

surprise (K. Irvine, B. Bell). Six Purple Finches at W.E. Johnson Park, *Benton*, 10 Mar (BW) were rare in the Columbia Basin. A White-winged Crossbill at O.S. 25 May (P.W. Smith) was on the outer coast, where accidental. Lesser Goldfinches in Washington are well established only in *Klickitat*, so one at Richland, *Benton*, 1–26 Mar was a good find (BW).

#### ADDENDUM

*King's* first Upland Sandpiper, at Seattle 18 Aug 1998 (TA), was inadvertently left out of last fall's column.

#### EXOTICS

Two Mute Swans were at Poulsbo, *Kitsap*, WA, 11 Mar (I. Paulsen). An apparently pure Am. Black Duck at Everett 31 May may be all that remains of this introduced population (SM). The Monk Parakeet colony at the Portland Airport still held 10 birds 14 Mar (S. Orlovski).

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Adult Little Gull in alternate plumage at Stockton, California, 3 May 1999, one of five or six (!) in northern California this spring. Photograph/Ed Harper

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**L**a Niña replaced El Niño, after the briefest of "normal" times, and the spring was characterized by strong winds and unsettled weather. Rough seas during much of the period restricted offshore birding, although these same conditions brought high numbers of typically pelagic species inshore. It was during such gales that a Short-tailed Albatross was recorded from shore for the first time in 100 years!

Landbird migration along the coast was generally considered late. It did not affect March-arriving species, but April–May migrants (small flycatchers, thrushes) were often two weeks tardy. In mid-May the dam broke and migrants poured through coastal and Central Valley pathways. Banders at Big Sur River mouth, *Monterey*, broke many records, including 83 Yellow-breasted Chats (with 17 on 18 May; banded birds here should be credited to the Big Sur Ornithology Lab). Numerous wintering waterfowl stayed late, and many feeders had lingering *Zonotrichia* sparrow into May.

**Abbreviations:** C.B.R.C. (*California Bird Records Committee*); C.V. (*Central Valley*); F.I.

(*Southeast Farallon I.*); N.S. (*National Seashore*); S.F. (*San Francisco*); R.S. (*Regional Shoreline*); S.R. (*State Reserve*); W.A. (*Wildlife Area*). Reports of exceptional vagrants submitted without documentation are normally not published. These include C.B.R.C. review species and claims of first county records.

#### LOONS THROUGH PELICANS

The Yellow-billed Loon wintering off Pacific Grove, *Monterey*, was last seen 27 Mar (RT). Single Pacific Loons at L. Mendocino, *Mendocino*, 27 Mar (GEC) and Shoreline L., Mountain View, *Santa Clara*, 23 May (C&C Wolfe) were rare inland in spring. Apparently brought inshore by persistent strong NW winds, a juv. **Short-tailed Albatross** between Pebble Beach and Pt. Pinos 1 May (†Cho, Jtz, †BHL, †DHpt), 9 May (†TLo), and 10 May (†DR, RC) was the first seen from shore in *Monterey* in more than a century and the 4th Regional record in 8 months. If populations continue to increase, this species may again become a regular visitor to the e. Pacific. Sixty Black-footed Albatrosses seen from Pt. Pinos 1 May (GET) exceeded all previous onshore counts, attesting to the effects of strong onshore winds on pelagic birds. Dark *Pterodroma* seen during high winds included one on Monterey Bay, *Monterey*, 7 Apr (RT) and

one identified as Murphy's Petrel from Pt. Reyes, *Marin*, 8 May (RS). Single Manx Shearwaters at Pigeon Pt., *San Mateo*, 20 Mar and 21 May (†RSTh) and w. of Pt. Pinos 15 May (DLSH) provided a good spring showing. The last Black-vented Shearwater was at Pigeon Pt. 9 Apr (RSTh), a typical "departure" date. The imm. Brown Pelican at the S. Wilbur Flood Area, *Kings*, since Sep 1998 was last seen 30 Mar (RH, LkC, DR, RC).

### HERONS THROUGH RAPTORS

A calling Am. Bittern at Adobe Valley 12 May (P. Benham) and two at Benton Hot Springs 26 May (J. Fatooh) furnished rare spring records for *Mono*. Up to four Least Bitterns were calling at Cosumnes R. Preserve, *Sacramento*, 8–21 May (JTr, JSL). An ad Little Blue Heron at Concord Naval Weapons Station 5 May (†SCR) was *Contra Costa's* 3rd. Late herons made news at Pt. Sur, *Monterey*, where a vernal pool hosted two Great and a Snowy egret 29 May, and a rare coastal Least Bittern 31 May–4 Jun (ad. male; JBo, SFB, RC et al.), but these were outclassed by *Monterey's* first and the Region's 4th **Tricolored Heron** 24 May–2 Jun (JBo, ph. †DR, SFB, m.ob.). Two mostly grayish egrets amongst a group of Cattle Egrets along Santa Fe Grade, *Merced*, 18 Apr (ph. ASH, ph. MEA) were apparently melanistic. White-faced Ibis along the n. coast included 23 at Tyee City, *Humboldt*, 16 May (KI) and 12 over Ft. Bragg 23 May (GjH, JEH; *Mendocino's* 3rd).

Of the Arctic-nesting geese, very late records included Greater White-fronteds at Clear Lake Res., *Shasta*, 30 May (two; BY, CY) and Lewiston Res., *Trinity*, 31 May (SMcA), and a Snow lingering near Caspar, *Mendocino*, 1 Mar–31 May (m.ob.). A male **Garganey** at Cosumnes R. Preserve 7 Mar (†JTr) was *Sacramento's* first and the Region's earliest. Two of *Lake's* Tufted Ducks on Borax L. stayed until 20 Mar (LkC). Migrants were at O'Neill Forebay, *Merced*, 21 Mar (KVV), Lakeville sewage ponds, *Sonoma*, 26 Mar (DN), and Las Gallinas ponds, *Marin*, 28 Mar (RS, GGf). Eighteen Greater Scaup at Crittenden Marsh, *Santa Clara*, 18 May (SCR) were late for such a concentration. A male Harlequin Duck on the Feather R. 6 May (R. Dimick) may represent a first for *Plumas*. Ten Long-tailed Ducks were between *Santa Cruz* and *Mendocino* 11 Apr–23 May.

Two territorial N. Goshawks near Goat Mt, *Colusa*, 29 May were from an area with few reports (KVV, JSL). Migrant Broad-winged Hawks were at Redwood Shores,

*San Mateo*, 14 Apr (RSTh) and over Meder Canyon 16 Apr, a spring first for *Santa Cruz* (SG). A Swainson's Hawk, rare along the coast, was over the *Santa Cruz/San Mateo* line 16 Apr (DLSu). A Ferruginous Hawk over Cone Peak 1 May was *Monterey's* latest (JCS, SBT, SRv). Remarkable news from *Humboldt* involved 2 pairs of Peregrine Falcons nesting in dead-topped redwoods on private timberland in May (DFx).

### CRANES THROUGH SHOREBIRDS

"Thousands" of Sandhill Cranes were on a trans-Sierran flight over Foresthill, *Placer*, 17 Mar (R. Wachs), following two over Ione, *Amador*, 14 Mar (MFRb). Basic-plumaged Am. Golden-Plovers at Lower Klamath N.W.R., *Siskiyou*, 28 Mar (RE) and Coyote Pt., *San Mateo*, 10–16 Apr (†RSTh) were our earliest ever. "Rare-inland" shorebirds such as Ruddy Turnstone, Red Knot, and Short-billed Dowitcher were reported in above-average numbers. Twenty-nine Solitary Sandpipers (19 coastally) far exceeded expectations, including *Trinity's* first at Hayfork 6 May (GSL), *Amador's* first at Ione 9 May (†MFRb), and *King's* 2nd near Lemoore 20 Apr (LkC, RH, DR, JSy). Two Wandering Tattlers, very rare in the C.V., were at Stockton sewage ponds, *San Joaquin*, 26–27 May (DGY). Fifty-one Red Knots at agricultural ponds in s.w. *Kings* 14 May were more than quadruple the high count during 5+ years of surveys (JSy). Four of five Semipalmated Sandpipers were inland. A Baird's Sandpiper at Colusa N.W.R., *Colusa*, 1 May (BDW) furnished the only report, while three Pectoral Sandpipers was above average and included a first spring record for *Santa Clara* in Alviso 20–26 Apr (†SCR, BRL, FV). Also rare in spring were Stilt Sandpipers in Arcata, *Humboldt*, 13 Apr (KI) and Sunnyvale, *Santa Clara*, 17–20 Apr (BRL, FV).

### GULLS

An ad. Laughing Gull flew by Pt. Pinos 1 May (†TLo, GEt). The 20 Apr–30 May coastal passage of Franklin's Gulls tripled previous record highs, with 20 adults in *San Mateo*, 21 (16 adults, 5 first-year birds) in *Santa Cruz*, and 10 adults elsewhere from *Monterey* to *Del Norte*. Whereas most *San Mateo* birds were flying n. along the coast, all but two of the *Santa Cruz* birds made brief stopovers to forage in agricultural fields, as noted in previous years (DLSu). Inland migrants included two adults at Modoc N.W.R. 28 Apr (RLR) and one at Mono L. 23 May (*vide* B. Miller). Two overwintering immatures at the Stockton, *San*

*Joaquin*, sewage ponds until 30 Apr (DGY, GEC) completed inland reports.

Five or six Little Gulls bested the previous high (in any season) of four. A basic adult in Davis 10–12 Mar (SCH), *Yolo's* first, was followed closely by one (the same?) at the Stockton sewage ponds 15 Mar (DGY, SAb, BWb, ph. WEH). The Stockton bird acquired alternate plumage in April and was joined by a 2nd-year individual 14 Apr–12 May (DGY, v.t. LLu), with one bird remaining until 13 May (WRH). At the San Jose–Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant, *Santa Clara*, an alternate adult 21 Apr (†SCR) was followed by a first-winter bird 28 Apr (†SBT). Last was a first-year bird at Pigeon Pt. 21 May (†RSTh).

At least 4 nesting pairs of Heermann's Gulls at Roberts L., Seaside, provided *Monterey's* first breeding record (†SFB, ph. DR, m.ob.). Three pairs were incubating or nest-building on an islet 26 Apr, and all 3 pairs had chicks by 7 Jun. A 4th nest had an egg 13 May but was on a mainland levee and failed. Eight chicks fledged in early July, establishing California's first successful breeding record. Previous nestings failed at Alcatraz Is., *San Francisco*, Año Nuevo I., *San Mateo*, and Shell Beach, *San Luis Obispo*. Not only was the habitat used by the Seaside birds (small islands in a pond) unusual, but this record was even less expected during a cold-water "La Niña" season. Details will be published elsewhere.

*King's* first Glaucous-winged Gull, a first-year bird, was at the S. Wilbur Flood Area 22–27 Mar (LkC, ph. DR). Thirty-four Glaucous Gulls along the coast and around S.F. Bay doubled previous spring highs and nearly equaled the winter total. Concentrations of four at Half Moon Bay, *San Mateo*, 5 Mar (RSTh) and five in Fremont, *Alameda*, 27 Mar (MMR) were unusual. High spring numbers resulted from both a large winter influx and their late departure (February is more typical). A remarkable seven lingered into May, with one present at Baldwin Cr. Beach, *Santa Cruz*, until 9 Jun (DLSu). The only inland report was from San Luis Res., *Merced*, 18–22 Mar (J. Fulton).

An unprecedented nearshore passage of Black-legged Kittiwakes brought tens of thousands to the c. coast (e.g., more than 28,000 reported from *San Mateo* alone; *vide* PJM). The highest counts, such as 7400 at Pigeon Pt. 20 Mar (RSTh), 4800 at Pacific Grove 3 Apr (SCR), and 5100 at Pigeon Pt. 9 May (BS), occurred during or shortly after strong n.w. winds. Regardless of wind conditions, thousands remained inshore from March to mid-May, with 1050 still at

Pigeon Pt. 19 May (PJM). As in previous years of major nearshore spring passages, hundreds of immatures lingered along the c. coast well into June. Although strong upwelling produced abundant food in typical offshore foraging areas (L. Spear pers. comm.), perhaps enhanced foraging conditions favored persistence in nearshore areas.

#### TERNS THROUGH ALCIDS

Elegant Terns arrived at Pigeon Pt. 9 May (BS) and Capitola Beach, *Santa Cruz*, 12 May (DLSu). An Arctic Tern returned 26 Apr (RJR) to summer at Hayward R.S., *Alameda*, for the 6th consecutive year. The main overland route used by waterbirds crossing the Santa Cruz Mts. between Monterey Bay and S.F. Bay hosted an unusual concentration of 820 Forster's Terns and two ad. Com. Terns, the first seen using this route, 12 May (DLSu). Although this flyway is assumed to be used by most Least Terns breeding in S.F. Bay (e.g., two on 17 Apr; DLSu), one strayed N along the coast to Pigeon Pt. 19 May (PJM).

The Black Skimmer flock in Mountain View peaked at 12 birds 13 Mar (MDo) but dwindled to four by late May (WGB). Three to seven were in *Santa Cruz*, where one 27 Apr and two 12 May over Capitola provided the first spring records using the Santa Cruz Mts. flyway (DLSu). Elsewhere, singles were at Elkhorn Slough, *Monterey*, 9 & 30 Apr (YG, AB), two were at Gazos Cr. mouth, *San Mateo*, 4 May (DLSu), and one was at Hayward R.S. 19–23 May (ES). Two Ancient Murrelets on Monterey Bay 28 May (RT) were very late. Two Horned Puffins dead at Pt. Reyes N.S., *Marin*, 13 Mar (*vide* LHu) were the only reported.

#### NIGHTJARS THROUGH FLYCATCHERS

Two Lesser Nighthawks at Big Sur R. mouth, *Monterey*, 22–31 May (CHo, †SRv) and one netted at Wilder Ranch S.P., *Santa Cruz*, 28 May (JND) were coastal rarities. A prominent late May swift migration included vagrant Chimneys at Big Sur R. mouth 22 May–2 Jun (†CHo, †SRv, m.ob.) and at Portola Valley, *San Mateo*, 14 May (two; †PJM). Five May nests of Black-chinned Hummingbird in Roseville, *Placer*, were in ornamental redwoods (BDW), an unexpected stratum. Pioneering Costa's Hummingbird males reached *Siskiyou* along the Shasta R. 25 Mar–14 Apr (RE) and a Shasta Valley feeder in May (R&J Russell, RE et al.). The ad. male Yellow-bellied Sapsucker at L. Mendocino, *Mendocino*, stayed until 27 Mar (GEC). Last year's Pileated Woodpecker pair [see cover



**Townsend's Solitaires are rare coastal migrants in spring, so this one in Pacific Grove, 15 May 1999, was unexpected. Photograph/Don Roberson**

*Field Notes* 52(4)] was again present on Table Mt., *Santa Clara* (D. Lewis et al.), but no nest was found. One along Rayhouse Rd. in n.w. *Yolo* 5 May (JMHu, DGY et al.) was at the foothill limits.

Migration by *Contopus* and *Empidonax* flycatchers was delayed, with many areas reporting "latest ever" arrivals. First county records for migrant Gray Flycatchers were achieved at Sacramento N.W.R., *Glenn*, 19 May (†SAG) and Goat Mt., *Colusa/Lake*, 29 May (†KVV, JSL). The wintering E. Phoebe at Shady Oaks Park in San Jose, *Santa Clara*, remained to 14 Mar (MJM) and the wintering **Thick-billed Kingbird** in Half Moon Bay, *San Mateo*, stayed to 7 Mar (KH). An E. Kingbird was at Shasta Valley W.A., *Siskiyou*, 27 May (RE). An unexpected Scissor-tailed Flycatcher flew by Elkhorn Slough, *Monterey*, 6 Apr (†C. Dierolf).

#### VIREOS THROUGH WARBLERS

A Plumbeous Vireo at Hayward R.S., *Alameda*, 24 May (RJR) was a first there. The only Red-eyed Vireo was in Trinidad, *Humboldt*, 29 May (KI). Two Bank Swallows at Ione 2 May (†MFRb) may represent an *Amador* first. A Rock Wren in n.e. *Kings* 20 Apr (RH et al.) was rare on the C.V. floor, but another at Trinity L., *Trinity*, 27 May (K. Goetz) was at a possible nesting location. A Winter Wren on the w. shore of Mono L., *Mono*, 23 Mar–13 Apr (B. Miller) was exceptional. Illustrating the late spring were Ruby-crowned Kinglets in lowlands at Tilden Park, *Contra Costa*, 22 May (ES) and Pomponio Cr. Road, *San Mateo*, 31 May (RSTh). Townsend's Solitaires visited unlikely locales on the C.V. floor at Lodi Lakes, *San Joaquin*, 30 Apr (DGY) and Cosumnes R. Preserve 22 May (JTr), and were unexpected coastal backyard treats in McKinleyville, *Humboldt*, 1 Mar (GSL, LPL) and Pacific Grove, *Monterey*, 14–16 May (ph. DR, RC, m.ob.). Another in Frank Raines Park 1 May (KVV) was only the 2nd for *Stanislaus*.

Sage Thrashers were coastward vagrants at Coyote Pt., *San Mateo*, 7 May (RSTh), Clam Beach, *Humboldt*, 27 May (JEH, SMcA), and Crescent City, *Del Norte*, 25

May (J. Rooney, M. Morgan). One along Foothill Rd. 20 Mar (†R. Redmond, †M. Skram, †W. B. Augur) was a *Tehama* first. Also of note were one in e. *San Joaquin* 14 Mar (WRH), two in *Merced* Mar–Apr (KVV, JSL), and one at Comanche Res., *Calaveras*, 11 Apr (MFRb). Up to 140 Bohemian Waxwings were watched by snowshoed observers at Martis Creek W.A., *Placer*, 27 Feb–13 Mar (BWb, CLu, LLu et al.), but one at Coyote Pt., *San Mateo*, 7 May (RSTh) was anomalous.

It was a sparse spring for eastern or southwestern warblers. The best were a singing Golden-winged near Arcata, *Humboldt*, 29 May (†KMS), a Virginia's at Big Sur R. mouth 17–18 May (JBo, DR), a Magnolia at Fish Slough, *Mono*, 26 May (†J. Fatooh), and a Hooded at Hayward R.S., *Alameda*, 17 May (RJR). A singing male N. Parula returned to Big Sur R. mouth 13 May (RbF) where a pair nested last year; vagrants were at Crannell, *Humboldt*, 30 May (KI), Pt. Reyes 28 May (LHu, †ES), and Oasis, *Mono*, 29 May (V&A Howe). A male Blackpoll Warbler was at Pt. Reyes 22 May (LLu, CLu). Rounding out "eastern" warblers were a Tennessee, four Palms, six Black-and-whites [including one inland at Fremont, *Alameda*, 27 Mar (J. Buffa)], and an overwintering N. Waterthrush at Arcata to 11 Apr (JTz). Surprisingly, not a single Am. Redstart was reported! A male Com. Yellowthroat was unusual at Chester, *Plumas*, 4 May (HG, PDG); good numbers in Adobe Valley, *Mono*, 12 May (P. Benham) might presage nesting, which is unknown here.

#### SPARROWS

Vagrant Green-tailed Towhees reached Belmont, *San Mateo*, 12 Apr (RSTh) and Pt. Reyes 22–23 May (LLu, CLu). Adding to the winter's Clay-colored Sparrows were birds at Arcata, *Humboldt*, 9 Mar (G. Bloomfield), Rohnert Park, *Sonoma*, 5 Mar (CCb), and singing at Belmont 25 May (RSTh). A lost Brewer's Sparrow was at Elk Head, *Humboldt*, 31 May (RS, †GGf, CLu, LLu) and two more were singing on the Sierran w. slope near Auburn, *Placer*, 22 May (DR, RC).

Grasshopper Sparrows are widespread but patchy in distribution. Previously unknown territories were found in Dye Cr. Preserve, *Tehama*, 26 May (BED) and near Milton 28 Mar–26 May, perhaps a *Calaveras* first (†SAG, JSL). A Swamp Sparrow banded at Beach L., *Sacramento*, 14 May (TDM, ph. S. Wright) was totally unexpected. White-throated Sparrows lingered very late in many yards, including to 11 May at King City, *Monterey* (J&HBa), and to 13 May at

**SA** As highlighted 2 years ago, the spring/summer of 1997 "was a very good year" for Black-chinned and Black-throated sparrows (*Field Notes* 51:925,1051), a phenomenon repeated this season. Not only did Black-chinneds frequent many irregularly tenanted locales (n. to Gunsight Ridge, *Siskiyou*; RE), but a half-dozen took up territories on talus slopes along Mosquito Ridge Rd., *Placer*, after 16 May (SAG, m.ob.), pushing their range farther north on the Sierran w. slope. Presumed migrants, rarely detected, were in Del Puerto Canyon, *Stanislaus*, 25 Apr (JHG), L. Tabaud, *Amador*, 22 May (MFRb), and Cachagua, *Monterey*, 28 May (CHO). Black-throated Sparrows are usually restricted to lower deserts e. of the Sierran divide, but w. slope males near Quincy 27 May (first for *Plumas*; †HG, PDG), near Auburn, *Placer*, 22 May (DR, RC) with a female present 23 May (BWb), and in Crystal Basin, *El Dorado*, 4 Jun (WEH). Most outlandish was one singing at Westport 24–25 May, a first for *Mendocino* (†K. Swenson).

Surpassing the foothill anomalies was the invasion of at least 38 Lark Buntings in the C.V. and w. foothill valleys. From north to south were two in *Colusa* 30 Apr (C. Morris, J. Buffa), a singing male in *Sutter* 16 Apr (C. Walker), up to three in *Placer* 9 Mar–7 May (TEa, BWb et al.), two in *Yolo* 11 Apr–4 May (BDW, JMhu et al.), a flock of 17 on Crabtree Rd., *Stanislaus*, 1–14 May (JHG et al.), up to 10 in Panoche Valley, *San Benito*, 29 Apr–23 May (DLSh), a female in *Madera* 2 Mar (MiF), a singing male e. of King City, *Monterey*, 1 May (JCS, SBT, SRv), and an alternate male in *Kings* 30 Mar (JSL, KVV).

McKinleyville, *Humboldt* (GSL). A scarce *Siskiyou* migrant was at Tule Lake N.W.R. 1–6 May (RE), and a vagrant was singing at Bayside, *Humboldt*, 1 Jun (JCP, DFX).

#### LONGSPURS THROUGH FINCHES

Pairs of spring migrant Lapland Longspurs, rarely detected, were flying N over Tar Canyon, *Kings*, 30 Mar (KVV, JSL), and Gazos Cr. mouth 3 Apr (RSTh). The wintering Chestnut-collared Longspur in San Jose, *Santa Clara*, remained to 22 Mar (SCR). There were nine coastal Rose-breasted Grosbeaks in May from *Humboldt* to *Monterey*, plus a male at Hayward R.S., *Alameda*,

25 May (RJR). Blue Grosbeaks in new territories included five at Dye Cr. Preserve 26 May (BED), three at Ed Levin Park, *Santa Clara*, from 25 Apr (MMR, AME et al.), and a female near Jenny Lind 26 May (†JSL; perhaps a *Calaveras* first). It was a poor spring for Indigo Buntings, with only three along the n. coast, including *Mendocino's* 3rd along Hwy. 253 29–31 May (†K. K. Carter, †RJk et al.).

Now expected in spring, Yellow-headed Blackbirds wandered w. of the C.V. in fair numbers [e.g., up to 86 in Alviso, *Santa Clara*, 7–14 May (K. J. Fowler, MMR et al.)]. Up to 13 from 14–25 Apr (SAG) were the first spring individuals in e. *Contra Costa* since nesting there early in the century. Birds were n. to L. Cleone, *Mendocino*, 28 Apr (T. Sholars), Arcata bottoms, *Humboldt*, 15 May (S. Morrissette), and Ft. Dick, *Del Norte*, 8–16 May (ADB, JEH, GJH). A female Rusty Blackbird was a huge surprise near Honey L., *Lassen*, 4 Apr (ph. †JTz, E. Elias, G. Ziegler). Common Grackles, a C.B.R.C. review species, were in s.w. *Kings* 1 Mar (male; †JSy) and Modoc N.W.R., *Modoc*, 29 May (female banded; †RLR).

The drumbeat of Great-tailed Grackles invading our Region became a full-fledged marching band. Nesting activity was observed in *Kings* (10+ birds; LkC et al.), *Madera* (2 males, 3 females; LkC), *Monterey* (one male, 2 females; SFB, DR, RC), and *Placer* (colony; G. Ewing). Coastal or Bay Area vagrants were at Pt. Sur, *Monterey*, 19–20 May (JBo), Capitola, *Santa Cruz* 31 May–1 Jun (M. Tindle, DLSu), Almaden L. Park, *Santa Clara*, 17 Apr (FV et al.), Shadow Cliffs Park, *Alameda*, after 11 May (pair; JMR, m.ob.), and Usal Cr., *Mendocino*, 30 May (M. Ray). In the n. C.V., the first *Colusa* record was a male at Delevan N.W.R. 15 Apr (BDW). A vagrant Orchard Oriole was at Big Sur R. mouth 24 May (†DR). Hooded Orioles found new C.V. and lower foothill territories in Milton, *Calaveras* (JSL), Ione (MFRb), Roseville, *Placer* (5 pairs; BDW), and Redding, *Shasta* (B&CY).

A singing Cassin's Finch was a C.V. surprise at Lodi L., *San Joaquin*, 28 Mar (DGY). Lawrence's Goldfinches were widespread, including a few on the coast and C.V. floor [e.g., pairs at Caswell S.P., *San Joaquin*, 25 Apr (CLu) and at Modesto, *Stanislaus*, 25 Apr (HMR)]. One was n. to Yreka, *Siskiyou*, 26 May (RE). Evening Grosbeaks in coastal mountains of *Humboldt* and *Santa Cruz* were expected, but six in a Petaluma, *Sonoma*, yard 12 Apr (A. Wight) were not.

#### EXOTICS

A pair of Nutmeg Mannikins (*Lonchura punctulata*) nested in Almaden L. Park, *Santa Clara*, 10 Mar–17 Apr (B. Eklund, BBrr, JMa), but with luck they will not spread as they have in coastal s. California.

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