Co.; N.E.S.S.—north end of the Salton Sea, Riverside Co.; S.B.C.M.—San Bernardino County Museum; S.D.N.H.M.—San Diego Natural History Museum; S.C.R.E.—Santa Clara River Estuary, Ventura Co.; S.E.S.S.—south end of the Salton Sea, Imperial Co. "Birds of Southern California" by Kimball Garrett and Jon Dunn (1981) is the standard reference for the status and distribution of the birds in this Region. As virtually all rarities found in s. California are seen by numerous observers, only the observer initially identifying the bird is included. Documentation is on file for all rarities listed in the report.

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