

Wood Thrush *Hylocichla mustelina*

This handsome bird breeding in the eastern United States is only a rare vagrant to California, with 16 well-supported records from 1967 through 2001. These are spread through fall, winter, and spring, though all from San Diego County are for late fall.

Migration: The California Bird Records Committee has accepted four records of the Wood Thrush from San Diego County: one collected in the Tijuana River valley (W10) 18 November 1967 (McCaskie 1971; SDNHM 36355), one seen at the same locality 25 October 1978, found killed by a cat the following day (not preserved; AB 33:216, 1979), one photographed at Point Loma (S7) 24 October–6 November 1981 (B. E. Daniels; Binford 1985), and one seen there 1–25 November 1982 (D. and N. Kelly; Morlan 1985). Details of another sighting at Point Loma 21 October 1990 (R. E. Webster, AB 45:152, 1991) were never submitted.



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