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THE WINTER DISTRIBUTION OF THE WESTERN GULL-BILLED TERN (*GELOCHELIDON NILOTICA VANROSSEMI*)

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ABSTRACT: We surveyed 73 sites along the Gulf of California and Pacific coasts of mainland Mexico during five nonbreeding seasons from December 1999 to January 2007 to clarify the winter status and distribution of the western North American subspecies of the Gull-billed Tern (*Gelochelidon nilotica vanrossemi*), a taxon of conservation concern. We located birds at 44 of the 73 sites, (60%) with the largest numbers found around coastal lagoons with extensive tidal flats in southern Sonora, Sinaloa, and extreme northern Nayarit. Local concentrations were also noted at other sites from the Colorado River delta of extreme northwestern Sonora south to Guerrero. Resightings of birds banded as chicks at California breeding colonies establish the first evidence of connectivity to specific wintering sites in Mexico as far south as southern Sonora and possibly into Nayarit.

FIRST RECORD OF NEWELL'S SHEARWATER FROM THE MAINLAND OF NORTH AMERICA

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ABSTRACT: A Newell's Shearwater (*Puffinus [auricularis] newelli*) captured alive on land at Del Mar, California, on 1 August 2007 was the first of its species to reach the continent of North America or a latitude so far north. The bird was distinguished from the similar Manx (*P. puffinus*) and Townsend's (*P. [a.] auricularis*) Shearwaters by the pattern of its undertail coverts, white basally and black distally, as well as tail length and weight. An attempt to rehabilitate it was unsuccessful, and it died after 10 months in captivity.

NESTLING PROVISIONING BY AMERICAN DIPPERS NEAR JUNEAU, ALASKA

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ABSTRACT: The rate of food delivery by male American Dippers (*Cinclus mexicanus*) increased as the female spent more time brooding young chicks, although the delivery rate by male parents varied greatly when the female was not brooding. Males commonly delivered food more often than females when females were brooding, but nonbrooding females sometimes made more deliveries than their mates. Pairs differed in the relative numbers of food-delivery trips by male and female. Juvenile salmon, and salmon eggs in season, were often delivered to chicks on streams with salmon spawning runs, by both parents. Single parents raised chicks successfully in three cases. One male mated bigamously, but only one of his females was successful in rearing chicks, probably because of a severe infestation of bird-blowflies.

NOTES

FIRST MODERN RECORD OF THE WHITE-TAILED EAGLE IN HAWAII

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EGG RETRIEVAL BY THE HAWAIIAN GOOSE AFTER ATTEMPTED PREDATION BY A CAT

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FIRST RECORD OF THE VARIEGATED FLYCATCHER FOR WESTERN NORTH AMERICA

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