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Front cover: Groove-billed Ani (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*) at Rattlesnake Springs, Eddy County, New Mexico, 25 June 2011; one of two present there that day (see page 40). Photograph by Nancy E. Hetrick.

Back cover: Adult male Phainopepla (*Phainopepla nitens*) at Oasis State Park, Roosevelt County, New Mexico, 5 July 2011 (see page 45). Photograph by James Lofton.

SUMMER SEASON 2011

Record heat, record drought, and the largest wildfires in recorded history set an unhappy stage for Summer 2011. Breeding bird numbers were low, and the appearance of many common species in nonbreeding areas throughout the season suggested many birds abandoned breeding efforts altogether. In addition, birding and bird study were made difficult because fire closures resulted in no access to many forests, parks, and bosques. Nevertheless, all 62 New Mexico Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) routes were completed, and work in the rugged Organ Mountains by David Griffin expanded our knowledge of that range. Among the season's highlights was the discovery of two Groove-billed Anis together at Rattlesnake Springs, the first reported in the state since 2004.

Localities and Counties

Abiquiu, *Rio Arriba*
Aguirre Springs, *Doña Ana*
Alameda, *Bernalillo*
Albuquerque, *Bernalillo*
Alcalde, *Rio Arriba*
Apache Creek, CG, *Catron*
Belen, *Valencia*
Bitter Lake NWR, *Chaves*
Black Range, *Grant/Sierra*
Bosque del Apache NWR, *Socorro*
Brantley Lake, *Eddy*
Cabezon Peak, *Sandoval*
Carlsbad, *Eddy*
Cedar Crest, *Bernalillo*
Chama, *Rio Arriba*
Clanton Canyon, *Hidalgo*
Clayton Lake, *Union*
Cliff-Gila Valley, *Grant*
Cloudcroft, *Otero*
Cochiti Lake, *Sandoval*
Corrales, *Sandoval*
Deming, *Luna*
Dixon, *Rio Arriba*
Eagle Nest Lake, *Colfax*
Edgewood, *Santa Fe*
Elephant Butte Lake, Dam, *Sierra*
Española, *Rio Arriba*
Farmington, *San Juan*
Fenton Lake, *Sandoval*
Gallinas, *San Miguel*
Gila Lower Box, *Grant*
Granite Gap Preserve, *Hidalgo*
Grenville, *Union*
Guadalupe Canyon, *Hidalgo*
Hermanas, *Luna*
Heron Lake, *Rio Arriba*
Hillsboro, *Sierra*
Jemez Falls, Mts., Spgs., *Sandoval*
La Jara, *Sandoval*
La Union, *Doña Ana*
Lake Avalon, *Eddy*
Lake Roberts, *Grant*
Lake Valley, *Sierra*
Lakewood, *Eddy*
Las Animas Cr., *Sierra*
Las Cruces, *Doña Ana*
Las Vegas, NWR, *San Miguel*
Lordsburg Playa, *Hidalgo*
Los Ojos, *Rio Arriba*
Madrid, *Santa Fe*
Magdalena, *Socorro*
Malaga, *Eddy*
Manzanita Mts., *Bernalillo*
Maxwell NWR, *Colfax*
Mesa Rest Area, *Chaves*
Mesilla Bosque SP, *Doña Ana*
Mills, Canyon, *Harding*
Mogollon, Mountains, *Catron*
Morgan Lake, *San Juan*
north *Roosevelt* trap (NRT), *Roosevelt*
Oasis SP, *Roosevelt*
Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo, *Rio Arriba*
Organ Mts., *Doña Ana*
Pastura, *Guadalupe*
Percha SP, *Sierra*
Peloncillo Mts., *Hidalgo*
Picuris Pueblo, *Taos*
Piñon, *Otero*
Pinos Altos Mts., *Grant*
Post Office (P.O.) Canyon, *Hidalgo*
Quemado, *Catron*
Questa, *Taos*
Radium Springs, *Doña Ana*
Rattlesnake Springs, *Eddy*

Rio Rancho, *Sandoval*
 Rodeo, *Hidalgo*
 Ruidoso, *Lincoln*
 Sabinoso, *San Miguel*
 Sacramento Mts., *Lincoln/Otero*
 Sandia Crest, *Bernalillo*
 San Andres Canyon, Spring, *Doña Ana*
 San Marcial, *Socorro*
 San Patricio, *Lincoln*
 San Simon Cienega, *Hidalgo*
 Santa Fe, *Santa Fe*
 Santa Teresa, *Doña Ana*
 Silver City, *Grant*
 Sitting Bull Falls, *Eddy*

Socorro, *Socorro*
 Stubblefield Lake, *Colfax*
 Sumner Dam, *De Baca*
 Taos, Pueblo, *Taos*
 Tierra Blanca Creek, *Sierra*
 Tolar, *Roosevelt*
 Tyrone, *Grant*
 Ute Lake, *Quay*
 Vadito, *Taos*
 Very Large Array (VLA), *Socorro*
 Villanueva, *San Miguel*
 Watrous, *Mora*
 White Lakes, *Santa Fe*
 Williamsburg, *Sierra*

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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Adult ♂ Broad-billed Hummingbird at Las Cruces 21 June 2011 (see page 40). Photograph by David J. Griffin.

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Greater White-fronted Goose—One was at the Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo ponds 9 Jul (JEP, WFWi).

Gadwall—One on the Cloudcroft BBS, Sacramento Mts. 11 Jun (WHH) was a first for that long-established route. Three broods were at BLNWR 17 Jul (CMR).

American Wigeon—Two ♂♂ summered at Socorro, where seen 4 Jun & 3 Jul (JEP).

“Mexican” Duck—Up to 28 adults and juveniles were at Tyrone 21 Jul (ERL); elsewhere, a pair with 3 young was at Granite Gap Preserve 2 Jun (TG), and a pair was east to L. Avalon 22 Jun (SW*).

Canvasback—A ♀ was at BLNWR 18-20 Jul (JIS**).

Redhead—Reports included 47 at Maxwell NWR 9 Jul (DLH) and a ♀ at BLNWR 18-20 Jul (JIS**).

Ring-necked Duck—Four were at Lake Valley 18 Jun (DJC), the 3rd summer there.

Common Goldeneye—A ♂ on the Rio Grande at Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo 27 Jun (DWS) was capable of at least short flight.

Common Merganser—A ♀ with 3 chicks was at Heron L. 18 Jun (JEP). An impressive 70, including ♂♂ and ♀♀, were at Eagle Nest L. 26 Jun (CMR).

Ruddy Duck—Adults with young were at Lake Valley 18 Jun (DJC). The species breeds more widely in New Mexico than is generally recognized, with records from 19 of the state's 33 counties.

Scaled Quail—A ♂ was paired with a ♀ **Gambel's Quail** at Granite Gap Preserve 13 Jun (TG).

Ring-necked Pheasant—Two were near Gallinas 5 Jun (CMR), where rare.

Wild Turkey—A ♀ and 3 chicks were in the Corrales bosque 7 Jun (WHH**).

Common Loon—Singles lingered at Heron L. 18 Jun (JEP) and Stubblefield L. 25 Jun (NDP).

Pied-billed Grebe—Adults with 5 chicks were at Granite Gap Preserve 2 Jun (TG).

Double-crested Cormorant—Rare in *Catron*, one was on a beaver pond at Apache Creek 5 Jun (DLH).

American White Pelican—Apparently summered at Eagle Nest L., where 20 were seen 26 Jun & 54 were present 3 Jul (CMR), but no nesting activity was noted.

Least Bittern—One to 2 were at Bosque NWR on various dates 25 Jun-24 Jul (JEP, CMR), including a calling juv. 1 Jul (JEP).

Great Blue Heron—An ad. was tending 2 large nestlings at Morgan L. 21 Jun (TR).

Little Blue Heron—Scarce in recent years, an ad. was at Mesilla Bosque SP 11-14 Jun (CJG**, NGS, GP, D. Richman**), and another was NE of Hermanas 31 Jul (DJG*).

Tricolored Heron—An ad. at BLNWR 2 Jul (CJW**) provided the only report.

Green Heron—Noteworthy for *Harding* was one at the bridge over the Ute Cr. arm of Ute L. 25 Jul (WFWi).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron—Recently annual in New Mexico, an ad. was at Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo 27 Jul (WFWi*) and an imm was at Bosque NWR 29-30 Jul (GKF, J.W. Shipman**).

White-tailed Kite—Continued in evidence in the RGV, with an apparent pair at Mesilla Bosque SP 4-22 Jun (NGS, CJG, J. Lazarus-Yellon**, m.ob.) and singles at Belen 22 Jun (D. Hodoba) and Bosque NWR 28 Jul (DLH).

Mississippi Kite—Far north was an ad. at Taos Pueblo 18 Jul (J. Ogburn*); an impressive 9 were at the Alameda wetlands 4 Jun (DJK).

Bald Eagle—Of the five recently active New Mexico breeding territories, four were monitored—two each in *Rio Arriba* and *Colfax*—and all were successful (DWS, THJ).

Sharp-shinned Hawk—Continuing from May, an active nest was at Farmington's Animas Park in Jun (TR**).

Common Black-Hawk—An ad. was along the Rio Nambe, n. *Santa Fe* 12 Jun (BRF**). Farther s. in the RGV, an ad. was at Bosque NWR 24 Jul (CMR*); in the Pecos Valley, one was upstream from Villanueva 5 Jun (CMR).

Harris's Hawk—A pair was at Santa Teresa Jun-July (JNP).

Gray Hawk—Reports from the Black R. area, s. *Eddy* 3 Jun-17 Jul (m.ob.) and Guadalupe Canyon 25 Jul (CGL**); the species is now annual in summer in both areas.

Swainson's Hawk—In *Rio Arriba*, high elevation singles were at 3050 m along US 64 at the Brazos Summit 17 Jun (JEP) and at Hopewell L. 18 Jun (JEP).

Zone-tailed Hawk—Noteworthy were singles at Mills Canyon 17 Jun (CMR), Bosque NWR 29 Jul (GKF), and Aguirre Springs 1 Jul (DMS**), and 2 at Sitting Bull Falls 20 Jun (SW).

Virginia Rail—One was vocal at Fenton L. 25 Jun (WHH*).

Common Moorhen—An ad. with chicks was at Bosque NWR 29 Jul (GKF).

American Coot—An ad. with a small chick was near Santa Fe 20 Jun (J. N. Stuart**). A pair with 5 chicks was at Granite Gap Preserve 2 Jun (TG).

Black-bellied Plover—Rare in Jul, an ad. was at EBL 31 Jul (DJC**).

American Golden-Plover—An ad. at BLNWR 16 Jul (CMR*) provided New Mexico's first Jul record.

Snowy Plover—Two lingered at Morgan L. 7 Jun (TR**). Summering in *Colfax* were 2 at Maxwell NWR 24 Jun (L. Wilkins, B. Jenkins**) and one at Stubblefield L. 25 Jun (MJB, NDP). Farther south, singles were at two EBL sites 12-21 Jul (DJC) and 12 were at Brantley L. 15 Jul (JEP), where an ad. performed a distraction display 16 Jul (CMR). High count at BLNWR was 173 on 7 Jul (JIS).

Semipalmated Plover—Late was one at BLNWR 8 Jun (JIS); early was another at EBL's South Highlands 30 Jul (DJC).

Killdeer—An ad. with a chick was at Morgan L. 17 Jul (TR). An ad. with 3 chicks was along the Rio Grande below Williamsburg 15 Jul (DJC**).

Mountain Plover—Two were near White Lakes 14 Jul (WFWe, J. Nelson-Moore) and one was ne. of Watrous 1 Jun (WHH). Better than average was a count of 12 on the Grenville BBS 18 Jun (CMR).

American Avocet—Unusual concentrations, including 177 at Stubblefield L. 9 Jul (DLH), 125 at LVNWR 17 Jul (DLH), and 36 at EBL 26 Jun (DJC**) were likely failed breeders from elsewhere. Peak count of ads. and chicks at BLNWR was 199 on 22 Jun (JIS); at EBL a single pair produced a chick by 29 Jul (DJC**).

Solitary Sandpiper—Earliest were 2 at BLNWR 7 Jul (JIS) and one at Alameda 10 Jul (WHH); noteworthy for *Harding* was one se. of Mills 23 Jul (CMR).

Willet—Early returnees were up to 4 at EBL 26-28 Jun (DJC**) and one at Granite Gap Preserve 28 Jun (TG).

Whimbrel—Scarce in fall migration, one was at Lordsburg Playa 25 Jul (J&M Hirth*).

Long-billed Curlew—Four family groups totaling 15 birds were at a playa se. of Mills 26 Jun (CMR).

Marbled Godwit—Earliest southbound migrants were 4 at BLNWR 20 Jun (JIS); others were reported at multiple sites 26 Jun and later, including one at Cochiti L. 26 Jun (WHH**) and 3 at Morgan L. 28 Jun (TR); high count was 47 at EBL 17 Jul (DJC).

Semipalmated Sandpiper—Noteworthy was one, with 50 **Western Sandpipers**, at Morgan L. 17 Jul (TR**).

Western Sandpiper—Early was one at Morgan L. 28 Jun (TR).

Least Sandpiper—Earliest were 19 at BLNWR 7 Jul (JIS) and 30 at EBL 8 Jul (DJC); numbers at EBL increased to 582 by 11 Jul (DJC).

White-rumped Sandpiper—Northbound migrants continued into Jun, with singles at EBL 1 Jun (DJC**), Bosque NWR 4 Jun (JEP), and Brantley L. 12 Jun (SW) and a high 22 at BLNWR 8 Jun (JIS**).

Pectoral Sandpiper—Very late was one at EBL 1 Jun (DJC).

Stilt Sandpiper—Noteworthy for *Harding* were 4 se. of Mills 23 Jul (CMR).

Wilson's Snipe—Summering birds included one at Los Ojos 18 Jun (JEP) and a vocal one, soon joined by a second bird, at Fenton L. 25 Jun (WHH**).

Wilson's Phalarope—Southbound migrants began to appear by mid-Jun, with 23 near Mills 17 Jun (CMR), 39 at Morgan L. 21 Jun (TR), 81 at BLNWR 22 Jun (JIS), and 62 at EBL 28 Jun (DJC). Two were at Tyrone 26 Jun (ERL), where seldom seen.

Bonaparte's Gull—Unexpected in summer, one lingered at Morgan L. 11 Jun (MJB*) and 5 Jul (TR**).

Franklin's Gull—Among several reported in Jun were singles at Stubblefield L. 25 Jun (MJB, NDP) and Eagle Nest L. 26 Jun (CMR*).

Least Tern—Another poor year at BLNWR, where at least 5 pairs were present but only one nest was successful, fledging a single young (*fide* JIS). At least one pair attempted to nest at Brantley L. but it failed owing to rising waters (*fide* HAW). Away from breeding areas was one w. to Mesilla Bosque SP 11 Jun (GP).

Caspian Tern—Unseasonal was an ad. at EBL's North Monticello Point 28 Jun (DJC).

Band-tailed Pigeon—Many appeared to have abandoned the mountains for suburban feeders and lowland riparian areas, e.g., up to 68 in Jul at Silver City (K. Beckenbach) and up to 3 in the Gila Lower Box, *Grant* 6 Jul (DJG).

Eurasian Collared-Dove—One at La Jara 4 Jul (THJ) was a local first.

Inca Dove—Only one was noted at Carlsbad Jun-Jul (SW), where the species has nearly disappeared in recent years.

Common Ground-Dove—Up to 3 were at Granite Gap Preserve throughout Jun, where copulation was observed 1 Jun and nesting suspected (TG); singles were at San Simon Cienega 27 Jul (REW) and Rodeo 30 Jul (REW), and at least 3 were in Guadalupe Canyon 24-25 Jun (MJB*, NDP, CGL**).

Ruddy Ground-Dove—One at San Andres Spring 7-8 Jun (MEW, HAW) provided a local first.

[**Monk Parakeet**]—One continued at a shopping center and nearby riparian cottonwoods near Albuquerque's Alameda bridge 11 Jul (C. L. Hayes), where first found in 2010.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo—In areas where seldom reported were singles along the Rio Embudo at Dixon 15-16 Jun (R. Templeton), e. Albuquerque 24 Jun (CMB**), and Riverside, *Lincoln* 28 Jun (WFWe).

Groove-billed Ani—Unreported in the state since 2004, and unexpected in mid-summer, 2 were discovered at Rattlesnake Springs 25 Jun (RN**, SW**), where both were seen through 27 Jun and at least one remained until 6 Jul (m.ob., NEH**, MJB**, NDP**, RH*, HAW**, CJW**).

Barn Owl—Breeding reports were an ad. with 4 young at BLNWR 8 Jun (JIS) and a large young along Tierra Blanca Cr., w. *Sierra* 18 Jun (DJC).

Elf Owl—Maintaining an Organ Mts. presence, one was vocal near Soledad Canyon 20 Jul (DJG). Two were along Las Animas Cr. 1 Jul (JEP, WFWi), where regular. In *Eddy*, however, none were detected in Last Chance Canyon 13 Jul (SW).

Lesser Nighthawk—One was n. of BLNWR 4 Jun (WHH), near the n. edge of the usual range.

Common Nighthawk—A ♀ was tending 2 downy young at Lake Valley 29 Jul (DJC).

Black Swift—An early 2 were reported over the Jemez R. at the Hummingbird Music Camp, *Sandoval* 2 Jun (J. M. Black), but none were seen at Jemez Falls 17 Jun (JEP).

Chimney Swift—Singles were w. to Rio Rancho 2 Jun (NDP*) and Las Vegas 4 Jun (CMR).

White-throated Swift—Noteworthy e. to *Union*, one was at Capulin NM 30 Jul (D. L. Weidemann).

Broad-billed Hummingbird—Perhaps refugees from nearby burning mountains or parched canyons, the species inundated P. O. Canyon feeders Jun-Jul, peaking with 15 on 21 Jul (CDL); elsewhere in the Peloncillo Mts., singles were in Clanton Canyon 23 Jul (MJB, NDP) and upper Cottonwood Canyon 24-25 Jul (NDP), but only one was found in Guadalupe Canyon 24 Jul (NDP), the principal breeding area in the state. Others were reported far and wide, including singles n. and e. to Granite Gap Preserve 29-30 Jun (TG), Silver City in late Jun-early Jul (*vide* RSS), Percha SP 25 Jul (E. Wilson*), and Las Cruces 21 Jun (L. Mosley, DJG**), plus up to 3 s. of Radium Springs 7-27 Jul (MTS, JEZ).

Violet-crowned Hummingbird—Only one was detected in Guadalupe Canyon 24 Jul (NDP, MJB).

Magnificent Hummingbird—A ♀ in Fillmore Canyon, Organ Mts. 1 & 15 Jul (DJG**) may have been a first for that range. Perhaps fleeing Arizona fires, the species was unusually conspicuous in P. O. Canyon Jun-Jul (CDL), as well as in the Mogollon and Pinos Altos ranges, where there were high counts of 4 each at Mogollon 9 Jul (CMR) and L. Roberts 16-17 Jul (NDP).

Lucifer Hummingbird—High count in P. O. Canyon was 31 on 14 Jul, but a lack of flowers and insects discouraged breeding (CDL). A ♂ was n. to Silver City 30 Jun (E. Halbedel*).

Black-chinned Hummingbird—In the e., a ♀ was on a nest in Mills Canyon, *Harding* 17 Jun (CMR), and a single was at Clayton L. on the same date (CMR).

Anna's Hummingbird—A ♂ in P. O. Canyon 11-21 Jul (CDL) furnished the only record.

Calliope Hummingbird—A ♀ in Fillmore Canyon, Organ Mts. 2 Jul was early (DJG*).

Rufous Hummingbird—Earliest was an ad. ♂ at Cedar Crest 28 Jun (J.D. Ligon).

Belted Kingfisher—Summering singles were at Chama 17 Jun (JEP) and Los Ojos 18 Jun (JEP).

Lewis's Woodpecker—Two pairs, including one feeding nestlings, were in the vicinity of Apache Creek CG, *Catron* 9 Jul (CMR).

Red-headed Woodpecker—Single pairs at nest cavities were at Trigg Ranch, e. *San Miguel* 16 Jun (MDM) and Tolar 3 Jun (WHH).

Acorn Woodpecker—Noteworthy were one to 3 in n. *Taos* 10 km e. of Costilla 6 Jul (WFWi). The species has begun to appear in a Sacramento Mts. burned area 10 mi se. of Cloudcroft, where 1 was detected on the Cloudcroft BBS 11 Jun (WHH).

Downy Woodpecker—An ad. was feeding 2 large nestlings at Clayton L. 17 Jun (CMR). Scarce in the Sacramento Mts., one was s. of Cloudcroft 11 Jun (WHH).

Hairy Woodpecker—In the Organ Mts., where rare, one was in upper Fillmore Canyon 27 Jun (DJG).

American Three-toed Woodpecker—Two pairs produced young w. of Poverty Creek in the Black Range during Jun-Jul (DJC**) and at least one fledgling was with ads. at Sandia Crest 30 Jul (DLH). An apparent pair was e. of Mogollon at Silver Creek Divide 10 Jul (CMR).

Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet—Three were in Guadalupe Canyon 24-25 Jul (MJB, NDP, CGL).

Olive-sided Flycatcher—Two—one singing—were in firs high in the Organ Mts. 20 Jun (DJG).

Western Wood-Pewee—Appeared in scattered non-breeding habitats throughout Jun; some, including 9 at NRT 3 Jun (WHH), and singles at P. O. Canyon 11 Jun (CDL) and Malaga 12 Jun (SW), could have been late migrants, but others, including 10 at Santa Teresa 21 Jun (JNP), one at La Union 20 Jun (DAB), one at P. O. Canyon 23-25 Jun (CDL), and 2 at Las Cruces 23 Jun (DJG), may have been failed breeders from elsewhere. A pair was nest building in the Gila Lower Box 6 Jul (DJG), a low elevation.

[Alder Flycatcher]—A silent Alder/Willow at NRT 3 Jun (WHH**) was thought to be an Alder; the species remains unconfirmed in the state.

Least Flycatcher—A late migrant was at NRT 3 Jun (WHH**).

Gray Flycatcher—One was along the w. rim of the Guadalupe Mts. in *Chaves* 6 Jul (SW), and 5 were on the nearby Piñon BBS 10 Jun (WHH).

Cordilleran Flycatcher—Five to eight pairs were breeding in upper Fillmore Canyon, Organ Mts. 27 Jun (DJG). Displaced individuals included one vocal s. of Radium Springs 7-26 Jun (MTS, JEZ) and 3 vocal at La Union 20 Jun (DAB).

Eastern Phoebe—One was singing nw. of Villanueva 5 Jun (CMR) and 2 were in Mills Canyon 17 Jun (CMR).

Vermilion Flycatcher—Reports included a pair nesting along the Rio Grande below Williamsburg 25 Jun (DJC**), a ♂ e. of Pastura 3 Jun (WHH), 6 at Trigg Ranch, e. *San Miguel* 15-16 Jun (MDM), and 6 at San Marcial 3 Jul (JEP).

Dusky-capped Flycatcher—Providing an Organ Mts. first, one was in Indian Hollow 16 Jun (DJG**). Noteworthy for the n. Peloncillo Mts. was one in Owl Canyon 12 Jun & 1 Jul (CDL).

Brown-crested Flycatcher—Five were along Las Animas Cr. 4 Jun (JEP). A high 21 were reported in Guadalupe Canyon 25 Jul (CGL)

Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher—One was in Guadalupe Canyon 24 Jul (MJB**, NDP**), the first found there since 2008.



Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher in Guadalupe Canyon 24 July 2011. Photograph by Nicholas D. Pederson.

Thick-billed Kingbird—Encouraging were two pairs plus a single in Guadalupe Canyon 24 Jul (MJB, NDP), where numbers have been low in recent years.

Eastern Kingbird—One was n. of Taos at El Prado 6 Jun (A&JT); farther s., 3 were at Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo 18 Jun (DLH) and one was at Española 18 Jun (BRF).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher—Pushing far w. were singles at Questa 22 Jun (B. Long) and Mesilla Bosque SP 4 Jun (NGS*); up to 4 were at or near the Mesa Rest Area 4 Jun (WHH).

White-eyed Vireo—An ad. ♂ singing at 2190 m along the Rio Pueblo near Picuris Pueblo 3 Jul (CMR*, NEH**) provided a *Taos* first.

Bell's Vireo—Continuing from May, one was singing below Sumner Dam 3 Jun (JRO, WHH), the 2nd summer for the species at that n. locale; another was singing along Salt Creek n. of BLNWR 4 Jun (WHH).

Gray Vireo—Three were singing in Pino Canyon, Sevilleta NWR, *Socorro* 27 Jul (DJK, K. A. Granillo).

Warbling Vireo—Reported in low numbers in usual breeding areas, but were found in non-breeding areas Jun, including singles at Albuquerque's Paradise Hills 9 Jun (WHH), s. Albuquerque 14 Jun (NDP), and s. of Radium Springs 19 & 28 Jun (MTS, JEZ).

Red-eyed Vireo—One found injured at Magdalena 26 Jun soon died, and the specimen was transferred to MSB (*fide* MJB). A ♂ was singing along US 70 at Picacho, *Lincoln*, 28 Jun (WFWe).

Clark's Nutcracker—Unusual were 3 s. to Otero Canyon, Manzanita Mts. 5 Jun (A. Gorbet).

American Crow—A pair was again in the Poverty Creek area, w. *Sierra* 22 Jun-28 Jul (DJC**). The species may be increasing in the Cliff-Gila Valley, after several years of absence or low numbers there (RSS).

Chihuahuan Raven—A nest at Albuquerque's Paradise Hills fledged 3 in Jun (WHH).

Common Raven—One was vocal at the Mesa Rest Area 4 Jun (WHH), where Chihuahuan is the expected species.

Horned Lark—Only one was detected on the Lakewood BBS 11 Jun (SW), where the species appears to have declined drastically.

Purple Martin—One on the Angel Fire BBS in *Colfax* 18 Jun provided a new locale for the Sangre de Cristo Mts. (DLH).

Tree Swallow—Up to 8, including pairs at cavities, were at EBL 17 Jun & 4 Jul (DJC).

Violet-green Swallow—Noteworthy for the prairie was one se. of Mills 26 Jun (CMR).

Bank Swallow—Unexpected w. to *Cibola* was a small colony along San Mateo Creek n. of Grants 27 Jun, when several nests were active (H. Parmeter**).

Cave Swallow—Noteworthy for *Otero* was one on the Piñon BBS 10 Jun (WHH). North in the Pecos Valley were two pairs nesting among Cliff and Barn swallows in s. *Chaves* 13 Jun (SW), where first discovered in 2010. Numbers at CCNP, however, were down sharply, to about half of normal, and little productivity was documented (SW).

Verdin—One at Carlsbad 15 Jun (SW) was puncturing the bases of desert-willow flowers for nectar.

Red-breasted Nuthatch—A rare breeder s. to the Organ Mts., at least three single pairs were at three high elevation sites 20-27 Jun (DJG).

White-breasted Nuthatch—Two pairs—one at a nest—were in upper Fillmore Canyon, Organ Mts. 27 Jun (DJG).

Cactus Wren—A high 12 were on the Sabinoso BBS 26 Jun (CMR).

Carolina Wren—An apparent pair was found at Bosque NWR 24 Jul (CMR*), where singles were singing 29 Jul (JEP) and 31 Jul (DLH).

House Wren—Late for the prairie was one at NRT 3 Jun (WHH**) & 12 Jun (DLH). Only 10 were detected on the Cloudcroft BBS 11 Jun (WHH), the lowest total there since 1990.

Black-tailed Gnatcatcher—A search of 5 historically occupied territories in the EBL area 20 Jun & 19 Jul (DJC*) found none; the February freeze may have been a factor.

Golden-crowned Kinglets and Ruby-crowned Kinglets were surprisingly absent on the Cloudcroft BBS 11 June (WHH).

Veery—Despite searches for them along the Rio Pueblo, *Taos* 11 Jun and n. & s. of Chama 17-18 Jun (JEP), none were found, suggesting the species may be extirpated from those formerly dependable summering areas; 2 **Swainson's Thrushs** were singing along the Rio Pueblo 11 Jun and one was singing at Chama 18 Jun (JEP).

Hermit Thrush—Lingering singles were at NRT 12 Jun (DLH) and s. of Radium Springs 14 Jun (MTS, JEZ). Apparently summering in the Organ Mts. were 3 at Indian Hollow 16 Jun and 2 in upper Fillmore Canyon 27 Jun (DJG).

Gray Catbird—A pair was tending fledglings at Folsom 25 Jun (MJB, NDP), providing a first breeding record for *Union*; in the w. one was singing at Jemez Springs 25 Jun (WHH).

Sage Thrasher—South of usual, a ♂ was singing at the VLA Rest Area 9 Jul (CMR).

Bendire's Thrasher—Where seldom reported were one singing e. of Omega, *Catron* 9 Jul (CMR*) and an ad. with 2 fledglings se. of Cabezon Peak 17 Jul (WHH).

Crissal Thrasher—One was n. to the Caja del Rio plateau, *Santa Fe*, 24 Jun (BRF*).

Cedar Waxwing—The species continued its summering presence in the north, including one collecting nest material at Farmington 7 Jun, where 9 were seen on 28 Jun (TR), 6 at Chama 18 Jun (JEP), 2 at Picurus Pueblo 3 Jul (CMR), a pair “courtship feeding” near Vadito 3 Jul (CMR), 24 along the Rio Grande from Alcalde to Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo 27 Jun (DWS), and 3 in Albuquerque’s Tingley bosque 18-21 Jun (CMB).

Phainopepla—On their n. frontier were a ♂ & ♀ at Farmington’s Animas Park 5-6 Jul (TR**), a ♀ at Madrid 3 Jun (L. Sager), and a ♂ at Oasis SP 5 Jul (J. Lofton**); noteworthy was an ad. feeding 2 fledglings at Bosque NWR 24 Jul (CMR) & 29 Jul (GKF), and 2 pairs at San Patricio 28 Jun (WFWe).

Olive Warbler—A singing ♂ was in pine-fir habitat in upper Fillmore Canyon, Organ Mts. 27 Jun (DJG), where the species is not known to breed.

Virginia’s Warbler—Noteworthy for the Organ Mts. were 2 pairs in Indian Hollow 16 Jun and 6 or more pairs and an active nest in upper Fillmore Canyon 27 Jun (DJG).

Lucy’s Warbler—North in the RGV, 2 were singing e. of Bosque, *Valencia*, 19 Jun (DLH), where also heard in the spring (DLH).

Northern Parula—The species has nested in the state in past years, so summer records are always of interest; this season, a ♂ continuing from May was singing at Corrales 5 Jun (G. A. Owings), another was singing at LVNWR 4 Jun (CMR), and a third was singing in Albuquerque’s Tingley bosque 9 Jun (CMB*).

Yellow Warbler—Noteworthy for the middle RGV in *Sandoval* were 2 each singing at Cochiti L. and Algodones 26 Jun (WHH) and one singing at San Felipe Pueblo on the same date (WHH). In *Sierra*, 2 were singing at Monticello Canyon near EBL 27 Jun (DJC**) and 2 were singing at Hillsboro 18 Jun where there was one 9 Jul (DJC**).

Chestnut-sided Warbler—Providing a first for the San Andres Mts. was a ♂ in San Andres Canyon 6 Jun (MEW**).

Magnolia Warbler—A late ♂ was at NRT 4 Jun (JRO**).

“Audubon’s” Warbler—Unexpected in the Organ Mts. was a ♀ in upper Fillmore Canyon 23 Jun (DJG). The 26 counted on the Cloudcroft BBS 11 Jun (WHH) were the fewest found there since 1997.

Black-throated Gray Warbler—Unusual was one at EBL’s Narrows 25 Jun (JEP).

Hermit Warbler—Early was an imm. in Whitmire Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. 30 Jul (JEP*, WFWi).

Grace’s Warbler—An ad. was tending fledglings in the Organ Mts. 8 Jul (DJG).

Blackpoll Warbler—Unexpected was one singing at Albuquerque 4 Jun (CMR*).

Black-and-white Warbler—Unseasonal was one along the Rio Nambe, *Santa Fe* 5 Jun (BRF, E. MacKerrow**).

American Redstart—An ad. ♂ was singing at Albuquerque's Montessa Park 3 Jun (NDP**) and a young ♂ was singing in Indian Hollow, Organ Mts. 16 Jun (DJG).

Prothonotary Warbler—Unexpected in Jun, one was w. to the Gila Lower Box at Nichols Canyon 13 Jun (DJG).

Mourning Warbler—Another surprise was a singing ♂ in the Corrales bosque 6 Jun (T. W. Fetz*).

MacGillivray's Warbler—Late for the lowlands were a ♀ at Carlsbad 14 Jun (SW) and a ♂ singing at Rattlesnake Springs 26 Jun (JEP).

Hooded Warbler—A ♂ at Cedar Crest 20-24 Jun (J. D. Ligon) was another surprise.

Wilson's Warbler—Conspicuous in non-breeding habitats statewide, including singles at Albuquerque 14 Jun (NDP), near Vicks Peak, *Socorro*, 14 Jun (H. R. Schwartz), La Union 20 Jun (DAB) and P. O. Canyon 26 Jun (CDL).

Red-faced Warbler—Unexpected was one at Rock Hound SP near Deming 5 Jun (LKM *fide* RSS); singles were in the Organ Mts. at Indian Hollow 16 Jun and Rock House Spring 2 Jul (DJG).

Green-tailed Towhee—Late were singles at Albuquerque 2 Jun (CMR), NRT 3 Jun (WHH*), and at Albuquerque's Paradise Hills 9 Jun (WHH**).

Rufous-crowned Sparrow—One on the Counselor BBS, *Sandoval* 12 Jun was the first detected since that route was initiated in 1992 and at the nw. edge of the expected range (DJK).

Botteri's Sparrow—Two found at Lake Valley in May were relocated 10 Jul, but were not found 29 Jul (DJG); one singing ne. of Hermanas 31 Jul provided a new *Luna* locale (DJG**); another was singing in an alfalfa field at Rodeo 17 Jul (REW).

Cassin's Sparrow—Numbers were greatly reduced in breeding strongholds in the e. plains, reflecting the extreme drought there; by Jul, the species began to appear from the RGV westward, including one s. of Farmington 10 Jul (C. L. Black), 4 singing near Cabezon Peak 17 Jul (WHH), 9 at Albuquerque 1 Jul (DLH), and 26 at Quemado 9 Jul (CMR); by late Jul, the species was plentiful in *Sierra*, *Luna*, and *Hidalgo*.

Brewer's Sparrow—Presumably late were 4 at LVNWR 4 Jun (CMR).

Black-chinned Sparrow—Singles were singing n. to *Santa Fe* in the Ortiz Mts. 17 Jun (BRF) and in the Galisteo R. canyon 4 Jul (BRF). In *Lincoln*, 3 were singing at San Patricio 28 Jun (WFWe).

Fox Sparrow—Unseasonal was one reported at the Red River Fish Hatchery, *Taos* 30 Jul (M. Pfeiffer*).

Lincoln's Sparrow—Notably late were singles at NRT 3 Jun (WHH*), Granite Gap Preserve 13 Jun (TG) and P. O. Canyon 15 Jun (CDL).

White-crowned Sparrow—Far from suitable habitat was one singing in an Albuquerque residential area 15 Jun (CMR).

Summer Tanager—A young ♂ was ne. to Clayton L. 18 Jun (CMR).

Northern Cardinal—One was singing along the Canadian R. near Sabinoso 17 Jun (CMR). In w. *Sierra*, single ♂♂ were singing along Tierra Blanca Creek 2 Jul (DJC) and Hillsboro 9 Jul (DJC**).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak—An ad. ♂ wandered to the Organ Mts. 15 Jul (DJG).

Lazuli Bunting x Indigo Bunting—Single hybrids were at Farmington 12 & 19 Jul (TR), e. of Vadito 3 Jul (CMR*), and in the Corrales bosque 31 Jul (WHH*).

Indigo Bunting—Single ♂♂ were singing n. to Gilman, *Sandoval* 25 Jun (WHH) and Cherry L. *Mora* 23 Jul (JEP).

Varied Bunting—Three pairs were in San Andres Canyon 6-8 Jun (HAW, MEW**) and up to 8 individuals were in Guadalupe Canyon 24-25 Jul (MJB, NDP, CGL), but only one ♂ was in Walnut Canyon, *Eddy* 4 & 16 Jul, where fire had destroyed much of the habitat (SW).

Painted Bunting—Likely refugees from the parched s. Great Plains, the species staged a memorable flight sw. across the state during late Jun-Jul, including singles at Edgewood 10 Jul (J. Ashby**) and Ruidoso 15 Jul (P. Price**), 2 at Bosque NWR 17 Jul (NDP) and 5 or more at Las Cruces 22 Jul (R. C. Castetter), singles near Silver City 21 Jul (*fide* RSS), n. of Separ, *Grant* 31 Jul (C. Cole**), Gila Lower Box 4 Jul (DJG), and Playas, *Hidalgo*, 18 Jul (W. P. Cavaliere**), up to 7 at Rodeo 4-23 Jul (REW), and 4 at P. O. Canyon 28 Jun-20 Jul (CDL).

Dickcissel—An early southbound migrant was at Santa Fe 14 Jul (R. Latuchie*).

Bobolink—A ♂ was singing in a fallow field along the Rio Chama near Abiquiu 2 Jun (WFWe); an early migrant reached BLNWR's Oxbow L. 15 Jul (RH**).

Eastern Meadowlark—Three were at 1920 m along the Guadalupe Rim in *Otero* and *Chaves* 6 Jul (SW). A pair with 3 fledglings was n. to the Cabezon Peak area 17 Jul (WHH).

Bronzed Cowbird—Reported from across the south in *Grant*, *Hidalgo*, *Sierra*, *Doña Ana*, and *Eddy*; 3 were n. in the RGV to Socorro 3 Jul (JEP).

Orchard Oriole—Two were w. to the Mesa Rest Area 4 Jun (WHH).

Baltimore Oriole—A ♂ was at Carlsbad 24 Jun (RH**).

Red Crossbill—Several were noted across the south, including singles near Mogollon 10 Jul (CMR), in the lowlands near Radium Springs 5 Jul (MTS, JEZ**), near Cloudcroft 11 Jun (WHH), and at Rattlesnake Springs 25 Jun (RN**, SW), and 2 were in upper Fillmore Canyon, Organ Mts. 27 Jun (DJG).

American Goldfinch—In potential breeding habitat were singles at Farmington 21 Jun & 19 Jul (TR**), several at Chama 17-18 Jun (JEP), and, in *Taos*, up to 3 at El Prado 1 Jun-10 Jul (A&JT), 5 at Fred Baca Park, Taos 3 Jul (CMR), 2 along the Rio Pueblo 11 Jun (JEP), and a ♂ at Picuris Pueblo 3 Jul (CMR); southerly were 5 at Bosque NWR 31 Jul (DLH*), including 2 singing ♂♂.



Female-plumaged Red Crossbill 5 km south of Radium Springs 5 July 2011. Photograph by James E. Zabriskie.

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