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NOTEWORTHY BIRD OBSERVATIONS FROM THE CAROLINE AND MARSHALL ISLANDS 1988–2009, INCLUDING SIX NEW RECORDS FOR MICRONESIA

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ABSTRACT: We evaluate previously unpublished or semi-published reports of 61 migratory, 3 resident, and 1 failed introduced species or subspecies of birds in Micronesia from a variety of sources. These include first (or first confirmed) Micronesian records of the Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*), American Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus hudsonicus*), Brown Hawk-Owl (*Ninox scutulata*), Oriental Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus orientalis*), and Scaly Thrush (*Zoothera dauma*); second regional reports of the Red-necked Phalarope (*Phalaropus lobatus*), Rufous Hawk-Cuckoo (*Hierococcyx hyperythrus*), Eurasian Hoopoe (*Upupa epops*), and White-throated Needletail (*Hirundapus caudacutus*); and many firsts for major islands, island groups, and islands within groups including 13 first (or first confirmed) and 7 second records for Yap, 11 first and 8 second records for Palau, 7 firsts for Pohnpei, 1 for Kosrae, 1 for Kwajalein, and a second for Majuro. We report several occurrences as first for their season and other significant bird observations that help to establish patterns in the region. We question published sight records of the Asian House Martin (*Delichon dasypus*).

OCCUPANCY OF HABITATS BY MEXICAN SPOTTED OWLS IN RELATION TO EXPLOSIVE NOISE AND RECREATIONAL ACCESS AT LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY

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ABSTRACT: We examined 15 years of presence/absence data on the Mexican Spotted Owl (*Strix occidentalis lucida*) at Los Alamos National Laboratory in seven areas managed as Spotted Owl habitat and affected by two types of anthropogenic disturbances: human recreation and relatively frequent but brief impulse noises caused by explosives. On the basis of the percent of years each area was occupied (the occupancy rate), the type of disturbance had an apparent effect on habitat occupancy. The rate of occupancy of Spotted Owl habitat within 2.4 km of firing sites with restricted access was 31% while in habitat >2.4 km from firing sites in which recreational access was allowed it was 7%. These results suggest that the Spotted Owl's use of habitat at Los Alamos is not adversely affected by noise generated during explosives tests but may be adversely affected by recreational access.

NOTES

A BROWN HAWK-OWL (*NINOX SCUTULATA*) FROM KISKA ISLAND, ALEUTIAN ISLANDS, ALASKA

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MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD NESTING IN AN ARROYO BANK IN NORTHERN NEW MEXICO

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DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE WINTER PLUMAGES OF THE BLACK AND GRAY -CROWNED ROSY-FINCHES IN NEW MEXICO

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