

### Great Crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus crinitus*

The only representative of the genus *Myiarchus* in eastern North America and a rare fall vagrant to California, the Great Crested closely resembles the Brown-crested and Ash-throated Flycatchers. Fortunately, the birds reaching California are fresh-plumaged immatures that show the species' characters well—a darker throat and breast and broad, crisp white edge on the innermost tertial that expands in width from tip to base.

**Migration:** All five San Diego County records of the Great Crested Flycatcher are from Point Loma in fall. By date, these are 19 September 1975 (G. McCaskie, AB 30:128, 1976), 20 September 1983 (R. E. Webster et al., Roberson 1986), 25 September 1987 (G. McCaskie, Pyle and McCaskie 1992), 6 October 1978 (E. Copper, P. Unitt, AB 33:216, 1979; Binford 1983), and 10–13 October 2001 (R. E. Webster, NAB 56:107, 2002). The record for 20 October 1974 was rejected by the California Bird Records Committee.



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