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FOR THE PALEN SOLAR ELECTRIC )  
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**Regional Bird Migration Numbers for Desert Center, August, 2014**

August 24th, 2014

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Below are bird sighting lists from August 9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 submitted to the American Birding Association. This should be taken into account when considering bird mortality for the proposed Palen Solar Power Project.

**Subject: Desert Center August 20**

Date: Thu Aug 21 2014 7:55 am

From: inlandcountybirds-noreply AT yahoogroups.com

With more than a few early morning drives east under my belt - Wednesday was the best lightning show ever. Concerns about unstable birding weather were -- no problem. It was a calm, unseasonably cool morning. There was a good variety of migrants: Solitary Sandpiper 2?, Spotted Sandpiper 3, Western Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper 3, Wilson's Phalarope 19, Blue-winged Teal (female -- lone female issue), Cooper's Hawk (if only one she was certainly making the rounds), Vermilion Flycatcher (presumed same juvenile as a week ago), Willow Flycatcher 9, Warbling Vireo, Wilson's Warbler, MacGillivray's Warbler 2, Yellow Warbler, Western Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeak, Scott's Oriole (female). The oriole is interesting as it is a surprisingly rare species at the location and they nest in Joshua Tree NP, and Corn Springs (?) not far away.

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**Subject: Desert Center August 15**

Date: Fri Aug 15 2014 19:23 pm

From: inlandcountybirds-noreply AT yahoogroups.com

Migrants at Desert Center this morning: Wilson's Phalarope 2, dowitcher sp., Belted Kingfisher, Cooper's Hawk, Willow Flycatcher 7, Vermilion Flycatcher, Wilson's Warbler 2, Warbling Vireo, Cliff Swallow, Western Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeak, Lazuli Bunting 5+, Lark Sparrow, Brown-headed Cowbird 20+.

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**Subject: Desert Center Aug 9**

Date: Sat Aug 9 2014 20:29 pm

From: inlandcountybirds-noreply AT yahoogroups.com

Fifty-three American White Pelicans (mostly immatures) and I arrived at Lake Tamarisk at dawn. It was a pleasant morning, calm, warm. On the lake: the funny duck/mallard flock, a few coots, 3 Spotted Sandpipers

6 Cattle Egrets, a Black-crowned Night-Heron, 2 Great Egrets, a flock of 33 White-faced Ibis overhead, one lone cormorant up there also.

Passerine migrants: Black-headed Grosbeak, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Western Tanager, Warbling Vireo, Willow Flycatcher, Yellow-headed Blackbirds, Vermilion Flycatcher.

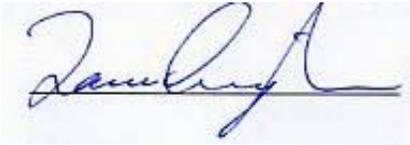
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