Barrow's Goldeneye Bucephala islandica

The four records of Barrow's Goldeneye in San Diego County are the species' southernmost on the Pacific coast. The bird is unknown in Mexico, though it has become regular in small numbers below the large dams on the Colorado River above Parker.

Winter: One Barrow's Goldeneye was at Otay (V11) 7 March 1964 (McCaskie and Banks 1966), one was in San Diego Bay along the Silver Strand (T9) 15–20 February 1975 (AB 29:741, 1975), one was at the south end of San Diego Bay (V10) 7 January 1979, and possibly the same individual was at this locality again 9 March 1979 (AB 33:312, 1979).



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