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Front Cover: Subadult Blue-footed Booby (*Sula nebouxii*) at Chaparral Park, Lovington, Lea County, New Mexico, 11 August 2013; second state record (see page 53). Photograph by Ree Hoyl.

Back Cover: Adult male Streak-backed Oriole (*Icterus pustulatus*) at Rattlesnake Springs, Eddy County, New Mexico, 11 November 2013; fifth state record (see page 62). Photograph by Nicholas D. Pederson.

AUTUMN SEASON 2013

The state's long-term drought continued into Autumn 2013, although it was interrupted briefly—but spectacularly—by several days of persistent rains over most of the state in mid-September. Termed a “1000 year event,” the rains set numerous new rainfall records while forcing rivers and streams out of their banks, washing away bridges and buildings, and resulting in loss of human life. After it was over, however, Elephant Butte Lake had only risen to 10% of capacity. On a positive note, a local news report suggested mitigation measures for the endangered Southwestern Willow Flycatcher had helped reduce flood flows on the Rio Grande. The fall migration was almost universally regarded as “unremarkable,” “disappointing,” or “poor,” with typically common migrants found in low numbers. Notable was a conspicuous movement of several montane species, notably corvids, Townsend's Solitaires, and Evening Grosbeaks, into lowland areas. Among the surprises that kept things interesting were the state's second Blue-footed Booby, another Rufous-backed Robin on the eastern plains, and a Streak-backed Oriole east to the Pecos Valley.

Localities and Counties

Abiquiu Lake, <i>Rio Arriba</i>	Guadalupe Mts., <i>Eddy</i>
Alameda, <i>Bernalillo</i>	Hillsboro, <i>Sierra</i>
Albuquerque, <i>Bernalillo</i>	La Cieneguilla, <i>Santa Fe</i>
Amistad, <i>Union</i>	Lake Avalon, <i>Eddy</i>
Angostura Dam, <i>Sandoval</i>	Las Animas Cr., <i>Sierra</i>
Belen, <i>Valencia</i>	Las Cruces, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Bernalillo, <i>Sandoval</i>	La Union, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Bernardo, WMA, <i>Socorro</i>	Leasburg SP, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Bitter Lake NWR, <i>Chaves</i>	Lordsburg, Playa, <i>Hidalgo</i>
Bluewater Lake, <i>McKinley/Cibola</i>	Lovington, <i>Lea</i>
Bosque del Apache NWR, <i>Socorro</i>	Manzanita Mts., <i>Bernalillo</i>
Bosque Redondo, <i>De Baca</i>	Maxwell, NWR, <i>Colfax</i>
Brantley Lake, <i>Eddy</i>	McMillan CG, <i>Grant</i>
Caballo Lake, Dam, <i>Sierra</i>	Mesilla, Dam, Park, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Cabazon Peak, <i>Sandoval</i>	Mesilla Bosque SP, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Carlsbad, <i>Eddy</i>	Milnesand, <i>Roosevelt</i>
Charette Lake, <i>Mora</i>	Morgan Lake, <i>San Juan</i>
Clanton Canyon, <i>Hidalgo</i>	Ned Houk Park, <i>Curry</i>
Clayton, Lake, <i>Union</i>	north <i>Roosevelt</i> trap (NRT), <i>Roosevelt</i>
Clovis, <i>Curry</i>	Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo, <i>Rio Arriba</i>
Cochiti Lake, <i>Sandoval</i>	Oliver Lee SP, <i>Otero</i>
Conchas Lake, Dam, <i>San Miguel</i>	Otto, <i>Santa Fe</i>
Corrales, <i>Sandoval</i>	Percha SP, <i>Sierra</i>
Deming, <i>Luna</i>	Pinos Altos Mts., <i>Grant</i>
Edgewood, <i>Santa Fe</i>	Post Office (P.O.) Canyon, <i>Hidalgo</i>
Elephant Butte, Lake, Dam, <i>Sierra</i>	Radium Springs, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Española, <i>Rio Arriba</i>	Rattlesnake Springs, <i>Eddy</i>
Farmington, <i>San Juan</i>	Rio Grande Nature Center, <i>Bernalillo</i>
Fenton Lake, <i>Sandoval</i>	Rodeo, <i>Hidalgo</i>
Florida Mts., <i>Luna</i>	Roswell, <i>Chaves</i>
Fort Sumner, <i>De Baca</i>	San Antonio, <i>Socorro</i>
Galisteo, <i>Santa Fe</i>	Sandia Crest, Park, <i>Bernalillo</i>

Sandia Mts., *Sandoval/Bernalillo*
 San Simon Cienega, *Hidalgo*
 Santa Cruz Lake, *Santa Fe*
 Santa Fe, Canyon, *Santa Fe*
 Santa Rosa, Lake, *Guadalupe*
 Santa Teresa, *Doña Ana*
 Sevilleta NWR, *Socorro*
 Silver City, *Grant*
 Six Mile Dam, *Eddy*
 Socorro, *Socorro*
 Springer, Lake, *Colfax*
 Stanley, *Santa Fe*

Stubblefield Lake, *Colfax*
 Sumner Lake, Dam, *De Baca*
 Sunland Park, *Doña Ana*
 Tatum, *Lea*
 Tijeras, *Bernalillo*
 Truth or Consequences, *Sierra*
 Tyrone, *Grant*
 Ute Lake, *Quay*
 Water Canyon, *Socorro*
 Yates, *Harding*

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)
GGP	Granite Gap Preserve	imm(s).	immature(s)
L.	Lake, Laguna	juv(s).	juvenile(s)
LVNWR	Las Vegas NWR	sp.	species
MSB	Museum of Southwestern Biology	m.ob	many observers
Mt(s).	Mountain(s)	m.ph	many photos
NAPI	Navajo Agricultural Products Industry	v.o.	various observers
NM	National Monument	+	others; et al.
NMSU	New Mexico State Univ.	*	written details provided
NP	National Park	**	photo or tape provided
NRT	north <i>Roosevelt</i> trap	***	specimen obtained
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge		
PA	Picnic Area		
R.	River		
RGNC	Rio Grande Nature Center		

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SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Greater White-fronted Goose—Twelve were at a small playa in the Uvas Valley west of Hatch, *Doña Ana* 13 Oct (DM**); 7 were at Maxwell NWR 9-10 Nov (JEP, SMF**).

Canada Goose—Arrived in numbers in the middle RGV by mid-Sep, with 150 at Corrales 9 Sep (DJK) and 515 at Sandia Pueblo, *Sandoval* 21 Sep (WHH).

Tundra Swan—An ad. was at Bernardo WMA 10-14 Nov (KM**, DJK).

Wood Duck—Noteworthy were 16 at Mims L., *Sierra* 13 Nov (DJC**).

Eurasian Wigeon—An ad. ♂ was at Bosque NWR 21 Nov (CC*, MOH*).

“Mexican” Duck—A ♂ was north to the Galisteo playa 16-19 Oct (RC*).

Canvasback—A ♂-♀ pair continued at EBL’s North Highlands 3-4 Aug (NDP, DJC**).

Greater Scaup—Two at Maxwell NWR 9 Nov (JEP) provided the only report.

Surf Scoter—An early ad. ♂ was in the Uvas Valley, *Doña Ana* 13 Oct (DM**), followed by 3 ♀-plumaged birds at Clayton L. 25 Oct (MJB**, NDP*), and singles at Stubblefield L. 1-20 Nov (JEP*, SMF**, CLH*) and Bluewater L., *Cibola* 17 Nov (JAT*).

Scaled Quail—Numbers remained low in the Carlsbad area (SW). A pair with 2 chicks was near Engle, *Sierra* 18 Sep (ph. DJC).

White-tailed Ptarmigan—Two were on the south flank of Jicarita Peak, *Taos* 3 Aug (JEP).

“Gould’s” Wild Turkey—Some 20 were in lower Clanton Canyon 24 Nov (ABJ). One was vocal north to P.O. Canyon 10 Sep (CDL).

Pacific Loon—One, apparently a juv., was at the Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo lakes 20 Oct-11 Nov (BRF**, WTE*, JEP*, NEH**).

Common Loon—Singles where seldom reported were at Santa Cruz L. from 20 Oct into Dec (JPB**, BRF**, WTE*, JEP, NEH**), Albuquerque’s Alameda bridge 17 Oct (MOH, NEH**), Sunland Park 28-31 Oct (JNP), and Stevens L. west of Eunice, *Lea* 26 Nov (SW, P. W. McCasland).

Pied-billed Grebe—An ad. with 3 chicks was at L. Avalon 6 Aug (SW).

Horned Grebe—Earliest were 3 at Charette L. 20 Oct (CMR, WTE) and one at Bosque NWR 19-26 Oct (DLH, G. K. Froehlich**); others included 2 at Maxwell NWR 1 Nov (JEP), one at EBL 14-23 Nov (DJC), and 4 at L. Avalon 17 Nov (CMR, WTE).

Western Grebe—One at the Bandelier N.M. treatment ponds 29 Oct (SMF**) may be a first for *Los Alamos*. Uncommon in *Santa Fe*, one was at Pojoaque 11 Oct (JPB) and up to 4 were at Santa Cruz L. 20 Oct-24 Nov (JPB, NEH*).

Aechmophorus grebes—Some 1500 were at Abiquiu L. 10 Nov (WHH); 1100 were counted on an aerial survey of EBL 1 Oct (MLW).

Blue-footed Booby—One discovered 11 Aug on the lake at Lovington's Chaparral Park by Ree Hoyl** was seen flying, swimming, and preening by many (m.ob., MJB**, NDP**, TJH**, JRO**, SDC**, JG**, RN**) through 13 Aug; reportedly in poor health, it was captured 13 Aug and taken to a rehabilitator, where it soon expired (specimen to MSB). This established the state's 2nd record, following the 1st at Conchas L. in 2009.

Neotropic Cormorant—One continued north at the Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo lakes to 23 Oct (GAF**, BRF**); one at Albuquerque's Tingley ponds 16 Sep (DLH) was the last of the summering birds there; one was east to the Clovis treatment ponds 16 Aug (JEP).

American White Pelican—Apparently being killed (shot) regularly in the Carlsbad area, including 7 dead at L. Avalon in late Oct and 2 more there in Nov (SW). Where seldom reported were one at Ned Houk Park 4 Oct (JEP) and 2 on the Gila R. at Riverside, *Grant* 11 Sep (LKM).

Brown Pelican—The imm. found at EBL in Jul continued there to 1 Oct (DJC**). Another imm was at Ute L. 7 Sep-5 Oct (JEP*, JRO**, CMR*, WTE*, NEH*, MJB*).

Great Egret—One was north to Cochiti L. 21 Sep (WHH).

Tricolored Heron—A high 9, apparently all juvs., were at BLNWR 9 Aug (JEP*), where up to 6 were seen through 11 Sep (m.ob.). Farther south in the Pecos Valley, 2 juvs. were at Brantley L. 17 Aug (NDP*) and one juv. was at Six Mile Dam 4 Oct (RN**). In the RGV, an ad. was at EBL 1-24 Sep (DJC**) and a juv. was at Las Cruces 14-26 Aug (NGS**).

Cattle Egret—Late were 3 at EBL 28 Nov (DJC) and one at Bosque NWR 30 Nov (JEP).

Reddish Egret—A dark morph was at Brantley L. 1-17 Aug (RN**, JEP*, CMR*, WTE*, NEH**, NDP**). Searching for the dark bird, a white morph was found there 10 Sep (JRO**), providing only the 4th white morph yet found in the state.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron—A juv. at the Clovis zoo 16-17 Aug (JEP*) may have been produced locally. An ad. was at L. Avalon 25-28 Aug (RN, SW**) and a juv. was at the Tatum ponds 1 Sep (JEP*, JRO**).

White Ibis—An ad. at Goodland L. in Clovis 14 Sep (DLH*, JRO**) provided a *Curry* first.

Turkey Vulture—A strange raptor at Roswell 1 Aug (F. A. Truetken**) proved to be a partially albino Turkey Vulture.

Swallow-tailed Kite—One split its time between southern *Doña Ana* and adjacent El Paso, entering New Mexico on various dates 23-27 Aug (DAB**, JG**, SW*, MTS*, JEZ*, m.ob., m.ph.).

Mississippi Kite—At least a dozen, and sometimes up to 15, were foraging with the Swallow-tailed Kite in southern *Doña Ana* and adjacent El Paso 23-27 Aug (m.ob.), including 13 counted over New Mexico 24 Aug (SW).

Sharp-shinned Hawk—An ad. was tending 2 screaming fledglings in the Valles Caldera, *Sandoval* 10 Aug (WHH).

Northern Goshawk—An ad. was patrolling a large residential area of Mesilla Park 31 Oct-1 Nov (KBO).

Harris's Hawk—Continued in evidence in *Doña Ana*, with one to 2 at two localities in northern Las Cruces 13-27 Oct (NGS**, J. L. Douglas), and in *Otero*, with 4 at Alamogordo 2 Nov (DLH).

Zone-tailed Hawk—Providing a *Roosevelt* first, one was found dead near Oasis SP 5 Oct (*fide* ABJ, specimen to MSB).

“Harlan’s” Hawk—One returned for its 4th season to La Cieneguilla 9 Nov (BRF**); another returned for its 2nd season to Rodeo 19 Oct (REW*).

Rough-legged Hawk—Earliest was one at Springer 27 Oct (MJB**, NDP**); singles were near Encino, *Torrance* 10-11 Nov (NDP), Bosque NWR 21 Nov (CC), and Stanley 30 Nov (WTE).

Sora—High water forced 25 ads. and 7 chicks representing two broods into the open at EBL 17 Sep (DJC**). Noteworthy for *Harding* were 2 along Alamocito Cr. near Yates 15 Sep (CMR). One was on the prairie at NRT 20 Sep (JEP, JRO).

Black-necked Stilt—Three chicks were among ads. at the Deming treatment ponds 5 Aug (LKM). A pair with a half-grown chick was at a Santa Teresa turf farm 2 Aug (DAB). One was at the Galisteo playa 21 Sep (RC, WTE, CMR).

American Avocet—Ten were late at Bernardo WMA 30 Nov (WHH**).

Black-bellied Plover—One was late at Stubblefield L. 10-11 Nov (SMF**). Others were singles at Galisteo 15-16 Oct (RC, JPB*, WTE*) and BLNWR 7 Sep (SW) and up to 4 at Red Lake east of Fort Sumner 23-26 Oct (JRO, JEP).

Snowy Plover—An ad. was tending 3 small chicks at EBL 1-2 Aug (DJC**).

Spotted Sandpiper—One lingered at Sumner Dam 16 Nov (CMR, WTE).

Solitary Sandpiper—Numerous reports statewide, including 7 on Trigg Road, e. *San Miguel* 31 Aug (MDM), 5 at Morgan L. 17 Aug (CLB), and 4 at La Union 13 Sep (DAB). A late one discovered at Leasburg S.P. 18 Nov (NGS**) continued into Dec (RB**, CJG**, MTS, JEZ).

Lesser Yellowlegs—One was late at Bernardo WMA 30 Nov (WHH**).

Upland Sandpiper—Few reports, and these restricted to the eastern plains 9 Aug-7 Sep (v.o.); high count was 3 at Clayton L. 7 Sep (MJB, NDP).

Semipalmated Sandpiper—At least one was well documented west to the Alameda wetland 12-25 Aug (MJB**, CMR*, JEP*).

Pectoral Sandpiper—Heavy Sep rains benefitted migrants, including a remarkable 87 counted at Santa Teresa 14 Sep (JNP**). Other high counts included up to 8 at Galisteo 6-19 Oct (RC et al.), 7 at La Union 13 Sep (DAB), and 4 at Deming 5 Oct (LKM).

Dunlin—Earliest were singles at Ute L. 25 Oct (MJB, NDP) and Dzilh-Na-O-Dith-Hle, *San Juan* 27 Oct (CMR*).

Short-billed Dowitcher—Scarce anywhere in the state, and especially so in the northwest, one was at Morgan L. 3 Oct (TR**).

Red-necked Phalarope—Small numbers were reported from the RGV eastward 8 Sep-24 Oct; high counts included 8 at La Union 13 Sep (DAB), 6 near Bernardo 29 Sep (NDP), and 5 each at Stubblefield L. 8 Sep (NDP) and Portales, *Roosevelt* 9 Oct (SDC).

Black-legged Kittiwake—An imm. at Bernardo WMA 28 Nov (WHH**) provided the first state report in three years.

Sabine's Gull—Unusually scarce this season, with one at Conchas L. 21 Sep (NDP*) and one to 3 at Ute L. 21-22 Sep (NDP*, NEH*, CMR, WTE) the only reports.

Laughing Gull—An apparent second-cycle bird at Morgan L. in Jun-Jul was seen again 17 Aug (CLB*), when its full “laughing” call was heard.

Mew Gull—A winter ad. was at the San Juan County Landfill 16 Nov (TR**).

California Gull—Nov reports were an imm. at EBL 3-7 Nov (DJC**), a near ad. at Deming 25 Nov (LKM), and a first-cycle at Sunland Park 23 Nov (JNP) and an ad. there 27 Nov (JNP).

Lesser Black-backed Gull—Now a regular transient/wintering species in the middle RGV, this season produced reports of a first-cycle at Bosque NWR 21 Nov (MOH*, CC*) and, at EBL, a probable third-cycle at Three Sisters 18 Aug (DJC**) & 26-27 Nov (DJC**) and a dark apparent first-cycle at Rock Canyon Marina 17 Nov (JK) & 29-30 Nov (PMB*, JEP*); more than two may have been present at EBL, but that is difficult to determine with the information at hand.

Caspian Tern—Singles were at Conchas L. 15 Sep (DLH) and Ute L. 15 Sep (DLH) & 5 Oct (MJB*, NDP), and up to 3 were at EBL 17-24 Sep (DJC**).

Black Tern—A high 86 were at Conchas L. 15 Sep (DLH) but overall numbers continued below historical levels. In *Santa Fe*, 15 were at Otto 13 Sep (RC, WTE).

Common Tern—Irregular in occurrence in the state, this season produced small numbers at Sumner L., Conchas L., Ute L., BLNWR, and L. Avalon 11 Aug-5 Oct (m.ob.), including a high 8 at BLNWR 11 Aug (CMR*, WTE*, NEH**).

Forster's Tern—Two were late at Ute L. 25 Oct (MJB, NDP).

Elegant Tern—One was at Farmington's B-Square Ranch 23 Sep (TR**); there are four previous state records.

White-winged Dove—Some 42 were still in P.O. Canyon 30 Nov (CDL).

Inca Dove—One was west of Clovis 5 Oct (DW**).

Common Ground-Dove—Vocal singles were at Broad Canyon Ranch north of Radium Springs 2 Aug (MTS*) and Rattlesnake Springs 12 Aug (SW), Singles were at Bosque NWR 16 Nov (J. Lasswell**) and Rodeo 29 Nov (JEP*). Single likely Commons were on Las Cruces West Mesa 2 Sep (NGS*) and at Radium Springs 4 Nov (NGS**).

Ruddy Ground-Dove—Made a bit of a comeback, with singles at Bernardo WMA 10 Nov (KM**), Hillsboro 15-18 Nov (R. A. Barnes**), and 2 at Rodeo 29 Nov (JEP*).

Flammulated Owl—Now understood as a regular prairie migrant, one or more were at NRT 26-28 Sep (JRO, JEP, SDC) and 2 were there 9 Oct (JRO).

Elf Owl—One was late at Las Animas Cr. 15 Oct (K. Stinnett).

Short-eared Owl—Two were in the w. Uvas Valley, *Luna* 10 Nov (CMR*).

Boreal Owl—Singles were at two *Santa Fe* sites 7 Nov (E. MacKerrow**, JPB).

Northern Saw-whet Owl—One was at NRT 4 Nov (JEP, JRO**).

Common Nighthawk—Encouraging were 216 at Albuquerque's Valle de Oro NWR 26 Jul (DLH).

whip-poor-will sp.—One along Seneca Cr. at Clayton L. 7 Sep (MJB, NDP) was, based on date and location, most likely an Eastern.

Magnificent Hummingbird—One to 2 were east to Dark Canyon, Guadalupe Mts. 1-4 Oct (TJH**, SW**, RN**). Elsewhere, a ♂ was at Silver City 17 Aug (KB) and a ♀ was there 22-23 Sep (KB), and a ♂ was in P.O. Canyon 14 & 21 Aug (CDL).

Lucifer Hummingbird—Maximum counts at P.O. Canyon were 26 on 1 Aug & 25 on 16 Aug (CDL); last there was an ad. ♂ on 4 Oct (CDL).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird—One was in *Curry* west of Clovis 27 Sep (DW**). An imm. at Oliver Lee S.P. 14 Oct (B. Barber) was found dead the following day (MSB***).

Anna's Hummingbird—Fall migrants were in P.O. Canyon 11 Aug-14 Nov, with a peak 8 on 9 Oct (CDL). One was east to Dark Canyon, Guadalupe Mts. 4 Oct (SW, RN).

Broad-tailed Hummingbird—One lingered at Las Cruces 18 Nov (NGS**).

Rufous Hummingbird—Late and north was an ad. ♂ at Santa Fe 22-24 Nov (BRF**).

Broad-billed Hummingbird—An imm. ♂ west of Clovis 8 Sep-2 Oct (DW**) provided a *Curry* first. Others beyond usual range were one at Carlsbad 23 Oct (R. Hurd**) and an ad. ♂ at Truth or Consequences from 17 Nov into Dec (A. Morrison**). Up to 19 were tallied in P.O. Canyon 1 Aug-11 Sep (CDL).

Belted Kingfisher—Singles were on the eastern plains at Milnesand 6 Sep (JEP, JRO) and NRT 20 Sep (JEP).

Acorn Woodpecker—Scarce in the north, one was at Santa Fe's Randall Davey Audubon Center 31 Aug (*fide* BRF); 3 were near Cuba, *Sandoval* 6 Oct (WHH).

Williamson's Sapsucker—Unexpected in the far east, a ♂ was south of Amistad 21 Sep (NDP**) and a ♀ was at Clayton L. 25 Oct (NDP, MJB). In *Eddy*, one was in Robinson Draw 15 Nov (RN**).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker—An imm. was west to Corrales 24 Nov (C. Ramotnik**).

Least Flycatcher—Two near Yates 15 Sep (CMR) may be the first reported in *Harding*. The species is a regular fall migrant through the state's eastern plains.

Hammond's Flycatcher—One well documented at Rattlesnake Springs 11 Nov (SDC**) was seen again 15-16 Nov (JEP).

Gray Flycatcher—In the northeast, singles were south of Amistad 6 & 21 Sep (NDP, MJB) and 2 were at Clayton L. 7 Sep (MJB).

Pacific-slope Flycatcher—Unconfirmed reports based entirely on vocalizations were one at Albuquerque 13 Aug (MOH) and singles in P.O. Canyon 28 Sep & 27 Oct (CDL); field identification of this taxon is problematic, at best.

Black Phoebe—In the Jemez Mts. in *Sandoval*, one was at Fenton L. (2440 m) 8 Sep (CMR) and another was upstream on the R. Cebolla at McKinney Pond (2500 m) 25 Aug (WHH); noteworthy for *Harding* was one near Yates 15 Sep (CMR).

Eastern Phoebe—A recently fledged juv. in the Corrales bosque 18 Aug (WHH*) was likely raised locally.

Vermilion Flycatcher—One was north to Bosque Redondo 29 Sep (RC**).

Dusky-capped Flycatcher—One was "sadly calling" in P.O. Canyon 12 Oct (CDL).

Great Crested Flycatcher—One was west to Broad Canyon Ranch north of Radium Springs 15 Sep (RB**). One near Yates 15 Sep (CMR) was a first for *Harding*. Singles were at Rattlesnake Springs 15-18 Aug (JRO**, NDP**, RN**) and NRT 13 Sep (JEP*, JRO**), where at least one was seen again 16 Sep (KS).

Cassin's Kingbird—Late were 3 at Rattlesnake Springs 18 Oct (RN**); even later were singles at Tyrone 3 Nov (K. Dayer *fide* RSS) and Hillsboro 9 Nov (DJC**).

Western Kingbird—Late were 5 at Rattlesnake Springs 18 Oct (RN**) and one at Percha SP 31 Oct (NGS**).

Eastern Kingbird—One was west to Lordsburg 13 Aug (EH*). Late was one at Las Cruces 23 Sep (NGS**).

Northern Shrike—Earliest were singles 27 Oct at Morgan L. (CMR) and near Springer L. (MJB*, NDP*); by Nov, singles had reached *Santa Fe* (BRF*) and *Bernalillo* (MOH).

White-eyed Vireo—One found at Rattlesnake Springs in Jul continued to 6 Sep (NDP**, MJB*, CMR, WTE*, JRO, RN**).

Bell's Vireo—One was still singing at Sumner Dam 2 Sep (JEP). A dull-plumaged migrant was at NRT 27 Sep (JEP). Two lingered at La Union 28 Nov (DAB**).

Cassin's Vireo—Late were one at Caballo Dam 31 Oct (NGS**) and one singing at Mesilla Park 2 Nov (DJG).

Blue-headed Vireo—Well documented were 2 at Ned Houk Park 20 Sep (JEP*, JRO) and singles at NRT 20 Sep (JEP*, JRO**) & 18 Oct (JEP*, JRO).

Hutton's Vireo—One was north to Water Canyon 22 Aug (CMR*).

Philadelphia Vireo—Singles were at NRT 20 Sep (JEP*, JRO**, NEH**) and Rattlesnake Springs 22 Sep (RN**).

Red-eyed Vireo—Singles were west to Corrales 11 Aug (WHH*), Embudo Canyon, Sandia Mts. 24 Aug (CMR*), and the Santa Fe Canyon Preserve 25 Aug (BRF*).

Yellow-green Vireo—One at Rattlesnake Springs 9-17 Aug (JEP*, RN**, JPB*, MJB*, NDP**, SW) provided the 7th well documented state record.

Steller's Jay—Staged a significant lowland incursion nearly state-wide Oct-Nov. Among the earliest were 48 in the deserts around Cabezon Peak 2 Oct (WHH), soon followed by reports south through the RGV, east to the prairies, and to other points southeast and southwest, including 44 at Angostura Dam 14 Oct (DLH), 12 at Clayton 20 Oct (M. Weidemann), one at Clayton L. 26-27 Oct (MJB, NDP), 19 at Bernalillo 20 Oct (DLH), up to 6 near Radium Springs in Nov (MTS, JEZ), up to 12 at Mesilla Park in Nov (DJG, KBO, WTE), 2 in desert flats on WSMR, *Doña Ana* 28 Oct (MEW), 10 in the Mimbres Valley area, *Grant* 13-30 Nov (*fide* RSS), and 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 15-16 Nov (JEP).

Blue Jay—Singles were west to Tesuque, *Santa Fe* 26 Oct (KM) and Silver City 11-13 Nov (KB**).

Western Scrub-Jay—Staged a strong fall flight into non-breeding areas, especially in the middle and lower RGV and in the lower Pecos Valley.

Clark's Nutcracker—Became conspicuous in the lower foothills around Santa Fe by mid-Aug (JPB) before showing up farther south, including 7 in Hondo Canyon, Sandia Mts. 27 Sep (CMB), one in the Manzanita Mts. at Pine Flats 9 Oct (JMB*) and others south of Tijeras 10 Nov (ABJ), 2 at Quarai, *Torrance* 9 Oct (JMB*), and one in desert

scrub on WSMR, *Doña Ana* 31 Oct (MEW**). In the southwest, reports included 4 at McMillan C.G. 1 Nov (LKM) and one at Silver City 29 Nov (KB).

Black-billed Magpie—One was south to RGNC 12 Oct (CMR).

Mountain Chickadee—Dispersing birds were found east to the plains by mid-Oct, with reports of one to 3 at Sumner Dam, NRT, Ned Houk Park, and Milnesand 4-18 Oct (m.ob.).

Verdin—North in the RGV were 2 at the Whitfield area in Belen 18 Aug (DLH).

White-breasted Nuthatch—One of the eastern subspecies was at Clayton L. 26 Oct (MJB**, NDP*).

Pygmy Nuthatch—Perhaps a refugee from Black Range fires, one was in the RGV near Radium Springs 1 Aug (MTS, JEZ). Singles were at two Albuquerque sites 9 Oct (JMB, CMB*).

House Wren—Unusually common migrant through P.O. Canyon this season, with 76 recorded 29 Aug-14 Nov (CDL), compared to only 2 in Fall 2012 and 11 in Fall 2011.

Pacific Wren—One discovered 18 Oct at Rattlesnake Springs (RN**) continued through Nov (WTE*, MJB*, JPB*, CMR*, JEP*, JG**, JRO**), and provided the most easterly record yet for the state.

Carolina Wren—Present at Bosque NWR since 2011, one detected 2 Sep (DLH) was the last report there this season. A vocal one was in Last Chance Canyon, Guadalupe Mts., 3 Nov (TJH**) & 15 Nov (RN**).

Cactus Wren—A family group of 4 at the Quay cemetery, *Quay* 22 Sep (CMR, WTE) furnished a new northeasterly locale.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher—One was late in Embudito Canyon, Sandia Mts. 26 Nov (MOH).

American Dipper—An ad. feeding a begging juv. in lower Bluewater Gorge, *Cibola* 20 Nov (JAT*) indicated unusually late nesting.

Western Bluebird—Only recently discovered breeding in the Albuquerque bosque, this season an ad. ♂ was tending 2 fledglings in the Corrales bosque 18 Aug (WHH*).

Townsend's Solitaire—Migrants dispersed widely in the state, and were especially conspicuous in the east and south. One captured at RGNC 5 Oct was the first banded there in 30 years (A. C. Gorbet). Five at NRT 12 Oct (JEP, JRO) was the highest count ever for that well-studied site.

Wood Thrush—Rare but recently regular in the east, singles were at NRT 24 Sep (A. Hersey**) and Milnesand 17 Oct (G. Beauprez*).

Rufous-backed Robin—One at NRT 9 Oct (SDC**, JRO**) was still present 10 Oct (DLH*); it provided the 2nd record for the eastern plains and 14th overall for the state.

American Robin—An ad. was feeding nestlings in Cienega Canyon, Sandia Mts. 5 Aug (V. Dern).

Gray Catbird—An ad. was tending a recent fledgling at Fenton L. 4 Aug (HAW**). Singles at Bosque Redondo 8 Aug (CMR) and Bosque NWR 8 Aug (JWS) likely summered locally. One was late at Broad Canyon Ranch, *Doña Ana* 21 Nov (MTS).

Crissal Thrasher—On the northwestern edge of the range in *Sandoval*, one was in the Ojito Wilderness 1 Sep (WHH) and one was singing at San Ysidro 2 Oct (WHH).

Sprague's Pipit—Small numbers were reported in the east in *Harding*, *Curry*, *Roosevelt*, and *Eddy* and farther west in *Bernalillo* and *Socorro* 13 Oct-14 Nov (v.o.); high count was 5 at Sevilleta NWR 14 Nov (DJK).

Louisiana Waterthrush—Singles were at Rattlesnake Springs 10-11 Aug (NDP**, JEP*, JPB*, CMR*, WTE*, MJB*, JRO) and NRT 13 Sep (JEP*).

Golden-winged Warbler—A ♀ was reported at NRT 16 Sep (KS*).

Blue-winged Warbler—One at Rattlesnake Springs 11 Aug (MJB*, NDP, JRO**) provided a rare fall record and the earliest yet for the state.

Black-and-white Warbler—One was in Sulphur Canyon, Sandia Mts. 3 Aug (CMB*); in the east, singles were at Rattlesnake Springs 25 Aug (JNP), NRT 2 Sep (JEP) & 13 Sep (JEP), and Melrose City Park, *Curry* 21-22 Sep (JRO).

Orange-crowned Warbler—In P.O. Canyon, 18 migrants 9 Aug-16 Oct appeared to be the interior subspecies *orestera*; a much brighter individual there 29 Oct appeared to be the Pacific subspecies *lutescens*. Four were seen together at Mesilla Park 23 Nov (WTE).

Hooded Warbler—A ♀ at NRT 24-25 Aug (JEP*, JRO**) provided the lone report.

American Redstart—One to 4 were reported from eight sites in seven counties 5 Aug-8 Oct (m.ob.).

Northern Parula—One was at NRT 20-21 Sep (JEP*, JRO, JWS**).

Magnolia Warbler—One at Chandler Tank on the Las Cruces West Mesa 23 Sep (NGS**) was just the 2nd record for *Doña Ana*.

Blackburnian Warbler—A bright one at NRT 18 Oct (JRO**, JEP*) was the latest ever for New Mexico.

Yellow Warbler—An ad. ♂ was late at Socorro 20 Nov (MOH*).

Black-throated Blue Warbler—A ♂ was south of Radium Springs 28-29 Oct (MTS, JEZ**).

Palm Warbler—A Western Palm was at Santa Fe Canyon Preserve 9 Sep (JPB*). An Eastern “yellow” Palm was at San Antonio 29-30 Nov (PMB*, JEP*).

Prairie Warbler—Under review is an apparent one at Fenton L. 4 Aug (HAW**).

Black-throated Gray Warbler—Late was one in P.O. Canyon 19 Nov (CDL), where 63 fall migrants were tallied in 2013, compared to 36 in fall 2012.

Townsend's Warbler—A late one was near Radium Springs 1 Nov (MTS, JEZ).

Green-tailed Towhee—Late for the locality were 2 at Bosque NWR 23 Nov (JEP). The 8 at Spring Canyon S.P. 21 Oct (LKM) provided a high count for the Florida Mts.

Canyon Towhee—Two were northwest to *San Juan* at Dzilh-Na-O-Dith-Hle 27 Oct (CMR).

Abert's Towhee—Three were at their San Simon Cienega outpost 10 Nov (CMR).

Botteri's Sparrow—Two were singing along State Line Road west of Rodeo 21 Aug (REW) and another was singing at another site west of Rodeo 29 Aug (REW).

American Tree Sparrow—An early one was south to Albuquerque 27 Oct (D. W. Mehlman).

Chipping Sparrow—Notably late for the north was one at White Rock, *Los Alamos* 2 Nov (SMF**).

Brewer's Sparrow—Individuals believed to be the “**Timberline**” subspecies were extensively detailed north of Chicosa L., *Harding* 15 Sep (CMR*) and Stanley 21 Oct (RC*); although at least two New Mexico specimens have been assigned to this taxon, field identification is problematic.

Black-throated Sparrow—One was northeast to Trigg Road, e. *San Miguel* 25 Oct (MDM).

Grasshopper Sparrow—Single migrants were noted at Santa Rosa's Blue Hole Cienega 5 Oct (NDP), Sevilleta NWR 8 & 14 Nov (DJK), and the east side of the Florida Mts. 27 Nov (LKM), and 2 were at Corralitos Ranch west of Las Cruces 16 Oct (NGS**).

Baird's Sparrow—One was found during pipit surveys at Sevilleta NWR 14 Nov (DJK).

Fox Sparrow—Earliest was a red one near Clovis 17 Oct (DW**). Singles (some red, some gray, some undifferentiated) were reported at six sites in *Bernalillo*, *Roosevelt*, *Eddy*, *Luna*, and *Hidalgo* 1-28 Nov (v.o.).

Lincoln's Sparrow—Earliest were 10 near Yates 15 Sep (CMR) and one in P.O. Canyon also on 15 Sep (CDL). Ten at Deming 28 Oct (LKM) was a high count for *Luna*.

Swamp Sparrow—Noteworthy for *Rio Arriba* was one at the Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo lakes 1 Nov (JEP).

Harris's Sparrow—Early were singles at Edgewood 19 Oct (P. L. Noble) and below EBL Dam 20 Oct (SMF**). Other singles were at RGNC 2 Nov (S. Williamson), Elephant Butte 14-16 Nov (DJC**), and Bosque NWR 27-30 Nov (JG, PMB**, JEP*).

Golden-crowned Sparrow—One was at Bosque NWR 18-30 Nov (DJC**, NEH**, JG).

Northern Cardinal—Now understood as resident in the lower canyons on the east flank of the Black Range in *Sierra*, 2 were at Hillsboro 3 & 14 Aug (DJC) and one was along Tierra Blanca Cr. 3 & 31 Aug (DJC).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak—A young ♂ was at Conchas Lake 5 Oct (NDP).

Varied Bunting—Up to 3 in Slaughter Canyon, Guadalupe Mts. 10 Aug (CMR, NEH, WTE) provided the only report.

Painted Bunting—The species is a scarce migrant in *Bernalillo*, where this season one was banded at RGNC 24 Aug (MOH) and another was seen in Albuquerque's Tingley bosque 14 Sep (JK). A high 8, all green-plumaged, were at NRT 13 Sep (JEP, JRO). Late was a green-plumaged one at Rattlesnake Springs 17 Nov (RN**, JG**, CMR*, WTE*).

Dickcissel—Small numbers passed through the east Aug-Sep, including a high 12 near Yates 15 Sep (CMR). Singles were west to the RGV at Radium Springs 15 Sep (MTS) and La Union 13 Sep (DAB). Last were singles at NRT 18 Oct (JEP) and Rattlesnake Springs 18 Oct (RN**).

Bobolink—Four were on a fence beside a wet meadow south of Chama, *Rio Arriba* 8 Aug (Wendell Egelhoff). One was in *Cibola* at a Grants golf course 18 Sep (KS*).

Eastern Meadowlark—Some 42—many singing—were in the Five Points area of Sevilleta NWR 30 Nov (WHH), where a single **Western Meadowlark** was singing there the same day (WHH).

Yellow-headed Blackbird—Large flocks were widely reported in mid-Sep; notable were 2000 at Española 15 Sep (GAF**) and 500 near Yates 15 Sep (CMR).

Rusty Blackbird—A ♂ reached Rattlesnake Springs 16 Nov (JEP*, SW).

Common Grackle—Some 21 lingered at Albuquerque 19 Oct (CMR), a large group for so late.

Orchard Oriole—An ad. ♂ was west to Mesilla Bosque S.P. 3 Aug (NGS**).

Streak-backed Oriole—An ad. ♂, apparently representing the “Scarlet-headed” race of northwestern Mexico, was at Rattlesnake Springs 10-14 Nov (RN**, MJB**, NDP**, N. Hayward**, J. Cohen*, JPB*); searches failed to find it 15-16 Nov (JK). This provided a first for the Pecos Valley and the 5th well documented state record.

Baltimore Oriole—Those with convincing details were single ad. ♂♂ at NRT 20 Sep (JEP*, JRO**, NEH**) and Las Cruces 12 Nov (KBO*).

Scott's Oriole—Late were 2 at a Las Cruces feeder 3 Nov (KBO).

rosy-finch—The feeders at Sandia Crest were filled with seeds on 31 Oct, some 8 cm of snow fell on 6 Nov, and the first rosy-finches, mostly Blacks, showed up on 7 Nov (*vide* K. Schneider).

Lesser Goldfinch—A juv. was begging at Galisteo on the late date of 11 Oct (JPB**).

Evening Grosbeak—Staged a conspicuous flight nearly statewide. Noteworthy eastern records included 2 at Clayton L. 26 Oct (MJB, NDP), 2 near Yates 15 Sep (CMR**), one near Clovis 5 Oct (DW**), and singles at NRT 12 Oct (JRO**) & 18 Oct (JEP, JRO). In the southeast, 3 reached Rattlesnake Springs by 18 Oct (RN), where small numbers were seen at least through 17 Nov (m.ob.). A high 19 were west to Farmington 27 Oct (CMR), where a few lingered into Nov (TR**). In the RGV, 5 flew over RGNC 5 Oct (CMR) and one was south to Percha SP 11 Nov (NGS**). In the southwest, 2 were at Silver City 15 Oct (EH).



Female Evening Grosbeak in Curry County near Clovis, 5 October 2013.
Photograph by Debra Whitecotton.

ERRATA and ADDENDA

NMOSFN 21(4):63, Autumn 1982—**Red Knot**—Information given for the bird at Holloman Lake is incomplete; it was seen and photographed 9 October 1982 by Kevin J. Zimmer, and the photo was provided to NMOS.

NMOSFN 25(2):21, Spring 1986—**Chimney Swift**: The reports for 1-2 March at Socorro, 4 March at Mescalero, and 6 March at Alamogordo are transcription errors; inspection of original written reports reveals the observers reported **White-throated Swifts**, not Chimney Swifts. Chimney Swifts typically do not arrive in New Mexico until late April.

NMOSFN 30(4):51, Autumn 1991—**Sharp-tailed Sandpiper**: The bird was seen at Isleta Marsh, *Bernalillo*, not at Holloman Lake. Note: This record, the 2nd of the species for the state, was accepted by the New Mexico Bird Records Committee 3 Feb 2011.

NMOSFN 43(2):23, Spring 2004—**Mew Gull**: The report of an ad. at Stubblefield L. 28 May is an error, as the photographs proved to be of an ad. **Black-legged Kittiwake**.

NMOSFN 51(4):52, Autumn 2012—**Common Merganser**: The correct date for the ♀ with young at Ramah L. is 5 Aug, not 5 Nov.

NMOSFN 52(3):30, Spring 2013—**Blackpoll Warbler**: The bird at Washington Ranch was present 4 May only. A different individual was at a tank south of the nearby Cottonwood Day Use Area 6 May (J. M. Black). This brings the statewide total for Blackpoll Warblers for the season to 11 individuals.

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