

# WINTER BIRDS OF LAGUNA SAN IGNACIO,

BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR, MEXICO

ALL BIRDS SEEN BY GAYLE DANA FROM JANUARY 9, 1979 TO APRIL 4, 1979, EXCEPT WHERE NOTED OTHERWISE. ONLY THOSE BIRDS WERE INCLUDED THAT OCCUPIED THE LAGOON PROPER, AND THE IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING DESERT.

## CLASSIFICATIONS

A = ABUNDANT	SEEN EVERY DAY IN LARGE NUMBERS (>100)
C = COMMON	SEEN ALMOST EVERY DAY IN MODERATE NUMBERS (>30)
U = UNCOMMON	SEEN EVERY WEEK IN SMALL NUMBERS (<10)
R = RARE	SEEN FEW TIMES DURING THE SEASON
AC = ACCIDENTAL	SEEN ONCE DURING THE SEASON, NOT USUALLY FOUND AT SAN IGNACIO LAGOON

NOTE: THESE CLASSIFICATIONS APPLY TO THE BIRDS IN THEIR PREFERRED HABITAT. FOR INSTANCE, THE MANGROVE WARBLER IS COMMON IN THE MANGROVES, BUT ~~IS~~ NOT ON THE MUDFLAT.

● = JONES AND SWARTZ

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○ = JOHN + ANN

⊙ = NATURALIST, ON THE SEARCHER

SPECIES	OCCURRENCE	COMMENTS
✓ 1 COMMON LOON	U	IN GROUPS OF 1 TO 3 INDIVIDUALS
✓ 2 ARTIC LOON	R	
✓ 3 EARED GREBE	C	IN GROUPS OF up to 50-70
✓ 4 WESTERN GREBE	R	
✓ 5 WHITE PELICAN	R	SEEN ON 3 OCCASIONS IN GROUPS OF up to 36. - 1/14, 2/6, 2/7
✓ 6 BROWN PELICAN	C	
✓ 7 DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT	C	BOTH CORMORANT SPECIES ESPECIALLY COMMON AT SOUTH WHALE ISLAND
✓ 8 BRANDT'S CORMORANT	C	
✓ 9 MAGNIFICENT FRIGATE BIRD	U	ONE OR TWO SEEN EVERY WEEK, BOTH IMMATURES AND ADULTS
✓ 10 GREAT BLUE HERON	U	
✓ 11 GREEN HERON	U	
✓ 12 LITTLE BLUE HERON	U	
✓ 13 COMMON EGRET	C	
✓ 14 CATTLE EGRET	AC	3 INDIVIDUALS SEEN AT ROCKY PT ON 3/21 + 3/22
✓ 15 SNOWY EGRET	C	
✓ 16 REDDISH EGRET	C	
✓ 17 LOUISIANA HERON	C	
✓ 18 BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON	U	
✓ 19 YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON	C	
✓ 20 AMERICAN BITTERN	R	SEEN IN 1978
021 LEAST BITTERN	R	DEC. 1978
✓ 22 WHITE IBIS	U	GROUPS OF 6 SEEN IN CERTAIN MANGROVES
✓ 23 BRANDT	A	A MAJOR WINTERING GROUND - ABUNDANT IN THE NORTH END.
✓ 24 PINTAIL	R	♂ SEEN TWICE - 1/29, + 3/28/79
✓ 25 REDHEAD	R	ONE ♂ SEEN IN LATE JANUARY AND EARLY FEBRUARY.

	SPECIES	REQUENCY	COMMENTS
✓ 26	LESSER SCAUP	C	LOCALLY COMMON IN CERTAIN MANGROVE CHANNELS
✓ 27	BUFFLEHEAD	U	SEEN IN GROUPS OF 2-5 MID-NORTH END OF LAGOON
✓ 28	WHITEWINGED SCOTER	R	SEEN TWICE 1/11 AND 3/28
✓ 29	SURF SCOTER	C	
✓ 30	RED-BREASTED MERGANSERS	U	
✓ 31	TURKEY VULTURE	U	
✓ 32	COOPERS HAWK	R	SEEN ONCE 1/21
✓ 33	MARSH HAWK	R	SEEN ONCE
✓ 34	OSPREY	C	NESTING - WHALE ISLANDS
✓ 35	CAVACARA	R	ONE IMMATURE SEEN AT ROCKY PT 1/10.
✓ 36	PRAIRIE FALCON	R	ONE SEEN 1/29
✓ 37	PEWEE FALCON	R	POSSIBLY A PAIR NESTING, N. WHALE ISLAND 3 DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS SEEN IN MARCH
✓ 38	MERLIN	R	SEEN ONCE ON SAND ISLAND 1/23
✓ 39	KESTRAL	U	
✓ 40	CLAPPER RAIL	C	HEARD OFTEN IN MANGROVES
✓ 41	AMERICAN OYSTER CATCHER	U	
✓ 42	SEMI-PALMATED PLOVER	U	
✓ 43	SNOWY PLOVER	U	
✓ 44	BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER	R	
✓ 45	WILSONS PLOVER	R	REPORTED ON SALT FLATS EAST OF SAND HILL
✓ 46	RUDDY TURNSTONE	R	
✓ 47	LONG-BILLED CURLEW	C	
✓ 48	WHIMBREL	U	
✓ 49	SPOTTED SANDPIPER	R	
✓ 50	WANDERING TATTLER	R	ONLY 1 INDIVIDUAL SEEN; BUT PRESENT THE WHOLE SEASON, ROCKY PT.
✓ 51	WILLET	A	
✓ 52	GREATER YELLOW LEGS	U	

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●	53 KNOT	R	ONE INDIVIDUAL SEEN 3/26
✓	54 LEAST SANDPIPER	C	
✓	55 DUNLIN	C	
✓	56 SHORTBILLED DOWITCHER	C	
✓	57 WESTERN SANDPIPER	C	
✓	58 MARBLED GODWIT	A	
✓	59 SANDERLING	U	PROBABLY MORE COMMON ON THE PACIFIC SIDE
✓	60 AMERICAN AVOCET	U	GROUPS OF 15-30 SEEN 4 TIMES IN SEASON
✓	61 RED PHALAROPE	U	SEEN IN GROUPS OF 2-5; PRESENT ONLY IN JANUARY
✓	62 POMERINE JAEGER	R	OCCASIONALLY JAEGERs ARE SEEN TO FLY INTO THE LAGOON
✓	63 PARASITIC JAEGER	R	
✓	64 WESTERN GULL	C	MOST COMMON GULL AT ROCKY POINT
✓	65 HEERING GULL	U	
✓	66 CALIFORNIA GULL	U	MORE COMMON FLYING BEHIND FISHING BOATS
✓	67 RING-BILLED GULL	C	SECOND MOST COMMON GULL
✓	68 BONAPARTES GULL	R	
✓	69 HEERMAN'S GULL	C	
✓	70 FORESTERS TERN	C	COMMON IN JANUARY AND MARCH, BUT NOTICABLY ABSENT IN FEBRUARY.
✓	*71 COMMON TERN	R	SEEN IN 1978 PREVIOUS YEARS
✓	72 ROYAL TERN	C	
✓	*73 ELEGANT TERN	R	SEEN IN PREVIOUS YEARS
✓	74 CASPIAN TERN	C	
●	75 MOURNING DOVE	R	IN ROCKY INTERTIDAL, 3/24
✓	●76 BURROWING OWL	R	ONE FOUND DEAD, 1978
✓	77 COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD	U	DESERT BRUSH

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✓ 78	BELTED KINGFISHER	U	FAIRLY COMMON IN MANGROVES
✓ 79	SAYS PHOEBE	U	DESERT BRUSH
✓ 80	HORNED LARK	C	GROUPS OF 30-60 IN ROCKY INTERTIDAL AND DESERT
✓ 81	TREE SWALLOW	C	IN GROUPS OF UP TO 100 FROM JANUARY TO MID FEBRUARY
✓ 82	COMMON RAVEN	U	NEST REPORTED IN CARRON ON PAYMETER ISLAND IN PREVIOUS YEARS
✓ 83	CACTUS WREN	U	DESERT BRUSH, CACTUS
✓ 84	ROCK WREN	U	CRYSTAL BLUFF
✓ 85	MOCKINGBIRD	U	DESERT BRUSH
✓ 86	BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER	C	DESERT BRUSH
✓ 87	LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE	U	DESERT BRUSH
✓ 88	BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER	AC	AT ROCKY PT CAMP 2/3
✓ 89	ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER	U	SEEN AT UPPER LAGOON IN EARLY MARCH
✓ 90	MANGROVE WARBLER	C	NESTS IN MANGROVES. TERRITORIAL SINGING 3/16.
✓ 91	NORTHERN WATER THRUSH	R	SEEN OCCASIONALLY AT LOW TIDE AT MANGROVE EDGE
✓ 92	AMERICAN REDSTART	AC	IN MANGROVES, 1/24
✓ 93	HOUSE SPARROW	AC	AT ROCKY PT CAMP 2/13 - 2/20 (ONE)
✓ 94	SAVANNAH SPARROW	C	SEEN IN INTERTIDAL BRUSH CLOSE TO WATER
✓ 95	BLACK-THROATED SPARROW	C	DESERT BRUSH
✓ 96	BREWERS SPARROW	C	DESERT BRUSH
✓ 97	WHITE CROWNED SPARROW	U	DESERT BRUSH

Additions to Gault's bird list

Off the tops of our heads 3/24/80

Low:

Black-legged Kittiwake

Common Tern

Amer. Widgeon

Boyer

Clay-colored Sparrows

Wilson's Phoebe

Gr. Horned Owl

No. Phalarope