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Snap Judgment 4

Captured at a coastal station, this small bird was photographed in the hand before being banded and released. To what species does it belong?

The answer, a discussion of the characteristics supporting the identification, and the name of the photographer will appear in the October 1979 issue of *Continental Birdlife*.

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Cover Photograph: An immature Magnificent Frigatebird Fregata magnificens perched in a dead Cottonwood above Painted Rock Dam, Maricopa County, central Arizona; photographed 22 July 1979 by Janet Witzeman. Frigatebirds staged an invasion of unprecedented magnitude into Arizona and southern California during July and August. For other late-summer events, see the *Latest Rumors* on page 108 of this issue.