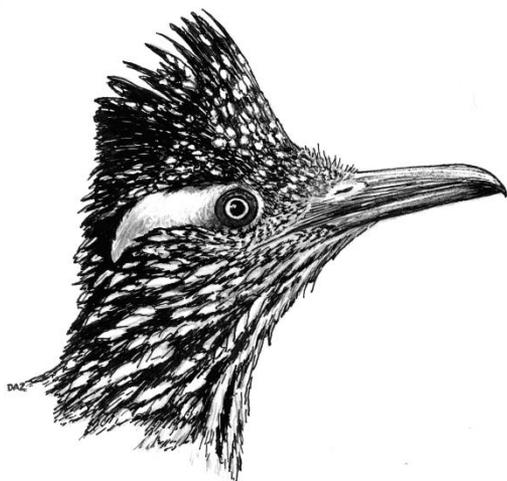


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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope you have all weathered the past year in good health and that birds have contributed to your mental well-being. I'll bet we have all benefited from time outdoors walking, birding, and other activities as we deal with the pandemic.

I have several exciting announcements. Drumroll, please. The **4th edition of the New Mexico Bird Finding Guide is published!** It is completely updated with new content and detailed new maps. The third edition was published in 2002 and much has changed in the intervening 20 years. The fourth edition is 404 pages and is a softbound book. It is available on Amazon.com and via the author website at Outskirts Press (outskirtspress.com/NewMexicoBirdFindingGuide/) for 10% off. If you'd like to save 25%, we will have copies available for those attending the annual meeting (see next paragraph) in March 2022. The primary authors are John Parmeter, Sandy Williams, and Bill Wittman. Bill Howe served as editor, Pat Mehlhop created the maps, Sandy Williams wrote the annotated checklist, and Nancy Hetrick developed the index and assisted with final edits. It has full color photos by Dave Krueper at the start of each region and line drawings by Dale Zimmerman throughout. Many other people contributed to the chapters. This was a team effort by so many members of NMOS. We should all be proud of what our organization has accomplished.

Next announcement: we will hold a virtual **Annual Meeting March 26, 2022**, via Zoom. Please mark your calendars and visit the NMOS website to register and order the new Bird Finding Guide.

Next announcement: **NMOS Fund-raising Tours** are happening. The November 2021 trip to Belize was a resounding success. Please visit the NMOS website for a summary of the trip. We are planning more trips and will share information soon.

And now for a gentle reminder to **please pay your annual membership dues**. Please visit the website www.nmbirds.org to download a membership form or to pay via PayPal. You are all important parts of the network that serves to promote understanding and interest in the bird life of New Mexico. Whether you are someone who has previously shared and contributed to our state's collective understanding of the distribution and status of birds in New Mexico, or if you are an active follower of this information for conservation or other purposes, you can be a vital contributor to this network. Please renew your membership and continue the commitment. **New members to NMOS will receive a Dale Zimmerman print; please encourage others you know to join our organization.**

One last thing: Please consider submitting an article about New Mexico birds for our publication *NMOS Bulletin*. Dave Mehlman is the editor and can be emailed at dmehlman@centurylink.net.

I look forward to "seeing" you at the annual meeting!
Kathy Granillo
President NMOS

NMOS 59TH ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The New Mexico Ornithological Society will hold its 59th Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 26, 2022, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. This will be a virtual (Zoom hosted) meeting and will include the NMOS business meeting, a general science session, and an afternoon keynote speaker. Information on this annual meeting will be available at www.nmbirds.org.

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NMOS 59TH ANNUAL MEETING CALL FOR PAPERS, NMOS GENERAL SCIENCE SESSION

NMOS is now accepting abstracts for presentation at the 59th Annual Meeting. Presentations for the NMOS General Science Session will be allotted 15 minutes, with an additional five-minute period for questions. Presentations may address topics ranging from technical reports of original research to more general presentations addressing science-related questions.

Please submit abstracts for the General Science Session in the format below:

- TITLE (in all capital letters) of no more than 20 words.
- Names and addresses of author(s) in the following form:

Bear, V.L., and C.W. Finch
Department of Ornithology
University of Central New Mexico
Birdsville, NM 88666

- Body of abstract as one single-spaced paragraph, not to exceed 250 words.
- Include E-mail address and/or phone number of presenting author.

Please email your abstract, including the entire abstract in the body of the email, **NOT** as an attachment. This will prevent any problems with incompatible word processing formats. The deadline for the submission of abstracts is **March 1, 2022**. Please email your abstract to Chuck Hayes clhayes@unm.edu AND to Matt Baumann mbaumann22@gmail.com.

All abstract submissions will be acknowledged within a week of receipt. If no acknowledgement is received, it is the submitter's responsibility to follow up with the Session Chair to ensure consideration. The abstracts for the NMOS General Science Session will be distributed at the meeting and will be published in the *NMOS Bulletin*.

NOMINATION OF NMOS OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2022–2024

The NMOS Nominating Committee (Sandy Williams, chair; Nancy Hetrick, and John Parmeter) has submitted the following slate of Officers and Directors for the upcoming two-year term 2022–2024:

President	Kathy Granillo (Los Lunas)
Vice-President	Matt Baumann (Albuquerque)
Secretary	Amy Erickson (Socorro)
Treasurer	Dave Krueper (Corrales)
Director	Dave Hawksworth (Albuquerque)
Director	Chuck Hayes (Rio Rancho)
Director	Will Jaremko-Wright (Las Vegas)

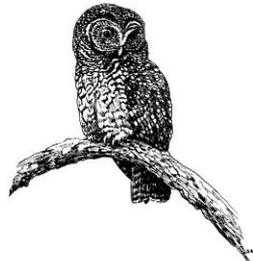
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please welcome the following new members who have joined NMOS in 2021:

Liz & Jeff Carmack, Corrales
Melanie Douglas, Albuquerque
Margaret Scherch, Embudo
Richard Boyle, Youngsville
Margaret Dickson, Las Cruces

Nancy Phillips, Los Ranchos
David McDonald, Silver City
Lauri Schremp, Vacaville, CA
Dylan Osterhouse, Las Cruces
Janet Rees, Bloomfield



**NEW MEXICO ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2021**

Combined Balance as of 12/31/20:

Total \$29,097.79

Net Transactions from 1/1/21 through 12/31/21:

Membership Dues*	3,498.32
NM Bird Finding Guide Sales*	267.61
NM Field Checklist Sales	0.00
Merchandise Sales	30.00
Zimmerman Print Sales	0.00
Fundraising Tour	2,700.00
Donations and Deposits	700.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00
Storage Unit Rental Refund	100.00
Interest	2.88
Annual Meeting	0.00

Printing, Postage, and Shipping	-1,256.38
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Grants	-1,000.00
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Bird Finding Guide	-2,500.00
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Merchandise Costs	-415.00
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P.O. Box Rental	-350.00
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Internet Services	-225.00
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Miscellaneous Expenses	-43.00
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Simple 990 Payment	-30.00
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Miscellaneous Treasurer's Expenses	-56.35
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Total Transactions (net)	\$1,423.18
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Total 2021 Ending Balance	\$30,520.97
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Balance as of 12/31/21:

Checking Account Balance	\$10,026.56
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Savings Account Balance	\$20,494.41
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12/31/21 Balance (combined)	\$30,520.97
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*indicates total net income for PayPal transactions (service fee has been deducted from the total)

Date: February 15, 2021

Submitted by:

David J. Krueper, Treasurer

NMOS RESEARCH GRANTS

NMOS offers two research grants each year to help support research on New Mexico birds. The **Ryan Beaulieu Research Grant**, for \$1000, is presented in memory of Ryan Beaulieu. Following the wishes of Ryan's family, this grant will support research projects that do not involve the collection of birds. For more information about Ryan Beaulieu and his bird research interests, see the Audubon magazine article, *Band of Brothers*, about Ryan and his friends Raymond VanBuskirk and Michael Hilchey and their Rosy-Finch project at www.audubon.org/magazine/may-june-2010/band-brothers. The **NMOS Research Grant** is also available for \$1000; both grants are open to all projects that meet these criteria:

- The grant money must be spent while conducting research on birds in New Mexico;
- The recipient must either present a paper based on the research at an annual NMOS Meeting or submit an article based on the research to the *NMOS Bulletin*; and
- Preference will be given to student applicants.

A short research proposal (2 pages maximum) must be submitted describing the nature of the project and how the allocated funds are to be spent (e.g., on gas, tape recording, specific equipment). Each proposal should state clearly whether the project does or does not involve collection of birds. Each proposal should include two letters of reference, one of which should be from a graduate advisor if the applicant is a graduate student. References should comment on the applicant's commitment to New Mexico ornithology and ability to design and carry out creative, independent research. All proposals will be evaluated together and up to two proposals will be awarded grants.

Please submit your electronic proposal, with "NMOS Grants" in the subject line, to: Matt Baumann, mbaumann22@gmail.com.

The deadline for 2022 Research Grant proposals is March 18, 2022. All applications will be acknowledged within a week of proposal receipt. If no acknowledgement is received, it is the applicant's responsibility to follow up with their submission to ensure consideration.

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WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY 2022 MEETING

Another item to put on your calendars is the Wilson Ornithological Society's annual meeting. It is being held in Santa Fe this year, from July 17-20. More information and registration details can be found at wilsonociety.org/meetings/2022-meeting/.

IN MEMORIAM: DALE A. ZIMMERMAN

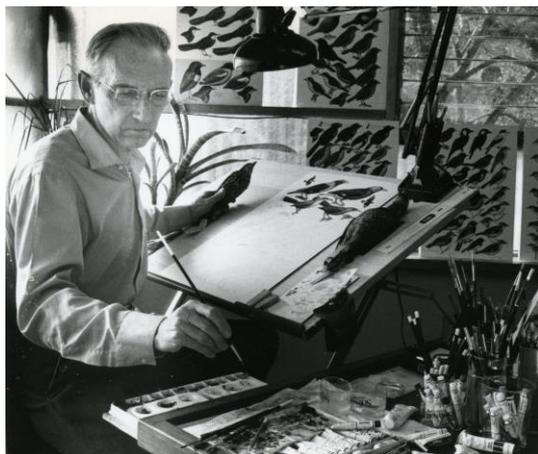
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Dale Allen Zimmerman passed away at his home in Silver City on 10 November 2021, aged 93, from complications following a stroke suffered earlier that month. Dale was an internationally respected ornithologist, bird artist, photographer, author, and editor who will be deeply missed in New Mexico and beyond.

Dale was born in Michigan in 1928 and, by the time he was in high school, was spending much of his time in the bird range of the University of Michigan's Museum of Zoology. He became a student at the university in 1946, earning B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees by 1956; although his doctorate was



Dale Zimmerman at work on Plate 49 for the *Birds of New Guinea* in the early 1980s. Used with permission.

in botany, he maintained an office in the bird section of the museum, where he was mentored by George M. Sutton, among others, in ornithology and art. He met Marian Allen in botany classes, and they were married in 1950. During this time, he participated in several museum expeditions to Mexico, getting his first taste of tropical birds, including on a lengthy trip he and Marian undertook there in 1956.

Upon graduation, and desiring to be closer to Mexico, in 1957 Dale accepted a position of assistant professor of biological sciences at what is now Western New Mexico University and moved his family—Marian and their young son Allan—to Silver City. He became full professor in 1962, was chair of the Biology Department from 1965 to 1983, and was named emeritus professor upon retirement in 1988.

Expanding his horizons, Dale began field work in East Africa in the early 1960s, and that region became a major focus for the rest of his life. Nevertheless, over his career, he undertook field work on all continents. He was a member of many national and international scientific and conservation societies, and was an elected Fellow of the American Ornithological Society; he authored some 100 scientific publications, including many papers and notes on New Mexico birds. On the world stage, he was coauthor and major illustrator of *Birds of New Guinea* (Princeton, 1986) and the senior author and illustrator of the monumental *The Birds of Kenya and Northern Tanzania* (Princeton, 1996). More recently, he published *Turaco Country* (Sky Island Press, 2015), a memoir of his years

studying birds in East Africa, illustrated with over 900 of his photographs; he dedicated that work to his life partner Marian, whom he lost in 2011.

Closer to his New Mexico home, Dale was a founding member of the New Mexico Ornithological Society (NMOS) in 1962 and was a member of the society's original Board of Directors. He co-edited the first edition of the NMOS *New Mexico Bird Finding Guide* in 1984 and did the same for the second edition in 1992. When we organized the New Mexico Bird Records Committee in the early 1990s, Dale was an original member, serving from 1994 to 2008. He received the Florence Merriam Bailey Lifetime Achievement Award from NMOS in 2007. Throughout the years, Dale gave his art freely to the society, where it has complemented numerous society publications, and it adorns many NMOS T-shirts and coffee mugs to this day.

Dale was always generous with his time and knowledge. In the early 1970s, long before I ever met him, I wrote to him about my graduate project concerning Mexican Ducks (*Anas diazi*) in Mexico and asked if he had any information on the species there. Dale responded with a lengthy and detailed letter listing localities, dates, numbers, and habitat conditions, including mention of a tiny water hole in the middle of the Chihuahuan Desert, near the border between the states of Chihuahua and Durango and far from any rivers or lakes. He wrote that he and L. C. Binford had happened to stop there 23 May 1959, saw a Mexican Duck, and wondered if the site had potential. I managed to relocate that site 1 August 1976 and, sure enough, not only found a few Mexican Ducks but also a female with a brood of ducklings!

An exhibition of Dale's paintings and a memorial will be held in the spring of 2022 in Silver City; date and time to be announced.



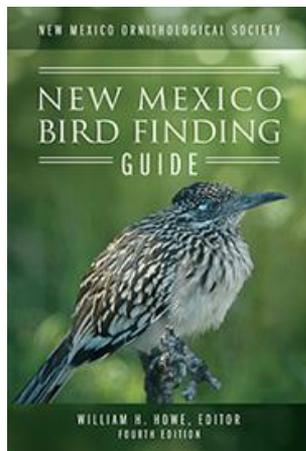
NEW MEXICO BIRD FINDING GUIDE FOURTH EDITION

This 4th Edition of the New Mexico Bird Finding Guide (Guide) provides an expanded and detailed overview of the best birding locations within each of the state's 33 counties, as well as an updated Annotated Checklist of Birds briefly describing the status and distribution of all birds that have been recorded in the state. As of this writing, 549 species of birds have been verified within New Mexico, ranking fourth among all the U.S. states behind California, Texas, and Arizona.

This Guide breaks down the state into seven regions containing three to eight physiographically similar counties. Each county chapter contains an Overview Map showing roads and major features, plus, for most counties, additional detailed maps of some of the major birding sites discussed in the chapter. The chapters

mention some species one can expect to find at each location (with an emphasis on those out-of-state visitors may find of interest), a subset of the rarities that have turned up, and additional specifics on where to find highly sought-after 'specialties' as appropriate.

The state has a number of popular birding sites frequented by state residents and out-of-state birders alike, such as Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge and the Carlsbad Caverns area. Many parts of the state, however, are remote, difficult to access, and less well known ornithologically, with much yet to be learned at a time when species distributions and abundances are in considerable flux. Focusing on birds at a county level provides a convenient geographical reference for exploring the state's birdlife. It is hoped that the additional detail provided in this Guide may increase coverage by birders and continue to expand our knowledge of the avifauna statewide.



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MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

Please take the opportunity now to pay your 2022 NMOS membership dues. To join or renew your membership, go to our website (www.nmbirds.org/membership) and pay using PayPal (save a stamp, pay online!) or download the membership form, fill out, and mail to the following address, providing a check made out to "NMOS." Thank you!

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Membership and Subscriptions: Membership in the New Mexico Ornithological Society is open to anyone with an interest in birds. Memberships are for a calendar year and annual dues are payable 1 January. Dues are: Regular Membership \$20; Family \$30; Student \$10; Supporting \$50; Life \$500. Address for the New Mexico Ornithological Society: Post Office Box 3068, Albuquerque, NM 87190-3068.

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NMOS members are encouraged to submit articles and news. Articles received are subject to review and editing. Published articles are noted in major abstracting services. Please submit articles in double-spaced electronic format, such as a Microsoft Word document, by e-mail to the Editor (see inside front cover). Refer to recent issues of the *Bulletin* for examples of style. News items may be submitted to the Editor by way of e-mail.

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