Cerulean Warbler Dendroica cerulea

The Cerulean Warbler is one of the rarest eastern warblers reaching the Pacific coast as a vagrant: the California Bird Records Committee has accepted just 15 for the state. Two of these are for San Diego County.

Migration: Both of the accepted records are for Point Loma in spring: one photographed 26–27 May 1979 (Luther et al. 1983) and one seen 7 June 1992 (R. E. Webster; Heindel and Patten 1996). Three reports in fall have been rejected or not submitted.

Conservation: The Cerulean Warbler is in serious decline. The situation is reflected in the petering out of occurrences in California: 11 from 1974 to 1988 but only three from 1989 through 2003.



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