

ON THE COVER: Swallow-tailed Gull was added to the American Ornithologists' Union's *Check-list* this year based on a handful of records from Panama, Costa Rica, and California. An impressive seven were observed during a four-week expedition off the Pacific coast of Costa Rica and Nicaragua this spring. This day-flying bird was found 26 March 2008 about 80 kilometers southwest of Costa Rica's Nicoya Peninsula. *Photograph by Bruce Mactavish.*

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