NOTES

ALBINO ROCK WREN

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Albino Rock Wren (Salpinctes obsoletus) photographed 28 May 1974 on a rocky serpentine slope at Laguna Lake Park, San Luis Obispo, California. First noted 17 December 1973 on the Morro Bay Christmas Bird Count, the bird subsequently established a territory. From its song and actions we presumed it to be a male. A second albino seen on the same slope the day of the Christmas count was not seen again. The bird pictured was carrying food the day it was photographed, but we were unable to locate a nest. The only marks visible on this bird were extremely pale brownish barring on the wings and tail. It was not possible to get close enough to determine exact soft part color; the eye appeared dark, the bill and feet pale.

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