Red-necked Grebe Podiceps grisegena

Uncommon as a winter visitor even in coastal northern California, the Red-necked Grebe is casual as far south as San Diego County, where there are three well-supported records. These are the southernmost for the species along the Pacific coast; the Red-necked Grebe is unknown in Mexico.

Winter: One was at Sweetwater Reservoir (S12) 20 December 1969–2 January 1970 (AFN 24:538, 1970), one was at the south end of San Diego Bay (V10) 14 March 1977 (AB 31:372, 1977), and one was at Santee Lakes (P12) 30 December 1984–6 January 1985 (D. and N. Kelly, AB 39:209, 1985). Other published reports from the 1950s and 1960s are more likely of misidentified Horned Grebes (Unitt 1984).