

Louisiana Waterthrush *Seiurus motacilla*

For decades, the Louisiana Waterthrush was known in California from a single specimen. Then, in 1985, this bird of forest streams from the eastern United States began participating in the upsurge of vagrancy of southeastern warblers (Patten and Marantz 1996). Through 2002, records statewide stand at 14, just one from San Diego County.

Winter: The single Louisiana Waterthrush known from San Diego County frequented a drainage ditch near the Salk Institute, La Jolla (O7), 9 February–21 March 1990 (J. O'Brien; Patten and Erickson 1994). The identification is supported by photographs.



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