Philadelphia Vireo *Vireo philadelphicus*

Breeding in the boreal forest east of the Rocky Mountains, wintering mainly in southeastern Mexico and Central America, the Philadelphia Vireo is a vagrant to California. All but two of San Diego County’s 20 records are from a seven-week period in the fall.

**Migration:** Fall records of the Philadelphia Vireo in San Diego extend from 19 September (1975, Point Loma, S7; 1976, Tijuana River valley) to 10 November (1999, Lindo Lake, Lakeside, O14, G. McCaskie, NAB 54:105, 2000). The last record, of a bird found first on 3 November, is the only one away from Point Loma and the Tijuana River valley. Two specimens have been collected, California’s first Philadelphia Vireo, in the Tijuana River valley 9 October 1965 (SDNHM 35511, McCaskie 1968b), and another at Point Loma 9 November 1969 (SDNHM 37390).

The single spring record for San Diego County is of one at Point Loma 29–31 May 1982 (N. B. Broadbrooks, Morlan 1985).

**Winter:** San Diego County’s one winter record of the Philadelphia Vireo, of one in Coronado (S9) 15–16 December 2001, was only the fourth for California (R. E. Webster, NAB 56:224, 2002). Even in mid December, though, it may have been a late fall vagrant.