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GENERAL SUMMARY OF WINTERING POPULATIONS AND SPRING MIGRATION

SOUTHEAST: SMALL NUMBERS OF HORNED GREBES WERE SEEN IN THE CARLSBAD AREA THROUGH FEBRUARY AND MARCH, AND ONE AS LATE AS MAY 30. RED-BREASTED MERGANSERS, NUMBERING UP TO 20, WERE AT HARROUN LAKE DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH. BLUEBIRDS WERE UNUSUALLY NUMEROUS IN THE CARLSBAD AREA IN FEBRUARY: FLOCKS OF 50 TO 200 WESTERN BLUEBIRDS WERE NOTED; MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRDS WERE SEEN IN UNPRECEDENTED FLOCKS OF UP TO 1000. SAGE THRASHERS REMAINED IN THE CARLSBAD AREA ALL WINTER. ROBINS WERE MORE NUMEROUS THAN USUAL. CEDAR WAXWINGS WERE SCARCE, A DOZEN IN ROSWELL NOVEMBER 10, AND 25 IN CARLSBAD AT

CHRISTMAS. AUDUBON'S WARBLERS WERE PRESENT ALL WINTER, MOST NUMEROUS NEAR CARLSBAD. A FEW GREEN-TAILED TOWHEES AND BROWN TOWHEES WINTERED AROUND CARLSBAD CAVERNS.

MIGRATION THROUGH ROSWELL WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN THE BEST IN SEVERAL YEARS WITH RESPECT TO BOTH SPECIES AND NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS. THE PERIOD OF APRIL 25 TO MAY 7 BROUGHT AN UNUSUALLY STRONG FLURRY, ALMOST A WAVE, THROUGH ROSWELL OF SMALL LAND BIRDS, ESPECIALLY WARBLERS. PEAK NUMBERS OF SPECIES AND INDIVIDUALS WERE REACHED APRIL 30, MAY 1, AND MAY 7. SOMEWHAT LESS ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD WAS REPORTED FROM EDDY COUNTY. WHEN SOMEONE IN ROSWELL TELEPHONED BETWEEN APRIL 25 AND MAY 12 AND SAID "WHAT IS THAT BIRD...?" IT WAS A WESTERN Tanager. OCCURRING IN SMALL NUMBERS SOME YEARS, NOT SEEN AT ALL IN OTHER YEARS, THE WESTERN Tanager WAS PRESENT IN DOZENS. IN EDDY COUNTY ALSO IT WAS REPORTED AS NUMEROUS IN MAY.

SOUTHWEST: THE REPORT FROM THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE INDICATED THAT THE FALL MIGRATION OF DUCKS AND CRANES WAS LATE, WHILE THE GEESE ARRIVED EARLY. FOOD SUPPLY WAS ALMOST DEPLETED BY THE END OF DECEMBER, AND FLOCKS DISPERSED UP AND DOWN THE VALLEY FROM THE REFUGE. THE WATER SITUATION WAS CRITICAL, NECESSITATING CONTINUAL USE OF THE IRRIGATION WELLS. ON DECEMBER 14, FOURTEEN SPECIES OF DUCKS WERE FOUND AT BEAR CANYON RESERVOIR, GRANT COUNTY, A SMALL AND NOT PARTICULARLY ATTRACTIVE BODY OF WATER. BAND-TAILED PIGEONS CONTINUED TO BE REPORTED: SMALL FLOCKS OF UP TO 35 BIRDS WERE SEEN REGULARLY ALL FALL IN THE FT. BAYARD AREA, AND A FEW WERE STILL NOTED IN JANUARY. CASSIN'S FINCHES WERE ALSO SEEN REGULARLY DURING FALL AND WINTER AT FT. BAYARD.

UNUSUAL NUMBERS OF MIGRATING WESTERN TANAGERS WERE NOTED ALSO IN THIS REGION THE END OF APRIL AND EARLY MAY. CONVERSELY, THE POOR-WILL WAS REMARKABLE FOR HIS ABSENCE, GENERALLY. ELEVEN SPECIES OF WARBLERS WERE NOTED AT FT. BAYARD MAY 6 THROUGH MAY 8, BUT THERE WAS NO APPARENT WAVE OF ANY ONE SPECIES. GOOD NUMBERS OF AUDUBON'S AND WILSON'S WARBLERS APPEARED LATER THAN HAD BEEN EXPECTED; RED-FACED WARBLERS WERE OBSERVED SEVERAL TIMES, BUT NO OLIVE WARBLERS WERE NOTED.

NORTHEAST: A MINOR INVASION OF SCRUB JAYS WAS REPORTED AT CLAYTON. STARLING POPULATION IN THAT AREA WAS DOWN, WHILE WINTERING ROBINS, PINE SISKINS, AND CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONOSPURS WERE UP IN NUMBER. IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT THE QUAIL POPULATION WAS PERHAPS ONLY 25% OF NORMAL IN THAT AREA.

MIGRATION PERIOD COMMENT WAS THAT IT WAS THE BEST BIRD SPRING IN A LONG TIME. UNUSUAL NUMBERS OF MARBLED GODWIT AND WILLET WERE PRESENT THE END OF APRIL IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA. EVENING GROSBEAKS WERE PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS ALL SPRING, IN SEVERAL FLOCKS OF 100 BIRDS. THE AMERICAN GOLDFINCH USUALLY APPEARS WITH THE CHINESE ELM BUDS, BUT THE TREES WERE FROSTED THIS YEAR, AND NO GOLDFINCHES WERE SEEN.

NORTHWEST: MANY DUCKS WERE PRESENT ON THE SAN ILDEFONSO POND AND AT RIVERSIDE DURING MARCH. ON MARCH 1, 50 PINTAILS, 100 GREEN-WINGED TEAL, 50 COMMON MERGANSERS, WERE SEEN AT LOWDERMILK'S POND, ALONG WITH 10 OTHER SPECIES OF DUCKS. BALD EAGLES HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM THE FARMINGTON AREA IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH. LARGE FLOCKS OF MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRDS WERE NOTED IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY AROUND ALBUQUERQUE AND SOUTH; HUNDREDS WERE NOTED AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE ON FEBRUARY 29. EASTERN BLUEBIRDS WERE REPORTED FROM THIS REGION. EVENING GROSBEAKS AND CASSIN'S FINCHES WERE PARTICULARLY ABUNDANT IN THE LOS ALAMOS AREA DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH. LARGE FLOCKS OF BOHEMIAN WAXWINGS WERE IN SANTA FE IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY. RED CROSSBILLS WHICH WERE COMMON AT LOS ALAMOS IN THE FALL DISAPPEARED DURING DECEMBER AND JANUARY, REAPPEARING IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH. GRAY-HEADED JUNCOS OUTNUMBERED OREGON

JUNCOS BY ABOUT 7:1 AT A LOS ALAMOS FEEDING STATION DURING THE WINTER.

MIGRATION PERIOD WAS CHARACTERIZED BY A LATE SPRING AND THE LINGERING BEYOND USUAL TIME OF VARIOUS WINTER SPECIES, AS NOTED IN THE REPORTS. THE LARGE FLOCKS OF EVENING GROSBEAKS IN ALBUQUERQUE, WHICH USUALLY REMAIN PERHAPS THREE WEEKS DURING THE WINTER, WERE PRESENT FROM THE END OF FEBRUARY UNTIL MAY 27. AN UNUSUAL NUMBER OF WESTERN TANAGERS SHOWED UP AT CEDAR CREST THE FIRST WEEK IN MAY.

NOTE: ALL WATERFOWL REPORTS MARKED WSH HAVE BEEN ABSTRACTED FROM THE RECORDS OF THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH.

CORRIGENDA:

MISINTERPRETATION OF DATA RECEIVED FROM ELMER SCHOOLEY RESULTED IN CONFUSION OF DATES WITH NUMBERS IN SEASONAL REPORT #2. THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS SHOULD BE MADE:

GOLDEN EAGLE: 18 WAS A DATE, NOT THE NUMBER SEEN.
PIGEON HAWK: 12 WAS A DATE, NOT NUMBER OF BIRDS.
SAY'S PHOEBE: 18 WAS A DATE.
RED-BREADED NUTHATCH: 17 WAS A DATE.
DIPPER: 15 WAS A DATE.

COMMON LOON

1 INDIVIDUAL WAS SEEN AT LAKE MCMILLAN 12/20 (RCB). A SINGLE BIRD AT ROBERTS LAKE 5/1 GAVE THE "YODEL" CALL (BH). 1 WAS SEEN AT RIVERSIDE 5/2 (JRT).

EARED GREBE

2 WERE SEEN AT FARMINGTON 4/17, AND 4 AT SANTA FE 4/30 IN SPRING PLUMAGE (PRS); 15 WERE COUNTED ON LAKE NAVAJO 5/3 (AN).

PIED-BILLED GREBE

1 ON 3/8 AT SAN ILDEFONSO WAS VERY EARLY (WBL).

WESTERN GREBE

1 BIRD WAS OBSERVED AT CABALLO RESERVOIR 12/15 (BH); 1 WAS SEEN 4/29 AND 2 ON 5/7 AT LAKE MCMILLAN (RCB).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT

1 IN ADULT SPRING PLUMAGE WAS SEEN ALONG THE RIO GRANDE AT ESPANOLA 4/5 (JRT, WBL).

GREEN HERON

1 WAS AT SAN ILDEFONSO 5/2 (JRT).

COMMON EGRET

SINGLE BIRDS WERE NOTED 4/24 AT CABALLO RESERVOIR, AND 4/28 AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (BH).

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

A SUB-ADULT WAS CLOSELY OBSERVED ALONG THE GILA RIVER NEAR CLIFF 4/23 (DAZ).

LEAST BITTERN

1 AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 5/16 ALLOWED A CLOSE VIEW (BH).

WHITE-FACED IBIS

A FLOCK OF 10 WAS SEEN 4/21 NEAR CLIFF (BH); 1 WAS AT SANTA FE 4/23 (PRS); 2 WERE SEEN 4/24 AT CABALLO RESERVOIR, AND A FLOCK OF ABOUT 35 WERE AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 4/28 (BH); 8 WERE AT HARROUN LAKE 5/4, AND 6 AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE 5/24 (VM).

WHISTLING SWAN

2 WERE AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE FROM 12/12 (VM); 2 WERE SEEN ON THE PINE RIVER ARM OF THE NAVAJO RESERVOIR 3/26 (AN).

CANADA GOOSE

5947 WERE ON THE RIO GRANDE BETWEEN ALBUQUERQUE AND ELEPHANT BUTTE RESERVOIR IN NOVEMBER; 4800 WERE ON LA CUEVA, MORA CO., IN DECEMBER (WSH).

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE

1 WAS RESTING ON A SAND BAR IN THE RIO GRANDE AT ESPANOLA 12/29 (JRT).

SNOW GOOSE

2000 WERE ON MCMILLAN RESERVOIR, EDDY CO., IN MARCH (WSH).

BLUE GOOSE

AT LEAST 8 WERE PRESENT AMONG FLOCKS OF SNOW GEESE TOTALING 500 OR MORE BIRDS AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 12/28 (BH).

ROSS' GOOSE

A SINGLE WAS REPORTED NEAR LOVING, AND 1 WAS WITH SNOW GEESE AT HARROUN LAKE 3/6 (RCB).

MALLARD

3170 WERE ON ELEPHANT BUTTE RESERVOIR IN DECEMBER; 1007 WERE ON ALAMOGORDO RESERVOIR, GUADALUPE CO., IN FEBRUARY; IN MARCH NUMBERS WERE 2160 ON STORRIE RESERVOIR, SAN MIGUEL CO., 2990 ON LA CUEVA, MORA CO., 2090 ON STUBBLEFIELD RESERVOIR, COLFAX CO. (WSH).

MEXICAN DUCK

3 BIRDS OBSERVED 2/22 AT GRAY RANCH IN SW HIDALGO COUNTY WERE ASSUMED TO BE THIS SPECIES; THERE WERE NO MALE MALLARDS NEARBY (BH). THIS IS AN AREA WHERE NEW MEXICO DUCKS NEST AND HAVE BEEN OBSERVED COMMONLY; MALLARDS ALSO OCCUR IN THE AREA AND HYBRIDS ARE NOT UNCOMMON (ED).

GADWALL

NUMBERS NOTED IN MARCH WERE: 7200 ON MAXWELL LAKES, COLFAX CO.; 3648 ON BURFORD LAKE, RIO ARRIBA CO.; 2760 ON YORK LAKES, SAN MIGUEL CO. (WSH).

PINTAIL

IN DECEMBER, 2100 WERE ON MCMILLAN RESERVOIR, EDDY CO., AND 6530 WERE ON ELEPHANT BUTTE RESERVOIR (WSH).

AMERICAN WIDGEON

1200 WERE AT THE DEXTER HATCHERY, CHAVES CO., IN FEBRUARY, AND 700 WERE ON MCMILLAN RESERVOIR IN MARCH (WSH).

SHOVELLER

IN MARCH, NUMBERS COUNTED WERE 175 ON MCMILLAN RESERVOIR, 275 ON ELEPHANT BUTTE, 480 ON MAXWELL LAKES; 4 APPEARED AT ESPANOLA 3/1 AND THE PEAK WAS 20 ON 3/22 (JRT); APRIL COUNTS INCLUDED 1305 ON ELEPHANT BUTTE, 2280 ON BURFORD LAKE, 2720 ON MAXWELL LAKES (WSH); ANOTHER WAVE APPEARED LATER IN SANTA FE WITH 60 NOTED ON 5/18, AND 7 PRESENT AS LATE AS 5/31 (PRS).

WOOD DUCK

A FLOCK OF 11 CAME OVER BEAR CANYON RESERVOIR 12/10, 2 OF WHICH WERE SHOT BY A HUNTER AND GIVEN AS SPECIMENS TO WESTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY; A FLOCK (SAME ONE?) OF 9 BIRDS WAS OBSERVED AT THE SAME PLACE 12/19 FEEDING ON ACORNS (BH). 1 FEMALE WAS PRESENT AT LAKE AVALON, EDDY CO., THROUGH THE FIRST HALF OF JANUARY (RCB).

REDHEAD

A FLOCK OF 5 WAS SEEN 12/19 AT BEAR CANYON RESERVOIR; 7 WERE AT ROBERTS LAKE 12/29 (BH); 1225 WERE ON STUBBLEFIELD RESERVOIR AND 1075 ON MAXWELL LAKES, COLFAX CO., IN FEBRUARY; 3480 WERE ON YORK LAKES, SAN MIGUEL CO., IN MARCH; 1482 WERE ON BURFORD LAKE IN APRIL (WSH); 1 AT SAN ILDEFONSO 5/6 WAS LATE (PRS).

RING-NECKED DUCK

1200 WERE COUNTED AT DEXTER HATCHERY, CHAVES Co., IN FEBRUARY, 380 ON STUBBLEFIELD RESERVOIR AND 360 ON MAXWELL LAKES, COLFAX Co., IN MARCH, 1044 ON YORK LAKES IN MARCH (WSH).

CANVASBACK

366 WERE ON MCMILLAN RESERVOIR, EDDY CO., IN DECEMBER (WSH); A FLOCK OF 150 TO 200 WAS SCATTERED OVER THE CABALLO RESERVOIR ON 12/29 AND WAS STILL PRESENT 1/12 (BH); 150 WERE AT DEXTER HATCHERY, CHAVES CO., IN FEBRUARY, 114 WERE ON CHARETTE LAKES, SAN MIGUEL CO., AND 136 ON MAXWELL LAKES IN APRIL (WSH); 1 WAS AT RIVERSIDE NEAR ESPANOLA 3/26 (PRS, BJH).

SCAUP

20 WERE ON ALAMOGORDO RESERVOIR, GUADALUPE CO., IN FEBRUARY; 190 WERE ON STUBBLEFIELD RESERVOIR AND 360 ON MAXWELL LAKES, COLFAX CO., IN MARCH (WSH).

COMMON GOLDENEYE

625 WERE ON MCMILLAN RESERVOIR IN DECEMBER; 240 WERE ON MAXWELL LAKES IN MARCH; 114 WERE ON BURFORD LAKE IN APRIL (WSH).

BUFFLEHEAD

550 WERE ON MCALLISTER LAKE, SAN MIGUEL CO., IN DECEMBER; 240 WERE ON MAXWELL LAKES, COLFAX CO., IN MARCH; 456 WERE ON BURFORD LAKE, RIO ARRIBA CO., AND 725 ON MCALLISTER LAKE IN APRIL (WSH).

OLDSQUAW

A JUVENILE WAS SEEN AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 2/29 AND EXCELLENT PHOTOGRAPHS OBTAINED (JD, MCK, LO); THE BIRD REMAINED UNTIL 3/9. THIS IS THE FIRST RECORD FOR THE REFUGE (LO).

RUDDY DUCK

440 WERE ON MCMILLAN RESERVOIR, EDDY CO., IN FEBRUARY; 1400 WERE THERE IN MARCH; 250 WERE COUNTED ON ELEPHANT BUTTE IN MARCH, AND IN APRIL 3450 WERE COUNTED ON STORRIE LAKE, SAN MIGUEL CO., AND 3400 ON MAXWELL LAKES, COLFAX CO. (WSH).

HOODED MERGANSER

PRESENT ON THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE FROM 1/4 TO 3/17 WITH A PEAK OF 7 BIRDS (LO).

COMMON MERGANSER

1720 WERE ON ALAMOGORDO RESERVOIR, GUADALUPE CO., IN DECEMBER, 6272 WERE ON

CABALLO RESERVOIR IN DECEMBER, AND 3225 WERE ON ELEPHANT BUTTE IN MARCH (WSH); 1 AT SAN JUAN PUEBLO 5/9 WAS VERY LATE (JRT).

TURKEY VULTURE

ARRIVED AT PENASCO 3/22 (PRS), LOS ALAMOS 3/23 (JRT), BANDELIER NATIONAL MONUMENT 3/24 (WBL), NAVAJO DAM 3/24 (AN).

MISSISSIPPI KITE

ARRIVED IN ROSWELL 4/27, AND AT LEAST 4 WERE STILL PRESENT AT THE END OF MAY; THE BIRD HAS NESTED THE PAST 2 YEARS IN THE ROSWELL AREA (VM).

GOSHAWK

1 WAS SEEN AT BLACK LAKE, COLFAX CO., 12/5 (WSH); 1 ADULT WAS SEEN IN THE FT. BAYARD AREA 2/18, AND AN IMMATURE IN THE SAME AREA ON 3/24 (BH); 1 SEEN AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 3/25 IS THE FIRST RECORD FOR THE REFUGE (LO).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK

1 WAS SEEN 12/13 AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE, AND 2 ON 12/21 (LO).

HARLAN'S HAWK

A HAWK OBSERVED 2/5 AT FT. BAYARD WAS APPARENTLY THIS SPECIES ALTHOUGH THE TAIL DID NOT APPEAR MOTTLED (BH). (BRUCE HARRIS REPORTS THAT DALE ZIMMERMAN HAS A POSITIVE RECORD FOR THE SPECIES DURING THIS PERIOD, BUT NO FURTHER DATA WAS FORWARDED. — ED.)

ZONE-TAILED HAWK

1 WAS SEEN ON THE MIMBRES RIVER NE OF SILVER CITY 4/18; A PAIR, FEMALE ON THE NEST, WAS NOTED IN THE PELONCILLO MTS., HIDALGO Co., 5/30 (BH).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK

1 WAS NOTED 2/16 AT SILVER CITY (BH).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK

1 WAS AT RIVERSIDE NEAR ESPANOLA 3/8 (WBL AND 3/26 (PRS).

HARRIS' HAWK

1 WAS PRESENT AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE FROM 2/7 TO 2/14 (LO).

BLACK HAWK

1 WAS SEEN 3/22 AT REDROCK, GRANT CO., AND 1 NEAR CLIFF 4/21 (BH).

PRAIRIE FALCON

4 RECORDS DURING MARCH FROM HIDALGO COUNTY, GILA, REDROCK, AND TYRONE (BH); 1 AT POJOAQUE 3/26, 2 AT HUERFANO 4/17, 1 IN SANTA FE 5/27 (PRS).

PEREGRINE FALCON

1 ADULT OBSERVED CARRYING A BIRD, POSSIBLY A DOVE, 10 MILES NW OF CLOVERDALE, HIDALGO CO., 3/7 (BH).

APLOMADO FALCON

1 OBSERVED UNDER GOOD CONDITIONS NEAR OTIS 12/20 (RCB).

PIGEON HAWK

1 WAS SEEN AT FT. BAYARD 12/26 (BH); 1 WAS IN SANTA FE 2/1 (PRS); AN ADULT AND AN IMMATURE WERE AT FT. BAYARD 2/18 (BH).

HARLEQUIN QUAIL

A SINGLE MALE WAS SEEN 2/29 IN THE PELONCILLO MTS., HIDALGO CO., AND SEVERAL

MALES WERE CALLING AT GERONIMO PASS IN SW HIDALGO CO. 3/1; A PAIR WAS NOTED 4/24 AT FT. BAYARD, AND A SINGLE MALE WAS SEEN THERE 5/2 (BH).

TURKEY

6 WERE NOTED AT THE SKI AREA IN THE SANDIA MTS., BERNALILLO CO., 1/26 (JLS).

VIRGINIA RAIL

1 AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE 1/28 (VM); 1 AT ESPANOLA 3/8 AND 5/6 (PRS).

SORA

1 WAS AT ESPANOLA 12/29 (JRT).

COMMON GALLINULE

1 WAS SEEN THE LAST WEEK OF MAY AT SIX-MILE DAM, EDDY CO. (RCB).

AMERICAN COOT

400 WERE ON ALAMOGORDO RESERVOIR, GUADALUPE CO., IN FEBRUARY, AND 720 WERE THERE MARCH; 1740 WERE ON YOK LAKES, SAN MIGUEL CO., IN MARCH; 2070 WERE ON YORK LAKES IN APRIL (WSH).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER

2 WERE IN RIVERSIDE NEAR ESPANOLA 5/6 (PRS) AND 1 WAS THERE ON 5/9 (JRT).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER

2 WERE SEEN 5/18 IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA (ES).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER

1 WAS IN SANTA FE 4/28 (PRS).

WILLET

53 IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA 4/29 WAS AN UNUSUAL NUMBER (ES); 15 WERE REPORTED FROM ROBERTS LAKE 5/30 (BH).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS

2 WERE SEEN IN SANTA FE 3/8 (PRS).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS

2 WERE IN SANTA FE 4/25 (PRS).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER

1 WAS IN SANTA FE 4/30 (PRS).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER

1 WAS IN SANTA FE 4/6 AND A PEAK OF 10 ON 5/12 (PRS).

LEAST SANDPIPER

1 WAS IN SANTA FE 5/1 (PRS).

DOWITCHER

A SINGLE WAS SEEN AT GRAY RANCH, HIDALGO CO., 3/1 (BH); 1 WAS NOTED IN SANTA FE 4/25 AND A PEAK OF 5 ON 5/4 (PRS).

WESTERN SANDPIPER

A PEAK OF 11 WERE NOTED IN SANTA FE 4/28 (PRS).

MARbled GODWIT

34 NOTED IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA 4/29 WAS AN UNUSUAL NUMBER (ES); 1 WAS SEEN AT REGINA, N OF CUBA, 5/17 (PRS).

AMERICAN AVOCET

1 SEEN IN SANTA FE 4/9 AND PEAK OF 4 ON 5/20 (PRS); 24 WERE PRESENT ON ROBERTS LAKE, GRANT CO., 5/30 (BH).

BLACK-NECKED STILT

1 IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA ON 5/18 WAS THE FIRST SEEN THERE IN SOME 8 YEARS (ES).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE

1 IN SANTA FE 4/6 AND PEAK OF 60 ON 4/28 (PRS); APPEARED IN UNUSUAL NUMBERS AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE WERE 800 WERE ESTIMATED ON ONE UNIT 4/28 (VM); SMALLER NUMBERS WERE SEEN IN THE CARLSBAD AREA (RCB).

HERRING GULL

AT LEAST 3 LARGE GULLS AMONG SEVERAL HUNDRED RING-BILLED GULLS ON CABALLO RESERVOIR, 1/12, WERE PRESUMED TO BE THIS SPECIES (BH).

FRANKLIN'S GULL

2 WERE IN SANTA FE 4/27 (PRS); 1 WAS SEEN AT LAKE MCMILLAN 4/28 (RCB).

FORSTER'S TERN

1 IN SPRING PLUMAGE WAS IN SANTA FE 4/30 (PRS).

BLACK TERN

AT LEAST 4 WERE SEEN HAWKING OVER A STOCK TANK IN HIDALGO COUNTY 5/30, AND A SINGLE WAS REPORTED ON ROBERTS LAKE THE SAME DAY (BH).

MOURNING DOVE

53 ON THE CHRISTMAS COUNT 12/29 IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA WAS AN UNUSUAL NUMBER (ES); YOUNG JUST OUT OF THE NEST WERE SEEN 4/19 AT GILA (BH).

INCA DOVE

THE APPEARANCE OF 2 AT ROSWELL 12/5 WAS APPARENTLY ONLY THE SECOND RECORD IN THE PECOS VALLEY (VM); 1 WAS AT MALAGA, EDDY CO., 5/30 (SW).

ROADRUNNER

VERY SCARCE IN CLAYTON WHERE THEY WERE RELATIVELY COMMON 4 YEARS AGO (AK); 1 IN SANTA FE 2/26 (PRS).

BARN OWL

1 WAS REPORTED FROM ANIMAS, HIDALGO CO., 2/29 (BH); A NEST FOUND 4 MILES EAST OF LOVING THE LAST WEEK IN MAY MAY BE THE FIRST NESTING RECORD FOR THE SPECIES IN THAT REGION (RCB).

LONG-EARED OWL

1 WAS TAKEN 2/10 FROM A WINTERING COLONY OF AT LEAST 9 BIRDS AT FT. BAYARD; 1 WAS FOUND DEAD ON THE ROAD 3/5 IN THE BURRO MTS. 25 MILES SW OF SILVER CITY (BH).

SAW-WHET OWL

1 WAS FOUND DEAD IN LOS ALAMOS 3/18 (JRT).

WHIP-POOR-WILL

AT LEAST 3 WERE HEARD CALLING AT IRON CREEK, NE OF SILVER CITY IN THE BLACK RANGE, 5/23 (BH).

POOR-WILL

FIRST HEARD CALLING AT CEDAR CREST 4/20 (MCK).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK

ARRIVED SOUTH OF SANTA FE (LA BAJADA) 5/16 (LGH).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT

ARRIVED 3/16 IN THE BURRO MTS., GRANT CO. (BH); ARRIVED 3/24 AT BANDELIER NATIONAL MONUMENT (WBL). AN UNUSUALLY LARGE GROUP OF THE BIRDS WAS PRESENT FOR NEARLY TWO WEEKS NEAR ASHLEY POND IN LOS ALAMOS. AT TIMES THE NUMBER WAS ABOUT 600 TO 800 (4/20) OVER AN AREA OF 1 TO 2 CITY BLOCKS. THE FLOCK APPEARED TO BE FEEDING ALTHOUGH IT WAS TOO EARLY FOR MOST INSECTS. THEY DISAPPEARED LATE IN THE AFTERNOON EACH DAY, PRESUMABLY TO RETURN TO THEIR ROOSTING SITES ALONG NEARBY CANYON WALLS (WBL).

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD

ARRIVED AT FARMINGTON 5/4 (AN).

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD

ARRIVED IN CEDAR CREST, SANDIA MTS., 4/14 (MCK), IN SANTA FE 4/22 (PRS), IN FARMINGTON 4/24 (AN), IN LOS ALAMOS 4/25 (JRT).

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD

A MALE AT CEDAR CREST 4/15 AND 4/16 WAS OFF THE USUAL NORTHWARD MIGRATION ROUTE (MCK).

YELLOW-SHAFTED FLICKER

1 WAS SEEN IN A LOS ALAMOS YARD 1/30 (JRT); 3 WERE FOUND NEAR LOVING 3/3 (SW).

ACORN WOODPECKER

1 WAS SEEN AT LOS ALAMOS 5/9 (JRT).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER

1 IMMATURE CAME TO A SUET FEEDER IN LOS ALAMOS ALL WINTER (WBL); FIRST SPRING ARRIVAL IN LOS ALAMOS WAS 3/8 (JRT).

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER

3 WERE OBSERVED 12/23 AT FT. BAYARD (BH); FIRST SPRING ARRIVAL IN LOS ALAMOS WAS 5/3 (JRT).

DOWNY WOODPECKER

1 WAS SEEN AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 12/21 (LO); A MALE SEEN AT FT. BAYARD 2/16 WAS TAKEN 2/21, AND A SINGLE FEMALE WAS OBSERVED IN THE SAME AREA 3/5 AND 5/28 (BH).

ARIZONA WOODPECKER

1 WAS NOTED 5/31 IN GERONIMO PASS, HIDALGO CO. (BH).

WESTERN KINGBIRD

ARRIVED NE ALBUQUERQUE 4/23 (DD); NOTED IN POJOAQUE 5/6 (PRS).

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD

ARRIVED IN CEDAR CREST, SANDIA MTS., 4/21 (MCK); IN SANTA FE 4/22 (PRS); AND IN RIVERSIDE NEAR ESPANOLA 5/2 (JRT).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER

A SINGLE BIRD WAS SEEN 4 MILES EAST OF MOUNTAINAIR, AT ELEVATION 6500', 5/17 (BH).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER

FIRST NOTED IN SAN ILDEFONSO 5/2 (JRT).

EASTERN PHOEBE

1 REPORTED FROM THE CARLSBAD AREA IN JANUARY AND ON BLACK RIVER 2/5 (RCB); 1 SEEN 3/22 AT REDROCK, GRANT CO., ON THE GILA RIVER (BH).

BLACK PHOEBE

2 WERE IN RIVERSIDE ON 4/5 (JRT, WBL), AND 5 WERE THERE 4/30 (MC).

SAY'S PHOEBE

FIRST SEEN IN SAN ILDEFONSO 3/22 (JRT, WBL); IN SANTA FE 3/29 (PRS); IN LOS ALAMOS 4/2 (JRT).

WESTERN WOOD PEWEE

1 WAS REPORTED FROM THE CARLSBAD AREA IN JANUARY (RCB); FIRST SPRING ARRIVAL IN SANTA FE WAS NOTED 5/9 (PRS).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER

ARRIVED IN CEDAR CREST 4/30 (MCK); IN SANTA FE 5/14 (PRS).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER

ARRIVED 3/15 AT REDROCK, GRANT CO. (BH).

BEARDLESS FLYCATCHER

A BIRD OF THIS SPECIES, CALLING PERSISTENTLY AND APPARENTLY BUILDING A NEST, WAS SEEN IN GERONIMO PASS, HIDALGO CO. 5/31 (BH).

HORNED LARK

374 SEEN ON THE LAS VEGAS CHRISTMAS COUNT WAS NOTEWORTHY AS THE SPECIES USUALLY DISAPPEARS FROM THE AREA ABOUT 12/10 (ES); FIRST ARRIVAL NOTED IN LOS ALAMOS 3/18 (WBL); A WAVE APPEARED IN SANTA FE 3/6 (PRS).

VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW

FIRST NOTED IN ESPANOLA 4/5 (JRT, WBL).

TREE SWALLOW

20-25 SEEN OVER THE RIVER AT GILA 3/8; 10-15 WERE AT CABALLO RESERVOIR 3/20 (BH); FIRST ARRIVED AT ESPANOLA 3/15 AND WERE ABUNDANT THIS YEAR (JRT).

BANK SWALLOW

FIRST OF THE YEAR IN ESPANOLA 5/2 (JRT).

ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW

PRESENT 3/8 AT GILA (BH); 1 WAS AT ESPANOLA 4/5 (JRT, WBL).

BARN SWALLOW

SEEN AT CABALLO RESERVOIR 3/20 (BH); FIRST AT ESPANOLA 4/5 (JRT, WBL).

CLIFF SWALLOW

FIRST ONES AT CABALLO RESERVOIR 3/20 (BH) AND AT ESPANOLA 5/2 (JRT).

PURPLE MARTIN

4 TO 6 WERE OVER ROBERTS LAKE 4/18 (BH).

GRAY JAY

NOTED AT BLACK LAKE, COLFAX COUNTY, 12/5 (WSH).

SCRUB JAY

MINOR INVASION IN CLAYTON DURING THE WINTER (AK).

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE

LAST NOTED IN SPRING IN THE ESPANOLA AREA 3/1 (JRT).

PINON JAY

80 AT WATROUS 2/13 WERE "FARTHEST NORTH I'VE SEEN THEM" (ES).

BRIDLED TITMOUSE

A PAIR WAS OBSERVED BUILDING A NEST IN BLACK CANYON, NORTH OF SILVER CITY IN THE BLACK RANGE, 5/10 (MCK).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH

PRESENT IN NUMBERS AT LOS ALAMOS ALL WINTER, ONE COMING ALMOST DAILY TO A SUET FEEDER (WBL); 10 WERE SEEN 1/5 AT HYDE PARK, NEAR SANTA FE. THE SPECIES INVASION WAS EVIDENT IN THE SANDIA MTS. THROUGH DECEMBER AND JANUARY WHERE 63 WERE RECORDED ON THE CHRISTMAS COUNT 12/29; 4 WERE SEEN 3/12 AT CEDAR CREST (MCK). LAST DATE AT FT. BAYARD, WHERE IT WAS COMMON ALL WINTER, WAS 5/14 (BH); LAST DATE NOTED AT LOS ALAMOS WAS 5/17 (WBL).

BROWN CREEPER

A SINGLE WAS SEEN 12/27 AT CHERRY CREEK, NORTH OF PINOS ALTOS, GRANT CO., AND 1 AT FT. BAYARD 1/19 (BH).

HOUSE WREN

A RARE WINTER RECORD WAS ONE AT ESPANOLA 12/29 (JRT).

LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN

AS USUAL, PRESENT IN THE CATTAIL MARSHES NEAR ESPANOLA IN THE WINTER; 2 WERE SEEN 12/29 (JRT).

CATBIRD

1 WAS SEEN AT LOVING THE LAST WEEK IN APRIL (RCB); SINGLE BIRDS WERE BANDED AT CEDAR CREST ON 5/12, 5/25, 5/30 (MCK).

BROWN THRASHER

1 WAS STILL PRESENT IN NE SANTA FE THROUGH FEBRUARY (FIDE MCK); 1 AT HEADQUARTERS AREA OF THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE REMAINED FROM 12/15 THROUGH THE END OF MARCH (LO); 1 WAS SEEN IN A GROVE OF RUSSIAN OLIVES IN FARMINGTON 3/8 (AN); 1 WAS SEEN IN NW ALBUQUERQUE AGAIN IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH (AM).

CRISSAL THRASHER

1 WAS SEEN IN EMBUDO CANYON ON THE WEST SLOPE OF THE SANDIA MTS. THE FIRST WEEK IN APRIL; THE BIRD WAS OBSERVED BY AN ORNITHOLOGY CLASS FROM U.N.M. ON 4/18 AND AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT IT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL; LAST SIGHTING WAS ON 4/22 (MCK, ET AL.).

ROBIN

HUNDREDS APPEARED SUDDENLY ONE AFTERNOON IN TESUQUE 12/7 (WSH); A TOTAL OF 3027 ON THE ESPANOLA CHRISTMAS COUNT 12/29 WAS AN ALL TIME RECORD FOR THAT AREA (JRT, ET AL.); AN UNUSUAL NUMBER WAS PRESENT IN THE NE ALBUQUERQUE AREA ALL THROUGH MARCH, AND AN ALBINO WAS REPORTED FROM THE U.N.M. AREA (JD).

HERMIT THRUSH

1 WAS SEEN 1/4 AT THE HEART BAR RANCH ON THE GILA RIVER (BH); THERE WERE FEWER THAN USUAL SINGING IN THE SANDIA MTS. IN MAY (MCK).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH

1 WAS BANDED AT CEDAR CREST 5/3 (MCK); 2 WERE AT GLENWOOD 5/10 (DAZ); 1 WAS IN SANTA FE 5/12 (PRS).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD

A SINGLE BIRD WAS OBSERVED 1/4 AT THE HEART BAR RANCH IN THE GILA WILDERNESS, 50 MILES NORTH OF SILVER CITY; THE SPECIMEN WAS LATER COLLECTED BY A RANCH HAND AND TURNED OVER TO W.N.M.U. (BH); 1 OF 5 BIRDS SEEN AT FT. BAYARD 2/11 WAS TAKEN AS A SPECIMEN (BH); THE SPECIES WAS REPORTED FROM LOVING IN FEBRUARY, 3 OR 4 AT A TIME (RCB); 4 SPECIMENS WERE COLLECTED FROM A SMALL FLOCK IN CORRALES, NW OF ALBUQUERQUE, FIRST SEEN 2/16 AND STILL PRESENT 2/22 (JSF); 1 WAS PHOTOGRAPHED AT LOS LUNAS, VALENCIA CO., 2/29 (JD, MCK).

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE

1 NOTED IN THE NE ALBUQUERQUE AREA 12/17 (LL); THE SPECIES WAS ABUNDANT DURING THE WINTER IN SANTA FE AND THE ESPANOLA VALLEY (PRS).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER

ARRIVED CEDAR CREST 4/21 (MCK); ARRIVED JACKSON LAKE REFUGE 4/28 (AN).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET

SEEN FREQUENTLY IN LOS ALAMOS THROUGHOUT THE WINTER MONTHS, THOUGH LESS COMMONLY IN MARCH; PREVIOUS RECORDS WERE ONLY OCCASIONAL LATE FALL MIGRANTS (WBL); AT LEAST 2 WERE STILL PRESENT AT CEDAR CREST IN MID-DECEMBER (MCK).

WATER PIPIT

1 WAS IN SANTA FE 3/21 (PRS); 1 WAS AT SAN ILDEFONSO 3/22 (WBL).

BOHEMIAN WAXWING

A FLOCK OF 100-200 ARRIVED IN LOS ALAMOS IN MID-JANUARY. NUMBERS WERE NOT NEARLY AS GREAT AS IN THE 1961-62 INVASION (WBL). A FLOCK OF ABOUT 50 WAS IN THE SE ALBUQUERQUE AREA 2/16 TO 2/21 (JD). 28 WERE AT CEDAR CREST 3/1, AND 3/16 (MCK). THE SPECIES WAS LAST SEEN AT LOS ALAMOS 2/18 (WBL); LARGE FLOCKS WERE SEEN IN SANTA FE 1/31 (HM), AND WERE THERE UNTIL 3/29 (PRS); 20 WERE AT ESPANOLA 3/8, THE LAST DATE SEEN THERE (JRT).

CEDAR WAXWING

3 WERE SEEN IN LOS ALAMOS 12/10 (JRT) AND THE SPECIES WAS PRESENT THERE UNTIL 3/4 (WBL); A FEW WERE SEEN 12/5 IN NE ALBUQUERQUE AND A SMALL FLOCK WAS THERE FROM 2/18 INFREQUENTLY UNTIL 4/11 (JD); A SMALL FLOCK WAS IN SANTA FE 12/11, AND AS MANY AS 100 WERE NOTED DURING FEBRUARY (ND).

PHAINOPEPLA

REPORTED AT TWO LOCATIONS IN EDDY COUNTY: 1 NEAR LOVING 4/9 (OC), AND 1 IN ROCKY ARROYO 5/16 (RC).

BELL'S VIREO

A SINGLE WITH FULL SONG WAS NOTED 5/16 AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (BH).

SOLITARY VIREO

ARRIVED IN CEDAR CREST 4/17 (MCK); FIRST SEEN IN LOS ALAMOS 5/9 (JRT).

WARBLING VIREO

ARRIVED IN CEDAR CREST 4/29 (MCK); IN PECOS CANYON 5/17 (PRS).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER

1 WAS BANDED AT CEDAR CREST 4/17 (MCK); FIRST SEEN IN LOS ALAMOS 5/2 (JRT); 3

WERE IN ROSWELL 5/3 (VM); 20-30 WERE SEEN AT FT. BAYARD 5/8, AND 10 WERE COUNTED AT ONE TIME IN ONE BOX ELDER TREE (BH).

NASHVILLE WARBLER

1 WAS SEEN AT CEDAR CREST 4/30 (JD, MCK).

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER

1 IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA 1/5 WAS UNUSUAL (ES); FIRST SEEN AT CEDAR CREST 4/21 (MCK), AND AT LOS ALAMOS 5/2 (JRT); 3 TO 5 SEEN EACH DAY IN THE ROSWELL AREA 5/3 TO 5/7 ARE UNUSUAL EAST OF THE SIERRA BLANCAS (VM).

PARULA WARBLER

2 WERE SEEN IN ROSWELL 5/4 (VM).

LUCY'S WARBLER

1 WAS SEEN AT GLENWOOD 5/9 (MCK).

YELLOW WARBLER

ARRIVED AT RIVERSIDE 5/2 (JRT); 1 BANDED AT CEDAR CREST 5/12 (MCK).

MYRTLE WARBLER

2 OR 3 WERE OBSERVED ON THE N.M.M.I. CAMPUS, ROSWELL, 1/13 (VM); 2 WERE SEEN AT SIX-MILE DAM, EDDY CO., 2/19 (RCB); 1 WAS SEEN 4/21 IN NE ALBUQUERQUE (JR); 1 WAS IN ROSWELL 4/30 (VM); 1 WAS SEEN AT SAN ILDEFONSO 5/3 IN MALE SPRING PLUMAGE (JRT, ET AL.).

AUDUBON'S WARBLER

FIRST ARRIVALS NOTED AT CEDAR CREST 4/14 (MCK); IN SANTA FE 4/16 (PRS); 25 WERE SEEN 4/30 IN ROSWELL (VM); FIRST SEEN IN LOS ALAMOS 5/3 (WBL).

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER

1 SEEN IN ROSWELL 5/4 WAS THE FIRST SEEN THERE SINCE 1954 (VM); 1 NOTED IN LOS ALAMOS 5/9 (PRS).

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER

1 NEAR BLACK RIVER, EDDY CO., 5/1 (RCB), AND 2 IN ROSWELL 5/3 (VM) ARE UNUSUAL RECORDS IN THE SPRING.

HERMIT WARBLER

1 MALE WAS SEEN 5/3 AT CHERRY CREEK, NORTH OF SILVER CITY (BH).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER

1 ADULT MALE WAS CLEARLY SEEN BY TWO OBSERVERS 5/16 AT CEDAR CREST, BUT OF THREE PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN NONE DEFINED THE BIRD CLEARLY (MCK).

PALM WARBLER

A SINGLE SEEN NEAR CLIFF 4/23 IS PROBABLY THE THIRD RECORD FOR THE STATE (DAZ).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH

1 WAS SEEN 5/14 AT FT. BAYARD AND 1 AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 5/16 (BH); 1 WAS IN SANTA FE 5/12 (PRS); THE BIRD DESERVES MENTION FROM THE SOUTHEAST AREA BECAUSE OF ITS ABSENCE; USUALLY IT IS A FAIRLY REGULAR MIGRANT IN MAY. NONE NOTED IN THE SPRING AT CEDAR CREST WHERE THEY USUALLY ARE SEEN TOWARD THE END OF MAY (MCK).

MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER

1 WAS NOTED AT CEDAR CREST 4/21 (MCK); SEEN IN THE NE ALBUQUERQUE AREA 4/29

(LL); FIRST IN LOS ALAMOS ON 5/9 (JRT).

YELLOWTHROAT

FIRST SEEN IN SANTA FE 4/22 (PRS) AND IN RIVERSIDE ON 5/2 (JRT).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT

A SINGLE WAS SEEN AT GLENWOOD 5/10 (BH); AT LEAST 6 TO 8 WERE CONSPICUOUS AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 5/16 (BH); FIRST SEEN AT RIVERSIDE 5/9 (JRT), AND AT CEDAR CREST 5/12 (MCK).

WILSON'S WARBLER

NUMEROUS AT CARLSBAD AFTER 4/16 (RCB), AND AT ROSWELL AFTER 4/30 (VM); FIRST SEEN AT CEDAR CREST 4/25 (MCK) AND AT RIVERSIDE 5/9 (JRT).

AMERICAN REDSTART

1 FEMALE WAS IN SANTA FE 5/20 (PRS).

BOBOLINK

1 FEMALE WAS SEEN AT THE PARKVIEW FISH HATCHERY, RIO ARRIBA Co., 5/30 (WBL).

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD

AN ADULT MALE WAS SEEN IN LOS ALAMOS ON 2/22 (WBL).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE

1 WAS SEEN 4/11 IN NE ALBUQUERQUE, AND ANOTHER IN EMBUDO CANYON, WEST FACE OF THE SANDIA MTS., 4/24 (JD); 1 AT CEDAR CREST 5/15 WAS THE SECOND SIGHTING OF THE SPECIES AT THAT SPOT (MCK).

BULLOCK'S ORIOLE

AN ADULT MALE AT A FEEDING STATION DAILY SINCE 3/31 IN SILVER CITY WAS EARLY (BH); FIRST SEEN AT SAN ILDEFONSO 5/3 (JRT, ET AL.) AND AT SANTA FE 5/4 (PRS).

BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE

FIRST 1 WAS IN RIVERSIDE 5/2 (JRT).

COMMON GRACKLE

2 SEEN IN LAS VEGAS 5/13 WHERE THE SPECIES WAS FIRST SEEN THE FALL OF 1963 (ES).

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD

ARRIVED IN CEDAR CREST 3/29 (MCK); 17 WERE SEEN IN FARMINGTON 4/17 (PRS), AND FIRST RETURNS IN SANTA FE WERE NOTED 4/22 (PRS); FIRST IN RIVERSIDE 5/2 (JRT).

WESTERN Tanager

UNUSUAL NUMBERS WERE NOTED ON MIGRATION FROM BOTH SOUTHEAST AND SOUTHWEST SECTIONS (SEE SUMMARY). FIRST ARRIVED IN CEDAR CREST 4/25 (MCK), AND IN SANTA FE 4/30 (PRS).

SUMMER Tanager

A MALE WAS TRAPPED BUT ESCAPED BEFORE BANDING AT SILVER CITY 5/6 (DAZ); 1 MALE WAS AT SAN ILDEFONSO 5/2 (JRT).

CARDINAL

THE BIRD IN THE STRONGHURST AREA OF ALBUQUERQUE WAS SEEN 12/22 AND APPEARED AROUND THE FEEDER REGULARLY AFTER THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY (JLS); THE REPORT OF

1 AT LOVING IN APRIL IS CREDIBLE SINCE IT HAS BEEN SEEN IN THE GENERAL AREA AT LEAST ONCE BEFORE (RCB).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK

1 WAS SEEN IN FARMINGTON 5/4 (AN); 1 WAS PRESENT AT A FEEDER IN SANDIA PARK, SANDIA MTS., 5/18 AND 5/20 (FIDE MCK); 1 WAS IN LOS ALAMOS 5/19 (JRB), AND 2 WERE IN SANTA FE 5/21 (PRS).

BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK

ARRIVED IN NE ALBUQUERQUE 4/29 (JR); IN CEDAR CREST 4/29 (MCK); IN LOS ALAMOS 5/4 (WBL); IN SANTA FE 5/6 (PRS).

BLUE GROSBEAK

FIRST 1 NOTED IN SANTA FE 5/18 (PRS).

INDIGO BUNTING

1 WAS IN SANTA FE 5/14 (PRS); A MALE WAS PHOTOGRAPHED AT CEDAR CREST 5/16 (MCK ET AL.); A MALE WAS AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 5/16 (BH); 1 WAS IN LAS VEGAS 5/28 AND 5/29 (ES).

LAZULI BUNTING

RARE IN THE SOUTHEAST, 2 WERE SEEN AT ROSWELL 5/2 (VM) AND 1 AT CARLSBAD 5/15 (RCB); FIRST NOTED AT CEDAR CREST 5/4 (MCK).

EVENING GROSBEAK

LARGE FLOCKS CAME INTO THE FT. BAYARD AND SILVER CITY AREAS DURING SNOWSTORMS 2/20 AND 3/2 (BH); LARGE FLOCKS APPEARED IN ALBUQUERQUE 2/20, REMAINING UNTIL MID-MAY, AN UNUSUALLY LONG TIME FOR THE SPECIES TO STAY IN THAT AREA (JD, ET AL.); AT CEDAR CREST THERE WERE FEWER THAN USUAL (MCK); SEVERAL FLOCKS, 150 BIRDS IN ONE, WERE PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS 3/28 (ES).

CASSIN'S FINCH

REMAINED IN SANTA FE TILL 4/13 (ND) AND IN LOS ALAMOS UNTIL 5/17, AN UNUSUALLY LATE DATE (WBL); SEVERAL WERE SEEN AT CEDAR CREST 5/4 (MCK).

PINE GROSBEAK

SEEN IN LAS VEGAS 5/7 (ES).

ROSY FINCHES

A FLOCK ON SANDIA CREST ON THE CHRISTMAS COUNT 12/29 WAS THE FIRST RECORD ON A COUNT ALTHOUGH THE SPECIES PREVIOUSLY HAS BEEN SEEN THERE; 35 BIRDS WERE COUNTED, OF WHICH 20 WERE BLACK ROSE FINCHES, 10 WERE GRAY-CROWNED, AND 5 UNDETERMINED. THE FLOCK WAS STILL REPORTED 1/26, JUST BEFORE THE CREST WAS SNOW-COVERED -- A LATE DATE FOR THE HEAVY SNOWS (MCK, ET AL.).

PINE SISKIN

MORE THAN USUAL WINTERED IN CLAYTON (AK).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH

1 WAS SEEN 3/20 AT CABALLO RESERVOIR (BH); LAST SEEN IN SANTA FE 5/14 (PRS).

RED CROSSBILL

A FLOCK WAS OBSERVED ON SANDIA CREST 12/17, AND VARIOUSLY UNTIL 1/26 (MCK, ET AL.); FIRST WINTER SIGHTING IN THE FT. BAYARD AREA WAS NOT UNTIL 3/24 WHEN THREE FLOCKS WERE SEEN (BH); PRESENT IN LOS ALAMOS FROM 2/29, THE BIRDS BEGAN APPEARING AT A SUET FEEDER AND BIRD BATH THERE ON 5/2 AND AS MANY AS 15 WERE PERCHING ON THE FEEDER AND AT LEAST AS MANY MORE WAITING ABOVE IN THE TREE; THEY WERE STILL COMING 5/31 (WBL); THIS SPECIES IN LAS VEGAS 5/7 WAS UNUSUAL

(ES), AND 4 AT CEDAR CREST 5/12 WERE THE FIRST EVER SEEN AT THAT LOCATION (MCK).

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE

1 WAS NOTED IN THE STRONGHURST AREA OF ALBUQUERQUE 1/19 (JLS); FIRST SEEN IN LOS ALAMOS 5/9 (JRT), AND AT CEDAR CREST 5/12 (MCK).

RUFOUS-CROWNED SPARROW

AT LEAST 1 IN EMBUDO CANYON, BERNALILLO CO., FIRST NOTED IN EARLY APRIL, WAS SEEN BY NUMBERS OF OBSERVERS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH (JD, MCK, ET AL.).

SAGE SPARROW

A BIRD OF THE DARK CALIFORNIA RACES AMPHISPIZA BELLI BELLI, WAS IDENTIFIED 3/8 AT RIVERSIDE, NEAR ESPANOLA (JRT, WBL, ET AL.).

SLATE-COLORED JUNCO

1 WAS SEEN 2/21 IN A YARD IN LOS ALAMOS (JRT).

OREGON JUNCO

LAST SEEN IN SANTA FE 4/17 (PRS); IN CEDAR CREST 4/17 (MCK); IN LOS ALAMOS 4/18 (JRT).

GRAY-HEADED JUNCO

LAST SEEN AT CEDAR CREST 5/3, BUT A LATE SNOW IN THE SANDIA MTS. BROUGHT A DOZEN OR SO BACK 5/31 (MCK).

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW

FIRST NOTED IN EARLY APRIL IN EMBUDO CANYON, BERNALILLO CO., AND SEEN BY NUMBERS OF OBSERVERS IN APRIL AND MAY; 2 SPECIMENS EVENTUALLY WERE TAKEN FOR U.N.M. (JSF, ET AL.).

HARRIS' SPARROW

1 WAS SEEN IN THE NW ALBUQUERQUE AREA 4/27 (AM).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW

LAST NOTED IN LOS ALAMOS 5/31 (WBL).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW

SINGLES WERE OBSERVED IN THE FT. BAYARD AREA ON 12/26, 12/31, AND 2/20; 1 BIRD WAS COLLECTED ON 2/20 (BH). FROM 12/8 UNTIL 3/13, AN IMMATURE WAS OBSERVED FREQUENTLY AT A FEEDER IN SANTA FE (HM). TWO OR THREE RECORDS FOR THE SPECIES IN APRIL AND MAY ARE NOTED ON THE MIMBRES RIVER BELOW BEAR CANYON RESERVOIR, AND IN THE FT. BAYARD AREA (BH). 1 IS REPORTED FROM CARLSBAD LATE IN APRIL (RCB).

FOX SPARROW

SINGLE BIRDS WERE REPORTED SEEN SEVERAL TIMES IN FEBRUARY IN THE CARLSBAD AREA (RCB).

SWAMP SPARROW

A SINGLE WAS OBSERVED AT FT. BAYARD SEWAGE PONDS 12/12 (BH); 1 WAS SEEN 4/25 IN THE NW VALLEY AREA OF ALBUQUERQUE (JD, ET AL.).

CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR

15 WERE SEEN IN SANTA FE 3/15, AND 20 WERE NOTED 3/28 (PRS); THE SPECIES WINTERED IN LARGER NUMBERS THAN USUAL IN CLAYTON (AK).