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2006 San Francisco City Highlights *Mark Eaton*

Status Categories:

- Accidental: Recorded less than 5 times in San Francisco City.
(x) indicates the number of known/accepted records for the City
- Casual: Rarity recorded more than 5 times in San Francisco City but not seen in most years.
- Rare: Usually only one or two sightings in any year.
- Uncommon: Many sightings in any year but sometimes difficult to find
- Irruptive: A species than can be abundant in one year and hard to find another

Abbreviations used:

CBC – Christmas Bird Count, GCP – Glen Canyon Park, GGP – Golden Gate Park, SF – San Francisco, SRA – State Recreation Area. GGRO – Golden Gate Raptor Observatory, m.ob. – Many observers.

Greater White-fronted Goose

Status: Accidental in summer, rare in spring, uncommon in winter and fall

A minimum of 8 was reported at the YMCA, Presidio on Oct 16 (Felix Rigau). Another 3 were reported at Battery Godfrey, Presidio on Oct 18 (Alan Hopkins).

Cackling Goose

Status: Casual in winter, spring and fall

13 were reported at South end of Ocean Beach on Oct 25 (Paul Saraceni). Another was reported at Strybing Arboretum, Golden Gate Park on Oct 26 (Juan-Carlos Baniel). Another was reported at Crissy Field, Presidio on Nov 13 (Matt Zlatunich).

Eurasian Wigeon

Status: Rare in winter and spring

1 was reported at Heron's Head Park on Dec 29 (Dave Quady, Mary Betlach, Paul Saraceni, m.ob.). Another was reported at India Basin and Heron's Head on Dec 10 (Alan Hopkins, Paul Saraceni).

Tufted Duck

Status: Casual in winter and spring

1 male was reported at Heron's Head Park on Jan 28 (Paul Saraceni, Alan Hopkins, Kevin McKereghan).

Harlequin Duck

Status: Casual in winter and spring, accidental in summer and fall

1 was reported at Heron's Head Park from beginning of period to Jan 13 (Michelle Brodie, m.ob.).

Barrow's Goldeneye

Status: Casual in winter

A dark-billed individual was reported at Heron's Head Park on Jan 30 (Brian Fitch).

Hooded Merganser

Status: Rare in spring, uncommon in winter

1 to 5 was reported at Chain of Lakes, GGP from beginning of period to Feb 15 (Martha Wessitech, m.ob.).

Common Merganser

Status: Casual in winter, accidental in spring and fall

1 male was reported at Presidio on Nov 30 (Hugh Cotter).

Pacific Golden-Plover

Status: Accidental in fall and winter

1 was reported at Rossi Park on Oct 05 (Hugh Cotter). This individual was both seen and recorded at night. Multiple other individuals were heard only on separate occasions.

Red-necked Grebe

Status: Casual in fall, rare in winter and spring

1 or 2 were reported at Crissy Field, Presidio from beginning of period to May 18 (Matt Zlatunich, Josiah Clark, David Vander Pluym, m.ob.). Another was reported at Crissy Field, Presidio on Oct 20 (David Armstrong, Trent Orr). Another was reported at South end of Ocean Beach on Nov 01 (Paul Saraceni, David Armstrong). Another 1 or 2 was reported at Coast Guard Pier, Presidio on Dec 02 (m.ob.).

Northern Fulmar

Status: Casual in fall, rare in winter and spring

1 was reported at Ocean Beach on Jul 29 (Alan Hopkins).

Buller's Shearwater

Status: Accidental in fall

1 was reported at South end of Ocean Beach on Sep 22 (Paul Saraceni). Another was reported at South end of Ocean Beach on Oct 07 (Mark Eaton).

Black-vented Shearwater

Status: Casual in winter, uncommon in summer and fall

4 were reported at South end of Ocean Beach on Oct 17 (Paul Saraceni, David Armstrong). Another 3 were reported at South end of Ocean Beach on Oct 18 (David Armstrong). Another was reported at South end of Ocean Beach on Oct 25 (Paul Saraceni).

Ashy Storm-Petrel

Status: Casual in fall, accidental in summer

1 was reported at South end of Ocean Beach on Aug 22 (Paul Saraceni).



American Bittern
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American White Pelican

Status: Casual throughout the year

13 were reported at Battery Godfrey, Presidio on Nov 05 (Hugh Cotter). Another 4 were reported at Battery Godfrey, Presidio on Nov 10 (Alan Hopkins).

Brown Pelican

Status: Uncommon in spring, common in winter, summer and fall

8505 were reported over Alameda National Wildlife Refuge on Jul 08 (John Luther, Leora Feeney). This is a very high count; the birds were flying to the breakwater at the proposed Alameda National Wildlife Refuge in SF waters.

American Bittern

Status: Accidental in winter, spring and fall

1 was reported at North Lake, Golden Gate Park on Oct 07 until at least Oct 11 (Angie Geiger, Hugh Cotter, David Armstrong, Mark Eaton, m.ob.).

White-faced Ibis

Status: Accidental in spring, summer and fall

6 were reported at Battery Godfrey, Presidio on Oct 21 (Kevin McKereghan, Mark Eaton).

Bald Eagle

Status: Casual in winter and spring, rare in fall

1 juvenile was reported at Battery Godfrey, Presidio on Nov 05 (Hugh Cotter). Another was reported at Cole Valley on Nov 11 (Paul Saraceni).

Cooper's Hawk

Status: Uncommon throughout the year

3 fledglings were reported at Lafayette Park on Jun 19 (Pat McCullough, Richard Bradus). This is an uncommon confirmation of breeding in the city.

Northern Goshawk

Status: Casual in fall, accidental in winter and spring

1 adult was reported at South Lake Merced on Apr 01 (Mark Eaton). This is a very unusual spring sighting of an adult.

Broad-winged Hawk

Status: Accidental in winter and spring, rare in fall

1 was reported at Hawk Hill MRN, entering San Francisco airspace on Apr 13 (Steve Bauer). Another was reported at Presidio Hills, Presidio on May 14 (Robbie Fischer). Another was reported at Hawk Hill heading into San Francisco on Sep 16 (Steve Bauer). Another was reported at Battery Boutelle, Presidio on Sep 30 (Brian Fitch). Another was reported at El Camino del Mar, Lincoln Park on Oct 07 (Alan Hopkins). Another was reported at Battery Godfrey, Presidio on Oct 07 (Paul Saraceni).

Swainson's Hawk

Status: Casual in spring, accidental in summer, rare in fall

1 was reported at Lafayette Park on May 18 (Walter Kitundu). Another, possibly the same bird, was reported at Hunter's Point Shipyard on May 20 (Alan Hopkins). Another juvenile was reported at Battery Boutelle, Presidio on Sep 10 (Hugh Cotter). Another was reported at Presidio on Nov 10 (Josiah Clark).

Ferruginous Hawk

Status: Rare in fall

1 was reported at Hawk Hill heading into on Sep 16 (Steve Bauer). Another was reported at Hawk Hill, heading into San Francisco on Nov 09 (Steve Bauer).

Rough-legged Hawk

Status: Casual in fall, accidental in winter

1 was reported at Near Baker Beach, Presidio on Oct 31 (Steve Bauer). Another was reported at Hawk Hill, heading into San Francisco on Nov 05 (Eric Preston). Another 2 were reported at Hawk Hill, heading into San Francisco on Nov 09 (Steve Bauer). Another 3 were reported at Battery Boutelle, Presidio on Nov 10 (Brian Fitch, Hugh Cotter).

Golden Eagle

Status: Casual in winter and spring, rare in fall

1 was reported at Presidio on Mar 02 (Walter Kitundu). Another was reported at Presidio Hills/Quail Commons, Presidio on Jul 30 (Dominik Mosur). Summer is a very unusual time of year for this species. Another juvenile was reported at Sharon Meadow, Golden Gate Park on Sep 10 (Paul Saraceni). Another juvenile was reported at Cole Valley on Oct 08 (Paul Saraceni). Another was reported at near Baker Beach, Presidio on Oct 13 (Hugh Cotter).

Black-necked Stilt

Status: Casual in winter, spring and fall

1 to 2 was reported at Heron's Head Park from beginning of period to Feb 25 (Michelle Brodie, Brian Fitch, Paul Saraceni, m.ob.). Another 3 were reported at India Basin OSP on Jun 18 (Paul Saraceni, Hugh Cotter, Eric Preston). Another adult, 3 juvenile was reported at Candlestick Cove on Sep 03 (Paul Saraceni).

Lesser Yellowlegs

Status: Casual in fall, accidental in spring

2 juveniles were reported at India Basin OSP on Jul 29 (Paul Saraceni, Eric Preston).

Baird's Sandpiper

Status: Accidental in summer, rare in fall

1 was reported at Candlestick Cove on Aug 27 (Paul Saraceni, Kevin McKereghan). Another was reported at Crissy Lagoon on Aug 30 (Andy Kleinhesselink).

Ruff

Status: Unrecorded in the city of SF

One was reported by on Sep 8 from Alameda NWR in city territory (John Luther, Leora Feeney). This is a first record for city of San Francisco, albeit from the eastern shore of San Francisco Bay.

Long-billed Dowitcher

Status: Casual in winter and spring, rare in fall

1 was reported at India Basin OSP on Oct 25 (Kevin McKereghan).



Red-necked Phalarope

Status: Rare in winter, uncommon in spring and fall

1 was reported at South Lake Merced on May 01 (Brian Fitch). Another was reported at Mountain Lake, Presidio on May 09 (Matt Zlatunich). Another 8 were reported at Cliff House on May 13 (Hugh Cotter).

Red Phalarope

Status: Rare in winter, spring and fall

2006 was a very good year for this species. 1 was reported at Yosemite Slough on Jan 07 (Nathaniel Wander). Another was reported at South end of Ocean Beach on Aug 16 (Paul Saraceni). Another was reported at South end of Ocean Beach on Aug 22 (Paul Saraceni).

Another was reported at South end of Ocean Beach on Aug 27 (Paul Saraceni, Kevin McKereghan). Another 2 were reported at South Lake Merced on Sep 13 (Richard Bradus). Another was reported at South Lake Merced on Sep 15 (Joe Morlan, Robbie Fischer).



Long-billed Dowitcher
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Glaucous Gull

Status: Casual in winter

1 was reported at Seal Rocks on Dec 02 (Joe Morlan, m.ob.).

Black-legged Kittiwake

Status: Casual in fall, rare in spring

1 was reported at Sutro Baths on Dec 07 (Brian Fitch).

Least Tern

Status: Casual in spring and summer, accidental in fall

1 was reported at India Basin OSP on Jun 10 (Paul Saraceni, Hugh Cotter, Eric Preston). Another was reported at Lake Merced on Jun 18 (Dan Murphy).

Common Tern

Status: Rare in spring, uncommon in fall

1 was reported at North Lake Merced on Sep 09 (Paul Saraceni, Hugh Cotter, Mark Eaton, Eric Preston).

Pomarine Jaeger

Status: Casual in winter, accidental in spring and summer, rare in fall

1 was reported at Battery Godfrey, Presidio on Dec 02 (Paul Saraceni, Eric Preston and Hugh Cotter).

Parasitic Jaeger

Status: Casual in winter, rare in spring and summer, uncommon in fall

1 was reported at Seal Rocks on Jul 27 (Alan Hopkins).

Long-tailed Jaeger

Status: Casual in fall

1 juvenile was reported at South end of Ocean Beach on Sep 06 (Paul Saraceni).

Cassin's Auklet

Status: Casual in winter and fall

1 was reported at South end of Ocean Beach on Aug 15 (Paul Saraceni).

Rhinoceros Auklet

Status: Rare in spring

2 were reported at Ocean Beach on May 19 (Alan Hopkins).

Eurasian Collared-Dove

Status: Casual in spring and fall

This species is increasing rapidly. 1 was reported at Candlestick Point on Feb 25 (Robbie Fischer). Another 3 were reported at Battery Boutelle, Presidio on Apr 14 (Hugh Cotter). Another 4 were reported at Crissy Field, Presidio on May 01 (Josiah Clark).

White-winged Dove

Status: Accidental in fall

1 was reported at Fort Scott, Presidio on Sep 27 (Paul Saraceni). Another was reported at South Lake Merced on Oct 04 (Trent Orr, Calvin Lou).

Burrowing Owl

Status: Casual throughout the year

1 was reported at Alcatraz Island on Jan 17 (Matt Zlatunich, m.ob.). Another was reported at Sutro Heights Park on Sep 24 (Harry Fuller). Another was reported at Crissy Field, Presidio on Oct 12 (Harry Fuller, Heather Keane, Matt Zlatunich). Another 2 were reported at Corona Heights Park on Oct 17 (Walter Kitundu).



Short-eared Owl

Status: Casual in fall

1 was reported at Battery Godfrey, Presidio on Oct 07 (Paul Saraceni). Another was reported at Battery Godfrey, Presidio on Dec 02 (Alan Hopkins, Hugh Cotter).

Common Poorwill

Status: Accidental in spring and fall

1 was reported at Mount Davidson on Oct 02 (Paul Saraceni).

Black Swift

Status: Casual in fall, rare in spring

3 were reported at Hawk Hill, heading towards land between Baker Beach and the GGB toll plaza on Sep 04 (Steve Bauer). Another was reported at Hawk Hill, heading into on Sep 16 (Steve Bauer). Another 6 were reported at Battery Godfrey on Sep 25 (Paul Saraceni).

Black-chinned Hummingbird

Status: Accidental in fall

1 female was reported at Mount Davidson on May 01 (Paul Saraceni). Another was reported at Lobos Dunes, Presidio on Oct 01 (Paul Saraceni). Another was reported at Mt. Davidson on Oct 03 (Paul Saraceni). Another was reported at Sutro Heights Park on Oct 09 (Dan Murphy, Susan Schermerhorn, Linda Grant).

Calliope Hummingbird

Status: Casual in spring, accidental in fall

1 female was reported at Lobos Dunes, Presidio on Apr 30 (Mark Eaton).

Broad-tailed Hummingbird

Status: Accidental in spring

1 immature male was reported at Mount Davidson on May 15 (Paul Saraceni). This is yet another superb first city record.

Lewis's Woodpecker

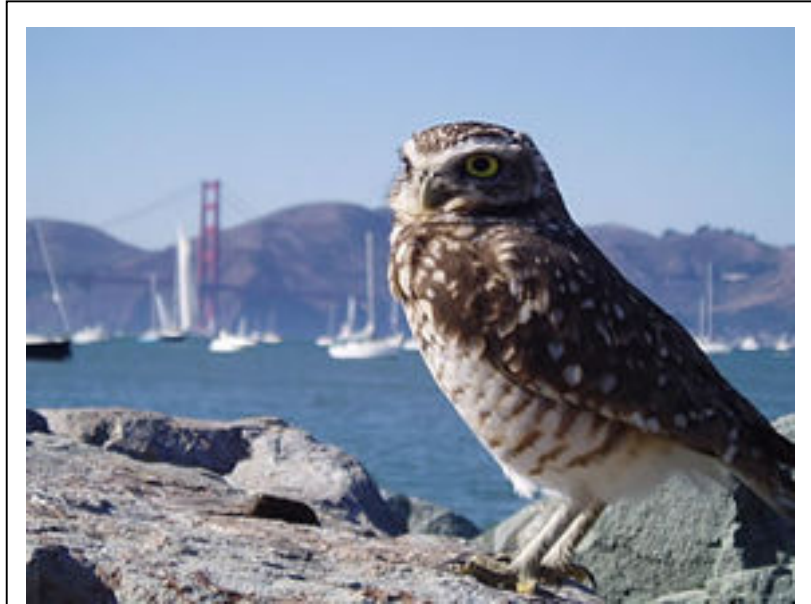
Status: Casual in fall, accidental in winter

1 was reported at Battery Godfrey, Presidio on Oct 20 (Hugh Cotter, Dan Murphy).

Acorn Woodpecker

Status: Rare in winter and spring, uncommon in fall

1 was reported at Battery Godfrey on Sep 25 (Paul Saraceni).



Burrowing Owl
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Northern [Yellow-shafted] Flicker

1 was reported at Lobos Dunes on Dec 24 (Mark Eaton).

Pileated Woodpecker

Status: Accidental in spring

1 was reported at Bayview Hill on Apr 16 (Michelle Brodie, Calvin Lou, Hugh Cotter, Alan Hopkins, Mark Eaton, Luke Cole, Adam Winer). A very exciting first SF record and the first sighting north of Woodside on the Peninsula!

Hammond's Flycatcher

Status: Accidental in winter, rare in spring and fall

1 was reported at Mount Davidson on May 10 (Paul Saraceni).

Dusky Flycatcher

Status: Rare in spring and fall

1 was reported at Kobbe and Upton, Presidio on Sep 16 (David Armstrong, Dorothy Reinhardt).

Tropical Kingbird

Status: Casual in winter, accidental in spring, rare in fall

1 was reported at Lake Merced on Sep 27 (Brian Fitch, Hugh Cotter, m.ob.). Another was reported at Ft. Miley, Presidio on Sep 29 (Dominik Mosur). Another was reported at East Wash, Lincoln Park on Oct 07 (Alan Hopkins). Another was reported at North Lake, Golden Gate Park on Oct 14 (Matt Zlatunich). Another was reported at Sutro Heights Park on Oct 15 (Myra Ulvang).

Northern Shrike

Status: Accidental in winter and fall

1 was reported at Battery Godfrey, Presidio on Oct 20 (Hugh Cotter).

Philadelphia Vireo

Status: Casual in fall

1 was reported at South Lake Merced on Oct 14 (Brian Fitch, Leslie and Cindy Lieurance)

Red-eyed Vireo

Status: Casual in spring and fall

1 singing individual was reported at Mt. Davidson on Jun 02 (Paul Saraceni).

Horned Lark

Status: Accidental in spring, rare in winter and fall

1 was reported at Fort Scott, Presidio on Sep 15 (Paul Saraceni). Another was reported at South end of Ocean Beach on Oct 07 (Paul Saraceni). Another 6 were reported at Corona Heights Park on Oct 18 (Paul Saraceni). Another 2 minimum were reported at Cole Valley on Oct 18 (Paul Saraceni). Another 12 were reported at South Lake Merced on Nov 07 (Paul Saraceni).

Rock Wren

Status: Casual in winter and fall

1 was reported at Sutro Baths/Cliff House from Oct 29 to Dec 11 (Alan Hopkins, m.ob.).

Western Bluebird

Status: Casual in fall, accidental in winter, spring and summer

2 males and 1 female were reported at Lobos Dunes, Presidio on Feb 05 (Brian Fitch, Nathaniel Wander, Jennifer Rycenega). Western Bluebird is still extremely rare in SF.

Hermit Thrush

Status: Fairly common in winter, uncommon in spring and fall

1 was reported at Pine Lake Park on the very late date of May 23 (Dan Murphy).



Rock Wren
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Gray Catbird

Status: Accidental in summer and fall

1 was reported at Middle Lake, Golden Gate Park on Sep 08 (David Armstrong, Calvin Lou, Kathy Robertson).

Tennessee Warbler

Status: Casual in winter, spring and fall

2006 was a very good year with 8 total reports. 1 was reported at Cole Valley on Jan 05 (Paul Saraceni). Another was reported at Crissy Warehouses, Presidio on Sep 16 (Josiah Clark). Another was reported at Kobbe and Upton, Presidio on Sep 16 (Ed DeBelview). Another was reported at Fort Mason Community Garden on Sep 20 (Andrew Kleinhesselink). Another was reported at Lafayette Park on Sep 21 (Richard Bradus). Another was reported at Sutro Heights Park on Sep 26 (Mark Eaton, Hugh Cotter, David Armstrong). Another was reported at Middle Lake Golden Gate Park on Sep 28 (David Armstrong). Another was reported at Ferry Park, on Dec 11 (Denise Wight).



Gray Catbird
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Nashville Warbler

Status: Casual in summer, rare in winter, uncommon in spring and fall

1 was reported at Middle Lake, GGP from beginning of period to Feb 06 (Mark Eaton, Brian Fitch). Another was reported at Fort Mason Community Garden on Feb 26 (Andy Kleinhesselink). Another was reported at Lone Mountain on Dec 17 (Andy Kleinhesselink). Another was reported at Lake Street on Dec 19 (Josiah Clark).

Virginia's Warbler

Status: Casual in fall

1 was reported at Vista Grande Canal on Sep 27 (Brian Fitch, Mark Eaton, David Nelson, m.ob.).



Virginia's Warbler
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Northern Parula

Status: Accidental in winter and summer, rare in spring and fall

1 was reported at Julius Kahn Playground, Presidio from beginning of period through March 04 (Matt Zlatunich, Andy Kleinhesselink). Another juvenile female was reported at Middle Lake, Golden Gate Park on Aug 27 (Dan Murphy, Fred Chambers).

Yellow Warbler

Status: Fairly common in spring, rare in winter and summer

1 was reported at Boathouse, Lake Merced on Feb 06 (Michelle Brodie). Another female was reported at Lake Merced on Dec 01 (Peter J. Metropulos). Another was reported at Geary and 21st on Dec 27 (Josiah Clark).

Chestnut-sided Warbler

Status: Casual in spring, accidental in winter, rare in fall

1 was reported at Middle Lake, Golden Gate Park on Sep 03 (David Armstrong, Brian Fitch, Jason Yakich, Hugh Cotter, m.ob.). Another was reported at Presidio Hills, Presidio on Sep 22 (Matt Zlatunich, Andrew Kleinhesselink). Another was reported at East Wash, Lincoln



Black-throated Blue Warbler
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Park, Presidio on Sep 26 (Kathy Spence). Another was reported at South Lake Merced on Oct 15 (Dan Murphy, Hugh Cotter, Calvin Lou).

Magnolia Warbler

Status: Casual in fall, accidental in winter and spring

1 was reported at Fort Mason Community Garden on Aug 28 (Hugh Cotter, Pat McCullough).

Black-throated Blue Warbler

Status: Casual in fall, accidental in winter and spring

1 female was reported at Lloyd Lake, GGP on Jan 08 (Alan Hopkins, Mark Eaton, Pat McCullough).

Black-throated Green Warbler

Status: Accidental in spring and fall

1 was reported at Lobos Dunes, Presidio on Oct 07 (Paul Saraceni, Mark Eaton).

Blackburnian Warbler

Status: Casual in fall

1 was reported at Cypress above 1863 Battery, Fort Mason on Sep 15 (Kevin McKereghan). Another was reported at Vista Grande Canal on Sep 20 (Kevin McKereghan). Another was reported at Sutro Heights Park on Oct 05 (David Armstrong). Another was reported at El Camino del Mar, Presidio on Oct 07 (Alan Hopkins).



Blackpoll Warbler
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Palm Warbler

Status: Rare in winter, spring and fall

1 was reported at Tennessee Hollow, Presidio on Jan 20 (Brian Fitch). Another was reported at Huffaker Park on Feb 06 (Bob Hall). Another was reported at El Polin Spring, Presidio on Apr 14 (Josiah Clark). Another was reported at India Basin Open Space on Oct 08 (Calvin Lou). Another was reported at South Lake Merced on Oct 04 (Jason Yakich, Hugh Cotter, Calvin Lou, David Armstrong). Another was reported at Strybing Arboretum, Golden Gate Park on Oct 26 (John-Carlos Banuel). Another was reported at Fort Mason Community Garden on Nov 10 (Richard Bradus).



Black-and-White Warbler
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Blackpoll Warbler

Status: Accidental in spring, rare in fall

There were only 3 reports for 2006. 1 was reported at Vista Grande Canal on Sep 27 (Brian Fitch). Another was reported at Sutro Heights Park on Sep 16 (Harry Fuller, Kathy Robertson, Brian Fitch). Another was reported at Vista Grande Canal on Sep 28 (Hugh Cotter).

Black-and-White Warbler

Status: Casual in winter, rare in spring and fall

2006 was a very good year for this species. 1 was reported at Mount Davidson on May 30 (Paul Saraceni). Another was reported at Fort Scott, Presidio on Oct 18 (Matt Zlatunich, Tim Howe, Andrew Kleinhesselink, m.ob.). Another was reported at Embarcadero Plaza on Nov 03 (Denise Wight). Another was reported at AIDS Memorial Grove, Golden Gate Park on Nov 11 (Elizabeth Koster, Joe Morlan, m.ob.).



Black-and-White Warbler
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American Redstart

Status: Accidental in winter, rare in spring and fall

1 adult was reported at North Lake, Golden Gate Park on Aug 03 (Alex Merrit, Mark Eaton, Dan Murphy). Another female-type was reported at Middle Lake, Golden Gate Park on Aug 27 (Jason Yakich, Brian Fitch, David Armstrong). Another yellowstart was reported at Strawberry Hill, Golden Gate Park on Sep 04 (David Armstrong, Dorothy, Reinhardt). Another adult was reported at Lincoln and Park Blvd., Presidio on Sep 04 (Andrew Kleinhesselink). Another was reported at Drumm and Washington, on Sep 15 (Denise Wight). Another female was reported at Lake Merced (south end) on Dec 01 (Peter J. Metropulos).

Northern Waterthrush

Status: Casual in spring and fall

One was reported at Middle Lake, Golden Gate Park on Sep 29 (Brian Fitch). Another was reported at South Lake Merced on Sep 12 (David Armstrong, Mark Eaton, Joe Morlan, Robbie Fischer). Another was reported at Lily Pond, Golden Gate Park on Dec 25 (Jan, Brian Fitch, Josiah Clark, m.ob.).



Northern Waterthrush
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Hooded Warbler

Status: Casual in spring and fall, accidental in winter and summer

One was reported at Sutro Heights Park on Oct 05 (David Armstrong).

Wilson's Warbler

Status: Fairly common in spring and fall, rare in winter, uncommon in summer

1 was reported at SF Zoo on Dec 27 (Josiah Clark).

Summer Tanager

Status: Casual in winter and spring, rare in fall

1 male, 1 female was reported at Fuchsia Dell, GGP from beginning of period to Feb 20 (Matt Zlatunich, Mark Eaton, Pat McCullough, m.ob.).

Western Tanager

Status: Fairly common in spring and fall, rare in summer, uncommon in winter

1 was reported at Fuchsia Dell, GGP from beginning of period to Jan 08 (Hugh Cotter, Nathaniel Wander)

Green-tailed Towhee

Status: Accidental in fall

1 was reported feeding in leaf litter at Middle Lake, Golden Gate Park from Sep 24 to Sep 25 (Ed Sickles, Brian Fitch, David Armstrong, Les and Cindy Lieurance, m.ob.). Another was reported at Simonds Loop, Presidio on Oct 25 (Matt Zlatunich, Felix Rigau).



Green-tailed Towhee
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Chipping Sparrow

Status: Rare in spring and fall

2 were reported at El Polin Spring/Inspiration Point, Presidio on Aug 25 (Josiah Clark). Another was reported at Mount Davidson on Aug 26 (Kevin McKereghan). Another was reported at Pop Hicks Ball field, Presidio on Sep 09 (Matt Zlatunich). Another was reported at Sutro Baths on Sep 28 (Brian Fitch). Another was reported at Mount Davidson on Oct 09 (Adam Winer).

Clay-colored Sparrow

Status: Casual in spring, rare in fall

2006 was a very good year with 8 total reports. 1 was reported at Fort Scott, Presidio on Sep 01 (Hugh Cotter). Another was reported at Sutro Heights Park on Sep 25 (Tim Howe, Gary Deghi, Dan Murphy). Another was reported at Thompson's Reach, Presidio on Sep 30 (Andy Kleinhesselink). Another was reported at Lobos Dunes, Presidio on Oct 01 (Paul Saraceni). Another was reported at Fort Scott, Presidio on Oct 05 (Paul Saraceni). Another was reported at Lafayette Park on Oct 07 (Pat McCulloch). Another was reported at Lobos Dunes, Presidio on Oct 14 (Paul Saraceni, Hugh Cotter, Mark Eaton, Kevin McKereghan). Another was reported at Crissy Lagoon, Presidio on Nov 03 (Matt Zlatunich).

Brewer's Sparrow

Status: Casual in fall, accidental in spring

1 was reported at Ft. Scott, Presidio on Sep 04 (Matt Zlatunich, Andrew Kleinhesselink, JoAnn Zlatunich). Another was reported at East Wash, Lincoln Park on Sep 15 (Hugh Cotter).

Lark Sparrow

Status: Casual in spring, rare in fall

1 was reported at Rossi Playground on Apr 22 (Hugh Cotter). Another was reported at Fort Scott, Presidio on Sep 04 (Matt Zlatunich, Andrew Kleinhesselink, JoAnn Zlatunich). Another was reported at Glen Park on Sep 04 (Kathy Spence). Another was reported at Upper Tennessee Hollow, Presidio on Sep 07 (Josiah Clark).

Lark Bunting

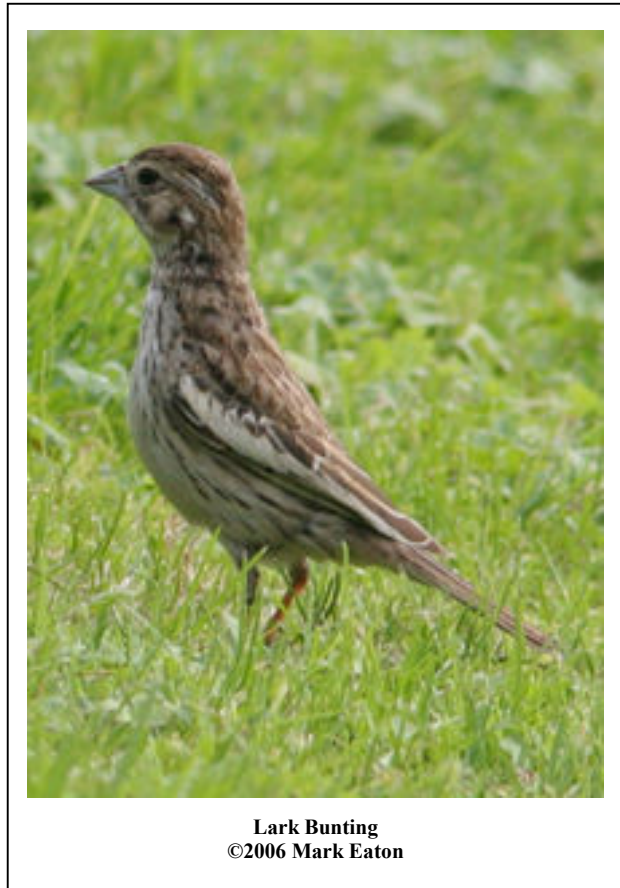
Status: Accidental in fall

1 was reported at Sutro Heights Park on Sep 24 (Harry Fuller, Hugh Cotter, Mark Eaton, Calvin Lou).

Swamp Sparrow

Status: Casual in fall, accidental in spring, rare in winter

1 was reported at Harding Park Boathouse, Lake Merced from beginning of period to Apr 13 (David Armstrong, Matt Zlatunich). Another was reported at Middle Lake, Golden Gate Park on Oct 28 (Joe Morlan, m.ob.).



Dark-eyed [Slate-colored] Junco

1 was reported at Cole Valley on Jan 19 (Paul Saraceni). Another 2 were reported at Battery Chester, Fort Miley on Dec 11 (Laurie Graham, m.ob.).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Status: Casual in winter, rare in spring, summer and fall

1 was reported at Glen Canyon Park on Jul 02 (Sean). Not many July records that I'm aware of. Another was reported at Mt. Davidson on Sep 07 (Paul Saraceni). Another was reported at Lovers Lane Willows, Presidio on Oct 08 (Alan Hopkins).

Indigo Bunting

Status: Casual in spring and fall, accidental in winter

1 singing was reported at El Polin Spring, Presidio on Jun 01 (Hugh Cotter). Heard only.

Orchard Oriole

Status: Casual in spring and fall, rare in winter

1 to 3 was reported at Ft. Mason Community Garden from beginning of period to Mar 07 (Kathy Robertson, Alan Hopkins, Mark Eaton, m.ob.). At least one bird continued into March. Another adult male, molting during early portion of stay was reported at Fort Mason Community Garden on Aug 29 (Hugh Cotter, David Armstrong, Andrew Kleinhesselink, Calvin Lou). Another was reported at Corona Heights Park on Sep 17 (Brian Fitch, Lew Ellingham,

others). Another was reported at Fort Mason Community Garden on Nov 09 (Hugh Cotter). Another was reported at Ft. Mason Community Garden on Dec 25 (David Armstrong, Calvin Lou).

Bullock's Oriole

Status: Rare in winter, uncommon in spring, summer and fall

1 was reported at Julius Kahn Playground, Presidio from beginning of period to Feb 24 (Matt Zlatunich, Brian Fitch).

Scott's Oriole

Status: Accidental in winter

1 was reported at Julius Kahn Playground, Presidio on Jan 08 (Calvin Lou, Harry Fuller).

Lawrence's Goldfinch

Status: Casual in spring, accidental in winter and fall

2006 was a very good year for this irruptive species. However, their origins are a bit of a mystery? Did they breed here or did they disperse as a result of the Del Puerto Canyon fire? The total number of individuals is somewhat confusing from the reports below. 3 males and one female type were reported at Presidio Hills/Quail Commons, Presidio on Jul 21 (Matt Zlatunich,



Lawrence's Goldfinch
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Mark Eaton, David Armstrong, Bob Hall). Another 2 males and 5 female types were reported at Quail Commons, Presidio on Jul 24 (Calvin Lou). Another 3 were reported at Fort Scott, Presidio on Jul 25 (Dan Murphy). Another female, 1 juvenile was reported at Quail Commons, Presidio on Jul 30 (Adam Winer). Another 4 immature were reported at Quail Commons, Presidio on Aug 01 (Joe Morlan, Robbie Fischer). Another 4 were reported at Quail Commons, Presidio on Aug 04 (Josiah Clark, Cullen Hanks, Calvin Lou). Another 3 were reported at Fort Miley Maintenance Yard on Aug 04 (Dominik Mosur). Another 4 immature were reported at Quail Commons, Presidio on Aug 05 (Harry Fuller). Another immature was reported at Quail Commons, Presidio on Sep 02 (Dan Murphy)