

Central Valley Bird Highlights: June through July 2017

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Locally rare **Least Bittern** pair was at the west end of Fulkerth Road in Stanislaus County on 11-26 July (XS+). Yolo County's first documented record of **Black Rail** was a surprise find at Bridgewater Pond on 18-27 July (JRg+). The only noteworthy shorebird reports were of a **Red Knot** and a **Pectoral Sandpiper** at the Davis WTP in Yolo County on 28-29 June (TG+), two **Solitary Sandpipers** in Sacramento County with one at the Anatolia Vernal Pool Preserve on 23 July (GEw) and the other at the Bufferlands on 25 July (CCo) and a third in Yolo County at the Woodland WTP on 29 July (TG), and six **Sanderlings** at the Toledo Pits in Tulare County on 11 July (DR). There were no **Black Skimmer** records in the Sacramento Valley until now, with one at the Sacramento NWR on 3 July, it or another at Black Butte Res on both the Glenn and Tehama County sides on 4 July and another on the same date at the Yolo Bypass WA (EH). These represent the first Glenn, Tehama and Yolo County records.

A photographed **Vermilion Flycatcher** was unseasonably north and provided a first record for Solano County along Barker Slough on 20 June (MY), but was not found by others on a later date. The Sacramento River NWR held a **Northern Waterthrush** from 21- 30 June for one of few Glenn County records (SMcA). Fresno County's first or second **Ovenbird** hit a window in Roeding Park on 2 June but recovered enough to fly away (MC). A **Northern Parula** sang at the William B. Pond Recreation Area in Sacramento County on 4 June (AW) and another was photographed a few miles east of Lodi, San Joaquin County on 15 July (ML). A lucky birder had an **American Redstart** singing in her backyard in Sacramento on 4 June (JVK). A singing **Indigo Bunting** delighted birders in Red Bluff, Tehama County on 3-7 June (IG+).

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WA=State Wildlife Area; WTP=Wastewater Treatment Ponds; NW=National Wildlife Refuge; Res.=Reservoir