

buntings were down. About 16 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks reached the coast but an ad. male visited a feeder in *Nevada* 16–17 Aug (J.&J. Olsen). Only four Indigo Buntings appeared but included an ad. female feeding a fledgling at Pt. Reyes 12–17 Sep (RS) and late birds 14–15 Nov at Harkins Slough, *Santa Cruz* (†SRv et al.) and 16–17 Nov at Pacifica, *San Mateo* (B. Nerricio, DSg, JM). An imm. Painted Bunting briefly visited Carmel R. mouth 19 Sep (†SRv, D. Werner). Three Dickcissels hit the outer coast from *Del Norte* to *Santa Cruz*. Only 22 Bobolinks were reported (13 on F.I.).

Unexpected Yellow-headed Blackbirds included the first S.F. City record in a decade (DPM, ph. MEa) and 7+ near Ft. Dick, *Del Norte*, 22 Aug–14 Oct (ADB). The only Rusty Blackbird was along Harkins Slough 20 Oct (DLSu). Wayward Great-tailed Grackles included a female at King Salmon 28 Nov+ (*Humboldt's* second; M. Wachs, T. Leskiw, DFX, JCP) and a pair at Pt. Pinos 17 Oct (JBo et al.); small groups at Seaside, *Monterey* (RC, m.ob.) and Beals Pt., Folsom

L., *Placer* (BWb) now appear resident. Vagrant orioles included 16 Orchards but just two Baltimores. A family party of Gray-crowned Rosy-Finches near Thimble Peak 8 Aug provided records for *Alpine* and *Amador* (MFRb), where rarely reported.

ADDENDUM

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Southern California experienced one of the driest falls on record, with no storms from the Gulf of Alaska pushing south into the Region by the end of November. A steady movement of "normal" western migrants in August and September appeared to end at the end of September, with only stragglers still on the move in October and November. No major movements of mountain species into the lowlands or northern birds into the Region were detected. An expected number of rarities were found, including a few accidental stragglers to California, along with one species previously unrecorded in the state.

Abbreviations: C.L. (*China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station, extreme ne. Kern Co.*); E.A.F.B. (*Edwards Air Force Base, se. Kern Co.*);

F.C.R. (*Furnace Creek Ranch, Death Valley National Park, Inyo*); G.H.P. (*Galileo Hill Park, extreme e. Kern Co.*); I.M.P.P. (*Iron Mountain Pumping Plant, se. San Bernardino Co.*); N.E.S.S. (*north end of the Salton Sea, Riverside Co.*); S.C.R.E. (*Santa Clara River Estuary near Ventura, Ventura Co.*); S.E.S.S. (*south end of the Salton Sea, Imperial Co.*); S.F.K.R.P. (*South Fork Kern River Preserve near Weldon, Kern Co.*). Because virtually all rarities in s. California are seen by many observers, only observer(s) initially finding and identifying the bird are included. Documentation for species on the California Bird Records Committee (CBRC) review list is forwarded to the CBRC Secretary and archived at the Western Foundation for Vertebrate Zoology, Camarillo.

LOONS THROUGH FRIGATEBIRDS

Reports of Pacific Loons from inland included two in the Owens Valley, *Inyo*, between 30 Sep and 6 Nov (T&JH), one at C.L. 2 Oct (JCW), one at S.E.S.S. 24 Oct



(GSLeB) and one on Silverwood L. in the San Bernardino Mts. 20 Nov (SJM); this species is a rare but regular fall migrant through the interior. A Flesh-footed Shearwater 30 mi sw. of Morro Bay, *San Luis Obispo*, 19 Sep (GPS) was the only one reported. Buller's Shearwaters appeared to be more widespread in s. California waters than usual, as suggested by twenty-five 40 mi sw. of Morro Bay 10 Sep (GPS), 30+ between Santa Barbara and Santa Rosa I. 28 Aug (GR), one 9 mi s. of Pt. Fermin, *Los Angeles*, 14 Oct (BA), two off Newport Beach, *Orange*, 11 Sep (GLT), and six off San Diego 29 Aug (GmC). A **Manx Shearwater** five mi off Ventura 20 Sep (ST, DDJ) is the southernmost thus far reported in California. Fork-tailed Storm-Petrels 40 mi sw. of Morro Bay 10 Sep (GPS) and 50 mi

wsw. of Morro Bay 7 Oct (BAB) were a little to the south of their normal pelagic range. A **Black Storm-Petrel** at S.E.S.S. 14 Aug (DS) established the third record of this species inland on the Salton Sea.

Five Red-billed Tropicbirds near San Nicolas I. 21 Aug (KLG) were in an area where small numbers are probably regular at this time of the year. An imm. **Masked Booby** on the breakwater at the entrance to Los Angeles harbor 13 Nov (CTC) was one of few reported in California. An ad. Brown Booby was on the breakwater at the entrance to Ventura Harbor 7-12 Sep (RS), another adult was 10 mi sw. of Pt. Loma, San Diego, 11 Sep (BMu), and four adults were still present on the Los Coronados Is. 19 Aug (*vide* DWA). An imm. Magnificent Frigatebird at S.E.S.S. 21 Aug (CMcG), with probably the same bird at N.E.S.S. 28 Aug (MAP), was the only one reported.

HERONS THROUGH HAWKS

Three Tricolored Herons were found along the coast of San Diego, where a few are found each winter, with an imm. on s. San Diego Bay 14 Oct+ (GMcC), another at the San Diego R. mouth 6 Nov+ (TH), and an ad. at the Tijuana R. mouth near Imperial Beach 23 Oct+ (WJM). A fourth was at Bolsa Chica, Orange, 10-22 Oct (CR). At least three Reddish Egrets were also found along the coast of San Diego, with an adult returning for its 18th winter at the Tijuana R. mouth/s. San Diego Bay 19 Aug+ (GMcC), an imm. at the Santa Margarita R. mouth 21 Aug-2 Sep (BF), what may have been this same imm. in Del Mar 25 Sep+ (BF), and another imm. at the San Diego R. mouth 11 Aug+ (JRS). An ad. Yellow-crowned Night-Heron in Del Mar 20 Nov (KMe) was most likely the individual that has been present in this general area since 1981. An ad. **Glossy Ibis** in basic plumage at Twentynine Palms, San Bernardino, 29-31 Aug (MAP) was the first to be reported in California.

Three Tundra Swans on Tinemaha Res. near Big Pine, Inyo, 29 Oct (T & JH) were the earliest this fall and one near Lakeview, Riverside, 21 Nov (AEM) was the southernmost. An expected number of Eur. Wigeon were found along the coast after mid-Oct, but one at G.H.P. 3-6 Nov (MTH) was the only one in the true interior. A male Harlequin Duck initially found in Playa del Rey, Los Angeles, 16 May 1999 was still present 3 Oct (RB), and another was in Imperial Beach 7 Nov+ (JiM). The only Surf Scoters reported inland were two at C.L. 3 Nov (SSt) and one at Saratoga

Springs, San Bernardino, 18 Oct (KL). A summering White-winged Scoter was still present at N.E.S.S. 2 Oct (MAP). A few Black Scoters were found along the coast in Nov as expected, with two as far south as Imperial Beach 8 Nov+ (BF, PAG).

A N. Goshawk at G.H.P. 31 Oct (KSG) was the first to be found in the Kern desert. A Harris's Hawk in the w. Antelope Valley, Los Angeles, 10 Oct (MSanM) was the same bird present since the winter of 1996-97, but three near Indio, Riverside, 11-27 Nov (RCH, WJM) appeared to be new arrivals. Two Broad-winged Hawks were along the coast in Goleta, Santa Barbara, 29 Sep (JLD) and single migrants were in Downey, Los Angeles, 9 Sep (JSc), Irvine, Orange, 16 Oct (JSB), Mission Viejo, Orange, 29 Sep (BED), La Jolla, San Diego, 6 Oct (SSm), and on Point Loma in San Diego 17 Nov (JRS). Inland were an imm. at G.H.P. 24 Sep (MTH) and an ad. at Desert Center, Riverside, 6 Oct (MSanM). The largest flocks of migrant Swainson's Hawks included 140 roosting at Borrego Springs in e. San Diego 19-20 Oct (PJ), a similar number roosting near El Centro, Imperial, 24-25 Oct (KZK), 60 near Bakersfield, Kern, 29 Sep (PAG), and 36 close to the coast over Sherman Oaks, Los Angeles, 18 Sep (DK). One along the coast over Irvine 4 Nov (BE) and another inland over Brawley, Imperial, 26 Nov (Bmi) were late. An ad. Zone-tailed Hawk in Goleta, Santa Barbara, 14 Oct+ (DCom)

was the same bird that has spent the past six winters in that area. Another was near Ventura 9 Oct (BS, DDJ) and an adult near Escondido, San Diego, 20 Oct+ (PAG) was believed to be one of two present here last winter. The only Rough-legged Hawks to reach s. California were on the Carrizo Plains, San Luis Obispo, 9 Nov+ (BKS) and near Big Pine 25 Nov (JLD).

CRANES THROUGH GULLS

A flock of 25 Sandhill Cranes over Norco, Riverside, 13 Nov (CH) and one at the Santa Maria R. mouth, San Luis Obispo/Santa Barbara 15 Sep (JMC) were away from areas of normal occurrence. One on s. San Diego Bay 4 Dec (DPa) was the first in San Diego in modern times.

Migrant Am. Golden-Plovers included single birds along the coast near Piedras Blancas, San Luis Obispo, 12 Nov (BAB), in Cayucos, San Luis Obispo, 30 Oct (GPS), near Orcutt, Santa Barbara Nov 13 (JSt), near Port Hueneme, Ventura, 11 Sep (DDJ), at S.C.R.E. 26 Oct (DDJ) and in Irvine 28 Aug-2 Sep (ST), and one photographed inland at S.E.S.S. 11-12 Nov (KZK). A Pacific Golden-Plover at the Santa Maria R. mouth 26 Oct+ (BAB, WW), three near Port Hueneme 23 Sep+ (DDJ) and four at Seal Beach, Orange, 28 Sep+ (JF) were at known wintering localities, but one at Bolsa Chica 30 Oct-11 Nov (PK) and another



California has fewer than 20 records of the Upland Sandpiper, with this juvenile photographed on the last date of its 19-23 Oct 1999 stay in the Tijuana River valley, San Diego, providing the latest record by far in fall. Photograph/Larry Sansone

inland near Brawley, *Imperial*, 17 Oct (BMi) were believed to be migrants. A Mtn. Plover near Lakeview 2 Sep (MAP) and two on Tinemaha Res. near Big Pine 9 Sep (JLD) were early; individuals near Port Hueneme 23 Oct (ST) and near Oceanside 19 Oct (PAG) were the only two found along the coast. An Am. Oystercatcher was on the w. shore of San Clemente I. 4–5 Aug (KaM).

A Solitary Sandpiper at Upper Otay L., *San Diego*, 20 Nov (PU) was remarkably late for a migrant and may more likely have been attempting to winter locally. A Wandering Tattler photographed at S.E.S.S. 3–4 Oct (KZK) was inland where casual. A juv. **Upland Sandpiper** near Imperial Beach, *San Diego*, 19–23 Oct (GMcC) was the 12th to be found in s. California and the latest by three weeks of the five previously found in fall. A juv. Ruddy Turnstone on Tinemaha Res. near Big Pine 9 Sep (PL) and a juv. Red Knot near Lancaster, *Los Angeles*, 5 Sep (KLG) were the only ones found inland away from the Salton Sea. At least 19 Semipalmated Sandpipers along the coast in August, including a late individual in Irvine 22 Sep (BED), and 11 in the ne. portion of the Region during the same period were below average numbers. A juv. Sharp-tailed Sandpiper well photographed at Bolsa Chica, *Orange*, 9 Nov–6 Dec (GE) is one of only a few found in s. California. An ad. **Curlew Sandpiper** in Goleta, *Santa Barbara*, 10–11 Aug (DAK) and another at the Santa Ynez R. mouth 50 miles to the

nw. 13–16 Aug (BKH) are the ninth and 10th to be found in s. California in fall. Up to eight Stilt Sandpipers near Port Hueneme 6–11 Sep (DPe) and single juvs. at S.C.R.E. 6 Aug (DDJ), Irvine 5–8 Aug (MB), and Huntington Beach, *Orange*, 3 Oct–20 Nov (LRH) were the only ones found away from S.E.S.S. A Buff-breasted Sandpiper near Port Hueneme 23–26 Sep (DDJ) was the only one found this fall. Three Ruffs were reported, a male in Los Osos, *San Luis Obispo*, 9–10 Oct (MAH), another male at S.E.S.S. 13–14 Aug (BMu), and a female there 14 Aug (NW). A Red Phalarope on Tinemaha Res. near Big Pine, *Inyo*, 5 Aug (T&JH) was the only one found inland.

A juv. Parasitic Jaeger at S.E.S.S. 11 Sep (PAG) was the only jaeger reported inland. An ad. Laughing Gull at Santa Monica, *Los Angeles*, 3 Nov (DSP) was on the coast, where decidedly rare. One Franklin's Gull in Huntington Beach 16 Nov (SGM) and seven more inland between 2 Aug and 22 Oct (SST, BMu, JZ) was far fewer than expected. An ad. Heermann's Gull at S.E.S.S. 24 Oct–5 Dec was considered the same bird present here since 2 March 1999 (MAP). A Mew Gull at E.A.F.B. 30 Oct (MSanM) was only the second to be found in e. *Kern*. A Lesser Black-backed Gull was at S.E.S.S. 17 Sep–21 Nov (BMu, GMcC). A Sabine's Gull on Tinemaha Res. 9 Sep (JLD), two on nearby Owens L. 12 Sep (RH), and another at F.C.R. 14–18 Sep (JRJ, TEW) were fewer than expected inland.

DOVES THROUGH VIREOS

A White-winged Dove in the town of Morro Bay, *San Luis Obispo*, 17 Sep (BAB) was the northernmost of 15 along the coast. Inca Doves continue to spread into se. California, with single birds in Temecula, *Riverside*, 1 Oct (WJM), Palmdale, *Los Angeles*, 20 Nov (CH), and California City, *Kern*, 10 Oct (WJM) establishing the westernmost records to date. A male Broad-billed Hummingbird at Big River near Vidal, *San Bernardino*, 4 Sep (BMu) was in the e. part of the Region, where much rarer than along the coast. Female Calliope Hummingbirds near Lone Pine, *Inyo* 21 Sep (JLD) and at G.H.P. 24–25 Sep (MTH) were unusually late. Nine Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were scattered throughout the Region 8 Oct–9 Nov, all but an adult at G.H.P. 23 Oct+ (MTH) being in juvenile plumage.

A **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** at I.M.P.P. 19 Sep (MAP) was the eighth to be found in s. California, all in fall; an *Empidonax* suspected to be this species was at G.H.P. 26 Sep (KSG, TEW). A Least Flycatcher near Imperial Beach 17 Nov+ (BMu) was believed to be the same individual that spent the last two winters at this location. Three E. Phoebes, inland at F.C.R. 4 Nov (MJSanM) and near Lakeview 14 Nov+ (AEM) and along the coast in Huntington Beach 10–14 Nov (JEP), were an average number for this time of the year. A Vermilion Flycatcher in the Saline Valley, *Inyo*, 12 Oct (REM) was a little to the ne. of its normal range in California. A Dusky-capped Flycatcher was in Oceano 21–26 Nov (DG). Eleven Tropical Kingbirds along the coast 1–18 Oct were fewer than usual. A Thick-billed Kingbird in Pomona, *Los Angeles*, 2 Nov+ (TEW) was the same individual that has spent the past seven winters at this location. Only four E. Kingbirds were reported, one at Pt. Mugu, *Ventura*, 7 Sep (WW), another at Malibu, *Los Angeles*, 5 Sep (JI), and two at F.C.R. between 13 and 18 Sep (JRJ, TEW).

A Yellow-throated Vireo at G.H.P. 9 Oct (VH) was the first to be found in *Kern* in fall. A Hutton's Vireo, an accidental straggler to the e. portions of this Region, was in California City 20–27 Oct (MTH). Five Philadelphia Vireos were reported, with birds along the coast at Arroyo Grande, *San Luis Obispo*, 24 Oct (BKS), Los Osos, *San Luis Obispo*, 27–31 Oct (BAB), and Lakeside, *San Diego*, 3–10 Nov (GMcC) and inland at G.H.P. 12 Sep (JCW) and 25–26 Sep (KSG). Eight Red-eyed Vireos along the coast 19 Aug–12 Oct (DCoo, BKH, KLP, JEP, MSanM, GPS), with an unusually late



Although the Sharp-tailed Sandpiper is regular on the West Coast in late fall, this juvenile at Bolsa Chica, *Orange*, California, 9 Nov–6 Dec 1999 not only remained nearly a month but provided one of the southernmost records. This image was captured 14 Nov. Photograph/Kenneth Z. Kurland

individual inland at G.H.P. 23 Oct (MTH), was about average. The only Yellow-green Vireos found this fall were one on Santa Cruz I. 17 Sep (CP) and single individuals on Pt. Loma 17 Sep (DWA) and 11 Oct (BMu, MFa).

CHICKADEES

THROUGH SILKY-FLYCATCHERS

A Mtn. Chickadee in Arroyo Grande 19 Sep (JMC) was only the sixth to be found in *San Luis Obispo*. A Chestnut-backed Chickadee in Goleta 4 Sep (JHo) was s. of this species' known range. Two Bushtits of the gray interior race *plumbeus* near Inyo 31 Oct (SSt) were the first to be found in *Kern*; they were followed by four in California City 20–23 Nov (TEW) and seven at G.H.P. 21–29 Nov (TEW), suggesting a sw. movement of these birds. A handful of Brown Creepers along the s. coast of the Region after mid-Oct, along with single birds at F.C.R. 16 Oct (SJM) and at nearby Panamint Springs 12 Nov (JSL), suggested a small movement of these birds. A **Sedge Wren** in the Saline Valley 12 Nov (REM) was the first to be found in *Inyo*.

Townsend's Solitaires on Pt. Loma 9–10 Oct (JW) and at Finney L., *Imperial*, 31 Oct (BMi) were away from areas of expected occurrence. A **Rufous-backed Robin** photographed at F.C.R. 20–27 Nov (TEW) was the ninth to be found in California. The only Gray Catbirds found this fall were single birds on Pt. Loma in San Diego 31 Oct–30 Nov (DA), and inland in the Saline Valley 11 Nov (REM), G.H.P. 29 Sep–6 Oct (KSG), and near Calipatria, *Imperial*, 26 Oct (MFI). A Brown Thrasher at F.C.R. 14–23 Sep (JRJ, TEW) was the only one reported. A Bendire's Thrasher at Big Sycamore Campground, Pt. Mugu S.P., *Ventura*, 18–26 Sep (DCoo) was the only one found along the coast. A Red-throated Pipit was heard flying overhead in Los Osos 17 Oct (JSR). A Sprague's Pipit was carefully identified in the Saline Valley 30 Oct (REM). A Gray Silky-flycatcher (origin unknown) found on Point Loma in San Diego 16 Jun (REW) was still present 18 Aug (JRS).

WOOD-WARBLERS

The Redgum Lerp Psyllid (*Glycopsis brimblecombei*), an introduced Homopteran heavily impacting *Eucalyptus* trees, provided abundant food for migrant and wintering wood-warblers. It occurred in many groves where vagrant warblers were found.

A male Blue-winged Warbler on Point Loma in San Diego 1 Oct (JW) was one of a few reported in California. Tennessee

Warblers appeared to be scarcer than normal, with only 17 found along the coast 15 Sep–1 Nov and one inland at Deep Springs, *Inyo*, 10 Sep (JLD). Seven Lucy's Warblers were found along the coast 15 Aug–6 Nov, including *San Luis Obispo's* fifth in Arroyo Grande 29 Sep (BKS). Single birds were inland away from areas of known regular occurrence at G.H.P. 3–18 Sep (MTH) and 1–3 Oct (MTH). Five N. Parulas along the coast 11 Sep–13 Nov, with two more inland 24–26 Sep, was about average. Sixteen Chestnut-sided Warblers along the coast after 18 Sep, with two in *Orange* still present at the end of November, were a little more than normal; nine in e. *Kern* 4 Sep–14 Oct was unprecedented. Thirty Magnolia Warblers was also more than expected, with 20 along the coast after 28 Sep (one in *San Diego* was still present at the end of the period) and ten more in *Inyo*, e. *Kern*, and *San Bernardino* 21 Sep–22 Oct. A Cape May Warbler in Oceano, *San Luis Obispo*, 22 Sep (BAB) was the only one reported; this species reaches California in far fewer numbers since control of the Spruce Budworm (*Choristoneura fumiferana*) in boreal forests depleted their principal food supply. Seven Black-throated Blue Warblers along the coast 18 Sep–17 Oct, along with single birds at I.M.P.P. 6 Oct (MSanM) and Desert Center 17 Oct (MAP), were fewer than expected, especially so at desert oases in the e. part of the Region. Five Black-throated Green Warblers in *San Luis Obispo* and *Santa Barbara* 23 Oct–12 Nov (BAB, BKS, BKH, GBW) were fall vagrants, but one in National City, *San Diego*, 3 Nov+ (DWA) and another near Oceanside, *San Diego*, 25 Nov+ (PAG) were both birds returning for their fourth winters. Eight Blackburnian Warblers along the coast 18 Sep–24 Oct was about normal, but one at G.H.P. 11–12 Sep (MTH) was one of a few found in the e. part of the Region. A Yellow-throated Warbler in Huntington Beach 6 Nov+ (GLT) was only the second to be found in well-worked *Orange* and appeared to be settled for the winter.

The only Pine Warbler was one apparently wintering in Long Beach 25 Nov+ (KSG). Six Prairie Warblers along the coast 18 Sep–31 Oct was a little less than expected. More than 50 Palm Warblers along the coast 28 Sep–28 Nov, and an additional eight at desert oases in the e. part of the Region 26 Sep–15 Oct was about average. A Bay-breasted Warbler was in *Ventura* 9 Oct (DDJ) and individuals were inland at G.H.P. 21 Sep (MTH) and F.C.R. 21–29 Nov (TEW); like the Cape May Warbler,

numbers reaching California are greatly reduced due to the depletion of the Spruce Budworm on the breeding grounds. Blackpoll Warblers were scarcer than expected, with only 22 along the coast, and four more in e. *Kern* 11 Sep–7 Nov. About 35 Black-and-white Warblers and nearly 60 American Redstarts scattered throughout the Region illustrates the relative abundance of these two species in s. California during fall migration. Seven Prothonotary Warblers along the coast 12 Sep–31 Oct, along with three more in *Inyo* and e. *Kern* during the same period, was above average. The only Worm-eating Warbler, in Huntington Beach 16 Oct+ (DRW), appeared to be wintering. Three Ovenbirds along the coast, all in *San Diego* 26 Sep–6 Oct (EC, GMcC, JW), was far fewer than expected, but three in e. *Kern* during the same period (SBT, MTH, JCW) was considered better than average. Thirty-five N. Waterthrushes scattered throughout the Region, with most in September, was an expected number. A **Louisiana Waterthrush** at Panamint Springs 24–25 Sep (GHR, SBT) was the second to be found in *Inyo* and one of few in California. A Kentucky Warbler near Gaviota, *Santa Barbara*, 2 Oct (KLW) and another in Carlsbad, *San Diego*, 24 Oct (RR) were the only two found this fall. A Connecticut Warbler in Ridgecrest 7 Sep (JSe) will establish the first fall record for *Kern* if accepted by the CBRC. A Mourning Warbler was well documented at California City 25 Sep (SBT, JLD). Single Hooded Warblers were at Death Valley Junction, *Inyo*, 4 Sep (MJSanM) and in Desert Center 7 Nov (CMcG). Canada Warblers near Lompoc 16 Oct (DCom), near Port Hueneme 16–19 Oct (WW), and on Pt. Loma 12 Oct (DWA) were the only reported. A Painted Redstart on Pt. Loma 16–20 Oct (MG) was a lost migrant; another in El Centro 31 Oct+ (GMcC) was to attempting to winter.

TANAGERS THROUGH FINCHES

The only Hepatic Tanager reported was on the immediate coast at Point Loma 19 Oct (REW), where unexpected. As expected, a few Summer Tanagers wandered w., with ± 20 reported throughout the Region, mostly along the coast mid-Sep to mid-Nov. Single Scarlet Tanagers were along the coast in El Capitan S.B., *Santa Barbara*, 22–25 Oct (KB) and Irvine 24 Oct (LO), and inland in the Saline Valley 17 Nov (REM) and at G.H.P. 18 Oct (MTH).

An Am. Tree Sparrow at F.C.R. 4 Nov (MJSanM) was in an area where one or two

are found at this time every year, but one photographed at Desert Center 17 Oct (MAP) and another on Point Loma in San Diego 4–5 Nov (JW) were far to the south of the species' normal range. Twenty Clay-colored Sparrows scattered throughout the Region 12 Sep–25 Nov were fewer than expected. Since Black-throated Sparrows are rare on the immediate coast, six on the coast of *Santa Barbara*, *Ventura*, and *Orange* between 9 Sep and 7 Oct is noteworthy. The only Lark Buntings reported were one near Victorville, *San Bernardino* 17 Oct (BD), two together in Santa Clarita, *Los Angeles*, 16 Sep (FH), and one on the coast in Goleta 19 Sep (JEL). Grasshopper Sparrows, far from areas of normal occurrence at F.C.R. 5 Oct (T&JH) and in the Saline Valley 10 Nov (REM), were obvious migrants. A **Le Conte's Sparrow**, a casual straggler to California, was at F.C.R. 3 Oct (TEW). Up to two Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows in Seal Beach 24 Oct+ (JF) were on winter territories. Thirty-five Swamp Sparrows scattered throughout the Region were fewer than usual. An early White-throated Sparrow in Santa Barbara 7 Sep (PB), followed by at least 40 more scattered throughout the Region, was close to an average number, but four Harris's Sparrows in *Inyo* in Oct and Nov was below average. The only McCown's Longspurs were two at E.A.F.B. 20–25 Oct (MTH), two near Palmdale, *Los Angeles*, 27 Nov+ (TEW), one in e. *San Luis Obispo* 28–29 Nov (BKS), and another near Port Hueneme 30 Oct–2 Nov (DDJ). About 30 Lapland Longspurs and at least 50 Chestnut-collared Longspur were found scattered throughout the Region between mid-October and the end of November as expected.

A male N. Cardinal near Tecopa, *Inyo*, 27 Nov+ (ST), evidently present since June (*vide* T&JH), may have been a genuine vagrant from w. Arizona. Totals of 20 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks mid-Sep and mid-Nov and ± 25 Indigo Buntings mid-Aug to mid-Nov were both lower than expected. Imm. Painted Buntings were along the coast in Goleta 31 Aug–1 Sep (GT) and Huntington Beach 15–19 Sep (JEP), and inland at F.C.R. 16–23 Oct (T&JH, TEW), G.H.P. 11–12 Sep (MTH), and Morongo Valley 7 Sep (JLD). Only five Dickcissels were reported, inland in Bishop, *Inyo*, 31 Oct–1 Nov (J&DP), F.C.R. 24–25 Sep (WW) and 8–9 Oct (MSanM) and at G.H.P. 1 Oct (MTH), and on the coast on Pt. Loma 30 Sep (REW). At least 55 Bobolinks were found along the coast 8 Sep–2 Nov; an additional 13 were in *Inyo* and e. *Kern* during the same period, as

appears normal. The only Orchard Orioles were two in Santa Barbara 31 Oct (GB), one in nearby Carpinteria 16–17 Sep (LRB), and one inland at G.H.P. 4 Sep (JCW). Eleven Baltimore Orioles were reported from along the coast, with at least five of these appearing to be wintering, as is normal. A Red Crossbill in the Saline Valley 5 Nov (REM) and five more in Yucca Valley, *San Bernardino*, 6 Sep (BD), along with an Evening Grosbeak far s. of its normal range in El Cajon, *San Diego*, 16–17 Oct (JG), were obviously on the move, but were the only finches reported out of range.

CORRIGENDA

The date of Prothonotary Warbler reported in California City in spring 1999 (*N. Am. Birds* 53:331) should be changed from 8 May to 8 June.

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