

Yellow-footed Gull *Larus livens*

Replacing the Western Gull in the Gulf of California, the Yellow-footed Gull is regular and increasing at the Salton Sea but just a rare vagrant to the Pacific coast. Though at the Salton Sea the Yellow-footed Gull is primarily a postbreeding summer visitor, the seven records for San Diego County form no distinct seasonal pattern.

Migration: In San Diego County, the Yellow-footed Gull has been noted at La Jolla (P7; one on 21 May 1985, J. Nysteen, AB 39:350, 1985), Mission Bay (Q8; one on 23 June 1966, SDNHM 36001), the Otay dump (U12; one on 19 January 1979, AB 33:314, 1979; two photographed 13–28 February 1981, AB 35:336, 1981; one 25–26 February 1984, G. McCaskie, AB 38:357, 1984), and the Tijuana River mouth (V10; one on 7 December 1978, AB 33:314, 1979; one on 24 August 1992, D. W. Aguillard, AB 47:149, 1992). All birds were adults, but juveniles have



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been found on the Pacific coast of Baja California north at least to Guerrero Negro so could be expected in San Diego County.