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Front cover: White-eyed Vireo (*Vireo griseus*) at Los Alamos, Los Alamos County, New Mexico, 11 May 2015; first county record (see page 27). Photograph by Mouser Williams.

Back cover: Cave Swallows (*Petrochelidon fulva*) near the Waldrop Rest Area, eastern Chaves County, New Mexico, 1 May 2015 (see page 28). Photograph by Jerry R. Oldenettel.

SPRING SEASON 2015

Spring 2015 saw continued above average precipitation across most of New Mexico, with May ranking as one of the wettest on record for that month, and returning and resident birds experienced generally excellent habitat conditions statewide. Stormy weather often made birding a challenge, but a good number of rarities were documented. Among the highlights were the state's fourth Western Gull, and first California Condor since the Pleistocene. Others included Whimbrels in four counties, a Hudsonian Godwit, continuing Mew and Glaucous gulls, multiple Elf Owl territories in the eastern foothills of the Black Range, the state's tenth Great Kiskadee, colonizing Cave Swallows north to Roosevelt County, and both White-eyed Vireo and Scarlet Tanager at Los Alamos.

Localities and Counties

Alameda, *Bernalillo*
Albuquerque, *Bernalillo*
Animas, Mts., Valley, *Hidalgo*
Belen, *Valencia*
Bitter Lake NWR, *Chaves*
Black Range, *Grant/Sierra*
Bosque del Apache NWR, *Socorro*
Bosque Redondo Lake, *De Baca*
Brantley Lake, *Eddy*
Caballo Lake, Dam, *Sierra*
Capitan, *Lincoln*
Carlsbad, *Eddy*
Carrizozo, *Lincoln*
Chama, *Rio Arriba*
Cherry Creek, *Grant*
Clanton Canyon, Cienega, *Hidalgo*
Clayton, Lake, *Union*
Clovis, *Curry*
Cochiti Lake, *Sandoval*
Corrales, *Sandoval*
Crossroads, *Lea*
Deming, *Luna*
Elephant Butte, Lake, Dam, *Sierra*
Engle, *Sierra*
Farmington, *San Juan*
Fort Sumner, *De Baca*
Galisteo, *Santa Fe*
Gila, *Grant*
Gila Cliff Dwellings, *Catron*
Guadalupe Canyon, *Hidalgo*
Hachita, *Grant*
Hillsboro, *Sierra*
Hobbs, *Lea*
Iron Creek CG, *Grant*
Isleta, *Bernalillo/Valencia*
Kingston, *Sierra*
Lake Avalon, *Eddy*
Lake Carlsbad, *Eddy*
Las Cruces, *Doña Ana*
Las Vegas, *San Miguel*
Leasburg SP, *Doña Ana*
Los Alamos, Canyon, *Los Alamos*
Loving, *Eddy*
Luis Lopez, *Socorro*
Magdalena, Mts., *Socorro*
Mangas Springs, *Grant*
Maxwell NWR, *Colfax*
Mesa Rest Area, *Chaves*
Mescalero Lake, *Otero*
Mesilla Bosque SP, *Doña Ana*
Mesilla, Park, *Doña Ana*
Milnesand, *Roosevelt*
Morgan Lake, *San Juan*
Mosquero, Canyon, *Harding*
Nambe, *Santa Fe*
Ned Houk Park, *Curry*
Nichols Canyon, *Grant*
north *Roosevelt* trap [NRT], *Roosevelt*
Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo, *Rio Arriba*
Organ Mts., *Doña Ana*
Otero Mesa, *Otero*
Peloncillo Mts., *Hidalgo*
Percha SP, *Sierra*
Pinos Altos, Mts., *Grant*
Placitas, *Sandoval*
Post Office Canyon, *Hidalgo*
Radium Springs, *Doña Ana*
Rattlesnake Springs, *Eddy*
Redrock, *Grant*
Rio Grande Nature Center, *Bernalillo*
Rio Rancho, *Sandoval*
Rodeo, *Hidalgo*
San Andres NWR, *Doña Ana*
San Andres Spring, *Doña Ana*

Sandia Mts., *Bernalillo/Sandoval*
 San Mateo Mts., *Socorro*
 San Simon Cienega, *Hidalgo*
 Santa Fe, Canyon, *Santa Fe*
 Santa Rosa, *Guadalupe*
 Silver City, *Grant*
 Six Mile Dam, *Eddy*
 Socorro, *Socorro*
 Springer Lake, *Colfax*
 Sumner Lake, Dam, *De Baca*
 Tatum, *Lea*
 Tierra Blanca Cr., *Sierra*

Tucumcari, *Quay*
 Tularosa, *Otero*
 Ute Lake, *Quay*
 Valle de Oro NWR, *Bernalillo*
 Virden, *Hidalgo*
 Waldrop Rest Area, *Chaves*
 Washington Ranch, *Eddy*
 Water Canyon, *Socorro*
 Watrous, *Mora*
 Zuni, *McKinley*
 Zuni Mts., *McKinley/Cibola*

Standard Abbreviations

AFB	Air Force Base	RGV	Rio Grande Valley
Bosque NWR	Bosque del Apache NWR	SP	State Park
BLNWR	Bitter Lake NWR	UNM	Univ. of New Mexico
BBS	Breeding Bird Survey	USFWS	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
CBC	Christmas Bird Count	WMA	Wildlife Management Area
CCNP	Carlsbad Caverns NP	WSMR	White Sands Missile Range
CG	Camp Ground	♂	male (represents sword & shield of Mars)
Cr.	Creek	♀	female (represents mirror of Venus)
EBL	Elephant Butte Lake	ad(s).	adult(s)
GBA	Gila Bird Area	subad(s).	subadult(s)
L.	Lake	imm(s).	immature(s)
LVNWR	Las Vegas NWR	juv(s).	juvenile(s)
MSB	Museum of Southwestern Biology	sp.	species
Mt(s).	Mountain(s)	m.ob.	many observers
NAPI	Navajo Agricultural Products Industry	m.ph.	many photographs
NM	National Monument	v.o.	various observers
NMSU	New Mexico State Univ.	+	others; et al.
NP	National Park	*	written details provided
NRT	north <i>Roosevelt</i> trap	**	photo or audio provided
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge	***	specimen obtained
PA	Picnic Area		
R.	River		
RGNC	Rio Grande Nature Center		

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SPECIES ACCOUNTS

[Bar-headed Goose]—Unusual for the isolated locale, one of these Asian exotics was at Laguna Grande, se. *Eddy* 30 Mar (R. L. Mathews**).

Greater White-fronted Goose—Noteworthy was one at Watrous 21 Mar (WTE*). Some 31 were at Valle de Oro NWR 9 Mar (ESG).

Snow Goose—An impressive 80,000 were seen flying north over BLNWR 11 Mar (FA).

Snow Goose x Ross's Goose—An apparent hybrid was documented at Bosque NWR 7 May (MJB**).

Ross's Goose—Scarce in *Rio Arriba*, singles were near Chama 28 Mar (WTE*) and at the Ohkay Owingeh lakes 7 Mar (CMR) and 5 Apr (BRF**).

[Mute Swan]—One was at RGNC 25 Apr & 23 May (M. Weisz**).

Wood Duck—Where seldom encountered were 2 each at Apache Creek, *Catron* 18 Apr (CMR), Virden 9 May (CMR), and Zuni's Tekapo 31 May (JAT, CMR).

[Mandarin Duck]—A ♂ found his way to the Lenore Curtin Wetland Preserve near Santa Fe 31 Mar (L. Brennan*).

Mexican Duck—North of usual were single ♂♂ at two Chama sites 3 May (WTE**) and a ♂-♀ pair in that area 14 May (WTE**). Single pairs were also noted at Capitan 16 May (CMR*) and Percha SP 16-27 Apr (CIS). Two broods of week-old downies were at Deming 22 May (LKM).

Ring-necked Duck x scaup—An apparent hybrid ♂ was at Albuquerque 1 Mar (WEM**).

Greater Scaup—Three were in Albuquerque's South Valley 3 Apr (WEM**). A ♂ was late at Six Mile Dam 1 May (JEP*).

Long-tailed Duck—The injured one present at L. Carlsbad since Feb was still present 22 May (RN, m.ob., m.ph.).

Scaled Quail—Reported as greatly increased in numbers throughout the range, likely reflecting improved habitat conditions. Some 111 were detected on the Hobbs BBS 31 May (DLH), where the previous high count had been 57.

Northern Bobwhite—Another quail that appeared to be making a comeback on the eastern plains; unusual was one west to the Mesa Rest Area 27 Mar (SW).

Montezuma Quail—In the Sacramento Mts., 5 were at the Stanton Mesa airport, *Lincoln* 2 May (WFW); one was reported from Dripping Springs, Organ Mts. 24 Apr (WTE*).

Lesser Prairie-Chicken—Only 2 were at a traditional lek near the Waldrop Rest Area 11 Apr (JEP), where dozens were found in past years.

Pacific Loon—The one that wintered on Mescalero L. was still present, and apparently healthy, 2 May (WFW*). Noteworthy for *Santa Fe* was one at Glorieta 9-19 May (LH*, RC**, JPB**, WTE**, DLH).

Horned Grebe—Where seldom reported were singles at Santa Fe 11 Apr (BRF**, JPB**) and Mescalero L. 2 May (WFW).

Aechmophorus grebes—Owing to recreational disturbance and fluctuating water levels, successful breeding by *Aechmophorus* grebes is rare in the EBL-Caballo L. area; this season, at least two pairs of **Westerns** produced young at EBL 26 May (DJC**) and one pair of **Clark's** had young at Caballo L. 24 May (JWS**).

Neotropic Cormorant—Continued to populate the Albuquerque bosque, including 25 in the Tingley bosque 30 Mar (DLH), but breeding remained unconfirmed.

Double-crested Cormorant—An ad. at Bosque NWR 11 Mar had black breeding plumes; another ad. there 13 Apr had white breeding plumes (CIS).

Brown Pelican—An ad. was a popular attraction at a Las Cruces golf course 6-14 Mar (NGS**, m.ob., m.ph); another ad. was at EBL 7-27 Mar (JEP*, DJC**, MJB**).

American Bittern—Present at BLNWR 11 Mar-2 May (FA, JEP, JRO**), where the high count was 3 on 12 Apr (MJB).

Great Blue Heron—A small colony was active at Chama, where birds were beside or on nests 20 Mar (R. Hogan**).

Least Bittern—Noteworthy were one singing at Fort Sumner's Bosque Redondo L 12 May (JEP) and another at RGNC 28-29 May (S. Williamson, WEM**).

Little Blue Heron—Scarce in recent years, single imms. were at L. Avalon 6 Apr (SW) and BLNWR 18 May (CBC).

Cattle Egret—Noteworthy for *Lincoln* was one at Carrizozo 3 May (CMR*). High count in Albuquerque's South Valley was 155 on 10 May (DLH).

Green Heron—An early one was at Six Mile Dam 31 Mar (SW).

Glossy Ibis—Now a rare but regular spring migrant, this season found up to 2 at Valle de Oro NWR 19-24 Apr (WEM**, NEH**, m.ob.) and another there 8 May (WTE**), one at Belen 21 Apr (M. Shoop*), and singles at Bosque NWR 18 Apr (JEP*), 26 Apr (GKF), 9-10 May (GKF**), and 26 May (MJB*).

California Condor—Not seen in New Mexico since the demise of the Pleistocene megafauna, a young one showed up in Joe Fitzgibbon's yard at Los Alamos 24 Apr (FJF**, SMF**); banded, wing-tagged, and carrying a radio transmitter, it reportedly stayed in the Jemez Mts. area for four days before returning to its Arizona release site in early May.

White-tailed Kite—A pair was nesting in *Hidalgo* south of Hachita 20-27 Apr (DJG**) and 28 May (SOW), and one was south of Animas 9 May (JPJ, KS); in the RGV, one
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wandered north to the Isleta area, s. *Bernalillo* 13-14 Apr (T. P. Archdeacon, ESG, WEM, ZK).

Mississippi Kite—The species was in the RGV from Corrales, where mating 10 May (CLH), south through Albuquerque and Belen, to Bosque NWR (m.ob.), and eastward to the Texas line, including Santa Rosa 17 May (JEP), Fort Sumner area 13-15 May (JWS, DC, ZK), and Mosquero Canyon, *Harding* 18 May (WTE*).

Bald Eagle—A new nesting territory was discovered near Clayton 20 May (D. W. Stahlecker), the second such site now known for *Union*.

Common Black Hawk—Now a regular breeding species in the middle RGV, at least two pairs were nesting in Albuquerque's South Valley bosque Apr-May (DLH, WEM**) and others were in the vicinity of Isleta (DLH), Veguita, n. *Socorro* (DLH), and Bosque NWR (m.ob., GKF**), and a single was at Leasburg SP 18 Apr (CJG**). One was along Peñasco Cr., sw. *Chaves* 14 May (JRO). Far east, and a *Curry* first, was one photographed at Ned Houk Park near Clovis 15 May (DC, ZK**). The species is irregular in Guadalupe Canyon, and is not known to breed there, so noteworthy was at least one there 25 Apr (MJB, NDP) and 9 May (JPJ, KS).

Harris's Hawk—Noteworthy north to *Sierra*, 3 were south of Williamsburg 23-30 Mar (DJC**). Maintaining a Tularosa Basin presence, a pair was mating near Tularosa 21 Apr (DWB**).

Gray Hawk—In the southeast, one had returned to the Rattlesnake Springs area by 29 Mar (DC); in the lower RGV, an ad. was at Percha SP 19 Apr (CIS*); in the southwest, up to two pairs were in Guadalupe Canyon Apr-May (m.ob.).

Swainson's Hawk—Earliest spring arrival was in the Tularosa Basin 24 Mar (DJG).

Zone-tailed Hawk—Recent reports suggest this species is more widespread in New Mexico than is generally understood. This season, at least one was at Santa Fe 26-27 May (J. C. Egbert, S. Brayshaw), one was in Sandia Mts. foothills at Embudito Canyon 19 May (JPJ), one was in Water Canyon, Magdalena Mts. 9 May (P. Darr), and one was in East Red Canyon, San Mateo Mts. 18 Apr (S. E. Mendoza**). Noteworthy for the Zuni Mts. was one at Cottonwood Gulch 28 May (JAT). An apparent migrant was at Deming 17 Apr (MJB*).

Common Gallinule—Scarce in the state in recent years; this season, one north in the Pecos Valley to BLNWR 22 Apr (FA) and one to 2 at Bosque NWR Apr-May (m.ob.) provided the only reports.

Sandhill Crane—One was late at Silver City 22 Apr (E. Halbedel).

American Golden-Plover—Two were at BLNWR 10-11 Apr (MJB**, JRO**, NEH**, m.ob.) and singles were there 19 May (CBC) and again 29 May (JEP*, JRO**).

Snowy Plover—High count at BLNWR was only 70 on 20 May (FA); peripheral were 2 at Ute L. 10 May (JEP) and 5 at EBL 23 Apr (DJC).

Semipalmated Plover—Rare in *Santa Fe*, one was at Santa Fe 24-25 Apr (JPB**, BRF**, WTE*).

Killdeer—Getting an early start, a nest with four eggs was at the Ohkay Owingeh lakes 5 Apr (BRF**).

Solitary Sandpiper—Early were singles at Bosque NWR 4 Apr (CMR*) and Albuquerque 7 Apr (WEM**).

Willet—Where seldom reported were 22 at the Bandelier NM treatment ponds, *Los Alamos* 29 Apr (MW**) and 5 at Lane Salt L., *Lea* 24 Apr (ESG**).

Whimbrel—Reports have been increasing in recent years, and this season continued that trend, with one at Morgan L. 17 May (CLB), one at Bosque NWR 26 Apr (NDP**) and 2 at another Bosque NWR site 2 May (MJB**, NDP), one at BLNWR 17 May (CBC*), and 2 at the Uvas Valley playa, *Doña Ana* 29 Apr (J. Ottinger*) & 10 May (WTE**, CMR*, MTS, JEZ).

Hudsonian Godwit—One in bright breeding plumage at BLNWR 29 May (JEP*, JRO**) provided the lone report.

Marbled Godwit—Earliest spring migrants arrived at several sites 17 Apr, including 43 at EBL that day (JEP).

Stilt Sandpiper—High count was 50 at BLNWR 17 May (CBC); west were 2 at Bosque NWR 16 May (GKF**) and one at EBL 19 May (DJC).

Sanderling—Only two reports: one at Morgan L. 9 May (TR) and 2 at BLNWR 16 May (JEP, JRO).

Dunlin—Late were 6 at BLNWR 12 Apr (MJB, WTE, CMR).

White-rumped Sandpiper—In sharp contrast to recent years, only one report was received: 5 at BLNWR 16 May (CMR, NEH, WTE).

Semipalmated Sandpiper—Well documented were 3 west to the RGV at Valle de Oro NWR 28 Apr (WEM**, MOH**).

Red-necked Phalarope—Among the very few reports was one at Santa Fe 16 May (JPB**, BRF**).

Laughing Gull—An ad. made a brief visit to Bosque NWR 15 May (GKF**).

Franklin's Gull—An early one, an ad., reached Albuquerque 11 Mar (WEM**).

Mew Gull—Continuing from Feb, an ad. was at Albuquerque's Alameda bridge to 3 Mar (WEM); another ad. was near Farmington 5-6 Mar (TR**).

Ring-billed Gull—Some 1000 descended on Cochiti L. the evening of 6 Mar (M. L. Watson).

Western Gull—A first-cycle individual split its time between EBL's Rock Canyon Marina and nearby Truth or Consequences fast food restaurants 5-12 Apr (WTE**, NDP**, MJB**, JPB**, NEH**, JRO**, JEP*). There are but three previous New Mexico records, the last in 2000.

California Gull—Up to 8 were at EBL's Rattlesnake Island 26-28 May (DJC**), including 2 alternate-plumaged ads. In the east, 2 were at Sumner L. 13 Apr (LKM) and one was at Ute L. 23 May (JEP*).

Herring Gull—One rescued from the brine pits east of Loving (no date given), was banded and released at L. Avalon 3 Mar (SW).

Glaucous Gull—Continuing from Feb, a first-cycle individual was in the Farmington-Morgan L. area to 20 Apr (TR**).

Least Tern—Two were northwest to Morgan L. 17 May (CLB). Continuing low numbers at BLNWR, with 8 there 16 May (JEP) and 6 on 20 May (FA) the high counts.

Caspian Tern—Singles were at Morgan L. 9 May (TR**), the Ute Creek Arm of Ute L., *Harding* 14 May (JEP*), Brantley L. 16 May (DC, ZK), and EBL 26 May (DJC**).

Common Tern—Singles were at EBL's Rock Canyon Marina 19 & 26 May (DJC**).

[**Diamond Dove**]—Common in Albuquerque pet stores, one of these Australian exotics was in southeast Albuquerque 30 Mar (B. Dale**).

[**African Collared-Dove**]—One of these exotics, also known as "Ringed Turtle Dove," was at Los Alamos 10 Apr (MW**).

Inca Dove—One that arrived in P.O. Canyon 10 Dec was last seen 19 Apr (CDL). One was singing at Redrock 3 Apr (JEP). The 5 at Deming 22 May (LKM) represented a slight increase over recent low numbers. Two were at Carlsbad 9 May (SW), where the species continued rare.

Common Ground-Dove—In the RGV, a vocal one was near Radium Springs on various dates 13 Apr-11 May (MTS, JEZ), where the species has nested in recent years, and one was at Mesilla Bosque SP 15 May (CJG*). Farther west, 2 were along the Gila R. at Redrock 2 May (RSS) and up to 4 were in Guadalupe Canyon 25 Apr-9 May (MJB*, NDP, WJ-W, JPJ, KS).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo—One was very early at Rattlesnake Springs 4-6 May (SW, WFW), as were singles at two Albuquerque South Valley sites 7 May (WEM, C. J. Wolf).

Flammulated Owl—An early one was vocal at P.O. Canyon 3 Apr (CDL).

Elf Owl—One on the eastern plains at Milnesand 14 Apr (S. McIntire**) was a surprise. Earliest arrivals were singles at Rocky Arroyo, *Eddy* on 2 Apr (RN**), Las Animas Cr., *Sierra* 4 Apr (CMR, WTE), and Tierra Blanca Cr., *Sierra* 4 Apr (DJC). Our knowledge of the status of the species in the eastern foothills of the Black Range was greatly enhanced this season by Apr-May surveys by David Cleary that documented 15

territories in four general w. *Sierra* locales: three territories along Tierra Blanca Cr. 29 Apr, four along Middle Percha Cr. between Hillsboro and Kingston 20 May, five along Chloride Cr. below the mouth of Chloride Canyon 6 May, and 3 along Forest Road 157 in the Monument Cr.-Palomas Cr. drainages southwest of Winston 14 May (DJC**).

Spotted Owl—Remarkable for the Peloncillo Mts., a silent individual was seen briefly in Clanton Canyon 27 Apr (DJG*), and heard briefly (“two sets of barking calls”) there 9 May (WJ-W); the species is unconfirmed by specimen, photo, or audio recording from that mountain range.

Long-eared Owl—Breeding reports included an active nest in Zuni’s Blackrock area 29 May (JAT), 4 fledglings in the general vicinity of Nambe 9-10 May (EM), and a nest that fledged 4 young in the general vicinity of Galisteo by 25 May (BRF**, JPB**).

Short-eared Owl—On Otero Mesa, 4 were at Cocklebur Tank 10 Mar (RAM) and at least 14 were in nearby El Paso Draw 21 Mar (RAM): the species nested successfully in those areas in 2014.

Common Nighthawk—Very early were singles at Milnesand and Crossroads 1 May (JEP).

Mexican Whip-poor-will—Singles were singing in the Black Range at Iron Creek CG 18 Apr (JEP) and in the Pinos Altos Mts. at Cherry Creek CG 22 Apr (SOW). Farther north, one was singing in Sulphur Canyon, Sandia Mts. 14 May (ABJ*) and in Los Alamos Canyon, Jemez Mts. 28 May (FJF*).

Magnificent Hummingbird—A ♂ was in P.O. Canyon 27-28 Mar (CDL).

Lucifer Hummingbird—In P.O. Canyon, numbers peaked at 23 birds on 31 May, and a nest with one well-developed nestling was found in a cholla that day (CDL).

Black-chinned Hummingbird—Single ♂♂ reached P.O. Canyon 25 Mar (CDL) and Elephant Butte 30 Mar (DJC); an active nest was at Rattlesnake Springs 11 Apr (SW).

Anna’s Hummingbird—An ad. ♂ in P.O. Canyon 4 Apr (CDL*) provided the only detailed report.

Costa’s Hummingbird—Irregular in New Mexico, an ad. ♂ was near Radium Springs 23 Mar (MTS, JEZ), and 3 singing ♂♂ were audio recorded at three well-spaced Guadalupe Canyon sites 25 Apr (MJB**, NDP**).

Broad-tailed Hummingbird—Earliest arrival at P.O. Canyon was a ♂ on 1 Mar (CDL); peak passage there was 4-7 May.

Rufous Hummingbird—Early single ♂♂ were at P.O. Canyon 25 Feb and 3 Mar, followed by 27 individuals during 23 Mar-21 Apr (CDL). Elsewhere, single ♂♂ were at Animas 27 Apr (DJG), Hachita 20 Apr (DJG), Gila Cliff Dwellings 20 Apr (C. Atwood), and Santa Fe 25 Apr (I. Bruen-Morningstar).

Broad-billed Hummingbird—Now regular north to P.O. Canyon, up to 15, mostly ♂♂, were there 11 Mar-31 May (CDL).

Lewis's Woodpecker—The one that wintered at Deming continued to 17 Apr (LKM, MJB).

Red-bellied Woodpecker—The ♀ at White Rock, *Los Alamos* since 18 Jan was last documented 3 May (T. Miller, R. Walker**).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker—Reports with documentation included a ♂ and ♀ along Trigg Road, e. *San Miguel* 12 Mar (MDM*), an ad. ♂ at Broad Canyon Ranch near Radium Springs 16 Mar (NGS**), one at Mesilla Park 8 Mar (CJG**), and, on the late side, an ad. ♀ at San Andres Spring, *Doña Ana* 6 May (MEW*) and one at Washington Ranch 17 May (SW).

Downy Woodpecker—Noteworthy for the Zuni area was one in upper Mullen Canyon 30 May (JAT).

“Yellow-shafted” Flicker—An apparently “pure” ♀ was at the WSMR golf course, *Doña Ana* 2 Apr (DWB**).

American Kestrel—Among nine active nests at Nambe 9-10 May was one ♂ tending nesting ♀♀ in two different nest boxes (EM).

Merlin—A late one was at Bosque NWR 18 Apr (JEP*) and 26 Apr (NDP**).

[Rosy-faced Lovebird]—Previously unreported in New Mexico, a noisy one of these African psittacids—presumably a local escapee—was building a nest in se. Albuquerque 27 May (WEM**). The species has established a thriving population of some 2500 individuals in the greater Phoenix, Arizona area.

Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet—Up to 4 were in Guadalupe Canyon 25 Apr-9 May (MJB, NDP, JPJ, KS, WJ-W), and nest-building was reported.

Greater Pewee—In traditional areas, 2 were at Cherry Creek CG, Pinos Altos Mts. 7 May (DB) & 24 May (B. Dolton) and 3 were at Aspen Spring, Animas Mts., 9 May (WTE).

Eastern Wood-Pewee—Rare and irregular in New Mexico, one was singing at the Tatum treatments ponds 21 May (CLB).

Least Flycatcher—West of usual, 2 were netted and banded at San Andres Spring, San Andres NWR 14 May (MEW*), the second consecutive year for the species there.

Eastern Phoebe—Maintaining its RGV presence, a pair was at Alameda's Shady Lakes 16 Apr-9 May (m.ob.) and another pair was at the Cochiti L. spillway 24 May (DJK, JMR). On the Mora R., a pair was at the Watrous bridge 21 Mar & 18 May (WTE), for the third consecutive year there.

Vermilion Flycatcher—Continued to press north and northeast, including a ♂ at Maxwell NWR 23 Apr (L. Wilkins**), a ♀ near Otto, *Santa Fe* 30 Mar (RC, WTE*), 4 along Trigg Road, e. *San Miguel* 7-8 May (MDM), 2 in Mosquero Canyon 18 May

(WTE), and a singing ♂ at Tucumcari 7 Apr (BM). In the Black Range, a ♂ was at 2195 m near Poverty Creek, *Sierra* 1 Apr (DJC).

Dusky-capped Flycatcher—Far from expected range, a vocal one was northeast to Bosque NWR 17 Apr (JEP*). Also north of expected was a vocal one at the Middle Fork trailhead (Trail 157) near the Gila Cliff Dwellings Visitor Center 5 May (WJ-W**); this is the second *Catron* record, following the first from the same general area in 2008. Two were again north to Cherry Creek CG 1 & 7 May (LKM, DB). Very early was a vocal one in P.O. Canyon 17 Mar, where the next one did not arrive until 17 Apr (CDL).

Great Kiskadee—One at Rattlesnake Springs 17-19 May (I. Dolly**, RN**, m.ob., m.ph.) provided the 10th New Mexico record and the first since 2007.

Western Kingbird—Another early arrival was one at Albuquerque 26 Mar (MJB).

Eastern Kingbird—One was south in the RGV to the Albuquerque oxbow 17 May (WEM).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher—Several wandered west to the RGV and environs, including singles at Santa Ana Pueblo, *Sandoval* 23 Apr (G. Harper**) and Valle de Oro NWR 22-23 May (MOH, WEM**, NEH**) and another west to the Rio Puerco area, w. *Bernalillo* 6 May (ZK).

White-eyed Vireo—One in Los Alamos at the confluence of Pueblo and Acid canyons 11-17 May (R. Gurule*, C. Martin**, MW**, m.ob., m.ph.) furnished a *Los Alamos* first. Up to 2 were at the Santa Fe Canyon Preserve 30 May-6 Jun (T. Taylor*, JPB**, BRF*). There are now occurrence records for over 80% of the state's counties. As the species is now annual in spring-summer in New Mexico, observers should be alert to possible nesting.

Bell's Vireo—Again pushed north to Albuquerque, with singles in at least two North Valley locales 15 Apr-28 May (WEM**, DJK**, J. Kitting) and in at least two South Valley locales 23 Apr-23 May (WEM, JEP, CMR). Noteworthy for southeastern New Mexico were 3 territorial ♂♂ at Jal, *Lea* 30 May (JRO).

Gray Vireo—Noteworthy for *San Miguel* was one singing on the north slope of Rowe Mesa 24 May (CG). Surveys found the species relatively numerous in the Zuni area, with up to 10 in Chaema Canyon, 2 in the Blackrock area, and up to 7 in Mullen Canyon 29-31 May (JAT, CMR).

Yellow-throated Vireo—A respectable season produced singles in Albuquerque's North Valley 19-20 May (M. Mackey*, WEM*), near Engle 18 May (DJC*), at Milnesand 12 Apr (G. M. Beauprez*), and Rattlesnake Springs 4 May (WFW).

Hutton's Vireo—North to the Zuni area was one singing in Chaema Canyon 29 May (JAT*).

Red-eyed Vireo—One was west to Gila 19 May (A. Benson**). Others were singles at Albuquerque 22 May (WEM**), NRT 3 May (JEP*, JRO), and Trigg Road, e. *San Miguel* 7 May (MDM*).

Blue Jay—Continuing from winter, one was in Albuquerque’s South Valley Flood Arroyo through 14 May (DLH, m.ob., WEM**). Presumably a different one was south of there at Valle de Oro NWR 30 Apr-2 May (L. Ladwig).

American Crow—Noteworthy crows included one carrying nesting material at Edgewood, *Santa Fe* 14 Apr (ABJ), a late one in downtown Las Cruces 14 May (JEZ), and 3 at a feedlot east of Deming 6 Mar (JRO).

Purple Martin—Noteworthy lowland records included 6 at Rodeo 17 May (BRZ**) and one along the lower Gila R. at Nichols Canyon 17 May (DJG**).

Bank Swallow—Up to 50—some in burrows--were at the Iris Road Arroyo, Rio Rancho 2 May (CLH).

Cave Swallow—Ever expanding north, a colony of about 20 was in ne. *Eddy* near Loco Hills 1 May (JEP), a colony of about 30 was near Kenna, *Roosevelt* 29 May (JEP, JRO**), and a colony of at least 30 was in e. *Chaves* near the *Lea* line Apr-May (RN**, JEP, JRO**). In the lower Pecos Valley, a colony of about 30 was nesting at Six Mile Dam in May (SW). In the lower RGV, some 30 were foraging over fields southwest of Las Cruces along Altamont Road 13 May (SW).

Mexican Chickadee—Three were detected in the Animas Mts. 9 May (WTE).

Pacific Wren—One was reportedly “calling loudly” near Los Alamos along the trail to Los Alamos Reservoir 5 Apr (M. Smith*).

Winter Wren—Singles, some continuing from winter, were at Santa Fe Canyon Preserve 28 Mar (BRF*), Cienega Canyon, Sandia Mts. 21 Mar (CMR), Percha SP 7 Mar (JEP*), Mesilla Bosque SP 12 Mar (K. B. Ostyn), and Rattlesnake Springs 1 Mar (RN**).

Carolina Wren—First detected in Feb, a singing one continued near Leasburg SP well into May (JEP*, NGS**, MTS). Meanwhile, up to 3 continued at Bosque NWR all season (m.ob.), where the species has been resident since 2011.

Cactus Wren—One or more were in the vicinity of Ramon, *Lincoln* 12 Apr (CMR); there have been few reports from that stretch of US 285.

Wood Thrush—One was west to Galisteo 17-18 May (BRF*, JPB**).

Curve-billed Thrasher—For the 4th consecutive year, a pair was nesting in a box designed for Barn Owls at Nambe 9 May (EM). West to the Zuni Mts., an ad. was tending 2 fledglings in Bluewater Gorge, *Cibola* 28 May (JAT).

Brown Thrasher—Birds lingering in suitable breeding habitat included singles singing at Sumner Dam 3 May (JEP), Bosque Redondo L. 12 May (JEP), and Ute L. 14 May (JEP).

Bendire’s Thrasher—In western *Bernalillo*, one to 2 were seen along the Rio Puerco Road north of the Route 66 Casino 5 & 25 May (MJB, JEP).

Cedar Waxwing—Three at Galisteo 15 May (WTE) were reportedly carrying nest material.

Worm-eating Warbler—West was one singing in Albuquerque's South Valley 14 May (WEM**); in the east, one was at NRT 9 May (JEP*, JRO**).

Black-and-white Warbler—One was west to Indian Creek Canyon, Animas Mts. 9 May (WTE*). Up to 4 were reported at Rattlesnake Springs 2 May (SW, JEP).

Tennessee Warbler—A ♀ was at NRT 13 May (JEP*) and presumably a different ♀ was there 28 May (JRO**).

Lucy's Warbler—Returned in force to the Albuquerque area, with earliest arrivals noted 29 Mar (DLH, CMR); birds were detected from the Alameda bridge southward (m.ob.), with most concentrated in South Valley bosques near Valle de Oro NWR and adjacent State Land Office property, where at least eight pairs were present (DLH, m.ob.). Much the same was true just to the south in *Valencia*, with birds detected at two sites at and near Belen Apr-May (DLH, MOH) and up to 11 singing ♂♂ found near the village of Bosque 17 May (DLH). In n. *Socorro*, 4 were near Veguita and 2 were at Bernardo 17 May (DLH). Meanwhile, far to the northwest, one was documented carrying nest material at Farmington's Westland Park 4 Apr (R. Estes**). In the south, noteworthy for the Cooke's Peak area in n. *Luna* was one singing in Hadley Draw 23 Apr (DJG).

Hooded Warbler—Two ♂♂ were singing in Albuquerque's South Valley 26-27 Apr (WEM**, MOH); in the east, one was at Mosquero 18 May (WTE*).

American Redstart—Made a good showing at NRT 6-22 May, including at various times an ad. ♂, an imm. ♂, and a ♀, among others. Elsewhere, singles were at Milnesand 22 May (JRO), Albuquerque 14-16 May (WEM), Socorro 29 Apr (MJB), and La Cueva near Dripping Springs, east of Las Cruces 2 May (DAB**).

Northern Parula—Made a big showing at Albuquerque, with singles at Shady Lakes 24 Apr (BM*, WEM**), Alameda bridge area 16 May (WEM), Central Avenue bridge 21 May (BRF), Tingley ponds 28 May (WEM), and the South Valley 13-15 May (WEM, ESG). Elsewhere, single singing ♂♂ were at Galisteo 16-18 May (BRF*, JPB**), and NRT 8 May (JEP*, JRO**) & 29-30 May (JEP*, JRO**, DLH).

Magnolia Warbler—A ♀ was at NRT 16 May (JEP*, JRO**, NEH**, CMR*, WTE*) and at least one ♂ was in the vicinity of Albuquerque's Central Avenue bridge 17 May (S. Drilling*, WEM**).

Yellow Warbler—Suggesting a thriving breeding population, a minimum 68 were detected, including ads. feeding young, along the lower Gila R. at Nichols Canyon 17 May (DJG).

Chestnut-sided Warbler—This species is a scarce but regular spring and fall transient through New Mexico, averaging about nine records total per year; this season, singles were at three Albuquerque locales 18-28 May (E. Austin*, MJB*, MOH) and singles were at Galisteo 15 May (WTE**), Tecolote Cr., *San Miguel* 9 May (C. Ruge**), and NRT 7-8 May (JEP*, JRO**) & 22-23 May (JRO**, JEP*). Noteworthy was one netted and banded at remote San Andres Spring, *Doña Ana* 27 May (MEW**).

Blackpoll Warbler—Singles were at NRT 15 May (JEP*) and Albuquerque's Alameda bridge 19-20 May (WEM**, MJB**).

Black-throated Blue Warbler—Much more scarce in spring than in fall; this season, a ♂ at NRT 9 May (JEP*, JRO**) provided the only report.

Palm Warbler—Two were at Albuquerque, one just south of the Alameda bridge 4 May (BM*, WEM**) and another south of the Montañño bridge 10 May (WEM**). In the east, one was at NRT 18 May (JRO**).

Yellow-throated Warbler—Another New Mexico rarity; this season found singles at Santa Fe 25 May (LH*, JPB**, BRF**), Signal Peak Road, Pinos Altos Mts. 1 May (LKM*), and Rattlesnake Springs 2 May (JEP*, JRO**, SW*).

Hermit Warbler—A ♀ was east to Water Canyon, Magdalena Mts. 9 May (MJB). Others were confined to *Hidalgo*, with singles in Clanton Canyon 27 Apr (DJG**) and Aspen Spring, Animas Mts. 9 May (WTE*), and 2 at Clanton Cienega 10 May (REW, NM-C).

Black-throated Green Warbler—One west to Albuquerque 18 May (WEM*, M. Shoop*) provided the lone report.

Painted Redstart—Far from suitable habitat, one was below EBL Dam 27 Mar (DJC**).

Abert's Towhee—An impressive 22 were reported in thick mesquite in the Virden area 9 May (CMR). Five, including two pairs and a single, were at San Simon Cienega 26 May (DJG).

Botteri's Sparrow—Present at two Animas Valley sites 9 May and later (NM-C, DJG**), and in the Rodeo area, with one there 17 May (BRZ**) and 5 on 26-27 May (REW).

Cassin's Sparrow—Singing individuals were conspicuous in the east, especially in *Chaves*, *Eddy*, and *Lea* (m.ob.), suggesting recovery following several years of low numbers; 125 were counted on the Hobbs BBS 31 May (DLH).

American Tree Sparrow—South of expected was one described at La Cueva near Dripping Springs, east of Las Cruces, 13 Mar (CJG*). Some 53 were in the Springer L. area 7 Mar (DLH), the majority in hedgerows north of the lake.

Chipping Sparrow—Suggesting continued lowland colonization were 2 singing ♂♂ in the Corrales bosque, and 3 singing ♂♂ in Albuquerque's North Valley bosque, through 31 May (DJK).

Field Sparrow—Far west, and providing a local first, was one at Chama 19 Apr (RC**, WTE*).

Black-chinned Sparrow—West to the Zuni area were 2 in lower Mullen Canyon 30 May (JAT) and one in Chaema Canyon 31 May (JAT, CMR).

Grasshopper Sparrow—Scarce recently in the southeast, 3 were detected on the Hobbs BBS 31 May (DLH).

Song Sparrow—Continued much in evidence along the lower Gila R, including 2 in the Nichols Canyon area 17 May (DJG) and 16—including at least six pairs—in the Gila Lower Box, *Hidalgo* 27 May (DJG**); one was singing at Redrock 2 May (RSS).

Lincoln's Sparrow—Late for the south, one was netted and banded at San Andres Spring 27 May (MEW).

Swamp Sparrow—Unusual was one singing at Mangas Springs 18 Apr (CMR). Very late for sw. New Mexico was one at Clanton Cienega 9 May (NM-C*, REW).

Harris's Sparrow—Providing a *Torrance* first, one was at the Manzano pond 28 Mar (CMR*, WEM**). Farther west, singles were at seven sites in five counties in the Rio Grande-Chama R. watershed, including an ad. at Chama 14 May (CG*).

Golden-crowned Sparrow—Lingering were singles in Bluewater Gorge, *Cibola* 5 Apr (D. Weidemann), Embudito Canyon, *Bernalillo* 20 Mar (NEH**), Mesilla Bosque SP 4 Apr (NGS**), and San Andres Spring 8 Apr (MEW**).

Yellow-eyed Junco—Six were reported in the Animas Mts. 9 May (WTE).

Scarlet Tanager—An ad. ♂ was at Los Alamos 9-10 May (B. E. Thompson**, SMF**, MW**); this represented the third record for that locality, and the first since 2009.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak—Providing a novel meal, a local Zone-tailed Hawk was carrying a ♂ Rose-breasted in its talons at Los Alamos 6 May (MW**). Singles were seldom reported were at Hobbs 20 Apr (C. Levine*), Cedro, *Bernalillo* 5 May (A. S. Wakefield**), and Axle Canyon Preserve, Burro Mts., *Grant* 30 May (L. Zatopek).

Indigo Bunting—An early ad. ♂ was at Albuquerque 10 Apr (WEM**).

Indigo Bunting x Lazuli Bunting—A hybrid ♂ was at Las Vegas 30 May (J. Koenigsberg**).

Varied Bunting—The species was again found in southwestern, south-central, and southeastern areas. In *Doña Ana*, an early ♂ was at Broad Canyon Ranch near Radium Springs 28 Apr (NGS*) and 3 were banded—including 2 young of the year—at San Andres Spring 7 May-2 Jun (MEW**). In the Peloncillo Mts., a ♂ was north to P.O. Canyon 21 May (CDL).

Painted Bunting—Again appeared in the east-central region, including a singing ♂ at Sumner Dam 25 May (CMR), 4 in Mosquero Canyon 18 May (WTE), and at least 2 at NRT 15-23 May (JEP, JRO).

Dickcissel—The species apparently remained east of New Mexico this season, as 3 on the Hobbs BBS 31 May (DLH) provided the lone report.

Bobolink—Under review is a report of an ad. ♂ at Solano, *Harding* 18 May (WTE*); there were no additional reports this season.

Common Grackle—An early one reached Albuquerque’s university area 31 Mar (CMR); another was in Albuquerque’s South Valley 2 Apr (WEM).

Bronzed Cowbird—The species was found across the south in *Hidalgo, Luna, Sierra, Doña Ana,* and *Eddy*. Farther north, one was at Pinos Altos 21 Apr (LKM), 2 to 3 were at Placitas 29 Apr-31 May (J. McPhee*), a ♂ and a grayish ♀ were at Corrales 9 May (JMR*), a ♂ and a blackish ♀ were at Carrizozo 3 May (CMR*), a ♂ was at Fort Sumner 6-8 May (J. Liddell**), and a ♂ and 2 grayish ♀♀ were at Ned Houk Park near Clovis 13 May (JEP). Observers should look closely at all female Bronzed Cowbirds, to try to distinguish grayish western birds from blackish eastern birds.

Orchard Oriole—A first-year ♂ west to Farmington 25-26 May (D. Collins, TR**) provided as *San Juan* first, and another was at Santa Fe 12 May (C. Cave*).

Hooded Oriole—An ad. ♂ at Silver City 29 Mar (N. Bailey**) was early, as were a ♂ and ♀ at Las Cruces 31 Mar (NGS**). A first-year ♂ was north to Albuquerque’s Valle de Oro NWR 26-27 Apr (JEP, MOH, WEM**).

Baltimore Oriole—A ♀ was at NRT 3 May (JEP*) and a ♂ was reported there 13 May (JWS*). At Luis Lopez, at least one ad. ♂ was present 7-8 May (JRO**, S. Fullingim**, MJB*, NDP).

Cassin’s Finch—The “invasion” of late winter continued into spring in the western two-thirds of the state. Late for the far southwest were 10 in Guadalupe Canyon 25 Apr (MJB, NDP), 2 in P.O. Canyon 7 May (CDL), and 7 in Indian Creek Canyon, Animas Mts. 9 May (WTE, DJG).

Evening Grosbeak—Seen in several flocks, some 765 were flying down canyon at the Santa Fe Canyon Preserve 5 Apr (BRF).

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