

Central Valley Bird Highlights: June through July 2004

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WATERBIRDS

A juvenile **Brown Pelican** that spent several weeks at the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge (=NWR), Sacramento County, was discovered on 19 July (CC) and seen to the end of the summer (see article in this issue). Another juvenile **Brown Pelican** at San Luis NWR on 20 July (PP) was one of few records for Merced County. The bird of the season was a well-photographed adult **Glossy Ibis*** on 29 May (MP) at the Sutter NWR, Sutter County, for a first Central Valley record, the second for Northern California and one of few ever for the state. This species has been expanding its range into Texas, the Southwest, and Mexico in recent decades. A **Black Rail*** singing on 21 June (KM) at the Consumnes River Preserve (=CRP), Sacramento County, is from an area where they may potentially breed. An adult **Stilt Sandpiper*** on 17 July (JK) at the Davis Wetlands was the first report from Yolo County in two years.

LANDBIRDS

Pending acceptance by the California Bird Records Committee (CBRC), a **Great Crested Flycatcher*** at the CRP on 6 July (JT, CC, TR) would be a first CBRC accepted record for the entire Central Valley (a prior record for the CRP has yet to be submitted to the CBRC for review). Hot on the heels of last year's well-documented record (including tape recording of song), an **Eastern Wood-Pewee*** was reported singing on 26-27 June (AE, SH) along Putah Creek. Pending acceptance by the CBRC this would be a third Central Valley record and a first for both Yolo and Solano counties. Two **Red-eyed Vireos*** at the CRP on 20 July (JT) was an unusual find for the Central Valley, but at that date it is difficult to determine if they were spring or fall migrants. A **Northern Parula*** on 9 July (AP) at the Mokelumne River near Lodi was a first summer record for San Joaquin County. A **Hooded Warbler*** on 17 June (JT) was a second record for the CRP and one of few for Sacramento County. A **Black-and-white Warbler*** on 3 June (KK) on private property along the Sacramento River in northern Colusa County was a first county record. A very unseasonal **White-throated Sparrow** on 2 July (AP) at the Mokelumne River near Lodi was perhaps the first summer record for the entire Central Valley.

*Pending endorsement by the Sacramento Bird Records Committee

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