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THE HISTORY OF PROTHONOTARY WARBLER IN THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

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SUMMARY

The first and second records of Prothonotary Warbler Protonotaria citrea in Galapagos are clarified.

RESUMEN

La historia de Reinita protonotaria en las islas Galápagos. Esta nota aclara el primer y segundo registros de la Reinita protonotaria *Protonotaria citrea* en Galápagos.

Reck et al. (2010) recorded what was thought to be the first Prothonotary Warbler Protonotaria citrea in Galapagos, on Española Island in 2007. However, there is an earlier record from Daphne Major Island, in 1989 (Petit & Tarvin 1990), which has been overlooked in subsequent checklists (Castro & Phillips 1996, Swash & Still 2000, 2007, Wiedenfeld 2006).

Both articles describe well the distinguishing characteristics of the species, one with a photograph (Reck *et al.* 2010). Therefore, the first record of Prothonotary Warbler in the Galapagos Islands was that by Petit & Tarvin (1990), and the record of Reck et al. (2010) was the second. These two records were in October and January, during the northern winter when the Prothonotary Warbler migrates from North America to Central and South America (Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador) (Meyer De Schauensee 1966, Ridgely & Greenfield 2001), and the species may best be considered a vagrant to Galapagos.

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