

# The **SKIMMER**



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## **SDFO NEWS**

### **Monthly Meeting**

Tuesday, August 16, at 7:00 p.m., at the Tecolote Nature Center, at the east end of Tecolote Road, off I-5.

Program: Tony Merceica, back from his summer travels, says: "Let's look at Texas again."

Next Month's meeting: Tuesday, September 20, same time, same place. Program: "Raptor research in San Diego County for the Multiple Species Conservation Program," by Jeff Lincer.

### **Membership Update**

Here's a late renewer that should have been published a couple of months ago.

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### **Yellow-crowned Night Herons at Tijuana Slough NWR, Part II**

The writing and publication of last month's *Skimmer* was left in the shaky hands of the Apprentice Editor (whose identity will remain anonymous). He promptly printed a scoop about the two Yellow-crowned Night Herons seen from the bridge on the McCoy Trail at the Tijuana Slough NWR. After interviewing the expert on the scene, he reported that the birds were adults and grandly foresaw a range expansion into San Diego County for the species. Now the expert says, "They are immature birds. I never said that they were adults." Where's that tape recorder, now that we need it? The *Skimmer* editor is back and announces the following correction: The two Yellow-crowned Night Herons are immature birds. There will be no range expansion soon. He has also told the Apprentice: "You're fired!"

*[Ed. Note: Don't you believe it. The Apprentice Editor runs the cheapest copy service in town!]*

# SAN DIEGO RARE BIRD ALERT REPORT, JULY 2005

Compiled by Mike Evans

COMMON NAME	NO	PLUM	OBS DATE	LOCATION	REPORTER	NOTE
Reddish Egret	1	Ad	7/22/05	San Diego Bay, South Bay NWR, mudflats W of D St. fill	Barth, J.	
Reddish Egret	1	Juv	7/29/05	San Diego Bay, South Bay NWR (salt works), from N end 7th St., Imperial Beach	Claypool, M.	
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	1-2	SubAd	7/2-28/05	Tijuana Estuary NWR, McCoy trail from visitor's center: 1st bridge, S of center	Sadowski, M., several other birders	
Zone-tailed Hawk	1		7/28/05	Sweetwater R Park, @ Bonita Rd. & Central Ave.	Reck, C.	
Western Sandpiper	1	Juv	7/25/05	San Diego R floodway	Sadowski, M.	1st juv this species this season
Black Oystercatcher	3	Ad	7/19/05	Coronado, NAS North Island, ocean side	Sadowski, M.	
American Avocet	1		7/23/05	Cuyamaca Lake, near dam	Sharman, P.	
Elegant Tern	1	Ad	7/6/05	Mataguay Boy Scout Camp, Parker (Beaver) Lake	Riggan, R.	
Common Tern	5	1st sum	7/17/05	Santa Margarita R mouth, Camp Pendleton	Parker, D.	
Common Tern	6	1st sum	7/19/05	Silver Strand, Delta Beach mud flats	Sadowski, M.	
Common Tern	8	4 Ad, 4 1st sum	7/25/05	San Diego R floodway	Sadowski, M.	
Common Tern	40		7/28/05	Silver Strand, Delta Beach mud flats	Sadowski, M.	mostly 1st summer birds; few Alt plumaged adults
Forster's Tern	#		7/17/05	Santa Margarita R mouth, Camp Pendleton	Parker, D.	"...nice size Forester's tern nesting colony..."
Common Ground-Dove	1		7/19/05	Coronado, NAS North Island (LETE site)	Sadowski, M.	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1		7/5/05	Cabrillo NM, pines near old lighthouse	Altman, E.	
Vermilion Flycatcher	1	M/Alt	7/5/05	Borrego Valley, Roadrunner Country Club, Swan Lake	Barr, J.	
*Black-throated Magpie-Jay	1		7/7/05	Cabrillo NM, Myoporum grove, dripping faucet	Sams, J.	
Townsend's Solitaire	1		7/30/05	Laguna Mtns, Desert View picnic area	Miller, R.	
Hermit Thrush	1		7/9/05	Palomar Mtn SP, Chimney Flats trail, near fallen pine	Edwards, C. G.	bird singing

Black-throated Gray Warbler	2		7/30/05	Laguna Mts., upper portion, Kitchen Creek	Miller, R.	birds chasing each other
Palm Warbler	1	Alt	7/5/05	Cabrillo NM, cypress near old lighthouse	Altman, E.	
Ovenbird	1		7/2,4,9/05	Palomar Mt. State Park, Chimney Flat, S of creek	Myers, T., 3 other birders	bird singing
Painted Redstart	1		7/17/05	Laguna Mts., Agua Dulce Ceerk trail, between two pump houses	Hunefeld, T., Billings, M.	
Summer Tanager	1	M	7/17/05	Laguna Mts., Agua Dulce Ceerk trail, between two pump houses	Hunefeld, T., Billings, M.	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	2	M+F	7/4,5,9/05	Palomar Mt. State Park, Chimney Flat, S of Chimney Creek	Barr, J., several other birders	male singing only
Lazuli Bunting	3		7/17/05	Laguna Mts., Agua Dulce Creek trail, between two pump houses	Hunefeld, T.	

## 46th SUPPLEMENT TO THE AOU CHECKLIST PRODUCES ONLY MINOR CHANGES

The 46th Supplement to the American Ornithological Union's Checklist of North American Birds (published in *The Auk* 122(3):1026-1031, 2005) made only minor changes to the standard checklist used by most American birders. Perhaps the most significant is to delete Black-backed Wagtail (*Motacilla lugens*) from the list and re-lump it with White Wagtail (*M. alba*). The extirpation of Crested Myna (*Acridotheres cris-*

*tatellus*) from the Vancouver, B.C. area moves this species from the main checklist to the appendix. Several other changes affect species south of the U.S. border.

The checklist committee also indicated that it is considering future changes to the family Parulidae (the wood warblers).

