

Parakeet Auklet *Aethia psittacula*

The Parakeet Auklet nests largely in Alaska; southern California is remote from its normal range. The single record for San Diego County is the southernmost along the coast of North America and the only one along the mainland coast south of Point Conception. The few other records from near the latitude of San Diego are from San Nicolas Island or still farther offshore.

Winter: Kenyon (1937) found three birds dead on the beach north of La Jolla (O7/P7) 28 January 1937. Two of these were “badly mutilated,” but he preserved the third (USNM 529104).



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