

# Southern California



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The end of the spring season also coincided with then end of the driest fall-through-spring period on record for many portions of the Region. The impacts on migrant and breeding landbirds were likely extensive. For many birders, the most noticeable effect was some spectacular concentrations of migrants at well-watered oases in the deserts. Migration through well-planted parks and residential areas on the coastal slope was also impressive, most notably for Calliope Hummingbirds, which were far more numerous than usual. The drought may also have had a role in greater numbers than normal of "interior" species such as Brewer's Sparrows and Yellow-headed Blackbirds along the coast. Many common western migrants also straggled late into May or even early June, perhaps a consequence of poorer feeding conditions on migration.

An interesting assortment of northern alcid during the period continued into June (more to come in the Summer Season report). Three very rare shorebirds late in the period at China Lake in extreme northeastern Kern County included California's long-awaited first Wood Sandpiper.

**Abbreviations:** C.L. (China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station, extreme ne. Kern); F.C.R. (Furnace Creek Ranch, Death Valley N.P., Inyo); G.H.P. (Galileo Hill Park, extreme e. Kern); N.E.S.S. (n. end of the Salton Sea, Riverside); P.P. (Piute Ponds on Edwards Air Force Base, ne. Los Angeles); S.C.R.E. (Santa Clara River Estuary, near Ventura, Ventura); S.E.S.S. (s. end of the Salton Sea, Imperial); S.F.K.R.P. (South Fork Kern River Preserve, near Weldon, Kern). Museum collections abbreviated in the text are: LACM (Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County) and SDNHM (San Diego Natural History Museum). Because most rarities in s. California are seen by multiple observers, only the observ-

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## WATERFOWL THROUGH SPOONBILLS

The only Fulvous Whistling-Duck was one at S.E.S.S. 17 Apr (KLG) and 1 Jun (GMcC). About 25 Greater White-fronted Geese flying northward off Malibu, Los Angeles 27 May (DSC) were exceptionally late for migrants. A flock of 43 Brant in El Monte, Los Angeles 29 Apr (MCL) was along the presumed "path" followed by this species when migrating from the Gulf of California through the Salton Sink to the Pacific Coast each spring; a single bird at Owens L., Inyo 18 Mar (SLS) was the only one reported inland away from this "path." A wintering Eurasian Wigeon in Goleta, Santa Barbara remained through the late date of 20 Apr (JMG). Single male Eurasian Teal were in Goleta 17 Mar (NAL) and Los Osos, San Luis Obispo 3 Mar–8 Apr (TME). A Harlequin Duck at Cayucos, San Luis Obispo 8–17 May (TME) was the only one reported. Seventeen Surf Scoters on Klondike L. near Big Pine, Inyo, along with 5 more on nearby Tinemaha Res. 20 Apr (T&JH), was an amazing number for this area; elsewhere inland, away from the Salton Sea, one was at Owens L., Inyo 12 May–3 Jun (SLS), and 2 were in Baker, San Bernardino 20 Apr (JEP). Two White-winged Scoters on the Salton Sea at North Shore, Riverside 19 Apr (BMi) were inland; a flock of 35 on Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo 24 Mar (TME) was a large number for S. California. The latest of the wintering Black Scoters were 2 at Pt. Mugu, Ventura through 27 Mar (PGR) and one at San Simeon 2 Jun (MLS). A Long-tailed Duck at S.E.S.S. 8 May–13 Jun (EM)



The strongly banded tail shows well on this first-summer Mississippi Kite, photographed on the second day of its 26 May through 4 June 2007 stay at the South Coast Botanical Garden on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, Los Angeles County, California. Photograph by Larry Sansone.

was inland, where unexpected; one in Ventura 13 Apr–7 May (KR) and a wintering bird in El Segundo, Los Angeles through 29 Apr (MSanM) were on the coast.

Late Red-necked Grebes were in Santa Barbara 20–21 Apr (JR) and on Morro Bay 6 May (LT). A Manx Shearwater 13 km off Carpinteria 2 Mar (WTF) provided the 2nd record for Santa Barbara, and another was seen from Pt. Dume, Los Angeles 3 Mar (KLG). Unexpected were 4 Fork-tailed Storm-Petrels in San Diego, with one alive 5 km inland near Encinitas 28 Mar (SDV; \*SDNHM), and dead birds on the beach in Coronado 11 & 27 Apr (MS, LH; \*SDNHM), and near La Jolla 4 May (AR; \*SDNHM), along with single birds farther n. off Ventura 16 Apr (JSF) and at Morro Bay 22 Mar (RO). An ad. Brown Booby was off La Jolla 28 May (TRS, EA); considering the number



These two White-rumped Sandpipers at the China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station, Kern County, California 23 May 2007 were, remarkably, the third and fourth to be found at this location. Photograph by Bob Steele.



This Baird's Sandpiper was in Imperial Beach, San Diego County, California on the exceptionally early date of 11 March 2007. Photographs by Matt Sadowski.

now present on the nearby Los Coronados Is., more can be expected. A Brown Pelican at the Carrizo Plain, *San Luis Obispo* 23 Apr (MLS) was far inland and at an unexpected time of the year.

The only Little Blue Heron found away from coastal *San Diego* was an ad. at Hansen Dam, *Los Angeles* 9 May (KLG). A Tricolored



This first-cycle Black-headed Gull was with migrant Bonaparte's Gulls in Goleta, Santa Barbara County, California on 20 April 2007. Photograph by Wes T. Fritz.

Heron at the Tijuana R. mouth, *San Diego* 10 May (RTP) was probably the bird present during the winter; one at S.E.S.S. 3 May (EM) and 3 Jun (HBK) was inland. At least 5 Reddish Egrets were on the coast of *San Diego* and *Orange* during the period; inland, single ads. were seen at S.E.S.S. 30 Apr (DM) and 20 May (JSF). A continuing pair of Yellow-crowned Night-Herons in Imperial Beach, *San Diego* was attending a nest in May (GMcC); one, paired with a Black-crowned Night-Heron, was attending 2 hybrid young at a nest on North Island Naval Air Station, *San Diego* in May (MM), and a subad. was at Point Mugu, *Ventura* 17-23 May (MR). A Glossy Ibis was



well photographed in the *San Bernardino* portion of the Prado Basin 3-8 Apr (JEP), with a 2nd present 5-11 Apr (JEP). The 2 Roseate Spoonbills at S.E.S.S. through Feb were joined by a 3rd on 17 Mar (JC) and remained through 10 May (GMcC).

## HAWKS THROUGH PUFFINS

A first-summer Mississippi Kite, a casual stray to coastal California, was on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, *Los Angeles* 26 May-4 Jun (SWo, KGL), and another was near San Marcos Pass, *Santa Barbara* 27 May (WC). Hawk-watchers counted 2419 Swainson's Hawks passing northward at Borrego Springs, *San Diego* 2 Feb-30 Apr, with an impressive 1365 on 20 Mar (PJ); elsewhere, far more than normal were seen, particularly in *San Luis Obispo* and *Santa Barbara* in Apr. A Zone-tailed Hawk near Norco, *Riverside* 5-7 May (HBK, JFG) and another near Borrego Springs 21 Apr (SES) appeared to be migrants. A late-staying Merlin remained in Coronado through 30 Apr (MJB).

Flocks of 82 and 88 Sandhill Cranes near Independence 24 Apr (JM) were unprecedented for *Inyo*. Three Pacific Golden-Plovers at Seal Beach, *Orange* 28 Apr (TAB), about 15 on San Clemente I. through 16 Apr (JEB), 2 at the Tijuana R. mouth through 24 Mar (MJB), and one in Del Mar, *San Diego* 24 Mar (DH) were the latest of the wintering birds; a migrant at C.L. 9 May (SLS) was only the 3rd ever in *Kern*. Eight American Golden-Plovers were reported in the e. portion of the Region, with single birds at S.E.S.S. 18 Apr (JP) and 3 May (GMcC), 3 there 10-18 May

(GMcC, JL, EM), one at N.E.S.S. 17 May (JSF), and 2 at C.L. 28-30 Apr (AH, AEK) normally only one or 2 are found each spring. An American Oystercatcher in La Jolla 20 May (AB) was probably the same bird present here during the winter, and another was on Anacapa I. 10 Mar (RAH).

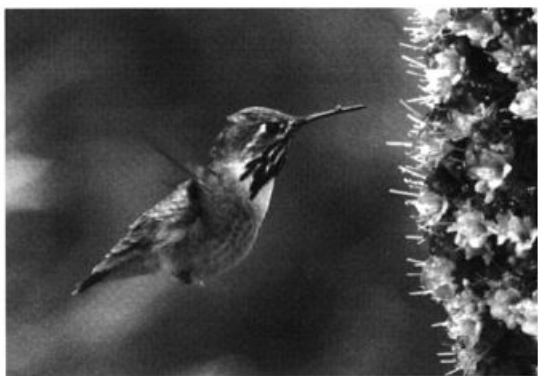
A Wood Sandpiper photographed at C.L. 22-23 May (SLS, BS) establishes the first record for California; one at Masset in British Columbia 3-9 Nov 1994 (*Birders Journal* 3 257-260) is the only other to be found on the Pacific coast s. of Alaska. A Solitary Sandpiper near Calipatria, *Imperial* 4 Apr (GMcC) was the earliest of the nearly 30 reported this spring. A late Hudsonian Godwit at C.L. 7-8 Jun (SLS) was only the 4th to be found in this Region in spring. A Black Turnstone, rare inland, was at S.E.S.S. 5 May (JL). An impressive 800 Surfbirds were 2-3 km upstream from the mouth of Ballona Cr. in Playa del Rey, *Los Angeles* 8 Apr (KGL). Seven Sanderlings in *Inyo* between 15 Apr and 20 May and 2 in Lancaster 5 May (KLG) were the only ones reported inland away from the Salton Sea. The only Semipalmated Sandpiper was one in Goleta 27 Apr (NAL). Two White-rumped Sandpipers at C.L. 23 May (GMcC) provided the 14th spring record for California and the first involving more than a single bird. Single Baird's Sandpipers in Imperial Beach 11 Mar (MS), near Imperial, *Imperial* 19 Mar (GMcC), and at P.P. 3 Apr (MSanM) were early spring migrants.

A Long-tailed Jaeger, rare in spring, was at the Cortez Bank sw. of San Clemente I. 17 Apr (JSF). At least 3 Laughing Gulls were found along the coast in *San Diego* during the period. Franklin's Gulls moving through the Region were earlier and in far larger



Seven Parakeet Auklets were encountered about 73 kilometers west-southwest of San Nicolas Island during the Los Angeles Audubon Society's 21 April 2007 pelagic boat trip to deep waters off Southern California. Photograph by Glen Tepke.

numbers than expected, with the earliest being single birds at Mystic Lake, *Riverside* 11 Mar (CMcG) and at S.E.S.S. 18 Mar (HD), numbers at S.E.S.S. increased to an unprecedented 175 on 13 Apr (GMcC), and 48 were still at N.E.S.S. 17 May (MJB, JSF); farther n., over 85 were reported after mid-Apr, includ-



This male Calliope Hummingbird in Ventura, Ventura County, California on 20 April 2007 was one of many found along the coast of Southern California this spring. Photograph by Robert McMorran.



This young male Hairy Woodpecker, with its head protruding from a nest cavity in Bakersfield, Kern County, California on 20 April 2007, provides the first documentation of the species breeding in the San Joaquin Valley. Photograph by Ken and Brenda Kyle.

ing 18 near Lancaster, Los Angeles 18 May (MSanM) and 20 at Owens L., Inyo at the end of the period (SLS), and an additional 8 were along the coast. An ad. Little Gull, rare in California, was at Playa del Rey 3 Mar (KGL). A first-cycle Black-headed Gull in Goleta 20 Apr (WTF) was the 9th to be found in S. California but the 5th in Santa Barbara. Inland, an ad. Heermann's Gull was associating with nesting Caspian Terns at S.E.S.S. 19 Mar+ (GMcC), and a first-cycle Lesser Black-backed Gull remained at S.E.S.S. 8-25 Apr (GMcC), establishing the latest date for this species in California. At least 7 Glaucous Gulls were along the coast, with the latest being one in Oxnard, Ventura 16 May (RS), and another was inland at S.E.S.S. 17-25 Apr (KLG). A Sabine's Gull was on the coast in San Diego 15 Apr (MS), and over 1000 were encountered to the w.-sw. of San Nicolas I. 21 Apr (JSF). Three Elegant Terns,

rare inland, were at Salton City, Imperial 18 Apr (BKS). Up to 4 Least Terns were inland at S.E.S.S. 3 May+ (GMcC), and another was in the Riverside portion of the Prado Basin 30 May (JEP).

A Pigeon Guillemot in La Jolla 22 May-14 Jun (SWa) was at the extreme s. limit of the species' known range. Seventeen Marbled Murrelets at Cayucos 8 May (TME) was a high number for this far s., and one 16 km off Ventura 24 Mar (OJ) was even farther south. Seven Parakeet Auklets about 70 km w.-sw. of San Nicolas I. 21 Apr (OJ) were in an area where this species

has been encountered on five previous occasions. Dead Horned Puffins on the beach in Oxnard 22 May (RS) and at the Tijuana R. mouth 3 May (RTP; \*SDNHM) were undoubtedly associated with the influx and die-off to the north; the latter establishes one of the southernmost records for the species (*Western Birds* 16: 99-102).

## DOVES THROUGH THRASHERS

Three White-winged Doves on the coast of San Diego in May was about average. Single Lesser Nighthawks at Torrey Pines S.P., San Diego 11 Mar (SES) and in Goleta 18 Mar (JH) were believed to be early migrants, and another in Arroyo Grande, San Luis Obispo 8 May (BKS) was in an area where considered casual. A Common Poorwill in El Centro 22 May (DRW) was in an area where few have been recorded. A Black Swift at San Simeon 21 Apr (MLS) was unusually early, with most moving through the Region in early May, as indicated by such sightings as 17 over Chula Vista, San Diego 6 May (MS). Well above-average numbers of Calliope Hummingbirds were in the coastal lowlands and foothills from late Mar into May, as indicated by at least 16 reported in San Luis Obispo 29 Mar-8 May, 51 in Santa Barbara 14 Apr-20 May, 13 in Ventura 17 Apr-1 May, over 30 in Los Angeles 29 Mar-7 May, and unprecedented numbers in Orange and San Diego. Single male Broad-tailed Hummingbirds, most unusual on the coast, were photographed in Goleta 5 May (HPR) and Valencia, Los Angeles 15 Apr (RMcM). A pair of Hairy Woodpeckers found excavating a hole along the Kern R. in Bakersfield, Kern on 6 Mar successfully fledged young in early May (K&BK), providing the first nesting record

for the San Joaquin Valley.

A Greater Pewee in Griffith Park, Los Angeles 6-15 Apr (DSC) was almost certainly the same bird present at the same spot in Apr 2006 (and likely wintering both years). A Willow Flycatcher e. of Lancaster, Los Angeles 29 Apr (TMcG, MSanM) was one of the earliest arrivals in recent years in the Region. A Dusky Flycatcher near El Centro, Imperial 7-14 Apr (KZK, GMcC) was an early date for a rare migrant in the Salton Sink. Unprecedented were 2 late spring Eastern Phoebes, one in Twentynine Palms, San Bernardino 8-9 May (AEK) and one in Newhall, Los Angeles 13 May (MSanM); most California records fall from Oct-Mar. A Brown-crested Flycatcher at Baker Meadow, Big Pine, Inyo on 12 May (T&JH) was away from known breeding localities. Wintering Tropical Kingbirds remained as late as 1 May in Santa Barbara (PAG) and 2 May in Long Beach (KSG); one in Coronado, San Diego 22 May (MJB) was a presumed spring vagrant. Eastern Kingbirds were found in Goleta 30 May (DMC), Zzyzx, San Bernardino 26 May (HBK, BMo), and E.C.R. 2 Jun (V&GW). Vagrant Scissor-tailed Flycatchers were on San



Still a rarity in California, this Yellow-throated Warbler stopped on 6 May 2007 at a small desert oasis near the Hayfield Pumping Station, Riverside County. Photograph by Julian P. Donahue.



Vagrant Palm Warblers are more numerous on the coast than inland in California, especially in spring, so this one at Morongo Valley, San Bernardino County on 6 May 2007 came as a surprise. Photograph by Dave Furseth.



A few Ovenbirds are found in the eastern half of the Southern California region each spring, with this one in El Centro, Imperial County found on 16 May 2007. Photograph by Kenneth Z. Kurland.

Clemente I. 19 May (MRS) and Zzyzx 27 May (MT); another at Twentynine Palms 6 May+ (DE) was eventually seen constructing a nest, perhaps paired with one of the local Western Kingbirds.

The only Red-eyed Vireo reported was at Mesquite Springs, Inyo 26 May (AH); this species has greatly declined as a vagrant in the Region. Purple Martins arrived at breeding sites at Atascadero, San Luis Obispo by 23 Mar (MLS); 25+ migrants of this declining species were noted elsewhere on the coastal slope, and one was at Wiest L., n. of Brawley, Imperial 13 May (BMi). Tree Swallows continue to reclaim former breeding areas, with documented nestings in Apr and May at Goleta (MJK), Big Tujunga Wash, Los Angeles (KLG), and Orange, Orange (DRW).

Quite out of place, and several kilometers from nearest breeding habitat, was a Cactus Wren in a busy container port in Los Angeles Harbor 7 May (LRH). Up to 8 singing Winter Wrens at Montana de Oro, San Luis Obispo 5-26 May (AFS, JSR) were at the s. end of the species' coastal breeding range. Late Mountain Bluebirds from last winter's movement were on San Clemente I. 28 Apr (JEB) and at G.H.P. 27 Apr-6 May (TEW, LLA). Late Varied Thrushes were in El Centro on 7 Apr (KZK), on San Clemente I. 26 Apr and 16 May (PET, CLD). A Gray Catbird was in Jawbone Canyon, Kern 29 May (DV). Bendire's Thrashers at Clark Dry Lake in the Borrego Valley, San Diego on 18 Mar (JEB) and 20 Apr (EK) were in an area where the species is quite rare.

## WARBLERS THROUGH FINCHES

The only spring vagrant Tennessee Warblers were singles in Palos Verdes 28 Apr (KGL), Goleta 12 May (SG), Los Osos, San Luis Obispo 20 May (JSR), and San Clemente I. 29 May (NNJ). A Virginia's Warbler in Goleta 3 May (PAG) was only the 2nd to be found in spring in Santa Barbara; one at Playa del Rey 10 Mar-1 Apr (KGL) had probably wintered locally. A Lucy's Warbler in Borrego Springs 21 Mar (RT) had arrived at the w. end of the species' breeding range. In addition to known wintering birds and one at Oceano 4-5 Mar (RHZ) that undoubtedly wintered locally, only 5 Northern Parulas were found along the coastal slope 4 May-3 Jun; another 10+ were found on the

deserts, including Inyo's earliest ever at China Ranch 21 Apr (JEP). The only Chestnut-sided Warblers were at Sage Flat Rd. s. of Olancho, Inyo 1 Jun (C&LL), G.H.P. 3 Jun (TEW, LLA), and Baker, San Bernardino 5 Jun (AEK). Magnolia Warblers were at Montana de Oro 26 May (JSR) and San Clemente I. 30 May (JEB) and inland at Bishop 23 May (J&DP) and



Although Clay-colored Sparrows are rare but regular fall migrants and winter visitors to California, few are found in spring, so this one in the Tijuana River Valley, San Diego County 15 May 2007 was unexpected. Photograph by Matt Sadowski.

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G.H.P. 3 Jun (TEW, LLA). Townsend's Warblers in San Dimas, Los Angeles 1 Jun (AL) and Santa Catalina I. 3 Jun (RH) and a Hermit Warbler in Rowland Heights, Los Angeles 1 Jun (AL) exemplified a spring in which many straggling w. migrants were noted later than usual in both coastal and desert regions. Yellow-throated Warblers were near Hayfield Pumping Station, Riverside 6 May (JPD), at Hansen Dam 12-13 May (KLG), and 11 km off Channel Islands Harbor, Ventura 19 May (WTF); the first 2, at least, were of the expected subspecies *albilora*. An amazing 4 singing male Pine Warblers were found, with one in Costa Mesa 4-8 Apr (BH), 2 at different parks in Chula Vista, San Diego 5-16 Apr and 6-23 Apr (MS), and one in Orange 15-21 Apr (HPR); most or all of these may have wintered, being in areas that received little coverage in winter. A Palm Warbler on San Clemente I. 11 Mar (SWS) undoubtedly wintered locally, but migrants were at F.C.R. 3 May (C&RH), Morongo Valley 6 May (DF), and in the Blair Valley, San Diego 12 May (RT). A singing Bay-breasted Warbler in Huntington Beach 26-28 May (JEP) established only the 2nd spring record for Orange. Blackpoll Warblers were at S.F.K.R.P. 23 May (TB) and F.C.R. 28 May (TEW, LLA).

In addition to Black-and-white Warblers known or suspected to have wintered locally, at least 4 migrants were on the coastal slope and a dozen more on the deserts during the period. Six American Redstarts were along the coast 5-29 May, with another 9 on the n. deserts in May and early Jun. Prothonotary Warblers were in Victorville, San Bernardino 16 May (SJM), Lancaster, Los Angeles 18 May (VB; \*LACM), in the Amargosa Canyon, Inyo 18 May (CMcC), and at F.C.R. 27-28 May (MB). A good showing of Ovenbirds included 6 along the coast 3-29 May and another 10 on the deserts 15 May+. The 8 Northern Waterthrushes encountered 3 May+ were divided equally between the coast and n deserts; one near Wister at S.E.S.S. 7 Apr (RF) was quite early and likely wintered locally. The period's only Kentucky Warbler was at China Ranch 20 May (M&NF). Hooded Warblers were on Pt. Loma 25-28 May (DA) and San Clemente I. 27 May (JEB) and in the interior at Twentynine Palms 17 May (TAB) and China Ranch 30 May (C&LL). A Painted Red-



This lost Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow at Mission Bay in San Diego, San Diego County, California on 20 May 2007 was away from the salt marshes the species inhabits in winter and was found on an exceptionally late date. Photograph by Matt Sadowski.

start at Agua Dulce Cr. in the Laguna Mts., San Diego 6 May+ (DH) was at a known breeding locality. Two female Hepatic Tanagers at Horsethief Spring, San Bernardino 26 May and another at nearby Pachalka Spring the same day (TAB, SJM) were outside of breeding habitat but in the e. desert ranges where a few nest.

Ten Clay-colored Sparrows through the period in the Region included some that may have wintered locally. Brewer's Sparrows were reported more widely than normal on the coastal slope in Apr and early May. A singing Brewer's Sparrow × Black-chinned Sparrow hybrid was in the Cuyamaca Mts., San Diego 19 May–9 Jun (PU; details in press in *Western Birds*). Black-chinned Sparrows in unexpected localities included up to 3 w. of Seeley, Imperial 18–19 Apr (TC) and one in Goleta 15 May (HPR). Four Black-throated Sparrows along the coast 9–29 Apr was about normal. At least 8 singing male Grasshopper Sparrows were on San Clemente I. during the period (MRS). A Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow at Mission Bay, San Diego 20 May (MJB, MS) represented an unusual occurrence of a spring vagrant away from saltmarsh wintering habitat. The only Lark Buntings were singles at Clark Dry L. 11 Apr (JP) and Independence 26 Apr (ET). A singing Swamp Sparrow at G.H.P. 7–10 Jun (KSG) was remarkably late. The latest White-throated Sparrow reported was 21 May at China Ranch (M&NF). Three Chestnut-collared Longspurs in Independence 8–22 Apr (RHu) were quite late. A Lapland Longspur in Im-

perial Beach 5–10 Mar (MBS) had not been reported during the winter.

A bumper crop of Rose-breasted Grosbeaks included 27 in coastal counties 13 May–1 Jun and another 25 on the deserts 7 May–5 Jun; males found in coastal Santa Barbara 10–21 Mar (PP) and 18 Mar (RM) had likely wintered locally, and one in Bishop 11–14 Apr (BT) was exceptionally early for the n. deserts. A very early Black-headed Grosbeak was at Pt. Loma 19 Mar (RF). Seven Indigo Buntings were in coastal counties 18 May–3 Jun, and another 19+ were on the deserts 3 May–1 Jun. A male Painted Bunting was at Deep Springs, Inyo 23–24 May (JI). A Dickcissel at China Ranch 23 Mar (T&JH) was so early that local wintering was suspected; another was at 2538 m elevation near Aspendell, Inyo 16 May (JZ).

Up to 3 Bobolinks were at F.C.R. 25–28 May (LLA, TEW et al.), with another at Independence 3 Jun (SLS) and 2 different individuals at C.L. 31 May and 2 Jun (SLS, AH). Many observers commented on the greater-than-usual numbers of Yellow-headed Blackbirds along the coast in Apr and early May. A Tricolored Blackbird near Calipatria 20 May (JSF, TMcG) was in the Salton Sink, where very rare. Male and female Baltimore Orioles in Goleta 7 Mar (JEL) were wintering locally; other vagrants were at Pt. Loma 28 May (GS) and Huntington Beach 1 Jun (BED), along with 3 on the n. deserts 13–29 May. A total of 3 Scott's Orioles made it out to San Clemente I. 25 Mar–28 May (JEB). A Pine Siskin on San Clemente I. 8 May (JEB) was unusual in

spring, especially after a winter with no lowland flight in the Region.

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