

Upland Sandpiper *Bartramia longicauda*

Unlike other sandpipers, the Upland Sandpiper avoids water; rather than probing mud, it plucks insects from grass. It breeds largely in central North America and reaches California only as a vagrant. There is only one record for San Diego County.

Migration: The single Upland Sandpiper known from San Diego County was photographed on the sod farm at the east end of the Tijuana River valley (W11) 19–23 October 1999 (G. McCaskie, NAB 54:104, 105, 2000, Rogers and Jaramillo 2002). The 10 other fall records for California are all for August and September.



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