

This is an attempt to bring most of the accepted Exceptional bird records for Tulare County into one place. This is not an attempt to legitimize or reject records.

Exceptional: vagrant, wanderer, locally extirpated species, very locally Rare species

"?" is not a questioning of authenticity but of missing data or data that is only vaguely remembered.

Most of the good information comes from Bob Barnes, Rob Hansen, Kim Kuska, and Gary Lindquist. Many of the published references I have found searching the internet, especially SORA.

The original list I am working from is A Checklist of the Birds of Tulare County, California, 1997 and 2005 versions.

Sp S F W

Anatidae

b Fulvous Whistling-Duck e e e e Dead Pig Pond, 9 October 2006 thru 29 April 2007, Tony Kurz: repeatedly observed and photographed by many. Raised young. Some questioned origin but most accepted record and it should be noted that the locally extirpated Bell's Vireo also made a reappearance in this wettest year in decades.

Hist. s 82, sp06-w07

Pixley NWR, 29 April 2006, John Lockhart:
First record in 24 years, also seen by Kim Kuska, Steve Laymon, Steve Summers, photos, [posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingbirds/message/163>]

Creighton Ranch, 23-24 August 1982, Keith Hansen, Becky DeMonte:
[Note: Keith included a sketch of the 2 birds at the end of his field notes. In Keith's Aug. 1 to Nov. 30, 1982 report to American Birds, he mentioned that Bob Barnes, authority on Tulare County birds, said that this is the first good record for Tulare County in recent history. If the Sept. 28, 1940 record by Ward Minturn ("Tule River near Tulare Lake") was in Kings County, then this Aug. 23, 1982 record may be the first Tulare County record.] [Tulare County Rare (Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen]

28 September 1940, 2 birds at "Tule River near Tulare Lake" [this location may have been near Creighton Ranch- which is in Tulare Co. - or it may have been just inside Kings Co.] This was on a trip Ward Minturn took with Ed Hughson. [Tulare County Rare (Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen]

Historical records?

Brant e ?, ??:

Brant - If is on the list (a bird on the checklist), it was documented in some way. This record is not that old as I think it was after the Fresno record that Rob H or someone had up there [email Bob Barnes]

on John Sterling's county lists http://www.cal.net/~ani/california_county_birding.htm

on 1997, A Checklist of the Birds of Tulare County, Tulare County Audubon Society

Trumpeter Swan e California Hot Springs? Kim Kuska?

on 1997, A Checklist of the Birds of Tulare County, Tulare County Audubon Society

Tufted Duck e Youth Development Pond Porterville, ?? 1994, Kim Kuska: Kim said photos published in Porterville Newspaper

sp 93, 94

Bravo Lake, 3 April 1993, Barbara Hopkins:

Woodlake Water Treatment Plant, ?? 199?, Chuck Hackett:

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Anatidae					
Greater Scaup sp 94, w sp 08	e		e		Woodlake WTP, 3 January 2008 thru 25 March 2008, John Sterling Also seen by Tanner Estrla, Tony Kurz, John Lockhart, Steve Summers 1 male and 1 female, photos [posted http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/544] Youth Development Pond Porterville, 1994, Kim Kuska: Kim said photos published in Porterville Newspaper - seen with Tufted Duck
Harlequin Duck Historical sp 1937		h			South Fork Campground, 8 May 1937, ?: From Sequoia National Park Superintendent's report UTMN 4024 UTME 341 Historical on Foothills Rivers?
Surf Scoter w 98, f 01, w 07		e	e		Success Lake, 8 December 2007, Tony Kurz, John Lockhart, Justin Ward: Also seen by Steve Summers, Gary Lindquist photo [posted http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/522] Tulare Water Treatment Plant, ? Fall 2001, Kim Kuska: Tulare County Audubon Society field Trip Lake Success, Count Week around 17 December 1988, Springville CBC Surf Scoter ... I saw this bird at Lake Success . It is in my CBC notes for that year. As I recall it was seen one of the three days before the count but was a one day (one afternoon after school) wonder. [email Bob Barnes]
Long-tailed Duck w 2007			e		Bartlett Park Gravel Pond, 8 December 2007, Tony Kurz, John Lockhart, Justin Ward: Also seen by Gary Lindquist, Steve Summers photos [posted http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/522]
Red-breasted Merganser almost every year	e		e	e	Bravo Lake, 27 April 2008, John Lockhart: Also seen by Tony Kurz, Justin Ward, Nancy Bruce. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/613 Success Lake, 21 November 2007 - 3 January 2008, Tony Kurz: Also seen by John Lockhart, Justin Ward, Steve Summers [posted http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/502] Lake Kaweah, 27 December 2006 thru 6 January 2007, Kim Kuska: On December 27.2006. during the Kaweah Christmas Count, I saw a Red- breasted Merganser synchronized feeding and swimming with 75 Common Mergansers near the second boat ramp at Lake Kaweah around 1:00 pm. [posted by Kim Kuska http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/286] Tony Kurz and John Lockhart viewed this bird in 2006 with John Lockhart last seeing it on Jan 6, 2007 [posted http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/290 location on post is incorrect JL.] Success Lake, 16 December 2006, Springville CBC, Gary Lindquist [per Springville Christmas Bird Count Results, Kim Kuska] Success Lake, 2005, Steven Summers: [personal communication] Woodlake Water Treatment Plant, fall 2004, Burl McDonnell: photos 2 January 1998, John Sterling: from RBA Springville CBC, 16 December 1978

Gaviidae

Pacific Loon
w 86, 04, f 07

e e Success Lake, 12 November 2007, Tony Kurz;
Also seen by Rob Hansen, John Lockhart, Steve Summers photos [posted
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/493>]

Success Lake, 31 December 2004, Cindy Lieurance, Les Lieurance:
Video taken posted to various sites,

Kaweah CBC, 28 Dec 1986, Kaweah CBC

Common Loon
w 83, 87, w & sp 07, 08

e e e Bravo Lake, 27 April 2008, Tony Kurz:
Also seen by John Lockhart, Justin Ward, Nancy Bruce.
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/613>

Bravo Lake, 21 April 2007, Rob Hansen:
An alternate plumage (breeding plumage) common loon was seen in the
northern portion of the lake about mid-way (east-west) across the
lake. [posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/372>]

Bravo Lake, 8-9 January 2007, Bev Brock, Lynn Hemink, Pete Fahey:
John Lockhart Jan 9 [posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/293>]

Success Lake? 19 December 1987, Springville CBC

Success Lake? 17 December 1983, Springville CBC

Lots of records for Common Loon at Lake Success. Many not associated with CBCs.
November through January records. [email Bob Barnes]

Hydrobatidae

Black Storm-Petrel
f 1994

e Big Stump Entrance Station, 5 October 1994, Newton V:
UTMN 4064 UTME 325 Grant Grove area, Jim Warner, extensive photos in Sequoia and
Kings Canyon National Park archives

In addition to this one, anomalous interior records are of a Black
Storm-Petrel (*Oceanodroma melania*) found in Kings Canyon National Park, Tulare
Co., 5 Oct 1994 (NAS Field Notes 49:96, 1995) from

REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA BIRD RECORDS
COMMITTEE: 1995 RECORDS
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Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles, California 90007
DANIEL S. SINGER, 500 Washington St. #700, San Francisco, California 94111

Pelecanidae

Brown Pelican
f 86, f 05

e Success Lake, 4 September 2005, Justin Ward:
photos, John Lockhart, Gary Lindquist.

on 1997, A Checklist of the Birds of Tulare County, Tulare County Audubon Society

on 1991, Birds of Lake Kaweah, USACE

Lake Kaweah, 30 September - 9 October 1986, ?

BROWN PELICAN. The Siskiyou Co. bird was actually in district M, not B. Several additional inland records from districts C and I near the coast. Farther inland in district J; 1-3 in Kings Co., Aug. 5-Oct. 12, 1983, and L. Kaweah, Tulare Co., Sept. 30-Oct. 9, 1986

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Ardeidae

Least Bittern
s 82, 83, 98, sp 07

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Homeland Canal Lateral B, 25 May 2007, Steven Summers:
[posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/401>]

Kansas Ave Ponds, 26 July 1998, David Yee:

This adult least bittern was seen in what local birders call the Kansas Avenue ponds. This is Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District's Basin #17 (the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 6, Township 20 South, Range 23 East). The bird was in tules along the east side of this basin and was seen well for five minutes (0720-0725) by all participants in a Central Valley Bird Club trip to birding sites in the Tulare Lake Basin led by David Yee. Call notes (fide Allison Sheehey-Cunningham) were like green heron but repeated. [Tulare County Rare (Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen]

Creighton Ranch Preserve, 23 July 1983, Rob Hansen, Debra Hansen, and Becky DeMonte:

It was heard by all three observers [Tulare County Rare (Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen]

Creighton Ranch Preserve, 1-3 August 1982, Keith Hansen, Rob Hansen:

Keith's American Birds notes read as follows: "This little guy hung out for a while at Creighton Ranch giving many their first least bittern. Once I even saw it from [the Preserve residence] front porch while having my morning coffee". This individual was seen in marsh habitat inside the reservoirs in Section 34, Township 21 South, Range 23 East). [Tulare County Rare (Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen]

Creighton Ranch Preserve, 18 July 1982, Gary Page and Lynne Stenzel (visiting from PRBO):

[Tulare County Rare (Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen]

Creighton Ranch Preserve, 9 June 1982, Rob Hansen:

[Tulare County Rare (Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen]

Tricolored Heron
s 2000

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Pond near Venice Hill, Woodlake, ? June 2000, Jeff and Jeanne Wheaton:
Also seen by Gary Lindquist, Kim Kuska photos Submitted to CBRC December of 2007

on 2005, A Checklist of the Birds of Tulare County, Tulare County Audubon Society

Ciconiidae

Wood Stork

1940/50?, f 66, sp 00

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Lake Kaweah ? April 1999 or 2000, George Glover, Frank Lewis.

They remember that it was a year or so before 911 closed that area of the dam off to the public without special permission

Woodstork was seen by Frank Lewis and George Glover below Kaweah Lake many years ago--before I was with local audubon. [email Gary Lindquist]

Pixley, 18 November 1966, ?

WOOD STORK. Recorded in Alameda, Monterey, Fresno, and Modoc Cos. prior to 1935. One was seen near Big Sur, Monterey Co., during the latter half of July 1976; six were seen near Davis, Yolo Co., Aug. 20, 1964, with one near there Dec. 5-27, 1964; two were at Mendota, Fresno Co., in Aug. and Sept. 1969 and another was there July 28, 1976; one was at Pixley, Tulare Co., Nov. 18, 1966.

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Wood Stork - As I recall this was a 1940s/1950s record from the Tulare Lake basin. It was in notes somewhere. I don't know that I have that record in storage. [email Bob Barnes]

on 1997, A Checklist of the Birds of Tulare County, Tulare County Audubon Society

Cathartidae

b California Condor

Historical

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Well documented until capture of last free living individuals, Blue Ridge was a well know roost.

Two nests have been recorded in giant sequoias in the Sierra Nevada, Tulare County, and this may have been a regular occurrence for condors resident in this area (09).

CALIFORNIA CONDOR. Formerly more common and widespread. Still occurs regularly in Tulare Co. (where nesting was documented in 1950) and possibly in southern San Benito and Monterey Cos. Occasional in Fresno Co. and north to Santa Clara (1971), Tuolumne (1962), and Madera (1959) Cos. Recent district C records come from Santa Cruz (1973,1974) and Monterey (1971) Cos.

CALIFORNIA CONDOR. Extinct in the wild since 1987. Nested in Tulare Co. in 1984, and last seen there in fall 1986.

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Accipitridae

Mississippi Kite
s 83, f 05

e e Tule River at junction of Hwy 43 and Road 144, 5 October 2005, Mike San Miguel:
This morning I found a juvenile Mississippi Kite in southern Tulare County. It flushed from a large cottonwood tree along the Tule River just east of Highway 43 where it crosses the River. Heading north turn right immediately after crossing the Hwy 43 bridge about a mile south of Ave 144 or Highway 190. The cottonwoods are marked by a toy race car on the road under the tree. I watched the bird for 5-10 minutes before it dropped below the tree line. Listen for its thin down-slurred phee-eeuu vocalizations. The habitat is perfect and there are 1,000s of dragonflies in the vicinity so the bird could stick around the area.
Accepted by CBRC

Creighton Ranch Preserve, 10 June 1983, Rob Hansen:
I sketched the bird. The bird was seen flying north at a low altitude over "Little Marsh". My wife Debra (who had seen enough harriers to know this bird was not a Northern harrier) was the only other observer. Since she is not an active birder, I'm pretty sure that Calif. Rare Bird Records Committee authorities would say her corroboration doesn't "count". [Tulare County Rare (Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen]
not accepted by CBRC

Accipitridae

Rough-legged Hawk
almost every year

Sp S F W

e e e e Alpaugh Area, 7 March 2008 thru 15 March 2008, Tony Kurz:
also seen by Steve Summers, John Lockhart and TCAS [posted
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/578>]

Success Lake, 15 December 2007, Justin Ward:
also seen by Gary Lindquist, John Lockhart, Tony Kurz, Chuck Hackett, Frank Gibson.
Springville CBC

Atwell Island Project, 8 February 2007, Steve Laymon:
Section 5, 2nd record for project [email Steve Laymon]
[posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/324>]

Springville CBC, 20 December 2003, Springville CBC:

Yokohl Valley, 9 November 2002. Frank Gibson, Kevin Enns-Rempel, Larry Parmeter,
Eileen Parmeter, and Nathan Parmeter:
A few of the best sightings came after Yokohl Drive turned east. Not more than a few
hundred yards further up the road, we added a ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK.

Atwell Island Project, 23 January 2002, Krista Garcia, Kim Kristinger:
Section 8, study block 1 [email Steve Laymon]

Springville CBC, 18 December 1999, Springville CBC:

Yokohl Valley, 2 January 1998, John Sterling:

Upper Gallats Lake, 15 August 1997, David Graber:
UTMN 4051UTME 368 Sequoia NP Wildlife Database

Siberian Outpost, 6 October 1996, Pilewski R:
UTMN 4037 UTME 383 Sequoia NP Wildlife Database

White Chief Mineral King, 27 - 29 August 1996, Menning K, Hammett L:
27UTMN 4029 UTME 357 Sequoia NP Wildlife Database

Tablelands, 1 September 1995, thru 15 October 1995, Pratt D:
UTMN 4053 UTME 353 4 records of sightings in the above period
Sequoia NP Wildlife Database

North Frog Lake Tablelands, 1 June 1994, thru 20 September 1994, Long L:
15 UTMN 4053 UTME 354 8 records of sighting in the above period Sequoia NP Wildlife
Database

Baxter Pass Trail East Side, 26 August 1992, Gustafson T:
UTMN 4078 UTME 384 Sequoia NP Wildlife Database

Springville CBC, December 25 1991, Springville CBC:

Springville CBC, December 16 1989, Springville CBC:

Kaweah CBC, December 1988, Kaweah CBC

Springville CBC, December 19 1987, Springville CBC:

Kaweah Gap, 16 September 1986, Jim Warner:
UTMN 4048 UTME 361Sequoia NP Wildlife Database

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Springville CBC, December 20 1986, Springville CBC:

Springville CBC, December 21 1985, Springville CBC:

Ash Mountain Sewage Ponds, 1 March 1985, Norris L:
UTMN 4040 UTME 335 Sequoia NP Wildlife Database

Springville CBC, 15 December 1984, Springville CBC:

Cliff Creek, 10 September 1984, Palmer J:
UTMN 4041 UTME 359 Sequoia NP Wildlife Database

Guyot Pass/SNP, 16 August 1980, Norris L:
UTMN 4042 UTME 379 Sequoia NP Wildlife Database

Shepards Pass, 27 August 1980, Norris L:
UTMN 4059 UTME 380 Sequoia NP Wildlife Database

Springville CBC, 17 December 1977, Springville CBC:

Springville CBC, 18 December 1976, Springville CBC:

Rough-legged Hawk - Lots of 1970s and 1980s records from western part of county along corridor radiating out from Hwy. 43. Not a write up bird at the time. I never thought of it as overly rare ... just irruptive Very rare east of Hwy. 99 even then. Considered to be a very good bird for the Springville CBC ... not annual. [email Bob Barnes]

Charadriidae

American Golden-Plover
f 1998

e Alpaugh ID pond, 9 November 1998, Don Roberson:

> I have a question for you first, American Golden-Plover, that would be
> a new county bird for our list. It never made the original Tulare Co
> list I started with. Sterling has it on his county list but wasn't
> sure where it came from. I have looked and asked about this bird for
> Tulare Co but the locals, B Barnes, R. Hansen, K Kuska, S Summers and
> such couldn't ever remember one and warned about the difficulty of
> identification.

Well, the first place to start to see if an observation is considered valid is with North American Birds. That is peer-reviewed in the sense it has to get past the Regional Editors to be published. My observation on 9 Nov 1998 was published in the fall 1998 NAB report for northern California.

> If you
> feel confident about that bird then that would be Tulare Co bird 340.

Yes, it was a good record. My notes read: "American Golden-Plover with huge dense flock of ~750 Black-bellied Plover lining one dike in pond. The golden-plover was easily picked out by buffy-brown face & breast, smaller size, small bill, uniform rump through tail (in short flights), uniform underwing (no wing stripe, no black axillaires). [It was in worn juv or] basic plumage with uniform warm-brown back, much too dull for fulva. Primaries extended well beyond the tip of tail (i.e., 4-5 primary tips extending beyond tail). Plain face without fulva supercilium or auricular spot."

Don [email Don Roberson]

Charadriidae

Snowy Plover

?, sp 06, f 07, s 08

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Bravo Lake, 29 August 2008, Tony Kurz:
[posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/672>]

Lake Success, 21 September 2007, Tony Kurz:
[posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/457>]

Alpaugh Irrigation District Pond, 1 September 2007, John Lockhart, Justin Ward:
[posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/440>]

4th Ave on the Tulare-Kings Co. line south of Avenue 120/Racine Ave, 9 May 2006, Steve Summers:
[posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/169>]

Tulare Sewage, 15 April thru 22 April 2006, John Lockhart:
also seen Tulare County Audubon trip, photo [posted
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/150>
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/153>]

on 1991, Birds of Lake Kaweah, USACE

WESTERN BIRDS Volume 17, Number 4, 1986, DISTRIBUTION OF WINTERING SNOWY PLOVERS IN CALIFORNIA AND ADJACENT STATES, GARY W. PAGE, FRANCES C. BIDSTRUP, ROBERT J. RAMER,
p 160 "on the Creighton Ranch-Corcoran CBC, 29 December 1985 (R. Hansen pers. comm.)"
Bird in Kings County personal communication with Rob Hansen

Scolopacidae

Ruddy Turnstone
s 1977

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Visalia WTP, 10? July 1977 Bob Barnes

I had this bird at the Visalia Sewer Ponds. I think it was 10 July 1977. It may have been 1976 or even 10 August. I am quite sure it appeared in American Birds. It is in my notes in storage ... big help, I know. John Lindsay may have a photo of one. I'll contact him for you. [email Bob Barnes]

Red Knot
f 07 08

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Alpaugh Irrigation District Pond, 1 September 2007, John Lockhart, Justin Ward:
photos [posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/440>]

Sanderling
?, sp 2006

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Stockyard Pond, 27 April 2006, John Lockhart:
also seen by Kim Kuska photos [posted
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/162>]

on 2005, A Checklist of the Birds of Tulare County, Tulare County Audubon Society

Scolopacidae

Semipalmated Sandpiper
f 90, s 98, s f 06, s 07, 08

e e Alpaugh Irrigation District Pond, 9 August 2008, Tony Kurz:
[posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/664>]

Tulare Water Treatment Plant, 27 July 2007, John Lockhart:

Kansas Ave Ponds, 2 September 2006, Steve Summers:
[posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/217>]

Tulare Water Treatment Plant, 20 August 2006, Steve Summers:
Might be eurasian species of stint photos not definitive but at worst a Semipalmated Sandpiper.
photos [posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/211>]

Alpaugh, 13 July 1998, Kent Van Vuren:
7/13/1998 Alpaugh, TUL 1ad KVV

I do have the following from Kent Van Vuren (there may be other records, but I don't have time to check thoroughly at the moment):
(this might be a first co. record? I don't know) This was a typical adult. First noticed feeding with Western Sandpipers. It appeared to be slightly smaller than the birds surrounding it. Very small evenly shaped bill with no droop to the end. Brown upperparts with no rufous noted. Distinct black centers to the scapulars. Breast pattern similar to a Least Sandpiper with streaking on the upper breast confined to the upper breast. Streaking did not extend onto the flanks. Black legs. I did not hear the bird call. [email Mike Rogers: North American Birds regional editor]

9 September 1990, Bob Barnes, Gary Potter:

Also, while doing the PRBO Shorebird survey on September 9, 1990, Bob Barnes and I had two Semipalmated Sandpipers on a drainage pond which was in Tulare County. We reported it to Dave Shuford, but I don't remember if it was ever reported to American Birds. [email Gary Potter]

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
f 1976

e Visalia Area, 11 October 1976, Bob Barnes, John Lindsay:
3rd Report of the California Bird Records Committee, Accepted
SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER (*Calidris acuminata*). One immature (74-1976) 11 Oct 1976, near Visalia. Tulare Co. (BB. JL): photo on file.

Stilt Sandpiper
?, f 07, s08

e e Alpaugh Irrigation District Pond, 17- 18 August 2008, Steve Summers:
Also seen by John Lockhart, Tony Kurz, photos and report. 2 molting adults. [posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/665>]

Alpaugh Irrigation District Pond, 22 September thru 13 October 2007, Barbara Hopkins, John Lockhart, Justin Ward:
Presumably the same bird seen at Pixley NWR by Bob and Susan Steele, Gary Woods. photos [posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/458>, 467, 469, 470]
At Pixley Oct 9 - 13

Stilt Sandpiper - Caldwell Ponds. May be in American Birds. John Lindsay may have a photo. [email Bob Barnes]

on 1997, A Checklist of the Birds of Tulare County, Tulare County Audubon Society

Scolopacidae

Ruff

s 83, f 01, f 06

e e Field near Intersection of Road 40 and Homeland Canal, 14-16 October 2006, Kim Kuska: Tulare County Audubon Society field trip, Gary Lindquist, John Lockhart, Steve Summers, [posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/248>]

Tulare municipal wastewater treatment facility, Pre 2001, ?
Tulare Sewage Ponds and Local Sinking Basins Field Trip Saturday, September 15, 2001 by Kim Kuska
a Ruff, several Pacific Golden Plovers and Burrowing Owls were found in past years at the Tulare Sewage Ponds. [Tapings]

Creighton Ranch Preserve, 10 August 1983, Rob Hansen
I banded the bird and released it later further east on the Preserve along the edge of the Tule River. I have several slides of this individual in my slide collection. [Tulare County Rare (Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen]

Red Phalarope

sp 05, f 06, w 07

e e e Success Lake, 8 December 2007, Justin Ward, Tony Kurz, John Lockhart:
Also seen by Steve Summers, photo [posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/522>]

Tulare Water Treatment Plant, 23 September 2006, Kim Kuska, Gary Lindquist:
Tulare County Audubon Society Field trip [posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/231>]

Tulare Water Treatment Plant, sp? 2005, Kim Kuska, Gary Lindquist:

Laridae

Sabine's Gull

f 05, 08

e Stoil Pond, 13-14 September 2008, Tony Kurz:
1 bird aslo seen by Johh Lockhart photos [posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/675>]

Stoil Pond, 21-26 September 2005, Steve Summers:
2 birds seen by many photos [posted http://groups.yahoo.com/group/central_valley_birds/message/6760]

Franklin's Gull

sp 04, 05, 07, s 08

e e Alpaugh Irrigation District Pond, 17 August 2008, Steve Summers:
Also seen by John Lockhart, Tony Kurz, photos and report. 1 imature. [posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/665>]

Dead Pig Pond 21-22 April 2007, John Lockhart:
Rob Hansen, Tony Kurz, Justin Ward [posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/370>]

Alpaugh Irrigation District Pond, 3 May 2005, Steve Summers:
Photos [posted http://groups.yahoo.com/group/central_valley_birds/message/6255]

Bravo Lake, 2 May 2004, Gjon Hazard:
www.cvbirds.org/ss04.pdf

Mew Gull

sp 2008

e Hwy 43 and Avenue 84 Dairy, 15 March 2008 thru 19 March 2008, John Lockhart:
TCAS trip, aslo seen by Tony Kurz, photos [posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/583>]

Laridae

Sp S F W

Thayer's Gull
w 98, 07, 08

e e Porterville dump, 16 February 2008, John Lockhart
Tony Kurz, Central Valley gull count photo
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/522>

Success Lake, 16 February 2008, John Lockhart
Tony Kurz, Central Valley gull count photo
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/522>

field near Kansas Ave pond, 12 January 2008, John Lockhart
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/522>

Alpaugh Irrigation District Pond, 25 December 2007- 16 February 2008, John Lockhart:
Seen by many photo [posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/522>,
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/531>,
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/544>]
Yesterday I birded with John Sterling, Tanner Easterla, and Steve Summers. Next stop from there is Lake Success we had one 1st cycle Thayer's Gull, Eurasian Wigeon, and a Red-breasted Merganser. Our last stop of the day in Tulare County was the Alpaugh Irrigation Pond. John and Tanner's Incredible birding knowledge found us 7 Thayer's Gulls, and 2 of the 7 were adult's. Steve mentioned this could be the first known record of adult Thayer's in Tulare county. We missed the Glaucous Gull, but found 2 First cycle Glaucous-winged Gulls. It was a great day and I learned so much.

Atwell Project, 7 February 2007, Steve Laymon:
Flooded field, Section 4 [email Steve Laymon]
[posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/324>]

Alpaugh Area, 2 January 1998, John C. Sterling, John Luther:
Homeland Canal, north of the town where Avenue 62 and Road 32 meet.

Lesser Black-backed Gull
w 2007

e Bravo Lake, 24 February 2007, John Lockhart:
photos [posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/333>]
Under CBRC review

Lake Kaweah, 3 February 2007, John Lockhart:
Tulare County Audubon Society trip Kim Kuska, Gary Lindquist, photos [posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/319>]

Sp S F W

Laridae

Glaucous-winged Gull
w 02, 07, 08

e Porterville dump, 16 February 2008, John Lockhart
Central Valley gull count, photo
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/522>

Alpaugh Irrigation District Pond, 27 January 2008, John Lockhart, Dave Gaylor
An adult bird photo [posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/561>]

Alpaugh Irrigation District Pond, 8 December 2007- 26 January 2008, John Lockhart, Tony Kurz:
Seen by many, photos [posted
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/536>
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/544>]
Yesterday I birded with John Sterling, Tanner Easterla, and Steve Summers. We missed the Glaucous Gull, but found 2
First cycle Glaucous-winged Gulls.

Visalia, 28 November 2002, Rob Hansen:
glaucous-winged gull (I videotaped one as it flew over Ferguson between Akers and Demaree in Visalia on November 28, 2002...by brother Keith was the other observer). Here are the notes I jotted down about this record: The videotape clearly shows a dark billed, pale mocha-colored gull with a plain unmarked tail and uniformly plain (no contrast or pattern) underwing. [Email from Rob Hansen 9 Dec 2007]

Success Lake, 20 January 2002, Les & Cindy Lieurance:
video Les and I found the Glaucous-winged Gull at Lake Success on 20 January 2002. It was a first winter bird associating with Herring Gulls and California Gulls close to the boat ramp below North Campground. Les shot some videotape of the bird once we realized it was a first county record. We recall submitting a vhs tape to Bob Barnes. If we are wrong about that, or if Bob no longer has the videotape, Les could send a file to you via email, or if you prefer, on a vhs tape. Please let us know if you need further documentation.
[email Cindy Lieurance]

Glaucous Gull
w 07, 08

e Alpaugh Irrigation District Pond, 23-December 2007- 26 January 2008, Steve Glover:
Also seen by John Lockhart, Gary Linguist, photos [posted
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/531>] [posted
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/561>]

Common Tern
f 06, 07, 08

e Lake Kaweah, 27 September - October 1, 2008, Rob Hansen
Also seen by John Lockhart, Tony Kurz, Video, photos, [posted
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/683>]

Bravo Lake, 19-21 September 2007, John Lockhart:
Also seen by Mary Merrimin photo [posted
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/454>]

Kansas Avenue Ponds, 2 September 2006, John Lockhart:
also seen by Steve Summers photos 23 birds [posted
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/216>]

Columbidae

I Spotted Dove
1970 - 1980, f 07

e Porterville, 24 thru 29 October 2007, Tony Kurz:
[posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/474>]

Porterville, 1970s/1980, Bob Barnes:
Bob Barnes Life list
Spotted Dove may now be extirpated from Tulare County. You might check with Rob. They are still found in Bakersfield and were found in Fresno and Porterville in the 1970s/1980s.
[Email from Bob Barnes Oct 26, 2005]

Cuculidae

B Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Historical s 1919

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Yellow-billed Cuckoo - Lee Wilson had one in the 1970s at the Lindsay Grave Pits east of town.

As a result of a report we are working on together, here is a brief part of an email message I got from Steve Laymon (one of the, if not THE, top yellow-billed cuckoo experts in California) yesterday. This is FYI to add to the info in you Tulare County "exceptional" bird species archive:

FYI, here are some details about the most recent yellow-billed cuckoo record in Tulare County. All I had heard about this record is that Father Lee Wilson, when he lived in Lindsay, had seen a yellow-billed cuckoo at the Lindsay "grave pits" between 1970 and 1985. I didn't know month(s), year, or any other details than that he saw one. As I recall my conversation with Lee Wilson, he did not find a nest of the yellow-billed cuckoo, but had a pair carrying food during the breeding season -- I have never seen cuckoos carrying food if they are not feeding young either in or out of the nest. Also, the observation was based on several visits over several weeks or a month or more. Lee Wilson had detailed notes, and I tried to get him to get them out and send me a copy, but he said that it was "too much trouble." He was pretty old at that point & died a year or so later, so he was probably right - it was "too much trouble"!

Until I heard these details from Steve, I did not realize that Lee had observed nesting behavior. This cuckoo record is one reason that the Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners has prioritized the Lewis Creek riparian habitat (east of Lindsay) as a priority conservation/protection site in Tulare County. Wish us luck.

Rob [per email Rob Hansen Feb 11, 2008]

Visalia, 1 July 1919, Donald Ryder Dickey:

photo [posted

<http://unitproj.library.ucla.edu/biomed/dickey/photo.cfm?id=F1006&query=&searchtype=Identifier&mammal=off&bird=on&geographic=off>]

Historical

Strigidae

Barred Owl
s 2004

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2004 Sequoia Creek, Grant Grove, 1 June 2004, Tom Munton, Lori Werner seasoned US Forest Service owlers:

Forest Service Spotted Owl Crew, photos George Steger, Harold Werner

Great Gray Owl
s 65, 89, 07

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Paloma Meadow, 11 or 12 August 2007, Gary Lindquist:

I spent two days going over Sherman Pass. Had an immature Great Gray Owl past the summit and near the meadow (I think it is Paloma Meadow) about 1/2 mile before the Boone Rd Junction to the right. Flushed it from the side of the road about dusk [email Gary Lindquist]

What a great sighting for Gary L. I want to talk with him. I know Paloma Meadows well. I have always dreamed of Great Grays there. Looks absolutely perfect for the species. Since I take field trips by there, I will likely spend some time following up. FYI: Forest Service folks have claimed Great Gray Owl in that area in recent years ... heard only. [email Bob Barnes]

Redwood Mountain, ? 1989, Lightfoot R:

UTMN 4061 UTME 328 Sequoia NP Wildlife Database

Wolverton Turnoff, 23 July 1965,?:

UTMN 4050 UTME 343 Sequoia NP Superintendent's Monthly Report

Caprimulgidae

Whip-poor-will
s 1983

e Blue Ridge, 21 June 1983, ?

WHIP-POOR-WILL. Heard at Blue Ridge, Tulare Co., June 21, 1983. Seen at pt. Reyes June 6, 1986.

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Roger's Camp between Black Mountain and Solo Peak, ?, Mable Mires

The fabled Mabel Mires claims a Whip-poor-will at Roger's Camp between Black Mountain and Solo Peak.

Email Bob Barnes Oct 24, 2005

Mabel is likely now deceased. She was still alive a couple of years ago in her 90s. She was a major contributor to Audubon Field Notes and American Birds, predecessors to the current North American Birds. She lived on a small ranch just above Springville and had a cabin at Roger's Camp above Camp Nelson and between Black Mountain and Solo Peak. Mabel Mires was a highly respected birder by the likes of those such as Rich Stallcup, who was once considered one of America's (and by extension California's) top birders. [email Bob Barnes]

Trochilidae

Blue-throated Hummingbird
w-sp1977/78

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Three Rivers, 27 December 1977 thru 27 May 1978, Gertrude Schuckert: THIRD Report of the California Bird Records Committee accepted BLUE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD (*Larnpornis clernenciae*). One female (20-1978) 27 Dec 1977-27 May 1978, Three Rivers, Tulare Co. (GSc, FB, JM, VR, HS): photo on file (Figure 5). This is the first record of this species in California.

Broad-tailed Hummingbird
2001

High country Eastside, ? 2001?, John Sterling:
I saw a female Broad-tailed Hummingbird in 2001? in the high country towards the east side. I can get the date and exact location from my notes. [email John Sterling]

Picidae

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
w 83, 03, f 06

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Success Lake, 19 November 2006, Steve Summers:
[posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/269>]

Springville CBC, 20 December 2003, Springville CBC:
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - Kim Kuska wrote up the 20 Dec 03 bird. He had it down Success Valley Road. His notes would have/should have been sent to John Wilson by me. [email Bob Barnes]

Springville CBC, 17 December 1983, Springville CBC:
In an apple tree in a yard in Springville during CBC. Written up exhaustively without book! Accepted by Guy McCaskie! He specifically stated, "But, I believe the one found on the Springville CBC." in his CBC regional editor's capacity. [email Bob Barnes]

Tyrannidae

Eastern Phoebe
w 99, 08

e Poretville, 6 January 2008, Steve Summers:
Burton Middle School on Elderwood, Also seen by Priscilla Summers, John Lockhart, Justin Ward, photo, [posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingbirds/message/549>]

five miles west of Earlimart, 25 December 1999, John Lindfors:
[posted http://groups.yahoo.com/group/central_valley_birds/message/335]

What a surprise Mr. Lockhart!
Who would believe that my afternoon outing would become a record! I remember that experience on Christmas day well. I took my wife Janice Lindfors and my mother-in-law Alice Wortman, who was visiting with us up to Earlimart because there was the chance of seeing Sandhill Cranes. I vividly remember at carefully checking the grassy edges of both sides of the road and barbed wire fences and wooden posts for birds.

When I saw the flycatcher, I ruled out the Western Kingbird because of the dark color of the back and head and thought it must be a Black Phoebe. But everything changed when I saw the breast which had a "vest-like appearance" with white being on the breast and throat. I have seen Olive-sided Flycatchers and this bird was not large enough both in overall size and in the length of its bill. There were no "cotton tufts" either. OSFLs perch on bare branches up high (in my experience anyway) not on fences near water. Finally, the bird wagged its tail like EAPHs do.

Both Janice and I have lived most of our lives on the east coast and are well aware of Eastern Phoebes.

Regards,
John Lindfors [email John Lindfors]

Vermilion Flycatcher
f 81, ? 01 s 07

e e Strathmore, 3 - 4 July 2007, George Glover:
photo, personal communication with George Glover.

Tulare Golf Course, ?, 2001
Photo, Rob Hansen, the record a few years ago of a male at the golf course near the Tulare Airport (I shot fairly extensive video of that bird). [Tulare County Rare (Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen]

Creighton Ranch Preserve, 1 November 1981, Tupper Blake:
A male was seen by Tupper Blake and his wife Sandy at Creighton Ranch Preserve on November 1, 1981. Tupper is a world renowned nature photographer and he very generously allowed me to keep a transparency of this bird which I have in my slide collection. [Tulare County Rare (Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen]
VERMILION FLYCATCHER. Three additional records: in district I at Clovis, Fresno Co., Apr. 16-17, 1981; Creighton Ranch, Tulare Co., Nov. 1, 1981; and district 8 at Dechambeau Ponds, Mono Co., Oct. 4, 1981 (pair).

Great Crested Flycatcher
f 1998

e Creighton Ranch Preserve, 7-11 October 1988, Rob Hansen, Craig Streeper, Dr. James Sellers, and Fred Martin:
along the Tule River at the Turnbull weir at Creighton Ranch Preserve on October 7, 1988. Presumably the same bird was seen again (by Rob Hansen and Craig Streeper) at the Creighton Ranch Preserve residence/headquarters on October 11, 1988. I sketched the bird's bill and tail along with the two-page description I wrote in my field notes. [Tulare County Rare (Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen] Not accepted by CBRC

Tyrannidae

Eastern Kingbird
s 69, 85, 88

e Kaweah Oaks Preserve, ??, 1988, or 1989, Lee Wilson
Personal communication with Frank Lewis

Mineral King, 8 July 1985, Larry Norris:
UTMN 4035 UTME 356 Sequoia NP Wildlife Database

Springville, 6 June 1969, Chandik, Baldrige:
WESTERN BIRDS Volume 4, Number 2, 1973
THE EASTERN KINGBIRD IN CALIFORNIA, Tim Manohs p42
Tulare Co.-1 Springville 6 June 1969 (Chandik and Baldrige, AFN 23:692,
1969).

Vireonidae

b Bell's Vireo
Hist. s89, f05, sp06

e e e Pixley NWR, 19-23 May 2006, Steve Laymon:
seen by many, photos [posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/170>]

Sycamore Trail Success Lake, 15 September 2005, Steven Summers:
photo [posted http://groups.yahoo.com/group/central_valley_birds/message/6731]

Cutler Park, 24 August 1989, Rob Hansen:
Least Bell's vireo, listed as State and Federally Endangered, was once the most abundant breeding songbird in Central Valley riparian habitat. I heard, then saw a single male Bell's vireo on August 24, 1989 (R. Hansen, field notes) as it sang and foraged in Valley oak riparian forest and willow scrub at Cutler Park, (on the south edge of St. Johns River). This obligate riparian breeder has been extirpated from this area as a nesting bird (Bell's vireo has not been reported as a breeding species in the southern San Joaquin Valley) since the 1950's because of cowbird parasitism and habitat loss. Because of the date, I assume that the individual seen at Cutler Park was probably a post-breeding male that had already nested somewhere else in California that year. [Tulare County Rare (Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen]

Gray Vireo
sp 1983

e Chimney Peak, 30 May 1983

on John Sterling's county lists http://www.cal.net/~ani/california_county_birding.htm

on 2005, A Checklist of the Birds of Tulare County, Tulare County Audubon Society

on 1997, A Checklist of the Birds of Tulare County, Tulare County Audubon Society

GRAY VIREO. In district M near Chimney Peak. Tulare Co., May 30, 1983.
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Red-eyed Vireo
s 2006

e Dry Creek Drive, 24 June 2006, Rob Hansen:
Dry Creek Drive just shy of 1.4 miles up Dry Creek Drive from the bridge over the Kaweah River at Highway 216, video, [posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/194>]

Corvidae

b Yellow-billed Magpie
Historical

Historical

but found just north of Orange Cove, late 1990 early 2000 David Gaylor

Mimidae

Gray Catbird
f 94, w 07

e e Springville, 15 December 2007, Tony Kurz:
Also seen by John Lockhart, Gary Lindquist, Steve Summers, photos, Springville CBC
[posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/527>]

Hospital Rock, 17 October 1994, Scott-Graham E:
UTMN 4043 UTME 341 Sequoia NP Wildlife Database

Brown Thrasher
f-w 77 sp 06

e e e Tule River Porterville, 14-16 April 2006, Steven Summers:
The exact location is about 0.18 miles west of the Hwy. 65 bridge crossing the Tule R. also
seen by Kim Kuska [posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/148>]

Springville CBC, 11 October 1977 thru 17 December 1977, Springville CBC
The 17 Dec 77 bird was a stake-out at Mabel Mires neighbor's house. I am almost 100%
sure it was photographed by John Lindsay. I wrote a very extensive write up for American
Birds. A longer period of dates may be in the '77-'78 winter report of AB. [email Bob Barnes]

BROWN THRASHER In district M one was at Springville, Tulare Co., Oct. II-Nov.
30, 1977;
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Motacillidae

White Wagtail
sp 2003

e Woodlake, Hwy 245 about 3.5 miles north of Boyd Drive, 26 April 2003, Jeff and Jeanne
Wheaton:
photos [posted http://groups.yahoo.com/group/central_valley_birds/message/3424]
29th Report of the California Bird Records Committee - Accepted
identified as Black-backed Wagtail - lumped 2005

Bombycillidae

Bohemian Waxwing
f 1989

e Over the Hill Trail, 1 September 1989, Perrelli R:
UTMN 4048 UTME 356 Sequoia NP Wildlife Database

?, ?, Mabel Mires:
Mabel is likely now deceased. She was still alive a couple of years ago in her 90s. She was
a major contributor to Audubon Field Notes and American Birds, predecessors to the current
North American Birds. She lived on a small ranch just above Springville and had a cabin at
Roger's Camp above Camp Nelson and between Black Mountain and Solo Peak. Mabel
Mires was a highly respected birder by the likes of those such as Rich Stallcup, who was
once considered one of America's (and by extension
California's) top birders. [email Bob Barnes]

Parulidae

Golden-winged Warbler
197?

e Kaweah Oaks Preserve, May or June late 1970- early 1980, Lee Wilson:
The Golden-winged Warbler is a late May or June record from Kaweah Oaks Preserve by
Lee Wilson in the late 1970s, early 1980s - within a year or two of its establishment by TNC
and when Lee was going out there one or two times a week for birding and photography. If
someone has copies of old Tulare County AS newsletters, the exact date may be found
there. I have moved too many times and have too many boxes in too many storage
locations to know exactly where mine are. Lee is now deceased. His birding ability and
accuracy was excellent. But, he did not share his sightings in a timely manner. This sighting
can be narrowed down by finding out when Kaweah Oaks Preserve was established and
when Lee left Tulare County for the Kern River Valley. Then, the minutes from Tulare
County Audubon Society BOD meetings and newsletters can be reviewed for the exact date
of the observation. [email Bob Barnes]

Parulidae		Sp	S	F	W
Tennessee Warbler	e				Bartlett Park, ?, Bob Barnes: Tennessee Warbler - Bartlett Park in woods towards dam. I recall it as a May bird. When/if I retrieve my notes, how long will it take me to find all these sightings! [email Bob Barnes]
Virginia's Warbler s 1982					Creighton Ranch Preserve, 24 August 1982, Keith Hansen: He sketched the bird in color pencil. [Tulare County Rare (Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen]
Northern Parula pre 1997					?, ?, ? on 1997, A Checklist of the Birds of Tulare County, Tulare County Audubon Society
Chestnut-sided Warbler f 83, s 86	e e				Cold Springs Campground, 29 August 1986, George SanMiguel: UTMN 4035 UTME 356 [Sequoia NP Wildlife Database] Creighton Ranch Preserve, 5 November 1983, Rob Hansen: The bird was seen in a grove of valley oaks along the Tule River on a part of the Preserve we called the "cul-de-sac". I sketched the bird in color pencil. [Tulare County Rare (Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen]
Magnolia Warbler s 1991	e				Visalia, 1 June 1991, Rob Hansen, Karen Kirkpatrick: An adult male I heard (then saw and videotaped) in my backyard as it foraged in German ivy and other ornamental plants in my backyard. [Tulare County Rare (Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen]
Black-throated Blue Warbler f 82, w 01	e e				Three Rivers, ? Dec 2001, ?: Gary Lindquist, photos Creighton Ranch Preserve, 17 October 1982, Rob Hansen: This bird was seen later and verified by Bob Barnes. I sketched the bird in color pencil. The location at Creighton Ranch Preserve was in the large willow (<i>Salix gooddingii</i>) on the south bank of the Tule River at the Turnbull weir (where the Tule River siphons underneath Lakeland Canal). [Tulare County Rare (Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen]
Grace's Warbler sp-s 2004	e e				Chimney Creek Campground, mid-May - early August 2004, Chuck Pappé: 30th Report of the California Bird Records Committee: 2004 RECORDS, Accepted record, photos, video, famous bird.
Palm Warbler w 85, 04	e				Allensworth State Park, 28 February 2004, Bob and Susan Steele: Seen by many photo Gary Lindquist [posted http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CALBIRDS/message/2963] Campground to the west of the maintenance road across from Success Valley Road, 21 December 1985, Matt Heindel: Palm Warbler - 21 Dec 85 - This bird was found during the Springville CBC by Matt Heindel among Yellow-rumped Warblers on the lawn in the campground to the west of the maintenance road across from Success Valley Road. Bill Davis and I went for it and saw it on Monday, 23 Dec 05. [email Bob Barnes]
Bay-breasted Warbler f 1981	e				Creighton Ranch Preserve, 27 October 1981, Rob Hansen: The only Tulare County record I am familiar with is of a male that I saw at Creighton Ranch Preserve on October 27, 1981. I sketched the bird in color pencil. The bird was seen in a mesquite shrub. [Tulare County Rare (Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen]
Black-and-white Warbler 198?					Creighton Ranch, 1 sighting between July 1980 and August 15, 1981, Kent Livezey: The only info I have on this species is its presence on the Creighton Ranch bird inventory. It was reported by the first preserve manager (Kent Livezey) some time between July 1980 and August 15, 1981. [Tulare County Rare (Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen]

Parulidae

American Redstart
f 89 s 00

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Little Troy Meadows, 7 June 2000, ?see below:
 2 female-type American Redstarts were found on 7/6 by BP at Little Troy Meadow in the Sierra Nevada of southeastern Tulare County.
 hotline: Southern CA BirdBox
 date: July 14, 2000
 number: (818) 952-5502
 to report: (818) 952-5502
 coverage: Southern CA, also Northern CA as merits
 compiled: July 14, 2000
 transcriber: Daniel S. Cooper
 OBSERVERS: [for whole report not just American Redstart] Dick Barth, Rita Carratello, Pete Ginsberg, Steve Hampton, Guy McCaskie, Tom Miko, Jim Pike, Bill Principe, Don Roberson

Visalia, 26 September 1989 Rob Hansen:
 In a Modesto ash in my front yard at 1428 West Howard Avenue when I lived in that Visalia neighborhood on September 26, 1989. I was the main observers (although I may have pressed my wife into service as a corroborating observer). I still have the videotape (including decent quality song) as it foraged actively in the ash foliage. [Tulare County Rare (Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen]

Painted Redstart
s 1969

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Near Springville, 4 July 1969. Guy McCaskie:
 PAINTED REDSTARTS ATTEMPT TO BREED IN CALIFORNIA
 PHILIP UNITT
 Western Birds 5: 94-96, 1974 p 96
 "APPENDIX
 Occurrences of Painted Redstart in California are listed below in chronological order AFN refers to Audubon Field Notes and AB to American Birds....
 22. Near Springville, Tulare Co. 4 Jul 1969. McCaskie, G., AFN 23:696, 1969."

Painted Redstart was seen by Rich Stallcup. He was in Porterville to meet some friends to go to Mexico. They weren't ready. So, he drove up Hwy. 190 to just above Springville (near the Giant Sequoia NM sign) and found the bird along the Tule River. Amazing lining-up of the stars! [email Bob Barnes]

Thraupidae

Summer Tanager
f 73 sp-s 88, w 96

e e e e Costa's Twin Lakes off Globe Drive, Springville CBC, 25 December 1996, Springville CBC
John Wilson:
Summer Tanager - I recommend exceptional. I know of one John Wilson had at Costa's
Twin Lakes off Globe Drive during a Springville CBC. [email Bob Barnes]

Chagoopa Trailhouse, 13 July 1988, Petterson J
UTMN 4040 UTME 369 [Sequoia NP Wildlife Database]

South Fork Campground, 12 July 1988, Jeffrey T
UTMN 4024 UTME 341 [Sequoia NP Wildlife Database]

Soda Creek Crossing, 12 July 1988, Petterson J
UTMN 4033 UTME 364 [Sequoia NP Wildlife Database]

South Fork Campground, 15 June 1988, Jeffrey T
UTMN 4024 UTME 341 [Sequoia NP Wildlife Database]

North Fork Kaweah, 28 May 1988, Petterson J
UTMN 4048 UTME 329 [Sequoia NP Wildlife Database]

Springville Area, ?, Mable Mires
I also recall that the fabled Mable Mires had one before I got in the game. [email Bob
Barnes]

SUMMER TANAGER. One near Springville, Tulare Co., Sept. 25, 1973;
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Emberizidae

American Tree Sparrow

St. John's River, ?, Jeanne and Jeff Wheaton:
American Tree Sparrow showed up in the Wheaton's back yard that backs up to St. John's
River and has been the source for lots of vagrants. These are the same Wheatons that
found the wagtail--I have pictures of that somewhere too. Bird was seen by myself and the
Wheaton's--I don't know of anyone else and this was back in the days before any of us were
taking pictures--before digital and digiscoping etc. [email Gary Lindquist]

Clay-colored Sparrow
w 01, w-sp 07

e e Bartlett Park, 11 February 2007 thru 26 March 2007, Kim Kuska:
Seen and photographed by many birders. Bev Brock, Tony Kurz, John Lockhart, Justin
Ward [posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/326>]

Bartlett Park, 15 January 2001, Cindy Lieurance, Les Lieurance:
seen by many, Steven Glover, posted

Emberizidae

Lark Bunting

sp 70, w 80, sp 07

- e e Herbert Wetland Prairie Preserve, 23 May 2007, Rob Hansen:
also seen by Gary Lindquist, John Lockhart, Steve Summers, photos, video, [posted
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/326>]
- Creighton Ranch Preserve, 28 January 1982, Rob Hansen:
I saw a lark bunting on that 3,280-acre property near the western edge of Tulare County.
[posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/326>]
- Yokohl Valley Drive, 10 miles southeast of Exeter, 28-29 April 1970, Sandy Wilbur and
Dean Carrier (two U.S. Government wildlife biologists):
The first record of Lark Bunting in Tulare County was made on April 28 and 29, 1970 when
Sandy Wilbur and Dean Carrier (two U.S. Government wildlife biologists) observed 14 (!)
lark buntings on a fence along Yokohl Valley Drive, 10 miles southeast of Exeter. The 1971
article that documented this sighting appeared on pages 73-76 in Volume 2 Number 2 of the
journal California Birds (now Western Birds). This article (along with an impressive black &
white photo of 4 male and 4 female lark buntings) can be viewed on "sora", the on-line
literature reference source at the following URL
address:<http://elibrary.unm.edu/sora/wb/v02n02/p0073-p0076.pdf> [posted
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/326>]
- Frazier Valley, ?, Bob Barnes:
I had on in Frazier Valley behind Lake Success. It should have appeared in American Birds.
Again ... those damn notes! [email Bob Barnes]

Swamp Sparrow

w82, 91, 1, 3, 5, sp f 6

- e e e Dead Pig Pond, 6 November 2006, Steve Summers:
[posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/263>]
- Stoil Pond, 24 May 2006, John Lockhart:
[posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/176>]
- Fountain Springs, 21 February 2005, Steve Summers:
Old Stage Rd. (M-109) south of Fountain Springs swale 1.2 miles south of Fountain Springs.
[posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/112>]
- Atwell Island Project, 22 December 2003, Steve Laymon:
Section 4/5 along Alpaugh Canal [email Steve Laymon]
- Springville, 30 December 2001, Bev Brock, Greg and Marie Dunford, Penny Stewart:
and I refound the swamp sparrow first discovered on the Springville (Tulare County) CBC on
Dec. 15. [posted http://groups.yahoo.com/group/central_valley_birds/message/1928]
- Springville CBC, 15 December 2001, Springville CBC:
- Springville CBC, 25 December 1991, Springville CBC:
- Creighton Ranch Preserve, 7 December 1982, Keith Hansen:
I think he recorded a description of this bird in his field notes. [Tulare County Rare
(Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen]

Emberizidae

Harris's Sparrow
w 77, 89, 06, 07

e Springville, 15 December 2007, Carol Lapham
Springville CBC

Exeter, 27 December 2006, Nancy Bruce, Rob Hansen:
on the Kaweah Christmas Count, Rob Hansen and Nancy Bruce briefly saw a
stubborn Harris's Sparrow under the oleanders bushes with numerous White-crowned
and Golden-crowned Sparrows at 1025 Palm Drive in Exeter. [Kim Kuska posted
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/286>]

Springville CBC, 16 December 1989, Springville CBC:

Springville CBC, 17 December 1977, Springville CBC:

Harris's Sparrow ...

John Wilson on a Springville CBC on the River Ranch off the upper end of Globe Drive. I bet
he has note if you want to track it down. So do I ... in storage! This would have been the
1980s bird.

Mabel Mires

Carol Lapham at least two different years ... I saw them both. I think the other, earlier 1970s
CBC record is one of these.

Camilla Gunderson at her yard off Worth Road in Porterville (south of the college). I saw this
one, too. I am confident this was submitted to American Birds.

Lapland Longspur
f 1999

e Herbert Wetland Prairie Preserve, 26 November 1999, Keith Hansen, Rob Hansen:
On November 26, 1999 (1320-1345 hours) Rob Hansen, Keith Hansen, John Silvas, and
Patricia Briceno saw 4 LALO and 2 CCLO (RH field notes contain sketches and plumage
notes) on fallow land among a horned lark (HOLA) flock just E of (and on and over) HWPP.
Keith and John heard the LALO calls and all 4 observers heard CCLO calls. Tulare County
Rare (Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen]

Emberizidae

Chestnut-collared Longspur
w-sp88 sp94, f 99, w1, 2

e e e Herbert Wetland Prairie Preserve, 1 December 2002, Rob Hansen, Kim Kreitinger:
Rob Hansen and Kim Kreitinger saw 2 CCLO (possibly as many as 6 birds) just E of (and on and over) HWPP between 1030 and 1100 on December 1, 2002. These birds were also in among HOLA on fallow land but they also were seen flying away from annual grassland on HWPP. [Tulare County Rare (Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen]

Herbert Wetland Prairie Preserve, 29 November 2002, Carole Combs, Rob Hansen:
Rob Hansen and Carole Combs saw 3 CCLO just E of (and on and over) HWPP between 1020 and 1033 on November 29, 2002. These birds were also in among HOLA (tens of birds were in the flock...fewer than 100 total) and American pipits on fallow land but they also landed in annual grassland on HWPP. [Tulare County Rare (Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen]

Atwell Island Project, 19 December 2001, Steve Laymon:
Section 3, being chased by dog (Pit Bull) [email Steve Laymon]

Herbert Wetland Prairie Preserve, 26 November 1999, Patricia Briceno, Keith Hansen, Rob Hansen, John Silvas:
On November 26, 1999 (1320-1345 hours) Rob Hansen, Keith Hansen, John Silvas, and Patricia Briceno saw 4 LALO and 2 CCLO (RH field notes contain sketches and plumage notes) on fallow land among a horned lark (HOLA) flock just E of (and on and over) HWPP. Keith and John heard the LALO calls and all 4 observers heard CCLO calls. [Tulare County Rare (Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen]

Herbert Wetland Prairie Preserve, 5 March 1994, Rob Hansen:
One chestnut-collared longspur was seen near the middle of the Herbert Wetland Prairie Preserve (HWPP) between Lindsay and Tulare on Highway 137 (between 1425-1430 hours) on 5 March 1994; this was the first record of this species from the Valley floor of Tulare County. This longspur's flight call, "kittle", was heard each of the four times it flushed from grass that stood 6-12" tall on this fairly windy day. Its presence was recorded on videotape just as the first sprinkles of a storm began to fall. The fact that this rare species showed up at the 725-acre grassland/vernal pool ecosystem suggests that subtle habitat features on this "island" of natural vegetation are attractive, even to such a locally rare species. [Tulare County Rare (Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen]

Lewis Hill, 28 February thru 3 April 1988, Rob Hansen:
The first record of this species in Tulare County pertains to a flock of 50-60 chestnut-collared longspurs that were present from February 28 to April 3, 1988 in clay-soil grasslands on the north side of Lewis Hill...in the low foothills just NE of Porterville (Rob Hansen field notes). [Tulare County Rare (Exceptional) Bird Records, Rob Hansen]

Cardinalidae

Rose-breasted Grosbeak
s 04, w 06

e e Three Rivers, 5 February 2006, Tony Caprio, Linda Mutch:
Photos [posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/101>]

Chimney Creek Campground, 4 June 2004, Bob and Susan Steele:
At the far end of the campground between camp spot 30 and 29, in the first willow area past the spot 30 marker, there was a male Rose-breasted Grosbeak. He was perched on a dead pine snag and then flew into the willows. [posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kerncobirding/message/962>]

Cardinalidae

Indigo Bunting

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Success Lake, 4 May 2008, Tony Kurz:
[posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/622>]

Chimney Creek between campground and boarder, ? June ,Bob Barnes:
Indigo Bunting - Based on your listing of Exceptional species, Indigo Bunting definitely fits in. The two of the sightings of mine that come quickly to mind are one of a singing male in the Tule River (North Fork) riparian area on the left along Balch Park Road about one mile above Yokohl Valley Road and another singing male in the Chimney Creek riparian area 100' or so above its crossing under the Chimney Peak National Back Country Byway. [email Bob Barnes]

Tule River (North Fork) riparian area on the left along Balch Park Road about one mile above Yokohl Valley Road, June ,Bob Barnes:
see above

Icteridae

Bobolink

f 2006

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Hebert Preserve, 6 September 2006, Rob Hansen:
I found an immature bobolink (first record for Tulare County) at the Herbert Wetland Prairie Preserve on September 6, 2006 (6:53 - 6:55 pm).
I was birding on my own and did not get any video or still shots but I took detailed field notes immediately after viewing the bird from about 45 feet through my 10X Nikon binoculars and a 32X Leica spotting scope.
[posted by Rob Hansen <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/399>]

Icteridae

b Scott's Oriole

locally Rare SE TUL

e e Locally Rare probably breeding on SE boarder of Tulare CO

Chimney Peak Campground 22 June 2007, Bob Barnes
4-7 Scott's Orioles with Los Angeles AS field trip and 4-5 along Kennedy Meadows Road including a pair near Big Pine Meadow. Amazing! We were able to hear 4 singing males at once. We thought there were seven birds about. [email Bob Barnes]

Chimney Peak Scenic Byway and county line, 26 May 2007, Tony Kurz, John Lockhart, Justin Ward: photos [posted <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/405>]

Kennedy Meadows, (week 1) May 2007, Wes Fritz:
23 Apr-23 May 07 SE TULARE COUNTY (SETC) BIRDS PLUS SOME OTHERS: SCOTT'S ORIOLE - a report by Wes Fritz of a male in the burn area along Kennedy Meadows Road just east of the "Welcome to Kennedy Meadows" sign the first week of May is the only one encountered in eight SETC visits. This is the farthest north record of this species into Tulare County of which I am aware. [email Bob Barnes posted by John Lockhart <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/404>]

Chimney Peak Scenic Byway, 14 June 2006, Bob Barnes, Debby Crain, John Lockhart, Justin Ward:
Scott's Oriole (singing male at junction of the CPNB By-way and Long Valley Road, 1.5 miles air miles north of Lamont Peak Trail at the county line where Steve Summers observed this species in May), [email Bob Barnes posted by Alison Sheehy <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/191>]

Chimney Peak Scenic Byway and county line, 15 May 2006, Steve Summers:
I had the Scott's Orioles on May 15. Two singing males at the Lamont Pk. trailhead which I've determined through topo maps is about 120 ft. inside Tulare Co. They are probably regular here or nearly so I would guess. I had them on the way up the grade in Kern Co. also. Another place they get close to Tulare is in Inyo Co. on Nine Mile Canyon Rd. I had several here also on the same day so they might spill over there also in the pinyon pines at the crest just into Tulare Co. At any rate I'm thinking they may be somewhat regular, at least in the Lamont Pk area. [email Steve Summers]

Chimney Peak Area, 1992, John Sterling:
I had seen Scott's Oriole there back in 1992 and felt that it was probably a regular breeder bird at that location based upon the habitat and the number of them in the general area. Perhaps they are not annual? But it wouldn't surprise me if they were there most if not every year. [posted by John Sterling <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/message/190>]

SCOTT'S ORIOLE. Three additional records: in district C at pt. Reyes, Marin Co., May 28, 1982, and in district M near Chimney Peak, Tulare Co., spring/summer 1980, and July 4, 1987.

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