

### Thick-billed Kingbird *Tyrannus crassirostris*

The fall-and-winter pattern of the extremely rare Thick-billed Kingbird, another species from southern Arizona and western Mexico, is a faint echo of that of the Tropical. A dark crown and the heavy bill most obviously distinguish the Thick-billed from the other kingbirds.

**Migration and winter:** The Thick-billed Kingbird is known in San Diego County from five records, of 15 total for California. One was seen in the Tijuana River valley 19 October 1965 (McCaskie et al. 1967a), two were seen at Point Loma (S7) 3 December 1966 (AFN 21:78, 1967) and 18–23 October 1967 (AFN 22:90, 1968), one was photographed at Bonita (T11) 26–27 December 1966



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(AFN 21:459, 1967), and one was seen at Rickey Lake (T13) 3 November 1993 (E. R. Lichtwardt, Erickson and Terrill 1996).