TULARE TAPPINGS

Tulare County Audubon Society

In the Heart of California's San Joaquin Valley
Gateway to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks

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MESSAGE FROM THE NEW TAPPINGS EDITOR

I am to be your new Tappings editor. After a long and productive period Jihadda Govan has left the production of the Tappings to me. My interest and reason for joining the TCAS is local birding. That interest will be reflected in the Tappings as long as you wish for me to be its editor.

I started birding the whole of Tulare Co and joining Kim and Gary on field trips in 2005. I had spent a previous 5-years in the county but almost entirely in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Kim and Gary helped open my eyes to the entirety of Tulare Co's birding opportunities. Gary Lindquist once called me a pathological birder. What is worrisome about that is I took it as a complement.

Since 2005 I have been able to observer every Abundant to Rare bird recorded in Tulare Co along with many of the Casual to Accidental birds. I have recently, the last year, taken to birding Kings Co along with Tulare Co.

Along with pathologically birding these counties I have also taken to researching and recording records becoming the unofficial list keeper for both counties. I am also the E-bird editor for both counties.

As this is my very first issue and there have been some transfer problems this issue will help prepare you and I for the *Tappings* to come.

I have filled the insert pages of the issue with the most recent Kings and Tulare Co checklists. TCAS used to periodically print a Tulare Co checklist. The Kings Co list was kept by Rob Hansen and the late Luke Cole. These lists are heavily indebted to their work.

These lists are also posted in the "Files" section of http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tularekingsbirds/ which is the birders main resource for birding Tulare and Kings counties. The photo section of this website is also a great resource with an almost complete photo record of birds recorded in Tulare Co with photos of birds actually taken in Tulare Co.

There is a ton of information in these checklists.

Status - it is more complicated then this but

- **Abundant** Many every trip to habitat
- **Common** Usually found in habitat
- **Uncommon** May be missed in habitat
- **Rare** Normally just a few each year
- **Casual** Not found every year
- **Accidental** not expected in another 10-years

The birds are listed in the current phylogenic order under their Family names

Seasonal status is given

b is for a breeding record

I is for introduced species

If the bird is Casual or Accidental it is indented and the dates of the records or season are listed.

They are printed small on 1 sheet to be easy to use in the field, bring your reading glasses.

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Current County Statistics for Kings and Tulare Counties

County Statistics Tulare Co
Current county list: 341
Top county lister: 293 (John Lockhart; 86%) Top Big Year: 274 in 2007 (John Lockhart)
Top Big Day: 175 on 30 Apr 2007 (Steve Glover, John Lockhart, John Luther, Steve Summers)
Also 175 on 27 Apr 2008 (Nancy Bruce, Tony Kurz, John Lockhart, Justin Ward)
"Best Bird": **Blue-throated Hummingbird** (27 Dec 1977-27 Mar 1978 Three Rivers)
Close second: Black Storm-Petrel (5 Oct 1994 Kings Canyon NP)

County Statistics Kings Co
Current county list: 304
Top county lister: 257 (John Luther; 84%) Top Big Year: 226 in 2009 (Mark Stacy)
Top Big Day: 146 on 1 May 2004 (L. Cole, R. Hansen, G. Hazard, J. Seay)
"Best Bird": **Garganey** (17 Apr 1993 Tulare L. Drainage District)
Close second: White-rumped Sandpiper (12-14 Oct 2001 near Stratford)
Contenders: Prairie Warbler, Common Grackle

A place to bird in Tulare and Kings

The Tule River on the valley floor from the old Creighton Ranch Preserve in Tulare Co until it ends between 4th and 6th Avenue in Kings Co is a great place to bird in spring and fall migration.
This is the line of trees seen from the intersection of Highway 43 and Avenue 144. The trees line the end of the Tule River before it turns into an agricultural canal. It is still hardly natural but the trees hold birds in migration. There are also nesting species during the breeding season including Swainson's Hawk. Access can be tricky with muddy roads and surrounding private property but a good place to start is the bridge on 4th which is the county line. This is just south of Corcoran Prison. Some of the best birds include

Indigo Bunting	9/7/2010
Green-tailed Towhee	4/26/2010
Plumbeous Vireo	9/30/2009
White-winged Dove	9/20/2009

But there are many others

Tulare Co 2010
257 species reported in 2010 as of October 10, 2010 by all observers
Here are the recent additions

Rare
Willet Aug, Tulare WTP, Steve Summers
Short-billed Dowitcher Aug, BLM Ton Tache Wetlands, Steve Laymon
Sage Thrasher Sep, BLM Atwell Island, Steve Laymon

Kings Co 2010
227 species reported in 2010 as of October 10, 2010 by all observers
Here are the recent additions

Common Ground-Dove is a new species for Kings Co

Accidental
Hudsonian Godwit Aug 22, Nevada Ave Ponds, Mark Stacy

Casual
Sabine's Gull Sep 13, Jack Stone Ponds, John Lockhart
Common Ground-Dove Sep 12, Boggs Slough, Rob Hansen
Rose-breasted Grosbeak Sep 6, Boggs Slough, Mark Stacy

Rare
Stilt Sandpiper Aug 15, Nevada Ave Ponds, Mark Stacy
Costa's Hummingbird Sep 11, Tule River, Susan Steele
Red-breasted Nuthatch Sep 6, Boggs Slough, Mark Stacy

		Sp	S	F	W
Anatidae					
Fulvous Whistling-Duck	bh	Hist. s 82, sp06-w07			
Greater White-fronted Goose		u		u	u
Snow Goose		u		u	u
Ross's Goose		r			r
Brant					
Cackling Goose		r		r	r
Canada Goose		c	u	c	c
Trumpeter Swan					
Tundra Swan					r
Wood Duck	b	c	u	c	c
Gadwall	b	c	u	c	c
Eurasian Wigeon					r
American Wigeon		u		c	c
Mallard	b	a	a	a	a
Blue-winged Teal		r	cs	cs	r
Cinnamon Teal	b	u	c	c	c
Northern Shoveler	b	c	u	c	c
Northern Pintail	b	c	c	c	c
Green-winged Teal		u	cs	c	c
Canvasback		u	r	c	c
Redhead	b	u	u	u	u
Ring-necked Duck		u	r	c	c
Tufted Duck		sp 93, 94			
Greater Scaup		sp 94, w sp 08			
Lesser Scaup		r		u	u
Harlequin Duck		Historical sp 1937			
Surf Scoter		w 98, f 01, w 07			
Long-tailed Duck		w 2007			
Bufflehead		r		u	u
Common Goldeneye		r			r
Hooded Merganser				u	u
Common Merganser	b	u	u	c	c
Red-breasted Merganser		r		r	r
Ruddy Duck	b	c	c	c	c
Odontophoridae					
Mountain Quail	b	c	c	u	u
California Quail	b	c	c	c	c
Phasianidae					
Chukar	I b?	r	r	r	r
Ring-necked Pheasant	I b	u	u	u	u
Sooty Grouse	b	u	u	u	u
Wild Turkey	I b	u	u	u	u
Gaviidae					
Pacific Loon		w 86, 04, f 07			
Common Loon		r		r	r
Podicipedidae					
Pied-billed Grebe	b	c	c	c	c
Horned Grebe		ac		r	r
Eared Grebe	b	c	r	c	c
Western Grebe	b	c	u	c	c
Clark's Grebe	b	c	u	c	c
Hydrobatidae					
Black Storm-Petrel		f 1994 CBRC report			
Ciconiidae					
Wood Stork		1940/50?, f 66, sp 00			
Phalacrocoracidae					
Double-crested Cormorant		c	c	c	c
Pelecanidae					
American White Pelican		u	u	c	c
Brown Pelican		f 86, f 05			
Ardeidae					
American Bittern	b	u	u	u	u
Least Bittern		s 82, 83, 98, sp 07			
Great Blue Heron	b	a	a	a	c
Great Egret	b	a	a	a	c
Snowy Egret	b?	a	a	a	c
Tricolored Heron		s 2000 CBRC			
Cattle Egret	b	a	a	a	a
Green Heron	b	c	c	c	c
Black-crowned Night-Heron	b	c	c	c	c
Threskiornithidae					
White-faced Ibis	b	c	c	c	c
Cathartidae					
Turkey Vulture	b	c	c	c	c
California Condor	bh	Historical			
Pandionidae					
Osprey	b	u	r	u	r
Accipitridae					
White-tailed Kite	b	c	u	c	c
Mississippi Kite		s 83, f 05 CBRC			
Bald Eagle		u		u	c
Northern Harrier	b	c	r	c	c
Sharp-shinned Hawk	b	c	u	c	c
Cooper's Hawk	b	c	u	c	c
Northern Goshawk	b	u	u	u	u
Red-shouldered Hawk	b	c	c	c	c
Swainson's Hawk	b	u	u	u	r
Red-tailed Hawk	b	a	a	a	a
Ferruginous Hawk		u		u	u
Rough-legged Hawk		almost every year			
Golden Eagle	b	u	u	u	c
Falconidae					
American Kestrel	b	a	a	a	a
Merlin		u		u	u
Peregrine Falcon	b	u	u	u	u
Prairie Falcon	b	u	r	u	u
Rallidae					
Virginia Rail	b	c	c	c	c
Sora	b	c	c	c	c
Common Moorhen	b	u	u	u	u
American Coot	b	a	a	a	a
Gruidae					
Sandhill Crane		r		u	u
Charadriidae					
Black-bellied Plover		c	cs	c	u
American Golden-Plover		f 1998			
Pacific Golden-Plover		r			r
Snowy Plover		r	r	r	
Semipalmated Plover		u	r	u	
Killdeer	b	a	a	a	a
Mountain Plover		u		u	u
Recurvirostridae					
Black-necked Stilt	b	c	c	c	c
American Avocet	b	c	c	c	c
Scolopacidae					
Spotted Sandpiper	b	u	u	u	u
Solitary Sandpiper		r	cs		
Greater Yellowlegs		c	c	c	u
Willet		r	r	r	
Lesser Yellowlegs		u	u	u	r
Whimbrel		c		u	
Long-billed Curlew		c		c	c
Marbled Godwit		u	r	u	u
Ruddy Turnstone		s 1977, Aug 2009			
Red Knot		f 07 08, w10			
Sanderling		?, sp 2006 f 2009			
Semipalmated Sandpiper			r	r	
Western Sandpiper		a	u	a	u
Least Sandpiper		c	u	c	c
Baird's Sandpiper			r	r	
Pectoral Sandpiper			r	u	
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper		f 1976 CBRC			
Dunlin		c		c	u
Stilt Sandpiper		?, f 07, s08, s09, w10			
Ruff		s83, f01, f06, wf09			
Short-billed Dowitcher		r	r	r	
Long-billed Dowitcher		c	r	c	c
Wilson's Snipe		u		u	c
Wilson's Phalarope		c		c	
Red-necked Phalarope		u		u	
Red Phalarope		sp 05, f 06, w 07			
Laridae					
Sabine's Gull		f 05, 08			
Bonaparte's Gull		u		u	cs
Franklin's Gull		04, 05, 07-10			
Mew Gull		sp 2008			
Ring-billed Gull		c	r	c	c
California Gull		c	u	c	c
Herring Gull		u		u	u
Thayer's Gull		w 98, 07, 08, 09			
Lesser Black-backed Gull		w 2007 CBRC			
Glaucous-winged Gull		w 02, 07, 08, 09			
Glaucous Gull		w 07/08			
Caspian Tern		c	c	c	r
Black Tern	b	u	r	u	
Common Tern		f 06, 07, 08, 10			
Forster's Tern		c	c	c	
Columbidae					
Rock Pigeon	I b	a	a	a	a
Band-tailed Pigeon	b	c	c	c	c
Eurasian Collared-Dove	I b	u	u	u	u
Spotted Dove	I	1970 - 1980, f 07			
Mourning Dove	b	a	a	a	a
Common Ground-Dove		s 2009			
Cuculidae					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Bh	Historical s 1919			
Greater Roadrunner	b	u	u	u	u
Tytonidae					
Barn Owl	b	a	a	a	a
Strigidae					
Flammulated Owl	b	u	u	u	r
Western Screech-Owl	b	c	c	c	c
Great Horned Owl	b	a	a	a	a
Northern Pygmy-Owl	b	u	u	u	u
Burrowing Owl	b	c	c	c	c
Spotted Owl	b	u	u	u	u
Barred Owl		s 2004			
Great Gray Owl		s 65, 89, 07			
Long-eared Owl		r	r	r	r
Short-eared Owl		r	cs	r	r
Northern Saw-whet Owl	b	u	u	u	u
Caprimulgidae					
Lesser Nighthawk	b	u	u	u	r
Common Nighthawk	b		u	u	
Common Poorwill	b	u	u	u	cs
Mexican Whip-poor-will		s 1983			
Apodidae					
Black Swift	b	u	u	r	
Vaux's Swift	b	u	u	r	
White-throated Swift	b	c	c	c	c
Trochilidae					
Blue-throated Hummingbird		w-sp1977/78 CBRC			
Black-chinned Hummingbird	b	c	c	c	
Anna's Hummingbird	b	c	c	c	c
Costa's Hummingbird		r	r	r	cs
Calliope Hummingbird	b	c	c	r	
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		2001			
Rufous Hummingbird		u	c	c	
Allen's Hummingbird		r	u	r	
Alcedinidae					
Belted Kingfisher	b	c	c	c	c
Picidae					
Lewis's Woodpecker	b	u		u	u
Acorn Woodpecker	b	a	a	a	a
Williamson's Sapsucker	b	u	u	u	u
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		w 83, 03, f 06			
Red-naped Sapsucker		r	r	r	r
Red-breasted Sapsucker	b	c	c	c	c
Nuttall's Woodpecker	b	c	c	c	c
Downy Woodpecker	b	c	c	c	c
Hairy Woodpecker	b	c	c	c	c
White-headed Woodpecker	b	c	c	c	c
Black-backed Woodpecker	b	r	r	r	r
Northern Flicker	b	a	a	a	a
Pileated Woodpecker	b	u	u	u	u
Tyrannidae					
Olive-sided Flycatcher	b	c	c	c	
Western Wood-Pewee	b	c	c	c	
Willow Flycatcher	b	r	r	r	r
Hammond's Flycatcher	b	c	c	u	
Gray Flycatcher	b	u	u	r	ac
Dusky Flycatcher	b	c	c	u	
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	b	u	u	r	cs
Black Phoebe	b	a	a	a	a
Eastern Phoebe		w 99, 08			
Say's Phoebe		u	cs	r	c
Vermilion Flycatcher		f 81, ? 01 s 07			
Ash-throated Flycatcher	b	c	c		
Great Crested Flycatcher		f 1998			
Western Kingbird	b	a	a	u	cs
Eastern Kingbird		s 69, 85, 88			
Laniidae					
Loggerhead Shrike	b	c	c	c	c
Vireonidae					
Bell's Vireo	bh	Hist. s89, f05, sp06, f09			
Gray Vireo		sp 1983			
Plumbeous Vireo	b	c	c	u	
Cassin's Vireo	b?	c	c	u	cs
Hutton's Vireo	b	u	u	u	u
Warbling Vireo	b	c	c	c	
Red-eyed Vireo		s 2006			
Corvidae					
Pinyon Jay	b	c	c	c	
Steller's Jay	b	c	c	c	c
Western Scrub-Jay	b	a	a	a	a
Clark's Nutcracker	b	c	c	c	c
Yellow-billed Magpie	bh?	Historical			
American Crow	b	a	a	a	a
Common Raven	b	a	a	a	a
Alaudidae					
Horned Lark	b	c	c	c	c
Hirundinidae					
Purple Martin	b	r	r		
Tree Swallow	b	c	c	c	u
Violet-green Swallow	b	c	c	c	u
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	b	c	c	c	cs
Bank Swallow		r m		r m	
Cliff Swallow	b	a	a	u	r
Barn Swallow	b	c	c	c	r
Paridae					
Mountain Chickadee	b	c	c	c	c
Oak Titmouse	b	c	c	c	c
Aegithalidae					
Bushtit	b	c	c	c	c
Sittidae					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	b	c	c	c	c
White-breasted Nuthatch	b	c	c	c	c
Pygmy Nuthatch	b	u	u	u	u
Certhiidae					
Brown Creeper	b	c	c	c	c
Troglodytidae					
Rock Wren	b	c	c	c	c
Canyon Wren	b	c	c	c	c
Bewick's Wren	b	c	c	c	c
House Wren	b	c	c	c	c
Pacific Wren	b	u	u	u	u
Marsh Wren	b	c	c	c	c
Polioptilidae					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	b	u	u	u	r
Cinclidae					
American Dipper	b	u	u	c	c
Regulidae					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	b	c	c	c	c
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	b	c	c	c	c
Sylviidae					
Wrentit	b	c	c	c	c
Turdidae					
Western Bluebird	b	c	c	c	c
Mountain Bluebird	b	c	c	u	u
Townsend's Solitaire	b	u	u	r	u
Swainson's Thrush	b	r	r	r	r
Hermit Thrush	b	u	c	u	c
American Robin	b	c	c	u	u
Varied Thrush		u		u	u
Mimidae					
Gray Catbird		f 94, w 07			
Northern Mockingbird	b	a	a	a	a
Sage Thrasher		r		r	r
Brown Thrasher		f-w 77 sp 06			
California Thrasher	b	u	u	u	u
Sturnidae					
European Starling	I b	a	a	a	a
Motacillidae					
White Wagtail		sp 2003 CBRC			
American Pipit	b	c	u	c	c
Bombycillidae					
Bohemian Waxwing		w 1973 f 1989			
Cedar Waxwing		c		c	c
Ptilogonatidae					
Phainopepla	b	c	c	c	u
Calcariidae					
Lapland Longspur		f 1999			
Chestnut-collared Longspur		w-sp88 sp94, f 99, w1, 2			
Parulidae					
Golden-winged Warbler		197?			
Tennessee Warbler					
Orange-crowned Warbler	b	c	c	c	u
Nashville Warbler	b	c	c	u	
Virginia's Warbler		s 1982			
Northern Parula		pre 1997			
Yellow Warbler	b	u	c	u	cs
Chestnut-sided Warbler		f 83, s 86			
Magnolia Warbler		s 1991			
Black-throated Blue Warbler		f 82, w 01			
Yellow-rumped Warbler	b	c	u	c	c
Black-throated Gray Warbler	b	c	c	c	r
Townsend's Warbler	b	r	r	u	r
Hermit Warbler	b	u	c	u	
Grace's Warbler		sp-s 2004 CBRC			
Palm Warbler		w 85, 04			
Bay-breasted Warbler		f 1981			
Black-and-white Warbler		198?			
American Redstart		f 89 s 00			
MacGillivray's Warbler	b	u	c	u	
Common Yellowthroat	b	c	c	u	u
Wilson's Warbler	b?	c	c	u	ac
Painted Redstart		s 1969			
Yellow-breasted Chat	b	u	u	u	ac
Emberizidae					
Green-tailed Towhee	b	u	c	c	u
Spotted Towhee	b	c	c	c	c
California Towhee	b	c	c	c	c
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	b	u	u	u	u
American Tree Sparrow					
Chipping Sparrow	b	c	c	c	c
Clay-colored Sparrow		w 01, w-sp 07			
Brewer's Sparrow	b	c	c	u	cs
Black-chinned Sparrow	b	u	u	r	
Vesper Sparrow	b	u	r	u	u
Lark Sparrow	b	c	c	c	c
Black-throated Sparrow	b?	r	r		cs
Sage Sparrow	b	u	u	u	cs
Lark Bunting		sp 70, w 80, sp 07			
Savannah Sparrow	b	c	c	c	c
Grasshopper Sparrow		r		r	
Fox Sparrow	b	c	c	c	c
Song Sparrow	b	c	c	c	c
Lincoln's Sparrow	b	u	u	u	u
Swamp Sparrow		w82, 91, 1, 3, 5, sp f 6			
White-throated Sparrow		r	r	r	r
Harris's Sparrow		w 77, 89, 06, 07			
White-crowned Sparrow	b	a	u	a	a
Golden-crowned Sparrow		c		c	c
Dark-eyed Junco	b	c	c	c	c
Cardinalidae					
Summer Tanager		f 73 sp-s 88, w 96, s 09			
Western Tanager	b	c	c	c	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		s 04, w 06			
Black-headed Grosbeak	b	c	c	c	
Blue Grosbeak	b	u	u	u	
Lazuli Bunting	b	c	c	u	
Indigo Bunting		s 77, sp s02, sp 08 s 09,			
Icteridae					
Bobolink		f 2006			
Red-winged Blackbird	b	a	a	a	a
Tricolored Blackbird	b	c	c	c	u
Western Meadowlark	b	a	a	a	a
Yellow-headed Blackbird	b	u	u	u	r
Brewer's Blackbird	b	a	a	a	a
Great-tailed Grackle	b	c	c	u	u
Brown-headed Cowbird	b	c	c	c	u
Hooded Oriole	b	u	u	r	r
Bullock's Oriole	b	c	c	u	ac
Scott's Oriole	b?	rl	rl		
Fringillidae					
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	b	u	u	u	u
Pine Grosbeak	b	r	r	r	r
Purple Finch	b	c	c	c	c
Cassin's Finch	b	c	c	c	c
House Finch	b	c	c	c	c
Red Crossbill	b	u	u	u	u
Pine Siskin	b	u	u	u	u
Lesser Goldfinch	b	c	c	c	c
Lawrence's Goldfinch	b	u	u	u	u
American Goldfinch		c	u	c	c
Evening Grosbeak	b	u	u	u	u
Passeridae					
House Sparrow	I b	a	a	a	a

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		Sp	S	F	W
Anatidae					
ca Fulvous Whistling-Duck		s 82, 83, 85			
Greater White-fronted Goose		u		u	u
Snow Goose		u		u	u
Ross's Goose		r			r
ac Brant		May 26, 1998			
Cackling Goose		r		r	r
Canada Goose		c	u	c	c
Tundra Swan		r			r
Wood Duck		u	u	u	u
Gadwall		c	u	c	c
Eurasian Wigeon		r		r	r
American Wigeon		u		c	c
Mallard	b	a	a	a	a
Blue-winged Teal		u			u
Cinnamon Teal		u	c	c	c
Northern Shoveler		c	u	c	c
Northern Pintail		c	c	c	c
ac Garganey		Apr 17, 1993 CBRC			
Green-winged Teal		u	r	c	c
Canvasback		u		c	c
Redhead		u	u	u	u
Ring-necked Duck		u		c	c
ca Greater Scaup		Mar 99 & 08, 10			
Lesser Scaup		r		u	u
ca Surf Scoter					
ca White-winged Scoter					
ac Long-tailed Duck		Dec 7, 02 - Jan 16, 03			
Bufflehead		r		u	u
Common Goldeneye		r			r
Hooded Merganser		u		u	u
Common Merganser		u		c	c
ca Red-breasted Merganser		Nov Dec 07 09			
Ruddy Duck		c	c	c	c
Odontophoridae					
California Quail		c	c	c	c
Phasianidae					
Ring-necked Pheasant	I	u	u	u	u
ca Wild Turkey	I	April 28, 2010			
Gaviidae					
ca Common Loon		Feb 91, Jan 98, May 10			
Podicipedidae					
Pied-billed Grebe		c	c	c	c
Horned Grebe		r		r	r
ca Red-necked Grebe		Nov 20 - 3 Dec, 2009			
Eared Grebe		c	r	c	c
Western Grebe		c	u	c	c
Clark's Grebe		c	u	c	c
Phalacrocoracidae					
Double-crested Cormorant	b	c	c	c	c
Pelecanidae					
American White Pelican		u	u	c	c
ca Brown Pelican		s-f 83, f-sp 99			
Ardeidae					
American Bittern		u	u	u	u
ca Least Bittern					
Great Blue Heron	b	a	a	a	c
Great Egret	b	a	a	a	c
Snowy Egret	b	a	a	a	c
ac Little Blue Heron		Jul 1, 1983			
Cattle Egret	b	a	a	a	a
Green Heron	b	c	c	c	c
Black-crowned Night-Heron	b	c	c	c	c
Threskiornithidae					
White-faced Ibis	b	c	c	c	c
Cathartidae					
Turkey Vulture		c	c	c	c
ca California Condor		historical			
Pandionidae					
Osprey		u	r	u	r
Accipitridae					
White-tailed Kite		c		c	c
Bald Eagle		r		r	r
Northern Harrier		c	r	c	c
Sharp-shinned Hawk		c		c	c
Cooper's Hawk		c	u	c	c
Red-shouldered Hawk		c	c	c	c
Swainson's Hawk	b	u	u	u	r
Red-tailed Hawk	b	c	c	c	c
Ferruginous Hawk		u		u	c
ca Rough-legged Hawk					
Golden Eagle		u	u	u	u
Falconidae					
American Kestrel		c	c	c	c
Merlin		u		u	u
ac Gyrfalcon		Nov 21 - 23, 2007 CBR			
Peregrine Falcon		u	u	u	u
Prairie Falcon		u	r	u	u
Rallidae					
Virginia Rail		c	c	c	c
Sora		c	c	c	c
Common Moorhen	b	u	u	u	u
American Coot	b	a	a	a	a
Gruidae					
Sandhill Crane		r		u	u
Charadriidae					
Black-bellied Plover		c	cs	c	u
ac American Golden-Plover		Oct 5, 2005 CBRC			
Pacific Golden-Plover		r		r	r
Snowy Plover	b	u	u	u	u
Semipalmated Plover		u	r	u	
Killdeer	b	a	a	a	a
Mountain Plover		u		u	u
Recurvirostridae					
Black-necked Stilt	b	c	c	c	c
American Avocet	b	c	c	c	c
Scolopacidae					
Spotted Sandpiper		u	u	u	u
Solitary Sandpiper		r	cs	r	
Greater Yellowlegs		c	c	c	u
Willet		r	r	r	r
Lesser Yellowlegs		u	u	u	r
Whimbrel		c		c	
Long-billed Curlew		c		c	c
ac Hudsonian Godwit		s 09, 10 CBRC			
Marbled Godwit		u	u	u	u
ca Ruddy Turnstone		almost every year			
ac Black Turnstone		Aug 00 & 08			
Red Knot		r			
Sanderling		r		r	r
Semipalmated Sandpiper		r		r	
Western Sandpiper		a	u	a	u
Least Sandpiper		a	u	a	c
ac White-rumped Sandpiper		f 01 CBRC			
Baird's Sandpiper			r	r	
Pectoral Sandpiper				u	r
ac Sharp-tailed Sandpiper		Oct 05, Sep 06			
Dunlin		c		c	u
ac Curlew Sandpiper		May 19 - 20, 2002 CBR			
Stilt Sandpiper			r	r	
ca Ruff		almost every year			
Short-billed Dowitcher		r	r	r	
Long-billed Dowitcher		c	r	c	c
Wilson's Snipe		u		u	c
Wilson's Phalarope		c		c	ac
Red-necked Phalarope		u		u	
ca Red Phalarope					
Laridae					
ca Sabine's Gull		Sep 97, 05, 07-09			
Bonaparte's Gull		u	u	u	u
Franklin's Gull		r	r	r	
ac Heermann's Gull					
ca Mew Gull		f w 07 09			
Ring-billed Gull		c	r	c	c
ca Western Gull		Sep 05 Jan & Mar 08			
California Gull		c	u	c	c
Herring Gull		u		u	u
ca Thayer's Gull					
ac Lesser Black-backed Gull		Nov 16 - 17, 2009 CBRC			
ca Glaucous-winged Gull		09-10			
ac Glaucous Gull					
Least Tern	b	r	r	r	
Caspian Tern		c	c	c	r
Black Tern	b	u	r	u	
ca Common Tern		f 05 - 10			
ac Arctic Tern					
Forster's Tern		c	c	c	
ac Black Skimmer	b	Jul 19 - Oct 12, 1986			
Stercorariidae					
ac Pomarine Jaeger					
ac Parasitic Jaeger					
ca Long-tailed Jaeger		Sep 90 & 93, Aug 99			
Columbidae					
Rock Pigeon	I b	a	a	a	a
Band-tailed Pigeon		r	r	r	r
Eurasian Collared-Dove	I b	u	u	u	u
ac White-winged Dove		May 05, Sep 09			
Mourning Dove	b	a	a	a	a
ca Common Ground-Dove		Sep 2010			
Cuculidae					
ca Yellow-billed Cuckoo		historically Common			
Greater Roadrunner		u	u	u	u
Tytonidae					
Barn Owl		c	c	c	c
Strigidae					
Western Screech-Owl		c	c	c	c
Great Horned Owl	b	c	c	c	c
Burrowing Owl	b	c	c	c	c
Long-eared Owl		r	r	r	r
Short-eared Owl		r	cs	r	r
ca Northern Saw-whet Owl		Feb 20 - 21 2001			
Caprimulgidae					
Lesser Nighthawk		u	u	u	r
Common Poorwill		u	u	u	cs
Apodidae					
Black Swift		r	r	r	
Vaux's Swift		u		u	
White-throated Swift		r	r	r	r
Trochilidae					
Black-chinned Hummingbird	b	c	c	c	
Anna's Hummingbird		c	c	c	c
Costa's Hummingbird		r	r	r	
Calliope Hummingbird		r		r	
Rufous Hummingbird		u		c	
ca Allen's Hummingbird		Aug 29, 1977			
Alcedinidae					
Belted Kingfisher		c	c	c	c
Picidae					
Lewis's Woodpecker		r		r	r
Acorn Woodpecker		u	u	u	u
Red-breasted Sapsucker		u	u	u	u
Nuttall's Woodpecker		c	c	c	c
Downy Woodpecker		u	u	u	u
Hairy Woodpecker		r	r	r	r
Northern Flicker		c	c	c	c
Tyrannidae					
Olive-sided Flycatcher		r		r	
Western Wood-Pewee		c		c	
Willow Flycatcher		u		u	
Hammond's Flycatcher		u		u	
Gray Flycatcher		u		r	cs
Dusky Flycatcher		u		u	
Pacific-slope Flycatcher		u		r	cs
Black Phoebe	b	c	c	c	c
ac Eastern Phoebe		Jan 15, 2005			
Say's Phoebe		u	u	u	c
ca Vermilion Flycatcher		w sp 01, 02, 03			
Ash-throated Flycatcher		c	c		
Cassin's Kingbird					
Western Kingbird	b	a	a	u	
Laniidae					
Loggerhead Shrike		c	c	c	c
ca Northern Shrike		pre 1981			
Vireonidae					
ca Bell's Vireo		historically Common			
ca Plumbeous Vireo		Sep Oct 2009			
Cassin's Vireo		u	u	u	cs
Hutton's Vireo		r	r	r	r
Warbling Vireo		c	c	c	
Corvidae					
ac Pinyon Jay		Sep 30, 2003			
Steller's Jay					
Western Scrub-Jay	b	a	a	a	a
Yellow-billed Magpie					
American Crow		a	a	a	a
Common Raven	b	a	a	a	a
Alaudidae					
Horned Lark	b	c	c	c	c
Hirundinidae					
Purple Martin		r	r		
Tree Swallow		c	c	c	u
Violet-green Swallow		u		u	u
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	b	c	c	c	cs
Bank Swallow		r		r	
Cliff Swallow	b	a	a	a	r
Barn Swallow		c	c	c	r
Paridae					
Oak Titmouse		c	c	c	c
Aegithalidae					
Bushtit	b	c	c	c	c
Sittidae					
Red-breasted Nuthatch				r	r
White-breasted Nuthatch		u	u	u	u
Certhiidae					
Brown Creeper		c		c	c
Troglodytidae					
Rock Wren		u	u	u	u
Canyon Wren		u	u	u	u
Bewick's Wren		u	u	u	u
House Wren	b	c	c	c	c
Pacific Wren		r	r	r	r
Marsh Wren	b	c	c	c	c
Polioptilidae					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		u		u	r
Regulidae					
ca Golden-crowned Kinglet		f w 44, 98, 05, 09			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		c		c	c
Sylviidae					
Wrentit		u	u	u	u
Turdidae					
Western Bluebird		c		c	c
Mountain Bluebird		c		u	u
Swainson's Thrush		r	r	r	r
Hermit Thrush		u		u	c
American Robin		c	c	u	u
Varied Thrush					
Mimidae					
Northern Mockingbird	b	a	a	a	a
Sage Thrasher		r		r	r
California Thrasher		u	u	u	u
ca Le Conte's Thrasher		historically Uncommon			
Sturnidae					
European Starling	I b	a	a	a	a
Motacillidae					
American Pipit		c		c	c
Bombycillidae					
Cedar Waxwing		c		c	c
Ptilogonatidae					
Phainopepla		u	u	u	u
Calcariidae					
ac Lapland Longspur					
ac McCown's Longspur		Nov 19, 2007			
Parulidae					
Orange-crowned Warbler		c	c	c	u
Nashville Warbler		c		u	
ac Virginia's Warbler					
ac Northern Parula		Aug 29, 1977			
Yellow Warbler		u	c	u	cs
Yellow-rumped Warbler		c		c	c
Black-throated Gray Warbler		c		c	r
Townsend's Warbler		r	r	u	r
Hermit Warbler		u	u	u	
ac Prairie Warbler		26 Nov - 11 Dec 1977			
ac Palm Warbler		Oct 16, 2009			
ac Black-and-white Warbler		Jun 11, 2008			
ca American Redstart		Oct 8, 2005			
MacGillivray's Warbler		u		u	
Common Yellowthroat		c		u	u
Wilson's Warbler		c	c	u	cs
Yellow-breasted Chat		r	r	r	
Emberizidae					
ca Green-tailed Towhee		f 05 sp 09, 10			
Spotted Towhee		c		c	c
California Towhee		c	c	c	c
Rufous-crowned Sparrow		u	u	u	u
Chipping Sparrow		c		c	c
Brewer's Sparrow		u		r	
Vesper Sparrow		u	r	u	u
Lark Sparrow		c	c	c	c
Sage Sparrow		u	u	u	u
ca Lark Bunting		pre 1887, Mar 99			
Savannah Sparrow		c		c	c
Grasshopper Sparrow		r		r	cs
Fox Sparrow		c		c	c
Song Sparrow		c	c	c	c
Lincoln's Sparrow		u		u	u
White-throated Sparrow		r		r	r
ac Harris's Sparrow					
White-crowned Sparrow		a		a	a
Golden-crowned Sparrow		c		c	c
Dark-eyed Junco		c		c	c
Cardinalidae					
ca Summer Tanager					
Western Tanager		c	c	c	
ca Rose-breasted Grosbeak		Jul 4, year? Sep 2010			
Black-headed Grosbeak		c	c	c	
Blue Grosbeak		u	u	u	
Lazuli Bunting		c	u	u	
ca Indigo Bunting		Jul 14, 1998, S F 2010			
Icteridae					
Red-winged Blackbird	b	a	a	a	a
Tricolored Blackbird	b	c		c	u
Western Meadowlark	b	a	a	a	a
Yellow-headed Blackbird	b	u	u	u	r
Brewer's Blackbird		a	a	a	a
ac Common Grackle		Mar 1, 1999 CBRC			
Great-tailed Grackle		c	c	u	u
Brown-headed Cowbird	b	c	c	c	u
Hooded Oriole	b	r	r	r	
Bullock's Oriole	b	c	c	u	cs
Fringillidae					
Purple Finch		r	r	r	r
House Finch	b	c	c	c	c
Pine Siskin		u	u	u	u
Lesser Goldfinch		c		c	c
Lawrence's Goldfinch		r	r	r	r
American Goldfinch		c		c	c
ca Evening Grosbeak		Mar 6-8, 1949			
Passeridae					
House Sparrow	I b	a	a	a	a

Upcoming events

Chapter Meeting and Program

Tricolored Blackbirds and California Audubon

Keiller Kyle

Friday, October 15, 2010

Tulare County Office of Education
Woodland and Burrel

Keiller Kyle has recently joined Audubon California as the Tricolored Blackbird Conservation Coordinator where he organizes agencies, non-profit organizations, private landowners, and farmers to protect and stabilize Tricolored Blackbird populations within California. He received his Master's Degree in Ecology from Purdue University in 2008 where he worked on avian community responses to human disturbance in Monteverde, Costa Rica. He has also done avian fieldwork in California, Arizona, Hawaii and Venezuela. He grew up on a dairy farm in central New York and has also recently worked for his family business selling products to Central Valley dairy farmers to help improve the quality of California cows. He will discuss the ecology and conservation of Tricolored Blackbirds.

Field Trip

Merced National Wildlife Refuge Area

Saturday, October 30, 2010

Lockhart

We will be heading north toward the Merced National Wildlife Refuge looking for geese, Sandhill Crane, and raptors. Hopefully we can still find some Yellow-billed Magpie along the way. This usually turns into a very long but enjoyable day.

We leave at 7:30 AM from the Sears Parking lot.

16 Casual - Accidental records in Tulare in October

Fulvous Whistling-Duck, 10/9/2006 4/29/2007, Dead Pig Pond, Kurz
Black Storm-Petrel, 10/5/1994 10/5/1994, Grant Grove KCNP, Newton
Brown Pelican, 9/30/1986 10/9/1986, Lake Kaweah, Unknown
Mississippi Kite, 10/5/2005 10/5/2005, Hwy 43 and Ave 144, SanMiguel
Rough-legged Hawk, 10/6/1996 10/6/1996, Siberian Outpost SNP, Pilewski
Rough-legged Hawk, 9/1/1995 10/15/1995, Tablelands SNP, Pratt
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, 10/11/1976 10/11/1976, Visalia, Barnes
Stilt Sandpiper, 10/9/2007 10/13/2007, Pixley NWR, Steele
Ruff, 10/14/2006 10/16/2006, Alpaugh area, Homeland Canal, Kuska
Common Tern, 9/27/2008 10/1/2008, Lake Kaweah, Hansen
Spotted Dove, 10/24/2007 10/29/2007, Porterville, Kurz
Great Crested Flycatcher, 10/7/1988 10/11/1988, Creighton Ranch Preserve, Hansen
Gray Catbird, 10/17/1994 10/17/1994, Hospital Rock SNP, Scott-Graham
Brown Thrasher, 10/11/1977 12/17/1977, Springville area, Mires
Black-throated Blue Warbler, 10/17/1982 10/17/1982, Creighton Ranch Preserve, Hansen
Bay-breasted Warbler, 10/27/1981 10/27/1981, Creighton Ranch Preserve, Hansen

12 Casual - Accidental records in Kings County in October

Brown Pelican, 8/5/1983 10/5/1983, Unknown, Unknown
Brown Pelican, , 6th and Homeland Canal, Unknown
American Golden-Plover, 10/5/2002 10/5/2002, 6th and Virginal, San Miguel
Ruddy Turnstone, 10/17/2003 10/17/2003, Utica Ave east of I5, Luther
White-rumped Sandpiper, 10/12/2001 10/14/2001, Kent-Jersey Ave Ponds, Seay
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, 10/9/2005 10/9/2005, 10th and Utica, Luther
Glaucous-winged Gull, 10/23/2009 10/23/2009, 4th and Tucson, Lockhart
Black Skimmer, 7/19/1986 10/12/1986, Hacienda Evaporation Basin, Unknown
Plumbeous Vireo, 10/23/2009 10/23/2009, BLM Atwel Island, Lockhart
Palm Warbler, 10/16/2009 10/16/2009, Hickey Park, DeMartini
American Redstart, 10/8/2005 10/8/2005, Kings Row, Rowoth
Green-tailed Towhee, 10/8/2005 10/12/2005, Kent-Jersey Ave Ponds, Rowoth

Christmas Bird Count period is December 14 – January 5

Springville CBC, first Saturday in count period, December 18, 2010
Contact: John Lockhart

Sequoia CBC, first Sunday in count period, December 19, 2010
Contact: Sequoia National Park

Kaweah CBC, first Saturday after Christmas, January 1, 2011
Contact: John Lockhart

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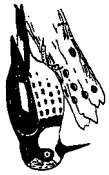

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