

WOOD WARBLERS — FAMILY PARULIDAE

Blue-winged Warbler *Vermivora pinus*

Of the various eastern warblers reaching California, the Blue-winged is represented disproportionately more in the desert and less on the coast. As a result, it is exceptionally rare in San Diego County. The California Bird Records Committee has accepted only two from this area—and rejected three others as inadequately or not supported.

Migration: San Diego County's well-described Blue-winged Warblers were in the Tijuana River valley 26 September 1964 (McCaskie and Banks 1966, Bevier 1990) and at Point Loma 30 September 1999 (J. C. Worley, T. Plunkett, Rogers and Jaramillo 2002). Roberson (1993) listed the rejected records. A specimen or photograph to support the Blue-winged Warbler in San Diego County is still lacking, though the species has been photographed once in adjacent Orange County (Heindel and Garrett 1995).



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