

Southern Pacific Coast Region

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The fall period was in general dryer than usual. Migrant landbirds were considered scarcer than normal along the coast, but more numerous than usual at desert oases in the eastern part of the Region. No major influxes of more northern species were evident, though more than the average numbers of Varied Thrushes, Cedar Waxwings, Purple Finches, and Pine Siskins were present. As is now expected, a number of rarities were found, including a couple of species considered accidental in California.

Abbreviations: C.L. (*China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station, extreme n.e. Kern*); E.A.F.B. (*Edwards Air Force Base, s.e. Kern*); F.C.R. (*Furnace Creek Ranch, Death Valley National Monument, Inyo*); N.E.S.S. (*north end of the Salton Sea, Riverside*); S.E.S.S. (*south end of the Salton Sea, Imperial*); S.F.K.R.P. (*South Fork Kern River Preserve near Weldon, Kern County*). As virtually all rarities in s. California are seen by many observers, only the observer(s) initially finding and identifying the bird are included. Reports submitted without documentation are not published.

Loons to Frigatebirds

A Red-throated Loon on Tinnemaha Res., Nov. 11 (T&JH), another on Haiwee Res., Nov. 19–24 (T&JH), and a third on Diaze L. near Lone Pine Nov. 24 (GMCC) were in the Owens Valley of *Inyo* where only three have previously been found, this species being most unusual anywhere in the e. part of the Region. Single Pacific Loons, also rare in the e. part of this Region, were on Klondike L. in the Owens Valley Oct. 24 (T&JH) and Silverwood L., *San Bernardino*, Oct. 30 (DG). A Red-necked Grebe on Haiwee Res., Nov. 12–24 (MAP) and another on L. Isabella, *Kern*, Nov. 26 (TDM) are only the 4th and 5th to be found in the interior of s. California.

Two Flesh-footed Shearwaters, rare in s. California waters, were with a large concentration of shearwaters near Santa Cruz I., Oct. 1 (MH, BSc). A Buller's Shearwater seen from shore at Pelican Pt., Oct. 16 (MTH) was only the 3rd to be seen off Or-

ange, and another seen from shore in La Jolla, *San Diego*, Nov. 26 (SW, GRog) was unusually late for S. California waters. Two *Manx Shearwaters* well seen during an organized pelagic trip off Morro Bay, *San Luis Obispo*, Oct. 2 (BKS) are the first to be specifically identified in S. California waters, though previously reported white-vented, black-and-white shearwaters were suspected to be this species.

An imm. booby seen by 35 park service personnel on E. Anacapa I., Aug. 31 (PLM) appears to have been either a Masked or Bluefooted booby, both species being considered accidental along the coast of California. An imm. *Brown Booby* photographed at the Los Angeles Harbor breakwater Aug. 14 (JKA, KL) is one of a very few to be found along the coast of California. Two *Anhingas* circling over Westminster, *Orange*, Nov. 2 (LC) were totally unexpected since there are only 3 accepted records of this species for California. Three *Magnificent Frigatebirds* were reported, with an immature over Santa Barbara Aug. 14 (MG), another photographed over Hermosa Beach, *Los Angeles*, Aug. 31 (KL) and the 3rd over Shell Beach, *San Luis Obispo*, Sept. 8 (WM).

Hérons to Raptors

A Tricolored Heron at Seal Beach, *Orange*, Nov. 28+ (JSB) was the only one reported. Along the coast an ad. Reddish Egret around s. San Diego Bay Aug. 28+ (RR, GMcC) was the same bird with a deformed bill present in this area each of the past 12 winters; an immature around the mouth of the San Diego R. in San Diego Nov. 5 remained through the end of the period (GMcC). An imm. Reddish Egret at S.E.S.S., Sept. 4 (KLG, KCM) was the 7th to be found inland on the Salton Sea.

Five Tundra Swans in Encino, *Los Angeles*, Nov. 20 (JN, BP), one near Lakeview, *Riverside*, Nov. 20 (AEM) and five at N.E.S.S., Nov. 19 (EAC) were the southernmost of those reported in late November. Two at F.C.R., Nov. 27 (GRos) were at an unexpected locality. A Harlequin Duck in Cayucos, *San Luis Obispo*, during the summer remained through Sept. 17 (TME) and another, or the same, was at the mouth of nearby Little Pico Cr. Oct. 23 (RHs). Since Oldsquaws are rarely found inland in S. California, the presence of two together near Lakeview Nov. 20 (AEM) and three together on Haiwee Res., Nov. 24 (GMcC) were significant. As usual a few Surf Scoters were found inland, including single birds on Klondike L. near Big Pine Nov. 15 (T&JH), on nearby Tinnemaha Res., Nov. 8 (T&JH), and at Desert Center, *Riverside*, Oct. 29 (MAP); two together on Castaic L., *Los Angeles*, Nov. 24 (TDM), and at least five individ-

uals at various locations on the Salton Sea in November (GMcC). A White-winged Scoter, more unusual inland than the previous species, was on Little Lake, *Inyo*, Nov. 24-27 (GMcC, MhP). A ♂ Barrow's Goldeneye on L. Cachuma, *Santa Barbara*, Nov. 25+ (CP) was felt to be the same bird present there last winter.

Single Goshawks at Whitney Portal, *Inyo*, Oct. 2 (T&JH) and near Bishop, *Inyo*, Nov. 22 (FB) were in an area where small numbers probably occur every fall, but five seen at S.F.K.R.P. between Sept. 30-Oct. 24 (SR, TG) during a survey of migrant Turkey Vultures were in an area where previously unrecorded. A Harris' Hawk near Borrego Springs, *San Diego*, Nov. 16 (GB) was the first of at least 25 to be reported in S. California before the year's end. Seven migrant Broad-winged Hawks were reported, with one near Santa Maria, *Santa Barbara*, Sept. 29 (AF), one over Irvine, *Orange*, Nov. 6 (BED), four moving S along Pt. Loma in San Diego between Oct. 1-Oct. 19 (REW, SP) and an adult photographed inland at Desert Center Sept. 24 (CAM, MAP). Numbers of Zone-tailed Hawks found along the coast of S. California has increased in recent years. Reports this fall include single birds in Goleta, *Santa Barbara*, Aug. 24+ (ZL), around Ojai, *Ventura*, Aug. 28 through the end of the period (BSi), near Gardena, *Los Angeles*, Oct. 23 (GP), e. of San Juan Capistrano, *Orange*, in mid-August (PB), in Orange, *Orange*, Oct. 8 (PB), over Upper Newport Bay, *Orange*, Nov. 12 (SC,

TR) and in Escondido, *San Diego*, Nov. 19 (PAG). One seen inland at S.F.K.R.P., Oct. 3 (SR, TG) during a survey of migrant Turkey Vultures was the 2nd to be reported in *Kern*.

Plovers to Murrelets

Only three Am. Golden-Plovers were reported, with one in Oceano, *San Luis Obispo*, Sept. 30 (TME), another in Seal Beach Oct. 18 (DRW), and the 3rd on San Nicolas I., Oct. 4-5 (KLG). The only Pacific Golden-Plovers reported were at known wintering localities, with five near Santa Maria Sept. 5 (BH), up to four near Oxnard, *Ventura*, after Aug. 28 (DDJ), and up to ten at Seal Beach after Aug. 20 (DRW, LRH). A Mt. Plover near Lakeview Sept. 10 (MAP) was exceptionally early. Two Am. Oystercatchers with a group of Black Oystercatchers on Anacapa I., Oct. 1 (MH) were felt to be the same birds seen here a year ago. An Upland Sandpiper photographed at Twentynine Palms, *San Bernardino*, Sept. 28 (EAC) was the latest of the 8 fall records in California. A Red Knot at C.L., Sept. 2 (MTH) was the only one found inland away from the Salton Sea. Four Sanderlings on Owens L., *Inyo*, Aug. 8 (T&JH), four more found in e. *Kern* between Sept. 4-Oct. 8 (MTH) and another near Lancaster, *Los Angeles*, Aug. 20 (KLG) were also the only ones found inland away from the Salton Sea. Fifteen Semipalmated Sandpipers scattered throughout the Region between Aug. 8-Sept. 20 were fewer than in recent years,



but included a juvenile at F.C.R., Sept. 17–22 (PAG). A Pectoral Sandpiper near Lakeview Aug. 5 (C-TL) is one of a very few adults to be found in S. California in fall. The only Stilt Sandpipers found away from S.E.S.S. were single birds on the coast at Pt. Mugu, *Ventura*, Aug. 24 (BS), in Irvine Aug. 13–14 (TEW) and Sept. 12 (NBB), and inland at E.A.F.B., Sept. 5–10 (MTH). The Ruff at S.E.S.S. remained through Sept. 10 (GMcC) and four more were found along the coast, including a juvenile near Morro Bay Sept. 30 (DS), another near Santa Maria Sept. 25 (BH), a 3rd at Pt. Mugu Sept. 3 (MSM) and an adult near Port Hueneme, *Ventura*, Nov. 12 (DDJ). A few Red Phalaropes are found inland every fall; four this year included single birds near Cantil, *Kern*, Oct. 2–10 (MTH), California City, *Kern*, Sept. 12 (DSC) and Oct. 8 (DVB), and at E.A.F.B., Sept. 25 (MTH).



Ruff at Port Hueneme, California, Nov. 12, 1994. Photograph/Don DesJardin.

As is normal, small numbers of Parasitic Jaegers appeared on the Salton Sea between late August–early November, with a high count of 16 at S.E.S.S., Sept. 10 (GMcC, PAG). Reports of South Polar Skuas off the coast included one off San Diego Sept. 11 (JLD), at least four around Santa Cruz I., Oct. 1 (MH, KL) and two more off Morro Bay Sept. 30 (GMcC). A normal number of Franklin's Gulls were found, with at least a dozen reported at various localities throughout the Region between the start of the season and November 14. A Little Gull, a rare but regular straggler to California, flew S with Bonaparte's Gulls off La Jolla Nov. 18 (SW, GMcC) to establish the 2nd record for *San Diego*. A Heermann's Gull, accidental anywhere inland away from the Salton Sea, was on E.A.F.B., Oct. 29 (MTH) to establish the 2nd record for *Kern*. Since Mew Gulls are rare inland, the presence of up to two around Bakersfield/Arvine, *Kern*, Nov. 13+ (JCW) is of note. The fact that a Herring Gull on Tinnemaha Res. near Big Pine Nov. 24–27 (T&JH) was only the 9th to be found in *Inyo* illustrates just how rare this species is in the e. part of the Region away

from the Salton Sea. Up to two Thayer's Gulls on Tinnemaha Res., Nov. 24–26 (GMcC, T&JH) were the 2nd and 3rd to be found in *Inyo*; up to three in the Bakersfield/Arvine area Nov. 13+ (MOC, JCW) were at the s. end of the San Joaquin Valley where this species may prove to be of annual occurrence. A W. Gull, most unusual inland, was at S.E.S.S., Sept. 4 (KLG, KCM). A Glaucous-winged Gull on Tinnemaha Res., Nov. 24–26 (TC, GMcC) was the first to be found in *Inyo*, and another in Arvine Nov. 13+ (JCW) was the 2nd to be found in *Kern*. Four Sabine's Gulls inland, with an adult at C.L., Sept. 2–3 (MTH), an immature there Sept. 3 (JCW), and single immatures at S.E.S.S., Sept. 16 (RH) and Sept. 28 (AA), were fewer than found in recent years.

An Arctic Tern near Big Pine Sept. 9 (JRJ) was one of a very few to be found inland in fall. Two Black Skimmers photographed at Twentynine Palms Aug. 25 (EAC) were at a most unusual location in the desert, and one at Morro Bay Aug. 9 (KAH) was farther north than normal.

Four Marbled Murrelets at Pt. Sal, *Santa Barbara*, Sept. 4 (CP) were s. of this species' normal range. A few Ancient Murrelets evidently pushed S to extreme S. California, as evident by the presence of one off Huntington Beach, *Orange*, Nov. 15–16 (DT) and another off La Jolla Nov. 20 (GMcC, TC).

Doves to Woodpeckers

Single White-winged Doves in Los Osos, *San Luis Obispo*, Sept. 14–18 (KAH) and in nearby Montana de Oro S.P., Sept. 18 (JH) were the northernmost of about 15 found along the coast. Up to three Inca Doves at F.C.R., Oct. 8–Nov. 25 (GMcC) and up to five at Desert Center Sept. 24–Oct. 8 (MAP) were north and west of this species' normal range; at least 13 at Lake Los Angeles in n.e. *Los Angeles* in November had apparently been present since 1991 (JM) and appear established as resident at this locality. The only Ruddy Ground-Dove reported this fall was one at Iron Mt. Pump Station in s.e. *San Bernardino* Sept. 24 (AS).

A flock of 16 Black Swifts over San Pedro, *Los Angeles*, Aug. 9 (KL) was unexpected. Since Chimney Swifts are rarely reported after August, one over Rosemead, *Los Angeles*, Sept. 21 (MSM), two with 10,000 Vaux's Swifts over downtown Los Angeles Sept. 29–30 (KLG), and two more there on the exceptionally late date of Oct. 12 (KLG) were significant.

A ♂ Broad-billed Hummingbird returning to a feeder in Camarillo, *Ventura*, for its 2nd winter Oct. 9+ (J&HW) and a male in Huntington Beach Nov. 1 (SMo) were both along the coast, where one–two are found most years. But a male photographed at

Iron Mt. Pump Station Oct. 23–Nov. 5 (MAP) was one of a very few to be found away from the coast in California. A Caliope Hummingbird at Iron Mt. Pump Station Oct. 8 (MAP) was one of a very few ever reported in fall.

An Acorn Woodpecker at Iron Mt. Pump Station Oct. 22–29 (MAP) was far from any location of normal occurrence. The finding of nine Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers scattered throughout the Region between Oct. 8 and the end of the period suggests this species is not as rare in S. California as previously thought. Single Williamson's Sapsuckers at Tollhouse Springs near Big Pine Sept. 17 (T&JH), at Iron Mt. Pump Station Nov. 20 (MAP), and in Sylmar, *Los Angeles*, Oct. 8 (DMA) were all away from areas of normal occurrence.

Flycatchers to Vireos

A Greater Pewee in San Diego Sept. 26 (IM) was at a location where one has spent recent winters. An exceptionally late W. Wood-Pewee was present in Huntington Beach Nov. 28–29 (JEP). A "Trail's Flycatcher" at Galileo Hill in e. *Kern* Sept. 11 (MTH) was giving call notes of an Alder Flycatcher for more than 30 minutes; there are only 2 accepted records of Alder Flycatcher for California. Three Least Flycatchers were found with one inland near Cantil Sept. 22 (MTH), and single birds along the coast in the S. Coast Botanic Garden on the Palos Verdes Pen., *Los Angeles*, Oct. 2–6 (KL) and in Newport Beach, *Orange*, Nov. 5–9 (DRW). An E. Phoebe photographed in Hart Park near Bakersfield Nov. 20 (JCW) was the only one found this fall. A Vermilion Flycatcher in Arroyo Grande, *San Luis Obispo*, Oct. 3 (OLD) was unusually far north. A Dusky-capped Flycatcher, a casual straggler to California, was in Huntington Beach Nov. 28 (JEP). Eight Tropical Kingbirds along the immediate coast between Sept. 13–Oct. 17 was less than we have become accustomed to, and another in Goleta Nov. 9+ (B. Hintze) is believed to be the same bird present here during the past 2 winters. Ten E. Kingbirds were reported, with five along the coast between Sept. 2–16, and the other five in the e. portion of the Region during the same period.

Mountain Chickadees were found in the coastal lowlands in slightly more than the usual numbers. A Chestnut-backed Chickadee in Goleta between Nov. 19 and the end of the period (GT) and up to two in Carpinteria, *Santa Barbara*, Aug. 30–Oct. 23 (JEL) were s. of this species known range. White-breasted Nuthatches moved to the coast of *San Luis Obispo* starting in late July, but were not noted in more than the usual numbers elsewhere along the coast

A **Northern Wheatear** photographed in Fullerton, *Los Angeles*, Nov. 5 (SS) is the first to be found in S. California, though five have been reported in N. California. Varied Thrushes were noticeably more numerous than usual in the coastal foothills after early November, but only a few individuals were seen at desert oases or actually reached the immediate coast. A Bendire's Thrasher, a casual straggler to the coast of S. California, was in Manhattan Beach, *Los Angeles*, Oct. 2 (TEW). Three Brown Thrashers were found, with single birds at F.C.R., Oct. 18 (T&JH), at Galileo Hill Oct. 21–23 (DVB) and near Weldon, *Kern*, Oct. 26–Nov. 4 (SR, TG). The only Red-throated Pipits to be found were up to two in the Tijuana R. valley near Imperial Beach, *San Diego*, Oct. 4–10 (DWA, REW). Much better than average numbers of Cedar Waxwings were noted throughout the Region. A N. Shrike at C.L., Nov. 19 (DVB) was the only one found.

A Philadelphia Vireo, a casual straggler to California, was in Los Osos Oct. 19–20 (JSR). Five Red-eyed Vireos along the coast was an average number, with single birds in Santa Barbara Sept. 30 (HPR), Wilmington, *Los Angeles*, Sept. 4 (JAJ), Manhattan Beach Sept. 28 (MH), Westminster Sept. 30–Oct. 2 (DRW), and in Huntington Beach Oct. 22–23 (JSB). A Yellow-green Vireo, a species found annually in California, was photographed in Wilmington Oct. 16–17 (MH, KL).

Wood Warblers

A Blue-winged Warbler at L. Palmdale in the Antelope Valley of *Los Angeles* Aug. 31 (CH) was the 10th to be found in S. California. A Golden-winged Warbler in Arroyo Grande Oct. 1–3 (SML) was the first to be found in *San Luis Obispo*, though there are more than

45 records to date in California. Thirteen Tennessee Warblers scattered throughout the Region between Sept. 3–Nov. 23 was slightly less than normal. Eleven Virginia's Warblers along the coast between Aug. 18–Oct. 10 was also slightly below normal. Five Lucy's Warblers were found along the coast, where rare, including one near Imperial Beach Aug. 14 (TC), one in Huntington Beach Sept. 1–6 (JEP) with two present Sept. 3 (LC), another near Oxnard, *Ventura*, Nov. 12–15 (GH) and the fifth offshore on San Nicolas I., Oct. 5 (KLG). Nine N. Parulas were found at various locations throughout the Region between Sept. 17–Oct. 22 to give an average number for this time of the year. Fourteen Chestnut-sided Warblers along the coast between Sept. 3–Oct. 28, along with two more in *Kern* during the same period, was more than normally expected. On the other hand, three Magnolia Warblers along the coast, along with single birds at Twentynine Palms Oct. 4 (EAC) and at Iron Mt. Pump Station Oct. 15 (MAP), was less than expected. An exceptionally early ♂ Black-throated Blue Warbler near Ridgecrest, *Kern*, Aug. 12 (DMo) was followed by 16 more scattered throughout the Region between Sept. 27–Oct. 20. Three Black-throated Green Warblers were found along the coast, with one in Montana de Oro S.P., *San Luis Obispo*, Oct. 2 (SML), another in Huntington Beach Oct. 6–7 (JEP), and the third in Westminster Oct. 25 (JEP). Five Blackburnian Warblers along the coast between Sept. 21–Nov. 5 was less than normal, but five Prairie Warblers in the same area between Sept. 5–Nov. 6 was about normal.

At least 40 Palm Warblers were found along the coast after Oct. 6, along with seven more inland in the n.e. desert region between Sept. 22–Oct. 28 for near average numbers. An early Blackpoll Warbler in Santa Barbara Aug. 23 (SEF) was followed by about 25 more along the coast between Sept. 10–Oct. 28, along with single birds inland at F.C.R., Sept. 17 (MAP) and Galileo Hill Sept. 12 (KE) and Sept. 17–19 (V&AH). Twenty-five Black-and-white Warblers and more than 60 Am. Redstarts scattered throughout the Region were close to average numbers for fall. Five Prothonotary Warblers were found with single birds along the coast in Huntington Beach Sept. 16 (S&JG) and Sept. 17–Oct. 6 (BED), Whittier, *Los Angeles*, Sept. 11 (RJ, GH) and in Northridge, *Los Angeles*, Oct. 18–22 (ACK), and inland near Cantil Oct. 1–2 (BED). Three Worm-eating Warblers was about average, with one in Willington Oct. 15–16 (MH, KL), another in Westminster Nov. 1–6 (JEP), and the third in Santa Barbara Oct. 24+ (JNB) returning for its 2nd winter. A somewhat early Ovenbird in Huntington Beach Aug. 27–28 (BED) was

followed by seven more scattered throughout the Region between Sept. 17–Oct. 31, and another probably attempting to winter in El Centro, *Imperial*, Nov. 16+ (KK). More than 20 N. Waterthrushes were found at various locations within the Region, with most during September, as expected. A Louisiana Waterthrush well photographed at Galileo Hill Sept. 16–18 (JTH) was only the 6th to be found in California. A Kentucky Warbler was at Galileo Hill Sept. 22–23 (MTH); nearly 100 are now recorded in California. Unexpected were single Mourning Warblers at Galileo Hill Sept. 15–18 (JLD, MTH) and near Trona, *San Bernardino*, Sept. 17 (MAP) since there are only 2 other fall records for California away from the immediate coast. A Hooded Warbler in Huntington Beach Aug. 13–Sept. 13 (LRH) was suspected to have summered locally, and another was at F.C.R., Sept. 30–Nov. 12 (BED). Four Canada Warblers



Louisiana Waterthrush at Galileo Hill, California, Sept. 18, 1994. Sixth state record. Photograph/Arnold Small.



Immature Mourning Warbler at Galileo Hill, California, Sept. 18, 1994. Photograph/John C. Wilson.

were found, with single birds along the coast near Lompoc, *Santa Barbara*, Oct. 9 (BH), near San Pedro, *Los Angeles*, Oct. 15–16 (MH, KL), and in Irvine Oct. 22–23 (DRW), and the 4th inland near Cantil Oct. 2 (MTH). A migrant Painted Redstart was seen in Yucca Valley, *San Bernardino*, Oct. 1 (JEP); one in Arroyo Grande Oct. 1+ (8KS) returned for its 2nd winter, and another in Costa Mesa, *Orange*, Sept. 25+ (JEP) returned for its 3rd winter.



Eastern Phoebe near Bakersfield, California, Nov. 20, 1994. Photograph/John C. Wilson.



Scarlet Tanager (male in winter plumage) at Malaga Cove, Palos Verdes Peninsula, California, in Nov. 1994. Photograph/Brian E. Small.

Tanagers to Finches

A Hepatic Tanager in Sylmar, *Los Angeles*, (DMA) and another in Santa Barbara in November (HPR) were returning for their 2nd winters. As usual, a few Summer Tanagers appeared away from known breeding localities, with about 12 along the coast during September and October, and single individuals inland at Galileo Hill Sept. 4 (A&VH) and at S.E.S.S., Nov. 23 (JT, KS). Three Scarlet Tanagers were reported, with a remarkably early individual on Pt. Loma in San Diego Aug. 24–26 (PAG, K&CR), another in Morro Bay S.P., Nov. 2–13 (SH), and the 3rd photographed at Malaga Cove on the Palos Verdes Pen., Nov. 6–15 (KL).

Twenty Rose-breasted Grosbeaks and an equal number of Indigo Buntings scattered throughout the Region were about average numbers for these 2 species. Five Painted Buntings was more than expected, with two together in Huntington Beach Sept. 4–Oct. 24 (BED, TEW), single birds at F.C.R., Aug. 25–27 (REW, PAG) and Sept. 24 (BED), and the 5th photographed near Cantil Sept. 10 (MTH). Only five Dicksissels were reported, with single birds along the coast in Irvine Sept. 21 (RAE) and on Pt. Loma in San Diego Sept. 18 (REW), and inland at Scotty's Castle in Death Valley N.M., Sept. 21–24 (REW), and at nearby F.C.R., Sept. 17 (GMCC) and Sept. 30 (BED).

Five Am. Tree Sparrows in Death Valley N.M. between Oct. 18–Nov. 28 (T&JH, PAG, CMcG, GROS) were in an area where small numbers occur every fall, but single birds in Santa Barbara Oct. 14 (JEL), on Pt. Loma in San Diego Oct. 23–26 (GMCC, TC), and on Santa Cruz I., Oct. 23 (CF) were on the coast where much more unusual. Clay-



Le Conte's Sparrow at Furnace Creek Ranch, Death Valley, California, Nov. 5, 1994. Photograph/Brian G. Prescott.

colored Sparrows were more numerous and widespread than usual with >50 reported, a high count of at least eight together at F.C.R., Oct. 29 (GMCC). A ♂ Lark Bunting photographed in San Pedro Aug. 19 (MH, KL) was the only one found along the coast, but four were seen inland in *Inyo* and *e. Kern* between Sept. 4–24 (AK, AS, BED, MTH). A Le Conte's Sparrow, a casual straggler to California, was well photographed at F.C.R., Nov. 5 (BGP). A Sharp-tailed Sparrow photographed at Pt. Mugu S.P., Oct. 18–21 (BSi) was evidently still on the move, but up to three on Morro Bay after Nov. 1 (THE) and three on Upper Newport Bay after Nov. 3 (JEP) were clearly wintering at these 2 locations. Twenty-five Swamp Sparrows and a similar number of White-throated Sparrows after Oct. 8 were average numbers for this Region, but single Harris' Sparrows at Panamint Springs, *Inyo*, Oct. 29 (PAG), F.C.R., Nov. 11 (PAG), and at Ocotillo, *Imperial*, Nov. 14 (RHi) were far less than expected. Single McCown's Longspurs, the rarest of the 3 species of longspurs found in S. California, were at F.C.R., Nov. 11 (GMCC, PAG) and near Oxnard Nov. 12+ (LC). Lapland Longspurs were scarcer than normal, with single birds at Owens L., Oct. 21 (T&JH) and near Palmdale, *Los Angeles*, Nov. 13 (NBB), and two together in Irvine Nov. 13 (RAH) being the only four reported. As usual, a few Chestnut-collared Longspurs were present in the n.e. portion of the Region after an early bird was found at F.C.R., Sept. 16–17 (JA); 15 near Cantil Oct. 15 (DVB) was the largest flock. A Snow Bunting near Morro Bay Nov. 12 (JSR) was only the 3rd to be found in S. California, the two previous occurrences being in the n.e. portion of this Region.

Numbers of Bobolinks found in this Region in fall continued to decline with up to six in Irvine Sept. 20–23 (JEP) and up to five in Goleta Sept. 3–7 (RPH) being the largest concentrations reported, though at least 15 more were seen scattered throughout the Region, including a somewhat late individual at F.C.R., Nov. 12 (T&JH). A Rusty Blackbird inland at F.C.R., Oct. 29 (GMCC) and another photographed along the coast in Harbor Park near San Pedro Nov. 18–24 (KL) were the only two found. A Com. Grackle photographed at Galileo Hill Oct. 29 (MTH) is the first to be documented in *Kern*. The only Orchard Orioles reported were single birds at Galileo Hill Sept. 14 (KL) and Sept. 29 (PU). Single N. (Baltimore) Orioles were found at F.C.R., Sept. 21–24 (REW, BED), Galileo Hill Sept. 16 (JLD), at S.E.S.S., Sept. 25 (MAP) and on San Nicolas I., Oct. 4 (KL), this being an average number for this time of the year.

Better-than-average numbers of Purple Finches moved into the Region, with individuals appearing at such out of the way places as

F.C.R. (one Nov. 11, GMCC) and Desert Center (one Oct. 22 and two Nov. 5, MAP). Pine Siskins were certainly more numerous and widespread than usual. Small numbers of Evening Grosbeaks appeared to move into the e. portion of the Region as indicated by flocks of ≤50 birds on Hunter Mt. in *Inyo* in October (REW), two near Palmdale Oct. 16 (KL), and another at Iron Mt. Pump Station Nov. 20 (MAP); they were unreported along the coast.

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