

Channel Ids.

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Spent two days on the water going to Santa Barbara and San Nicolas Ids.

Bird life rather scarce. No Petrels nor Albatrosses. Pink-footed Shearwaters, a few; Cassin Auklets (?), perhaps a dozen seen in two days. One Fulmar (?).

California Gulls and Western Gulls seen well out beyond Catalina but only Western were seen about San Nicolas where there were hundreds.

Some large Tern, probably Royal, was seen at both Santa Barbara and San Nicolas Ids. while at anchor.

Several hundred Loons seen all moving due east on Monday morning between S. Nicolas and Santa Barbara. They apparently came from far out to sea. They were in flocks of from one to fifty fairly compact but with no definite formation. The flight continued for some hours. The birds kept 50 to 200 ft. above the water and always veered off to a distance from the ship if the two paths intersected. We were headed N.E.

On shore at San Nicolas Id. it was extremely windy and cold with much sand flying. We landed about 12:30 and stayed till four. Land birds included Rock Wrens, Gambel Sparrows, Linnets, Savannah Sparrow, Sdy Phoebe, Horned Lark, Raven.

A single Horned Lark flew past the ship paralleling our course to San Nicolas but out of sight of land.

Sanderlings and Western Sandpipers were abundant. Sanderlings were seen to land on rocky beach.

Black Turnstones were common and very tame. A flock of 15 fed within fifteen feet of me with perfect composure.

Fox tracks and I think cat tracks were noted.