

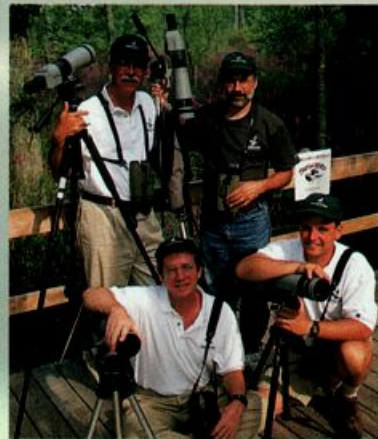


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Birders are only human and are thus creatures of habit, tending to repeatedly visit favorite hot-spots. Exploration, however, has its rewards. By way of example, atlas and other summer survey efforts continue to expand knowledge of the breeding ranges of even some of our most familiar and widespread birds. This male Pileated Woodpecker, feeding nestlings nearly at the point of fledging on June 14, 1998, was at the first nest of this species located in Santa Clara County, California. Santa Clara is on the east slope of the Coast Range at the southern edge of the Pileated's range. This woodpecker is expanding its range within and at the edges of the Santa Cruz Mountains. Photograph/Alan D. Walther



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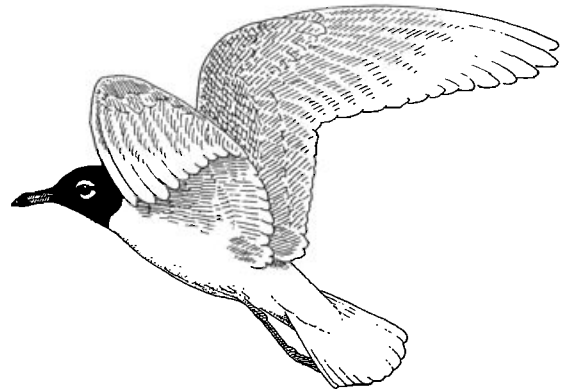
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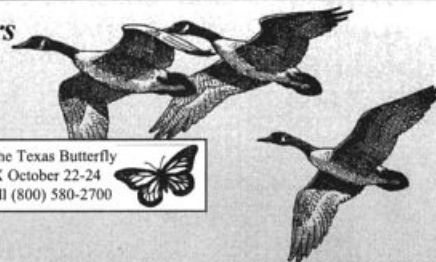
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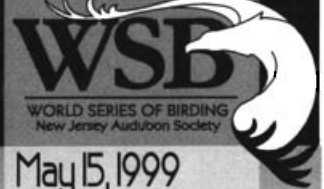
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Ft.	Fort
Hwy	Highway
I.	Island or Isle
Is.	Islands or Isles
Jct.	Junction
km	kilometer(s)
L.	Lake
mi	mile (s)
Mt.	Mountain or Mount
Mts.	Mountains
N.F.	National Forest
N.M.	National Monument
N.P.	National Park
N.W.R.	National Wildlife Refuge
P.P.	Provincial Park
Pen.	Peninsula
Pt.	Point (not Port)
R.	River
Ref.	Refuge
Res.	Reservoir (not Reservation)
S.P.	State Park
W.M.A.	Wildlife Management Area

**Abbreviations used
in the names of birds:**

Am.	American
Com.	Common
E.	Eastern
Eur.	European or Eurasian
Mt.	Mountain
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W.	Western

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and symbols referring to birds:**

ad.	adult
imm.	immature
juv.	juvenile or juvenile
sp.	species
v.t.	video-taped
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