

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinicus*

The Purple Gallinule is widespread in the American tropics, but in the United States it breeds only in the Southeast. On the Pacific coast it is resident north only to the Mexican state of Nayarit. Thus California is far out of its normal range, and there are only three records for the state, one for San Diego County.

Migration: On 1 October 1961, San Diego County's single and California's first Purple Gallinule, a juvenile, struck a wire in a residential area of Point Loma (S7), where Fay Dalton picked it up. It died the next day and is now SDNHM 30289 (Huey 1962).