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Lutescent Orange-crowned Warbler (*Vermivora celata lutescens*)



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Coyote Point Recreation Area, San Mateo County, California, 17 October 2007
Note the uniformly strong yellow tinge to both the upperparts and underparts, characteristic of both sexes of *Vermivora celata lutescens* (yellow tinge stronger in males).

Rocky Mountain Orange-crowned Warbler (*Vermivora celata orestera*)



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Coyote Point Recreation Area, San Mateo County, California, 26 October 2007
Note the contrasting gray head, characteristic of many females of *Vermivora celata orestera*, and underparts paler yellow than in *V. c. lutescens*, characteristic of both sexes of *V. c. orestera*, when the comparison is made by sex. Many males of *V. c. orestera* resemble females of *V. c. lutescens* closely.

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Back cover "Featured Photo" by © Steve N. G. Howell of Stinson Beach, California: South Polar Skua (*Catharacta maccormicki*) attacking a juvenile Laysan Albatross (*Phoebastria immutabilis*) near Cordell Bank, Marin County, California, 30 September 2007.

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