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THE 32ND REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE: 2006 RECORDS

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ABSTRACT: The California Bird Records Committee reached decisions on 264 records involving 83 species evaluated during 2006, endorsing 225 of them. New to California were Ross's Gull (*Rhodostethia rosea*) and the Taiga Flycatcher (*Ficedula albicilla*); the Little Shearwater (*Puffinus assimilis*) was removed from the state list. Adjusted for these changes, California's bird list stands at 633 species, ten of which are non-native; three additional species recently accepted will be covered in the next report.

SHOREBIRD USE OF MUTED TIDAL WETLANDS IN A CALIFORNIA ESTUARY

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ABSTRACT: At Elkhorn Slough, an estuary on Monterey Bay, California, the number of shorebirds using muted tidal wetlands at high and low tide differs significantly. At all seasons, small sandpipers are significantly more abundant in muted tidal wetlands at high tide. In contrast, numbers of the Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*) and American Avocet (*Recurvirostra americana*) do not differ significantly by tide except in winter, when they are more abundant at high tide. Manipulation of water level by adjustment of tide-gate settings enhances the suitability of muted tidal wetlands for many species. These areas provide an additional habitat dimension within the slough, enabling shorebirds to feed and roost at high tide when fully tidal mudflats are unavailable.

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PURPLE MARTIN DISTRIBUTION AND NESTING HABITAT AT SHASTA LAKE, CALIFORNIA

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SAP FEEDING ON BIRCH TREES BY AMERICAN THREE-TOED WOODPECKERS

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FIRST RECORDS OF THE BROWN CREEPER BREEDING ALONG THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE IN CENTRAL NEW MEXICO

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BOOK REVIEWS:

Storm-Petrels of the Eastern Pacific Ocean: Species Assembly and Diversity along Marine Habitat Gradients, by Larry B. Spear and David G. Ainley. 2007. American Ornithologists' Union (Ornithological Monographs no. 62.). 77 pages, 37 figures, 10 tables, 2 appendices. Paperback, \$10.00, ISBN 0-943610-71-0.

John Kirk Townsend: Collector of Audubon's Western Birds and Mammals, by Barbara and Richard Mearns. August 2007. B. & R. Mearns, Dumfries, Scotland. Hardback, 290 × 230 mm, 400 pages, approx. 350 illustrations (300 in color), 10 maps, 4 flow charts, 18 appendices, and bibliography. ISBN 978-0-9556739-0-0. Available from www.mearnsbooks.com.

Birds of Western Colorado Plateau and Mesa Country, by Robert Righter, Rich Levad, Coen Dexter, and Kim Potter. 2004. Grand Valley Audubon Society, Grand Junction, CO. 214 + x pages; numerous color and black-and-white illustrations, range maps, charts, and graphs. Softcover, \$29.95. ISBN 0-9743453-0-X.

FEATURED PHOTO:

FIRST DOCUMENTATION OF A EURASIAN KESTREL IN CALIFORNIA

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