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## **CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS OF CALIFORNIA**

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The last checklist of the birds of California was published in this journal more than a decade ago (McCaskie et al. 1970). It listed 501 species. Shortly after its publication the California Bird Records Committee (hereafter CBRC) was formed to review records of noteworthy species from California, including those previously unrecorded in the state. The checklist presented here includes only those species which have passed the scrutiny of this committee.

The CBRC is composed of nine members, each elected to a 3-year term, and a secretary elected to a 1-year term. The species reviewed by the CBRC currently consist of those birds that have averaged four or fewer records per year over the past 10 years. These species are indicated in the list with an asterisk (\*). Any submitted record receiving nine or ten favorable votes is considered valid and, if new to the state, is included on the state list. At the annual CBRC meeting in 1979 it was decided that some species, while not acceptable for inclusion on the main list, are of sufficient merit to be included in a separate unresolved category. A list of these species and the definition of the unresolved category follow the main list.

Since the publication of the last checklist many additional species have been accepted by the CBRC, some have been deleted and others have been added or deleted as a result of taxonomic revisions. The following 46 species have been added to the state list since the last checklist was published: Mottled Petrel, Cook's Petrel, Stejneger's Petrel, Streaked Shearwater, Greater Shearwater, Band-rumped Storm-Petrel, Red-tailed Tropicbird, Masked Booby, Red-footed Booby, Neotropic Cormorant, Bewick's Swan, Baikal Teal, Garganey, Mongolian Plover, Piping Plover, Eurasian Dotterel, Hudsonian Godwit, Red-necked Stint, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Sandwich Tern, Crested Auklet, Groove-billed Ani, Violet-crowned Hummingbird, Blue-throated Hummingbird, Red-headed Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied

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Sapsucker, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Acadian Flycatcher, Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher, Eurasian Skylark, Sedge Wren, Dusky Warbler, Northern Wheatear, Veery, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Rufousbacked Robin, Yellow Wagtail, White Wagtail, Sprague's Pipit, Goldencheeked Warbler, Red-faced Warbler, Pyrrhuloxia, Le Conte's Sparrow, Common Grackle and White-winged Crossbill.

Four species have since been deleted from the 1970 checklist. These are the Cape Petrel, American Black Duck and Ringed Turtle-Dove, which have been placed in the unresolved category, and the Gray Partridge (*Perdix perdix*), which is not included on either list because there is no evidence that it was ever firmly established in a wild state in California.

Taxonomic revisions at the species level have resulted in a net loss of two species. Most authorities now believe the Red-naped Sapsucker, *Sphyrapicus nuchalis* in the 1970 Checklist, to be conspecific with Yellowbellied Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus varius*). Similarly, the Bewick's Swan, formerly *Cygnus bewickii*, is considered by most authorities to be conspecific with the Whistling Swan (*Cygnus columbianus*), and the Yellow-green Vireo, formerly *Vireo flavoviridis*, is now generally considered to be conspecific with the Red-eyed Vireo (*Vireo olivaceus*). On the other hand, recent evidence (Hand 1981; LeValley, unpubl. manus.; Devillers, unpubl. manus.) strongly suggests that the Yellow-footed Gull, formerly *Larus occidentalis livens*, of the Gulf of California is specifically distinct from the Western Gull (*L. occidentalis*). The net result is a list of 541 species accepted for inclusion on the California state list.

Since the publication of the Fifth Edition of the American Ornithologists' Union Check-list of North American Birds in 1957, much additional material has been gathered on the taxonomic relationships of birds at all levels. The California checklist reflects current trends in the field of avian taxonomy and attempts to approach closely the taxonomic treatment that will be adopted in the forthcoming Sixth Edition of the AOU Check-list. The taxonomy used here reflects the taxonomic treatments in numerous recently published papers and books, especially Volumes I (2nd ed., Mayr and Cottrell 1979) and VIII (Traylor 1979) of Peters' Check-list of the Birds of the World. Treatment of the families not covered in these two volumes has been based partly on Morony, Bock and Farrand's Reference List of the Birds of the World (1975) and numerous recent papers that deal with specific groups of birds.

English names used in the checklist follow those adopted by the American Birding Association (ABA) (1975 plus supplements) with several exceptions. Although the names chosen by the ABA, in general, reflect those in common usage, a few are considered inappropriate by the CBRC. In cases where the English names we have chosen differ from those adopted by the ABA we have included the ABA name in parentheses.

Species which have been introduced and subsequently established as viable wild populations in the state are indicated with an "I" following the species' name. The criterion for establishment is that the species has been shown to have a viable breeding population continually existing in the wild for 10 or more years. Those native species formerly occurring in the state but subsequently extirpated are indicated with an "E." The number of species occurring in California follows parenthetically the name of each family.

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#### GAVIIDAE (4)

Red-throated Loon Gavia stellata Arctic Loon Gavia arctica<sup>1</sup> Common Loon Gavia immer \* Yellow-billed Loon Gavia adamsii

## PODICIPEDIDAE (6)

 Least Grebe Tachybaptus dominicus Pied-billed Grebe Podilymbus podiceps Horned Grebe Podiceps auritus Red-necked Grebe Podiceps grisegena Eared Grebe Podiceps nigricollis Western Grebe Aechmophorus occidentalis

#### **DIOMEDEIDAE (4)**

 Wandering Albatross Diomedea exulans
Short-tailed Albatross Diomedea albatrus Black-footed Albatross Diomedea nigripes
Lavsan Albatross

Diomedea immutabilis

## **PROCELLARIIDAE (12)**

Northern Fulmar Fulmarus glacialis \* Mottled (Scaled) Petrel Pterodroma inexpectata \* Cook's Petrel Pterodroma cookii \* Stejneger's Petrel Pterodroma longirostris \* Streaked Shearwater Calonectris leucomelas

. Pink-footed Shearwater Puffinus creatopus Flesh-footed Shearwater Puffinus carneipes Greater Shearwater Puffinus gravis Buller's Shearwater Puffinus bulleri Sooty Shearwater Puffinus griseus Short-tailed Shearwater Puffinus tenuirostris Black-vented (Manx) Shearwater Puffinus opisthomelas

#### HYDROBATIDAE (8)

\* Wilson's Storm-Petrel Oceanites oceanicus Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel Oceanodroma furcata Leach's Storm-Petrel Oceanodroma leucorhoa Ashy Storm-Petrel Oceanodroma homochroa Black Storm-Petrel Oceanodroma melania \* Band-rumped Storm-Petrel Oceanodroma castro \* Wedge-rumped (Galapagos) Storm-Petrel Oceanodroma tethys Least Storm-Petrel Oceanodroma microsoma

#### PHAETHONTIDAE (3)

 White-tailed Tropicbird Phaethon lepturus Red-billed Tropicbird Phaethon aethereus
Red-tailed Tropicbird Phaethon rubricauda

#### SULIDAE (4)

 Masked Booby Sula dactylatra
Brown Booby Sula leucogaster Blue-footed Booby Sula nebouxii
Red-footed Booby Sula sula

#### PELECANIDAE (2)

American White Pelican Pelecanus erythrorhynchos Brown Pelican Pelecanus occidentalis

## PHALACROCORACIDAE (4)

Double-crested Cormorant Phalacrocorax auritus \* Neotropic (Olivaceous) Cormorant Phalacrocorax olivaceus Brandt's Cormorant Phalacrocorax penicillatus Pelagic Cormorant Phalacrocorax pelagicus

#### FREGATIDAE (1)

Magnificent Frigatebird Fregata magnificens

#### ARDEIDAE (12)

American Bittern Botaurus lentiginosus Least Bittern Ixobrychus exilis Great Blue Heron Ardea herodias Great Egret Egretta alba Snowy Egret Egretta thula Little Blue Heron Egretta caerulea Tricolored (Louisiana) Heron Egretta tricolor **Reddish Egret** Egretta rufescens Cattle Egret Bubulcus ibis Green Heron Butorides striatus Black-crowned Night-Heron Nycticorax nycticorax \* Yellow-crowned Night-Heron Nucticorax violaceus

#### THRESKIORNITHIDAE (3)

 White Ibis Eudocimus albus
White-faced Ibis Plegadis chihi
Roseate Spoonbill Ajaia ajaja

## CICONIIDAE<sup>2</sup> (1)

Wood Stork Mycteria americana

## ANATIDAE (41)

Fulvous Whistling-Duck Dendrocygna bicolor \* Black-bellied Whistling-Duck Dendrocygna autumnalis Tundra (Whistling) Swan Cygnus columbianus Trumpeter Swan Cvanus buccinator Greater White-fronted Goose Anser albifrons Snow Goose Anser caerulescens Ross' Goose Anser rossii Emperor Goose Anser canagicus Brant Branta bernicla Canada Goose Branta canadensis Wood Duck Aix sponsa Eurasian Wigeon Anas penelope American Wigeon Anas americana Gadwall Anas strepera \* Baikal Teal Anas formosa Green-winged Teal Anas crecca Mallard Anas platyrhynchos Northern (Common) Pintail Anas acuta Garganey Anas querquedula Blue-winged Teal Anas discors Cinnamon Teal Anas cyanoptera Northern Shoveler Anas clypeata Canvasback Authva valisineria Redhead Aythya americana

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Ring-necked Duck Aythya collaris \* Tufted Duck Aythya fuliqula Greater Scaup Aythya marila Lesser Scaup Aythya affinis \* King Eider Somateria spectabilis Harlequin Duck Histrionicus histrionicus Oldsquaw Clangula hyemalis Black Scoter Melanitta nigra Surf Scoter Melanitta perspicillata White-winged Scoter Melanitta fusca Bufflehead Bucephala albeola Barrow's Goldeneve Bucephala islandica Common Goldeneve Bucephala clangula Hooded Merganser Mergus cucullatus Red-breasted Merganser Mergus serrator Common Merganser Mergus merganser Ruddy Duck Oxvura iamaicensis

#### CATHARTIDAE (2)

Turkey Vulture Cathartes aura California Condor Gymnogyps californianus

## ACCIPITRIDAE (17)

Osprey Pandion haliaetus Black-shouldered (White-tailed) Kite Elanus caeruleus \* Mississippi Kite Ictinia mississippiensis Bald Eagle Haliaeetus leucocephalus Northern Harrier Circus cyaneus

Sharp-shinned Hawk Accipiter striatus Cooper's Hawk Accipiter cooperii Northern Goshawk Accipiter gentilis \* Bay-winged (Harris') Hawk Parabuteo unicinctus E Red-shouldered Hawk Buteo lineatus Broad-winged Hawk Buteo platypterus Swainson's Hawk Buteo swainsoni Zone-tailed Hawk Buteo albonotatus Red-tailed Hawk Buteo jamaicensis Ferruginous Hawk Buteo regalis Rough-legged Hawk Buteo lagopus Golden Eagle Aquila chrysaetos

## FALCONIDAE (5)

American Kestrel Falco sparverius Merlin Falco columbarius Peregrine Falcon Falco peregrinus Gyrfalcon Falco rusticolus Prairie Falcon Falco mexicanus

## PHASIANIDAE (10)

Chukar Alectoris chukar I Ring-necked Pheasant Phasianus colchicus I Blue Grouse Dendragapus obscurus Ruffed Grouse Bonasa umbellus Sage Grouse Centrocercus urophasianus \* Sharp-tailed Grouse Tympanuchus phasianellus E Common (Wild) Turkey Meleagris gallopavo I Gambel's Quail Callipepla gambelii

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California Quail Callipepla californica Mountain Quail Oreortyx pictus

#### RALLIDAE (8)

\* Yellow Rail Coturnicops noveboracensis Black Rail Laterallus jamaicensis Clapper Rail Rallus longirostris Virginia Rail Rallus limicola Sora Porzana carolina \* Purple Gallinule Porphyrio martinicus Common Gallinule Gallinula chloropus American Coot Fulica americana

#### **GRUIDAE (1)**

Sandhill Crane Grus canadensis

CHARADRIIDAE (10) Black-bellied Plover Pluvialis sauatarola Lesser Golden-Plover Pluvialis dominica \* Mongolian Plover Charadrius mongolus Snowy Ployer Charadrius alexandrinus \* Wilson's Plover Charadrius wilsonia Semipalmated Plover Charadrius semipalmatus \* Piping Ployer Charadrius melodus Killdeer Charadrius vociferus Mountain Plover Charadrius montanus \* Eurasian Dotterel (Dotterel) Charadrius morinellus

## HAEMATOPODIDAE (2)

 American Oystercatcher Haematopus palliatus
Black Oystercatcher Haematopus bachmani

## **RECURVIROSTRIDAE (2)**

Black-necked Stilt Himantopus mexicanus American Avocet Recurvirostra americana

## SCOLOPACIDAE (38)

Greater Yellowlegs Tringa melanoleuca Lesser Yellowlegs Tringa flavipes Solitary Sandpiper Tringa solitaria Willet Catoptrophorus semipalmatus Wandering Tattler Heteroscelus incanus Spotted Sandpiper Actitis macularia \* Upland Sandpiper Bartramia longicauda Whimbrel Numenius phaeopus Long-billed Curlew Numenius americanus \* Hudsonian Godwit Limosa haemastica Bar-tailed Godwit Limosa lapponica Marbled Godwit Limosa fedoa Ruddy Turnstone Arenaria interpres Black Turnstone Arenaria melanocephala Surfbird Aphriza virgata Red Knot Calidris canutus Sanderling Calidris alba Semipalmated Sandpiper Calidris pusilla Western Sandpiper Calidris mauri Red-necked (Rufous-necked) Stint Calidris ruficollis Least Sandpiper Calidris minutilla \* White-rumped Sandpiper Calidris fuscicollis

Baird's Sandpiper Calidris bairdii Pectoral Sandpiper Calidris melanotos Sharp-tailed Sandpiper Calidris acuminata Rock Sandpiper Calidris ptilocnemis Dunlin Calidris alpina \* Curlew Sandpiper Calidris ferruginea Stilt Sandpiper Calidris himantopus Buff-breasted Sandpiper Tryngites subruficollis Ruff Philomachus pugnax Short-billed Dowitcher Limnodromus griseus Long-billed Dowitcher Limnodromus scolopaceus Jack Snipe (European Jacksnipe) Lymnocryptes minimus Common Snipe Gallinago gallinago Wilson's Phalarope Phalaropus tricolor Northern Phalarope Phalaropus lobatus Red Phalarope Phalaropus fulicarius

## LARIDAE (32)

Pomarine Jaeger Stercorarius pomarinus Parasitic Jaeger Stercorarius parasiticus Long-tailed Jaeger Stercorarius longicaudus South Polar Skua Catharacta maccormicki Laughing Gull Larus atricilla Franklin's Gull Larus pipixcan • Little Gull Larus minutus Common Black-headed Gull (Blackheaded Gull) Larus ridibundus

Bonaparte's Gull Larus philadelphia Heermann's Gull Larus heermanni Mew Gull Larus canus **Ring-billed Gull** Larus delawarensis California Gull Larus californicus Herring Gull Larus argentatus Thayer's Gull Larus thaveri \* Lesser Black-backed Gull Larus fuscus Western Gull Larus occidentalis Yellow-footed Gull Larus livens Glaucous-winged Gull Larus glaucescens Glaucous Gull Larus hyperboreus Black-legged Kittiwake Rissa tridactyla Sabine's Gull Xema sabini Gull-billed Tern Sterna nilotica Caspian Tern Sterna caspia Royal Tern Sterna maxima Elegant Tern Sterna elegans Sandwich Tern Sterna sandvicensis Common Tern Sterna hirundo Arctic Tern Sterna paradisaea Forster's Tern Sterna forsteri Least (Little) Tern Sterna albifrons Black Marsh-Tern (Black Tern) Chlidonias niger

RYNCHOPIDAE (1) Black Skimmer Rynchops niger

ALCIDAE (13) Common (Thin-billed) Murre Uria aalge Thick-billed Murre Uria Iomvia Pigeon Guillemot Cepphus columba Marbled Murrelet Brachvramphus marmoratus Xantus' Murrelet Endomychura hypoleuca Craveri's Murrelet Endomvchura craveri Ancient Murrelet Synthliboramphus antiquus Cassin's Auklet Ptychoramphus aleuticus Parakeet Auklet Cyclorrhynchus psittacula \* Crested Auklet Aethia cristatella Rhinoceros Auklet Cerorhinca monocerata Tufted Puffin Lunda cirrhata Horned Puffin Fratercula corniculata

## COLUMBIDAE (7)

Rock Pigeon (Rock Dove) Columba livia I Band-tailed Pigeon Columba fasciata Spotted Dove Streptopelia chinensis I White-winged Dove Zenaida asiatica Mourning Dove Zenaida macroura Inca Dove Columbina inca Common Ground-Dove Columbina passerina

## CUCULIDAE (4)

 Black-billed Cuckoo Coccyzus erythropthalmus Yellow-billed Cuckoo Coccyzus americanus Greater Roadrunner Geococcyx californianus
Groove-billed Ani Crotophaga sulcirostris

TYTONIDAE (1) Common Barn-Owl (Barn Owl) Tyto alba STRIGIDAE (12) Flammulated Owl (Flammulated Screech Owl) Otus flammeolus Common Screech-Owl Otus asio Great Horned Owl Bubo virginianus \* Snowy Owl Nyctea scandiaca Northern Pygmy-Owl Glaucidium gnoma Elf Owl Micrathene whitneyi Burrowing Owl Athene cunicularia Spotted Owl Strix occidentalis Great Gray Owl Strix nebulosa Long-eared Owl Asio otus Short-eared Owl Asio flammeus Northern Saw-whet Owl (Saw-whet Owl) Aegolius acadicus

## CAPRIMULGIDAE (4)

Lesser Nighthawk Chordeiles acutipennis Common Nighthawk Chordeiles minor Common Poorwill (Poor-will) Phalaenoptilus nuttallii Whip-poor-will Caprimulgus vociferus

## APODIDAE (4)

Black Swift Cypseloides niger Chimney Swift Chaetura pelagica Vaux's Swift Chaetura vauxi White-throated Swift Aeronautes saxatalis

## TROCHILIDAE (10)

\* Broad-billed Hummingbird Cynanthus latirostris \* Violet-crowned Hummingbird Amazilia violiceps Blue-throated Hummingbird Lampornis clemenciae Black-chinned Hummingbird Archilochus alexandri Anna's Hummingbird Calypte anna Costa's Hummingbird Calypte costae Calliope Hummingbird Stellula calliope Broad-tailed Hummingbird Selasphorus platycercus Rufous Hummingbird Selasphorus rufus Allen's Hummingbird Selasphorus sasin

#### ALCEDINIDAE (1)

Belted Kingfisher Ceryle alcyon

## PICIDAE (15)

Lewis' Woodpecker Melanerpes lewis Red-headed Woodpecker Melanerpes erythrocephalus Acorn Woodpecker Melanerpes formicivorus Gila Woodpecker Melanerpes uropygialis Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Sphyrapicus varius Red-breasted Sapsucker Sphyrapicus ruber Williamson's Sapsucker Sphyrapicus thyroideus Ladder-backed Woodpecker Picoides scalaris Nuttall's Woodpecker Picoides nuttallii Downy Woodpecker Picoides pubescens Hairy Woodpecker Picoides villosus White-headed Woodpecker Picoides albolarvatus Black-backed (Black-backed Three-toed) Woodpecker Picoides arcticus

Common Flicker Colaptes auratus Pileated Woodpecker Dryocopus pileatus

#### TYRANNIDAE (27)

Olive-sided Flycatcher Contopus borealis \* Greater Pewee (Coues' Flycatcher) Contopus pertinax Western Wood-Pewee (Western Pewee) Contopus sordidulus \* Eastern Wood-Pewee (Eastern Pewee) Contopus virens \* Yellow-bellied Flucatcher Empidonax flaviventris Acadian Flycatcher Empidonax virescens Willow Flucatcher Empidonax traillii Least Flycatcher Empidonax minimus Hammond's Flycatcher Empidonax hammondii Dusky Flycatcher Empidonax oberholseri Gray Flycatcher Empidonax wrightii Western Flucatcher Empidonax difficilis Black Phoebe Sayornis nigricans Eastern Phoebe Sayornis phoebe Say's Phoebe Sayornis saya Vermilion Flycatcher Pyrocephalus rubinus \* Dusky-capped (Olivaceous) Flycatcher Mviarchus tuberculifer Ash-throated Flycatcher Myiarchus cinerascens \* Great Crested Flycatcher Mylarchus crinitus Brown-crested (Wied's Crested) Flycatcher Myiarchus tyrannulus \* Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher Myiodynastes luteiventris Tropical Kingbird Tyrannus melancholicus Cassin's Kingbird Tyrannus vociferans

 Thick-billed Kingbird Tyrannus crassirostris Western Kingbird Tyrannus verticalis Eastern Kingbird Tyrannus tyrannus
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher Tyrannus forficatus

## ALAUDIDAE (2)

 Eurasian (Common) Skylark Alauda arvensis
Horned Lark Eremophila alpestris

## HIRUNDINIDAE (7)

Purple Martin Progne subis Tree Swallow Tachycineta bicolor Violet-green Swallow Tachycineta thalassina Rough-winged Swallow Stelgidopteryx ruficollis Bank Swallow Riparia riparia Cliff Swallow Hirundo pyrrhonota Barn Swallow Hirundo rustica

#### CORVIDAE (10)

Gray Jay Perisoreus canadensis Steller's Jav Cvanocitta stelleri \* Blue Jav Cyanocitta cristata Scrub Jav Aphelocoma coerulescens Pinyon Jay Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus Clark's Nutcracker Nucifraga columbiana Black-billed Magpie Pica pica Yellow-billed Magpie Pica nuttalli American Crow Corvus brachvrhynchos Common (Northern) Raven Corvus corax

#### PARIDAE (4)

Black-capped Chickadee Parus atricapillus Mountain Chickadee Parus gambeli Chestnut-backed Chickadee Parus rufescens Plain Titmouse Parus inornatus

#### **REMIZIDAE (1)**

Verdin Auriparus flaviceps

#### AEGITHALIDAE (1)

Bushtit Psaltriparus minimus

## SITTIDAE (3)

Red-breasted Nuthatch Sitta canadensis White-breasted Nuthatch Sitta carolinensis Pygmy Nuthatch Sitta pygmaea<sup>3</sup>

## CERTHIIDAE (1)

Brown Creeper Certhia familiaris

#### TROGLODYTIDAE (8)

Cactus Wren Campylorhynchus bruneicapillus Rock Wren Salpinctes obsoletus Canvon Wren Catherpes mexicanus Bewick's Wren Thruomanes bewickii House Wren Troglodytes aedon Winter Wren Troglodutes troglodutes Sedge Wren Cistothorus platensis Marsh Wren Cistothorus palustris CINCLIDAE (1)

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American (North American) Dipper Cinclus mexicanus

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Crissal Thrasher

MUSCICAPIDAE (18) Dusky Warbler Phylloscopus fuscatus Golden-crowned Kinglet Regulus satrapa Ruby-crowned Kinglet Regulus calendula Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Polioptila caerulea Black-tailed Gnatcatcher Polioptila melanura Western Bluebird Sialia mexicana Mountain Bluebird Sialia currucoides Townsend's Solitaire Muadestes townsendi \* Northern Wheatear Oenanthe oenanthe \* Veery Catharus fuscescens \* Gray-cheeked Thrush Catharus minimus Swainson's Thrush Catharus ustulatus Hermit Thrush Catharus guttatus \* Wood Thrush Hulocichla mustelina Rufous-backed Robin (Rufous-backed) Thrush) Turdus rufopalliatus American Robin Turdus migratorius Varied Thrush Ixoreus naevius Wrentit Chamaea fasciata

#### MIMIDAE (9)

 Gray Catbird Dumetella carolinensis Northern Mockingbird Mimus polyglottos Sage Thrasher Oreoscoptes montanus Brown Thrasher Toxostoma rufum Bendire's Thrasher Toxostoma bendirei
Curve-billed Thrasher Toxostoma curvirostre California Thrasher Toxostoma redivivum

Toxostoma dorsale Le Conte's Thrasher Toxostoma lecontei MOTACILLIDAE (5) \* Yellow Wagtail Motacilla flava \* White Wagtail Motacilla alba4 \* Red-throated Pipit Anthus cervinus Water Pipit Anthus spinoletta Sprague's Pipit Anthus spragueii **BOMBYCILLIDAE (2)** Bohemian Waxwing Bombycilla garrulus Cedar Waxwing Bombucilla cedrorum PTILOGONATIDAE (1) Phainopepla Phainopepla nitens LANIIDAE (2) Northern Shrike Lanius excubitor Loggerhead Shrike Lanius Iudovicianus STURNIDAE (1) European Starling Sturnus vulgaris I VIREONIDAE (9) \* White-eved Vireo Vireo griseus Bell's Vireo Vireo bellii Gray Vireo Vireo vicinior Solitary Vireo Vireo solitarius \* Yellow-throated Vireo Vireo flavifrons Hutton's Vireo Vireo huttoni Warbling Vireo Vireo gilvus

 Philadelphia Vireo Vireo philadelphicus Red-eyed Vireo Vireo olivaceus

#### **EMBERIZIDAE** (95)

\* Blue-winged Warbler Vermivora pinus \* Golden-winged Warbler Vermivora chrysoptera Tennessee Warbler Vermivora peregrina Orange-crowned Warbler Vermivora celata Nashville Warbler Vermivora ruficapilla Virginia's Warbler Vermivora virginiae Lucy's Warbler Vermivora luciae Northern Parula (Northern Parula Warbler) Parula americana Yellow Warbler Dendroica petechia Magnolia Warbler Dendroica magnolia Cape May Warbler Dendroica tigrina Black-throated Blue Warbler Dendroica caerulescens Yellow-rumped Warbler Dendroica coronata Black-throated Gray Warbler Dendroica nigrescens Townsend's Warbler Dendroica townsendi Hermit Warbler Dendroica occidentalis Black-throated Green Warbler Dendroica virens \* Golden-cheeked Warbler Dendroica chrysoparia Blackburnian Warbler Dendroica fusca \* Yellow-throated Warbler Dendroica dominica \* Grace's Warbler Dendroica graciae \* Pine Warbler Dendroica pinus Prairie Warbler Dendroica discolor

Palm Warbler Dendroica palmarum Chestnut-sided Warbler Dendroica pensulvanica Bay-breasted Warbler Dendroica castanea Blackpoll Warbler Dendroica striata Cerulean Warbler Dendroica cerulea Black-and-white Warbler Mniotilta varia American Redstart Setophaga ruticilla \* Prothonotary Warbler Protonotaria citrea \* Worm-eating Warbler Helmitheros vermivorus Ovenbird Seiurus aurocapillus Northern Waterthrush Seiurus noveboracensis \* Louisiana Waterthrush Seiurus motacilla Kentucky Warbler **Oporornis** formosus \* Connecticut Warbler Oporornis agilis Mourning Warbler Oporornis philadelphia MacGillivray's Warbler Oporornis tolmiei Common Yellowthroat Geothlypis trichas Hooded Warbler Wilsonia citrina Wilson's Warbler Wilsonia pusilla Canada Warbler Wilsonia canadensis \* Red-faced Warbler Cardellina rubrifrons Painted Redstart Myioborus pictus Yellow-breasted Chat Icteria virens Hepatic Tanager Piranga flava Summer Tanager Piranga rubra Scarlet Tanager Piranga olivacea Western Tanager Piranga ludoviciana

\* Northern Cardinal Cardinalis cardinalis Pyrrhuloxia Cardinalis sinuatus Rose-breasted Grosbeak Pheucticus Iudovicianus Black-headed Grosbeak Pheucticus melanocephalus Blue Grosbeak Guiraca caerulea Lazuli Bunting Passerina amoena Indigo Bunting Passerina cyanea \* Varied Bunting Passerina versicolor \* Painted Bunting Passerina ciris Dickcissel Spiza americana McCown's Longspur Calcarius mccownii Lapland Longspur Calcarius lapponicus Chestnut-collared Longspur Calcarius ornatus Snow Bunting Plectrophenax nivalis Lark Bunting Calamospiza melanocorys Fox Sparrow Passerella iliaca Song Sparrow Melospiza melodia Lincoln's Sparrow Melospiza lincolnii Swamp Sparrow Melospiza georgiana White-throated Sparrow Zonotrichia albicollis Golden-crowned Sparrow Zonotrichia atricapilla White-crowned Sparrow Zonotrichia leucophrys Harris' Sparrow Zonotrichia querula Dark-eyed (Northern) Junco Junco hyemalis American Tree Sparrow Spizella arborea Chipping Sparrow Spizella passerina Clay-colored Sparrow Spizella pallida

Brewer's Sparrow Spizella breweri \* Field Sparrow Spizella pusilla Black-chinned Sparrow Spizella atrogularis Savannah Sparrow Ammodramus sandwichensis \* Sharp-tailed Sparrow Ammodramus caudacutus \* Le Conte's Sparrow Ammodramus leconteii \* Baird's Sparrow Ammodramus bairdii Grasshopper Sparrow Ammodramus savannarum Vesper Sparrow Pooecetes gramineus Lark Sparrow Chondestes grammacus Black-throated Sparrow Amphispiza bilineata Sage Sparrow Amphispiza belli \* Cassin's Sparrow Aimophila cassinii Rufous-crowned Sparrow Aimophila ruficeps Green-tailed Towhee Pipilo chlorurus Rufous-sided Towhee Pipilo erythrophthalmus Brown Towhee Pipilo fuscus Abert's Towhee Pipilo aberti **ICTERIDAE** (16) Streak-backed (Scarlet-headed) Oriole Icterus pustulatus Hooded Oriole Icterus cucullatus Northern Oriole Icterus galbula Orchard Oriole Icterus spurius Scott's Oriole Icterus parisorum Yellow-headed Blackbird Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus Red-winged Blackbird

Agelaius phoeniceus

Tricolored Blackbird Agelaius tricolor

Western Meadowlark Sturnella neglecta Great-tailed Grackle Quiscalus mexicanus Common Grackle Quiscalus quiscula Rusty Blackbird Euphagus carolinus Brewer's Blackbird Euphagus cyanocephalus Bronzed Cowbird Molothrus aeneus Brown-headed Cowbird Molothrus ater Bobolink Dolichonyx oryzivorus

FRINGILLIDAE (13)

Pine Siskin Carduelis pinus American Goldfinch Carduelis tristis Lesser Goldfinch Carduelis psaltria

Lawrence's Goldfinch Carduelis lawrencei \* Common Redpoll Carduelis flammea Rosv Finch Leucosticte arctoa Purple Finch Carpodacus purpureus Cassin's Finch Carpodacus cassinii House Finch Carpodacus mexicanus Pine Grosbeak Pinicola enucleator Red Crossbill Loxia curvirostra \* White-winged Crossbill Loxia leucoptera Evening Grosbeak Coccothraustes vespertinus

PASSERIDAE (1)

House Sparrow Passer domesticus I

<sup>1</sup>The eastern Pacific subspecies Gavia arctica pacifica was treated as specifically distinct from the Palearctic forms Gavia arctica viridigularis and G. a. arctica in the 1970 California checklist and called the Pacific Loon.

<sup>2</sup>Ciconiidae was inadvertently placed in Ardeidae in the 1970 California checklist.

<sup>3</sup>Sitta pygmaea was combined with Sitta pusilla and called Pine Nuthatch in the 1970 California checklist.

<sup>4</sup>Morlan (1981) has determined that of the five records of White Wagtail from California two are of *Motacilla alba lugens*. The other three cannot be assigned to a subspecies. Recent evidence from Soviet research strongly suggests that *lugens* seldom interbreeds with other forms of *Motacilla alba* and may, in fact, be a separate species, *Motacilla lugens*, the Black-backed Wagtail.

Records of the following species, not included on the main list, remain unresolved after full consideration by the CBRC. The unresolved category is defined as follows: If at a meeting of the CBRC a record of a species not on the main list is neither accepted (all or all but one "accept" votes) nor rejected ("reject" votes from a majority of the members present), the case shall be considered unresolved and the species shall be added to the unresolved category.

1. Cape Petrel (*Daption capense*). One was seen off Monterey on 9 September 1962 (McCaskie 1970). Because of the briefness of observation and lack of acceptable records from temperate Northern Hemisphere waters, this species is not included on the main list (six votes in favor of inclusion on the main list, four votes for inclusion in the unresolved category).

2. American Anhinga (Anhinga anhinga). One (possibly two) seen in and near San Francisco, 28-30 May and 2 June 1939 (three votes for main list,

five votes for unresolved category, two votes to reject from all lists). Another American Anhinga was present at Sweetwater Reservoir, San Diego, from 4 February 1977 until at least early 1981 (four votes for main list, six votes for unresolved category). These birds may well have escaped from captivity.

3. American Black Duck (*Anas rubripes*). All records are suspect because of the possibility that they pertain to escaped captives or released game stock. There are few, if any, records of clearly wild individuals from west of the Rocky Mountains (one vote for main list, nine votes for unresolved category).

4. Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*). One seen with Turkey Vultures near Chico, Butte Co., on 13 April 1972 may have been an escapee or released bird (five votes for main list, five votes for unresolved category).

5. Black-tailed Gull (*Larus crassirostris*). One found in San Diego Bay on 26 November 1954 (Monroe 1955) is suspected of having been ship-transported since this western Pacific species is not highly migratory (McCaskie et al. 1970:24). There is, however, one recent record for western Alaska (seven votes for unresolved category, three votes to reject from all lists).

6. Kittlitz's Murrelet (*Brachyramphus brevirostris*). A dying bird in juvenal plumage was found on the beach near San Diego on 16 August 1969 (Devillers 1972). Because of the early date and the bird's age it may be more likely a ship-transported bird (one vote for main list, eight votes for unresolved category, one vote to reject from all lists).

7. Ringed Turtle-Dove (*Streptopelia roseogrisea*<sup>5</sup>). The small population in downtown Los Angeles has never increased in numbers nor has it expanded into outlying areas. It may not therefore be a self-sustaining population, but rather, dependent on handouts and supplemental release of birds from captivity. This species has become locally established in many cities throughout the world in a feral state but according to Goodwin, "... such colonies seldom prosper unless they are artificially fed and [their numbers regularly supplemented] by the liberation of young bred in captivity" (three votes for main list, six votes for unresolved category, one vote to reject from all lists).

8. Green Violetear (*Colubri thalassinus*). There is one documented record from Mt. Pinos, 31 July to 1 August 1978. Since there is no precedent for the occurrence of this species in northwestern Mexico, Arizona or New Mexico, it has been placed in the unresolved category as perhaps pertaining to an escaped captive (eight votes for unresolved category, two votes to reject from all lists).

The following 11 species are still pending before the CBRC as of October 1981: Black-browed Albatross (*Diomedea melanophris*), Cape Petrel (*Daption capense*) (Monterey, 1962; resubmitted on basis of new information), Solander's Petrel (*Pterodroma solandri*), American Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) (Colorado River, 1913), Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) (Col-

<sup>s</sup> The Ringed Turtle-Dove (also known as the Barbary Dove) is the domesticated form of the African Collared-Dove *Streptopelia roseogrisea*. Although the name *risoria* has been used to describe this domestic variety for years by researchers and pigeon fanciers, it is technically incorrect. The correct name is *roseogrisea* (Goodwin 1970).

orado River, 1977), White-tailed Ptarmigan (*Lagopus leucurus*) (introduced to the Sierra Nevada in 1971), Gray-tailed Tattler (*Heteroscelus brevipes*), Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*), Red-legged Kittiwake (*Rissa brevirostris*), Least Auklet (*Aethia pusilla*), and White-collared Seedeater (*Sporophila torqueola*).

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