

**Tufted Puffin *Fratercula cirrhata***

Once nesting commonly on the Channel Islands, the Tufted Puffin was extirpated there in the early 1900s. Even though it has recolonized Prince Islet off San Miguel Island, it remains rare in southern California: Briggs et al. (1987) estimated one bird per 10 square kilometers far offshore. Two dead Tufted Puffins have washed ashore in San Diego County; otherwise, the nearest record is from the vicinity of San Clemente Island.

**Migration:** Tufted Puffins were picked up at Ocean Beach (R7) 10 September 1972 (SDNHM 38221) and 0.5 mile northwest of the Santa Margarita River mouth (G5) 12 July 2003 (N. Basinski, SDNHM 50799). The pelagic record nearest San Diego is of one seen near the south end of San Clemente Island 1 June 1971 (AB 25:801, 1971).



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