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Cover: American Three-toed Woodpecker (*Picoides dorsalis*). This quiet and inconspicuous woodpecker reaches its southernmost distribution in New Mexico, where it inhabits mature spruce-fir forests of the higher mountains south to the Mogollon and Sacramento ranges. Its preference for bark beetles makes it quick to invade forests recently damaged by fire or insect infestation, but overall populations are likely limited by extent of old growth forests with dependable supplies of dead and dying trees through time. It is vulnerable to practices that fragment forests, such as clearcutting, or that remove dead and dying trees, such as salvage logging. Art by Dale A. Zimmerman.

SUMMER SEASON 2009

Summer 2009 saw plentiful rains in some sections, but continued drought in others, resulting in uneven breeding performance by many species, often in closely adjoining areas. The phenomenon of species expanding their ranges northward has been well publicized (here and elsewhere), but several species, typically riparian, have been spreading southward in recent years; this season, both Cedar Waxwing and American Goldfinch continued to make conspicuous inroads into New Mexico. A new species was added to the state list when a Long-billed Murrelet was salvaged from a brine pit near Loving.

Localities and Counties

Abbott, *Colfax*
Alameda, *Bernalillo*
Albuquerque, *Bernalillo*
Animas, Cr., Mts., Valley, *Hidalgo*
Bear Mts., *Socorro*
Belen, *Valencia*
Bill Evans Lake, *Grant*
Bitter Lake NWR, *Chaves*
Black Range, *Grant/Sierra*
Bluewater Cr., Lake, *Cibola*
Bosque del Apache NWR, *Socorro*
Brantley Lake, *Eddy*
Burro Mts., *Grant*
Capitan, *Lincoln*
Carlsbad, *Eddy*
Carlsbad Caverns NP, *Eddy*
Carrizozo, *Lincoln*
Cedar Crest, *Bernalillo*
Chama, *Rio Arriba*
Chloride Canyon, *Sierra*
Clanton Canyon, *Hidalgo*
Cliff, Cliff-Gila Valley, *Grant*
Cloudcroft, *Otero*
Corrales, *Sandoval*
Datil Mts., *Catron*
Deming, *Luna*
Elephant Butte Lake, Dam, *Sierra*
El Malpais NM, *Cibola*
El Rito, *Rio Arriba*
Farley, *Colfax*
Farmington, *San Juan*
Gila, Bird Area, *Grant*
Gila Cliff Dwellings, *Catron*
Grenville, *Union*
Guadalupe Canyon, *Hidalgo*
Guadalupe Mts., *Eddy*
Guadalupita, *Mora*
Hillsboro, *Sierra*
Holloman Lake, *Otero*
Jack's Peak, *Grant*
Jemez Falls, Mts., Spgs., *Sandoval*
Kingston, *Sierra*
Kirtland AFB, *Bernalillo*
Ladder Ranch, *Sierra*
La Joya, WMA, *Socorro*
Lake Avalon, *Eddy*
Lake Roberts, *Grant*
Lake Valley, *Sierra*
Las Animas Cr., *Sierra*
Las Vegas, NWR, *San Miguel*
Los Alamos, *Los Alamos*
Los Pinos Mts., *Socorro*
Loving, *Eddy*
Luis Lopez, *Socorro*
Madrid, *Santa Fe*
Magdalena Mts., *Socorro*
Malaga, *Eddy*
Manzano Mts., *Torrance*
Maxwell, NWR, *Colfax*
Mesa Rest Area, *Chaves*
Morgan Lake, *San Juan*
north *Roosevelt* trap (NRT), *Roosevelt*
Pastura, *Guadalupe*
Percha SP, *Sierra*
Peloncillo Mts., *Hidalgo*
Piñon, *Otero*
Pinos Altos Mts., *Grant*
Post Office Canyon, *Hidalgo*
Quemado Lake, *Catron*
Radium Springs, *Doña Ana*
Rattlesnake Springs, *Eddy*
Reserve, *Catron*
Rio Grande Nature Center, *Bernalillo*
Rodeo, *Hidalgo*
Roswell, *Chaves*
Sacramento Mts., *Lincoln/Otero*

San Andres Mts., <i>Doña Ana/Sierra</i>	Silver City, <i>Grant</i>
Sandia Mts., <i>Sandoval/Bernalillo</i>	Snow Lake, <i>Catron</i>
San Juan Pueblo, <i>Rio Arriba</i>	Socorro, <i>Socorro</i>
San Mateo Mts., <i>Socorro</i>	Stubblefield Lake, <i>Colfax</i>
San Simon Cienega, <i>Hidalgo</i>	Sumner Lake, Dam, <i>De Baca</i>
Santa Fe, Canyon, Ski Area, <i>Santa Fe</i>	Taos, Ski Area, <i>Taos</i>
Santa Rosa, Lake, <i>Guadalupe</i>	Tyrone, <i>Grant</i>
Santo Domingo, Pueblo, <i>Sandoval</i>	Watrous, <i>Mora</i>
Six Mile Dam, <i>Eddy</i>	Whites City, <i>Eddy</i>
	Zuni Mts., <i>McKinley/Cibola</i>

Standard Abbreviations

AFB	Air Force Base	SP	State Park
Bosque NWR	Bosque del Apache NWR	UNM	Univ. of New Mexico
BLNWR	Bitter Lake NWR	USFWS	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
BBS	Breeding Bird Survey	WMA	Wildlife Management Area
CBC	Christmas Bird Count	WSMR	White Sands Missile Range
CCNP	Carlsbad Caverns NP	♂	male (represents sword & shield of Mars)
CG	Camp Ground	♀	female (represents mirror of Venus)
Cr.	Creek	ad(s).	adult(s)
EBL	Elephant Butte Lake	subad(s).	subadult(s)
GBA	Gila Bird Area	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)	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		
R.	River		
RGNC	Rio Grande Nature Center		
RGV	Rio Grande Valley		

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SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Wood Duck—Single ♂♂ wandered west to Crownpoint, *McKinley* 4-5 Jun (WFWi, DJK) and Tyrone 30 Jul (ERL).

Gadwall—Noteworthy for *Lincoln*, a ♀ was tending 4 young at Capitan 25 Jul (CMR).

American Wigeon—One summered at Deming 12 Jun-31 Jul (LKM).

Green-winged Teal—A ♀ was tending 2 young at La Joya WMA 19 Jul (DLH).

Canvasback—A ♂ and 2 ♀♀ were at Lake Valley 3 Jun-9 Jul (DJC**); another ♂ summered at Holloman L. 1 Jun-31 Jul (MTS, JEZ).

Redhead—A pair with 3 young was at Mexican L. southwest of Malaga 20 Jul (SW).

Ruddy Duck—Two pairs had young at the Belen Taco Bell marsh 13 Jun (WHH).

Dusky Grouse—Perhaps a first for the Sandia Mts., a ♀ with 8 young was seen along the Cienega Springs Trail 19 Jul (R. Murphy*).

Montezuma Quail—Again found north to the vicinity of Horse Springs, *Catron* where there were singles at two sites 7 Jun (DLH). Two vocal on the Piñon BBS 14 Jun (WHH) were the first ever recorded on that s. Sacramento Mts. route.

Brown Pelican—An imm. at Morgan L. in May continued there through the summer (v.o., MJB**, TR**). Another imm. discovered at Santa Rosa L. 7 Jun (RAMu*, T. Thompson*) likewise continued through the summer.

Neotropic Cormorant—The imm. found north to Morgan L. in May was still present 13 Jun (TR**).

Double-crested Cormorant—The colony at Santa Rosa L. contained 46 active nests 10 Jun (RAMu), the most yet counted there.

Great Blue Heron—Isolated colonies included six active nests at Morgan L. in Jun (TR), at least 10 nests with young at Quemado L. 4 Jun (HAW**), and one nest with young at Snow L. 23 Jun (CLH).

Snowy Egret—Conspicuous in the Albuquerque area and may be nesting locally; noteworthy were 25 near Alameda 26 Jun (DJK) and 15 in the South Valley 4 Jul (JPJ).

Tricolored Heron—A strong season produced single imms. at Sumner L. 3 Jun (WHH*) and Holloman L. 30 Jul (M. Turner**), 2 imms. at Brantley L. 28 Jun (WFWi), and 2 imms. at BLNWR 31 Jul (JEP*, WFWi, MTS, JEZ).

Reddish Egret—A subad. was at BLNWR 30 Jun-1 Jul (JIS**). Since the first in 1991, New Mexico has accumulated nearly 40 Reddish Egret records.

Green Heron—For the 2nd consecutive summer, at least one was at Tyrone 28 Jun (ERL); another was at Rattlesnake Springs 6 Jun, where unexpected in summer (SW).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron—Two reached the lower Pecos Valley, an ad. at L. Avalon 12 Jul (SW**) and an imm. at Six Mile Dam 28 Jul (WFWi*).

Osprey—One was south to Snow L. 23 Jun (CLH).

White-tailed Kite—Two ads. with an imm. near Sunshine south of Deming 10 Jul (D. Williams *fide* LKM) suggested successful nesting there. One was in the San Simon Valley at Rodeo 27 Jul (REW).

Mississippi Kite—An imm. on 19 Jul and an ad. on 26 Jul at Socorro's Riverine Park (DLH) was suggestive of a new nesting locale.

Bald Eagle—Four nests, two each in *Rio Arriba* and *Colfax*, were all successful, fledging a total 6 young in Jun (DWS).

Northern Harrier—A pair at Morgan L. fledged one young by 27 Jul (TR**). A pair at BLNWR through Jun may have nested, but no young were seen (JIS). Noteworthy was an imm. in *Sierra* 10 km north of Nutt 23 Jun (DJC**).

Northern Goshawk—Singles were noted in Santo Domingo Pueblo uplands 1 Jun (LAS), the Datil Mts. 25 Jul (MJH), the San Mateo Mts. 25 Jun (SOW), and near Capitan 20 Jun (NDP).

Common Black-Hawk—Singles were noted in Albuquerque's South Valley 4 Jul (JPJ*) and on the Rio Bonito at Salado Creek, *Lincoln* 25 Jul (CMR*). One in upper Whitewater Creek, *Catron* 1 Jul (SOW) responded vocally to a loud thunderclap.

Harris's Hawk—Noteworthy were singles near Rodeo 26 Jun (REW), Holloman L. 31 Jul (MTS, JEZ), and Cacklebur L. north of Roswell 4 Jun (WHH).

Gray Hawk—Continued much in evidence in Guadalupe Canyon Jun-Jul (m.ob.), where there were two pairs 28 Jun (CJW*), and in the lower Pecos Valley in the Black R. area, where a pair was in residence Jun-Jul (m.ob.). Noteworthy for the RGV was a vocal ad. along Las Animas Creek, Ladder Ranch 30 Jul (WFW*). One was in lower Clanton Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. 16 Jun (JPB), the 2nd consecutive summer for the species there.

Swainson's Hawk—A pair nesting in an Arizona cypress at a Deming cemetery fledged 2 young 27 Jul (LKM).

Zone-tailed Hawk—A pair fledged two young along Las Animas Creek, Ladder Ranch during the season (B. Mader).

Aplomado Falcon—Four captive-bred birds were released in the Deming area 12 Jun (USFWS), near where natives nested in recent years. Some 120 have been released in New Mexico over the past three years, and 100 more were slated for release in New Mexico and West Texas in 2009, forever obscuring re-colonization by wild birds.

Virginia Rail—One was in upper Bluewater Creek wetlands, Zuni Mts. 7 Jul (HRS**).

Sora—Four were vocal in the Capitan wetlands 25 Jul (CMR).

Common Moorhen—A pair was tending 3 chicks at Bosque NWR 20 Jun-19 Jul (NDP**, m.ob.); an imm. was north to RGNC 30-31 Jul (D. Paez).

American Coot—Providing a local first was one in upper Bluewater Creek wetlands, Zuni Mts. 18 Jun (HRS). Breeding records from obscure locales included an ad. with chicks at Bill Evans L. 2 Jul (RSS), an ad. on a nest at Lake Valley 9 Jul (DJC), and ads. plus a chick south of Weed, *Otero* 14 Jun (WHH).

Snowy Plover—Away from breeding strongholds were 2 north to Maxwell NWR 13-14 Jun (JEP, MJB, NDP, CJW) and one at EBL 3-14 Jul (DJC). Up to 3 pairs were unsuccessfully contending with intense recreation at Brantley L. 13 Jun (WAS) & 1 Jul (HAW). High counts at BLNWR were 129 on 3 Jun & 157 on 29 Jul (JIS).

Semipalmated Plover—Early was one at Holloman L. 17 Jul (MJB).

Killdeer—Ever adaptable, 2 pairs were at the Mesa Rest Area 22 Jun (HAW).

Mountain Plover—An ad. with 2 chicks was on the south edge of Abbott 13 Jun (NDP**); another was in the Farley prairie dog town 14 Jun (NDP). Only one was noted on the Grenville BBS in Jun (CMR), the fewest there in several years.

Black-necked Stilt—Noteworthy for *Valencia* were 22 ads. plus at least 3 chicks at the pond at Belen's Taco Bell 13 Jun (WHH), where there were also 6 ad. **American Avocets** with at least 6 chicks the same day (WHH).

Spotted Sandpiper—Late was an ad. at Brantley L. 10 Jun (RHD).

Willet—Apparently early were 2 at Bosque NWR 24 Jun (CJW) and one at Santa Rosa L. 27 Jun (CMR*).

Upland Sandpiper—First of fall were 2 at BLNWR and 10 at Six Mile Dam 31 Jul (JEP).

Long-billed Curlew—Unexpected south to *Luna* in summer, one was 16 km east of Columbus 6 Jun (MTS, JEZ, JNP) and two were together in grasslands near Hermanas 14 Jun (G. Bieber).

Marbled Godwit—Appearance in New Mexico in mid- to late Jun may indicate breeding failure farther north; this season produced singles at Deming 12 Jun (LKM) and Stubblefield L. 13 Jun (NDP), 2 at EBL 20 Jun (JEP, WFWi), 3 at Morgan L. 25 Jun (TR), and 36 at Bosque NWR 28 Jun (CJW, NDP).

Sanderling—An ad. in breeding plumage was at Morgan L. 25 Jun (TR*); a fall migrant was at Brantley L. 31 Jul (JEP*, WFWi).

White-rumped Sandpiper—Northbound migrants continued well into Jun, including 45 at BLNWR 4 Jun (WHH), 4 at Holloman L. 8 Jun (MJB**), up to 11 at LVNWR 7-8 Jun (CMR*, WFWi), and up to 12 at Maxwell NWR 13-14 Jun (m.ob.).

Pectoral Sandpiper—One reached Deming 24 Jul (LKM*).

Stilt Sandpiper—Earliest southbound migrants were 21 at BLNWR 15 Jul (JIS) and 2 at Holloman L. 16 Jul (MJB).

Wilson's Snipe—Two were winnowing in the Apache Creek area, n. *Rio Arriba* 12 Jun (JPB), the 2nd consecutive summer for the species there.

Red-necked Phalarope—Unusual for the season were 4 at BLNWR 3 Jun & 7 there 17 Jun (JIS).

Red Phalarope—Noteworthy was one in breeding plumage at BLNWR 4 Jun (WHH**); there are three previous Jun records for New Mexico, all likewise photo-documented.

Franklin's Gull—Noteworthy for summer were 3 at Brantley L. 10 Jun (RHD*), where 2 were noted 27 Jun (CMR*) & 1 Jul (HAW).

California Gull—Summering but non-breeding ones were 13 at Morgan L. 6 Jun (DLH) and 25 there 30 Jun (TR), and 6 at EBL 6 Jun (JEP) with up to 3 there from 20 Jun into mid-Jul (JEP, JRO, DJC) and 13 there 17 Jul (DJC**).

Least Tern—An ad. was northwest to Morgan L. 13 Jun (TR**) and 2 were there 22 Jun (TR).

Caspian Tern—One lingered at Morgan L. 6-25 Jun (DLH*, TR**, MJB**) and 2 were at EBL's North Monticello point 14 Jul (DJC**).

Black Tern—Late was a high 56 at BLNWR 3 Jun (WHH). Reports later in Jun were 10 at Maxwell NWR 13 Jun (JEP, NDP), one at BLNWR 17 Jun (WFWe), and 3 at Santa Rosa L. 27 Jun (CMR*).

Common Tern—An ad. was at Morgan L. 1 Jul (TR**).

Arctic Tern—An ad. in breeding plumage at Maxwell NWR 13 Jun (MJB**, NDP**, JEP*, WFWe) provided the state's 13 overall record and the first for Jun.

Forster's Tern—One lingered at Morgan L. 13 Jun (TR) & 19 Jun (MJB). Two at EBL 30 Jun (DJC) were likely early fall migrants.

Long-billed Murrelet—New Mexico joined the growing list of inland states to record this East Asian species when one was salvaged from a salt lake in the Laguna Grande area east of Loving 12 Jul (S. Uhrig**, specimen to MSB). The date is consistent with other interior records in western North America. For a discussion of these and other North American records, plus a photo of the New Mexico bird, see *North American Birds* 63(4):559-560, 2010.

Eurasian Collared-Dove—One was among oil rigs in *Rio Arriba* north of Counselor 6 Jun (DJK). In the Sacramento Mts., one was near Sunspot, *Otero* 26 Jun (MTS, JEZ) and 3 were west of Mayhill, *Otero* 30 Jun (MTS, JEZ).

White-winged Dove—One on the Pastura BBS 3 Jun (WHH) was a first for that route.

Inca Dove—A vocal one was north of Gila 17 Jun (RSS).

Common Ground-Dove—A good season found singles at San Simon Cienega 15 Jul (REW), a ranch northeast of Rodeo 3 Jul (WFWi) & 19 Jul (REW), and the middle Animas Valley 21 Jun (CJW) & 26 Jun (JRO). At least one was present at Rattlesnake Springs 20 Jul (SW**) & 31 Jul (MTS, JEZ) where 3 were seen 25 Jul (SW).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo—Noteworthy north to *Rio Arriba* was one in El Rito Canyon 23 Jun (JRO) and 2 at two sites on the Rio Embudo at Dixon 5 Jun (R. Templeton). Two were at Lake Valley 2 Jul (DJC), where one was carrying food 9 Jul (DJC**) and at least one was seen 29 Jul (DJC). Four were vocal and believed to be territorial below Sumner Dam 3 Jun (WHH). One was vocal in dry walnut riparian habitat in Twin Butte Canyon, southwest of Roswell, 6 Jun (SOW). At Rattlesnake Springs, where regular, there were 5 territories and a possible nest 2 Jul (HAW).

Greater Roadrunner—Maintaining a Farmington presence was one there 1 Jul (*vide* TR).

Northern Pygmy-Owl—One was giving double-note calls in the Burro Mts. 14 Jun (DJG).

Elf Owl—Now well-established on the east slope of the Black Range where, in addition to one on Las Animas Creek 13 Jun (DJC), singles were vocal in Chloride Canyon 15-16 Jul (DJC, audio), east of Kingston along Percha Creek 8 Jul (DJC), and north of Kingston in the Mud Springs area 1 & 8 Jul (DJC, audio); south of Hillsboro along Tierra Blanca Creek one to 2 were at three sites 9 & 29 Jul (DJC).

Spotted Owl—One in Indian Creek Canyon, Animas Mts., 27 Jun (NDP, JEP et al., JRO**, CJW**) was the first detected there since the 2006 fire. Two pairs produced fledglings in one Black Range canyon by Jun (DJC**).

Short-eared Owl—One was seen and described on the Floyd BBS in grasslands in s. *Curry*, south of Melrose, 4 Jun (L. F. Neely*).

Whip-poor-will—Maintaining a Sangre de Cristo Mts. presence was a vocal one at Black Canyon campground near Hyde Park, *Santa Fe* 11 Jun (JPB).

Black Swift—Noteworthy for *San Juan* were 10 migrants over Farmington's Animas Park 9 Jun (TR**). At Jemez Falls, one active nest was noted 8 Jul (JEP) and 2 active nests were seen 12 Jul (WFWi).

Chimney Swift—Two were west to Las Vegas 14 Jun (CJW).

Broad-billed Hummingbird—Noteworthy for the Sacramento Mts. was a ♀ at Mescalero, *Otero* 25 Jul (L. W. Stephenson**). An ad. ♂ in the Jack's Peak area 21-22 Jun (DJG**) provided a Burro Mts. first. In the Peloncillo Mts., an ad. ♂ was in Post Office Canyon 12 Jul (CDL), and single ♂♂ and ♀♀ were seen in upper Cottonwood Canyon on various dates 26 Jun-19 Jul (NDP, CJW, JEP, JRO, JPB). In Guadalupe Canyon, 18 plus a nest with 2 young were found 9 Jul (HAW).

Violet-crowned Hummingbird—Up to 6 were in Guadalupe Canyon 28 Jun (CJW, NDP), and birds were found at six sites 9 Jul (HAW).

Magnificent Hummingbird—One was north to Rociada, *San Miguel* 13-14 Jun (S. Walker*). Noteworthy for the Burro Mts. were a ♀ in the Jack's Peak area 10-11 Jul (DJG) and a ♂ there 17 Jul (J. Wick*).

Lucifer Hummingbird—In the Peloncillo Mts. away from their Post Office Canyon stronghold, single ♂♂ and ♀♀ were seen in upper Cottonwood Canyon on various dates 20 Jun-19 Jul (CJW**, JRO**, m.ob.).

Anna's Hummingbird—A female in Post Office Canyon 30 Jun (CDL) was the first fall migrant to arrive there. An imm. ♂ was in upper Cottonwood Canyon by 26-28 Jun (NDP, CJW, MJB).

Costa's Hummingbird—Up to 3 were in upper Cottonwood Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. 28 Jun-4 Jul (CJW*, NDP, MJB, JRO**, JEP*).

Calliope Hummingbird—Earliest fall migrants were single ♂♂ that arrived 7 Jul at Luis Lopez (JRO) and L. Roberts (JED-M *fide* RSS).

Rufous Hummingbird—Earliest to return were single ad. ♂♂ at Santa Fe 17 Jun (JPB) and in the Datil Mts. 23 Jun (MJH).

Red-headed Woodpecker—One was west of Rosebud along Ute Creek, *Harding* 7 Jun (CLH), where also present in 2008. Noteworthy south to *Eddy* was one at Malaga 20 Jul (SW**).

Acorn Woodpecker—One in the Sacramento Mts. 16 km southeast of Cloudcroft 15 Jun (WHH) provided a first for the Cloudcroft BBS.

Gila Woodpecker—Eight territories were occupied in Guadalupe Canyon 9 Jul (HAW). Noteworthy was one at the GBA 1 Jun (RSS).

American Three-toed Woodpecker—Reports during the season came from the Sangre de Cristo Mts. (JEP, WFWi*), Jemez Mts. (CMR*), Sandia Mts. (CJW), and Mogollon Mts., *Catron* (O. Harbour).

Greater Pewee—Continuing from May, one to 2 were on the east slope of the Black Range at Poverty Creek 10 Jun-11 Jul (DJC**). Others were one apparently carrying nest material in the Pinos Altos Mts. 5 Jun (JEP, WFWi) and at least 2 in the Animas Mts. 27 Jun (JEP, JRO, MJB, NDP).

Alder Flycatcher—What was probably this species was at NRT 3 Jun (WHH**), but photos were not conclusive. The species remains unverified in the state.

Willow Flycatcher—A minimum of 5 pairs, including a nest with nestlings, at Fred Baca Park in Taos 12 Jul (HAW**) provided a new breeding locale for the species. One was detected along the Mora R. near Watrous 3 Jul (MDM*), in an area where cows had been excluded. Five were singing along Coyote Creek near Guadalupita 21 Jun (DLH).

Gray Flycatcher—The species was much in evidence, including in areas where seldom or never reported. One in the Bear Mts. north of Magdalena 2 Jun (HRS*) was in a new area. Numbers in the Burro Mts. in Jun were described as the most seen there in four years of surveys (DJG), and ad ad. was on a nest there 15 Jul (HAW). A record 11 were on the Piñon BBS 14 Jun (WHH).

Dusky Flycatcher—Suspected of breeding were 2 singing from Gambel's oaks just west of Johnson Mesa, *Colfax* 11 Jun (CMR) and a vocal one along the Rim Trail, Sacramento Mts. 1.5 mi southwest of Cloudfcroft 16 Jun (WHH).

Buff-breasted Flycatcher—Three pairs were in the vicinity of Aspen Spring in the Animas Mts. 27 Jun (JEP et al.), including 2 pairs tending nests (JRO**, CJW**).

Black Phoebe—One to 2 were north to Farmington's Animas Park 21-28 Jul (TR), one was near Watrous 3 Jul (MDM), and 7 were in the Trigg Road area, e. *San Miguel* 25 Jun (MDM).

Vermilion Flycatcher—A pair was north to Lower Frisco near Reserve 18 Jun (JRO).

Brown-crested Flycatcher—A silent *Myiarchus* likely this species was described at Broad Canyon Ranch north of Radium Springs 23 Jul (MTS*).

Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher—One was well described at the west end of L. Roberts 28 Jun (JED-M*). Another was in the Arizona portion of Guadalupe Canyon 19 Jul (JPB).

Thick-billed Kingbird—At least 3 were in Guadalupe Canyon Jun-Jul (m.ob.), including a nesting pair 8-10 Jul (HAW**) & 18 Jul (MOH**).

Western Kingbird—Noteworthy for the San Juan Mts. was one northwest of El Rito 23 Jun (JRO).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher—Pushing their breeding frontiers were a pair near Bueyeros, *Harding* 8 Jun (KAG) and an active nest at the Mesa Rest Area, n. *Chaves* 11 Jun-Jul (RHD**, m.ob.). Farther north and west were singles at LVNWR 31 Jul (A. Core**) and Albuquerque 12 Jul (J. Williams).

Bell's Vireo—Noteworthy for w. *Sierra* were 2 singing south of Hillsboro along Tierra Blanca Creek 25 Jun (DJC) and 2 more singing at Lake Valley 2 Jul (DJC). Surveys in known areas included 9 territories plus an active nest in Guadalupe Canyon 8-10 Jul (HAW) and 4 territories at Rattlesnake Springs 2 Jul (HAW). In *Chaves*, one was singing in Twin Butte Canyon southwest of Roswell 6 Jun (SOW).

Black-capped Vireo—The singing ♂ first found in May in Slaughter Canyon, CCNP continued into Jun (HAW, CMB, JMB, WFW) and was last seen 22 Jun (SW).

Gray Vireo—Surveys in the San Andres Mts. produced astounding results—194 discrete territories along 475 km of linear transects Jun-Jul (D. Burkett et al.). In the north, another large population was discovered on Santo Domingo Pueblo uplands, where preliminary results indicated some 100 territories (LAS). In the northeast, where the status of the species is vague at best, a ♂ was singing near Sabinoso, *San Miguel* 17 Jun

(CMR) and a pair was at the top of the escarpment south of Solano, *Harding* 17 Jun (CMR). Other noteworthy reports were a pair in Cibola Canyon, El Malpais NM 19 Jun (NEH), singles south of Laguna, *Cibola* 14 Jun (DJK), in Las Cabras Canyon, Bear Mts. 2 Jun (HRS), and in Gold Gulch, Burro Mts. 25 Jul (DJG), 3 pairs in Bootleg Canyon, Los Pinos Mts. 2 Jul (KAG), and 3 territories in Guadalupe Canyon 9 Jul (HAW).

Yellow-throated Vireo—A singing ♂ was along the West Fork of the Gila R. near the Gila Cliff Dwellings 10 Jun (MA). Two, believed by some to be a pair, were at Washington Ranch near Rattlesnake Springs 13 Jun (WAS), 16 Jun (MTS*, JEZ**), & 19 Jun (JG).

Warbling Vireo—Late was one singing at Sumner Dam 3 Jun (WHH).

Red-eyed Vireo—One at NRT 3 Jun (WHH*) provided the lone report.

American Crow—Unusual was one at the Santa Fe Ski Area 19 Jul (CMR). Others summering in obscure locales were singles near Techado, *Cibola* 5 Jun (DJK), and east of Mountainair, *Torrance* 17 Jul (SW), plus 2 at Poverty Creek, w. *Sierra* 18 Jun (DJC). Eight on the Piñon BBS 14 Jun (WHH) was twice the previous high on that route.

Chihuahuan Raven—An abundance of grasshoppers in the North Plains area, *Cibola* 5 Jun attracted 29 Chihuahuans and 114 **Common Ravens** (DJK).

Horned Lark—An ad. was feeding 2 fledglings at Holloman L. 26 Jun (MTS, JEZ).

Purple Martin—In *Cibola*, one on the Fence Lake BBS 5 Jun (DJK) provided a first for that route, and 2 were in a tree cavity at El Malpais NM 19 Jul (NEH).

Bank Swallow—Partial surveys found birds at 12 colonies in *Sandoval* 9 Jun (HAW), 11 of the colonies were at Rio Rancho. One foraging at Belen 13 Jun (WHH) may have indicated local breeding.

Cave Swallow—A nesting population met stiff resistance at Whites City this season, where some 20 nests containing eggs or young were destroyed by hotel staff (SW).

Black-capped Chickadee—A pair was tending 2 fledglings at Farmington's Animas Park 28 Jul (TR).

Black-capped Chickadee X Mountain Chickadee—One of these hybrids was in the Corrales bosque 7 Jun (DJK*).

Mexican Chickadee—There was good news for the state's only known population, with 6 or more in the Animas Mts. 27 Jun (JEP et al., CJW**).

Bushtit—One at Tyrone 28 Jun (ERL) was the observer's first at that closely studied site.

Red-breasted Nuthatch—A pair tending 2 fledglings in upper Deadman Canyon 26 Jun (DJG*) provided a breeding first for the Burro Mts; the family was in Gambel's oak/ponderosa pine habitat between Burro and Ferguson peaks.

Brown Creeper—One was on Cistern Saddle, Animas Mts. 27 Jun (JEP).

Cactus Wren—One was north to the base of Corozon Hill, *San Miguel* 8 Jun (WFWi). A pair at the south end of Kirtland AFB, 19 Jun (CJW**) provided yet another *Bernalillo* locale.

Carolina Wren—One at Bosque NWR, first detected 13 May, was singing 27 Jun & 6 Jul (C. K. Lee*).

Marsh Wren—Two, one of which was singing, were at Isleta, *Bernalillo* 26 Jul (JPJ).

American Dipper—A nest was under a bridge over the R. Vallecitos near La Madera, *Rio Arriba* 12 Jun (J. Stuart**). An ad. was tending a juv. on the Pecos R. near Terrero, *San Miguel* 7 Jun (NEH**).

Black-tailed Gnatcatcher—A pair was on Antelope Ridge southwest of Eunice, *Lea* 11 Jun (MLW**). Singles were in and near Slaughter Canyon, CCNP 17 Jun (WFWe) and 22 Jun (SW). Seven territories were documented in the EBL area 3 Jul (DJC*).

Black-capped Gnatcatcher—Maintaining a Guadalupe Canyon presence, singles were seen and/or heard at two sites 18 Jul (MOH).

Townsend's Solitaire—Noteworthy summering birds were one singing in Fourth of July Canyon, Manzano Mts. 11 Jun (HRS), singles in the Magdalena Mts. on the north slope of Mt. Withington 23 & 25 Jun (SOW) and Hughes Mill CG 25 Jun (SOW), and, in the Black Range, one at 9000 ft on Lookout Mt., *Sierra* 11 Jul (DJC) and 2 in Chloride Canyon 15 Jul (DJC).

Swainson's Thrush—Lingering in the east were one banded at BLNWR 2 Jun (JIS**) and 3 at NRT 3 Jun (WHH**). Three were detected along the Rio Pueblo on the Ojo Sarco BBS near Tres Ritos, *Taos* 13 Jun (JEP).

Hermit Thrush—An ad. was on a nest in a Gamble's oak in the Jack's Peak area, Burro Mts. 16 Jul (HAW**).

Sage Thrasher—An ad. was incubating 4 eggs near Star Lake, *McKinley* 6 Jun (HAW). Early was one at Santo Domingo 7 Jul (LAS).

Brown Thrasher—Noteworthy for the RGV in summer, one was below EBL Dam 15 Jun (DJC**).

Bendire's Thrasher—Far east was a likely ad. seen on Garita Creek, e. *San Miguel* 7 Jun (CMR*), where presence had been suspected in previous years.

Crissal Thrasher—Noted at three upland areas on Santo Domingo Pueblo, with one near Santo Domingo Canyon 18 Jun, 2 near Borrego Canyon 12 Jun, and several in the Arroyo Largo area 29 Jun (LAS).

Cedar Waxwing—As in recent years, summering waxwings were much in evidence in the north, and several breeding records were obtained, including 2 nestlings rescued when their nest tree was cut down near Abiquiu, *Rio Arriba* 29 Jun (K. Eagleson**). Waxwings were found breeding at four *San Juan* sites: a pair at Simon Point below Navajo Dam was

feeding one or more nestlings 14-17 Jun (TR**); a pair was feeding 2 recent fledglings at Farmington's Animas Park 14 Jul (TR); a pair was feeding fledglings in the Farmington Glade area 7 Jul (A. Nelson *fide* TR); and an ad. was carrying nest material at Shiprock 23 Jun (S. Wagner *fide* TR). Other summering waxwings suggestive of local breeding included 2 or more at Chama 14 Jun (CJW), 2 each near El Rito 23 Jun (JRO) and at Chamisal, *Taos* 13 Jun (JEP), about a dozen as ones and twos seen on each of three Rio Grande float trips through San Juan Pueblo 8-22 Jun (DWS), up to 4 at the old San Juan Pueblo bridge 5-8 Jul (CMR, S. Wilson*), and one north of Jemez Springs 12 Jul (WHH). Since the state's first active nest was discovered at San Juan Pueblo in 1995, the species has now been confirmed breeding in five counties: *San Juan*, *Rio Arriba*, *Sandoval*, *Bernalillo*, and *San Miguel*.

Phainopepla—Singles were north to *Santa Fe* at Jacona 20 Jun (JPB) and Madrid 12 Jul (LAS) and to Placitas, *Sandoval* 18 Jul (P. Spaltro**).

Olive Warbler—Reported north to the Hughes Mill CG area, San Mateo Mts. 25 Jun (SOW) and a ♂ and ♀ at 10,000 ft in the Magdalena Mts. 18 Jul (S. Mendoza, M. Bradford**). Adults were with recent fledglings in the Burro Mts. 15 Jul (HAW) & 24-27 Jul (DJG).

Orange-crowned Warbler—One at 7800 ft in the Sandia Mts. at the end of the Bill Spring Trail 30 Jun (HRS) was at the species' lower elevation breeding limit.

Lucy's Warbler—Far north of expected was one seen and heard in the Corrales bosque 12 Jul (DJK).

Yellow Warbler—At Percha SP 10 Jul, one ad. was tending a warbler fledgling and another ad. was tending a cowbird fledgling (DJC).

Chestnut-sided Warbler—A ♀ was in dense alder at Fred Baca Park in Taos 12 Jul (HAW**). There are New Mexico summer records in six of the past ten years.

“Audubon's” Warbler—Two singing in the Burro Mts. 20 Jun, an apparent recent fledgling seen there 24-27 Jun (DJG), and a hatch-year bird netted there 25 Jul (DJG et al.) suggested local breeding.

Townsend's Warbler—First of fall was an ad. ♀ on Jack's Peak, Burro Mts. 30 Jul (DJG).

Grace's Warbler—A record 20 were counted on the Bluewater Lake BBS 19 Jun (HRS), where the species has shown an increasing trend since 1999.

Black-and-white Warbler—An impressive six were detected at six locales in Jun: a singing ♂ at Bandelier NM's Juniper CG, *Los Alamos* 2 Jun (BRZ**), a singing ♂ in Albuquerque's Netherwood area 16 Jun (CMR*), a ♂ on Kirtland AFB in Madera Canyon, Manzanita Mts., *Bernalillo* 19 Jun (CJW**, MJB*), a singing ♂ on Bug Peak, Oscura Mts., *Socorro* 30 Jun (CJW*, MJB*), one below EBL Dam 2 Jun (DJC), and one at Rattlesnake Springs 19 Jun (JG).

American Redstart—A 2nd-year ♂ was singing in the Corrales bosque 12 Jul (DJK).

Kentucky Warbler—Following a strong spring showing, a ♀ at Edgewood 6 Jun (ABJ***) provided the first confirmed *Santa Fe* record.

MacGillivray's Warbler—A ♀ was late at Carlsbad 21 Jun (SW).

Common Yellowthroat—Some 67 were detected at Bosque NWR 19 Jul, of which over 50 were singing ♂♂ (DLH). Noteworthy for *Lincoln* was one heard at Capitan 25 Jul (CMR). A pair was at Rattlesnake Springs 3 Jun (HAW) and the species was present there on various dates 22 Jun-20 Jul (HAW, SW), but breeding was not noted. A nest with eggs was on WSMR at Davies Tank, *Doña Ana* 22 Jul (HAW).

Hooded Warbler—Single ♂♂ were one continuing from May at the Santa Fe Canyon Preserve 1 Jun (WFWi), a singing one at Monastery L., *San Miguel* 7 Jun (CMB, NEH**), and one in Chloride Canyon 10-11 Jun (DJC**).

Wilson's Warbler—At least 2 were at the Taos Ski Area 31 Jul (JRO), where the species probably summers regularly.

Red-faced Warbler—One was north to the Datil Mts. 14-19 Jun (MJH), but no evidence of breeding was noted.

Painted Redstart—Far north of expected, one visited the Santa Fe Opera 13 Jul (M. & R. Reed). Noteworthy for *Lincoln* was a territorial pair above Three Rivers CG 2 Jul (WFWe). Adults were with fledglings in the Jack's Peak area, Burro Mts. 24-27 Jun (DJG).

Summer Tanager—The species has been seen with increasing frequency in Silver City in recent years; this season found a ♂ at the Big Ditch Park on various dates in Jun (MAZ) and a young ♂ and a ♀ elsewhere in town 4 Jun (DAZ**).

Scarlet Tanager—An apparent ad. ♀ was late at Rattlesnake Springs 1 Jun (MTS*, JEZ*). Surprising was a ♂ captured and banded at Los Alamos 23 Jul (C. Hathcock**), the 2nd late Jul record for the Jemez Mts. in recent years.

Abert's Towhee—In the Cliff-Gila Valley, a nest with eggs was at one site 14 Jun (*fide* RSS) and ads. were feeding nestlings at another site 21 Jul (*fide* RSS).

Cassin's Sparrow—The species continued to show close association with local rainfall; uneven distribution of precipitation this year produced record high counts in some areas, record lows in others.

Botteri's Sparrow—Noteworthy for *Luna* was a probable one heard south of Gage in early Jun (R. Wilcox). One was west of Rodeo along Stateline Road 19 Jun (CJW). One in the south Animas Valley 26 Jun (JRO) & 2 Jul (JEP) was some 30 km south of the species' stronghold in the middle Animas Valley.

Rufous-crowned Sparrow—Unusual in *Harding* were 2 in rocky hills west of Ute Creek 7 Jun (CLH).

[Rufous-winged Sparrow]—As yet unreported in New Mexico, but singing birds have been documented in the Arizona portion of Guadalupe Canyon twice in recent years.

This season, one to 2 ♂♂ were singing at or near the Guadalupe Canyon entrance gate, about 3 mi from the state line: one on 28 Jun (CJW*) and 3 Jul (JEP*), 2 on 18 Jul (MOH), and one on 19 Jul (JPB). The species is considered resident where found; whether these records represent a range extension or dispersal by young ♂♂ is not clear.

Chipping Sparrow—Additional evidence of summering in atypical areas was provided by ads. carrying food at the old San Juan Pueblo bridge 5 Jul (CMR), up to 2 ♂♂ singing in the Corrales bosque 1 Jun-12 Jul (DJK), and a pair feeding begging fledglings at the Albuquerque Academy 7 Jun (JBV).

Brewer's Sparrow—Noteworthy east to *Union* was one detected in an area of sandsage north of Grenville 12 Jun (CMR).

Black-chinned Sparrow—Of interest north to *Cibola*, single ♂♂ were singing at La Ventana 29 Jun (SOW) and in The Narrows 18 Jul (SOW). Others of note were singles in the Datil Mts. 7 Jun (MJH) and at Pine Lodge, *Lincoln* 25 Jul (CMR*).

Vesper Sparrow—The species vanished from the Piñon BBS six years ago, when its juniper habitat was leveled; this season, the recovering junipers were up to 1.5 m tall, and 2 Vespers were detected 14 Jun (WHH).

Lark Sparrow—Migrant flocks were conspicuous by late Jul, with 13 at Deming 24 Jul (LKM) and 25 in the GBA 30 Jul (RSS).

Grasshopper Sparrow—The 65 in the south Animas Valley 8 Jul (HAW) was the highest count there in several years.

Song Sparrow—For the 2nd consecutive year, the species persisted into the summer in the Cliff-Gila Valley, including one heard near Cliff 5 Jun (JEP) and 2 singing at the same site 18 & 30 Jun (RSS). Two more were singing below Redrock at Nichols Canyon, *Grant* 16 Jul (RSS).

Lincoln's Sparrow—Late for the prairie were 2 at NRT 3 Jun (WHH**). Noteworthy were 3 singing ♂♂ near timberline on Mt. Taylor, *Cibola* 14 Jun (DJK). An ad. was carrying food at the Santa Fe Ski Area 30 Jul (JRO**).

Yellow-eyed Junco—Searches in the Animas Mts. on Cistern Saddle found at least 8 ads. 27 Jun (JEP et al.), including one pair with recently fledged young (CJW**). The junco situation was more complex in the Burro Mts., where among several junco pairs was an apparent mixed pair—one Yellow-eyed ad. and one “**Red-backed**” ad.—tending a nest with 3 nestlings 17 Jul (HAW).

Northern Cardinal—A ♂ north to Sumner Dam 3 Jun was chasing a ♂ Summer Tanager (WHH). A ♂ was in Twin Butte Canyon southwest of Roswell 6 Jun (SOW). A pair—the ♂ singing—was at Hillsboro 25 Jun-30 Jul (DJC).

Pyrrhuloxia—North were 2 ♂♂ north of BLNWR 4 Jun, including one at Cocklebur L. (WHH**).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak—Lingering were single ♂♂ on the Los Pinos R., *Rio Arriba* 9 Jun (M. Flint), Corrales 7 Jun (DJK), Datil Mts. 28 Jun (MJH), and Rattlesnake Springs 14 Jun (WAS).

Indigo Bunting—Conspicuous in the Broad Canyon area north of Radium Springs, where a 1.7 km transect found 2 singing ♂♂ plus a pair with a fledgling 23 Jul (MTS).

Varied Bunting—Four territories were in Guadalupe Canyon 9-10 Jul, including a nest with eggs (HAW**). Found in several canyons in CCNP, including Walnut, Slaughter, and Rattlesnake (SW), and a pair was feeding fledglings in upper Walnut Canyon 31 Jul (HAW).

Painted Bunting—Two ♂♂ were singing at Deming 24 Jul (DLH).

Bronzed Cowbird—One to 2 were north to two Albuquerque locales 1 Jun (DJK) & 12 Jul (CMB); away from usual areas were single ♂♂ at Hillsboro 6 Jun (JEP) and Carrizozo 13 Jun (WHH).

Brown-headed Cowbird—The species was successful in the Peloncillo Mts., where fledglings were being fed by **Hutton's Vireos** and **Blue-gray Gnatcatchers** (CDL).

Hooded Oriole—Noteworthy for *Lincoln* was one at upper Three Rivers Ranch 3 Jul (WFWe).

American Goldfinch—Summering birds may be spreading farther southward into New Mexico; this season, up to 3 ♂♂ were singing at Bosque NWR 20 Jun-31 Jul (NDP, CJW, JEP, DLH, CMR), and one or more were at the Gila Cliff Dwellings 10 Jun (MA) & 8 Jul (LKM). In the north, several were at Taos 20 Jul (HAW) and 3 were along the Rio Pueblo, *Taos* 13 Jun (JEP).

Evening Grosbeak—Irregular in summer in the Sandia Mts., so noteworthy were 2 juvs./imms at Cedar Crest in Jun (JDL) and an ad. ♂ feeding a juv. at Capulin Spring 10 Jul (J. Liddell *vide* HRS).

ERRATUM

NMOSFN 30(2):21 (Spring 1991): The report of a **Whip-poor-will** at Dripping Springs on 24 Feb 1991 is an error; the observer reported the date as 24 May. There are no February Whip-poor-will records for New Mexico.

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