Canada Warbler Wilsonia canadensis

Breeding east of the Rocky Mountains and wintering in South America, the Canada Warbler is a vagrant to California. It reaches San Diego County at a rate of about one per year, so far occurring only in fall migration.

Migration: About 43 Canada Warblers have been reported in San Diego County, from the first in 1967 through 2003. All have been near the coast; Otay Mesa (V13) is the site of the record farthest inland. Their dates range from 6 September (1976, San Luis Rey River, Oceanside, G6, R. Bacon) to 15 November (1969, Tijuana River valley, AFN 24:100c, 1970) with a peak from late September to mid October. The number reported per year has varied from zero, as in 1998, to four, in 2000. Since the late 1960s there has been no trend in the species' frequency.



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