

## Central Valley and Foothills Bird Highlights: June through July 2018

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The Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area provided habitat for an adult **Pacific Golden-Plover** on 12 July (HC). A rare **Ruff** from Siberia was in the Fresno area on 20 July (JSe). Another Eurasian sandpiper, a **Little Stint** photographed at a private property in Kings County on 21 July (MSy), was perhaps the same individual documented there in the previous July. **Solitary Sandpipers** are scarce migrants through the region. Singles were at Black Butte Reservoir in Tehama County on 24 July (JCS) and the Madera WTP on 25 July (GF). A **Semipalmated Sandpiper** at Black Butte Reservoir on 25 July (LK) was an excellent find for Tehama County and may have been a first or second county record. Colusa NWR hosted one on 29 July (LK) for one of fewer than ten county records for Colusa County. And a third was at the Fresno WTP on 30 July (RSx). An early fall migrant **Franklin's Gull** was found swimming at the Woodland WTP in Yolo County on 26-29 June (KB, SH). The now annually summering **Least Terns** of the Sacramento Bufferlands remained to breed; two eggs were seen on 9 July (SSc).

The Woodland WTP in Yolo County was the scene of a newly established **White-faced Ibis** colony that had two mixed pairs of **Glossy** and **White-faced Ibis**. This is the first documented record of nesting of **Glossy Ibis** in California, with one pair last seen with a nearly fledged young on 19 July (HC, EI+).

Although **Bell's Vireos** have been making a slow comeback to the region following decades of absence, they are still rare and noteworthy. A singing male was at the Grasslands WA in Merced County on 15 July (PD). A **Chestnut-sided Warbler** along Putah Creek at Levee Road was found on a surprisingly early date of 31 July and remained into August (DC). Whether this bird was over-summering or an early fall migrant remains a mystery. A female **Summer Tanager** visited feeders in Tulare, Tulare County, on 20 June (DF), and a singing male was present for the summer at the Orr Ranch in Sacramento County with a last report for 28 July (CC). Another surprise feeder bird was a male **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** near the town of Shasta in Shasta County on 29 June (B&CY). A pair of **Indigo Buntings** were present along Putah Creek between Pedrick and Hopkins roads for a few days after being discovered on 27 July (DH+).

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



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