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HORNED GREBE
4-6 AT MORGAN LAKE ON 1/11 (APN ET AL.); 1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/12 (VM ET AL.).

EARED GREBE
9 AT MORGAN LAKE ON 1/11 (APN ET AL.).

PIED—BILLED GREBE
1 AT MCALESTER LAKE ON 12/22 (WH, ES).

*DOUBLE—CRESTED CORMORANT
ROOKERY OF THIS SPECIES AND BLACK—CROWNED NIGHT HERONS, TOTALING SOME 300 NESTS, AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LANE IN SPRING (J.L.DURHAM); THIS CORMORANT BREED THERE AS EARLY AS 1938 BUT THERE HAVE BEEN FEW RECORDS FOR THE AREA SINCE; 2 IN EDDY CO. ON 4/16 (SW).

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD
AN IMMATURE, PROBABLY OF THIS SPECIES, WAS SEEN AT LAS CRUCES ON 2/1 (W. BALLARD, JR.); DESCRIBED AS BLACK WITH WHITE HEAD AND BREAST, AND THE NECK BROWN, ALONG WITH DETAILS OF SIZE AND SHAPE INCLUDING AN APPROXIMATE WING SPAN OF 7 FEET.

*GREAT BLUE HERON
ACTIVE ROOKERIES REPORTED AT WATROUS, 20 NESTS ON 4/20 (ES), AND IN THE GILA VALLEY, FROM THE GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS TO REDROCK, 36 NESTS, 3/9 TO 5/25 (RAF).

GREEN HERON
WINTER REPORTS INCLUDE SINGLES AT FLORA VISTA ON 12/7 (APN), NEAR ESPANOLA ON 12/29 (WBL), AT CORRALES ON 12/29 (JND, JSF), AND BITTER LAKE NWR ON 12/20 (VM ET AL.).

SNOWY EGRET
5 AT MORGAN LAKE 4/27 AND 5/3 (APN); THREE SEPARATE REPORTS OF
THIS SPECIES IN TIJERAS CANON AND THE SANDIA MTS. 5/6–7
FOLLOWING A BRIEF BUT INTENSE TORNADO IN THE LOS LUNAS AREA
(L.KRIEBER, K.WEST, F.BROWN).

LOUISIANA HERON
1 REPORTED AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/27 (DLB).

*BLACK–CROWNED NIGHT HERON
ROOKERY AT ELEPHANT BUTTE IN SPRING WITH DOUBLE–CRESTED
CORNORAN’S, TOTAL NESTS OF THE 2 SPECIES 300 (J.L.DURHAM).

AMERICAN BITTERN
2 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 12/20 (VM ET AL.); SINGLES AT FARMINGTON
5/10 (APN) AND AT BITTER LAKE NWR 5/12 (VM ET AL.).

WHITE–FACED IBIS
10 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/1, WITH 7 REMAINING UNTIL 3/27
(RWR); THIS SPECIES IS RARE IN WINTER IN THE STATE.

WHISTLING SWAN
1 AT MORGAN LAKE ON 12/24, 11–23 IN THE PERIOD 1/3 TO 2/9,
INCLUDING 1 FOUND DEAD BUT NOT PRESERVED ON 2/22 (APN); PRESENT
AT CLAYTON ON 12/22 (WC).

*CANADA GOOSE
PEAK OF 2200 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/1, DECLINING TO 7 ON
3/27 (RWR); 800 AT MCALISTER LAKE ON 12/30 (ES); 50 NESTING AT
LA CUEVA SGR ON 4/20, WHERE A PAIR WITH 1 YOUNG WAS SEEN ON 5/25
(WH, ES); 1 LINGERED AT BITTER LAKE NWR TO 5/12 (VM).

WHITE–FRONTED GOOSE
10 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/1, WITH 7 UNTIL 3/27 (RWR) IS
A HIGH NUMBER OF THIS RARE BIRD IN THE STATE; 1 WAS AT BITTER
LAKE NWR 12/20 (VM ET AL.).

SNOW GOOSE
1 AT MCALISTER LAKE ON 12/30, 2/2, AND 2/23 (WH, ES); PEAK OF
3700 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/1 DECLINING TO 80 BY 3/27
(RWR); SEEN 30 MILES SOUTH OF HACHITA ON 1/5 (FIDE RAF); 1
LINGERED AT BITTER LAKE NWR UNTIL 5/12 (VM ET AL.).

BLUE GOOSE
35 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/1, DECLINING TO 2 BY 3/27
(RWR); 35 IS A HIGH NUMBER FOR THIS SPECIES UNCOMMON IN THE
STATE.
ROSS’ GOOSE
100 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 12/1—a high number for this bird uncommon in the state—declining to 12 by 3/27 (RWR); 10 at Bitter Lake NWR on 12/20 (VM et al.)

MALLARD
Winter peaks were 5000 plus at Morgan Lake on 12/24 (APN), 2024 at McAlister Lake on 12/30 (ES), 12,000 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 12/4 (RWR); a male was seen in Los Alamos on 4/19 (PRS).

MEXICAN DUCK
2 were reported near Redrock on 5/3 (NMOS).

GADWALL
9 in Los Alamos on 3/29 (PRS); 1 near Datil on 4/4 (MCK).

PINTAIL
2 in Los Alamos on 4/1 (PRS).

GREEN—WINGED TEAL
A male in Los Alamos on 4/1 (PRS).

BLUE—WINGED TEAL
2 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 1/26 (JND et al.); the species is rare in the state in winter; 1 at Farmington on 5/10 (APN).

CINNAMON TEAL
5 to 12 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 1/26 (JND et al.), 2/1 (PRS), and 2/4 (RWR); the species is rare in the state in winter; 3 at Farmington 5/10 (APN), and a male in Los Alamos on 4/1 and 4/3 (PRS).

CORRECTION: Date of record at Apache Creek in Vol. VII, No. 2 should read 7/6, not 6/7.

AMERICAN WIDGEON
3–4 at Los Alamos on 4/14–23 (WBL, PRS).

SHOVELER
8–15 at Los Alamos on 3/29 and 4/3 (PRS).

WOOD DUCK
6 reported near Navajo Dam 12/21, and 3 a week later (FIDE APN).

REDHEAD
450 at Bitter Lake NWR on 12/20 (VM et al.) and 212 at McAlister Lake on 12/30 (ES) are moderately high numbers for the state.
RING–NECKED DUCK
1180 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 12/20 (VM ET AL.); PRESENT NEAR
NAVAJO DAM 12/21 (APN); PAIR AT APACHE CREEK ON 4/7 (MCK).

CANVASBACK
475 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 12/20 (VM ET AL.); NEAR NAVAJO DAM
12/21 (APN).

GREATER SCAUP
12 WERE REPORTED AT LAS VEGAS ON 12/30 (AUDUBON FIELD NOTES
CHRISTMAS COUNT), AND 1 WAS IDENTIFIED IN COMPARISON TO A LESSER
SCAUP AT LA JOYA SGR ON 2/2 (CAH); THE FIRST REPORT CONTAINS NO
SUPPORTING DETAILS AND NO LESSER SCAUP WERE AVAILABLE FOR
COMPARISON, WHILE THE SECOND LACKS DETAILS ON THE AMOUNT OF
WHITE IN THE WING—PERHAPS THE MOST DISTINCTIVE FIELD MARK
SEPARATING THE TWO SPECIES. BECAUSE OF LACK OF SATISFACTORY
EVIDENCE, THESE RECORDS ARE QUESTIONED. EVEN UNDER OPTIMUM
CONDITIONS SIGHT AND PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDS OF GREATER SCAUP ARE
NOT ADEQUATE TO DOCUMENT THE STATUS OF THIS SPECIES IN NEW
MEXICO.

RUDDY DUCK
PAIR AT LOS ALAMOS ON 3/29 AND 4/3 (PRS).

HOODED MERGANSER
1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 12/16 (VM), AND 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE
NWR ON 2/4 (RWR).

TURKEY VULTURE
1 REPORTED AT CARLSBAD CAVERNS NATL. PARK ON 2/24 (FIDE SW);
WHETHER A WINTERING BIRD OR AN EARLY MIGRANT, THIS RECORD IS
UNUSUAL. SOME EARLY DATES OF SIGHTING: 3/27 AT LOS ALAMOS (PRS),
3/29 AT HILLSBORO (RAF), 3/30 AT LAS VEGAS (WH, ES), 4/1 AT
CHACO CANON NATL. MON. (JDS).

MISSISSIPPI KITE
NONE PRESENT IN THE SPRING AT ROSWELL WHERE THE SPECIES HAS BEEN
A REGULAR BREEDER IN SMALL NUMBERS (VM); 1 NEAR LOS LUNAS ON
5/17 IS THE ONLY REPORT (JLD).

GOSHAWK
SINGLES NEAR LAS VEGAS ON 12/30 (ES) AND AT CORRALES 12/29 (JND,
JSF).

ZONE–TAILED HAWK
1 AT SILVER CITY ON 4/17 (RAF).

ROUGH–LEGGED HAWK
1 reported at Bitter Lake NWR on 5/12 (VM et al.); if correct this is a very late record for this northern breeder.

**Ferruginous Hawk**
1 near Los Alamos on 3/30 (PRS).

**Bald Eagle**
Winter and spring reports of singles or doubles were from Morgan Lake (APN), Flora Vista (APN), Stanley (B.McLeod), Gila Cliff Dwellings (FIDE RAF), Lake Roberts (RAF), Silver City (RAF, BJH); maxima of 5 at La Cueva SGR and 10 at McAlister Lake in early December (ES).

**Osprey**
1 at Morgan Lake on 4/7 (APH).

**Caracara**
1 near Columbus on 2/28 (FIDE DAZ); this record appears satisfactory and represents one of the few for this species in the state.

**Peregrine Falcon**
1 at Bitter Lake NWR on 12/20 (VM et al.).

**Pigeon Hawk**
1 in Los Alamos on 3/8 (WBL).

**White-tailed Ptarmigan**
3 photographed on Latir Peak, Taos Co., in late March or early April (D. B. Saylors, FIDE P.A. Lansen) but these may have been transients as the habitat there appears unsuitable for the species (C. Braun).

**Scaled Quail**
Seen in White Rock Canon near Los Alamos on 4/13 (PRS).

**Sandhill Crane**
Peak of 5500 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 12/6, mainly gone by 2/22 but stragglers until 3/7 (RWR); 5 at Tucumcari on 2/22 (WH).

**Virginia Rail**
1 near Farmington in December (APN).

**Sora**
1 found injured in Albuquerque on 5/7, died and was preserved as a skin at UNM (JLD).
SEMIPALMATED PLOVER
1 at Belen on 5/2 (JND et al.) and 2 at Virden on 5/3 (NMOS).

*SNOWY PLOVER
51 were counted at Bitter Lake NWR on 5/12, where 4 nests with 1 to 3 eggs each were found on 5/27 (VM).

BLACK–BELLIED PLOVER
1 at Farmington on 12/6 (APN).

AMERICAN WOODCOCK
1 found dead on U.S. 60 10 miles west of Magdalena on 3/29 is now a skin at Unm (WWH, JDL); this is the second specimen from New Mexico.

WILLET
1–2 at Morgan Lake on 4/27 and 5/3 (APN), 35 near Cliff on 5/3 (NMOS), and 1 at Bitter Lake NWR on 5/12 (VM et al.).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS
20 at Bitter Lake NWR on 12/20 (VM et al.), and 1 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 2/20 (RWR); this species is rare in winter in the state.

LESSER YELLOWLEGS
2 at Bosque del Apache NWR 2/20 (RWR); the species is rare in winter.

BAIRD’S SANDPIPER
50 at Bitter Lake NWR on 5/12 (VM et al.) is a large number for spring passage, assuming the identification is correct.

LEAST SANDPIPER
6 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 12/6 (RWR); there are few winter records, but this may be the most regular “peep” in the state at that season.

STILT SANDPIPER
1 in breeding plumage at Otis or 3/21 (SW).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER
1 at La Joya SGR on 5/14 identified by observer familiar with the species (JDL).

MARbled GODWIT
186 at Morgan Lake on 4/27 (APN) is a very large number for the state.
AMERICAN AVOCET
27 AT MORGAN LAKE ON 4/27 (APN) AND 5 IN LOS ALAMOS ON 4/18 (WBL).

*BLACK—NECKED STILT
1 AT MORGAN LAKE ON 5/3 (APN); NEST WITH EGGS AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/27 (VM).

WILSON’S PHALAROPE
A FEMALE AT LOS ALAMOS ON 4/16 (PRS), AND PEAK OF 2500 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/9 (VM).

RING-BILLED GULL
8 AT MORGAN LAKE ON 4/27 (APH), SEVERAL AT MICALISTE LAKE ON 2/2 (WH), AND 8 AT A DUMP IN DEMING ON 3/8 (RAF).

FRANKLIN’S GULL
6 AT MORGAN LAKE ON 4/27 (APN), PRESENT NEAR SHOEMAKER ON 4/20 (WH, ES), AND 3 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/12 (FIDE VM).

BONAPARTE’S GULL
2 AT FARMINGTON ON 10/24 (APN).

FORSTER'S TERN
18 WERE REPORTED AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/12 (VM ET AL.) ALONG WITH 1 COMMON TERN, BUT IN THE ABSENCE OF SURPORTING DETAILS THE LATTER RECORD IS UNSATISFACTORY.

YELLOW—BILLED CUCKOO
FIRST AT ROSWELL ON 4/27 (VM) BUT NONE WERE REPORTED ON THE GILA ON 5/3 (NMOS) OR ELSEWHERE IN THE STATE IN MAY.

WHITE-WINGED DOVE
1 AT CARLSBAD ON 5/2 AND 5/27 (SW).

*BARN OWL
SINGLE NESTS WITH EGGS WERE FOUND NEAR ROSWELL ON 4/17 AND 4/29 (VM).

SCREECH OWL
1 AT FARMINGTON ON 12/30 (APN) AND 1 AT CEDAR CREST ON 2/14 (FIDE MCK); THERE ARE FEW WINTER RECORDS FROM THESE AREAS.

FLAMMULATED OWL
1 WAS BANDED AT CEDAR CREST ON 5/9 (MCK); A MALE WAS COLLECTED 10 MILES WEST OF MAGDALENA ON 5/14 (JDL); 1 WAS HEARD AT LOS ALAMOS 5/26 (PRS).
*GREAT HORNED OWL
APPEARENTLY INCUBATING BIRDS WERE SEEN ON NESTS AT FT. BAYARD ON 4/20 AND REDROCK ON 5/10 (RAF).

BURROWING OWL
6 WERE AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 12/20 (VM ET AL.), AND 4 AT MORGAN LAKE ON 5/3 (APN).

SAW–WHET OWL
A MIGRANT WAS BANDED AT CEDAR CREST ON 4/16 (MCK); 1 WAS BANDED AT 9400’ IN THE TULAROSA MTS. ON 5/31 (MCK); WHILE POSSIBLY A LATE MIGRANT, MORE LIKELY THIS REPRESENTS A BREEDING INDIVIDUAL OF THIS ELUSIVE OWL.

WHIP–POOR–WILL
1 WAS BANDED AT 9400’ IN THE TULAROSA MTS. ON 5/31 (MCK) WHICH IS A HIGH ELEVATIONAL RECORD FOR THIS SPECIES.

POOR–WILL
1 WAS SANDED AT 9400’ IN THE TULAROSA MYS. IN CONIFER FOREST ON 5/31 (MCK), WHICH IS RATHER HIGH FOR THIS SPECIES.

*WHITE–THROATED SWIFT
EARLY REPORTS FOR THE SPRING ARE: CANONCITO 3/25 (ES); LA CUEVA 3/30 (WH); LOS ALAMOS 4/1 WHERE APPARENTLY NESTING BY 4/20 (PRS); AND CHACO CANON NATL. MON. 4/8 (JDS).

BLACK–CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD
SINGLES AT CHACO CANON NATL. MON. ON 4/30 (JDS), AND AT NEARBY NAGEEZI ON 5/11 (PRS).

BROAD–TAILED HUMMINGBIRD
EARLY REPORTS FOR SPRING ARE CHAMA 4/14 (ENW), LOS ALAMOS 4/14 (PRS), AND JEMEZ SPRINGS 4/22 (MBS).

BROAD–BILLIED HUMMINGBIRD
2 WERE SEEN IN GUADALUPE CANON ON 5/20 (RAF).

RED–SHAFTED FLICKER
347 AT ESPANOLA ON 12/29 (WCT ET AL.) IS A HIGH NUMBER.

GOLDEN–FRONTED WOODPECKER
THE SECOND RECORD FOR THE STATE WAS A MALE REPORTED AT CARLSBAD ON 1/14 (SW); SEEN FOR 20 MINUTES OR MORE AND AS CLOSE AS 35–45 FEET; DESCRIBED AS “LADDER–BACKED” WITH WHITE WING PATCHES AND RUMP, A RED CAP, AND A GOLDEN NAPE.

CORRECTION: THE FIRST RECORD WAS EAST OF ROSWELL ON 20 APRIL,
GILA WOODPECKER
A maximum of 51 was seen in the Gila Valley on 5/3, 46 of which were in the vicinity of Redrock (NMOS); the numbers of this species should be watched carefully to detect any population declines that might result from the increase of starlings breeding in that region.

RED–HEADED WOODPECKER
1 on the Gallinas River near Montezuma on 5/30 (WH ET AL.).

ACORN WOODPECKER
4 in Bayard on 2/14 (RAF) probably represent wandering birds; the species occurs regularly within a few miles of there.

LEWIS’ WOODPECKER
168 at Espanola on 12/29 (WCT ET AL.) is a moderately high number; 1 at Chaco Canon Natl. Mon. on 5/9 (JDS).

YELLOW–BELLIED SAPSUCKER
First at Los Alamos was a male on 4/10 which began excavating a nest hole and was joined in this endeavor by a female on 4/12, with work continuing on a diminishing scale until 5/22 (PRS).

Hairy Woodpecker
1 in Albuquerque on 3/7 (DDL).

Downy Woodpecker
1 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 12/28 (CAH, DMN).

Northern Three–Toed Woodpecker
Reported in the Tularosa Mts. on 5/31 (MCK).

Rose–Throated Becard
A bird seen at Conchas Lake on 5/18 (ES ET AL.) may have been this species. Details include: length and color close to Say’s Phoebe, but heavier built; head crested, cool, almost blue gray; bill at least as heavy as that of a tanager; behaviour flycatcher–like. While suggestive of a correct identification, the failure to more adequately describe colors and pattern, lack of reference to the rufous tail (not black as implied), and perhaps the somewhat excessive size combine to make allocation tentative.

Cassin’s Kingbird
1 reported near Espanola 12/11 (J.Whetstone) is an unusual
WINTER RECORD.

EASTERN PHOEBE
REPORTED AT PUEBLO ON 5/11 (WH, ES).

BLACK PHOEBE
2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 1/26 (JND ET AL.).

HAMMOND’S FLYCATCHER
1 REPORTED SINGING NEAR LOS ALAMOS ON 5/17 (PRS).

COUES’ FLYCATCHER
2 REPORTED AT VIRDEN ON 5/3 (NMOS) REPRESENT ONE OF THE FEW LOWLAND RECORDS FOR THE STATE.

VERMILION FLYCATCHER
A MALE IN ARENAS VALLEY, EAST OF SILVER CITY, ON 1/25 (RAF) IS UNUSUAL BOTH FOR THE AREA AND THE DATE.

*VIOLET–GREEN SWALLOW
EARLY SPRING REPORTS INCLUDE: LOS ALAMOS 3/29 (PRS); SOUTH OF DATIL AND WEST OF MAGDALENA 3/29 (WWH, JDL).

*TREE SWALLOW
EARLY SPRING RECORDS INCLUDE: SANTA FE 4/13 (JND) AND ESPANOLA 4/19 (PRS). IN GALLINAS CANON IN THE MIMBRES MTS., A PAIR WAS FEEDING 4 YOUNG AT A NEST HOLE ON 5/24 (RAF); THIS IS A NEW BREEDING LOCALITY AND AN EARLY NESTING RECORD.

ROUGH–WINGED SWALLOW
AN EARLY RECORD IS 3/29 AT LA JOYA SGR (WWH, JDL).

BARN SWALLOW
VERY EARLY WERE 8 AT CHAMA ON 3/27 (ENW), COMPARED TO 4/13 NEAR SEVEN LAKES (JDS), 4/15 AT SANTA FE (PRS), AND 4/22 AT GASCON (WH).

*CLIFF SWALLOW
PRESENT ALONG WITH OLD NESTS AT CHACO CANON NATL. MON. ON 5/11 (PRS), AND NESTING AT PUEBLO ON 5/30 (WH).

PURPLE MARTIN
PRESENT IN THE JICARILLA DISTRICT, CARSON NATL. FOREST, IN THE PERIOD 5/23–25 (APN).

BLUE JAY
PRESENT IN ROSWELL AREA IN THE PERIOD 12/14 TO 2/7 (VM), AND 10 WERE REPORTED IN CARLSBAD ON 1/14 (SW); 1 WINTERED AT LAS VEGAS
SCRUB JAY
Frequent in Roswell in the period 12/13 to 3/19 (VM), where it is occasional in occurrence; 1 at Parkview Fish Hatchery on 4/23 (ENW); 1 banded at Santa Fe on 23 December 1967 was recovered on 5/14 near Cowles (PRS), only about 17 miles away but separated by some of the high peaks of the Sangre de Cristo Range.

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE
69 were counted at Farmington on 5/10 (APN).

*COMMON RAVEN
A pair at a new but empty nest near Los Alamos on 4/20 (PRS); nesting at Ft. Bayard in April (RAF).

WHITE-NECKED RAVEN
Several were shot by hunters at Clayton, providing first evidence of wintering in the area (WC).

COMMON CROW
1032 reported at Espanola on 12/29 (WCT ET AL.) is a high number.

PINION JAY
600 plus wintered between La Cueva and Las Vegas, with 1000 there in early March (ES); flock at Watrous on 4/20 (WH); 3 in pines at Los Alamos on 5/4 (PRS).

CLARK’S NUTCRACKER
3-4 awkward “downy” (= molting?) young were present at a feeder in Jemez Springs on 5/21 and 5/27, with 2 adults (MBS); 12 or more were present at Eagle Peak Spring, Tularosa Mts. on 5/30-31 (MCK).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE
Reported in winter and/or spring eastward to Watrous (WH) and Las Vegas (ES), south to Corrales (JND, JSF) and Cedar Crest where 1 was seen on 1/17 and 3/30 (MCK), and west to Farmington (APN ET AL.); maximum number reported was 60 at Espanola on 12/29 (WCT ET AL.), a very high number for New Mexico.

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE
Invaded the lowlands of the north during the winter, including Farmington (APN ET AL.), Chaco Canon Natl. Mon. (JDS), Corrales (JND ET AL.), Albuquerque (JND ET AL.), Isleta—Los Lunas where 6 were seen on 1/12 (JND), and Bosque del Apache NWR where 9 were
SEEN ON 12/28 (CAH, DMN); ALSO NUMEROUS IN THE SANDIA MTS. WHERE 118 WERE COUNTED ON 12/31 (C.C.).

COMMON BUSHTIT
PRESENT IN ALBUQUERQUE ON 1/22 (JND); 12 BETWEEN ISLETA AND LOS LUNAS ON 1/12 (JND).

*WHITE—BREASTED NUTHATCH
NESTING AT MONTEZUMA ON 5/17 (WN, ES).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH
10 COUNTED IN THE SANDIA MTB. ON 12/31 (C.C.) SEVERAL SEEN IN THE TULAROSA MTS. ON 5/30–31 (MCK) MAY HAVE BEEN BREEDING BIRDS.

BROWN CREEPER
WINTERED IN ALBUQUERQUE (JLD, JND), AND 1 AT FARMINGTON 12/30 (APN).

HOUSE WREN
1 AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 12/29 (C.C.) IS UNUSUAL; THE FIRST ONES NOTED AT LOS ALAMOS (PRS) AND CHAMA (ENW) WERE ON 5/3.

BEWICK’S WREN
3 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 12/20 (VM ET AL.).

LONG–BILLLED MARSH WREN
40 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/28 (CAH, DMN) IS A LARGE NUMBER IN NEW MEXICO.

CANON WREN
1 AT ESPANOLA ON 12/29 (WCT ET AL.) WAS THE FIRST THERE ON A CHRISTMAS COUNT.

*ROCK WREN
10 PLUS AT CRACO CANON NATL. MON. ON 5/11 (PRS), AND A NEST SEEN THERE ON 5/30–31 (R.NICKLAS).

MOCKINGBIRD
1 AT FARMINGTON 12/24 (APN); 2 WINTERED AT CLAYTON (WC).

CATBIRD
10 PLUS NEAR ESPANOLA ON 5/24 (PRS), A PAIR BETWEEN LAS VEGAS AND MONTEZUMA ON 5/30 (WH ET AL.) AND 1 BANDED AT CEDAR CREST ON 5/12 (MCK).

BROWN THRASHER
1 NEAR ESPANOLA ON 12/29 (WBL ET AL.), AND 1 NEAR SILVER CITY 4/14 TO 5/15 (RAF ET AL.).
BENDIRE’S THRASHER
SEEN AT CHACO CANON NATL. MON. ON 4/17 AND 5/24 (JDS).

SAGE THRASHER
A FEW WINTERED IN THE SANDIA MTS. REGION NORTH TO GOLDEN (MCK ET AL.).

*ROBIN
3027 AT ESPANOLA ON 12/29 (WCT ET AL.) AND A WINTER ROOST OF 500 IN THE SANDIA MTS. (MCK) ARE LARGE NUMBERS; ON 5/25 A STUB—TAILED YOUNG, BEING FED BY AN ADULT, WAS SEEN IN LOS ALAMOS (PRS).

HERMIT THRUSH
1 IN THE SANDIA MTS. ON 12/31 (C.C.).

SWAINSON’S THRUSH
1 BANDED AT CEDAR CREST ON 5/9 (MCK), AND 1 SEEN IN THE PINOS ALTOS MTS. ON 5/4 (JND ET AL.).

GRAY—CHEEKED THRUSH
2 REPORTED BEER NEAR CLAYTON ON 5/1 (A.J.KREHBIEL) DESCRIBED AS "GRAY", LACKING WARMTH OF COLOR, AND WITHOUT AN EYERING, SPECIMEN CONFIRMAION IS REQUIRED BECAUSE OF CERTAIN SIMILAR SWAINSON’S THRUSHES.

EASTERN BLUEBIRD
1 AT ESPANOLA ON 12/29 (WCT), AND 2 MALES IN TIJERAS CANON, SANDIA MTS., ON 12/31 (JLD, MCK).

*WESTERN BLUEBIRD
PAIR AT LOS ALAMOS, THE FEMALE GATHERING NESTING MATERIAL, ON 3/21, AND PRESENT AT NEST THROUGH 5/30 (PRS).

*MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD
1596 AT ESPANOLA ON 12/29 (WCT ET AL.) IS A VERY LARGE NUMBER; INCREASINGLY COMMON BREEDER AT LOS ALAMOS WITH 1 NEST FOUND ON 5/26 (WBL).

TOWNSEND’S SOLITAIRE
WINTERED AT LOVING (SW).

GNATCATCHER SP.
2 SEEN AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/28 (CAH, DMN) COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED TO SPECIES.

BLUE—GRAY GNATCATCHER
NORTHWESTERN RECORDS INCLUDE 2 AT CHACO CANON NATL. MON. ON 4/23 AND SEVERAL ON 5/8 (JDS), 1 AT FARMINGTON ON 5/10 (APN), AND SEEN IN THE JICARILLA DIST., CARSON NATL. FOREST ON 5/23–25 (APN).

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER
1 REPORTED AT CARLSBAD ON 4/17 (SW) WHERE VERY RARE.

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET
PRESENT IN LOS ALAMOS ON 12/15 AND 12/18 (PRS), 1 IN THE GASCON AREA ON 2/23 (WH), 2 AT VILLANUEVA ON 3/9 (WH), AND 4 IN S.U.CANON NEAR RESERVE ON 2/22–23 (MCK).

BOHEMIAN WAXWING
PRESENT DURING THE WINTER AND SPRING IN MODERATE NUMBERS IN THE NORTH: FARMINGTON, MAXIMUM OF 400 IN THE PERIOD 11/30 TO 3/31 (APN); LOS ALAMOS, MAXIMUM OF 200 IN THE PERIOD 12/2 TO 4/26 (WBL, PRS); AND ALSO REPORTED AT ESPANOLA, 50 ON 12/29 (JRT), SAN CRISTOBAL, 100 ON 12/8 (WH), AND CHACO CANON NATL. MON., 50 PLUS ON 12/24 (JDS).

PHAINOPEPLA
MAXIMUM OF 5 IN THE LOWER GILA VALLEY (CLIFF TO VIRDEN) ON 5/3 (NMOS).

NORTHERN SHRIKE
AN ADULT AT LOS ALAMOS ON 1/4 (PRS) AND 3/15 (WBL), 1 AT ESPANOLA ON 12/29 (WBL), AN IMMATURE TAKEN AT CEDAR CREST ON 3/2 (JDL, SPECIMEN UNM), AND 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 1/11 (JDL ET AL.).

STARLING
1887 ON 12/30 TO 3000 IN EARLY FEBRUARY AT FARMINGTON, BEGINNING TO NEST IN MARCH AND WITH 49 COUNTED ON 5/10 (APN); PRESENT IN THE JICARILLA DIST., CARSON NATL. FOREST, 5/23–25 (APN), AND 1 AT CHACO CANON NATL. MON. ON 5/9 (JDS); 2–3 ADULTS IN PINE FOREST, ELEVATION 7550’ IN LOS ALAMOS ON 5/22, AND 1 ADULT THERE FOLLOWED BY A FLEDGLING-ON 5/23 (PRS); A MAXIMUM OF 59 IN THE GILA VALLEY FROM VIRDEN TO THE CLIFF DWELLINGS, INCLUDING 46 IN THE REDROCK AREA ON 5/3 (NMOS). THE APPEARANCE OF THIS SPECIES AS A PROBABLE BREEDER IN PINE FOREST IS NOTABLE, AND ANY EXPANSION THERE IN LARGE NUMBERS COULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE MANY HOLE-NESTING SPECIES OF THE FORESTS OF THE STATE. THE SITUATION SHOULD BE CAREFULLY MONITORED.

HUTTON’S VIREO
1 SEEN IN THE PINOS ALTOS MTS. ON 2/22 BY OBSERVERS FAMILIAR WITH THE SPECIES (DAZ); THIS SPECIES IS RARELY REPORTED IN THE
STATE IN WINTER, ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE REGULAR BUT OVERLOOKED AT THAT SEASON.

BELL’S VIREO
ONLY 3 WERE REPORTED IN THE GILA VALLEY ON 5/3 (NMOS).

GRAY VIREO
SINGLES WERE REPORTED AT REDROCK ON 4/5 (RAF) AND 5/3 (JND ET AL.), AND IN GUADALUPE CANYON ON 5/30 (RAF);

BLACK—AND—WHITE WARBLER
1 WAS SEEN NEAR REDROCK ON 5/3 (NMOS), AND 1 WAS PHOTOGRAPHED AT CEDAR CREST ON 5/21–22 (MCK).

*LUCY’S WARBLER
A TOTAL OF 51 WAS COUNTED IN THE LOWER GILA VALLEY ON 5/3, INCLUDING 47 NEAR REDROCK (NMOS) WHERE IT WAS NESTING ON 5/17 (RAF).

MYRTLE WARBLER
A MALE AT LOS ALAMOS ON 4/25 (WBL).

BLACK—THROATED GRAY WARBLER
NORTHWESTERN RECORDS INCLUDE 1 AT FARMINGTON ON 5/10 (APN); THE SPECIES WAS NOTED IN THE JICARILLA DIST., CARSON NATL. FOREST ON 5/23–25 (APN).

GRACE’S WARBLER
FIRST AT LOS ALAMOS ON 4/30 (PRS); PRESENT IN THE JICARILLA DIST., CARSON NATL. FOREST, ON 5/23–25 (APN).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH
3 AT THE GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS AND 1 NEAR REDROCK ON 5/3 (NMOS).

RED—FACED WARBLER
4 NEAR REDROCK ON 5/3 (NMOS) IS AN UNUSUAL LOWLAND RECORD.

AMERICAN REDSTART
REPORTED NEAR MONTEZUMA ON 5/17 (WH, ES), AND IN GALLINAS CANYON, MIMBRES MTS. ON 5/4 (JND ET AL.).

PAINTED REDSTART
PRESENT IN S.U.CAJON NEAR RESERVE ON 3/29–30 (MCK), 5 AT THE GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS ON 5/3 (NMOS), 2 IN GALLINAS CANYON, MIMBRES MTS., ON 5/4 (JND ET AL.) AND 3 THERE ON 5/24 (RAF).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK
3 REPORTED NEAR SILVER CITY ON 12/28 (DAZ ET AL.); 2 AT BITTER
LAKE NWR ON 5/12 (VM ET AL.).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD
50–100 AT BERNARDO SGR ON 1/26 (JND ET AL.); THIS SPECIES IS UNCOMMON IN WINTER IN THE STATE.

HOODED ORIOLE
A TOTAL OF 24 WAS COUNTED IN THE GILA VALLEY ON 5/3 (NMOS).

SCOTT’S ORIOLE
PRESENT AT CHACO CANON NATL. MON. ON 5/9 (JDS); THERE ARE FEW RECORDS OF THIS SPECIES IN THE NORTHWEST.

*BREWER’S BLACKBIRD
A NEST WITH EGGS AT CHAMA ON 5/25 (ENW).

BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE
WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE: 425 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 12/20 (VM ET AL.); 2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/28 (CAH, DMN); 3 AT ESPANOLA 12/29 (WCT ET AL.); 25 AT ISLETA ON 1/12, AND A FEMALE AT SAN ANTONIO 1/26 (JND ET AL.) 7 AT KIRTLAND ON 1/26 WHERE A SINGLE WAS SEEN ON 11/18 AND 5 WERE SEEN ON 5/3 (APN ET AL.) THESE BEING THE FIRST PUBLISHED RECORDS FOR THE AREA SINCE THE SPECIES WAS REPORTED AT AZTEC PRIOR TO 1961. 1 BETWEEN LAS VEGAS AND MONTEZUMA ON 5/30 (WH ET AL.) IS ALSO UNUSUAL; 2 NEAR CLIFF ON 5/3 (NMOS) AND 8 AT REDROCK ON 5/10 (RAF) ARE RECORDS FROM AN AREA WHERE THE SPECIES IS STILL UNACCOUNTABLY RARE AND LOCAL AS A BREEDER.

*COMMON GRACKLE

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD
A REPORT FROM DILIA, GUADALUPE CO., ON 1/11 (WH) CONSTITUTES ONE OF THE FEW WINTER RECORDS FROM THE AREA; FIRST RECORDED AT LOS ALAMOS ON 5/2 (PRS) AND AT JEMEZ SPRINGS ON 5/3 (MBS).

SCARLET TANAGER
A MALE IN BREEDING PLUMAGE WAS REPORTED FROM LAS VEGAS ON 5/20 (WH).

HEPATIC TANAGER
1 WAS SEEN IN THE GILA VALLEY SOUTH OF CLIFF ON 5/3 (NMOS), AND 2 NEAR LOS ALAMOS ON 5/17 (PRS).
SUMMER TANAGER
A TOTAL OF 50 WAS COUNTED IN THE LOWER GILA RIVER VALLEY ON 5/3 (NMOS).

CARDINAL
A TOTAL OF 65 WAS COUNTED IN THE LOWER GILA VALLEY ON 5/3 (NMOS).

PYRRHULOXIA
2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR OH 12/28 (CAH, DMN); 1 WAS REPORTED NEAR VIRDEN ON 5/3 (NMOS).

ROSE—BREASTED GROSBEAK
MAY RECORDS OF FROM 1 TO 3 BIRDS WERE REPORTED FROM SANTA FE (P.CLARK), CEDAR CREST (MCK), BITTER LAKE—ROSWELL (VM), AND SILVER CITY (BJH).

BLUE GROSBEAK
EARLY SPRING RECORDS WERE: BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/12 (VM ET AL.), CONCHAS DAM ON 5/18 (WH, ES), LAS VEGAS ON 5/20 (WH), AND SAN ILDEFONSO PONDS ON 5/24 (PRS).

INDIGO BUNTING
A MALE WAS SEEN AT LAS VEGAS ON 5/13 AND 5/16 (WH).

EVENING GROSBEAK
24 PLUS WERE PRESENT AT CEDAR CREST FROM MID—JANUARY THROUGH MARCH (MCK), AND 42 WERE SEEN AT FARMINGTON ON 5/10 (APN);

CASSIN’S FINCH
PRESENT IN LOS ALAMOS FROM 3/12 TO 5/11 (PRS), AND IN GALLINAS CANON, MIMBRES MTS. ON 5/2 (JND).

HOUSE FINCH
AN ALBINO WAS SEEN IN ALBUQUERQUE FROM 12/7 TO 2/4 (DDL).

PINE GROSBEAK
A FEMALE WAS SEEN AT SANDIA CREST ON 12/31 (JLD, MCK, DMN) WHERE THERE IS ONE PREVIOUS RECORD; 11 WERE PRESENT AT CHAMA 2/2 AND OTHERS SEEN THERE ON 3/20 (ENW).

GRAY—CROWNED ROsy FINCH
200—300 WERE SEEN BETWEEN ANCOSTURA AND TRES RITOS FROM LATE DECEMBER INTO FEBRUARY (ES).
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH
392 at Espanola on 12/29 (WCT et al.) is a high number for the state.

RED CROSSBILL
The only report was 11 in the Sandia Mts. on 12/31 (C.C.).

BROWN TOWHEE
Common at Chaco Canon Natl. Mon. in the winter and spring (JDS).

ABERT’S TOWHEE
A total of 53 was counted in the Lower Gila Valley on 5/3, including 50 near Redrock (NMOS).

SAVANNAH SPARROW
Winter records include Bernardo SGR on 1/26 (JND et al.), Bosque Del Apache NWR on 12/28 (CAH, DMN), Bitter Lake NWR on 12/20 (VM et al.), and Silver City on 12/29 (DAZ et al.).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW
1 near Silver City on 12/28 (DAZ et al.), is quite unusual.

VESPER SPARROW
Recorded at Bernardo SGR on 1/26 (JND et al.), and Silver City on 12/29 (C.C.).

LARK SPARROW
1 reported at Bitter Lake NWR on 2/16 (WH) is an unusual winter occurrence.

RUFOUS—CROWNED SPARROW
1 at Albuquerque on 12/29 (C.C.) and 10 at Bitter Lake NWR on 12/20 (VM et al.) are unusual; 3 were recorded at Chaco Canon Natl. Mon. on 5/11 (PRS) where previously the species has not been reported.

CASSIN’S SPARROW
Scores in the area near Gage in May, where also found in the summer of 1968 (DAZ).

BLACK—THROATED SPARROW
Common at Chaco Canon Natl. Mon. Beginning in mid-April (JDS).

SAGE SPARROW
2 thought to be a darker race (probably canescens) rather than the regular (pale) nevadensis race were seen at Los Alamos on 3/29 (PRS); there is one previous report from that area and the state, but no specimen has been taken in substantiation.
WHITE-WINGED JUNCO
1 was seen at Los Alamos on 3/9, and 1 banded there on 3/28 (PRS).

SLATE-COLORED JUNCO
Records for the period are of up to 3 birds and include Chaco Canon Natl. Mon. (JDS), Española (WCT et al.), Chama (ENW), Las Vegas (ES), Corrales (JND, JSF), Albuquerque (JND), Bitter Lake NWR (VM et al.), and Silver City (C.C.).

TREE SPARROW
Reports include 10 at Flora Vista on 1/3 (APN), 1 at Los Alamos the week of 3/14 (PRS., B.SWARTZ), and 3 at Corrales on 12/29 (JND, JSF); 13 at Las Vegas on 12/30 (C.C.); 1 reported from Bitter Lake NWR on 5/12 is very late (VM et al.).

HARRIS’ SPARROW
Records for the period of up to 2 birds (mainly immatures) include Farmington (J.NORDSTRUM), Española (WCT et al.), Las Vegas (WH), near Bernalillo (CAH), and Silver City (W.D.ROGERS, DAZ).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW
Records for the period are from the vicinity of the Rio Grande Valley, including 5 banded at Bosque del Apache NWR (MEK, PRS, JRT et al.).

FOX SPARROW
11 at Bitter Lake NWR on 12/20 (VM et al.), is a high number for New Mexico.

SWAMP SPARROW
1 at Albuquerque 12/29 (JSF et al.), 4 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 12/28 (CAH, DMN), 2 at Bitter Lake NWR on 12/20 (VM et al.).