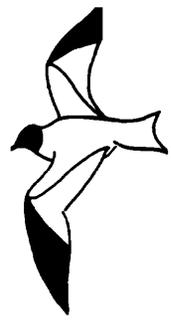


# WESTERN BIRDS



Volume 14, Number 1, 1983

## FIFTH REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

JOHN S. LUTHER, College of Alameda, 555 Atlantic Avenue, Alameda, California 94501

GUY McCASKIE, 954 Grove Street, Imperial Beach, California 92032

JON DUNN, 17437 Rancho Street, Encino, California 91316

This report contains recent decisions of the California Bird Records Committee (CBRC). It officially adds the following species to the state list of California: Greater Shearwater (*Puffinus gravis*), Cook's Petrel (*Pterodroma cookii*), Stejneger's Petrel (*Pterodroma longirostris*), Band-rumped (Harcourt's) Storm-Petrel (*Oceanodroma castro*), Red-tailed Tropicbird (*Phaethon rubricauda*), Mongolian Plover (*Charadrius mongolus*), Sandwich Tern (*Sterna sandvicensis*), Crested Auklet (*Aethia cristatella*), Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (*Empidonax flaviventris*), Sedge (Short-billed Marsh) Wren (*Cistothorus platensis*), Dusky Warbler (*Phylloscopus fuscatus*), and White-winged Crossbill (*Loxia leucoptera*). These bring the state list to 539 species. Jones et al. (*West. Birds* 12:57-82, 1981) updated the state list; this Records Committee report was prepared earlier and differs from their list in a few instances.

The committee consists of Laurence C. Binford (Vice-Secretary), Jon Dunn, Richard Erickson, Kimball Garrett, Lee Jones, Paul Lehman, Guy McCaskie, Joseph Morlan, Benjamin D. Parmeter (Secretary) and Richard Webster. David DeSante, Arnold Small, Richard Stallcup, Phil Unitt and John Luther also worked on the records reported in this paper. The present committee and former members acknowledge the cooperation and support from those observers who have taken the time and effort to submit their records. Without them the committee could not function. Please continue to support your committee in your documentation of rare birds as they occur in California.

## CALIFORNIA BIRD RECORDS

The comments following each species are those of the authors and not of the CBRC. The file number assigned to each species is given in parentheses. All records are on file with the Secretary and are available for examination by interested persons. All records are sight records unless otherwise noted. The initials of those persons who submitted documentation for a record follow each accepted record. If the person or persons finding a bird submitted a report, their initials are given first and are separated from those of other observers by a semicolon.

### ACCEPTED RECORDS

YELLOW-BILLED LOON (*Gavia adamsii*). One immature (87-1978) 12 Feb 1978, Monterey Bay, Monterey Co. (VR).

This species occurs annually along the coast of California (Remsen and Binford, West. Birds 6:7-20, 1975).

GREATER SHEARWATER (*Puffinus gravis*). One (17-1979) 24 Feb 1979, Monterey Bay, Monterey Co. (JD, KG; FF, SSa, BSh).

This is not only the first of this species to be identified off the coast of California but also the first in the North Pacific. This species breeds on islands in the south Atlantic and ranges over most of the Atlantic including the waters off Tierra del Fuego. An individual straying into the Pacific around Tierra del Fuego could then occur anywhere in that large ocean.

SHORT-TAILED SHEARWATER (*Puffinus tenuirostris*). Two (44-1978) 15 Jan 1977, Cordelle Banks, Marin Co. (GMcC). Eighteen (69-1978) 5 Feb 1978, Monterey Bay, Monterey Co. (JM,DR). One (86-1978) 20 Mar 1978, Monterey Bay, Monterey Co. (DR).

This species has proven to be of regular occurrence in mid-winter off the coast of California and is no longer reviewed by the CBRC.

COOK'S PETREL (*Pterodroma cookii*). One (122-1980) 3 Oct 1979, 36 miles west northwest of Point Arena, Mendocino Co. (GF). Two (71-1979) 17 Nov 1979 between 40 and 60 miles offshore from Cambria, San Luis Obispo Co. (GMcC, JD, RAE, DR, RS); photo on file.

These sightings are the first for California waters. This species breeds on islands around New Zealand and wanders over much of the Pacific during the non-breeding season, having been recorded off Baja California (Loomis, Proc. Calif. Acad. Sci., 4th ser., vol. 2, pt. 2:1-187, 1918) and the extreme north Pacific (Wahl, West. Birds 9:45-66, 1978). The very closely related *P. defilipiana*, considered by many authorities to be a subspecies of *P. cookii*, is probably indistinguishable in the field from *P. cookii* and is not excluded here. *P. defilipiana* breeds on the Juan Fernandez Islands off Chile, but has not been collected north of Central Peru.

STEJNEGER'S PETREL (*Pterodroma longirostris*). One (72-1979) 17 Nov 1979 about 50 miles offshore from Cambria, San Luis Obispo Co. (GMcC, JD, RAE, DR, RS).

This is the first record for California. This species was collected in Nov 1906 about 600 miles west of San Francisco (Loomis, Proc. Calif. Acad. Sci., 4th ser., vol. 2, pt. 2:1-187, 1918).

## CALIFORNIA BIRD RECORDS

WILSON'S STORM-PETREL (*Oceanites oceanicus*). At least one (possibly three) (124-1978) 30 Sep 1978, Monterey Bay, Monterey Co. (JM).

This species is now recorded in Monterey Bay each year during the Sep-Oct period, but remains virtually unknown elsewhere in the North Pacific.

GALAPAGOS STORM-PETREL (*Oceanodroma tethys*). One (57-1976) 18 Aug 1976, 20 miles south of Anacapa Island, Los Angeles Co. (VR; VE, LH, IMacG, JMcd, SS).

One specimen from Carmel, Monterey Co., 21 Jan 1969 (Yadon, Auk 87:588-589, 1970) and one seen on Monterey Bay between 24 Sep and 9 Oct 1977 (Am. Birds 32:251, 1978) are the only ones previously recorded in California waters. The Carmel bird was of the small southern race *kelsalli* which nests on islands along the coast of Peru.

BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL (*Oceanodroma castro*). One (103-1973) 12 Sep 1970, about 25 miles west of San Diego, San Diego Co. (GMcC; JA, SS, RW).

This is the first to be recorded from California. The nearest known nesting localities are in the Hawaiian and Galapagos islands, but this species clearly wanders widely over the warmer ocean waters.

RED-TAILED TROPICBIRD (*Phaethon rubricauda*). One (32-1979) 3 Jul 1979, S. E. Farallon Island, San Francisco Co. (PMG, LS).

This is the first to be recorded in California. This is the common tropicbird over much of the Pacific, regularly wandering into the eastern Pacific, with a specimen taken about 250 miles WSW (31°39'N, 123°22'W) of San Diego on 13 Feb 1967 (Gould et al., Smithsonian Contr. Zool. 158: 206-231, 1974).

BROWN BOOBY (*Sula leucogaster*). One subadult (50-1978) 19 Aug-30 Nov 1977, Lake Havasu, San Bernardino Co. (GMcC).

This is a casual late summer wanderer to the southwestern United States (Mc-Caskie, Calif. Birds 1:117-142, 1970).

REDDISH EGRET (*Egretta rufescens*). One adult (45-1978) 24 Apr-14 May 1977, Imperial Beach, San Diego Co. (GMcC). One (115-1977) 22 May 1977, Point Mugu marshes, Ventura Co. (LJ). One immature (57-1978) 8-17 Oct 1977, San Diego River Flood Control Channel, San Diego Co. (GMcC). Three immatures (57-1978) 15Oct-13 Nov 1977 (with one or two remaining through the winter, and one still present on 30 Jun 1978), near Imperial Beach, San Diego Co. (GMcC).

This species is of annual occurrence along the coast of southern California south of Los Angeles, with most found in the San Diego area, and is no longer reviewed by the CBRC.

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (*Nyctanassa violacea*). One adult (46-1978) 11 May 1977, Irvine, Orange Co. (DH; GMcC); photo on file.

This is only the seventh to be recorded in California.

WHITE IBIS (*Eudocimus albus*) One adult (49-1978) 25 June-14 Jul 1977, south end Salton Sea, Imperial Co. (GMcC).

There are only three previous records for California: one (specimen) in San Diego 20 Nov 1935, another in Marin Co. 14 May-9 Sep 1977 (not yet reviewed by the CBRC), and the third on the Salton Sea 10 Jul-5 Aug 1976.

## CALIFORNIA BIRD RECORDS

TRUMPETER SWAN (*Cygnus buccinator*). One adult (16-1979) 24 Feb 1979, Tule Lake, Lake Co. (SL, KVV).

There are only about 15 records of this species for California since 1900 (Roberson, Rare birds of the West Coast, 1980).

EMPEROR GOOSE (*Chen canagica*). One adult (85-1978) 1 Jan-20 Mar 1978, Moss Landing, Monterey Co. (DR). One immature (75-1979) 28 Oct 1978, Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge, Siskiyou Co. (BD).

This is an annual visitor to California and is no longer reviewed by the CBRC.

GARGANEY (*Anas querquedula*). One male (19-1979) 21 Mar-4 Apr 1979, Lake Elsinore, Riverside Co. (RP; JD, RAE, GMcC, DR).

This is only the second to be found in California. However, a specimen taken near Mt. Vernon, Washington, during Mar 1961 (Larry Spear pers. comm.) and two others seen at Iona Island in British Columbia 14-28 May 1977 and 8-12 Jun 1979 (Roberson, Rare birds of the West Coast, 1980), along with the previous record for California (Luther et al., West. Birds 10:169-187, 1979), suggest that the species may be more regular than thought along the West Coast in spring.

TUFTED DUCK (*Aythya fuligula*). One immature male (78-1978) 12 Jan-11 Feb 1978, Limantour area, Marin Co. (JM, VR). One adult male (63-1978) 30 Jan-5 Feb 1978, Lake Hennessey, Napa Co. (JP; JM). One adult male (13-1979) 2 Dec 1978-13 Jan 1979, Oakland, Alameda Co. (JM). One immature male (12-1979) 29 Dec 1978-25 Feb 1979, Limantour area, Marin Co. (JM)

This species is now being recorded along the coast of California each winter. These records, along with records from Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, indicate small numbers are regularly wintering along the west coast of North America.

AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER (*Haematopus palliatus*). One (97-1978) 20-21 Apr 1978, Pt. Loma, San Diego Co. (RAE, PU). One (9-1979) 22 Dec 1978-14 Jan 1979, Pt. Fermin, Los Angeles Co. (DHo, JD, KG, GMcC).

These are only the second and third records from the mainland coast of California in over 100 years; the first during that period was of one (photographed) on the coast of San Luis Obispo Co. 25 Oct 1964-20 Feb 1965 (Aud. Field Notes 19:416, 1965). There is an inland record of three birds at the Salton Sea and apparently there are resident birds on the Channel Islands.

MONGOLIAN PLOVER (*Charadrius mongolus*). One juvenile (176-1980) 13-19 Sep 1980, Moss Landing, Monterey Co. (DD; GMcC, RAE, RS, BU); photo on file.

This is the first to be recorded in California. However, this Asiatic breeder regularly strays into western Alaska and has occurred twice in fall along the Oregon coast (Roberson, Rare birds of the West Coast, 1980).

WILSON'S PLOVER (*Charadrius wilsonia*). One (58-1979) 21 Apr-24 Jun 1979, Pt. Mugu, Ventura Co. (RW; JD, KG, DR).

This is only the third to occur in California in over 50 years. The others were a nesting pair at the Salton Sea 20 May 1948 and one at McGrath State Beach 27-29 Jun 1977 (Am. Birds 31: 1189, 1977).

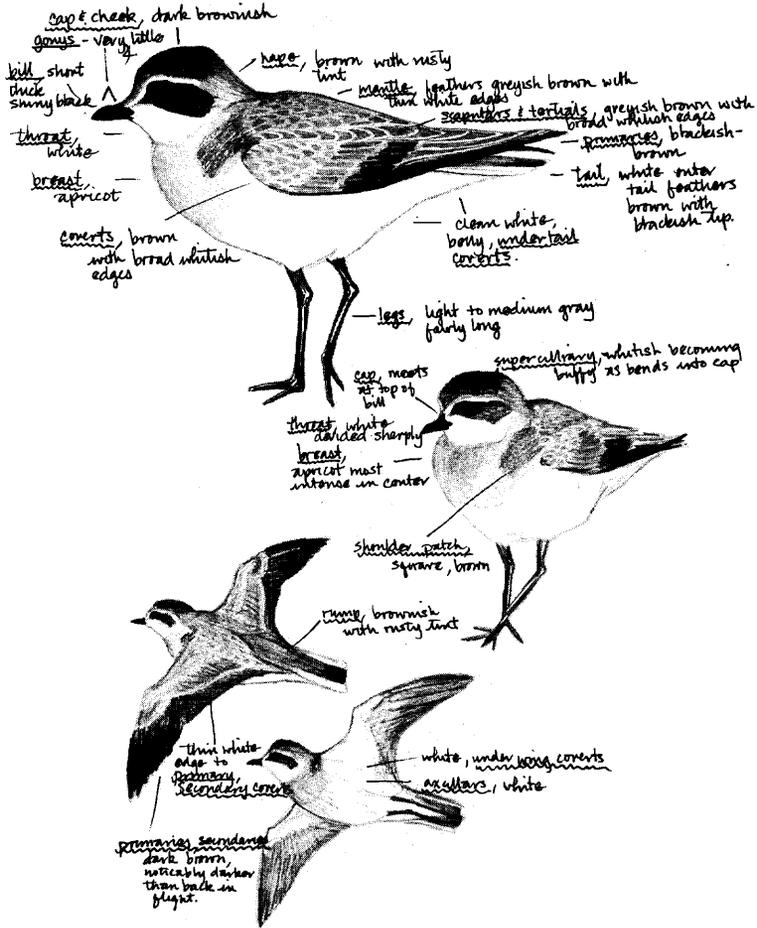
UPLAND SANDPIPER (*Bartramia longicauda*). One (71-1976) 13 Sep 1976, Lake Talawa, Del Norte Co. (BM). One (59-1979) 28 May 1979, Deep Springs, Inyo Co. (RW; PL).

There are only about 10 records of this species in California equally split between spring and fall.

CALIFORNIA BIRD RECORDS

SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER (*Calidris acuminata*). One (73-1976) 6-9 Oct 1976, Arcata Bottoms, Humboldt Co. (DRu). One (121-1978) 14-30 Oct 1978, Carmel River, Monterey Co. (RS; FB, JM, DR); photo on file. One (10-1979) 13 Nov 1978, Bolinas, Marin Co. (SGe; LSt). One (76-1979) 27 Oct 1979, Moss Landing, Monterey Co. (RS). One (77-1979) 31 Oct 1979, Pt. Reyes, Marin Co. (RS).

This species occurs along the California coast in small numbers every fall and is no longer reviewed by the CBRC. All of the records above are of juvenile birds as have been all previous records.



Mongolian Plover

Figure 1. Mongolian Plover (*Charadrius mongolus*) (176-1980) 13 Sep 1980, Moss Landing, Monterey Co., California. Sketches by Donna Dittmann

## CALIFORNIA BIRD RECORDS

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER (*Calidris fuscicollis*). One (89-1978) 2-7 Jun 1978, Carmel River, Monterey Co. (JL; BE, RLeV, JM, VR, SW); photos on file. One (95-1978) 11 Jun 1978, Kehoe Beach, Marin Co. (RLeV).

There are only two previous reports of this species in California, both from the Salton Sea during the first half of Jun.

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER (*Calidris pusilla*). One juvenile (84-1977) 5 Aug 1977, Limantour Estero, Marin Co. (SJ, GP). One juvenile (119-1978) 9 Sep 1978, Ferndale Bottoms, Humboldt Co. (RAE, LE); photo on file. One juvenile (24-1979) 10 Sep 1978, Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co. (DH, GMcC); photo on file. One juvenile (66-1979) 13 May 1979, Kern National Wildlife Refuge, Kern Co. (RW). One juvenile (67-1979) 24-27 May 1979, Tecopa, Inyo Co. (KVV). One juvenile (68-1979) 8 Aug 1979, Moss Landing, Monterey Co. (DR).

Increased interest in studying shorebirds has indicated that this species is a regular migrant through California in both spring and fall. The species is no longer reviewed by the CBRC.

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER (*Tryngites subruficollis*). Eleven (104-1978) 26-31 Aug 1978, Tomales Point, Marin Co. (TAB; AG, JM); photo on file. One (99-1978) 26-28 Aug 1978, Bodega Bay, Sonoma Co. (RAH, DAH; RAE, JM, BDP); photo on file. One (53-1979) 12 Sep 1979, Bodega Bay, Sonoma Co. (BDP). One (54-1979) 22 Sep 1979, Point Reyes, Marin Co. (BDP).

This species is a rare to casual fall visitor to the coast of California between late August and mid-October. All the records are of juvenile birds.

RUFF (*Philomachus pugnax*). One (82-1976) 16-17 Sep 1976, Eel River Bottoms, Humboldt Co. (DRu). One (120-1978) 3-4 Sep 1978, Limantour Natural Area, Marin Co. (AG, JM); photo on file. One (69-1979) 8-17 Sep 1979, Watsonville Sewage Plant, Santa Cruz Co. (DR). One (70-1979) 25 Sep-11 Oct 1979, Zmudowski State Beach, Monterey Co. (DR; GMcC); photo on file.

All of the records above are of juvenile birds. This species has proven to be a rare but regular fall migrant and winter visitant to California and is no longer reviewed by the CBRC.

BLACK-HEADED GULL (*Larus ridibundus*). One adult (67-1978) 19-26 Feb 1978, Mad River Slough, Humboldt Co. (JD, GMcC, VR, DR). One adult (20-1979) 20-30 Mar 1979, Stockton Sewage Ponds, San Joaquin Co. (DR; JD, RAE, KG, GMcC, JM, BDP); photo on file.

This gull is still an extremely rare straggler anywhere along the west coast of North America south of Alaska. The Humboldt Co. bird is only the sixth recorded in California and the San Joaquin Co. bird the seventh.

LITTLE GULL (*Larus minutus*). One adult (68-1978) 21-26 Feb 1978, Humboldt Bay, Humboldt Co. (JD, RAE, GMcC, VR, DR). One adult (108-1978) 7 Oct 1978, Humboldt Bay, Humboldt Co. (CH). One subadult (21-1979) 20 Mar-2 Apr 1979 and the next three winters, Stockton Sewage ponds, San Joaquin Co. (RAE; JD, KG, GMcC, JM, DR); photos on file.

This species is most likely reaching the west coast of North America by an overland route from small widely scattered breeding colonies in central and eastern Canada. There are only seven records of this gull in California prior to 1978 and the species continues to be a rare straggler to the state.

SANDWICH TERN (*Sterna sandvicensis*). One adult (80-1980) 11-15 May 1980, San Diego Bay, San Diego Co. (JD, GMcC, PU).

## CALIFORNIA BIRD RECORDS

This is the first to be recorded in California (Schaffner, West. Birds 12:181-182, 1981). The species normally breeds around the Gulf of Mexico and along the southern parts of the Atlantic coast. However, some move across Central America in fall to winter on the Pacific coast, suggesting the route followed by the California bird. This bird was in an Elegant Tern nesting colony and was seen attempting to present fish to Elegant Terns.

CRESTED AUKLET (*Aethia cristatella*). One adult male specimen (Calif. Acad. Sci. 71070) (33-1979) 16-17 Jul 1979, Bolinas, Marin Co. (FW; BS); photos on file.

This is the first recorded in California (Weyman, Condor 82:472, 1980). The species breeds on islands in the extreme northern Pacific, casually straying as far south as northern Japan in winter. The only other records along the Pacific coast of North America south of the general breeding areas in Alaska are a specimen (British Columbia Provincial Museum 11915) collected in the winter of 1892-1893 offshore from the northwestern part of Vancouver Island and the observation of an adult on 7 Jul 1980 near Cedros Island 300 miles south of the United States-Mexican border (Pitman et al., West. Birds 14:47-48, 1983).

GROOVE-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*). One (23-1979) 13-17 Sep 1978, Anaheim, Orange Co. (DW; JD, DH, GMcC); photos on file.

This is only the second to be found in California; the first was near Lakeview, Riverside Co., 4-16 Nov 1974 (Am. Birds 29:122, 1975).

SNOWY OWL (*Nyctea scandiaca*). One (61-1978) 24 Nov-2 Dec 1977, Humboldt Bay, Humboldt Co. (CH, GMcC); photos on file. Two (65-1978) 8 Jan-28 Feb 1978, Manila, Humboldt Co. (JD, LE, JM, DR, HS); photos on file.

It is evident from reports along the northern Pacific coast (Am. Birds 32:249 and 392, 1978) that a number of Snowy Owls moved south along the Pacific coast during the late fall of 1977 and wintered as far south as extreme northern California.



Figure 2. White-rumped Sandpiper (*Calidris fuscicollis*) (89-1978) 2 Jun 1978, Carmel River, Monterey Co., California. Photo by Ron Branson

## CALIFORNIA BIRD RECORDS

BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD (*Cynanthus latirostris*). One male (54-1978) 20-23 Sep 1977, Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co. (GMcC). One male (84-1978) 9 Dec 1977-25 Jan 1978, Marina del Rey, Los Angeles Co. (JJ).

This species is now being recorded in California every year and it is becoming evident that small numbers regularly stray westward to California during fall to winter in the southern portion of the state.

SULPHUR-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes luteiventris*). One (131-1978) 6-9 Oct 1978, Goleta, Santa Barbara Co. (LB; JD, PL, BSc); photo on file.

This is only the second to be found in California. The first remained in Point Mugu State Park, Ventura Co., 22 Sep-5 Oct 1974 (Am. Birds 29:122, 1975).

EASTERN PHOEBE (*Sayornis phoebe*). One (59-1978) 29-30 Oct 1977, Oasis, Mono Co. (GMcC).

This species has proven to be a regular visitor to California during fall and winter and is no longer reviewed by the CBRC.

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax flaviventris*). One banded (13-1977) 16 Sep 1976, S. E. Farallon Island, San Francisco Co. (RLeV); photos on file.

This is the first to be recorded in California. This species breeds west to northeastern British Columbia, but normally migrates through the eastern portion of the United States. One collected in Tucson, Arizona, on 22 Sep 1956 (Phillips et al., The birds of Arizona, 1964) is the only other documented record for the southwestern United States west of extreme eastern New Mexico.

LEAST FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax minimus*). One (71-1977) 24 May 1977, Scotty's Castle, Death Valley, Inyo Co. (DR). One (53-1978) 15 Sep 1977, Pt. Loma, San Diego Co. (BC, GMcC). One (56-1979) 6-7 Oct 1979, Pt. Reyes, Marin Co. (RS; AG, BDP); photos on file.

This species is now recorded in small numbers every year, with most during fall. It is no longer reviewed by the CBRC.

GREATER PEWEE (*Contopus pertinax*). One (129-1978) 25 Nov 1978-1 Mar 1979, Parker Dam, San Bernardino Co. (JD, DR).

One or two of these birds are found wintering in California most years. The record above is undoubtedly the same individual (21-1978) as published in the Fourth Report of the CBRC (Luther, West. Birds 11:161-173, 1980).

BLUE JAY (*Cyanocitta cristata*). One (62-1978) 31 Dec 1977-8 Jan 1978, Willow Creek, Humboldt Co. (LE, RAE); photo on file. One (66-1978) mid Jan-9 Mar 1978, Fieldbrook, Humboldt Co. (JD, RAE, JM, GMcC, VR, DR); photo on file. One (109-1978) 7 Oct 1978, north spit Humboldt Bay, Humboldt Co. (CH).

There are now eight records of this species in California (Roberson, Rare birds of the West Coast, 1980).

SEDGE WREN (*Cistothorus platensis*). One (230-1980) 4 and 8 Nov 1980, Bolinas Lagoon, Marin Co. (DDeS; DN, PP, RS); photos on file.

This is the first to be recorded in California. This species breeds west to central Saskatchewan, but moves southeastward in fall. It is previously unrecorded west of extreme eastern New Mexico in fall and winter.

WOOD THRUSH (*Hylocichla mustelina*). One (128-1978) 25-26 Oct 1978, Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co. (JD, KG, DR).

## CALIFORNIA BIRD RECORDS

This is only the fourth to be found in California (Roberson, Rare birds of the West Coast, 1980).

GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH (*Catharus minimus*). One (46-1975) 25 Sep 1974, S. E. Farallon Island, San Francisco Co. (DDeS, RS); photos on file.

This species is a casual fall straggler to California, with fewer than 10 acceptable records.

DUSKY WARBLER (*Phylloscopus fuscatus*). One immature female specimen (*P. f. fuscatus*; Calif. Acad. Sci. 70314) (229-1980) 27 Sep 1980, S. E. Farallon Island, San Francisco Co. (RB, PP); photos on file.

This is the first to be recorded in California. There are only three previous occurrences of this Asiatic species reported for North America, one on St. Lawrence Island, Alaska, on 6 June 1977 (King et al., Am. Birds 32:158-160, 1978), and two birds on Shemya Island, Alaska, on 18 Sep 1978 (one, *P. f. fuscatus*, collected; the other was present through 23 Sep) (Gibson, Condor 83:65-77, 1981).

WHITE WAGTAIL (*Motacilla alba*). One first winter bird (130-1978) 9-11 Oct 1978, Goleta, Santa Barbara Co. (LB; JD, KG, PL, GMcC, DR); photo on file. One adult female (55-1979) 7 Aug-22 Sep 1979 and again from 20 Jul-21 Sep 1980, Watsonville sewage plant, Santa Cruz and Monterey cos. (CF; SA, JD, RAE, AG, KG, GMcC, JM, BDP, DR); photos on file.

These sightings establish the third and fourth records for California. The previous records were also during the fall (Oct).

The recently published paper by Morlan (Continental Birdlife 2:37-50, 1981) gives a detailed analysis of the distribution and identification of the two types of White Wagtail that have occurred in western North America, *M. a. ocularis* and *M. a. lugens*. Morlan reviews the systematics of the White Wagtail and presents evidence that *lugens* and *ocularis* are specifically distinct from one another (based on Soviet studies in which the two are said to breed sympatrically). Morlan concludes that the Watsonville adult is definitely referable to *lugens*, while the Goleta bird and the previous two accepted California records could not be assigned to subspecies. He concludes that, on the basis of all West Coast records, *lugens* is the more likely type to occur in California.

The AOU Committee on Classification and Nomenclature has split these two types into distinct species (Auk 99(3): Suppl., 1982). The CBRC will reevaluate the previously accepted records.

SPRAGUE'S PIPIT (*Anthus spragueii*). One (60-1978) 22 Nov 1977, Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co. (GMcC).

This is a casual straggler to California. The previous records are also from coastal southern California in fall.

RED-THROATED PIPIT (*Anthus cervinus*). One (58-1978) 13-15 Oct 1977, Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co. (and crossed into Mexico) (GMcC). One (18-1979) 28 Sep 1978, San Nicolas Island, Ventura Co. (LJ; JD, RAE). Three (111-1978) 7-13 Oct 1978, Pt. Reyes, Marin Co. (LCB, AG, JM, BDP); photos on file.

This species is now found almost annually in the fall in very small numbers. All records to date are from the coast and most are from southern California.

WHITE-EYED VIREO (*Vireo griseus*). One (91-1978) 18-21 May 1978, Pt. Reyes, Marin Co. (JD, JM, VR). One singing male (63-1979) 31 May-2 Jun 1979, Oasis, Mono Co. (PL; GMcC).

These are the third and fourth records for California. The previous are also in late spring (early Jun).

## CALIFORNIA BIRD RECORDS

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO (*Vireo flavifrons*). One (127-1978) 28-30 May 1978, Oasis, Mono Co. (DR, PU). One (96-1978) 3 Jun 1978, Pt. Reyes, Marin Co. (KL, JM).

This is a casual straggler to California, although it has been annual in recent years. Most records are for the spring.

YELLOW-GREEN VIREO (*Vireo flavoviridis*). One (110-1978) 22-25 Oct 1978, Lake Merced, San Francisco Co. (LCB, AG, JM, BDP, DR); photo on file.

This is the first record of this species for northern California. There are about 10 fall records from southern California. Most authorities now regard the Yellow-green Vireo as conspecific with the Red-eyed Vireo (*V. olivaceus*; Auk 99(3): Suppl., 1982).

PHILADELPHIA VIREO (*Vireo philadelphicus*). One (8-1979) 30 Dec 1978-12 Jan 1979, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Los Angeles Co. (LH; JD, KG, GMcC). One (64-1979) 26 Oct 1979, Carmel River mouth, Monterey Co. (DR).

This species is now noted annually in California, with the great majority of records in fall. The bird on the Palos Verdes Peninsula is the first winter record of this species in California.

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (*Protonotaria citrea*). One male (48-1978) 6-7 Jun 1977, Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co. (GMcC). One female (41-1979) 30 Dec 1978-10 Mar 1979, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara Co. (KG; JD, PL). One (60-1979) 23 May 1979, Oasis, Mono Co. (KVV, PL).

This species is now recorded annually in both the late spring and fall. The sighting from Santa Barbara is the first of a wintering bird in California.

WORM-EATING WARBLER (*Helmitheros vermivorus*). One (94-1978) 11-21 Jul 1978, Tilden Park, Contra Costa Co. (PG; JM, VR, DR). One (106-1978) 5-8 Oct 1978, Pt. Reyes, Marin Co. (AG, JM, BDP, JW); photo on file.

This is a casual vagrant to California, with most records being in fall. The Tilden Park sighting is the second midsummer record in California.

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER (*Vermivora chrysoptera*). One male (28-1979) 24 May 1979, Scotty's Castle, Death Valley, Inyo Co. (KVV; PL, DR); photo on file.

This is a casual vagrant to California, with records being about equally divided between late spring and fall.

CERULEAN WARBLER (*Dendroica cerulea*). One (113-1978) 15-17 Oct 1978, Pt. Reyes, Marin Co. (JW; DH, AG, JM, SW); photos on file. One female (116-1978) 27 Oct 1978, Carmel River mouth, Monterey Co. (SFB). One female (46-1979) 26-27 May 1979, Pt. Loma, San Diego Co. (CE; PU). One male (62-1979) 25 Oct 1979, Carmel River mouth, Monterey Co. (DR).

There are only three previous California records of this species. The Pt. Loma sighting is only the second spring record for California.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER (*Dendroica dominica*). One male (48-1979) 19-21 May 1978, Long Beach, Los Angeles Co. (JA; JD). One (122-1978) 2 Sep 1978, Red Bluff, Tehama Co. (SL). One male (47-1979) 29 Apr 1979, Encinitas, San Diego Co. (L and SS). One male (31-1979) 23 Jun-3 Jul 1979, Pt. Reyes, Marin Co. (JM, PU).

The above records are referable to the white-lored subspecies, *D. d. albilora*. In recent years this species has been reported annually. Most records are for spring and from southern California.

## CALIFORNIA BIRD RECORDS

GRACE'S WARBLER (*Dendroica graciae*). One (55-1978) 24-25 Sep 1977, Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co. (GMcC).

This species is a casual straggler to California. Three of the six previous occurrences were also of fall birds from coastal San Diego Co.

PINE WARBLER (*Dendroica pinus*). One male (36-1979) 4-26 Feb 1978, Regina, Imperial Co. (KG; JD, GMcC).

This is a casual straggler to California (fewer than 10 records). All previous records have been from fall (mostly October) and most have been from southern California. The above record is the first for the winter period and the first interior record. Fall Blackpoll Warblers continue to be confused with the Pine Warbler. Observers are therefore urged to use extreme caution before reporting this species in California.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (*Oporonis agilis*). One (43-1979) 14 Sep 1978, San Diego, San Diego Co. (RR). One (115-1978) 22 Oct 1978, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz Co. (DP).

This is a casual vagrant to California. Almost all records of this species are coastal and the majority are for the fall period. The Santa Cruz record above is the latest record for the state.

RED-FACED WARBLER (*Cardellina rubrifrons*). One (47-1978) 21-24 May 1977, Pt. Loma, San Diego Co. (DH, GMcC); photo on file. Two (39-1979) 17 Jun-3 Jul 1978, San Gabriel Mts., Los Angeles Co. (JA, KG); photo on file.

These are the fourth and fifth records of this species for California. The Pt. Loma sighting is the first coastal record accepted by the CBRC. The record from the San Gabriel Mts. is from a plausible breeding locality. It was unclear as to whether or not these birds represented a mated pair (neither bird was identified to sex).

HOODED WARBLER (*Wilsonia citrina*). One male (123-1978) 14 Nov-7 Dec 1978, Muir Woods, Marin Co. (RAE, AG, JM); photo on file. One female (56-1978) 17 Dec 1977-27 Jan 1978, San Diego, San Diego Co. (GMcC).

This species is now noted annually in California in very small numbers (mostly in spring) and is no longer being reviewed by the CBRC. The San Diego sighting is the first winter record for California, although there is a winter record from Washington.

CANADA WARBLER (*Wilsonia canadensis*). Two (51, 52-1978) 11-13 Sep 1977, Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co. (GMcC). One (117-1978) 10 Sep 1978, Pt. Saint George, Del Norte Co. (RAE). One male (112-1978) 12-22 Oct 1978, Pacific Grove, Monterey Co. (VY; JM).

This species is now being found every fall in very small numbers. The great majority of these records are from the immediate coastal slope. There are also a few spring records. This species is no longer being reviewed by the CBRC.

COMMON GRACKLE (*Quiscalus quiscula*). One (27-1979) 25 May 1979, West Pittsburg, Contra Costa Co. (RAE, SF).

This species is a casual straggler to California (about 10 previous records). The date of the above sighting fits the pattern of late spring occurrences of this species, but the sighting represents one of the few records from northern California. As expected, all of the California records appear to pertain to the "Bronzed" subspecies, *Q. q. versicolor*.

SCARLET TANAGER (*Piranga olivacea*). One male banded (78-1979) 15 Oct 1979, Bolinas, Marin Co. (RS).

This species is a very rare straggler to California, but has been recorded annually in recent years. The majority of records are from rather late in the fall period and are from southern California.

## CALIFORNIA BIRD RECORDS

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL (*Loxia leucoptera*). Flock of 12 (5-1979) 1 Sep 1978, Mosquito Lake, Trinity Co. (GG, PG).

This is the first record for California. This erratic species staged an invasion in the winter of 1977-78 into Washington and Oregon with observations continuing through the spring, summer and fall of 1978.

CASSIN'S SPARROW (*Aimophila cassinii*). Up to 15 singing males (126-1978) 21 May-7 Jun 1978, Lanfair Valley, San Bernardino Co. (DR).

The occurrence of the above concentration coincided with an invasion by this species into the Southwest in spring 1978 (Am. Birds 32:1043, 1978). There are only eight previous records of this species for California, all of single birds. Additional records from spring 1978 from elsewhere in southern California are currently circulating through the CBRC.

SHARP-TAILED SPARROW (*Ammospiza caudacuta*). One (79-1978) 8 Feb 1978, Palo Alto, Santa Clara Co. (AG, JM, MW); photos on file. Two (22-1979) 10 Jan 1979 (one bird) and 27 Jan 1979 (two birds), Dumbarton Marsh, Alameda Co. (RAE). One (14-1979) 25 Jan-24 Feb 1979, Palo Alto, Santa Clara Co. (JM).

This species regularly winters in very small numbers at a few of the larger coastal estuaries.

SNOW BUNTING (*Plectrophenax nivalis*). One male (107-1978) 11 May 1978, Cape Mendocino, Humboldt Co. (CH); photo on file. One (7-1979) 14 Nov-2 Dec 1978, MacKerricher Beach, Mendocino Co. (JP, KVV); photos on file. One (35-1979) 23-27 Dec 1978, Kelso Valley, Kern Co. (JD, KG).

This species is now recorded annually in the late fall and early winter in northern California and is no longer being reviewed by the CBRC. The sighting from Cape Mendocino establishes the first spring record for the state and must be one of the latest records for the lower contiguous 48 states. The Kelso Valley sighting is the third record for southern California.

### UNACCEPTED RECORDS, Identification uncertain

YELLOW-BILLED LOON (*Gavia adamsii*). One (52-1976) 5-9 May 1976, Pt. Mugu, Ventura Co.

LEAST GREBE (*Tachybaptus dominicus*). One (38-1979) 1 Oct 1978, Salton City, Imperial Co.

CAPE PETREL (*Daption capense*). One (33-1974) 13 Mar 1974, Monterey Bay, Monterey Co.

WILSON'S STORM-PETREL (*Oceanites oceanicus*). One (58-1976) 9 Oct 1976, Monterey Bay, Monterey Co.

WHITE-BELLIED STORM-PETREL (*Fregetta grallaria*). One (43-1978) 1 Oct 1977, Monterey Bay, Monterey Co.

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (*Nyctanassa violacea*). One (102-1978) 5 Jul 1977, Tomales Bay, Marin Co.

CALIFORNIA BIRD RECORDS

**UNACCEPTED RECORDS, Identification uncertain (Cont.)**

TRUMPETER SWAN (*Cygnus buccinator*). Five (41-1977) 31 Dec 1967, Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co.

ZONE-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo albonotatus*). One (52-1979) 8 Sep 1979, Watsonville, Santa Cruz Co.

HARRIS' HAWK (*Parabuteo unicinctus*). One (37-1979) 24 Sep 1978, north of Blythe, Riverside Co.

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus crinitus*). One (165-1977) 25 Aug 1972, near Rodeo Lagoon, Marin Co.

EASTERN PHOEBE (*Sayornis phoebe*). One (32-1977) 7 Sep 1971, Yucca Valley, San Bernardino Co. One (86-1976) 29 Aug 1976, Lafayette, Contra Costa Co.

LEAST FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax minimus*). One (58-1977) 27 May 1977, Scotty's Castle, Inyo Co.

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE (*Contopus virens*). One (93-1976) 5 Jun 1969, Pacific Grove, Monterey Co.

GRAY CATBIRD (*Dumetella carolinensis*). One (75-1978) 2 Oct 1977 Pacific Grove, Monterey Co.

VEERY (*Catharus fuscescens*). One (26-1979) 10 May 1979, San Rafael, Marin Co.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR (*Oenanthe oenanthe*). One (101-1978) 14 Dec 1977, Death Valley National Monument, Inyo Co.

YELLOW WAGTAIL (*Motacilla flava*). One (93-1978) 2 Dec 1977, Mare Island area, Solano Co.

RED-THROATED PIPIT (*Anthus cervinus*). One (42-1978) 4 Sep 1977, Pt. Reyes, Marin Co. One (103-1978) 28 Sep 1977, Grizzly Island, Solano Co. One (73-1979) 7 Nov 1979, Auburn, Placer Co.

PHILADELPHIA VIREO (*Vireo philadelphicus*). One (134-1977) 23 Aug 1973, Cow Creek, Death Valley, Inyo Co. One (49-1979) 22 Oct 1978, Pt. Loma, San Diego Co.

PLAIN CHACHALACA (*Ortalis vetula*). One (57-1979) 28 Nov 1976, Bakersfield, Kern Co.

YELLOW RAIL (*Coturnicops noveboracensis*). One (74-1978) 4 Feb 1978, Santee Lakes, San Diego Co.

GREATER GOLDEN-PLOVER (*Pluvialis apricaria*). One (3-1979), 2 Jan 1966, near Dillon Beach, Marin Co.

JACK SNIBE (*Lymnocyptes minimus*). One (76-1978) 23 Jan 1977, Oakland, Alameda Co.

**UNACCEPTED RECORDS, Identification uncertain (Cont.)**

SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER (*Calidris acuminata*). One (46-1977) 3 Sep 1968, Abbott's Lagoon, Marin Co. One (48-1977) 19 Oct 1973, Limantour Estero, Marin Co. Three (119-1977) 25 Oct 1977, Lake Talawa, Del Norte Co.

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER (*Calidris pusilla*). Two (52-1977) 6-10 Aug 1975, Arcata bottoms, Humboldt Co. One (78-1976) 23 Aug 1975, Wister Unit, Imperial Wildlife Area, Imperial Co. One (51-1979) 15 Jun 1979, Pajaro River, Santa Cruz Co.

RUFF (*Philomachus pugnax*). One (96-1977) 12 Sep 1977, Lake Talawa, Del Norte Co. One (36-1978) 20 Sep 1977, Goleta, Santa Barbara Co. One (42-1979) 20 Dec 1978, Tecopa Hot Springs, Inyo Co.

SNOWY OWL (*Nyctea scandiaca*). One (25-1978) 20 Nov 1972, near Samoa, Humboldt Co. One (77-1978) 17 Jun 1976, near Oakland, Alameda Co.



Figure 3. Dusky Warbler (*Phylloscopus fuscatus*) (229-1980) 27 Sep 1980, S. E. Farallon Island, San Francisco Co., California. Photo by Bob Boekelheide

## CALIFORNIA BIRD RECORDS

### UNACCEPTED RECORDS, Identification uncertain (Cont.)

RIVOLI'S HUMMINGBIRD (*Eugenes fulgens*). One (34-1979) 4 May 1978, near Riverside, Riverside Co.

CERULEAN WARBLER (*Dendroica cerulea*). One (45-1979) 22 Oct 1978, Pt. Loma, San Diego Co.

PINE WARBLER (*Dendroica pinus*). One (108-1977) 25 Sep 1977, Pacific Grove, Monterey Co.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (*Oporornis agilis*). One (154-1977) 12 Sep 1973, Paradise, Butte Co. One (133-1977) 6 Oct 1977, Pt. Reyes, Marin Co.

COMMON GRACKLE (*Quiscalus quiscula*). One (10-1978) 13 Oct 1977, Hayward, Alameda Co.

SHARP-TAILED SPARROW (*Ammospiza caudacuta*). One (152-1977) 24 Dec 1973, Pt. Reyes, Marin Co.

### UNACCEPTED RECORD, Origin uncertain (identification accepted)

HARRIS' HAWK (*Parabuteo unicinctus*). One (72-1978) 16 Jan 1978, Mecca, Riverside Co.



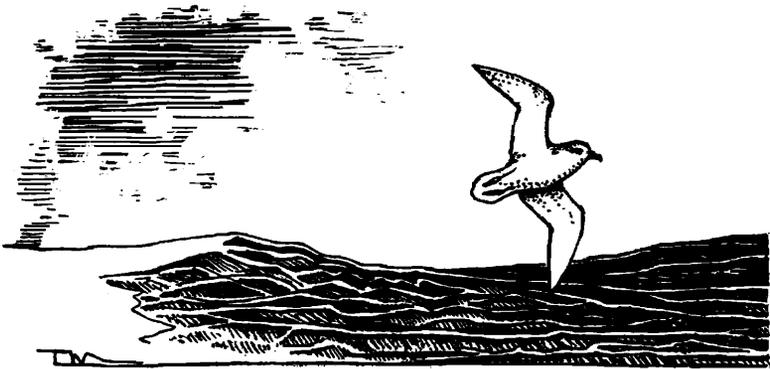
Figure 4. Snow Bunting (*Plectrophenax nivalis*) (107-1978) 11 May 1978, Cape Mendocino, Humboldt Co., California.

Photo by Craig Hohenberger

## CONTRIBUTORS

Steve Allison (SA), Aileen Anderson (AA), Jon Atwood (JA), Stephen F. Bailey (SFB), Bernice Barnes (BBA), Fred Barry (FB), Louis Bevier (LB), Laurence C. Binford (LCB), Tupper Ansel Blake (TAB), Robert Boekelheide (RB), Betty Boyd (BB), Bruce Broadbooks (BBr), Elizabeth Copper (EC), Bart Cord (BC), Brian Daniels (BDa), David DeSante (DDeS), Bruce Deuel (BD), Donna Dittmann (DD), Jon Dunn (JD), Claude Edwards (CE), Bruce Elliot (BE), Victor Emanuel (VE), Linda Erickson (LE), Richard A. Erickson (RAE), Jules Evens (JE), Kurt Fankhauser (KF), L. P. Farar (LF), Fran Floyd (FF), Steven Foreman (SF), Carolyn Frederiksen (CF), Gary Friedrichsen (GF), Jeff Froke (JF), Kimball Garrett (KG), Steve Gellman (SGe), Stephen R. Getty (SRG), Al Ghorso (AG), Doug Gomke (DG), Geoff Gordon (GG), Philip Gordon (PG), L. W. Gralapp (LWG), V. Lee Grover (LG), Pamela M. Gunther (PMG), Linda Hale (LH), Roger Harris (RH), Andreas Helbig (AH), Phil Henderson (PH), Norman Hill (NH), Don Hoechlin (DH), R. W. Hoellwarth (RWH), Craig Hohenberger (CH), Dave Holdridge (DHo), David A. Holway (DAH), Richard A. Holway (RAH), Jerome A. Johnson (JJ), Stu Johnston (Sj), Lee Jones (LJ), Abigail King (AK), Kathleen Lackey (KL), Jeri Langham (JL), Steve Layman (SL), Paul Lehman (PL), Ron LeValley (RLeV), Ian MacGregor (IMacG), Alayne MacMillan (AM), Bill Marshall (BM), Robert E. Maurer (REM), G. Charles Mayes (GCM), Guy McCaskie (GMC), J.E. McDonald (JMcD), Joan Mills (JM), Joseph Morlan (JM), Scott Moorhouse (SM), Dan Nelson (DN), Gary Page (GP), Dennis Parker (DP), Benjamin D. Parmeter (BDP), John Parmeter (JP), Joyce Parry (JPa), Raphael Payne (RP), Elizabeth Phinney (EP), William Pursell (WP), Peter Pyle (PP), William Reese (WR), Van Remsen (VR), Patricia M. Righter (PMR), Don Roberson (DR), Raymond Robinson (RR), Dave Rudholm (DRu), Luis and Suzanne Santaella (L and SS), Starr Saphir (SSa), Buzz Scher (BSh), Brad Schram (BSc), Genevieve Sears (GS), John Smail (JS), Arnold Small (AS), Bruce Sorrie (BS), Larry Spear (LS), Richard Stallcup (RS), Lynn Stenzel (LSt), Robert M. Stewart (RMS), Shumway Suffel (SS), Gerald Tolman (GT), Blaine Ulmer (BU), Philip Unitt (PU), Kent Van Vuren (KVV), Richard Webster (RW), Fred O. Weyman (FW), Ralph S. Widrig (RSW), Mike Wihler (MW), Douglas R. Willick (DW), Steve Wilson (SW), Vernal Yadon (VY).

*Accepted 28 March 1983*



Cook's Petrel

*Sketch by Tim Manolis*