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Young Pelican

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EXCERPT:

.....There seems to have been more oiled seabirds this spring: many grebes, loons, pelagic murres, a few pelicans, but no one has a count of the numbers of seabirds, especially grebes, seen dead along Santa Barbara beaches this spring.

.....For the diving birds there certainly are serious consequences. The now hard coating from head to feet is so thick it has burned through some of the feathers on this one's back probably came from a natural seepage. There have been no reports of oil spills.....



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