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wet winter turned into a wet spring, with much higher rainfall amounts than usual. The rainfall had an impact on some nesting: Snowy Plover nests were washed away by late-spring floods in Humboldt County, and high water levels at coastal wetlands may have been a factor in the abandonment of traditional coastal nesting areas by Tricolored Blackbirds this year. Two wandering raptors were of note: a Common Black-Hawk, perhaps the same bird as seen in Stockton in winter, graced Sonoma County, while a Crested Caracara (or two?) appeared along the coast. Few eastern vagrants were detected, and the "news" of the season was thus the early arrival of a variety of nesters and the later departure of migrants. We had incomplete reporting this season, with a number of counties, particularly in the Sierra, missing.

Abbreviations: C.B.R.C. (California B.R.C.); C.V. (Central Valley); C.R.P. (Cosumnes R. Preserve, *Sacramento*); FI. (Southeast Farallon I., *San Francisco*); P.R.N.S. (Pt. Reyes N.S.); S.F. (San Francisco); U.C. (University of California). Reports of exceptional vagrants submitted without documentation are not published. Documentation for C.B.R.C. review species will be forwarded to Guy Mc-Caskie, Secretary, P.O. Box 275, Imperial Beach, California 91933. Banded birds on FI. should be credited to Point Reyes Bird Observatory (P.R.B.O.) and those banded at Big Sur R. mouth to the Big Sur Ornithology Lab (B.S.O.L.) of the Ventana Wilderness Society.

LOONS THROUGH DUCKS

Rare inland, a Red-throated Loon was at San Justo Res., San Benito 8 May (LLu, CLu). Also rare inland, Red-necked Grebes were at Tulloch L., Tuolumne and Calaveras 27 Apr (JSL) and Trinity L., Trinity 8 May (FrO, SAG). One at Carmel Bay, Monterey 26–28 May was quite late for the Region (BHI, DR, RC et al.). There were 2 Manx Shearwaters reported from Monterey Bay, Monterey: one without details 3 Apr (fide DR) and one well documented 15 May (TEa, †DR).

Only 2 Least Bitterns were reported: one from Sutter N.W.R., Sutter 16 Apr (FrO, ElW), the other from C.R.P. 11 May (JTr). Santa Clara's urban heronries, described last year, were all active again this year, with the birds at the Palo Alto Baylands delighting dozens of nature photographers (fide WGB). Good numbers of Snowy Egrets and Blackcrowned Night-Herons nested again at Hayward R.S., Alameda this year as well (RJR, Peter Dramer, Sheila Junge). Five reports of



small groups of Cattle Egrets were received from *Santa Clara* and *Monterey* 11 Mar–1 May (one or twos except for 15 at Moonglow Dairy, *Monterey* 27 Mar; RF); the only inland report was of 120+ at Corcoran Res., *Kings* 23 Apr (PJM, FrT). Small groups of White-faced Ibis (up to 11 birds) were reported from five coastal counties from *Monterey* to *Humboldt* 13 Mar–31 May+.

Monterey hosted lingering geese into May. with 4 Greater White-fronted Geese at Zmudowski S.B. 29 Apr-1 May (Caroline Rodgers, Judy Donaldson et al.), single Greater White-fronted and Snow Geese through 2 May at Moro Cojo Slough (RF), and another Snow Goose until 5 May at Seaside (m.ob.). A Ross's Goose at F.I. 31 May-16 Jun was at an odd location and very unseasonal (P.R.B.O.). Cackling Geese lingered through the first two days of May in Kings, Santa Clara, and San Mateo; the latest report from Humboldt Bay N.W.R., Humboldt was from 22 May and included 3 leucopareia and one minima (BED, MWa). Canada Geese continued their range expansion in Santa Cruz; a pair with 3 small young at Wilder Ranch S.P. 7 May (SGe) provided the first breeding record for the n. coast of the county. A strong northbound passage of Brant was noted 17 Apr, with 1406 birds passing Pigeon Pt., San Mateo in three hours (AME). Although such numbers are far from unprecedented, we now receive less documentation of such movements than in the past.

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This Slaty-backed Gull at Half Moon Bay, California 21 March 2005 was the last of at least three found at this same locality during this winter/spring season (the others were a second-year bird and a third-year bird). Note that this adult shows an abnormally black bill color. Photograph by Alvaro Jaramillo.

Lingering Tundra Swans included an imm. at Moro Cojo Slough, Monterey through 18 Apr (RF) and 6 very late birds heading northward over Eureka, Humboldt 30 Apr (]herime Kellerman). The ad. yellow-billed swan reported last fall was seen again at White L., Siskiyou 6 Mar (DVP, DCo); its identification is still uncertain. Seventeen Eurasian Wigeons were reported from four coastal counties, with the latest report coming from the Arcata S.T.P., Humboldt 30 Apr-1 May (JTz, EE et al.). Two Northern Pintails with young at the Iona Ponds, Kings 20 May (MiF) were unusual for the s. portion of the Region. Six male Common (Eurasian Greenwinged) Teal were found in five counties, with one near Pt. Isabel 26-27 Mar (Ken Archibald) being Contra Costa's 2nd ever and one at Pescadero Marsh, San Mateo 14 Apr (RSTh) being the latest reported.

Six male Tufted Ducks in six counties through 10 Apr was a better-than-average spring total. Harlequin Ducks continued to favor Glass Beach at Ft. Bragg, *Mendocino*, with 17 reported 7 Mar (DT). Several lingered through the period into summer in *Monterey*, *San Mateo*, and *Mendocino*. Reports of Whitewinged Scoters continue to dwindle. This season we received only four reports totaling 6 birds, the most noteworthy being an inland ad. male at Shasta Valley W.A., *Siskiyou* 28 Apr (RE, Jim Flett). Eight Long-tailed Ducks in seven counties through 15 Apr included an inland female at the Llano Seco Unit of the Sacramento River N.W.R., *Butte* (JHS), perhaps the same bird reported in Jan. Reports of breeding Hooded Mergansers came from *Butte* (2 females in nest boxes sw. of Gray Lodge W.A. 26 May; *fide* KKr) and Placer (female with 11 young at Sun City in Lincoln Hills 17 Apr; Jack Ferrante); ducklings were also reported at the latter location in 2003. Inland Red-breasted Mergansers included *Trinity's* 8th at Lewiston L. 23 Mar (ADeM) and a female-plumaged bird at Shasta Valley W.A., *Siskiyou* 9 May (RE).

RAPTORS THROUGH RAILS

On the heels of the wintering Common Black-Hawk in Stockton, at least one ad. Common Black-Hawk was reported in Sonoma at Forestville 16 Apr (Erin Coskee) and then later farther s. near Delta Pond n. of Sebastopol almost daily from 14-30 May (Chris Kuhn, KWi, †BBu, ph. Stan Moore, m.ob.). Remarkably, this bird was seen in apparent courtship flight over the heronry at the latter location! Given these reports, rumors of other possible Common Black-Hawks over Kirby Cove, Marin 31 Mar and at Arcata, Humboldt 19 Apr bear consideration. Single light-morph ad. Swainson's Hawks near Arcata 17-26 Apr (JTz, Rebecca Green, BS et al.) provided the 5th, 6th, and 7th Humboldt records. Other coastal migrants included birds over Santa Cruz 2 (DLSu) & 24 Apr (EFe), over Santa Clara 18 May (MJM), and over Marin 21 May (LLu, CLu). More unexpected was Napa's first confirmed nesting of the species, where birds have been reported in the past two summers, n. of the Napa County Airport 1 May+ (RLCL, m.ob.). The Crested Caracara that wintered in Humboldt was thought to have headed southward, with reports from Caspar, Mendocino 2 May (Paul Reiber), Pt. Reyes, Marin 3-6 May (David Appleton, fide LLu, KH, RS), Rodeo Lagoon, Marin 7 May (Juan Carlos), and from San Luis Obispo in s. California 1-2 Jun. The picture has become more complicated, however, now that a Crested Caracara has shown up in Del Norte in Jul! Late Merlins in Santa Cruz 2 & 6 May (JLL, DLSu) were outdone by one at Blue L., Humboldt 22 May (ScC), one of our latest reports ever.

A study of Blue Grouse genetic diversity uncovered 20–30 birds along Cliff House Ridge sw. of Philo, *Mendocino* 4–6 May (RJK, *Jim Bland, George Barrowclough), far more than expected. Wild Turkeys continued their expansion into new areas of *Contra Costa* and *Santa Cruz*. At least 2 Yellow Rails were heard s. of Fairfield 15–28 Mar, and another was heard at the Benicia S.R.A. 24 Mar (Leonard Liu, P.R.B.O.; both *Solano*). Up to 5 Black Rails calling s. of Sheridan 8 Mar–11 May (BDW) marked only the 2nd confirmed site for this species in *Placer*.

SHOREBIRDS

Pacific Golden-Plover numbers in Humboldt dwindled from 18 at Centerville Beach 17 Mar to one along the lower Eel R. 3 May (both SMcA). Other coastal reports included

(Rich Ferrick), at Salinas, Monterey 30 Apr (TAm), and at Moss Landing, Monterey 2 May (Judy Donaldson). Inland reports came from the Woodland W.T.P., Yolo 21 Mar-27 Apr (up to 3 birds; Sami LaRocca, Richard Hall, CCo, KLL, JMHu) and Modesto S.T.P., Stanislaus 17-25 Apr (3 birds; JHG, Jeff Brown, WEH). Up to 3 Black-necked Stilts 1-3 May (SUm et al.) and 3 American Avocets 25 Apr-1 May (FrO et al.) along La-Grange Rd. s. of Chinese Camp were both thought to perhaps be first Tuolumne records. An American Avocet at Shasta Valley W.A., Siskiyou 5 Apr (RE) was also unexpected. At least 5 Lesser Yellowlegs in Santa Clara 21 Mar-21 Apr (RWR, FV, MMR, MJM, AME) and 6 in Monterey 19 Apr (RF) were both considered good spring totals; the only others were a single bird at Pescadero Marsh, San Mateo 15 Apr (RSTh) and up to 4 at Humboldt Bay N.W.R., Humboldt 2-21 Apr (SFB, DFx, GAB et al.). Sixteen Solitary Sandpipers in eight counties 2 Apr-7 May were preceded by a single bird w. of S.F. Airport, San Mateo 25 Mar (Eric Lichtwardt), which was either a very early migrant, or perhaps a wintering bird, as one wintered here 2001-2002 (fide RSTh). Rare inland Willets included singles at C.R.P. 8 Apr (AEn) and at Chico State Farm, Butte 12 Apr (JHS). A Ruddy Turnstone at N. Lake Tahoe 8 May (WRi) was only the 2nd Placer record and the first there away from the C. V. floor. Another rare spring Ruddy Turnstone was in Alviso, Santa Clara 1 May (MJM, MMR, RGJ). Two Sanderlings at the Llano Seco Unit of the Sacramento N.W.R. 16 Apr (JHS) constituted one of very few Butte records. Only a single Semipalmated Sandpiper was reported, an alternate-plumaged ad. at Pescadero Marsh, San Mateo 28 May (RSTh). Single alternate-plumaged Baird's Sandpipers, both 3rd county records for spring, were noted at the Woodland W.T.P., Yolo 28 Apr (JKn, Ron Melcer, Neil Whiting) and at Wilder Ranch, Santa Cruz 7 May (†SGe). Surprisingly, the first Red-necked Phalarope reported was slightly inland at Alviso, Santa Clara 26 Mar (RGJ, MMR, MJM), beating out the first birds noted in Santa Cruz (11 Apr; LGo) and Monterey (14 Apr; DR). Red Phalaropes were notably absent off Monterey (fide DR); the only reports elsewhere were of one off Pigeon Pt., San Mateo 21 May (RSTh) and 6 heading northward past Patricks Point S.P., Humboldt 24 May (BS).

singles at Bayfront Park, San Mateo 29 Apr

LARIDS THROUGH HUMMINGBIRDS

Jaeger numbers were way down this spring, with the only reports being a Pomarine and a Parasitic off Pigeon Pt., San Mateo 30 Apr (RSTh) and 2 Parasitics off Pt. Pinos, Monterey 30 Apr (SBT et al.). An ad. Laughing Gull was at Elkhorn Slough, Monterey 25 Apr

(†Greg Meyer). Of 24 Franklin's Gulls reported, all but 2 were coastal, and 12 of the coastal birds were in Santa Cruz, which has become a spring hotspot for this species. A Heermann's Gull at N. Lake Tahoe 20 May (WRi, BWb) was a first for Placer. A Thayer's Gull near Kettleman City, Kings 7 Mar (JSy) was the only far-inland report for the period. The second-winter Iceland Gull discovered at Hidden L. Park, Milpitas, Santa Clara in Feb was last noted 7 Mar (JAC et al.). Nine Glaucous Gulls were reported from coastal locations. Two were quite late: a first-winter bird at the Salinas R. mouth 28 Apr-21 May, a record-late date for Monterey (MtB, ph. DR et al.), and an even later bird at Año Nuevo 1., San Mateo 23 May (GJS). The wintering flock of Black Skimmers at Charleston Slough, Santa Clara numbered 12-24 birds (fide WGB). An Elegant Tern off Pt. Pinos, Monterey 1 May (DR) was on the early side. Rarely reported, a dark-morph Common Murre was at Pigeon Pt., San Mateo 12 Apr (RSTh). Visible from shore, 208 Marbled Murrelets were counted from a single location w. of Freshwater Lagoon, Humboldt 3 May (DFx et al.); this is a very high count and may represent a record number observed from a single shore location in the Region.

Noteworthy White-winged Doves included a first for Kings near Burris Park 14-20 May (†Lynn Hemink, MiF), Santa Cruz's 2nd spring record at Younger Lagoon 19 May (LGo), and a rare Contra Costa record near San Ramon 30 May (Dennis Braddy). Greater Roadrunners are almost unknown on the Sacramento Valley floor, so one on the n. slope of the Sutter Buttes, Sutter 10 Apr was more than noteworthy (JSL). A roadrunner 11 May near Talmage was the first in Mendocino in "several years" (CEV, Jen Potts). A Barred Owl near the current s. limit of the species' Coast Range distribution was at Bothe Napa S.P. 17 Apr, furnishing Napa's 3rd record (RLCL, BiG). A Lesser Nighthawk near Kelseyville 5 Apr was just the 2nd for Lake (Cliff Johnson). A Common Nighthawk made an early return to Eureka, Humboldt 20 May (BS). The status of Common Nighthawks in the Sierra foothills is poorly understood, but the presence of as many as 2 males and 2 females along Meiss Rd. in e. Sacramento 24 May-19 Jun is suggestive of breeding, unusual for such a low elevation (AEn, FrO, JTr, m.ob.). A Vaux's Swift at Humboldt Bay N.W.R., Humboldt 12 Mar was very early, particularly for the n. portion of the Region (JCP). A displaying male Allen's Hummingbird at C.R.P. 1 May was at a site where breeding has been confirmed in recent years, the only such site known in the C.V. (JTr). A male hummingbird thought to be a Selasphorus × Calliope Hummingbird hybrid was banded at Mariposa, Mariposa 20 Apr (ph., †Rita Colwell).

WOODPECKERS THROUGH THRUSHES

Holdover Williamson's Sapsuckers were at Boggs Mountain State Forest, Lake through 6 Mar (m.ob.) and L. Cunningham, Santa Clara through 30 Mar (DvWb). Pileated Woodpeckers 10 Apr at Lighthouse Field S.B., Santa Cruz (SGe) and 15 Apr at San Pablo Bay R.S. near Pinole, Contra Costa (Laura Look) were far from suitable habitat and among the few obvious migrants ever detected in the Region. Empidonax flycatchers other than Pacific-slopes are generally scarce spring migrants along the coast and around S.F. Bay, but this season was far better than average with 10 Hammond's 10 Apr-19 May, 6 Grays 17 Apr-11 May, and 3 Duskies (all in S.F.) 1-6 May. Observers in the C.V. turned up 9 Hammond's 17 Apr-25 May (all in Sacramento and Yolo), 7 Grays 1 Apr-2 May, and 5 Duskies 22 Apr-21 May. At least 4 Grays near Junction City 8 May was a new high count for Trinity (SAG, FrO). Six Grays 17 Apr-9 May in the foothills of Tuolumne and Mariposa were in an area where they are rarely reported; but a tally of 10 in a single yard at Prather, Fresno 15 Apr-11 May is probably more indicative of their true status in the Sierra foothills (JND). Two Vermilion Flycatchers 28 May at Oasis Ranch, Mono were at a spot where they have apparently become summer residents; this site now marks the n. edge of the species' breeding range in the state (MtB et al.). A Cassin's Kingbird at Bodega Bay 21 Mar provided a first for Sonoma (ph. RLeb); another at Vallejo 27 Apr+ provided a first for Solano (Bob Lewis, m.ob.). On 30 May, a pair at the same location was noted carrying food to a nest in a eucalyptus (RLCL, TJe), providing the Region's first breeding record n. of se. Alameda, with the exception of an extralimital breeding record from Marin in 1972.

A Plumbeous Vireo at U.C. Davis, Yolo 22 Apr was a C.V. rarity (AEn, JMHu, Richard Hall); we encourage observers to remain cautious when ruling out Cassin's Vireo, far more expected in the Valley. Though resident just 3 km away, a Gray Jay at Arcata Marsh, Humboldt 30 Mar was completely unexpected there (EE, Greg Crites). Humboldt's wintering Blue Jay lingered through 25 May, the latest date ever recorded for California (Kathy Hinz, m.ob.). A pair of Common Ravens with 3 nestlings at Valensin Ranch 24 May provided a first nest confirmation for Sacramento (JTr). Up to 4 Purple Martins at Yokohl Valley 21 May was a rare find for Tulare (RH). A Cliff Swallow at Garberville, Humboldt 6 Mar was a notably early arrival for the nw. portion of the Region (JDS). A well-watched pair of Western Bluebirds in the Presidio 16 Apr+ produced 2 nestlings, the first nest record for S.F. since 1937 (Stefanie Arthur, Siobhan Ruck, m.ob.). Equally encouraging was the best bluebird breeding season for *Santa Cruz* in recent years, with several successful nests and the presence of pairs in sites unoccupied in recent breeding seasons (*fide* DLSu). Migrant Townsend's Solitaires were at Castle Rock S.P., *Santa Cruz* 16 Apr (DLSu), Mt. St. Helena, *Napa* 27 Apr (BiG, Hermann Heinzel), and S.F. 10–11 May (JsC, HuC). Numerous singing solitaires along the King Crest Trail, sw. *Humboldt* 24 May were just a few km from the ocean (RBS). Nowhere else in the Region do solitaires breed anywhere near the coast.

THRASHERS THROUGH TANAGERS

Wandering Sage Thrashers included singles at Orleans, Humboldt (PAH, Bob Claypole) and Milagra Ridge, San Mateo (JM), both 24 Apr. A female Phainopepla 9 Apr at Potter Valley may represent the first spring record for Mendocino (GEC); a female at Kilgore Hills 23 May provided only the 7th known record for Siskiyou (RE).

A singing male Tennessee Warbler was at San Bruno Mt., San Mateo 9 May (RSTh); another male at Rocklin 15 May was Placer's first (ph. Heath Wakelee). The only Chestnut-sided Warbler reported was at Big Sur R. mouth, Monterey 21 May (Mike Tyner). The Magnolia Warbler wintering at Pine Lake Park, S.F. was last seen 19 Apr (ASH, CLo, MWE, DPM). Five Northern Parulas, 7 Palm Warblers, 4 Black-and-white Warblers, and 2 American Redstarts were reported from the coast, while Mono hosted a Northern Parula 24 May at Lee Vining Cr. (Chris Tonra), an American Redstart 28 May at Oasis Ranch (MtB et al.), and 2 Black-andwhite warblers: 18 May at Mill Cr. and 21 May at Lower Lee Vining Cr. (both P.R.B.O.). Another Parula was at C.R.P. 30 May (JTr). The only Prothonotary Warbler reported was at Pescadero Marsh, San Mateo 28 May (RSTh). An Ovenbird gracing the East Wash, S.F. 31 May (HuC) was preceded by 3 in Santa Cruz: 19 May at New Brighton S.B. (RgW), 24 May in Big Basin Redwoods S.P. (DLSu), and 30 May at Rancho del Oso (DLSu). Wintering Northern Waterthrushes lingered until 17 Mar at Charleston Road marsh, Santa Clara (LCh, m.ob.) and through 2 Apr at Arcata Marsh, Humboldt (RbF); migrants included Madera's first record, 27 Apr at San Joaquin Experimental Range (Doug Drynan, Brian Gibson, †JND), Mono's earliest record, 7 May at lower Lee Vining Creek (P.R.B.O.), and one 31 May at Antonelli Pond, Santa Cruz (SGe). Single female Hooded Warblers were at lower Lee Vining Cr., Mono 12 May (P.R.B.O.) and Mt. Davidson, S.F. 19 May (†PSar). Yellowbreasted Chats were well reported in migration and at traditional breeding sites. A Summer Tanager was at F.I. 31 May-1 Jun (P.R.B.O.).

SPARROWS THROUGH FINCHES

The emberizid of the season was a singing male Cassin's Sparrow skylarking along Latrobe Rd., Sacramento 21-30 May (EP, TEa, ph. CCo, v.r. JTr, v.r. JCS, m.ob.)-just the 2nd mainland record for our Region. Chipping Sparrows were reported in above-average numbers in the n. C.V. A single Brewer's Sparrow was out of place 22-28 May along Michigan Bar Rd., Sacramento (GEw, WEH, m.ob.). Grasshopper Sparrows arrived early (12 Mar in Santa Cruz and Santa Clara) and were well reported from throughout the Region. The only spring Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow was at outer Charleston Slough, Santa Clara 2 Mar (Patti Sutch). Nineteen White-throated Sparrows were reported, with one 20-22 May at Soquel, Santa Cruz (JPo) quite late. A lingering Goldencrowned Sparrow 27 May in Los Altos, Santa Clara (Ruth Troetschler) was also late. The Stanislaus Harris's Sparrow reported last season was last seen 12 Mar (Jennifer Rycenga); others were at Soquel, Santa Cruz 15 Mar-13 Apr (ph. Sally Ketley) and Sunol R.P., Alameda 16 Mar-28 Apr (Randy Little, m.ob.).

Humboldt hosted our only reported longspurs: 2 Laplands at Mad River Slough W.A. 4 Mar (RbF), and another at Blue Lake 21 Apr (J. Kellerman), and 11 Chestnut-collareds at Bear River Ridge 15 Mar (SMcA). Black-headed Grosbeaks arrived early, with one 9 Mar on Old Turnpike Rd. (RyT) being the 2nd earliest ever recorded in Santa Cruz, 19 days ahead of average (*fide* DLSu). A Blue Grosbeak at Bayview Hill, S.F. 12 May was unexpected (KMcK). A Lazuli Bunting × Indigo Bunting hybrid reported 22 Apr from the San Joaquin Experimental Range was a first for Madera (Brian Gibson).

In further bad news for the species, Tricolored Blackbirds did not nest at traditional coastal locations in Monterey and Santa Cruz this year, abandoning a nesting site in Santa Cruz used since at least the early 1980s (fide DR, DLSu); however, nesting was reported at several new locations in Monterey (LJE), and roughly 3000 "trikes" were along Rte. 113 in Solano 14 May (LJE). Hooded Orioles arrived early: 12 Mar in Santa Clara (DLSu), 13 Mar in Monterey (SRv), and 15 Mar in Santa Cruz (SGe; tied for earliest date ever, fide DLSu). The only Baltimore Oriole reported was near Castroville, Monterey 29 May (BGE). A Bullock's Oriole 4 Mar at Blue Lake, Humboldt was also early (PI_0)

A female Cassin's Finch was in Cole Valley, S.F. 3 Apr (†PSar). Red Crossbills continued in high numbers in coastal mts., particularly in *Santa Cruz* and *Humboldt*, after the winter incursion. Good-sized flocks of Evening Grosbeaks were in Bayside, *Humboldt* this season, and a single bird was at Monte Rio, *Sonoma* 26 May (DFx). In the exotic department, 21 Nutmeg Mannikins were at a known breeding location along the Guadalupe R., *Santa Clara* 7 Mar (AV).

Corrigendum: Mistakenly omitted from the summer 2004 report were single Allen's Hummingbirds banded at Mariposa 9 & 22 Jul, providing the first records for *Mariposa* (ph. Rita Colwell).

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