

### Kentucky Warbler *Oporornis formosus*

The Kentucky Warbler is rare but increasing as a vagrant to California. In summer 1992 an unprecedented irruption brought at least 36 to the state's riparian woodlands, two to San Diego County, with one more the following summer. Eight of the county's 16 records are for fall, four are for spring, and one is for winter.

**Migration:** San Diego County's fall records of the Kentucky Warbler extend from 14 September (1990, Point Loma, S7, D. W. Aguillard; Heindel and Garrett 1995) to 16 November (1983, Del Mar, M7, D. Delaney; Roberson 1986). All are along or near the coast. At 2.5 miles from the coast, the single specimen, from Paso del Sol, Del Mar (M8), represents the fall record farthest inland (D. R. Grine, SDNHM 49223). Four spring records are all from Point Loma: 4 June 1968 (Craig 1970), 5–7 May 1987 (R. E. Webster; Langham 1991), 28 May 1995 (G. L. Rogers, NASFN 49:311, 1995), and 22 May 2001 (M. B. Mulrooney, NAB 55:358, 2001).

The incursion of summer 1992–93 was noted most in Santa Barbara and Kern counties, but it yielded three Kentucky Warblers in San Diego County: one along



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Noble Creek (O22) 8 June 1992 (B. Cord; Heindel and Patten 1996), one along Sandia Creek (C7) 19–22 June 1992 (K. L. Weaver; Heindel and Patten 1996), and one in Green Valley, Encinitas (K7), 30 June–2 July 1993 (B. E. Daniels, D. R. Willick; Erickson and Terrill 1996).

**Winter:** The county's single wintering Kentucky Warbler was along Agua Hedionda Creek, Vista (I7), 15–25 March 1999 (P. A. Ginsburg, NAB 53:210, 1999).