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SUMMARY

JUNE 1 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1966

THE SUMMER OF 1966 WAS WET AND CLOUDY WITH HIGH HUMIDITY. RAINS BEGAN EARLIER THAN USUAL BUT WERE SPOTTY IN SOME AREAS, WITH THE ALBUQUERQUE AREA RECEIVING LESS THAN NORMAL RAINFALL. MOST PONDS WERE FILLED. THE RIO GRANDE BELOW BELEN WAS LOWER THAN LAST YEAR, BUT LAKES WERE FULL.

AFTER THE DRY SPRING, GROWTH OF WILD FLOWERS WAS STUNTED, BUT PRODUCED MANY BLOOMS. THERE WAS A GOOD CROP OF WEED SEEDS, JUNIPER BERRIES, SPRUCE CONES IN THE HIGHER MOUNTAINS, AND OF ACORNS; PINONS WERE PRODUCED IN THE SOUTHWESTERN CORNER OF THE STATE. RANGE GRASS WAS TERMED GOOD TO EXCELLENT IN SOME AREAS. PRODUCTION OF APPLES, RUSSIAN OLIVES, AND VIRGINIA CREEPER BERRIES WAS GOOD ALSO.

SOME SPRING MIGRANTS LINGERED INTO THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE. IT WAS CONSIDERED AN EXCELLENT NESTING SEASON WITH WELL-SCATTERED POPULATIONS. FIRST "FEEL OF FALL" CAME ON AUGUST 12 IN SANTA FE, TURNING THE TIPS OF THE MOUNTAIN MAPLES TO RED BY AUGUST 15 ABOVE 10,000 FEET. MIGRATION BEGAN EARLY BY AUGUST 9 AT CEDAR CREST, AND AUGUST 3 NEAR ESPANOLA.

POPULATION NUMBERS OF PEWEES, WESTERN FLYCATCHERS, WESTERN TANAGERS, AND HERMIT THRUSHES REMAINED LOW IN THE NORTHERN MOUNTAINS.

HEAVY RAINS IN THE SOUTHEAST BROUGHT FLOODS TO CARLSBAD ON AUGUST 21 TO 23, WITH UP TO 8 INCHES OF PRECIPITATION IN SOME AREAS. THESE RAINS CEASED IN EARLY SEPTEMBER AND THE FALL BECAME SUPERB, BUT EXTREMELY DRY. NO TREMENDOUS STORMS MOVED THROUGH THE STATE, AND IT WAS THOUGHT TO BE THE DRIEST IN A DECADE. THE FIRST FRONT AT LAS VEGAS CAME ON OCTOBER 13, WHICH IS LATE.

AT FARMINGTON, NOVEMBER TEMPERATURES WERE FIVE TO EIGHT DEGREES ABOVE NORMAL. THERE HAD BEEN NO SNOW YET BY NOVEMBER 30; FLOWERS WERE STILL IN BLOOM IN PROTECTED PLACES, AND SOME SHRUBS WERE STILL IN LEAF.

MIGRATION WAS DEEMED LIGHT WITH FEW CONCENTRATIONS, DUE TO OPEN WEATHER. AFTER A FLURRY OF EARLY MIGRANTS, MANY LINGERED BEYOND THEIR NORMAL DEPARTURE DATES. THERE WERE FEW RARITIES NOTED. AT ROSWELL, MOON OBSERVATIONS FROM SEPTEMBER 20 TO OCTOBER 3 SHOWED BIRDS SLIPPING BY IN THE EARLY EVENING AT THE RATE OF ONE EVERY TWO MINUTES, WITH FEWER FROM OCTOBER 21 TO 24. THE

BIGGEST DATE AT CEDAR CREST WAS RATHER LATE: OCTOBER 29.

CARLSBAD HAD A GOOD FALL HAWK MIGRATION; THERE WERE GOOD POPULATIONS OF HUMMINGBIRDS; DUCKS AND GEESE WERE STAYING NORTH. ROSWELL HAD A GOOD FLIGHT OF SHOREBIRDS: A UNIT IN BITTER LAKE REFUGE WAS DRAINED TO ERADICATE CARP, AND BY SEPTEMBER 30 WIDE AREAS OF MUDFLATS HAD SEVERAL HUNDRED OF 16 SPECIES. ALSO, A DROWNED FIELD NEAR ROSWELL ON SEPTEMBER 15 ATTRACTED ABOUT 300 SHOREBIRDS OF 7 SPECIES.

THERE WERE REPORTS OF BOREAL SPECIES INTRUDING THE LOWLANDS, WITH SIGNS THAT THIS MIGHT BE ANOTHER OF THOSE INFREQUENT YEARS WHEN HIGH-ALTITUDE SPECIES ARE PRESENT IN LOW ELEVATIONS.

CORRIGENDA FOR VOLUME V, NO. 1:

PAGE 1, CONTRIBUTORS:

UNDER SOUTHEAST, DB SHOULD READ DLB

PAGE 17, HOODED WARBLER:

THERE IS A SPECIMEN FOR NEW MEXICO: A MALE (IMMATURE?) WAS COLLECTED AT A STOCK TANK EAST OF ANIMAS, HIDALGO CO., 5/20/65, BY BRUCE HARRIS (SEE NMOS FIELD NOTES 765-12).

PAGE 18, CARDINAL:

THE BIRD WAS SEEN IN ALBUQUERQUE.

COMMON LOON

1 WAS SEEN ON MORGAN LAKE NEAR FARMINGTON, SAN JUAN CO., 11/26-27, FOR FIRST RECORD IN THIS LOCALITY; DESCRIBED, AS SEEN THROUGH 7X BINOCULARS: "HEAVY, STRAIGHT BILL; SOME LIGHTER MARKING ON A BROWN BACK; WHITE THROAT, NECK, AND UNDERSIDE; MUCH LARGER THAN A DUCK OR A MERGANSER; LONG, NARROW WINGS; DIVED" (APN).

EARED GREBE

2 AT WILLOW LAKE, EDDY CO., IN JUNE (SW), AND 1 AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE ON 6/4 ARE LATE RECORDS FOR THE SEASON (VM).

WESTERN GREBE

1 WAS AT LA JOYA STATE GAME REFUGE 10/22 (WCT); 6 AT LAKE ROBERTS 10/27 WAS AN UNUSUAL NUMBER (WG); AT LEAST 1 WAS ON MCALISTER LAKE, SAN MIGUEL CO., 10/30 (DM); 3 WERE SEEN NEAR LAS VEGAS 11/15 (ES); 1 WAS AT HARROUN LAKE 11/19 (SW) AND 11/25 (JP. SW).

PIED-BILLED GREBE

YOUNG WERE RECORDED AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE DURING THE SUMMER (EVK); 1 WAS AT SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO POND, NEAR LOS ALAMOS, 9/28 (PRS); AT LEAST 24 WERE AT LA CUEVA STATE GAME REFUGE, NEAR MORA, 10/30 (DM); COMMON ON LAKE ROBERTS DURING OCTOBER, WITH A MAXIMUM OF 30 BIRDS (WG).

WHITE PELICAN

ARRIVED AT LAKE AVALON IN EARLY OCTOBER AND BUILT UP TO 200 IN NOVEMBER (SW); 75 AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE 10/15 TO 11/20 (VM).

GREAT BLUE HERON

3 NESTS WERE IN PONDEROSA SNAG ON THE HEART BAR RANCH, CATRON CO., BUT THE EXACT NUMBER OF YOUNG WAS NOT ASCERTAINED; AT LEAST 2 IMMATURE WERE NOTED IN THE AREA IN LATE SUMMER AND FALL (WG) 11 WERE COUNTED NEAR LAS VEGAS 8/28 (ES); 1 WAS AT GARTON LAKE, NEAR ALAMOGORDO, OTERO CO., 9/4 (JRD); 3 WERE SEEN AT ESPANOLA 8/25 (PRS, SW), AND 1 WAS THERE 11/1 AND 11/30 (MAC, PRS); HALF A DOZEN WERE SEEN AT LA CUEVA REFUGE 10/30 (DM).

GREEN HERON

NUMBERS WERE UP IN THE EDDY CO. AREA THIS SUMMER WITH FROM 1 TO 4 BIRDS SEEN AT ONE TIME (DF, SW); 1 WAS AT ESPANOLA 8/25 (PRS, SW).

COMMON EGRET

1 WAS AT HARROUN LAKE 8/1 AND 10/26 (SW); ABSENT FROM BITTER LAKE REFUGE WHERE IT IS EXPECTED REGULARLY (VM); 1 AT ESPANOLA 8/25 WAS NORTH OF ITS USUAL RANGE, ALTHOUGH THERE IS AT LEAST ONE PREVIOUS RECORD FOR THIS VALLEY: BIRD WAS BIGGER, SLIMMER THAN A SNOWY EGRET, HAD A YELLOW BILL, BLACK FEET (PRS, SW).

SNOWY EGRET

3 SEEN 8/28 AT MORGAN LAKE, SAN JUAN CO., WAS THE FIRST FALL RECORD TRERE; 1 WAS PRESENT ON 9/3 AND 2 ON 9/10 (APN); NUMBERS WERE LESS AT ROSWELL IN SEPTEMBER (VM); 1 WAS AT ESPANOLA 9/10 (WBL, WCT).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

NOTED NESTING AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE IN THE SUMMER (EVK); PARTIALLY RECOVERED IN EDDY CO. FROM RECORD LOW NUMBERS IN 1965 (SW); 5 IMMATURES WERE AT LOWDERMILK POND, ESPANOLA, 7/2 (WCT), AND 1 WAS SEEN AT LAKE ROBERTS 7/10 (RAF).

AMERICAN BITTERN

1 WAS SEEN 9/10 AT RIVERSIDE, RIO ARRIBA CO. (WBL, DR, WCT).

CANADA GOOSE

27 NOTED AT LA JOYA STATE GAME REFUGE 10/24 WERE THE FIRST WINTER SEASON ARRIVALS THERE (JLS); FIRST ONES SEEN AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE WERE ON 10/25 WITH A PEAK OF 1805 (VERY LOW) ON 12/2 (EVK).

BLACK BRANT

1 APPEARED AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 10/31 AND REMAINED UNTIL 11/25 FOR WHAT IS APPARENTLY THE FIRST STATE RECORD; THE BIRD WAS PHOTOGRAPHED, AND A BLACK AND WHITE PRINT IS ON FILE AT THE MUSEUM OF SOUTHWESTERN BIOLOGY, U.N.M. (EVK); 1 WAS LATER FOUND AT BERNARDO WATERFOWL REFUGE IN A SICK OR INJURED CONDITIONS AND IS RECUPERATING IN A PEN AT TESUQUE UNDER THE CARE OF W. S. HUEY; THE PLUMAGE OF THIS BIRD IS IN SUCH POOR CONDITION THAT SPECIES CANNOT BE ACCURATELY DETERMINED UNTIL MOLT TAKES PLACE.

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE

1 WAS SEEN AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 10/23 (WCT), AND 3 WERE THERE 12/2 (EVK).

SNOW GOOSE

33 WERE COUNTED AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 9/29, WITH A PEAK OF 1882 ON 12/2; THIS NUMBER HAS INCREASED EACH YEAR, AND THIS IS THE HIGHEST COUNT YET; IN 1956, 400 WAS A NEW HIGH (EVK).

BLUE GOOSE

2 WERE AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 9/29, AND A PEAK OF 26 ON 12/2 (EVK).

MALLARD

NUMBERS INCREASED IN THE SOUTHEAST SECTION OF THE STATE WHERE AT LEAST 10 PAIR WERE REPORTED TO HAVE NESTED ON THE PECOS RIVER FROM SIX-MILE DAM TO HARROUN LAKE (SW); NESTING AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE WAS REPORTED TO BE AVERAGE (EVK); 500 WERE COUNTED ON MORGAN LAKE, SAN JUAN CO., 10/19 (APN); 200 WERE COUNTED AT LA JOYA 10/22 (WCT); 15 WERE AT ESPANOLA 11/1 (MAC, PRS); 3 WERE SEEN 11/26 ON PARTIALLY FROZEN SAN GREGORIO LAKE, JEMEZ MTS. (DMN); OTHER NESTINGS WERE REPORTED FROM FT. BAYARD (RAF) AND CLAYTON (AK).

NEW MEXICAN DUCK

A NEST AT HAYDEN LAKE, RIO ARRIBA CO., AT FIRST PRESUMED TO BE THAT OF MALLARDS, PROVED TO BE THIS SPECIES WHEN THE DOWN FEATHERS WERE ANALYZED (LYNDON HARGRAVE, WWH).

GADWALL

3 SEEN ON A RAIN POND WEST OF MALAGA, EDDY CO., ON 6/14 IS ONE OF THE FEW SUMMER RECORDS FOR EDDY CO. (LP, SW); OVER 100 WERE SEEN AT LA JOYA 10/23 (WCT); MORE THAN 200 WERE AT ESPANOLA 11/1 (MAC, PRS).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL

350 WERE ON MORGAN LAKE, SAN JUAN CO., 10/18 (APN); 1 WAS AT SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO 11/1 (PRS).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL

120 WERE AT THE SALT PONDS 20 MILES EAST OF CARLSBAD 8/28 (SW).

CINNAMON TEAL

2 WERE AT THE CARLSBAD SALT PONDS 8/28 (SW); 7 WERE IN SANTA FE 8/17 (PRS)

AMERICAN WIDGEON

1 WAS SEEN AT SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO 9/28 (PRS); 100 WERE COUNTED ON MORGAN LAKE 10/18 (APN); 60 WERE IN THE ESPANOLA VALLEY 11/1 (MAC, PRS).

SHOVELER

1 WAS AT SANTA FE ON 8/24 (PRS, SW), AND 27 WERE SEEN AT ESPANOLA 11/1 (MAC, PRS).

WOOD DUCK

6 MALES AND 3 FEMALES WERE REPORTED AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 11/22 BY THE REFUGE FOREMAN DOYLE DAY.

REDHEAD

5 WERE SEEN ON MORGAN LAKE 9/10, 10 ON 10/3, AND 300 ON 10/18 (APN); 1 MALE WAS AT ESPANOLA 11/1 (MAC, PRS).

CANVASBACK

150 WERE ON MORGAN LAKE 10/18 (APN); 12 WERE AT LA JOYA REFUGE 10/22 (WCT); A PAIR WAS AT ESPANOLA 11/1 (MAC, PRS).

LESSER SCAUP

A FEW WERE AT MCALLISTER LAKE 10/30 (DM); ABOUT 25 WERE NOTED AT ESPANOLA 11/1 (MAC, PRS).

BUFFLEHEAD

NUMBERS WERE UP IN ALL REPORTS: 900 AT MORGAN LAKE 10/18 (APN); DOZENS ON MCALLISTER LAKE 10/30 (DM); 11 ON 11/1 AT SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO AND ESPANOLA

(MAC, PRS); 300 REPORTED IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA IN NOVEMBER (ES).

RUDDY DUCK

NO BREEDING PAIRS NOTED THIS YEAR IN THE CARLSBAD AREA (SW); 2 WERE AT LAKE ROBERTS 10/20, AND 15 WERE THERE 10/27 (WG); NUMEROUS ON MCALLISTER LAKE 10/30 (OM); ABOUT 50 AT ESPANOLA 11/1 (MAC, PRS).

HOODED MERGANSER

3 FEMALES WERE AT A POND NEAR ROSWELL ON 11/10 (ANC).

COMMON MERGANSER

A FEMALE WITH 5-6 YOUNG WAS SEEN FREQUENTLY DURING EARLY SUMMER ON THE WEST FORK OF THE GILA RIVER (FROM VERY YOUNG TO 3/4 GROWN); TWO PAIR HAD BEEN SEEN HERE FREQUENTLY THE PREVIOUS WINTER AND SPRING (WG).

TURKEY VULTURE

LAST NOTED IN SANTA FE ON 9/29 (PRS); 3 FLOCKS WITH ABOUT 50 BIRDS IN EACH WERE SEEN BETWEEN BELEN AND BERNARDO 9/29 (MCK, JLS); 6 WERE SEEN FLYING NEAR BELEN 10/9 (CLL); 2 NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM LINCOLN COUNTY (JMC).

MISSISSIPPI KITE

PRESENT IN ROSWELL IN SMALL NUMBERS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON; ONLY ONE NEST FOUND, TEN FEET FROM THE TOP OF A FIFTY-FOOT LOCUST TREE, NEAR WATER IN AN ISOLATED GROVE ABOUT EIGHT MILES FROM ROSWELL; ON 8/13 THE NEST HAD ONE LARGE YOUNG STANDING ON THE NESTS, WHISTLING FOR MORE GRASSHOPPERS; ALL BIRDS WERE GONE BY 9/15 (VM); 2 YOUNG WERE IN A NEST 6/22 IN CORRALES, SANDOVAL CO. (TS).

GOSHAWK

1 SEEN JUST BELOW LOS ALAMOS RESERVOIR 6/30 (WCT); SEEN IN THE CUMBRES PASS AREA 8/14 (PRS); SEVERAL NOTED FROM SANDIA CREST 9/17 (TS); 1 NORTH OF CHAMA 9/22 (ENW).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK

1 WAS SEEN OVER SANTA FE SKI BASIN 8/24 (PRS, SW); 1 WAS IN CHAMA 9/21 ([NW]; 1 IN SANTA FE 10/4 (PRS); 1 AT GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS 10/23-24 WAS UNUSUAL (WG); ARRIVED IN ROSWELL AREA 11/10 (VM).

COOPER'S HAWK

FIRST RETURN TO ROSWELL NOTED 10/7 (VM); 1 WAS SHOT AT GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS 11/2 (WG); A FEMALE WAS SHOT EIGHT MILES NORTH OF FARMINGTON 11/18 (APN); 1 WAS SEEN CAPTURING A SCALED QUAIL IN DESERT AREA NEAR RODEO, HIDALGO CO 11/22 (SAR); NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (RAF) AND BERNALILLO CO. (DD).

RED-TAILED HAWK

ABUNDANT ALL FALL IN THE MAGDALENA AREA (JAB); MORE THAN A DOZEN COUNTED BETWEEN LOS ALAMOS AND LA JOYA 10/22 (WCT); FIRST SEEN NEAR ROSWELL 10/27 WHERE MORE THAN THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF IMMATURES WAS NOTED (VM); NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM GRANT AND CATRON COUNTIES (RAF, WG), SOCORRO CO. (EBH), AND TORRANCE CO. (JMC).

SWAINSON'S HAWK

A NEST NEAR LOVING WAS DESTROYED BY HEAVY RAIN 6/10-11; THIS WAS POSSIBLY THE FIRST EDDY CO. NEST RECORD IN WHICH THE ACTUAL NEST WITH EGGS OR YOUNG WAS FOUND (SW); NUMBERS LESS THAN USUAL IN THE ROSWELL AREA IN THE FALL (VM); NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (APN), LINCOLN AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES (PRS), SOCORRO AND TORRANCE COUNTIES (JMC).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK

REPORTED TO HAVE APPEARED ONCE AT LOS ALAMOS, WHERE IT HAS NESTED IN RECENT YEARS, THEN DISAPPEARED, POSSIBLY FOR A MORE REMOTE CANYON (FIDE JRT).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK

REPORTED NUMEROUS THIS FALL NEAR FARMINGTON (APN); FIRST SEEN NEAR ROSWELL 11/10 (VM).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK

NOTED SOUTH OF LOS ALAMOS 10/16 (PRS); FIRST SEEN AT ROSWELL 10/27 (VM); 1 WAS NEAR PENA BLANCA 11/6 (BJH, PRS); NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM SOCORRO AND DEBACA COUNTIES (JMC).

HARRIS' HAWK

SEEN MORE FREQUENTLY THAN USUAL NEAR ROSWELL THIS SUMMER, WHERE SEVERAL TIMES 2 OR 3 WERE SEEN TOGETHER (VM); 2 NESTS WERE FOUND NEAR LOVING (SW).

BLACK HAWK

SUCCESSFUL NESTING REPORTED AGAIN FROM GRANT CO.; 1 SEEN SOARING AT REDROCK, GRANT CO., 10/8 (RAF).

GOLDEN EAGLE

2 WERE SEEN IN THE LADRON MTS. 11/14, BUT THE SPECIES IS REPORTED STILL RARE: IN THE MAGDALENA AREA (JAB); 1 SUCCESSFUL NEST WAS REPORTED FROM RIO ARRIBA CO. (ENW).

BALD EAGLE

NONE WERE SEEN OR REPORTED ALL FALL NEAR FARMINGTON (APN).

MARSH HAWK

A NEST WAS REPORTED FROM BITTER LAKE REFUGE WHERE THE SPECIES NESTS REGULARLY BUT SPARINGLY (VM); 1 SEEN 8/18 ON THE SAN AUGUSTINE PLAINS WAS EARLY (JAB); 1 WAS AT MORGAN LAKE 9/3 FOR THE FIRST FALL RECORD HERE, AND 4 WERE SEEN 10/18 (APN); 1 WAS SOUTH OF THE PENITENTIARY 10/30 (PRS), AND 1 WAS AT ESPANOLA 11/1 (MAC, PRS).

OSPREY

FIRST SEEN NEAR ROSWELL 10/15 (VM); NOTED AT LAKE ROBERTS 10/25-27 (WG).

PRAIRIE FALCON

REPORTED FROM SAN AUGUSTINE PLAINS 7/18 (PRS), SANDIA CREST 9/17 (TS), CHAMA 10/11 (ENW), MORGAN LAKE 10/18 (APN), SOUTH OF SANTA FE 10/22 (PRS).

PEREGRINE FALCON

1 WAS SEEN IN THE SANDIA CREST AREA IN SEPTEMBER (TS, ET AL.).

PIGEON HAWK

1 WAS SEEN OVER SANDIA CREST 9/17 (TS); 1 WAS SEEN IN GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS 10/24 (WG).

SPARROW HAWK

SEEN CONSTANTLY NEAR ROSWELL ALL FALL (VM); ABUNDANT IN THE MAGDALENA AREA ALL FALL (JAB); PEAKS AT SANTA FE WERE 4 ON 8/17 AND 10 ON 9/1, WHICH IS EARLY (PRS); NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM BERNALILLO CO. (WWH) AND SANTA FE CO. (PRS).

BLUE GROUSE

A FEMALE WITH 3 ALMOST GROWN YOUNG WAS SEEN AT CHAMA 7/31; 6 WERE COUNTED AT

9000' IN THAT AREA 9/22 (ENW).

SCALED QUAIL

REPORTED NUMEROUS IN THE FALL IN FARMINGTON AREA (APN) AND IN SOCORRO CO. (JAB); NUMBERS SEEM TO HAVE RETURNED TO NORMAL IN THE SOUTHEAST (SW), AND ARE INCREASING IN THE CLAYTON AREA (AK); 1 NEST WAS RECORDED IN SOCORRO CO. (JLS).

GAMBEL'S QUAIL

GOOD NUMBERS REPORTED FROM GRANT CO., WITH SEVERAL NESTS RECORDED (RAF, WG); NESTED ON THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (EVK); ABUNDANT IN ITS HABITAT NEAR MAGDALENA ALL FALL (JAB).

HARLEQUIN QUAIL

3 WERE SEEN AT LITTLE WALNUT CAMPGROUND, SILVER CITY, 7/26 (RAF); A PAIR WAS SEEN NEAR SAN JUAN PEAK, SAN MATEO MTS., SOCORRO CO., 11/10 (JAB).

RING-NECKED PHEASANT

NESTED ON THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (EVK); 1 WAS AT ESPANOLA 11/1 (PRS), AND 2 WERE SEEN AT FT. SUMNER 11/16 (JLS).

AFGHAN WHITE-WINGED PHEASANT

NESTED ON THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (EVK); A HYBRID WITH RING-NECKED PHEASANT WAS NOTED ON THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE 11/21 (JLS).

TURKEY

NUMBERS WERE DOWN FROM A YEAR AGO IN THE GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS AREA (WG); A FLOCK OF UP TO 40 BIRDS WAS REPORTED FROM NEAR SILVER CITY IN OCTOBER (FIDE RAF).

SANDHILL CRANE

5 WERE SEEN ON THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 9/24; NUMBERS INCREASED TO 4741 BY 12/7 (EVK); THE FIRST 19 ARRIVED AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE 9/30 (VM) AND THE ROOSTING FLOCK BUILT UP TO 19,000 UNTIL THE HUNTING BEGAN, WHEN IT DROPPED TO 5000 (WR).

SORA

1 WAS SEEN IN SANTA FE ON 8/17 AND 8/24 (PRS).

COMMON GALLINULE

1 WAS SEEN AT SIX-MILE DAM, EDDY CO., 6/12 (SW); 1 WAS ON BITTER LAKE REFUGE 6/14 (DLB).

AMERICAN COOT

1800 WERE ON MORGAN LAKE 10/3, 1 BEING EATEN BY A RING-BILLED GULL; 3200 WERE SEEN THERE 10/18 (APN); ABOUT 5000 WERE IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA IN NOVEMBER (ES); YOUNG WERE RECORDED AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (EVK) AND NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM CATRON CO. (RAF) AND RIO ARRIBA CO. (WWH).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER

1 WAS SEEN AT THE EPHEMERAL POND NEAR HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE 9/4 (JRD).

SNOWY PLOVER

4 WERE SEEN AT THE CARLSBAD SALT PONDS 8/28 (SW); 5 WERE NOTED 9/4 ON THE POND AT HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE (JRD).

KILLDEER

NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM CHAVES CO. (VM, JLS), AND FROM THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (EVK).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER

1 ADULT WITH CHICK WAS REPORTED 6/2 ON THE MESA WEST OF ALBUQUERQUE, ABOVE VOLCANO CLIFFS (MIKE MARES); 1 ADULT WITH CHICK WAS REPORTED FROM NORTH OF CLAYTON 6/12 (WWC); 1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM CHAVES CO. (VM).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER

SEEN REGULARLY IN GROUPS OF 2 TO 9 FROM 9/30 TO 10/29 AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE (VM).

COMMON SNIPE

1 ON 10/31 AND 11/2 AT THE GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS AREA WAS UNUSUAL (WG).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW

10 SEEN 3 MILES SOUTHWEST OF LOVING ON 7/4 WERE VERY EARLY (DF, SW); 1 WAS SEEN 7/10 IN CORRALES (JSV); 1 WAS AT MORGAN LAKE 8/28 (APN).

UPLAND PLOVER

1 SEEN 3 MILES SOUTHWEST OF LOVING ON 7/4 WAS VERY EARLY (DF, SW); 4 IN EARLY AUGUST WERE ALL THAT WERE NOTED IN THE ROSWELL AREA WHERE HUNDREDS ARE EXPECTED IN THIS MONTH (VM).

SPOTTED SANDDIPPER

4 WERE SEEN SOUTH OF LOVING 6/14 (SW): 1 WAS AT ESPANOLA 8/25 (PRS, SW); 3 WERE AT THE CARLSBAD SALT PONDS 8/23 (SW); 1 WAS AT THE POND NEAR HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE 9/4 (JRD); 3 AT SANTA FE 9/24 WERE LATE (PRS).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER

NOTED AT RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS, CARLSBAD CAVERNS N.P. 8/27, AND AT CARLSBAD SALT PONDS 8/28 (SW); 1 WAS IN SANTA FE 9/1 (PRS); 3 WERE SEEN AT ESPANOLA 9/17 (WBL, DR, WCT).

WILLET

1 WAS SEEN NEAR ROSWELL 9/15 (VM).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS

23 WERE COUNTED AT CARLSBAD SALT PONDS 8/28 (SW); 3 WERE SEEN AT MORGAN LAKE 9/3 (APN); SEEN IN THE FLATS AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE 9/30 (VM).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS

1 WAS SEEN AT CARLSBAD SALT PONDS 8/28 (SW); SEEN ON EXPOSED MUDFLATS ON BITTER LAKE REFUGE 9/30 (VM).

KNOT

1 WAS SEEN IN COMPLETE BREEDING PLUMAGE AT HARROUN LAKE 7/17, FEEDING WITH YELLOWLEGS; VIEWED FROM 100 FEET IN GOOD LIGHT; THE BIRD WAS STOCKY AND HAD A SHORT BILL; THE ONLY OTHER SHOREBIRD WHICH SHOWS ANY BREEDING PLUMAGE SIMILAR TO THIS IS THE DOWITCHER WHICH HAS A LONG BILL (SW); 3 BIRDS OF THIS SPECIES WERE COLLECTED 9/2/62 AT LAKE MCMILLAN, EDDY CO., BY BRUCE HARRIS FOR WHAT WAS EVIDENTLY THE SECOND STATE RECORD AT THAT TIME.

PECTORAL SANDPIPER

2 WERE NEAR ROSWELL 9/15, AND SOME WERE NOTED AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE 9/30 (VM).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER

NOTED AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE 9/30 (VM); 3 SEEN ON MORGAN LAKE 10/18-19 (APN); 3 WERE AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 10/23 (WCT).

STILT SANDPIPER

2 WERE SEEN AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE 7/26 (WR), AND 1 WAS SEEN THERE 8/3 (VM, WR); 2 WERE IN A FLOODED FIELD NEAR ROSWELL 9/15 (VM).

MARBLED GODWIT

1 WAS AT MORGAN LAKE 9/3 (APN), AND THE SPECIES WAS NOTED AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE 9/30 (VM).

AMERICAN AVOCET

NOTED AT MORGAN LAKE 8/28 (APN); AT CARLSBAD SALT PONDS 8/28 (SW); AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE 9/30 (VM); NEST WAS REPORTED FROM CHAVES CO. (JLS).

BLACK-NECKED STILT

43 WERE COUNTED AT THE CARLSBAD SALT PONDS 8/28 (SW); NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM CHAVES CO. (VM).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE

3 FEMALES SOUTH OF MALAGA 6/14 MAY BE THE FIRST SUMMER RECORD FOR EDDY CO. (LP, SW); 160 WERE COUNTED AT THE CARLSBAD SALT PONDS 8/28 (SW); 3 WERE SEEN 8/28 AT MORGAN LAKE (APN).

RING-BILLED GULL

REPORTED FROM BITTER LAKE REFUGE 9/30 (VM) AND 11/16 (JLS); 2 IMMATURES, 1 FEEDING ON A DEAD COOT, WERE AT MORGAN LAKE 10/3 (APN); 9 COUNTED AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 10/22 (WCT); SEEN ALL FALL IN LAS VEGAS WITH ABOUT 200 NOTED IN NOVEMBER (ES).

FRANKLIN'S GULL

SEEN ON BITTER LAKE REFUGE ON 9/30 (VM) AND AT LAKE AVALON 11/25 (SW).

BONAPARTE'S GULL

1 AT LA JOYA REFUGE 10/23 WAS WATCHED FOR AN HOUR IN GOOD LIGHT, WITH RING-BILLED GULLS PRESENT FOR SIZE COMPARISON (DR, WCT); 3 IN WINTER PLUMAGE AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE 11/10 ARE APPARENTLY THE SECOND REFUGE RECORD (VM, JHS).

LEAST TERN

3 WERE SEEN AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE 6/24, BUT NO NESTS WERE FOUND (VM).

BLACK TERN

1 WAS SEEN 8/22 AT SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO (BJH, PRS, ET AL.).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON

REPORTED FAIRLY ABUNDANT IN THE SILVER CITY AREA FROM MID-JUNE, PROBABLY DUE TO THE HEAVY MAST CROP (RAF); 2 TO 35 NOTED DAILY FROM 6/16 TO 7/1 BELOW HYDE PARK OUT OF SANTA FE (PRS); 2 SEEN IN SLAUGHTER CANYON, CARLSBAD CAVERNS N.P. 6/20 (SW, ET AL.); 4 WERE SEEN 8/12 AT ELLIS RANCH IN THE SANDIA MTS. (JSF), AND 4 TO 6 WERE NOTED REGULARLY AT CAPULIN SPRINGS, SANDIA MTS., THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER (MCK); NOTED IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA IN AUGUST (ES) AND ALL FALL IN LOS ALAMOS CANYON (JRT, ET AL.).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE

1 WAS AT RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS, CARLSBAD CAVERNS N.P. IN LATE AUGUST (Sw).

MOURNING DOVE

NUMBERS WERE REPORTED LOW IN SANTA FE (PRS) AND IN THE GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS

AREA (WG); NESTED AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE WHERE 1256 WERE BANDED, 77% OF WHICH WERE IMMATURES (EVK); OTHER NESTS WERE RECORDED FROM GRANT CO. (RAF, APN), CHAVES CO. (VM), RIO ARRIBA CO. (SAS).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO

SEEN AND HEARD MORE FREQUENTLY THAN EVER BEFORE AT ROSWELL WHERE IT WAS FIRST HEARD 6/27, AND FREQUENTLY THEREAFTER UNTIL AT LEAST 8/13 (VM); 1 SEEN IN FARMINGTON 8/27 WAS A FIRST RECORD THERE FOR THIS OBSERVER (APN).

ROADRUNNER

NUMBERS OF REPORTS MAY INDICATE SPECIES IS INCREASING; NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (RAF), BERNALILLO CO. (WWH), CHAVES CO. (VM).

GROOVE-BILLED ANI

1 WAS AT RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS 11/13, WATCHED BY 7 PEOPLE FOR 15 TO 20 MINUTES FROM ABOUT 100 FEET; THE BIG BILL WAS CLEARLY SEEN ALTHOUGH NO GROOVES COULD BE DETECTED; WHEN THE BIRD FLEW, THE TAIL WAS CHARACTERISTICALLY LOOSE AND FLOPPY (SW AND 6 MEMBERS OF THE MIDLAND, TEXAS, NATURALISTS' GROUP). THERE IS NO SPECIMEN FOR THE STATE. LIGON LISTS 2 SIGHT RECORDS; THERE IS A SIGHT RECORD FROM SANTA FE (9/5/64, PRS; SEE NMOS FIELD NOTES 664-6); 8 OBSERVERS WATCHED 1 IN ALBUQUERQUE 12/3/66, DETAILS TO BE PUBLISHED LATER.

BARN OWL

1 WAS FOUND DEAD WEST OF LOVING 7/4; THE SPECIES IS NOT OFTEN REPORTED FROM EDDY CO. (SW).

SCREECH OWL

2 WERE CALLING IN CORRALES 7/21 AND FOR TWO WEEKS IN EARLY AUGUST (JSF); 2 ON 10/26 IDENTIFIED BY CALL IN THE GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS AREA WAS AN UNUSUAL RECORD (WG); NEST WAS REPORTED FROM CATRON CO. (RAF).

FLAMMULATED OWL

1 WAS FOUND NEAR THE END OF OCTOBER ON THE HIGHWAY NEAR SACRAMENTO PEAK OBSERVATORY, OTERO CO.; THE BIRD WAS KEPT AS A PET FOR A MONTH OR SO, BUT FINALLY DIED (JRD).

GREAT HORNED OWL

NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM EDDY CO. (BILL PIERCE), OTERO CO. (SW), GRANT CO. (RAF), TORRANCE CO. (JMC).

PYGMY OWL

1 WAS SITTING IN A BACK YARD IN LOS ALAMOS 7/1 (WCT), AND ANOTHER WAS SEEN 11/25 IN LOS ALAMOS (JRT, WCT).

BURROWING OWL

NEARLY A DOZEN BIRDS, INCLUDING 4 1/2-GROWN YOUNG, WERE SEEN AT A PRAIRIE DOG TOWN 10 MILES EAST OF CLAYTON 6/22 (WWC, AK); NESTED IN SANTA FE (BJH, PRS), AND IN GRANT CO. (RAF).

SAW-WHET OWL

1 WAS TRAPPED IN A LOS ALAMOS GARAGE 10/25 (MAC, JRT).

POORWILL

REPORTED FROM LAS VEGAS IN JUNE (ES); FROM TURKEY CANYON, LINCOLN NATIONAL FOREST, 9/4 (SW); LAST HEARD CALLING AT CEDAR CREST 9/26 (MCK).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK

FIRST ARRIVAL NOTED AT SANTA FE 6/4 (PRS); 8 SEEN IN BROAD DAYLIGHT SOUTH OF

MADRID IN THE CANYON 7/14 (PRS); SEEN ALL SUMMER AT LAS VEGAS (ES); LAST ONE NOTED IN SANTA FE 9/18 (PRS); 2 NESTS REPORTED FROM RIO ARRIBA CO. (SAS).

LESSER NIGHTHAWK

6 TO 8 WERE OVER LIGHTED AREAS IN DOWNTOWN ALAMOGORDO 10/6, AND 1 WAS HIT ON THE ROAD AT WHITE SANDS 10/23 (JRD).

SWIFT (CHAETURA SP.)

5 SEEN FLYING OVER CARLSBAD ON 6/13 (SW).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT

NUMBERS SEEMED DOWN IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE STATE (PRS); NOTED FROM 8/3 TO 8/23 IN THE SANTA FE-LOS ALAMOS AREA (PRS); FLIGHT OF A DOZEN NOTED GOING DOWN MOUNTAIN FROM SANDIA CREST 9/25 (MCK).

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD

FIRST NOTED AT FEEDERS IN CHAMA 6/12 WHERE THEY ARE ABOUT AS COMMON AS THE BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (ENW); NOTED ALL SUMMER IN LAS VEGAS (ES); FOUND NESTING AT MANY PLACES IN AND AROUND ROSWELL WHERE PEAK DATE FOR YOUNG IN THE NEST SEEMS TO BE IN EARLY AUGUST (VM); LAST 2 NOTED IN SANTA FE ON 9/11 (PRS); OTHER THAN ROSWELL, NESTS WERE RECORDED IN SANDOVAL CO. (SAS) AND RIO ARRIBA CO. (ENW).

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD

NUMBERS REACHED A PEAK AT FEEDERS IN CHAMA 8/25; BY 9/23 THE LAST BIRD HAD LEFT (ENW); NOTED ALL SUMMER IN LAS VEGAS, WITH YOUNG BEING FED ON THE NEST 8/7 (ES); LAST NOTED IN SANTA FE 9/25 (PRS).

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD

NOTED AT LAS VEGAS BY 7/15 (ES); 1 FOUND DEAD NEAR LOVING 8/2 WHERE 20 WERE NOTED LATE IN THE MONTH FOR A HIGH COUNT (SW); MIGRANTS WERE COMMON IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER AT ROSWELL AND IN THE NEARBY SIERRA BLANCA (VM); 4 MALES AT ONE TIME COUNTED AT FEEDERS AT CHAMA 7/25 WHERE THE LAST BIRDS WERE NOTED 8/28 (ENW); 1 WAS IN CORRALES 8/8 (JSF); VERY FEW NOTED IN THE CLAYTON AREA WHERE THEY ARE NEVER NUMEROUS (AK).

CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD

1 OR 2 MALES WERE SEEN IN THE SACRAMENTO MTS., OTERO CO., 7/16 (SW); 1 WAS SEEN ON SANDIA CREST 8/12 (JSF) AND THE SPECIES WAS EASILY SEEN FARTHER DOWN THE SANDIA MTS. AT CAPULIN SPRINGS AT THIS TIME (MCK, ET AL.); A MALE WAS NOTED AT FEEDERS IN CHAMA FOR ABOUT A WEEK AFTER THE MIDDLE OF AUGUST (ENW).

RIVOLI'S HUMMINGBIRD

1 FEMALE WAS REPORTED AT FEEDERS IN CHAMA FROM 6/25 THROUGHOUT THE SUMNER TO 9/16; THE BIRD WAS RECOGNIZABLY LARGER THAN OTHER FEMALE HUMMINGBIRDS USING THE FEEDERS, BUT WAS EXTREMELY SHY AND EASILY DRIVEN OFF; PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN (EBH, ENW). EXTRA-LIMITAL RECORDS OF THE SPECIES INCLUDE EIGHT SIGHT RECORDS FROM COLORADO IN 6 YEARS, AND A NESTING FEMALE COLLECTED 7/22/65 IN BOULDER CO., NORTH OF DENVER (SEE "BIRDS OF COLORADO" BY BAILEY AND NIEDRACH); ELMER SCHOOLEY, MONTEZUMA, REPORTED A MALE IN HIS GARDEN 7/15/61, AND 3 RECORDS OF A MALE THERE IN JUNE OF 1962.

VIOLET-CROWNED HUMMINGBIRD

1 WAS REPORTED SEEN 7/2 IN GUADALUPE CANYON, HIDALGO CO. (MCC).

BELTED KINGFISHER

SEVERAL SEEN IN EDDY CO. DURING THE SUMMER WHERE PREVIOUS RECORDS ARE SCARCE OR LACKING (SW); 1 WAS AT SAN ILDEFONSO POND 8/3 WHERE IT IS NOT USUALLY SEEN

IN THE SUMMER (PRS); NOTED ALL FALL IN LAS VEGAS (ES).

YELLOW-SHAFTED FLICKER

REPORTED THIS FALL FROM CEDAR CREST 10/6 (MCK), EAST OF LOVING 10/30 (DF, SW), AT EL RANCHO BETWEEN POJOAQUE AND SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO 11/1 (PRS), ALAMOGORDO RESERVOIR, FT. SUMNER, 11/16 (JLS), NORTHEAST ALBUQUERQUE 11/17 (CLL).

RED-SHAFTED FLICKER

SEEMED TO BE ABUNDANT THIS YEAR; NOTED IN NUMBERS AT CEDAR CREST (MCK), GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS (WG), SANTA FE-ESPANOLA (MAC, PRS); NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM BERNALILLO CO. (WWH), TAOS CO. (SAS), GRANT CO. (RAF).

GILA WOODPECKER

2 NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (APN, BR).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER

1 SEEN CLEARLY AT CHAMA 6/26 (ENW); RECORDED HALF A DOZEN TIMES IN CORRALES; FROM 6/5 TO 8/21 (JSF).

ACORN WOODPECKER

1 WAS IN OAK SCRUB OF APACHE CANYON ABOUT 5 MILES NORTH OF ECHO AMPHITHEATFE, RID ARRIBA CO., 8/14 (PRS); 6 BIRDS WERE SEEN IN OPEN YELLOW PINE IN SENORITA CANYON, SOUTHEAST OF CUBA IN THE JEMEZ MTS. 11/25 (DMN); THE SPECIES IS UNCOMMON IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE STATE. A NEST WAS RECORDED FROM GRANT CO. (RAF).

LEWIS' WOODPECKER

MORE COMMON THAN USUAL, TWICE AS MANY AS LAST YEARS REPORTED FROM CORRALES (JSF); NOTED AT HIGHER THAN USUAL ELEVATIONS DURING THE SUMMER IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE STATE (PRS); 15 ON SANDIA CREST IN MID-SEPTEMBER MUST HAVE BEEN MIGRANTS AS THIS IS NOT AN AREA WHERE THEY ARE NORMALLY FOUND (TS); GREAT NUMBERS NOTED IN CHIMAYO VALLEY THE WEEK OF 10/12-19 (DM); LARGE COLONY (ESTIMATED AROUND 50) IN A 20-ACRE STAND OF OPEN YELLOW PINE 1/2 MILE SOUTH OF APACHE CREEK, CATRON CO., 11/21 (DMN); NESTS REPORTED FROM RIO ARRIBA CO. (ENW) AND SANTA FE CO. (PRS).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER

1 MALE AT COWLES, PECOS COUNTRY, 6/22 (MAC, PRS); IN LAS VEGAS AREA 9/20-25 (ES); 1 MALE IN SANTA FE 9/28 (BPS); 1 OR 2 NOTED FAIRLY REGULARLY AT GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS (WG); 1 IN A STAND OF YELLOW PINE AT APACHE CREEK 11/21 (DMN); NOTED IN NORTHEAST ALBUQUERQUE 11/22 (CLL); NEST REPORTED FROM SAN MIGUEL CO. (ER).

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER

2 FEMALES WERE SEEN AT BEAR MT. RANCH, SILVER CITY, 10/15, AND A MALE WAS COMING TO A FEEDER THERE (RAF); 1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM THE CANJILON LAKES-EL RITO AREA IN RIO ARRIBA CO. (PRS).

HAIRY WOODPECKER

NUMBERS STILL SOMEWHAT LOW IN THE SANTA FE AREA (PRS); NOTICEABLE IN SILVER CITY WAS A SMALL BUT DEFINITE MIGRATION WHERE SEVERAL WERE BANDED AND OTHERS SEEN IN THE YARD BETWEEN 10/1 AND 11/20 (DAZ); A NEST WAS REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (RAF).

DOWNY WOODPECKER

ONLY 1 SEEN ALL SUMMER WAS AT CANJILON LAKE 7/3 (PRS); NO SUMMER RECORD IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA (ES); 1 ON 10/10 AT THE GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS WAS SOMEWHAT

UNUSUAL (WG); 1 WAS SEEN IN CORRALES 10/10 AND 1 ON 11/6 (JSF); 1 REPORTED FROM FARMINGTON 11/6 (APN) AND 2 AT THE FEDERAL OVAL IN SANTA FE ON THE SAME DATE (PRS); NOTED IN LAS VEGAS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER (ES); 1 FEMALE AT CHAMA 11/24 (ENW).

LADDER-BACKED WOODPECKER

1 AT WHITEWATER CANYON, GLENWOOD, 7/19 (PRS); NOTED IN NORTHEAST ALBUQUERQUE 7/26, OFF AND ON THROUGHOUT AUGUST, AGAIN 10/3 AND 10/23 (CLL).

NORTHERN THREE-TOED WOODPECKER

1 WAS SEEN ON SANDIA CREST 8/12 AND 9/25 (JSF).

EASTERN KINGBIRD

1 WAS SEEN IN CORRALES 7/3 (JSF); A NEW LOCALITY RECORD WAS 2 AT SAN ILDEFONSO POND 8/3 (PRS) WHERE THEY WERE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ALL SUMMER (JRT); 1 WAS WEST OF LOVING 9/10 (SW); 1 WAS AT ESPANOLA 8/25, AND 1 IN SANTA FE 9/1 WHERE IT IS MORE UNUSUAL THAN IN THE VALLEY (MAC, PRS); 2 WERE NOTED IN THE CLAYTON AREA 9/10 (AK).

WESTERN KINGBIRD

NOTED ON SANDIA BASE, ALBUQUERQUE, 7/5 FEEDING AT LEAST 3 YOUNG (MCK); MIGRATION BEGAN EARLY IN SANTA FE WHERE THE LAST DATE OF 9/12 WAS 2 WEEKS EARLIER THAN PREVIOUS LAST DATES (PRS); GONE FROM MAGDALENA BY 8/25 (JAB); LAST SEEN AT GARTON LAKE, ALAMOGORDO, 9/4 (JRD); NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (RAF, APN).

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD

1 AT RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS, CARLSBAD CAVERNS N.P., WAS UNUSUAL AT THAT 3300' ELEVATION, WHERE IT REMAINED THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE SUMMER (VM, JHS, SW); REMAINED AT MAGDALENA UNTIL 9/13 (JAB); 16 MIGRANTS WERE COUNTED IN SANTA FE 9/10 (WCT) AND THE LAST SEEN THERE WAS ON 9/28, ABOUT AN AVERAGE DATE (PRS); 1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM SAN MIGUEL CO. (WVH).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER

A LATE ONE WAS SEEN IN ROSWELL 10/2 (ANC); 1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM CHAVES CO. (PRS).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER

1 WAS REPORTED IN THE PELONCILLO MTS. NORTH OF RODEO, HIDALGO CO., 7/19, WHERE ONE HAD BEEN SEEN THE PREVIOUS YEAR (PRS).

EASTERN PHOEBE

1 WAS SEEN AT RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS, CARLSBAD CAVERNS N.P., 11/13 (SW, MIDLAND, TEXAS NATURALISTS).

BLACK PHOEBE

NOTED FOR ITS ABSENCE FROM THE GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS AREA (WG).

SAY'S PHOEBE

1 AT GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS 10/26, 10/31, 11/1, WAS UNUSUAL (WG); 1 WAS NOTED IN DESERT BRUSH ABOUT 5 MILES NORTH OF RODEO, HIDALGO CO., 11/22 (DMN); NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (RAF, BR); CHAVES CO. (VM); RIO ARRIBA CO. (ENW); BERNALILLO CO. (WWH, JL, MCK); TORRANCE CO. (WWH).

TRAILL'S FLYCATCHER

A PAIR WAS FEEDING YOUNG AND CALLING AT GLENWOOD FISH HATCHERY 7/18-19; INSIDE OF YOUNG BIRDS MOUTHS WAS BRIGHT ORANGE, PLUMAGE MUCH LIGHTER AND WHITER THAN ADULTS (PRS); 1 WAS FOUND DEAD IN LOS ALAMOS 8/4, IDENTIFIED BY

JRT; CALLING 8/23 NEAR HYDE PARK NORTH OF SANTA FE, AND 8/25 AT ESPANOLA.
(PRS).

WESTERN FLYCATCHER

1 HEARD CALLING IN LOS ALAMOS 8/4 (PRS) HAD BEEN THERE MOST OF THE SUMMER
(JRT); 2 WERE CALLING NEAR SANTA FE RESERVOIR 8/23 (PRS); NESTS WERE REPORTED
FROM CATRON CO. (FIDE ER); BERNALILLO CO. (DD).

WESTERN WOOD PEWEE

NUMBERS WERE VERY LOW IN THE NORTHERN MOUNTAINS (PRS); 1 WAS SEEN 9/10 AT
RIVERSIDE (WBL, DR, WCT); LAST DATE NOTED IN SANTA FE WAS 9/12 WHICH IS EARLY
(PRS); LAST NOTED IN CORRALES 9/17 (JSF).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER

1 ALONG THE BLACK RIVER, EDDY CO., 6/7 WAS A VERY LATE MIGRANT (VM, JHS, SW);
1 RETURNING TO CEDAR CREST BY 8/21 WAS EARLY (MCK).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER

A NESTING RECORD WAS APPARENTLY ESTABLISHED IN UNION COUNTY, ON CARRIZOZO
CREEK 40 MILES NORTH OF CLAYTON, IN JUNE; 2 IMMATURE BIRDS AND 1 MALE WERE
PHOTOGRAPHED AT THE NEST ON 6/23; PREVIOUSLY, THE SPECIES HAS BEEN REPORTED
FROM THE AREA AT LEAST TWICE -- 3/26/55 AND 4/30/59 (WWC, AK, ET AL.). OTHER
EXTRA-LIMITAL RECORDS IN THE STATE INCLUDE A MALE SEEN IN PECOS RIVER CANYON
IN JULY, 1961, ABOUT 100 YARDS UPSTREAM FROM JUNCTION OF DALTON AND THE PECOS
RIVER (GERALD GATES, GAME AND FISH DEPT. EMPLOYEE); A PAIR AT TAOS, WATCHED
ON A FENCE FOR SEVERAL DAYS, SUMMER 1962 (ELMO TRAYLOR, GAME WARDEN).

HORNED LARK

NUMBERS LESS THAN USUAL IN THE SANTA FE AREA (PRS).

VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW

FALL MIGRATION APPARENTLY STARTING WHEN 100 OR SO NOTED IN PINES AT 8500' IN
RIO EN MEDIO AREA, SANGRE DE CRISTO MTS., 8/7 (BJH, PRS); HUNDREDS
CONGREGATING IN FLOCKS IN THE CAPITAN MTS. NEAR PINE LODGE 8/31 (VM); NONE
SEEN IN MAGDALENA AFTER 9/22 (JAB); LAST ONE NOTED IN SANTA FE 9/28 (PRS);
NESTS REPORTED FROM TAOS CO. (FIDE ER), RIO ARRIBA AND SANTA FE COUNTIES
(PRS).

TREE SWALLOW

REPORTED ALL SUMMER FROM LAS VEGAS AREA (ES); 16 SEEN AT LAKE MCMILLAN, EDDY
CO., 10/23 (DF, SW).

BANK SWALLOW

LATE MIGRANTS WERE SEEN IN SANTA FE 6/3; 3 WERE NEAR PECOS 6/22, 2 AT
ESPANOLA 7/3, AND THE SPECIES WAS NOTED AT SILVER CITY 7/19 (PRS); NOTED ALL
SUMMER AT LAS VEGAS (ES); ONLY FALL MIGRANT NOTED WAS 1 AT SAN ILDEFONSO
PUEBLO 9/28 (PRS).

ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW

A NEST WITH 3 YOUNG FOUND WEST OF LOVING 6/12 MAY REPRESENT THE FIRST NESTING
RECORD FOR EDDY CO. (SW); REPORTED ALL SUMMER AT LAS VEGAS (ES); 2 WERE SEEN
AT SAN ILOEFONSO PUEBLO 8/22 (PRS).

BARN SWALLOW

FALL MIGRATION NUMBERS WERE VERY LOW IN THE SANTA FE AREA; 9/28 WAS THE LAST
DATE WHEN 4 WERE NOTED AT SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO (PRS); 1 REMAINED IN MAGDALENA
10/11 (JAB), AND 1 AT LAKE MCMILLAN 10/23 WAS A LATE RECORD (DF, SW); NESTS

WERE REPORTED FROM SAN MIGUEL CO. (WVH); CHAVES Co. (VM); BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (EVK).

CLIFF SWALLOW

NOTED ALL SUMMER AT LAS VEGAS (ES); SEVERAL COLONIES WERE IN CLIFFS AND BLUFFS ALONG THE RIVER AT GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS (WG); 1 WAS NOTED AT SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO 8/25 (PRS).

CAVE SWALLOW

SEVERAL HUNDRED ADULTS AND YOUNG WERE REPORTED IN AT LEAST 5 CAVES ON A CENSUS IN THE MONTH OF JUNE BY CARLSBAD CAVERNS PARK PERSONNEL (SW).

GRAY JAY

NOT FOUND WHEN LOOKED FOR AT SANTA FE SKI BASIN OR ON CUMBRES PASS SEVERAL TIMES IN SUMMER AND FALL (PRS); A PAIR WAS SEEN 11/26 AT NACIMIENTO CAMPGROUND, 7 MILES EAST OF CUBA (DMN).

BLUE JAY

1 WAS OBSERVED AT A FEEDER IN SANTA FE 11/2 BY AN EASTERN COUPLE (FIDE PRS); 2 SEEN 3 MILES WEST OF CLAYTON ALONG PERICO CREEK WAS A FIRST RECORD IN UNION CO. FOR THESE OBSERVERS (WWC, AK).

STELLER'S JAY

NORMAL NUMBERS REPORTED; NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM LOS ALAMOS CO. (PS); GRANT CO. (RAF; SAN MIGUEL CO. (WVH).

SCRUB JAY

NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (RAF, BR), AND SOCORRO CO. (WWH).

MEXICAN JAY

REPORTED FROM WHITEWATER CANYON AREA, GLENWOOD, 7/19 (PRS).

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE

3 WERE SEEN FLYING SOUTH NEAR BELEN 10/9 (CLL); 1 WAS SEEN AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 11/21 (JLS) AND SEVERAL PEOPLE REPORTED 3 SEEN NEAR SOCORRO ABOUT THAT SAME TIME (FIDE EVK); TREMENDOUS NUMBERS ARE FOUND AROUND CHAMA, ALL YEAR ROUND; THEY ARE A REAL NUISANCE (ENW); NEST REPORTED FROM TAOS CO. (SAS).

COMMON RAVEN

A GREAT NUMBER APPEARED OVER GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS THE MORNING OF 10/23; 110 WERE COUNTED; THE WHEELING FLOCKS HAD DISAPPEARED BY THE END OF THE DAY (WG); NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (RAF); DEBACA CO. (WWH); TORRANCE CO. (WWH); UNION CO. (WWC).

WHITE-NECKED RAVEN

NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM CHAVES CO. (JLS); GUADALUPE CO. (PRS); DEBACA CO. (PRS); GRANT CO. (APN).

COMMON CROW

ABOUT 25 WERE COUNTED IN A FLOCK NEAR ARAGON, CATRON CO., 7/18; THE SPECIES IS NOT COMMON IN THE SOUTHWEST PART OF THE STATE (PRS).

PINON JAY

COMMON IN SANTA FE TILL THE END OF SEPTEMBER WITH A PEAK OF 75 NOTED AT ONE TIME 9/2 (PRS); 500-700 WERE COUNTED IN A CONTINUOUS STREAM, WITH MORE STILL APPEARING, 5 MILES SOUTH OF RESERVE, CATRON CO., 10/9 (MCK); 100 CAME TO A

YARD IN TESUQUE 11/10, WITH AN ALBINO IN THE FLOCK ("VERY LIGHT BLUE BELLY AND A FEW SNOWFLAKES ACROSS THE SHOULDERS") (DM); LARGE FLOCKS OBSERVED AT BEAR MT. RANCH, SILVER CITY, 11/19, WITH AS HIGH AS 300 COUNTED (RAF); NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM CATRON CO. (WWH).

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER

BETTER THAN USUAL NUMBERS IN THE SANDIA MTS., ESPECIALLY ON SANDIA CREST FROM SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER (TS, ET AL.); A NEST WAS REPORTED FROM BERNALILLO CO. (JLT).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE

10 TO 15 WERE AT ESPANOLA ON 8/25 (PRS, SW).

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE

THIS SPECIES WAS NOTED IN PLACES NOT PREVIOUSLY RECORDED (NORTHEAST ALBUQUERQUE -- CLL, JR) IN GREAT NUMBERS; BY 12/8 THEY WERE APPARENTLY WINTERING IN SILVER CITY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A DECADE; SEEN FREQUENTLY IN TOWN DURING MIGRATION, OBVIOUSLY MOVING THROUGH; ONLY RARELY DOES IT OCCUR HERE (DAZ).

PLAIN TITMOUSE

2 SEEN AT THE ALMOST TREELESS SANTA FE GOLF COURSE 9/12 IN A ROW OF SUNFLOWERS AND CHINESE ELM WERE IN AN UNUSUAL LOCATION FOR THIS SPECIES (PRS); NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM SAN MIGUEL CO. (WVH) AND BERNALILLO CO. (MCK).

BRIDLED TITMOUSE

NOTED IN WHITewater CANYON--GLENWOOD AREA 7/19 WHERE THEY ARE RESIDENT (PRS).

VERDIN

1 WAS SEEN ON LA JOYA REFUGE 10/23 (WCT).

COMMON BUSHTIT

A FLOCK OF 15 TO 25 WAS FEEDING IN THE CEDAR CREST AREA IN LATE JUNE THROUGH JULY, INCLUDING AT LEAST 2 OF THE BLACK-EARED FORM (MCK); 1 WAS SEEN IN COTTONWOOD CANYON, CATRON CO. 7/18 (PRS).

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH

1 NEST REPORTED FROM TAOS CO. (WVH).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH

AT LEAST 4 WERE SEEN FEEDING AND HEARD CALLING 7/6 AT HUMMINGBIRD MUSIC CAMP 4 MILES NORTH OF JEMEZ SPRINGS, JEMEZ MTS. (MCK); HAVE BEEN SEEN MORE FREQUENTLY THAN THE WHITE-BREASTED IN THE MOUNTAINS NEAR SILVER CITY, BUT ARE DOWN TO 7000' OR PERHAPS LOWER (DAZ); 1 IN FRONT YARD OF THE RANGER STATION AT PENASCO, TAOS CO., 10/30 WAS THE FIRST ONE EVER SEEN THERE (SAS); REPORTED COMING DAILY TO FEEDERS AT BEAR NT. RANCH, SILVER CITY, DURING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER (RAF); GREAT NUMBERS AT HIGHER ALTITUDES OF THE SANDIA MTS., CONCENTRATED AT CAPULIN SPRINGS IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER; 18 WERE BANDED THERE IN 45 MINUTES IN THE EARLY MORNING 9/27; FIRST FALL RETURN TO CEDAR CREST 8/21 IS EARLY WHERE THEY ARE NEVER COMMON (MCK).

PYGMY NUTHATCH

1 COMING TO THE U.N.M. CAMPUS FEEDER DAILY SINCE 11/1 IS A LOW ALTITUDE RECORD, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE TWO SPRUCE TREES BY THIS FEEDER (JND); NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM SAN MIGUEL CO. (WVH) AND CATRON CO. (BR).

BROWN CREEPER

1 WAS SEEN IN A CANYON SOUTH OF RESERVE 10/8 (MCK); 1 AT GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS 10/22 WAS UNUSUAL (WG); 2 WERE IN A YELLOW PINE AREA AT APACHE CREEK, CATRON CO., 11/21 (DMN); 1 WAS ON A TELEPHONE POLE AND WINDOW SILL AT THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING AT WHITE SANDS NATIONAL MONUMENT 11/20 (JRD).

DIPPER

NEST AND YOUNG WERE PHOTOGRAPHED AT THE CATWALK, WHITEWATER CANYON, GLENWOOD, 7/24 (RAF); 5 WERE SEEN AT WIDELY SEPARATED PLACES IN THE STREAM AT CHAMA 7/31 AND 2 WERE SEEN ABOVE CHAMA IN THE MOUNTAINS AT 10,000' 7/26 (ENW); 1 WAS AT THE SANTA FE SKI BASIN 8/23 (PRS); 1 SEEN IN A CANYON SOUTH OF RESERVE 10/9 (MCK); 1 AT GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS 10/16 WAS MOST UNUSUAL AND THE FIRST RECORD SINCE 1 SEEN THERE 11/8/65 (WG).

CACTUS WREN

NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (RAF) AND SOCORRO CO. (WWH).

CANON WREN

1 WAS SINGING ON LOW CLIFFS 4 MILES NORTH AND 26 MILES EAST OF SANTA ROSA 11/19 (DMN); THIS IS AN AREA LITTLE REPORTED ORNITHOLOGICALLY.

ROCK WREN

1 LIVING IN A PLACE SELLING BUILDING BLOCKS IN SANTA FE IN JULY (PRS); NOTED IN ROCKY AREAS IN HIDALGO CO. NEAR RODEO 11/22 (DMN).

MOCKINGBIRD

NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (RAF) AND CHAVES CO. (VM).

CATBIRD

AT LEAST 5 WERE AT ESPANOLA 8/25 (PRS) AND 1 WAS SEEN AT RIVERSIDE, SAME GENERAL AREA, 9/10 (WBL, DR, WCT); 1 WAS IN ROSWELL 10/4; THEY HAVE APPEARED MORE FREQUENTLY IN THE SOUTHEAST IN RECENT YEARS (ANC).

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER

NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (RAF, APN) AND SOCORRO CO. (WWH).

CRISSAL THRASHER

1 SEEN 11/5 AND FREQUENTLY THEREAFTER IN THE MARGINAL DUNES AT WHITE SANDS (JRD); 1 WAS AT LA JOYA REFUGE 11/12 (MCK); 1 WATCHED IN TIJERAS CANYON FOR ABOUT AN HOUR IN MID-NOVEMBER (FIDE MCK).

SAGE THRASHER

A VERY GOOD MIGRATION THROUGH SANTA FE WAS NOTED BETWEEN 8/17 AND 9/12 (PRS); 1 WAS SEEN IN CORRALES 9/4 (JSF); SEVERAL WERE IN WIDELY SPACED JUNIPER ABOUT 2 MILES SOUTH OF REDROCK 11/23 (SAR).

ROBIN

NUMBERS DOWN IN THE CHAMA AREA (ENW); GOOD NESTING SUCCESS EVIDENT IN ROSWELL AREA (VM); MANY IN SILVER CITY IN THE FALL (RAF); EXTREMELY ABUNDANT AT GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS FROM 10/16-22 AFTER WHICH NUMBERS DECREASED SOMEWHAT (WG); EXTREMELY ABUNDANT IN PINON JUNIPER IN SENORITA CANYON, JEMEZ MTS. 11/25 (DMN); NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (RAF); SAN MIGUEL CO. (WVH); BERNALILLO CO. (DO, JL, MCK); LOS ALAMOS CO. (PS); RIO ARRIBA CO. (SAS); TAOS CO. (FIDE ER, SAS).

HERMIT THRUSH

FEWER NOTED IN THE MOUNTAINS NORTH OF SANTA FE (PRS) ALTHOUGH NUMBERS NORMAL IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA (ES); RETURN NOTED IN NORTHEAST ALBUQUERQUE 10/24 (CLL); 1 KILLED ITSELF FLYING INTO A WINDOW AT BAYARD 11/1 (RAF); 1 WAS SEEN

1 MILE NORTH OF CORRALES ON THE RIO GRANDE 11/24 (DMN); A NEST WAS REPORTED FROM BERNALILLO CO. (DD).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH

1 SEEN 6/5 IN CLAYTON WAS A VERY LATE MIGRANT RECORD THERE (AK).

WESTERN BLUEBIRD

NUMBERS WERE UP IN MOST REPORTS; NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM SAN MIGUEL CO. (WVH) AND GRANT CO. (RAF).

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD

NUMBERS REPORTED GOOD IN MOST AREAS; NEST REPORTED FROM MORA CO. (WVH).

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE

1 WAS AT APACHE CREEK, CATRON CO., 7/9 AT ELEVATION 6500' (MCK); BEGAN TO COME LOWER IN THE NORTHERN MOUNTAINS ABOUT 8/7 (PRS); FALL ARRIVALS NOTED AT CHAMA 9/29 (ENW); 6 WERE SEEN IN 1 DAY AT BEAR MT. RANCH, SILVER CITY, 11/20 (RAF); 1 WAS IN PINON-JUNIPER 4 MILES NORTH AND 26 MILES EAST OF SANTA ROSA 11/19; SEVERAL WERE NOTED IN A STAND OF OPEN YELLOW PINE AT APACHE CREEK 11/21; EXTREMELY ABUNDANT IN PINON-JUNIPER IN SENORITA CANYON, JEMEZ MTS., 11/25 (DMN); A NEST WAS REPORTED FROM RIO ARRIBA CO. (SAS).

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER

1 OF SEVERAL GNATCATCHERS SEEN 11/22 IN RATHER LARGE DENSE MESQUITE IN AN ARROYO BOTTOM NEAR RODEO PROVED ON COLLECTION TO BE THIS SPECIES (DMN).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET

1 ON 7/16 AT EAGLE CREEK NEAR RUIDOSO AT ABOUT 8500' (W.REID); 2 WERE SEEN IN A CANYON 5 MILES SOUTH OF RESERVE 10/9 (MCK); 1 WAS COLLECTED IN AN OPEN STAND OF YELLOW PINE AT APACHE CREEK 11/21 (DMN); SEVERAL WERE REPORTED SEEN IN THE CLAYTON AREA THIS FALL, WHICH IS UNUSUAL (AK).

CEDAR WAXWING

FIRST ONES NOTED IN MAGDALENA ARRIVED 10/17 AND REMAINED AROUND TOWN ABOUT A WEEK (JAB); NUMBERS APPEARED AT GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS BETWEEN 10/22 AND 10/31, THE FIRST SEEN THERE IN OVER A YEAR (WG); 1 ADULT AND 2 IMMATURES IN SANTA FE 11/8 (PRS); SEVERAL SMALL FLOCKS AROUND FARMINGTON 11/13, AND LATER (APN); A SMALL FLOCK WAS NOTED IN NORTHEAST ALBUQUERQUE 11/17 (CLL); FIRST ONES NOTED AT CEDAR CREST WERE 2 ON 11/17 (MCK); FLOCK OF ABOUT 12 SEEN IN PINON-JUNIPER 6 MILES NORTH OF RESERVE, CATRON CO., 11/21 (DMN); 3 FLOCKS SEEN IN SOUTHEAST ALBUQUERQUE THE LAST 2 WEEKS OF NOVEMBER (MCL).

PHAINOPEPLA

1 FEMALE WAS SEEN AND PHOTOGRAPHED AT FAYWOOD HOT SPRINGS, GRANT CO., 6/1~ AND 6/26; THIS IS A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE FROM THEIR USUAL RANGE, THE GILA RIVER (RAF).

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE

2 NESTS WERE REPORTED: FROM TORRANCE CO. (WWH); FROM BERNALILLO CO. (MCK).

STARLING

NUMBERS DOWN IN THE SANTA FE AREA THIS SUMMER (PRS); BECOMING MORE COMMON EACH YEAR, ESPECIALLY ALONG THE GILA VALLEY (RAF); "THOUSANDS" SEEN ALONG THE HIGHWAY FROM SANTA FE TO ALBUQUERQUE 11/13-14 (FIDE PRS); NESTS REPORTED FROM TAOS CO. (SAS) AND BERNALILLO CO. (WWH).

GRAY VIREO

SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS WERE SINGING IN SLAUGHTER CANYON, CARLSBAD CAVERNS N.P.,

6/12 AND 6/15 (LP, RR, SW).

SOLITARY VIREO

1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM BERNALILLO CO. (MCK).

NASHVILLE WARBLER

A FEMALE WAS SEEN IN SANTA FE 8/24 (PRS); 1 WAS FEEDING IN A MESQUITE THICKET AT LA JOYA REFUGE 10/30 (JND, MCK).

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER

RETURN TO NORTHEAST ALBUQUERQUE NOTED 9/5 (CLL).

OLIVE WARBLER

1 WAS SEEN AT WILLOW CREEK, MOGOLLON MTS., 10/9 (JSF).

YELLOW WARBLER

1 WAS OBSERVED FEEDING A YOUNG COWBIRD 8/7 IN CORRALES (JSF); GONE EARLY FROM SANTA FE; 2 WERE LAST SEEN AT ESPANOLA 8/25 (PRS).

CAPE MAY WARBLER

"AN ACCIDENTAL WORTHY OF NOTE WAS A CAPE MAY WARBLER IN ADULT MALE WINTER PLUMAGE IN OUR YARD, ON 20 NOVEMBER. I WAS ABLE TO STUDY IT AT 10 FEET (AND PERHAPS A BIT NEARER) WITH THE NAKED EYE. MOST NOTICEABLE WERE THE BRIGHT YELLOW UNDERPARTS, STREAKED WITH BLACK IN THE CENTER AS WELL AS ON THE SIDES; THE WHITE ABDOMEN, YELLOW POST-AURICULAR PATCH CONSPICUOUS AGAINST THE GRAYISH OLIVE HEAD AND A DULL (BUT CONSPICUOUS) YELLOW RUMP PATCH CONTRASTING WITH THE BRIGHT OLIVE DORSAL SURFACE. THERE WAS A FAINT WING BAR FORMED BY THE EDGES OF THE GREATER COVERTS, AND A SHORT BRIGHT WHITE BAR OR NARROW PATCH ON THE LESSER COVERTS. I KNOW THE SPECIES VERY WELL FROM EXPERIENCE IN MICHIGAN, AND I'VE Banded AND COLLECTED A NUMBER OF AUTUMN BIRDS. I OF COURSE ATTEMPTED TO SECURE THIS INDIVIDUAL BUT IT WAS CHASED OUT OF THE YARD BY AN AUDUBON'S WARBLER BEFORE I COULD OBTAIN IT. IT WAS NOT SEEN AGAIN, BUT WAS UNDER OBSERVATION WITH THE NAKED EYE FOR THREE OR FOUR MINUTES, SEEN AGAIN BRIEFLY (PERHAPS 30 SECONDS) THROUGH AN 8X BINOCULAR AT ABOUT 20 FEET. TO MY KNOWLEDGE, THE SPECIES HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED FROM NEW MEXICO BEFORE." (DAZ)

AUDUBON'S WARBLER

FEWER THAN USUAL NOTED IN THE MOUNTAINS NORTH OF SANTA FE IN THE SUMMER; GOOD FALL FLIGHT FROM 9/24 THROUGH 10/12 (PRS); FALL ARRIVALS BEGAN SHOWING UP AT CEDAR CREST FROM 8/13 (MCK), IN CORRALES 10/2 (JSF), NORTHEAST ALBUQUERQUE 10/16 (CLL); NOTED IN FARMINGTON UNTIL ABOUT 11/10 (APN).

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER

SEVERAL SINGING AT HYDE PARK ESTATES DAY CAMP FROM 6/14-28 (PRS); 1 WAS SEEN 8/14 IN CORRALES (JSF); SEEN IN MID-AUGUST IN SILVER CITY AND AT BEAR MT. RANCH 9/5 (RAF).

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER

2 WERE SEEN ON SIGNAL PEAK, PINOS ALTOS MTS., 8/20 (RAF); 1 IN CORRALES 8/21 (JSF); 1 OR 2 MALES IN FALL PLUMAGE AT BISHOP'S LODGE, SANTA FE, 8/24 (PRS, SW).

GRACE'S WARBLER

A NEST WAS REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (RAF).

PAINTED REDSTART

1 NEST FOUND IN GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS ALONG TRAIL; 4 YOUNG SUCCESSFUL (WG); NEST REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (RAF).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK

1 WAS SINGING AT HORSE SPRINGS, SAN AUGUSTINE PLAINS, 7/9 (MCK).

WESTERN MEADOWLARK

REPORTED NUMEROUS IN SILVER CITY IN THE FALL (RAF), WHILE AT CHAMA THERE WAS A NOTICEABLE ABSENCE OF THE SPECIES ([NW]); NEST REPORTED FROM VALENCIA CO. (WWH).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBRD

NUMBERS DOWN IN SANTA FE (PRS) AND SILVER CITY AREAS (RAF); NESTS REPORTED FROM SAN MIGUEL CO. (WVH) AND RIO ARRIBA CO. (WVJH).

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD

NORMAL NUMBERS REPORTED; NESTS RECORDED IN CATRON CO. (RAF), SAN MIGUEL CO. (WVH).

HOODED ORIOLE

1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (RAF).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE

A PAIR WAS SEEN 7/15 AT RIO RANCHO ESTATES, SOUTHWEST OF CORRALES, AND THE FEMALE WAS COLLECTED (JSF); 1 WAS SEEN NEAR HORSE SPRINGS, SAN AUGUSTINE PLAINS, 7/18 (PRS); A NEST CONTAINING 1 YOUNG AND 3 EGGS IN SLAUGHTER CANYON, CARLSBAD CAVERNS N.P., 6/17, MAY BE THE FIRST AUTHENTIC NESTING RECORD FOR EDDY CO. (SW).

BULLOCK'S ORIOLE

FEMALE SEEN FEEDING YOUNG IN NORTHEAST ALBUQUERQUE 6/27 (CLL); SEVERAL WERE NOTED IN COTTONWOODS NEAR THE CREEK AT CHAMA 7/14 (ENW); 1 WAS SEEN NEAR ARAGON, CATRON CO., 7/18 (PRS); LAST 1 NOTED IN SANTA FE WAS ON 8/25 (PRS); NESTS REPORTED FROM GRANT AND CATRON COUNTIES (RAF).

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD

LARGE FLOCKS NEST IN THE MEADOWS AROUND CHAMA EVERY YEAR (ENW); 1 PAIR APPARENTLY NESTED IN JUNE AT THE SANTA FE GOLF COURSE (PRS); FALL RETURN TO ALAMOGORDO NOTED 9/29 (JRD); NESTS REPORTED FROM TAOS CO. (SAS).

BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE

1 WAS SEEN AT ESPANOLA 8/25 (PRS); NESTED AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (EVK).

COMMON GRACKLE

3 SEEN IN CORRALES 6/25 IS AN UNUSUAL RECORD FOR THIS PART OF THE STATE (JSF); THE SUMMER NESTING POPULATION IN CLAYTON WAS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT 20 BIRDS (AK).

WESTERN TANAGER

REPORTED FEWER IN THE MOUNTAINS NORTH OF SANTA FE (PRS) AND IN THE SILVER CITY AREA (RAF); LAST NOTEED AT ESPANOLA 8/25 (PRS), AT CORRALES 9/25 (JSF).

HEPATIC TANAGER

A PAIR IN GUAJE CANYON BELOW LOS ALAMOS 6/9 WAS A NEW LOCALITY FOR THE SPECIES ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN RECORDED IN THE AREA (PRS); A NEST WAS REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (RAF).

CARDINAL

A NEST WAS REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (RAF).

PYRRHULOXIA

1 WAS SEEN IN DESERT BRUSH ABOUT 5 MILES NORTH OF RODEO ON 11/22 (SAR); THEY ARE SAID TO BE REGULAR IN THE AREA BUT NOT COMMON.

ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK

1 MALE WAS SEEN AT CAPULIN SPRINGS, SANDIA MTS., 6/26 (TS).

BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK

REPORTED MORE ABUNDANT IN THE SILVER CITY AREA (RAF); NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM BERNALILLO CO. (WWH).

BLUE GROSBEAK

FALL DEPARTURE DATES NOTED WERE 9/12 IN SANTA FE (PRS) AND 9/25 IN CORRALES (JSF); 3 WERE IN MAGDALENA 9/13-14 (JAB); NESTED AT GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS (WG).

INDIGO BUNTING

2 WERE SINGING IN CORRALES 7/10 (JSF).

LAZULI BUNTING

2 WERE SEEN IN CORRALES 7/10 AND 1 WAS SEEN THERE 9/25 (JSF); AN IMMATURE MALE WAS BANDED AT CEDAR CREST 7/15; THE SPECIES OCCURS HERE WITH SOME REGULARITY BUT IS NEVER COMMON (MCK); 1 WAS SINGING AT THE PARKVIEW FISH HATCHERY 8/7, AND 1 WAS SEEN IN SANTA FE 9/1 (PRS); 1 WAS SEEN 9/10 AT RIVERSIDE (WBL, DR, WCT); SEVERAL SEEN 9/29 AT BERNARDO WATERFOWL REFUGE WERE RATHER LATE (MCK, JLS).

VARIED BUNTING

1 WAS SEEN 7/3 IN GUADALUPE CANYON, HIDALGO CO.; ADULT MALES HAVE BEEN RECORDED BY THIS OBSERVER HERE ON TWO OTHER OCCASIONS -- SEPTEMBER, 1961, AND JUNE, 1963 (MCC); A MALE WAS SEEN AT CARLSBAD CAVERNS N.P. IN LATE AUGUST (SW).

PAINTED BUNTING

BREEDING PAIRS WERE REPORTED FROM SIX-MILE DAM, OTIS, RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS, AND HARROUN CROSSING, ALL IN EDDY CO. (SW).

DICKCISSEL

A MALE WAS SINGING WEST OF LOVING 6/30; 1 WAS SEEN NORTH OF LOVING IN JULY, AND AT LEAST 1 FEMALE WAS SEEN; ALL BIRDS GONE BY MID-JULY AFTER THE HAY FIELDS WERE MOWED (SW).

EVENING GROSBEAK

2 SEEN ON SANDIA CREST 8/12 (JSF); HALF A DOZEN OR MORE SEEN AT CEDAR CREST INTERMITTENTLY FROM 10/4 (MCK); OVER 100 WERE NOTED IN SANTA FE 10/19 (PRS); NOTED IN NORTHEAST ALBUQUERQUE FROM 11/7 (CLL); A FLOCK OF 30 OR SO NOTED IN APACHE CREEK 11/21 (DMN); SMALL FLOCK NOTED IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER IN A CANYON SOUTH OF RESERVE (MCK).

CASSIN'S FINCH

NOTED ON SANDIA CREST 9/25, AND IN CORRALES FIRST ON 10/15 (JSF); NUMBERS WERE VERY GOOD IN THE HIGHLANDS AROUND SANTA FE (PRS); MANY WERE SEEN IN A STAND OF OPEN YELLOW PINE AT APACHE CREEK 11/21 (DMN).

HOUSE FINCH

NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (RAF, APN, BR); SAN MIGUEL CO. (WVH); BERNALILLO CO. (MCK, ER, JLS); LUNA CO. (RAF); TAOS CO. (SAS); CHAVES CO.

(VM).

PINE GROSBEAK

1 MALE SEEN IN PECOS WILDERNESS ABOUT 10,500' 8/21 (JLT); 1 FEMALE IN RANGER STATION YARD IN PENASCO 10/30-11/1 (SAS); 4 SEEN IN CORRALES 11/6 WERE OUT OF THEIR USUAL HABITAT (JSF); LARGE WINTERING FLOCK ARRIVED IN CHAMA 11/1 (ENW).

PINE SISKIN

NORMAL NUMBERS REPORTED FROM THE USUAL AREAS; 40 ON 10/21 AND 15 ON 10/24 GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS WERE UNUSUAL (WG); NESTS REPORTED FROM BERNALILLO CO. (JR) AND CUMBRES PASS (ENW).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH

1 MALE WAS REPORTED FROM CHAMA 8/14 (ENW); THE SPECIES WAS NOTED AT PARKVIEW FISH HATCHERY 8/14, AT SANTA FE 9/24, AND 3 TIMES AT ESPANOLA IN NOVEMBER (PRS).

LESSER GOLDFINCH

UP TO 25 WERE NOTED AT HYDE PARK ESTATES OUT OF SANTA FE FROM 6/28 TO 7/1, AFTER RAINS (PRS); 4 IN LOS ALAMOS 10/16 WERE LATE (PRS); 1 WAS SEEN 11/5 IN THE HEADQUARTERS AREA AT WHITE SANDS NATIONAL MONUMENT (JRD); 2 WERE COLLECTED IN DESERT AREA NEAR RODEO, HIDALGO CO., 11/22 (DMN).

RED CROSSBILL

UNUSUAL NUMBERS REPORTED AND FROM UNUSUAL LOCALITIES; 1 SEEN 7/22 AT 9700' ON MONJEAU PEAK NEAR RUIDOSO MAY REPRESENT THE FIRST SOUTHEAST RECORD (W. REID); SEEN IN SILVER CITY FROM 11/20 WHERE THEY SELDOM OCCUR (DAZ); LARGE FLOCK RANGED THE SANDIA MTS. AND WAS SEEN BY MANY OBSERVERS FROM MID-AUGUST ON THROUGH THE WINTER (JND, JSF, MCK, JR, TS, ET AL.); 20 WERE SEEN AT WILLOW CREEK, MOGOLLON MTS., 10/9 (JSF); A FLOCK OF 10 OR SO WAS SEEN 11/21 AT APACHE CREEK (DMN).

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE

REGULAR SUMMER RESIDENTS IN THE CHAMA AREA; LAST REPORTED 9/21 (ENW); 1 WAS AT COWLES, SAN MIGUEL CO., 6/22; SEVERAL WERE BELOW CANJILON LAKES 7/3 (PRS); 1 WAS IN DESERT BRUSH APPROXIMATELY 5 MILES NORTH OF RODEO, 11/22 (DMN).

BROWN TOWHEE

NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM TAOS CO. (SAS), AND GRANT CO. (RAF, APN).

LARK BUNTING

2, A MALE AND A FEMALE, WERE SEEN 8/5 AT RIO RANCHO ESTATES, SOUTHWEST OF CORRALES; THE MALE WAS STILL IN BREEDING PLUMAGE (JSF); A GOOD FALL FLIGHT THROUGH SANTA FE WAS NOTED FROM 8/15 TO 9/1 (PRS); LARGE FLOCKS IN FALL PLUMAGE WERE SEEN SOUTH OF BERNARDO AND BEYOND ON INTERSTATE 25, 9/4 (JND).

SAVANNAH SPARROW

REPORTED FROM CHAMA ON 9/30 AND 10/6 (ENW); 1 WAS SEEN 10/16 IN CORRALES (JSF).

VESPER SPARROW

NOTED AT CANJILON LAKES 7/3 (PRS), AT CHAMA 7/22 ([NW); HAD BEGUN TO MIGRATE, WITH UP TO 10 AT SAN ILDEFONSO POND, 8/3 (PRS); 19 OR MORE NOTED IN CORRALES 9/18 FOR FIRST FALL RETURNS (JSF); NEST REPORTED FROM RIO ARRIBA CO. (WWH).

LARK SPARROW

25 OR MORE IN A FLOCK AT SAN ILDEFONSO POND 8/3 WERE PROBABLY MIGRATING (PRS); FIRST NOTED AT LAS VEGAS 8/7 (ES), AND AT CEDAR CREST 8/13 (MCK);

LARGE NUMBERS WERE SEEN ALONG INTERSTATE 25 FROM THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE SOUTH AND ON THE PLAINS WEST OF THERE 9/4 (JND); 9/18 WAS THE LAST DATE THEY WERE NOTED IN CORRALES (JSF).

CASSIN'S SPARROW

ABUNDANT AND WIDELY DISTRIBUTED IN THE ROSWELL AREA; AN ESTIMATED 10 SINGERS WERE HEARD AT ONE TIME IN A SMALL AREA 6/14; NO NESTS WERE FOUND (VM).

SAGE SPARROW

SEVERAL WERE ON MIXED MESQUITE-GRASSLAND ROUGHLY 4 MILES NORTH AND 26 MILES EAST OF SANTA ROSA 11/19 (DMN).

OREGON JUNCO

SEVERAL NOTED WITH GRAY-HEADED JUNCOS THAT ARRIVED AT CHAMA 9/20 ([NW]); FIRST RETURN TO CORRALES NOTED 10/2 (JSF); FIRST IN SANTA FE 10/13 (PRS) AND IN LAS VEGAS FROM 10/25 (ES); FLOCK OF 10 NOTED IN NORTHEAST ALBUQUERQUE FOR FIRST FALL RECORD ON 10/18 (JR).

GRAY-HEADED JUNCO

1 PAIR SEEN AT 10,000' 7/26 IN ASPEN ABOVE CHAMA; LARGE WINTERING FLOCKS ARRIVED IN CHAMA 9/22 (ENW); FIRST NOTED IN SANTA FE 10/10 (PRS); 3 WERE SEEN IN CORRALES 11/6 AND 4 ON 11/20 WHERE OTHER THAN A SINGLE BIRD IS UNUSUAL (JSF); NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM BERNALILLO CO. (JLS); TAOS AND RIO ARRIBA COUNTIES (SAS).

CHIPPING SPARROW

SEEN GATHERING STRAW IN SANTA FE 6/12 (PRS); A JUVENILE WAS NOTED 6/28 IN LAS VEGAS AND A FLOCK WAS SEEN THERE 7/28 (ES); NOTED INTERMITTENTLY THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER AT CHAMA ([NW]); LAST DATE NOTED IN SANTA FE WAS 10/11 (PRS); SEEN IN GUADALUPE CO. 11/19, AND IN DESERT AREAS NEAR RODEO, HIDALGO CO., 11/22 (DMN); 8 WERE SEEN AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 11/29 (JLS); NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM BERNALILLO CO. (MCK); RIO ARRIBA CO. (WWH); SAN MIGUEL CO. (WVH).

BREWER'S SPARROW

A GOOD FLIGHT NOTED THROUGH THE SANTA FE AREA FROM 8/17 TO 9/10 WITH A PEAK OF 50 OR MORE ON 8/24 (PRS); MANY WERE NOTED ALONG STATE 107 WEST OF THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE AREA 9/4 (JND).

FIELD SPARROW

SEEN WEST OF LOVING ON 10/23 (SW).

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW

SEVERAL WERE SEEN ON ROCKY, BUSHY HILLSIDES IN DESERT AREA NEAR RODEO, HIDALGO CO., 11/22 (SAR).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW

NOTED AT CHAMA 9/20 AND 9/29 (ENW); FIRST NOTED IN NORTHEAST ALBUQUERQUE 10/3 (CLL); FIRST SEEN IN MAGDALENA 10/4 (JAB).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW

1 WAS SEEN IN CORRALES 11/6 (JSF); AN IMMATURE WAS KILLED BY A CAT AT CEDAR CREST 11/17 (MCK); AN IMMATURE WAS REPORTED FROM SOUTH OF LOVING 11/20 (SW).

LINCOLN'S SPARROW

REPORTED FROM THE SANTA FE SKI BASIN 8/23 (PRS, SW), SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO 9/28 (PRS), CORRALES 9/25 AND 10/10 (JSF).

SWAMP SPARROW

2 WERE SEEN IN MARSHES AT APACHE CREEK, CATRON CO., 11/21 (DMN).

SONG SPARROW

1 WAS AT THE PECOS FISH HATCHERY 6/22 (MAC, PRS); NUMBERS WENT FROM 2 AT ESPANOLA ON 8/25 TO 50 OR MORE THERE ON 11/1 -- VERY MANY WINTERING THERE THIS YEAR (PRS).