

Yellow-throated Warbler *Dendroica dominica*

The Yellow-throated Warbler is one of the scarcer eastern warblers reaching California, though 17 have been recorded in San Diego County. Most eastern warblers occur here predominantly in fall, so the Yellow-throated is unusual in that over half have been found in spring. Furthermore, though most spring vagrants show up in late May and early June, five of San Diego County's nine spring Yellow-throated Warblers were found in April.

Migration: The nine spring records range in date from 10 April (1997, Point Loma, S7, P. A. Ginsburg, Rottenborn and Morlan 2000) to 7 June (1979, Point Loma, Binford 1983). All are for Point Loma except for one for Presidio Park (R8) 23 April 1974 (Luther et al. 1979) and one for Encinitas (K6/K7) 29 April 1979 (Luther et al. 1983). The seven fall records range in date from 19 September (1973, Point Loma, AB 28:110, 1974) to 5 November (1979, Point Loma, Craig 1972). All are for Point Loma except for one for the Tijuana River valley 3 October 1976

(Dunn 1988), one for Torrey Pines State Reserve (N7) 8–9 October 1986 (Langham 1991), and one for Solana Beach (L7) 24 October 2001 (P. A. Ginsburg; Garrett and Wilson 2003).

Winter: Just six Yellow-throated Warblers have been reported wintering in California. One of these was in San Diego County, frequenting palms planted in a business park on Mira Mesa (N9) 24 January–21 March 2001 (T. R. Clawson, Garrett and Wilson 2003).

Taxonomy: Fifteen of San Diego County's Yellow-throated Warblers were of the white-lored subspecies *D. d. albiflora* Ridgway, 1873. Two, however, were apparently the yellow-lored nominate *D. d. dominica* (Linnaeus, 1766), which breeds along the Atlantic coast, east of the Appalachian Mountains: at Point Loma 15 October–5 November 1969 (Craig 1972) and at Solana Beach 24 October 2001. No Yellow-throated Warbler has yet been collected in San Diego County, though the example of nominate *dominica* at Point Loma was examined in hand and photographed.