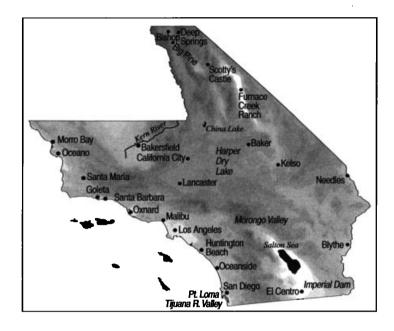
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The Region experienced a cooler winter than normal, and although precipitation equaled or exceeded average in most of the area, virtually all the measurable participation occurred in February.

Some indications remained of the fall's invasion of corvids and certain other montane or Great Basin species. Highlights included the Region's first Eurasian Dotterel, found with Mountain Plovers in the Imperial Valley, the Nutting's Flycatcher in Irvine continuing from November, and the Region's second Whitewinged Junco in the Owens Valley.

Abbreviations: C.L. (China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station, extreme ne. *Kern*); F.C.R. (Furnace Creek Ranch, Death Valley National

Park, Inyo); G.H.P. (Galileo Hill Park, extreme e. Kern); N.E.S.S. (n. end of the Salton Sea, Riverside); S.E.S.S. (s. end of the Salton Sea, Imperial); S.F.K.R.P. (South Fork Kern River Preserve near Weldon, Kern); S.M.R.E. (Santa Maria River Estuary near Santa Maria, Santa Barbara); V.A.F.B. (Vandenberg Air Force Base near Lompoc, Santa Barbara). Because virtually all rarities in s. California are seen by many observers, only the observer(s) initially finding and identifying the bird are included Documentation for species on the California Bird Records Committee (C.B.R.C.) review list is forwarded to the C.B.R.C. Secretary and archived at the Western Foundation for Vertebrate Zoology in Camarillo.

Albatrosses Through Ducks

A Laysan Albatross at the Santa Lucia Escarpment wsw. of Pt. Buchon, San Luis Obispo 13 Jan (BKS) and 2 there 20 Jan (BKS) were in an area where expected in small numbers. At least 75 Northern Fulmars seen during a pelagic bird trip off San Luis Obispo 13 Jan (TME) and a count of 55 from La Jolla, San Diego 10 Mar (SW) suggest that greater-thannormal numbers were off s. California this winter. Unexpected was a Flesh-footed Shearwater seen from shore at La Jolla 13 Feb

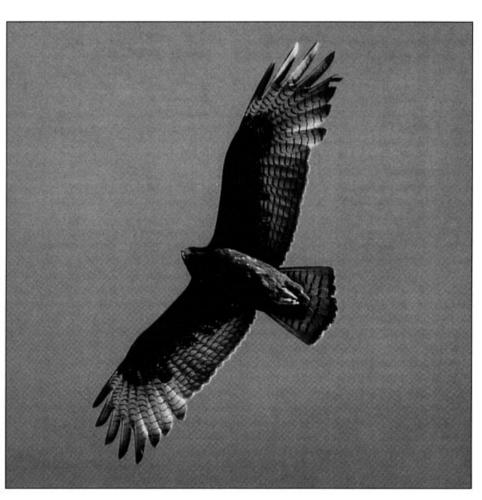
(BS). A female Magnificent Frigatebird over Cardiff, San Diego 1 Mar (RT) was most unusual, as virtually all sightings for California occur between mid-Jun and mid-Sep.

The Tricolored Heron at the Tijuana R. mouth, San Diego since 24 Aug was present through 10 Jan (SK), and the ad. Reddish Egret at that same location since 26 Aug remained through 24 Jan (RPo); an imm. Reddish Egret at the San Diego R. mouth 1 Jan+ (MH) was the only other one reported. A Wood Stork at the Wild Animal Park near Escondido, San Diego 30 Dec (KW) was a wild bird that arrived more than 10 years ago and never left.

The Brant found at C.L. 13 Nov remained through 3 Feb (SS), providing the first winter record for Kern. Two Tundra Swans at Sand Canyon Res. in Irvine, Orange 1 Jan-21 Feb (GLT) were the southernmost this winter. Sixty Blue-winged Teal at the San Diego R. mouth 9 Jan (REW) and 50 in Norco, Riverside 17 Dec (SJM) were large numbers for anywhere in California. Single male Eurasian Green-winged Teal were at Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo 19-24 Feb (WAB), in Goleta, Santa Barbara 10 Dec+ (GBW), and at the San Diego R. mouth 13 Jan-Feb 17 (PEL). A male Tufted Duck on L. Perris, Riverside 2 Feb-4 Mar (EAC) was the only one in the Region. The male Harlequin Duck found n. of Arroyo Laguna, San Luis Obispo 12 Nov remained through the period (TME), another was at Carlsbad, San Diego 16 Feb-14 Mar (EW), and a 3rd was on Mission Bay in San Diego 4-10 Mar (DSe). A Surf Scoter at Salt Creek on the e. shore of the Salton Sea, Riverside 6 Feb (CMcG), and single birds at S.E.S.S. 25 Nov-31 Dec (MMP) and 15 Feb (KZK), and 2 White-winged Scoters at S.E.S.S. 19-24 Dec (GMcC) were inland where unusual. A Black Scoter, much rarer than the previous two species ın s. California, was inland at N.E.S.S. 10 Jan (SG), and up to 2 were at S.E.S.S. 25 Nov-19 Dec (MMP, KZK). A Long-tailed Duck at Klondike L. near Big Pine, Inyo 21 Jan (JP, DP) and another at N.E.S.S. 30 Dec (HK) were inland where rare. A female Barrow's Goldeneye at Pleasant Valley Res. near Bishop, Inyo 6-27 Jan (JZ), joined by a male on the last date (NH), was in the extreme ne. corner of the Region, where small numbers probably occur annually.

Hawks Through Terms

A Northern Goshawk at Whitney Portal, *Inyo* 17 Dec (M & NP) was in an area where probably resident, but one in Ridgecrest, *Kern* 14-26 Jan (JN) was far outside the species's normal range. Harris's Hawks continue to hang on in e. *San Diego*, with up to 2 at Borrego Springs (PJ) and up to 7 near Boulevard (PU) during the period. Exceptionally late fall migrant Swainson's Hawks



This immature Zone-tailed Hawk was one of three (two immatures and one adult) that spent the winter in El Centro, Imperial County, California, here photographed 21 February 2001. *Photograph by Kenneth Z. Kurland.*

were near Calipatria, Imperial 8 Dec (GMcC), near El Centro, Imperial 14 Dec (KZK), and over San Diego 19 Dec (MAP), and two early spring migrants were near El Centro 19 Feb (KZK), suggesting wintering far n. of known wintering areas in Argentina, single birds near Calipatria 11 Jan (AB) and near Pt. Mugu Naval Air Station, Ventura 23 Jan (WW) were almost certainly wintering locally. Along the coast, single ad. Zone-tailed Hawks were in Santa Barbara/Goleta, Santa Barbara all winter (DMC), Rancho Santa Margarita, Orange 17 Dec-31 Jan (GLT, MSanM), and near Ramona, San Diego 3 Jan (PU), and 2 ads. were around Escondido throughout the period (PAG); inland, where much rarer, up to 3 (2 imms. and an ad.) were near El Centro 13 Dec+ (KZK), A Harlan's Red-tailed Hawk, rare in s. California, was in Round Valley, Inyo 23-25 Dec (JLD). The southernmost Rough-legged Hawks were single birds near Los Alamos, Santa Barbara 20 Dec-26 Jan (CA), near Lakeview, Riverside 25 Jan-17 Feb (ThM), near Calipatria 2-28 Dec (GMcC), and near Holtville, Imperial 18 Dec (GMcC).

A Pacific Golden-Plover on Morro Bay 16-31 Dec (RWH) and 2 near Guadalupe, Santa Barbara 31 Dec (DMC) may have been very late fall migrants, but one at Imperial Beach, San Diego 16 Dec+ (CGE), one to 2 at Bolsa Chica, Orange 1 Oct-11 Feb (AL), and up to 4 at Seal Beach, Orange 28 Sep-10 Mar (SK) were clearly wintering. A Snowy Plover at Owens L., Inyo 19-20 Dec (REM) was late for this area. Eleven Mountain Plovers at V.A.F.B. 17-29 Dec (BH), one at the S.M.R.E. 27 Dec (WW), and 25 at Seal Beach 21 Jan (JFt) were the only ones along the coast. A Eurasian Dotterel was photographed with wintering Mountain Plovers inland near Calipatria 22-23 Jan (AB); this is the first to be found in s. California and the first in the state in winter, though one was in n. Baja California during the winter of 1997-1998 (Field Notes 52:257). The Solitary Sandpiper found near Chino, San Bernardino 17 Oct was still present 13 Mar (JEP), providing us with one of a very few winter records for this species in California A Wandering Tattler at S.E.S.S. 29 Dec-2 Feb (RB) was probably the same bird present at this

location last winter. A Whimbrel, most unusual inland after Oct, remained at S.E.S.S. to 2 Dec (GMcC). Up to 5 Ruddy Turnstones remained inland at S.E.S.S. from Sep to 19 Dec (GMcC). A Red Knot inland at Salton City, Imperial 8 Dec (GMcC) may have been attempting to winter locally. A Stilt Sandpiper near Pt. Mugu Naval Air Station 7-22 Jan (WW) is one of a very few recorded along the coast in winter. An ad. male Ruff near Brawley, Imperial 5 Nov-24 Feb (GMcC) was the same bird present here last winter, and a female was near Calipatria 2 Dec (GMcC). A Wilson's Phalarope near Goleta 23 Nov-1 Dec (FS) provides the only record for Santa Barbara at this time of the year. About 250 Red Phalaropes seen during a pelagic bird trip off San Luis Obispo 20 Ian (BKS) and at least 5000 off La Jolla 1 Jan (SW) were high numbers for winter.

A Franklin's Gull in Placentia, Orange 12-29 Dec (SA) and what was probably the same bird in nearby Anaheim 6 Jan (JEP) was probably a very late fall migrant. An ad. Little Gull on L. Perris 28 Jan-15 Mar (MF) may have been the same bird that spent the winter of 1998-1999 on adjacent Mystic L. An ad. Black-headed Gull, a casual straggler to California, was at Goleta 10 and 31 Dec (GBW, DVP). Single ad. Lesser Black-backed Gulls at the Whitewater R. mouth 10 Jan-6 Feb (SG) and near North Shore 26 Jan-25 Mar (DhP) are believed to be the same individuals at these two locations at N.E.S.S. each of the past three winters. An ad. Glaucous Gull was at 30° 32' N, 121° 51' W (200 mi. off San Diego) 15 Dec (PL); first-year birds were at in San Pedro, Los Angeles 27 Feb (ThM) and Imperial Beach 4-11 Mar (HY), and inland at N.E.S.S. 30 Dec (EAC) and S.E.S.S. 2-10 Feb (JMcI, BM). Black-legged Kittiwakes were more numerous than normal off s. California as indicated by about 250 seen during a pelagic bird trip off San Luis Obispo 13 Jan (TME), 800 seen during a pelagic bird trip out of Santa Barbara 20 Jan (BKS), and 142 counted during 3 1/2 hours at La Jolla 13 Feb (BS); in addition a first-year bird, most unusual inland, was at N.E.S.S. 30 Dec (SJM). Two Elegant Terns in Coronado, San Diego 16 Dec (RPa) were unusually late.

Doves Through Woodpeckers

Single White-winged Doves were along the coast, where rare in winter, in Santa Barbara at Santa Barbara 13 Jan (GBW) and Carpinteria 27 Jan (DMC), and in Ventura, Ventura throughout the period (WW), but up to 4 in Calipatria 19 Dec–21 Mar (A & VH) and one near Blythe, Riverside 14 Feb (DSh) were in areas where virtually unrecorded in winter. Two Lesser Nighthawks remained at Finney L. near

Calipatria, where this species is proving to winter in small numbers, through the season (GMcC). A Common Poorwill near Santa Ysabel, San Diego 8 Dec (GCH) was probably wintering locally. Forty Vaux's Swifts near Oceanside, San Diego 14 Dec (PAG) and 15 there 23 Dec (PU) were in an area where this species is regular in winter, but 5 Chaetura swifts over Montecito, Santa Barbara 23 Feb (MBH) were unexpected. A migrant male Allen's Hummingbird near El Centro 15-19 Feb (KZK) provides one of a very few records in Imperial.

Lewis's Woodpeckers were far more numerous and widespread than normal in the mountains and along the coast this winter, and 20 were at F.C.R. 17 Feb (T & TH). A Williamson's Sapsucker at Round Valley 28 Jan (T & JH), 6 at S.F.K.R.P. 30 Dec-21 Feb (RAB), and single birds w. of the mountains at Rancho Santa Margarita 10 Dec-11 Feb (GLT) and in Silverado Canyon, Orange 17 Dec (BED) were all away from areas of expected occurrence. A White-headed Woodpecker in Bishop 16 Dec+ (NH) was away from any area of normal occurrence. This winter at least 3 Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were in Kern, along with 9 more along the coast between Lompoc and Imperial Beach, suggesting more than the expected few were present. A Ladder-backed Woodpecker at Live Oak Springs, San Diego 13 Jan (PU) was on the coastal slope where most unusual. A Downy Woodpecker in Inyokern, Kern 17 Feb (TeM) was outside the species's normal range.

Flycatchers Through Corvids

A Greater Pewee in Bonsall, San Diego 2 Dec (PAG) was the only one reported, and appar-

ently it did not remain to winter. Wintering Empidonax, in addition to small numbers of the expected Gray and Western (most or all Pacific-slope), included a Least Flycatcher in Carpinteria 11 Jan+ (RAH); a Hammond's in Malibu, Los Angeles 17 Dec (KLG) and 2 near Irvine 13 Nov-12 Mar (KLP) and 17 Feb-10 Mar (JFs); and 5 Duskies: El Monte, Los Angeles 16 Dec (MSanM); Pasadena, Los Angeles 20 Nov-mid-Dec (TEW); H.C.P. 3 Nov-24 Mar (JEP); Lake Forest, Orange 10 Dec (JEP); and Lompoc, Santa Barbara 20 Dec-21 Feb (BKH). A total of 6 wintering Eastern Phoebes was found in Kern, Los Angeles, Riverside, and Orange, with 2 additional mid-Dec birds in San Diego. At least 20 Vermilion Flycatchers were found during the period, n. to F.C.R. where one wintered 19 Dec-17 Feb (BHu). California's first Nutting's Flycatcher, originally found in Irvine 11 Nov, remained until 26 Mar (LDT) and was well documented with photographs and voice recordings. A Dusky-capped Flycatcher in Santa Barbara 10 Dec-6 Jan (DMC) was the only one reported A Cassin's Kingbird in Lamont 12-14 Jan (ICW) was the first winter record for Kern, and one in Niland, Imperial 19 Dec-2 Feb (PAG, GCH) was also in an unusual locality. Four Tropical Kingbirds along the coast was about normal, but up to 3 (possibly 4) Scissor-tailed Flycatchers in Irvine between 21 Dec and 17 Feb (BEE, LDT, BED, KLP et al.) was an exceptional concentration for California.

A Northern Shrike at Newberry Springs, San Bernardino 22 Jan-20 Feb (BD, KLP) was the only one reported south of *Inyo*. A Blueheaded Vireo, casual in California, was near Pt



This is one of up to four Scissor-tailed Flycatchers found in Irvine, Orange County, California during the winter season, the Region's largest concentration ever. This photograph was taken 20 January 2001. Photograph by Mark Billings.

Hueneme, Ventura 11-18 Feb (DaP); 12 Plumbeous Vireos during the period was about normal, but with only four sightings, Cassin's Vireos were probably under-reported. Most unusual was a Warbling Vireo in Coronado 25 Nov–3 Jan (EC); one in El Centro 27 Feb (KZK) was an early spring migrant. The fall's invasion of corvids had largely run its course by Dec, though up to 30 Pinyon Jays remained in the Cuyamaca Mtns., San Diego into Mar. An American Crow at S.F.K.R.P. 17-26 Feb (RAB) was one of the few ever recorded there.

Titmice Through Warblers

An Oak Titmouse in Ridgecrest 1 Dec-17 Feb (AM) was well out of range. Two Bushtits at GHP 2 Dec-7 Jan (KSG) were felt to be of the interior plumbeus group. Red-breasted Nuthatches were found widely in small numbers, an aculeata White-breasted Nuthatch was out of range in the Borrego Valley, San Diego 17 Dec (PU), and Pygmy Nuthatches were noted near Santa Barbara to 30 Dec (J&GH) and in Santa Maria, Santa Barbara 8 Feb (CA). A Winter Wren at G.H.P. Nov-17 Feb (TEW) was the first to winter in e. Kern. Golden-crowned Kinglets were considered widespread through the winter. A Blue-gray Gnatcatcher near Lancaster, Los Angeles 16 Dec (KLG) was the first to be found in winter in the Antelope Valley.

Western and Mountain Bluebirds were far more abundant and widespread this winter than average. Small flocks of Westerns were noted in the Imperial Valley, Imperial 18 Nov+ (e g., 27 on the 19 Dec Salton Sea South C B C.), and 2 were at F.C.R., where very rare, 19 Dec (JLW). Concentrations of Mountain Bluebirds on the coastal slope included 100 in Santa Ynez, Santa Barbara 25 Feb (PR), up to 40 in Irwindale, Los Angeles 13 Dec-6 Jan (MSanM), and 20 in Irvine 8 Dec (BED); some 1,000 were found in San Diego (mainly in the interior), and 1,174 were recorded on the Salton Sea South C.B.C. 19 Dec. Mid-winter Sage Thrashers are hard to classify, as spring migrants may appear by late Jan; wintering, or facultatively migrating, were birds in Saline Valley, Inyo 11 Dec (REM), Round Valley 12 Jan (JP, DP), near Weldon, Kern 31 Dec (4; NJS), and e. of Lancaster 30 Dec (KL). A dead Brown Thrasher was found e. of the Ibex Dunes, Death Valley N.P., Invo 7 Jan (C&TB).

Scarce but regular wintering wood-warbler species included a Tennessee in Goleta 25 Dec (DMC); a Lucy's in Goleta 31 Dec-10 Feb (RAH) and Fountain Valley, *Orange*, 1-25 Feb (DP), the continuing Northern Parula at SESS through the end of the period (GMcC); 5 Chestnut-sideds on the coast; a Black-throated Green for its 4th winter in

National City, San Diego (DWA); 8 Palms along the coast from Santa Barbara to Orange, plus one in Niland 22 Dec (GMcC); 6 Black-and-whites on the coast and one at S.E.S.S. 15 Dec–8 Feb (BM); and 8 American Redstarts on the coastal slope plus at least 10 in the Imperial Valley. Four Northern Waterthrushes were found from Ventura to Orange, including one returning for its 3rd winter in Malibu, Los Angeles (WS). A Yellow-breasted Chat in Goleta 11 Dec–2 Feb (C&DR) was the first to winter in Santa Barbara.

Among the rarer wood-warblers, the fall's Golden-winged Warbler in Lompoc remained to 19 Feb (BKH). A Yellow-throated Warbler of the white-lored subspecies albilora was in Sorrento Valley, San Diego 24 Jan-21 Mar (TRC); winter records of this species are roughly equally divided between white-lored and yellow-lored birds. Two Pine Warblers, including one returning bird, were in Long Beach, Los Angeles to at least 29 Dec (KSG), and one was in Santa Ana, Orange 28 Dec-3 Mar (DRW). A Prairie Warbler, casual in winter, was in Goleta 9-16 Dec (GBW). Two Worm-eating Warblers were along the n. coast 26 Dec: one in Pismo Beach, San Luis Obispo (MTH) and one in Montecito (JEL). The Louisiana Waterthrush first found in Lompoc 23 Nov (BKH) was last seen 6 Dec.

Tanagers Through Finches

The Hepatic Tanager found in Laguna Woods, Orange in the fall continued to at least 18 Jan (DRW). A Summer Tanager in Ridgecrest 22 Nov–18 Dec (DM), was the latest fall record for Kern; another inland bird was near Calipatria 9 Dec (MSanM), and 15+ were along the coast during the period. An American Tree Sparrow in Bishop 1 Dec (JP, DP) was not unexpected, but one at S.E.S.S. 17 Feb (GMcC) was one of the southernmost records for the state. Clay-colored Sparrows were in Irvine 28 Jan (BED), and in Escondido 20-22 Feb (BMu).

A Black-throated Sparrow in Nipomo 15 Feb+ (CA) was only the 2nd record for coastal San Luis Obispo. The only Lark Buntings reported were 2 in the Temblor Range of e. San Luis Obispo 15 Jan (BW), 2 near Lakeview 17-23 Feb (CMcF, CMcG), and one in Niland 19 Dec–10 Jan (GCH). Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows were at "expected" winter localities at Morro Bay (WAB), Seal Beach (2; JF), and the Tijuana River Estuary (EWI). Large-billed Savannah Sparrow numbers continue to increase on the coast, with 47 at Seal Beach N.W.R. 12 Dec (RZ) being the highest coastal count in decades. In addition to 6 Harris's Sparrows in Inyo 1-17 Dec (one present to 6

Jan; T&JH), single birds were in Irvine 21 Dec+ (LDT), Wheeler Canyon, Ventura 12 Dec-early Feb (R&GB), and S.E.S.S. 2 Dec-24 Jan (GMcC). An ad. White-crowned Sparrow of the dark-lored subspecies leucophrys or ortantha was banded in Malibu 1 Jan (WS) A Golden-crowned Sparrow at S.E.S.S. 2 Dec-30 Jan (GMcC) was se. of its normal winter range A White-winged Junco near Bishop 22 Dec+ (DP; ph.) was only the 2nd of this distinctive subspecies to be found in the Region (see Patten et al. 1998. Western Birds 29:41-48)

Dickcissels, casual in winter, were in El Monte 15 Dec (MSanM) and Santa Paula, Ventura 24 Jan+ (DB). Pheucticus grosbeaks seemed under-reported during the period, with only one Rose-breasted and 8 Blackheadeds being found (all coastal). A Blue Grosbeak near L. Henshaw, San Diego 12 Dec (PU) was very late. Female-plumaged Painted Buntings in Los Angeles late Nov-2 Dec (EB) and at Dana Point, Orange 12 Jan (DG) were likely escapees, as was a male in La Mesa, San Diego 19-20 Feb (LL). A female Rusty Blackbird accompanied Brewer's in a Goleta shopping center parking lot 18 Dec-19 Feb (GBW); this species is still regular, though perhaps decreasing, as a fall and winter vagrant to California. Two Common Grackles in Long Beach 29 Dec+ (KSG) may have been returning birds from last winter. Single male Orchard Orioles in Mission Viejo, Orange 2 Feb (JEP) and Irvine 6 Dec-13 Jan (MD) were fewer than expected, but 14 Baltimore Orioles along the coast were more than average. Five Hooded Orioles along the coast from Santa Barbara to Orange was about average.

Cassin's Finches were present in larger than normal numbers in the highlands of San Diego, with flocks of up to 55 at L. Cuyamaca (PU); up to 15 in Upper Silverado Canyon 17-27 Dec (BED, GCH) was a remarkable concentration for a species occurring only rarely in Orange. Small flocks of Red Crossbills occurred from the high desert of Kern and Los Angeles s. to San Diego. Up to 34 Evening Grosbeaks were near Lake Isabella, Kern 3 Nov-15 Feb (NJS); s. of there, the only report was of up to 10 in the Cuyamaca Mtns. of San Diego 6 Jan-4 Feb (GCH, BMu).

Exotics

A count of 16 Egyptian Geese at Tri-City Park, Placentia was the highest yet recorded (DRW) A Purplish-backed Jay (Cyanocorax beechen) frequented feeders in Santa Ana, Orange from late Dec+ (AP). A Blue-winged Minla (Mınla cyanouroptera, a sse. Asian babbler) accompanied a flock of bushtits, kinglets, and warblers in Lemon Heights, Orange 16 Dec (DRW)

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throughout the peninsula, but only for the months of December and February. Notable birds were nonetheless recorded, including a Downy. Woodpecker, Prothonotary Warbler, a record-northerly Belding's Yellowthroat, Common Grackle, and first state records of White Ibis (BC) and Swamp Sparrow (BCS).

Abbreviations: Baja California (BC); Baja California Sur (BCS).



Loons Through Terms

Brown Boobies have increased dramatically off s. California and n. Baja California since the late 1980s and recently have been recorded annually at Islas Los Coronados. This year, one was there 17 Jan (ph. REW), with 4 there 11 Feb (GLR, PAG et al.). An imm. **White Ibis** on Estero San José 15 Dec (SNGH, vt. RAH) and two imms. there 24 Dec (AH, VH) were in

Baja California, where previously unrecorded; the nearest population is 150+ km s. in the Estero La Bocana/Laguna San Ignacio area.

Small numbers of Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks have been recorded in the s. Cape District since the early 1990s, but 8 at the La Paz sewage ponds 29 Dec (AH, VH) was a record count. Interesting geese included 3 Greater White-fronteds at Guerrero Negro 15