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COMMENTS ON THE SEASON, 1 DECEMBER 1972 -- 31 MAY 1973:

AT THE OUTSET THE READER WILL HAVE TO VIEW THIS EDITION OF THE FIELD NOTES WITH A NUMBER OF NAME CHANGES IN MIND, BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE ACTION OF THE A.O.U. CHECK-LIST COMMITTEE IN ITS 32ND SUPPLEMENT (SEE N.M.O.S. NEWSLETTER No. 1, 1973). TO HELP MAKE THE TRANSITION, I HAVE INCLUDED THE OLD NAMES IN PARENTHESES AND/OR DISCUSSED STATUS IN THE ACCOUNTS UNDER THOSE NAMES.

THE WINTER SAW THE CONTINUED OCCURRENCE AT LOWER ELEVATIONS OF CERTAIN NORTHERN AND/OR MOUNTAIN BIRDS, INCLUDING GOSHAWK, STELLER'S, SCRUB AND PINON JAYS, CLARK'S NUTCRACKER, MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE, BOHEMIAN WAXWINGS, EVENING GROSBEAK, AND CASSIN'S FINCH. SEVERAL UNUSUAL BIRDS WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE STATE, INCLUDING COMMON REDPOLL AT CLAYTON AND WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL IN THE SANDIA MOUNTAINS. ALSO UNUSUAL FOR THE SEASON WERE WHITE-THROATED SWIFT AT FARMINGTON, BARN SWALLOW IN CURRY COUNTY, SOLITARY VIREO AT BUCKHORN, AND ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER AT PORTALES.

SPRING BROUGHT AN INFLUX OF UNUSUAL BIRDS, THE MOST OUTSTANDING OF WHICH WERE WHITE-TAILED KITE, CASPIAN TERN, CAROLINA WREN AND YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER (PHOTOGRAPHED) IN THE ROSWELL AREA, BROAD-WINGED HAWK, GRAY HAWK, AND BOBOLINK IN THE SILVER CITY REGION, MONK PARAKEET AND SCARLET Tanager AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR, ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD AT ALBUQUERQUE, COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD AT GUADALUPE CAÑON, BLUE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD NEAR RODEO, VARIED THRUSH AT FAIRVIEW, WOOD THRUSH AT CLAYTON, MAGNOLIA WARBLER AT SYCAMORE WELL, CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER AT HERMANAS, AND VARIED BUNTING AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE. THE NESTING COLONY OF DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANTS AT THE LAST LOCALITY WAS MUCH DEPLETED, AND NO OLIVACEOUS CORMORANTS WERE REPORTED THERE. AT TUCUMCARI BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS WERE FOUND NESTING, ALONG WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER WATERBIRDS PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN AS BREEDERS IN THE PLAINS.

SPRING MIGRATION DATA WERE RECEIVED FROM A HEARTENING NUMBER OF COOPERATORS, AND GOOD APPRAISALS WERE AVAILABLE FOR TIMING OF ARRIVAL FOR SEVERAL SPECIES, E.G. TURKEY VULTURE, HUMMINGBIRDS, AND PASSERINES. LATE DEPARTURE DATES WERE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM SOME REPORTERS, ALTHOUGH NOT AS MANY AS ARE DESIRABLE. NONETHELESS, WITH SOME EXCEPTIONS MIGRATION APPEARED NOT TO BE DRAWN OUT INTO SUMMER FOR MOST SPECIES. AMONG THOSE THAT SEEMED LATE IN DEPARTING WERE EVENING GROSBEAKS AND LARK BUNTINGS, AND IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN NOW THIS MAY AFFECT LOCAL BREEDING IN THESE SPECIES.

-- J.P.H.

COMMON LOON

1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/8 (DB) AND 2 NEAR CARLSBAD 12/23 (SW+).

HORNED GREBE

3 AT MORGAN LAKE 1/1 (AN) AND 1 NEAR CARLSBAD 12/23 (SW+); ALSO 2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 3/22 AND 4 ON 3/31 (GZ).

EARED GREBE

SPRING MIGRANTS INCLUDE 10-12 AT LA CUEVA SGR 4/22 (JD+), 3 AT TUCUMCARI 4/29 (CH+), 2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 5/31 (GZ), 15 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 5/6 AND 4 AT CABALLO LAKE 5/25 (CH+).

WESTERN GREBE

RECORDS INCLUDE 3 IN THE FARMINGTON AREA ON 1/1, 3 ON 1/6, AND 3 ON 5/12 (AN+), 2-3 AT MAXWELL NWR 5/6 (PS), NEAR LAS VEGAS ON 12/3 (WH), 1 AT TUCUMCARI ON 4/28-29 (CH+), 100+ AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 5/6 (RR+), AND 1 AT LAKE ROBERTS ON 5/18 (DZ).

PIED-BILLED GREBE

10 IN THE MIMBRES VALLEY ON 1/13 AND 2 AT LAKE ROBERTS 2/25 (RF).

WHITE PELICAN

175 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 4/8 (BE, CH).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT

2 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 1/10, 6 ON 3/17, AND 10 ON NESTS ON 5/5 AND 5/24 (CH+); ALSO 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 3/9-25 AND 2 ON 5/31 (GZ), 1 IN THE MIMBRES VALLEY ON 4/8 AND AT EVANS LAKE NEAR CLIFF ON 5/4 (RF), 1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 2/26, 7 ON 3/20 AND 4/6 (DB+).

NOTE: A REVIEW OF RECORDS SUGGESTS THAT AT LEAST IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY, SPRING ADULTS ARE OF A WHITE-CRESTED RACE RATHER THAN A BLACK-CRESTED ONE; OBSERVERS ARE ASKED TO NOTE AND REPORT CREST COLOR--ED.

OLIVACEOUS CORMORANT

AN IMMATURE WAS REPORTED AMONG DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANTS AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/3 (MALCOLM McDONALD), IDENTIFIED ON THE BASIS OF SMALLER SIZE; HOWEVER, SUCH AN IDENTIFICATION IS OPEN TO QUESTION AND ONLY ADULTS IN BREEDING PLUMAGE AND SEEN WELL ARE REALLY ACCEPTABLE RECORDS.

GREAT BLUE HERON

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 1 AT LAS VEGAS ON 12/20 (JG+), 10 AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 12/17 (AE+), 10 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/16 (CH+), UP TO 38 AT BITTER LAKE NWR IN THE PERIOD (DB), AND 16 AT LOVING ON 12/24 (SW+). NESTING NEAR LAS VEGAS ON 4/19 (WH) AND PRESENT AT CLIFF ROOKERY AS EARLY AS 3/4 (RF); OTHER SPRING RECORDS INCLUDE MANY AT LA CUEVA SGR 4/22 (JD+), 1 AT ARAGON ON 4/28 (McK), AND 45 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 3/7 (GZ).

GREEN HERON

1 NEAR CARLSBAD ON 12/23 (SW+); OTHER RECORDS INCLUDE 4 AT SANTA CLARA 5/19 (RW), 1 AT TUCUMCARI 4/29 AND 5 ON 5/28, AND 1 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 5/6 (CH+).

LITTLE BLUE HERON

SINGLE ADULTS REPORTED AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 5/1 (GZ) AND AT BITTER LAKE NWR 5/11 (DB).

CATTLE EGRET

4 REPORTED AND WELL-DESCRIBED WEST OF LORDSBURG ON 4/24 (RS). LATE REPORTS ARE OF 1 NEAR CLOVIS ON 9/12/1972 (DP) AND 1 COLLECTED NEAR ROSWELL ON 11/1/1972 (FIDE ED.)--SPECIMEN AT EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIV.

SNOWY EGRET

1 NEAR CARLSBAD ON 12/23 (SW+); OTHER RECORDS INCLUDE 1 AT ESPAÑOLA ON 4/21 AND 2 NEAR SPRINGER 5/6 (PS), 20+ NEAR TUCUMCARI 5/28 (CH+), 2 WEST OF LORDSBURG ON 4/20 AND 1 ON 4/24 (RS), AND THE FIRST OF THE SPRING AT BITTER LAKE NWR (4 BIRDS) ON 4/3 (LK).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 2/2 (DB) AND 24 NEAR LOVING ON 12/24 (SW+). 50-100 NESTING NEAR TUCUMCARI ON 4/28 AND 5/28 (CH+); OTHER SPRING RECORDS INCLUDE 1 AT FARMINGTON ON 5/12 (AN+), 1 AT CLAYTON 4/5 (AK), 1 AT LA CUEVA SGR 4/22 (JD+), 10 NEAR ISLETA 4/28 (RT), AND 1 AT SNOW LAKE ON 4/28 (MHW).

AMERICAN BITTERN

1 AT FARMINGTON ON 5/12 (AN+), 1 AT LA JOYA SGR 3/9 (RR), SEVERAL AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 2/26-3/31 AND 6 ON 4/25 (GZ), AND 2-3 IN WINTER AT BITTER LAKE NWR (DB).

WHITE-FACED IBIS

SPRING RECORDS INCLUDE 2 NEAR SHOEMAKER ON 4/29 AND 6 AT MAXWELL NWR ON 5/6 (PS), 5 AT TUCUMCARI ON 5/28 AND 1 AT ALAMEDA ON 5/30 (CH+), AND 3 WEST OF LORDSBURG ON 4/24 (RS).

WHISTLING SWAN

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 6 NEAR LAS VEGAS ON 12/3 (WH), 1 AT PATTERSON RANCH THROUGH THE PERIOD (KATHY LEE), UP TO 8 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/15-1/25 (GZ+), AND UP TO 4 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/17-2/9 (DB+).

CANADA GOOSE

WINTER COUNTS INCLUDED 282 AT FARMINGTON ON 12/26 (AN+), 270 AT CLAYTON ON 12/31 (AK+), 2628 AT LAS VEGAS ON 12/30 (JG+), 1655 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/16 (CH+), 2100 PEAK AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 1/18 (GZ), 1148 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 12/17 (LK+), 5 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 1/9 (BE, CH), AND 14 IN THE MIMBRES VALLEY 1/13 (RF). NESTING REPORTS INCLUDE LA CUEVA SGR ON 4/22 (JD+), BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 3/31 (GZ), AND BITTER LAKE NWR IN MARCH (LK+); ALSO 1 SEEN NEAR SANTA FE 5/13 (JD+).

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE

RECORDS INCLUDE 8 AT LAS VEGAS ON 12/30 (JG+), 8 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/15 AND 1 ON 3/12-31 (GZ), AND 1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/14-28 (VINCENT MOWBRAY).

SNOW/BLUE GOOSE

WINTER COUNTS INCLUDE 6 NEAR LAS VEGAS 12/3-1/22 (WH), 7800 (300 BLUE) AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 2/7 WITH 1 ON 3/31 AND 2 ON 5/14-28 (GZ), 3528 (21 BLUE) AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 12/17, WITH 27 ON 4/5 (LK), AND 200 NEAR CARLSBAD ON 12/23 (SW+); ALSO, 1 AT MORGAN LAKE ON 4/10-28 (AN).

ROSS' GOOSE

30 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16-17 (CH+) AND 12 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/17 (LK+).

MALLARD

WINTER MAXIMA INCLUDE 15,371 AT FARMINGTON ON 12/16 (AN+), 20,000 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 1/18 (GZ), AND 24,328 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 12/17 (LK+); ALSO, 70 AT CLAYTON ON 12/31 (AK+) AND 35 AT APACHE CREEK ON 2/3 (BH).

MEXICAN DUCK

2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 2/13, 8 ON 3/23, AND NESTING ON 5/25 (GZ); 3 REPORTED AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 3/26 (WR) AND A PAIR ON 5/3-5 (DB); UP TO 4 NEAR RODEO ON 2/25-5/31 (RS).

GADWALL

2 WEST OF LORDSBURG ON 4/24 (RS).

PINTAIL

WINTER MAXIMA INCLUDE 3500 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/16 (CH+), 15,000+ AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE IN DECEMBER AND EARLY JANUARY (GZ), AND 36,603 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 12/17 (LK+); 1 AT APACHE CREEK ON 2/3 (BH). SPRING RECORDS INCLUDE 2 WEST OF LORDSBURG ON 4/24 (RS); SEEN NEAR COLUMBUS ON 5/14 (BB).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL

35 AT APACHE CREEK ON 2/3 (BH) AND 8-10 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 5/26 (JD+).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 6 NEAR CARLSBAD ON 12/17 AND 1 ON 12/23 (SW+); SPRING RECORDS INCLUDE BOSQUE DEL APACHE FROM 3/11 (GZ) TO 5/26 (JD+), 12 WEST OF LORDSBURG ON 4/24 (RS) AND SEEN WEST OF COLUMBUS 5/14 (BB).

CINNAMON TEAL

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 4 NEAR FARMINGTON ON 12/16 (AN+), 4 IN THE MIMBRES VALLEY 1/13 (RF), AND 1 AT APACHE CREEK 2/3 (BH). SPRING RECORDS INCLUDE FIRST AT FARMINGTON 3/4 (AN), SEEN NEAR LAS VEGAS 2/25-3/8 (WH), 3 AT SAN ILDEFONSO 3/17 AND 4 AT ESPAÑOLA 3/18 (PS), 8 AT ALAMEDA 3/25 (BE, CH), 500 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 3/31 (GZ), 20 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 3/17 (DF, CH), NEAR RODEO 2/25-3/11 AND LORDSBURG 4/20 AND 4/24 (RS), AND NEAR COLUMBUS ON 5/14 (BB).

AMERICAN WIGEON

12 WEST OF LORDSBURG ON 4/24 (RS).

NORTHERN SHOVELER

RECORDS INCLUDE 4 IN THE MIMBRES VALLEY ON 1/13 (RF), 16 WEST OF LORDSBURG ON 4/20 AND 75-100 ON 4/24 (RS), AND SEEN NEAR COLUMBUS 5/14 (BB).

WOOD DUCK

RECORDS INCLUDE 17 NEAR FARMINGTON, WHERE THE SPECIES NOW APPEARS RESIDENT, ON 12/16 AND 1 ON 5/12 (AN+), 2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/16 (CH+), 1 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 5/6 (RR), AND SEVERAL AT BITTER LAKE NWR IN DECEMBER-JANUARY (LK).

REDHEAD

WINTER COUNTS INCLUDE 42 AT FARMINGTON ON 12/16 (AN+), 30 AT LAS VEGAS ON 12-30 (JG+), 60 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 2/7 AND 17 ON 5/5-31 (GZ), 70 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 1/8 (BE, CH) 12 AT EVANS LAKE ON 1/14 (RF), 187 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 12/17 (LK+), AND 38 NEAR CARLSBAD ON 12/23 (SW+); MANY AT LA CUEVA SGR ON 4/22 (JD+), 10 AT ALAMEDA ON 3/25 AND 8 NEAR TUCUMCARI ON 5/28 (CH+).

RING-NECKED DUCK

RECORDS INCLUDE 18 AT EVANS LAKE ON 1/13 (RF), 1 NEAR HURLEY ON 5/18 (DZ) AND 14 EAST OF RODEO ON 3/26 (RS).

CANVASBACK

WINTER COUNTS INCLUDE 35 AT FARMINGTON ON 12/16 WITH 1 ON 5/12 (AN+), 20 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 1/20 WITH 2 ON 5/22-31 (GZ), 40 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 1/8 (BE, CH), 65 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 12/17 (LK+), 30 AT EVANS LAKE ON 1/14 (RF), AND 501 AT CARLSBAD ON 12/23 (SW+); SEVERAL AT LA CUEVA SGR ON 4/22 (JD+).

LESSER SCAUP

7 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 5/31 (GZ).

COMMON GOLDENEYE

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 1 WEST OF KENTON ON 12/20 (DN), 12 AT CLAYTON ON 12/21 (AK+), 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/16 (CN+) AND 12 IN THE CARLSBAD AREA 12/23-24 (SW+).

BUFFLEHEAD

1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 5/30 (GZ).

RUDDY DUCK

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 1 AT FARMINGTON 12/26 (AN+) AND 2 NEAR LAS VEGAS ON 12/20 (JG+).

HOODED MERGANSER

1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 3/15 AND 3 ON 3/25-31 (GZ), 2 AT ELEPHANT

BUTTE LAKE ON 1/10 (BE, CH), AND 4 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 12/16 (LK+).

COMMON MERGANSER

RECORDS INCLUDE 10 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 1/10 AND 3/8 (CH+), 172 IN THE CARLSBAD AREA ON 12/23-24 (SW+); 2 NEAR SAN MIGUEL ON 5/28 (GZ).

TURKEY VULTURE

EARLY DATES IN SPRING INCLUDE: 5 AT BITTER LAKE ON 2/28 (LK), 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 3/9 (GZ), 1 NEAR CLIFF ON 3/11 (RF), 1 NEAR BAYARD (RF) AND 20 NEAR FARMINGTON (AN) ON 3/20, 1 NEAR DIXON ON 3/24 (JW), SEVERAL AT PLEASANTON (LS) 3 AT CEDAR CREST (DD) AND 3 AT LAS VEGAS (WH) ON 3/25, 1 AT LOS ALAMOS ON 3/27 (PS), CLAYTON ON 4/12 (AK), AND AT LA CUEVA ON 4/14 (MS).

MISSISSIPPI KITE

1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 3/26 (WR) AND 1 AT GILA ON 5/12 (DZ).

WHITE-TAILED KITE

1 AND POSSIBLY 2 REPORTED FROM ROSWELL AREA ON 4/1; DETAILS INCLUDE WHITE TAIL, GRAY BACK, AND BLACK SPOTS (= WRIST PATCHES) ON WINGS (ALLEN CROCKETT). THIS REPORT, THE THIRD (HYPOTHETICAL) OCCURRENCE IN THE STATE, MAY INDICATE THAT THIS SPECIES IS EXPANDING ITS RANGE TO INCLUDE NEW MEXICO; THERE ARE RECENT RECORDS FROM TEXAS AND ARIZONA.

GOSHAWK

LOWLAND RECORDS INCLUDE UP TO 5 IN THE FARMINGTON AREA 12/16-1/13 (FIDE AN), 1 AT SAN JUAN 4/21 (PS), 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16-31 (GZ), 1 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 1/9 (BE, CH), AND 1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR FROM 12/4 TO 5/5 (LK).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK

AN IMMATURE REPORTED AT GILA ON 5/12: A SMALL, STOCKY HAWK IN STREAKED PLUMAGE, DIFFERING FROM THE VERY SIMILAR IMMATURE GRAY HAWK IN HAVING SMALLER FEET (DZ). THIS CONSTITUTES THE THIRD RECORD REPORTED OF THIS SPECIES IN THE STATE.

SWAINSON'S HAWK

EARLY SPRING RECORDS INCLUDE RODEO ON 4/9 (RS) AND 3 NEAR LA JOYA SGR ON 4/8 (BE, CH); NESTING AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 5/11 (GZ).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK

1 AT LOS ALAMOS ON 4/9 (LH).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 4 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY (GZ) AND 1 AT LOVING ON 12/24 (SW+); ALSO, SINGLES AT LYDEN ON 4/21 (PS), AND BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/28 (DB).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK

RECORDS INCLUDE NESTING NEAR LOS LUNAS ON 5/8 (CH), AND 1-2 SEEN NEAR DARTIL 4/8 (MCK), RODEO 12/3 (RS), NEAR HERMANAS ON 2/17 AND 4/8 (MCK), AND AT LOVING 12/24 (SW+).

GRAY HAWK

AN ADULT REPORTED AT AN UNSPECIFIED LOCALITY IN THE SOUTHWEST ON 5/16 (DZ)

BLACK HAWK

2 NEAR CLIFF AS EARLY AS 3/11 (RF); 1 AT PLEASANTON ON 5/27 (LS).

BALD EAGLE

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE UP TO 5 IN THE FARMINGTON AREA 2/25-3/17 (AN), 4+ NEAR LAS VEGAS 12/3-1/28 (WH), 11 AT CONCHAS LAKE IN FEBRUARY (LYLE BERGER), 1 NEAR ESTANCIA 1/13 (RT), AS MANY AS 13, 9 BEING ADULT, AT PATTERSON RANCH (KATHY LEE), 2 AT GILA HOT SPRINGS (FIDE RF), 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/7-1/10 (GZ), AND 1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 1/2 (LK).

OSPREY

RECORDS INCLUDE 1 NEAR LYDEN 4/2 (PS), 1 AT CLAYTON 5/15 (AK), 1 AT LA CUEVA SGR ON 4/22 (JD+), 1 AT LA JOYA SGR 4/8 (RR), 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 3/31-5/17 (GZ), 1 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 4/7 (BE, CH), AND 1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 4/10-24 (DB).

PEREGRINE FALCON

1 FOUND DEAD AT BITTER LAKE NWR 5/4 (LK); OTHER RECORDS INCLUDE 1-2 AT LAS VEGAS 12/20 (JG+), BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/1-4/26 (GZ), AND NEAR CARLSBAD ON 12/23 (SW+).

MERLIN (PIGEON HAWK)

RECORDS INCLUDE 1-3 AT FARMINGTON 1/15-3/6 (AN+), ALBUQUERQUE 12/17 (AE+) BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR IN EARLY JANUARY (GZ), BITTER LAKE NWR 12/17 (LK+) NEAR BAYARD 12/23 AND CLIFF 3/4 (RF), AND RODEO 12/3 (RS).

AMERICAN KESTREL (SPARROW HAWK)

ALREADY NESTING AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 3/26 (LK).

BLUE GROUSE

N.M. DEPT. OF GAME AND FISH REPORTS 1825 TAKEN BY HUNTERS IN THE NORTH AND 47 IN THE SOUTHWEST IN 1972, A TOTAL DECREASE FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND BELOW THE 14-YEAR AVERAGE KILL.

LESSER PRAIRIE CHICKEN

N.M. DEPT. OF GAME AND FISH REPORTS 1177 TAKEN IN 1972, AN INCREASE OVER 1971 BUT BELOW THE 15-YEAR AVERAGE KILL.

SCALED QUAIL

5-6 NEAR LYDEN ON 4/21 (PS).

GAMBEL'S QUAIL

RECORDS INCLUDE 122 AT FARMINGTON 12/16 (AN), SEEN AT LYDEN 4/21 AND NEAR LOS ALAMOS ON 5/9 (PS), 60 IN THE MIMBRES VALLEY 12/10 (RF), AND PRESENT AT HERMANAS 4/20-21 AND 5/25-26 (MCK).

MONTEZUMA (HARLEQUIN) QUAIL

1 CALLING AT SYCAMORE WELL, ALAMO HUECO MTS., 5/27 (MCK).

RING-NECKED PHEASANT

1 NEAR COTTON CITY ON 4/20 (RS).

TURKEY

3 CAME TO A FEEDER AT COLE SPRINGS, SANDIA MTS., 12/1-3/31 (DD).

SANDHILL CRANE

N.M. DEPT. OF GAME AND FISH REPORTS 780 TAKEN IN 1972 SEASON, A DECLINE FROM 1971 AND BELOW THE 13-YEAR KILL AVERAGE. WINTER COUNTS INCLUDE 300 OVER BANDELIER NM 2/25 (MS), 110 NEAR LAS VEGAS 12/30 AND PRESENT 12/3-3/25 (WH+), 51 AT ALBUQUERQUE 12/17 (AE+), AND 185-470 ON 2/18-27 AND 35 ON 3/11 (PB), 5 NEAR LOS LUNAS 12/29 (DN), 10,500 PEAK AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 1/2 WITH 1 THERE ON 3/31 (GZ), UP TO 5000 PEAK AT BITTER LAKE NWR WITH 20-25 TO 3/31 AND 29 ON 4/1 (LK), 45 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 1/9 (BE, CH), UP TO 193 NEAR CLIFF 12/16-3/11 (RF), HEARD IN THE MIMBRES VALLEY 1/11 AND 25 SEEN NEAR LORDSBURG ON 2/1 (RF), AND UP TO 7000 IN THE COLUMBUS AREA 12/10 (RF), WITH FLIGHTS OF 100 ON 2/3 (MCK) AND 2/4 (RF).

VIRGINIA RAIL

1 AT KIRTLAND 2/4-6 (CS) AND AT ESPAÑOLA 12/30 (WL+).

SORA

RECORDS INCLUDE 1 AT KIRTLAND 2/4 (CS), 3 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 2/26 AND 100 ON 3/31 (GZ), 1 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 5/5 (CH, RJ), 1 IN THE MIMBRES VALLEY 12/10 (RF), AND 1 AT LOVING 12/24 (SW+).

COMMON GALLINULE

RECORDS INCLUDE 1 AT KIRTLAND 1/30-3/3 (CS), AN ADULT AND 1 YOUNG NEAR

ISLETA 5/13 (JD), 1 AT LA JOYA SGR 4/21 AND 5/20 (RR), 2-4 IN WINTER AT BITTER LAKE NWR (LK), AND 2 IN THE CARLSBAD AREA 12/23-24 (SW+).

AMERICAN COOT

7 NEAR CLIFF 12/16 (TB+); NESTING NEAR TUCUMCARI ON 5/28 (CH+).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER

DETAILED OR PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDS OF 1-2 AT LA CUEVA SGR ON 4/22 (JD+), TUCUMCARI 4/28 (CH+) AND BITTER LAKE NWR (MW); ALSO REPORTED WITHOUT DETAILS AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 2/25 (GZ), AN EXCEPTIONAL DATE.

SNOWY PLOVER

3 AT MORGAN LAKE ON 4/28 (AN+) AND 1 PHOTOGRAPHED AT LA CUEVA SGR ON 4/22 (JD+); ALSO, FIRST OF SPRING AT BITTER LAKE NWR WERE 3 ON 3/16 WHERE 175 WERE COUNTED 4/6-5/31 (DB).

KILLDEER

1 AT COLUMBUS ON 2/17 (McK).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER

1 NEAR WATROUS ON 4/29 (PS).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER

1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/18 (DB).

COMMON SNIFE

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 12 AT FARMINGTON 12/16 (AN+), 8 AT ESPAÑOLA 12/20 (WL+), AND 1 AT CLAYTON 12/31 (AK+).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW

RECORDS INCLUDE CLAYTON 4/1 (AK), 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 3/23 AND 4 ON 4/11 (GZ), AND 8 AT LAS CRUCES 3/24 (DH).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 2 NEAR CLIFF 12/16 (TB+) AND 2 IN THE CARLSBAD AREA ON 12/23-24 (SW+); OTHER RECORDS INCLUDE 3+ AT ESPAÑOLA ON 5/19 (PS), 2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 5/13 (JD+), 1 IN ARIZONA NEAR RODEO ON 5/10 (RS), AND SEEN WEST OF COLUMBUS ON 5/14 (BB).

WILLET

RECORDS INCLUDE SINGLES NEAR LAS VEGAS AND WATROUS ON 4/29 (PS), 1 AT ALAMEDA ON 5/1 (CH), 33 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 5/10 (GZ), AND 18 SOUTH OF DATIL 5/20 (McK).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 2 AT FARMINGTON 12/16 (AN+) AND 36 IN THE CARLSBAD AREA 12/23-24 (SW+); 2 WEST OF LORDSBURG 4/24 (RS).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS

2 NEAR TUCUMCARI 4/29 (CH+).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER

35 REPORTED WITHOUT DETAILS AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 5/6 (CH, RJ).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER

6 REPORTED AT BITTER LAKE NWR 5/5 (LK+).

LEAST SANDPIPER

2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/8 (GZ); 2-3 NEAR SHOEMAKER (PS) AND 16 AT TUCUMCARI (CH+) ON 4/29.

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER

RECORDS INCLUDE 10 AT LA CUEVA SGR 4/22 (JD+), 10 AT TUCUMCARI 4/28 (CH+), 30 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 4/18 (GZ), 27 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 3/30 (DB), 4 AT LAS CRUCES ON 4/6 (DH), 5 ON A TANQUE NEAR SAN LUIS PASS 4/22 (McK).

STILT SANDPIPER

4 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/5 (LK+).

WESTERN SANDPIPER

RECORDS INCLUDE 50 AT LA CUEVA SGR 4/22 (JD+), 6 NEAR SHOEMAKER ON 4/20 (PS), 6 WEST OF LORDSBURG ON 4/24 (RS), AND 1 NEAR CARLSBAD 12/23 (SW+).

MARBLED GODWIT

1 AT ALAMEDA ON 5/1 (CH) AND 6 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 4/18 (GZ).

AMERICAN AVOCET

RECORDS INCLUDE 2 AT FARMINGTON 5/12 (AN+), MAXWELL NWR 5/6 (PS), 6 AT LA CUEVA SGR 4/22 (JD+), 2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 3/21, YOUNG ON 5/31 (GZ), FIRST OF SPRING AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 3/28 (DB), 3 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 3/18 AND 2 ON 5/5 (CH+), AND 6+ WEST OF LORDSBURG ON 4/20 AND 50 ON 4/24 (RS).

BLACK-NECKED STILT

FIRST OF SPRING AT BITTER LAKE NWR WERE 3 ON 3/28 (DB); 8 WEST OF LORDSBURG ON 4/24 (RS).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE

RECORDS INCLUDE 2 AT FARMINGTON ON 5/12 (AN+), 30+ NEAR TUCUMCARI ON 4/29 (CH+), 250 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 4/23-26 (GZ), 240 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/5 (LK+), AND 12 WEST OF LORDSBURG ON 4/24 (RS).

HERRING GULL

REPORTS INCLUDE 1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR IN DECEMBER (DB, LK) AND 32 IN THE CARLSBAD AREA ON 12/23-24 (SW+).

RING-BILLED GULL

RECORDS INCLUDE LAS VEGAS 12/3-3/25 (WH), 60 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 2/26, 150 ON 3/6, AND 500 ON 4/18 (GZ), 44 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 1/10 AND 31 ON 3/17 (CH+), 3021 NEAR CARLSBAD ON 12/23 AND 557 NEAR LOVING ON 12/24 (SW+).

FRANKLIN'S GULL

1 AT LA CUEVA SGR ON 4/22 (JD+) AND 20 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 4/25 (GZ).

BONAPARTE'S GULL

4 WEST OF LORDSBURG ON 4/24 (RS) AND 4 AT LOVING 12/24 (SW+).

FORSTER'S TERN

RECORDS INCLUDE 4 AT SANTA ROSA ON 4/28 (CH+), PEAK OF 10 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 4/24-5/31 (GZ), AND 6 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 5/5 (LK+); A REPORT OF 3 COMMON TERNS AT LA JOYA SGR 5/13 (JD+) PROBABLY BELONGS HERE AS WELL.

CASPIAN TERN

1 REPORTED AT LAKE McMILLAN NEAR CARLSBAD ON 4/28; DETAILS INCLUDE SIZE OF NEARBY RING-BILLED GULLS, BLACK CAP, RED BILL, LIGHT GRAY BACK (MW).

BLACK TERN

RECORDS INCLUDE 3 AT SAN ILDEFONSO AND 6 AT SANTA FE ON 5/14 (PS), 2 AT TUCUMCARI ON 5/28 (CH+), 275 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 5/14 (GZ), AND 1 WEST OF COLUMBUS ON 5/14 (BB).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON

RECORDS INCLUDE 2 AT LA CUEVA 5/13-14 (MS), 30-40 AT LOS OJOS 5/27 (PS), AND 4 AT CEDAR CREST 5/12 AND 7 ON 5/22 (MCK).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE

6 NEAR RODEO 1/31 FIRST HEARD CALLING 4/10 (RS), NUMEROUS AT SYCAMORE WELL 4/21-22 AND 5/26-28 (MCK); 1 AT LAS CRUCES 3/31 (DH).

GROUND DOVE

UNUSUAL WERE 6 THAT WERE PHOTOGRAPHED AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (RT)

AND 12 SEEN AT CARLSBAD CAVERNS NP ON 12/17--DETAILS INCLUDED SMALL SIZE, SHORT TAIL, RUFOUS IN WINGS (SW).

INCA DOVE

2 WINTERED AT BAYARD (RF).

MONK PARAKEET

1 WAS COLLECTED AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 5/13 (GZ); THE BIRD IS IN UNWORN PLUMAGE (FIDE DL) AND APPEARS TO BE THE FIRST RECORD OF THIS RAPIDLY SPREADING EXOTIC IN THE STATE (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN FROM AS FAR WEST AS NORMAN, OKLAHOMA--FIDE AMERICAN BIRDS).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO

1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/31 (DB).

BARN OWL

1 AT PLEASANTON ON 2/7 AND 3/27 (LS), AND 1 NEAR TYRONE 5/18 (DZ).

SCREECH OWL

RECORDS INCLUDE 1-2 AT FARMINGTON IN WINTER AND SPRING (AN), 1 WEST OF KENTON ON 12/19 (DN), 1 AT SANTA FE ON 12/28 (RW+), 1 CALLING NEAR SYCAMORE WELL 4/20 AND 5/26-27 (MCK).

FLAMMULATED OWL

SINGLE BIRDS Banded AT CEDAR CREST ON 5/11 AND 5/14, AND ON THE LATTER DATE A BIRD WAS RETRAPPED THAT HAD BEEN Banded THERE ON 4/26/1972; 2-3 AT S.U. CAÑON, NEAR RESERVE, CALLING PERSISTENTLY ON 5/18 (MCK).

GREAT HORNED OWL

A PAIR NESTED AT HERMANAS FROM 3/17 INTO MAY (MCK).

PYGMY OWL

1 AT ESPAÑOLA ON 12/30 (WL+)

BURROWING OWL

RECORDS INCLUDE 1 NEAR MAGDALENA 5/18 AND 5/29 (MCK), NESTING NEAR ENCINO 5/23 (DL) AND 4-10 IN WINTER AT BITTER LAKE NWR (LK).

SPOTTED OWL

1 HEARD AT LOS ALAMOS ON 3/10 (PS).

LONG-EARED OWL

RECORDS INCLUDE UP TO 7 ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE SANDIA Mts. 3/25-5/1 (BE, CH), 1 SOUTH OF MORIARTY 1/13 (RT), 1 AT LA JOYA SGR 4/8 (RR), 1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 3/3 (LK), AND 4-5 AT CITY OF ROCKS SP, NEAR HURLEY, 1/13 AND 4/8 (TB, RF).

SHORT-EARED OWL

1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR IN MID-DECEMBER (GZ), 1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/31 (DB), 2 AT CARLSBAD 12/23 (SW+).

SAW-WHET OWL

1 ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE SANDIA Mts. IN MID-DECEMBER (TS), AND 1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/31 (DB).

POOR-WILL

EARLY DATES IN SPRING INCLUDE SINGLES AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 4/12 (GZ), PLEASANTON ON 4/17 (LS), AND ROSWELL ON 5/1 (MW).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK

EARLY DATES IN SPRING INCLUDE BITTER LAKE NWR DN 5/3 (DB), DIXON 5/16 (JW), CLAYTON ON 5/20 (AK), SANDIA PARK DN 5/28 (MH), FARMINGTON 5/29 (JE).

LESSER NIGHTHAWK

FIRST AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR IN SPRING WERE 2 ON 4/22 (GZ).

CHIMNEY SWIFT

4 AT CLAYTON ON 5/23 (AK), AND 3 AT ROSWELL 5/12 (MW); ALSO NOTED IN

PORTALES IN THE SPRING (DP).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT

UNUSUAL WERE 9 IN FARMINGTON ON 12/22 (AN+); ALSO, 15 AT CARLSBAD CAVERNS NP 12/17 (SW+). SPRING RECORDS INCLUDE 6 AT PLEASANTON 3/28 AND A FEW DAYS EARLIER (LA), 1 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 5/25 (CH+), 1 AT CABALLO LAKE 5/26 (JD, PF), AND APPARENTLY NESTING IN THE ALAMO HUECO MTS. 5/26 (MCK).

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD

EARLY DATES IN SPRING INCLUDE PLEASANTON 4/1 (LA), SILVER CITY AREA ON 4/6 (MM), ALBUQUERQUE ON 4/10 (AL MOORE), BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/11 (LK+), CEDAR CREST 4/13 (MCK), TAOS 4/30 (DG), LA CUEVA 5/2 (MS), CLAYTON 5/4 (AK), FARMINGTON 5/13 (JE).

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD

A MALE PRESENT IN ALBUQUERQUE 4/15-20 (DDL, H.O.B.) WAS PHOTOGRAPHED FOR THE SECOND RECORD FOR THE STATE.

COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD

2 MALES REPORTED IN GUADALUPE CAÑON 5/18-20 (TED PARKER).

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD

EARLY DATES IN SPRING INCLUDE NEAR SILVER CITY ON 3/22 (MM), CEDAR CREST 4/17 (MCK), BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 4/20 (GZ), LA CUEVA (MS) AND ROSWELL AREA (JC+) ON 4/23, TAOS (DG) AND LAS VEGAS (WH) ON 4/28, AND FARMINGTON 4/29 (AN).

BLUE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD

A FEMALE REPORTED IN THE PELONCILLO MTS. SOUTH OF RODEO ON 5/9; IDENTIFICATION DETAILS INCLUDE LARGE SIZE AND LARGE AMOUNT OF WHITE IN TAIL (RS).

BELTED KINGFISHER

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 3 AT FARMINGTON 12/16 (AN+), 11 AT ESPAÑOLA 12/30 (WL+), AND 1 WEST OF KENTON ON 12/19 (DN); SPRING RECORDS: 1 AT CHAMA 5/27 AND AT SAN ILDEFONSO 5/26 (PS), 2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 5/31 (GZ), 1 NEAR ARAGON 4/29 AND 5/29 AND 1 AT PUEBLO CREEK-SAN FRANCISCO RIVER CONFLUENCE 4/23 (MCK), 1 NEAR GLIFF 5/28 (JD, PF).

COMMON FLICKER

YELLOW-SHAFTED FORM, ALL SINGLE RECORDS, REPORTED NEAR LA JOYA SGR 2/3 (RT+), BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (CH+), AND IN THE CARLSBAD AREA IN DECEMBER (SW+).

RED-SHAFTED FORM WINTER COUNTS INCLUDE 120 AT FARMINGTON ON 12/16 (AN+), 176 AT ESPAÑOLA 12/30 (WL+), 92 AT ALBUQUERQUE 12/17 (AE+), AND 102 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (CH+); LAST SEEN IN RODEO AREA IN SPRING ON 4/8 (RS).

GILA WOODPECKER

2 NEAR CLIFF ON 3/11 (RF).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER

1 IN SE ALBUQUERQUE HEIGHTS 4/12 (BOYO McLEOD); AT CONCHAS LAKE 5/12 (RR).

ACORN WOODPECKER

1 ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE SANDIA MTS. 5/28-30 WAS THE FIRST LOCAL RECORD (TS).

LEWIS' WOODPECKER

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 1 AT FARMINGTON 12/29 (FIDE AN), SANTA FE IN DECEMBER (RW+), 2 AT CHIMAYO ON 1/27 (PS), AND 1 AT LA CUEVA 12/1-3/31 (MS); 1 AT FARMINGTON 5/12 (AN), 1 AT CLAYTON 4/29 (AK), 1 AT WATROUS 4/29 (PS), 1 AT PLACITAS IN THE SANDIA MTS. 4/29 ((JS), SEVERAL AT APACHE CREEK 5/28 (JD, PF), AND 2 AT HERMANAS 4/20-31 (MCK).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 1-2 AT FARMINGTON 12/16 AND JANUARY (AN+), ESPAÑOLA

12/30 (WL+), SANTA FE 12/28 (RW+), CEDAR CREST 1/27 AND 2/23 (MCK), AND 1 NEAR RODEO 3/11 (RS).

HAIRY WOODPECKER

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 4 AT FARMINGTON 12/16 (AN+), 2 WEST OF KENTON 12/19 (DN), 5 AT ALBUQUERQUE 12/17 (AE+), 3 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (GH+), AND 4 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 1/9-10 AND 1 ON 4/7 (BE, CH).

DOWNY WOODPECKER

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 8 AT FARMINGTON 12/16 (AN+), 1 WEST OF KENTON 12/19 (DN), 4 IN SANTA FE 12/28 (RW+), AND 12/1-3/31 (MCK), LAS VEGAS (WH), ALBUQUERQUE (PB+), CEDAR CREST 12/1-3/31 (MCK), 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (GH+), 1-2 AT BITTER LAKE NWR AS LATE AS 5/17 (LK+), AND 1 NEAR SILVER CITY 12/23 (TB+).

LADDER-BACKED WOODPECKER

RECORDS INCLUDE 1 AT ESPAÑOLA 12/20 (WL+), 1 WEST OF KENTON 12/20 (DN), 2 AT SANTA FE 12/28 (RW+), 1 AT CEDAR CREST 3/25 AND A PAIR IN APRIL-MAY (MCK), 1 AT GILA HOT SPRINGS 2/25 (RF), 2 IN THE MIMBRES VALLEY 1/13 (RF), AND 2 IN THE COLUMBUS-HERMANAS AREA 2/3 (MCK).

EASTERN KINGBIRD

2 AT ESPAÑOLA IN THE SPRING (LH), 1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 5/16-18 (DB).

WESTERN KINGBIRD

EARLY DATES IN THE SPRING INCLUDE BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/12 (DB), LAS CRUCES ON 4/13 (DH), BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 4/14 (GZ), DEMING (RF) AND LEMITAR (MHW) ON 4/22, CLAYTON ON 4/29 (AK), LAS VEGAS ON 5/4 (WH), ALBUQUERQUE 5/6 (JD); AN EXCEPTIONALLY EARLY REPORT WAS OF 1 AT FARMINGTON ON 3/11 (FIDE AN).

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD

EARLY-DATES IN THE SPRING INCLUDE LAS CRUCES ON 4/13 (DH), PLEASANTON ON 4/22 (LS), NEAR BAYARD ON 4/23 (RF), DIXON ON 4/26 (JW), CLAYTON ON 4/29 (AK), CEDAR CREST ON 5/3 (MCK), AND LOS ALAMOS ON 5/5 (LH).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER

EARLY DATES IN SPRING INCLUDE SILVER CITY ON 4/18 (BH), CEDAR CREST 4/30 (MCK), DIXON 5/5 (JW); APPARENTLY NESTING AT ALAMEDA ON 5/1 (CH).

EASTERN PHOEBE

1 NEAR CARLSBAD ON 12/23 (SW+).

BLACK PHOEBE

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (CH+), 3 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/17 (LK+), 1 IN THE MIMBRES VALLEY ON 12/10 AND 1/13 (RF). NESTING AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 3/22 (LK) AND IN THE SPRING AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR (GZ); 1 AT SAN ILDEFONSO ON 4/18 (LH), 1 AT ISLETA ON 5/6 AND AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 5/26 (JD, PF), 2 NEAR SOCORRO ON 5/5 (MHW), AND THE FIRST OF THE SPRING AT PLEASANTON ON 3/2 (LS).

SAY'S PHOEBE

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 1 AT MORGAN LAKE ON 12/17 AND 1/1 (AN), AND 2 AT ESPAÑOLA ON 12/20 (WL+); FIRST OF SPRING AT PLEASANTON ON 3/8 (LS), CLAYTON ON 3/13 (AK), DIXON ON 3/14 (JW), CEDAR CREST ON THE LATE DATE OF 4/13--AND NO OTHER UNTIL 5/12--(MCK), AND LOS ALAMOS ON 4/29 (PS).

WILLOW (TRAILL'S) FLYCATCHER

1 SINGING NEAR CARLSBAD ON 5/26 (CH).

WESTERN WOOD PEWEE

EARLY DATES IN SPRING INCLUDE THE GILA VALLEY ON 5/4 (RF), DIXON 5/6 (JW), FARMINGTON 5/8 (AN), BITTER LAKE NWR 5/10 (DB), LA CUEVA 5/11 (MS), CEDAR CREST 5/13 (MCK), SANTA FE 5/14 (PS), LOS ALAMOS 5/18 (LH).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER

RECORDS INCLUDE SINGLES AT FARMINGTON 5/29 (FIDE AN), ROSWELL 5/1 AND 5/17

(MW), SYCAMORE WELL 5/27-28 (MCK), HERMANAS 5/25-26 (MCK) AND 5/27 (JD).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR IN DECEMBER AND ON 4/18-23 (DB+), 2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE 12/16 (CH+), 1 IN THE MIMBRES VALLEY 1/13 (RF), AND NEAR CARLSBAD ON 12/23 (SW+); 1 AT CONCHAS LAKE ON 5/12 (RR), 1 NEAR CLIFF 3/4-11 AND BAYARD 3/20 (RF), AND SOUTH OF HACHITA ON 4/22 AND 5/28 (MCK).

HORNED LARK

SEVERAL AT HERMANAS ON 5/27 (JD, PF).

SWALLOW SP.

1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/17 (RR).

VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW

EARLY DATES IN SPRING INCLUDE BITTER LAKE NWR ON 3/9 (DB), 40 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 3/12 (GZ), MIMBRES VALLEY 3/27 (BH), FARMINGTON 4/7 (AN), LOS ALAMOS 4/12 (LH).

TREE SWALLOW

A WINTER REPORT OF 3 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/16 (CH+). SPRING RECORDS INCLUDE 6 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE 3/11 (GZ) AND 100+ AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 3/17-18, WITH NEST THERE 5/24 (CH+); SMALL NUMBERS SEEN AT FARMINGTON 5/12 (AN+), CHAMA 5/27 (PS), LYDEN 4/21 AND MAXWELL NWR 5/6 (PS), LA CUEVA SGR 4/22 (JD+), BITTER LAKE NWR 5/5 (LK+), SOUTH OF DATIL 4/28 (MCK) AND WEST OF LORDSBURG ON 4/24 (RS).

BANK SWALLOW

SPRING RECORDS INCLUDE SMALL NUMBERS (10 OR LESS) AT FARMINGTON 5/12 (AN+), DIXON 5/4 (JW), LYDEN-ESPAÑOLA 4/21 (PS), BOSQUE DEL APACHE 5/13 AND 5/26 (JD, PF) AND BITTER LAKE NWR 5/5 (LK+).

ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW

EARLY SPRING DATES INCLUDE 4 NEAR CLIFF 3/4 (RF), 6-8 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 3/7 (LK), AND CLAYTON 4/12 (AK); 476 AT FARMINGTON ON 5/12 (AN+).

BARN SWALLOW

UNUSUAL IS A WINTER REPORT FROM CURRY CO. ON 12/1 (DP). EARLY DATES IN SPRING INCLUDE 2 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 3/11, WITH NESTING BY 3/26 (DB), 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 3/12 WITH MANY NESTING (GZ), FARMINGTON 4/7 (AN), LAS VEGAS 4/18 (WH), ESPAÑOLA 4/21 (PS), CLAYTON 5/1 (AK), AND AT APACHE CREEK 5/28 (JD, PF).

CLIFF SWALLOW

EARLY DATES IN SPRING WERE 4 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 3/11 (GZ), NEAR FARMINGTON ON 3/21 (AN), BITTER LAKE NWR ON 3/29 (LK), AND LAS VEGAS ON 4/18 (WH); NESTING AT ELEPHANT BUTTE AND CABALLO LAKES ON 5/26 (JD, PF).

PURPLE MARTIN

7 REPORTED NEAR BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 4/28 (RT) AND 2 AT SNOW LAKE 4/30 (MHW).

BLUE JAY

1-2 WEST OF KENTON 12/19-20 (DN), BITTER LAKE NWR 12/17 AND 5/7-9 (LK+), AND NEAR CARLSBAD ON 12/23 (SW+); MOST UNUSUAL WAS 1 AT LA CUEVA ON 5/16 (MS).

STELLER'S JAY

WINTERED WIDELY IN THE LOWLANDS AND AT LEAST AT LOS ALAMOS (PS) WAS ALSO NUMEROUS AT HIGHER ELEVATIONS; REPORTS INCLUDE 127 AT FARMINGTON ON 12/16 WITH LAST ON 5/8 (AN+), 61 AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 12/17 (AE+) AND NUMEROUS IN SPRING (PT+), MANY AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE WITH 2 UNTIL 5/1 (GZ), 44 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 12/16 WITH LAST 1 ON 5/7 (LK+), 16 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 1/9 AND 3 ON 4/7-8 (BE, CH), UP TO 20 AT PLEASANTON, LEAVING IN EARLY MAY (LS), 10 AT CLIFF ON 12/16 (TB+), AND 12 NEAR CARLSBAD 12/23-24 (SW+); LAST 1 AT DIXON ON 5/8 (JW) AND AT TAOS ON 5/15 (DG); NOTED IN

PORTALES 12/16 ET SEQ. (BP); 1 AT HERMANAS 5/25-26 (McK).

SCRUB JAY

WINTERED WIDELY IN THE LOWLANDS AND IN NUMBERS AS HIGH AS LOS ALAMOS (PS); REPORTS INCLUDE 98 IN FARMINGTON AREA 12/16 (AN+), 86 AT ESPAÑOLA 12/30 (WL+), 3 AT CLAYTON 12/31 (AK+), 46 AT ALBUQUERQUE 12/17 (AE+), 47 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (CH+) WITH 6 THERE TO 3/28 (GZ), 1-2 AT SOCORRO 1/9-5/5 (MHW), 21 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/17 (LK+), LAST SEEN AT ROSWELL 5/7 (JC), SEVERAL IN THE ALAMO HUECO MTS. 4/21 AND NEAR HERMANAS 2/3-4 AND 4/20 (McK), 1 AT LAS CRUCES ON 1/10 (DH) AND 7 IN THE CARLSBAD AREA 12/23-24 (SW+).

MEXICAN JAY

SHORT-DISTANCE WANDERERS WERE 6 WINTERING AT BAYARD (RF) AND 1 IN PLEASANTON 1/2-3/15 (LS).

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE

WINTER COUNTS INCLUDE 174 AT FARMINGTON ON 12/16 (AN+) AND 15 AT CLAYTON ON 12/31 (AK+); 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/21 AND 2/10 (GZ).

COMMON RAVEN

5 REPORTED AT CLAYTON 12/31 (AK+).

WHITE-NECKED RAVEN

WINTER REPORTS INCLUDE 1-2 AT CLAYTON 12/31 (AK+), BITTER LAKE NWR 12/17 (LK+), CARLSBAD AREA 12/17 (SW+), AND UNUSUAL AND WITHOUT DETAILS AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (CH+); 1 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 3/17 (CH).

COMMON CROW

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE SEVERAL HUNDRED WEST OF KENTON ON 12/19 (DN), 153 AT LAS VEGAS ON 12/30 (JG+), 5117 AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 12/17 (AE+), AND 40-50 AT MULE CREEK ON 12/7 (LS); 1 NEAR SAN MIGUEL ON 5/28 (GZ) AND SEVERAL AT LA CUEVA SGR ON 4/22 (JD+).

PINON JAY

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 69 AT FARMINGTON 12/16 WITH 16 ON 5/12 (AN+), AT CLAYTON IN DECEMBER (AK), 1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 12/17 WITH 20 ON 5/18 (LK+), AT PORTALES ON 1/14 (DP), AND 505 IN THE SILVER CITY AREA ON 12/23 (TB+) WITH 65 THERE ON 4/17 (DICK SMITH) AND A FEW ON 5/18 (DZ); 5 AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 4/29 (RN).

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER

OCCURRED WIDELY AT LOWER ELEVATIONS, INCLUDING 1 AT FARMINGTON 3/8-31 (AN), A FEW AT CLAYTON 12/31 TO 3/24 (AK), UP TO 4 IN ALBUQUERQUE 12/9-13 (JD, DL), UP TO 3 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/17-25 (LK+), PORTALES 1/15 (DP), 1 IN THE MAGDALENA MTS. 1/14 AND 5/10 (MHW), 1 AT APACHE CREEK 2/3 (BH), UP TO 6 AT PLEASANTON 1/2-5/23 (LS), 1 AT BUCKHORN 5/27 (RF), 1 AT BAYARD 12/17 (RF), 10-12 AT GILA HOT SPRINGS DURING WINTER AND PRESENT NEAR SILVER CITY TO 4/4 (MM); ALSO NUMEROUS IN WINTER AT LOS ALAMOS WHERE A JUVENILE WAS FOUND ON 5/20 (PS), AND IN THE SANDIA MTS. WHERE LAST SEEN AT CEDAR CREST 5/24 (McK).

BLACK-GAPPED CHICKADEE

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 104 NEAR FARMINGTON 12/16 WITH 4 ON 5/12 (AN+), 47 AT ESPAÑOLA 12/30 (WL+), 5 AT LAS VEGAS 12/30 (JG+), AND LATER (WH), AND 14 AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 12/17 (AE+).

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE

LOWLAND RECORDS INCLUDE 26 AT FARMINGTON ON 12/16 (AN+), 26 AT ESPAÑOLA 12/30 (WL+), SEVERAL WEST OF KENTON ON 12/19-20 (DN), 35 AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 12/17 (AE+) AND OTHERS TO 1/20 (PB), 2 NEAR LOS LUNAS 12/29 (DN), 16 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/16 (CH+) AND SEVERAL UNTIL 3/11 (GZ), 3 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 1/9 AND 1 ON 4/7 (BE, CH), 3 NEAR CLIFF ON 12/16 (TB+), AND 1-2 WINTERED AT BAYARD (RF).

VERDIN

1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (CH+); 1-2 AT HERMANAS 2/3-4 AND 5/25-

26, AND SEVERAL, INCLUDING FLEDGLINGS, AT SYCAMORE WELL 5/26-27 (McK).

BUSHTIT

2 AT CLAYTON ON 5/16 (AK).

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 19 AT FARMINGTON ON 12/16 (AN+), 6 NEAR LOS LUNAS 12/29 (DN), 9 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 1/9 (BE, CH), AND 1-2 IN WINTER AT BAYARD (RF); BUILDING A NEST AT PLEASANTON ON 2/28 TO EARLY MARCH BUT LATER ABANDONED (LS).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH

RECORDS INCLUDE 2 AT FARMINGTON 12/20 (AN), 1 AT ESPAÑOLA 12/30 (WL+), 1 AT LAS VEGAS 12/30 (JG+), 1-2 AT ALBUQUERQUE 12/3-3/31 AND TO 4/27 (JD), 19 IN THE SANDIA MTS. ON 12/30 (RT), 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 5/15 (GZ), 1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 4/24-25 (DB) AND 1 NEAR SILVER CITY 12/23 (TB+).

PYGMY NUTHATCH

5 AT ESPAÑOLA ON 12/30 (WL+) REPRESENT A LOWLAND MOVEMENT.

BROWN CREEPER

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 6 AT FARMINGTON ON 12/16 (AN+), 16 AT ESPAÑOLA ON 12/30 (WL+), 2 NEAR LOS LUNAS ON 12/29 (DN), 5 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/16 (CH+), AND 9 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 1/9 (BE, CH).

HOUSE WREN

EARLY DATES IN SPRING INCLUDE BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 4/30 (GZ), LOS ALAMOS ON 5/3 (PS), LAS VEGAS ON 5/7 (WH), CEDAR CREST ON 5/8 (McK), TAOS ON 5/9 (DG), AND CLAYTON ON 5/14 (AK).

WINTER WREN

1 REPORTED AT CLAYTON ON 4/29-5/8; DETAILS INCLUDE SMALLER SIZE AND DARKER COLORATION THAN HOUSEWREN (AK).

BEWICK'S WREN

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE IN SANTA FE IN DECEMBER (RW), 1 WEST OF KENTON ON 12/19 (DN), 1 AT CEDAR CREST ON 2/2 AND 2/15 (McK), 1 IN THE MIMBRES VALLEY ON 1/13 (RF) AND 1 AT HERMANAS ON 2/3 AND 2/17 (McK).

CAROLINA WREN

1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR; DETAILS INCLUDE BUFFY UNDERPARTS, WHITE EYE STRIPE, LENGTH ABOUT 5 INCHES (STEVEN LARSON).

CACTUS WREN

RECORDS INCLUDE 2 NEAR CLIFF 3/4 AND 1 NEAR BAYARD 12/23 (RF); SEVERAL NEAR HERMANAS 2/3-4 AND 2/17 (McK).

LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN

151 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/17 (LK+).

CANYON WREN

1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/17 (LK+).

ROCK WREN

51 AT CARLSBAD CAVERNS NP ON 12/17 (SW+).

MOCKINGBIRD

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 1-2 AT KIRTLAND DECEMBER TO MARCH (CS), ESPAÑOLA 12/30 (WL+), SANTA FE 12/28 (RW+), EL PUEBLO 1/28 AND 3/25 (WH), ALBUQUERQUE 12/17 (AE+), ESTANCIA 1/13 (RT+), NEAR CLIFF 12/16 (TB+) AND AT CARLSBAD CAVERNS NP 12/17 (SW+); 9 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/17 (LK+), AND 7 AT CARLSBAD-LOVING 12/23-24 (SW+).

GRAY CATBIRD

UNUSUAL MIGRANTS WERE SINGLES AT CLIFF ON 5/28 (JD, PF) AND HERMANAS ON 5/25 (McK); 27 AT ESPAÑOLA ON 5/19 (RW), 1 AT PORTALES 5/16 (DP), AND

FOUND NESTING AT ALAMEDA IN MAY (CH).

BROWN THRASHER

RECORDS INCLUDE SINGLES AT PORTALES (DP), BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/16 (CH+), BITTER LAKE NWR ON 12/17 (LK+), NEAR CLIFF (BH+), HERMANAS ON 2/17 (J.R. TRAVIS), AND NEAR LOVING 12/24 (SW+).

BENDIRE'S THRASHER

SINGLES AT HERMANAS 4/21, SOUTH OF HACHITA NEAR SAN LUIS PASS ON 4/22, AND IN THE ALAMO HUECO MTS. ON 5/28 (McK).

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER

RECORDS INCLUDE 1-2 AT EL PUEBLO ON 1/28 (WH), WEST OF KENTON ON 12/19 (DN), BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 5/26 (JD), BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/19 (LK), AND 5/17 (MW); NEAR LOVING ON 12/24 (SW+); SEVERAL AT HERMANAS 4/20-21 (McK) AND 5/27 (JD, PF).

CRISSAL THRASHER

RECORDS INCLUDE 1-2 ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE SANDIAS ON 3/18 (RT) WHERE NESTING 4/14-5/12 (CH), BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (CH+) AND 3/11 (GZ), LAS CRUCES 2/4 (DH), LOVING AREA 12/24 (SW+); SEVERAL AT HERMANAS 2/3-4 AND 2/17, AND AT SYCAMORE WELL AND VICINITY ON 5/26-28 (McK).

SAGE THRASHER

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 3 AT SANTA FE ON 12/28 (RW+) AND 1 IN THE LOWER SANDIA MTS. 12/30 (RT+).

AMERICAN ROBIN

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 277 AT ESPAÑOLA ON 12/30 (WL+), SEVERAL AT HERMANAS 2/3-4 (McK), AND NUMEROUS BIRDS AT LAS VEGAS (WH), ROSWELL AREA (JC), AND SILVER CITY (RF); YOUNG IN ALBUQUERQUE BY 5/30 (PB); NESTING IN LAS CRUCES ON 4/17 (DH).

VARIED THRUSH

1 REPORTED AT FAIRVIEW ON 4/26 AND 5/15; DETAILS INCLUDE SIZE SMALLER THAN NEARBY ROBINS, WITH AN ORANGE EYESTRIPE AND A DARK NECKLACE (SUSAN NOEL).

WOOD THRUSH

1 REPORTED AT CLAYTON ON 5/4 AND 5/8; DETAILS INCLUDE SIZE LARGER THAN OTHER SIMILAR THRUSHES, RICH BROWN ABOVE INCLUDING HEAD, BIG BLACK SPOTS BELOW (AK).

HERMIT THRUSH

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE SINGLES AT SANTA FE ON 12/28 (RW+), LAS VEGAS 12/30 (JG+), ALBUQUERQUE ON 12/17 (AE+) AND FROM 3/6-31 (ER), AT BAYARD 2/10-12 AND NEAR CLIFF 3/11 (RF), AND AT CARLSBAD CAVERNS NP 12/17 (SW+).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH

SPRING RECORDS OF SINGLES INCLUDE AT BANDELIER NM 5/3 (LH), NEAR SAN MIGUEL 5/28 (GZ), CLIFF (JD) AND AT SYCAMORE WELL (McK) ON 5/28.

EASTERN BLUEBIRD

RECORDS INCLUDE 2 IN THE SANDIA MTS. 12/30 (RT+), AT LEAST 1 NEAR SABINAL 1/28 (CH), 22 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/17 (LK+), PORTALES 5/10 (DP), AND 10 AT CARLSBAD CAVERNS NP 12/17 (SW+).

WESTERN BLUEBIRD

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE LAS VEGAS (WH), 12 AT SOCORRO 1/9 (MHW), 3 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/17 (LK+), 98 NEAR CLIFF 12/16 (TB+), 4 AT LAS CRUCES ON 1/9 AND 30 ON 2/20 (DH), AND 28 NEAR CARLSBAD 12/17 AND 12/23-24 (SW+); 15 AT CLAYTON 4/8 (WC) AND 2 AT ALAMEDA 3/25 (CH).

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 20 AT FARMINGTON 12/16 AND 1 ON 5/12 (AN+), 134 AT ESPAÑOLA 12/30 (WL+), 92 AT CLAYTON 12/31 (AK+), 152 AT LAS VEGAS 12/30

(JG+), 192 AT SANTA FE 12/28 (RW+), 1 WEST OF ROY 12/18 (DN), 6 AT SOCORRO 2/24 (MHW), 50 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 1/22 (GZ), 1-2 AT BITTER LAKE 12/17 AND 12/20 AND 6 ON 2/15 (LK+), SEVERAL AT APACHE CREEK 2/3 (BH), 64 NEAR CLIFF 12/16 (TB+), 38 AT SILVER CITY 12/23 (TB+), AND 6 AT LAS CRUCES 2/20 (DH).

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 20 AT FARMINGTON 12/16 WITH 1 ON 5/23 (AN+), SEVERAL WEST OF ROY 12/18 (DN), NUMEROUS NEAR SILVER CITY (RF) AND SEVERAL IN THE RODEO AREA 1/31-5/9 (RS); 1 AT DIXON AS LATE AS 5/7 (JW), 1 AT ROSWELL 4/19 (MW) AND 1 AT SYCAMORE WELL 5/26-28 (McK).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER

RECORDS INCLUDE FARMINGTON ON 4/27 (AN), 1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 4/25 (B.A. SORRIE, P.K.DONOHUE), 1 AT ALBUQUERQUE 5/1 (PB), AND SEVERAL AT HERMANAS 4/20 (McK).

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER

A MALE AT REDROCK ON 5/11 (DZ) AND 1 AT LAS CRUCES 3/15 (DH).

GOLDEN CROWNED KINGLET

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 1-2 AT LAS VEGAS 12/24 (WH), NEAR CEDAR CREST 1/7 (RT), IN THE MANZANO MTS. 12/22 (DN), AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/16 (CH+) AND ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 1/9 (BE, CH).

WATER PIPIT

27 AT ESPAÑOLA ON 12/30 (WL+).

BOHEMIAN WAXWING

RECORDS INCLUDE FARMINGTON DECEMBER TO MID-FEBRUARY WITH 46 ON 12/26 (AN+), FLOCKS OF UP TO 200 AT LOS ALAMOS IN WINTER (PS), 2 AT ESPAÑOLA 12/30 (WL+), 76 AT SANTA FE 12/28 (RW+), 15 AT TAOS 3/25 (DG), AT ALBUQUERQUE 2/18 (ER) TO 3/31 (PT), WITH MAXIMA OF UP TO 150 (RN), AND UP TO 50 AT CEDAR CREST 1/22-2/1 (McK).

CEDAR WAXWING

DECEMBER AND OFTEN LATER RECORDS OF UP TO 74 BIRDS FROM FARMINGTON (AN+), ESPAÑOLA (WL+), CLAYTON (AK+), SANTA FE (RW+), LAS VEGAS JG+), ALBUQUERQUE (M.OB.), ROSWELL AREA (LK+), CLIFF (RF), AND THE CARLSBAD AREA (SW+); 96 IN THE MIMBRES VALLEY 1/13, AND 24 IN SILVER CITY 1/25 (RF), 1 NEAR RODEO 2/21 (RS), AND 50 AT LAS CRUCES 2/20, 300 3/17 AND 65 4/15 (DH). LATE DATES IN SPRING INCLUDE LAS VEGAS 5/24 (WH), 5-6 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 5/23 (JC+), AND 3 NEAR CLIFF 5/28 (JD, PF).

PHAINOPEPLA

1 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 5/26 (JD, PF).

NORTHERN SHRIKE

1 REPORTED AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 2/17 AND 3/16 (LK).

STARLING

WINTER COUNTS INCLUDE 8,211 AT FARMINGTON 12/16 (AN+), 354 AT ESPAÑOLA 12/30 (WL+), AND 205,090 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/17 (LK+); UP TO 7 AT LA GUEVA 12/1-3/18 (MS), 20 NEAR TAOS 12/1-3/31 (DG), 30 AT SILVER CITY 12/23 (TB+), 10 AT HERMANAS 2/3-4 AND 2/17 (McK). NESTING AT SOCORRO ON 5/31 (MHW) AND AT HERMANAS ON 5/25-26 (McK).

BELL'S VIREO

SEEN AT SYCAMORE WELL ON 4/22 BUT NOT IN LATE MAY (McK).

SOLITARY VIREO

MOST UNUSUAL WAS 1 REPORTED AT BUCKHORN ON 1/14 (RF). EARLY DATES IN SPRING INCLUDE BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 4/19 (GZ), GILA HOT SPRINGS ON 4/29 (RF), ALBUQUERQUE 5/1 (PB), CEDAR CREST 5/3 (McK), LOS ALAMOS 5/8 (LH).

WARBLING VIREO

EARLY DATES IN SPRING WERE LOS ALAMOS 5/3 (LH), CEDAR CREST 5/9 (McK).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER

SINGLES REPORTED AT CLAYTON 4/18 (AK), ALBUQUERQUE 4/8 (B.MCLEOD), AND BITTER LAKE NWR 4/23 (DB).

TENNESSEE WARBLER

1 REPORTED AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/25; DETAILS INCLUDE WHITE UNDERPARTS AND GREEN UPPERPARTS (LK) BUT THIS DOES NOT RULE OUT A WARBLING VIREO.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER

1 COLLECTED AT PORTALES ON 1/26 FOR THE FIRST DEFINITE WINTER RECORD (FIDE Ed.) WAS ORIGINALLY REPORTED (AMERICAN BIRDS 27: 636, 1973) AS MACGILLI-VRAY'S WARBLER. 1 ALSO REPORTED SEEN NEAR SILVER CITY ON 12/26-27; DETAILS INCLUDE SIMILAR TO RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET, BUT SLIGHTLY LARGER, LACKED WING BARS AND EYE RING, HAD INDISTINCT EYELINE AND FAINT STREAKS ON BREAST (MARY MOSELEY).

NASHVILLE WARBLER

1 REPORTED WITHOUT DETAILS FROM PORTALES ON 1/20 (AMERICAN BIRDS 27: 635, 1973); IDENTIFICATION IS CONSIDERED DOUBTFUL--ED.

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER

EARLY SPRING DATES INCLUDE NEAR BAYARD 4/26 (RF), CEDAR CREST 5/4--CONSIDERED LATE--(McK), AND LOS ALAMOS 5/11 (PS).

LUCY'S WARBLER

1 AT HERMANAS 5/20 AND SEEN AT SYCAMORE WELL 4/21 (McK); NESTING AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 5/6, NEST ABANDONED 5/24 (CH+).

PARULA WARBLER

1 REPORTED WITH DETAILS AT RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS 4/1 (ALLEN CROCKETT).

YELLOW WARBLER

EARLY DATES INCLUDE BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/25 (DB), FARMINGTON ON 4/28 (AN), LAS VEGAS ON 5/2 (WH) AND ALBUQUERQUE ON 5/5 (PB); SEVERAL AT HERMANAS 5/25 AND AT SYCAMORE WELL 5/26-28 (McK).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER

1 BANDED AT SYCAMORE WELL ON 5/28 (McK); THIS IS ONE OF THE FEW RECORDS FOR THE STATE AND THE SECOND ONE BANDED.

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER

MYRTLE FORM REPORTED IN ONES AND TWOS AT KIRTLAND 4/17 AND 4/28 (FIDE AN), BANDELIER NM 4/25 (LH), SAN ILDEFONSO ON 4/11 (FIDE PS), AND BITTER LAKE NWR 4/24-5/5 (LK+).

AUDUBON'S FORM RECORDS INCLUDE 4 AT FARMINGTON 12/16 (AN+), SEVERAL AT CLIFF 5/28 (JD, PF) AND 200+ AT HERMANAS 4/20-21 (McK).

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER

EARLY SPRING DATES INCLUDE SILVER CITY ON 4/18 (MM), BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/25 (LK), FARMINGTON 4/28 (AN) AND ALBUQUERQUE ON 5/6 (PB).

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER

RECORDS INCLUDE KIRTLAND 5/1 (CS), LOS ALAMOS 4/13 (LH), PORTALES 4/22 (DP).

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER

A FEMALE WAS PHOTOGRAPHED AT HERMANAS 4/20 (McK).

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER

1 PHOTOGRAPHED AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/25 (BRUCE A. SORRIE, PAUL K. DONOHUE) FOR THE FIRST VERIFIED RECORD FOR THE STATE; PHOTOS IN N.M.O.S. FILES.

GRACE'S WARBLER

4 AT FARMINGTON ON 5/12 (AN+).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER

1 BANDED AND PHOTOGRAPHED AT HERMANAS 5/26 (McK); 1 SEEN AT CONCHAS LAKE ON 5/12 WITH DETAILS INCLUDING YELLOW CROWN, BLACK EYESTRIPE, WHITE

THROAT, CHESTNUT SIDES, YELLOW WING BARS (RR).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH

RECORDS INCLUDE SINGLES AT SANTA CLARA 5/19 (PS), SANTA FE 5/14 (PS), BANDED AT CEDAR CREST 5/8 (McK), AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 5/6 (CH, RJ).

MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER

1 REPORTED TAKEN AT PORTALES (AMERICAN BIRDS 27: 636, 1973) IS AN ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (WHICH SEE). EARLY SPRING DATES INCLUDE SILVER CITY 4/23 (MM), FARMINGTON 4/28 (AN), BITTER LAKE NWR 5/7 (LK), CLAYTON 5/14 (AK).

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT

PRESENT AT CLAYTON 4/29-5/15 (AK), AND 1 AT HERMANAS 4/20 (McK).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT

EARLY SPRING DATES ARE DIXON ON 5/9 (JW), PLEASANTON ON 5/13 (LS); AT HERMANAS 5/25 AND SYCAMORE WELL 5/26-28 (McK).

WILSON'S WARBLER

EARLY SPRING DATES INCLUDE SILVER CITY (MM) AND BITTER LAKE NWR (LK) ON 4/23, ALBUQUERQUE ON 5/2 (PB), TAOS (DG) AND CLAYTON (AK) ON 5/5, AND LAS VEGAS 5/10 (WH); NEAR COLUMBUS ON 5/26 (JD, PF), AND AT SYCAMORE WELL 5/26-28 (McK).

AMERICAN REDSTART

1 AT ALBUQUERQUE 5/17 (FIDE JD) AND 1 AT HERMANAS 5/26 (McK).

PAINTED REDSTART

1 AT SILVER CITY 4/4 (BH).

BOBOLINK

UNUSUAL WERE 42 NEAR GILA ON 5/12 (BH, DZ); 1 AT LAS VEGAS 5/17 (WH).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK

1 HEARD AT COLUMBUS ON 2/17 (McK) AND AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/17 (LK+).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE FLDCK NEAR FARMINGTON 1/15 WITH NEXT ONES SEEN 3/5 (AN), 301 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (CH+), 1 AT CARLSBAD ON 12/23 (SW+), AND 9 NEAR RODEO ON 12/3 WITH SEVERAL 1/31 AND 5/10 (RS); NESTING NEAR TUCUMCARI ON 5/28 (CH+) AND BIRDS SEEN NEAR COTTON CITY 4/20 (RS) AND AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR AS LATE AS 5/13 (JD+).

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD

WINTER COUNTS INCLUDE 2571 AT FARMINGTON ON 12/16 (AN+), 154 AT ESPAÑOLA 12/30 (WL+), 20-30 WEST OF KENTON 12/19 (DN), 20 NEAR TAOS 12/1-3/31 (DG), 150,000 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (CH+), 212,520 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/17 (LK+), AND 1000 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 1/8 WHERE NESTING BY 5/24-25 (CH+).

ORCHARD ORIOLE

2 PAIR REPORTED WITHOUT DETAILS NEAR LUIS LOPEZ, SOUTH OF SOCORRO, ON 5/5 (MHW).

HOODED ORIOLE

UNUSUAL WAS A REPORT OF 2 MALES AT CORRALES ON 5/5; DETAILS INCLUDE BLACK BIB, WINGS, AND TAIL, WITH PLUMAGE OTHERWISE ORANGE (RT); FIRST OF SPRING AT PLEASANTON ON 4/8 (LS); FOUND NESTING AT SYCAMORE WELL ON 4/21 AND 5/27 (McK).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE

REPORTED NESTING ON THE JORNADA ER ON 5/29 (DH) AND AT COLUMBUS 5/25 (McK); 1 SEEN AT PORTALES, WHERE UNUSUAL, ON 4/22 (DP), 1 ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE SANDIA MTS. ON 4/27 (CH), EARLIEST NEAR SILVER CITY ON 4/13 (MM), AND 1 NEAR HILLSBORO ON 5/26 (JD, PF).

NORTHERN (BULLOCK'S) ORIOLE

EARLY DATES IN SPRING INCLUDE PLEASANTON 4/18 (LS), RESERVE 4/22 (MM),

ALBUQUERQUE 4/24 (PB, PT), BAYARD (RF) AND BITTER LAKE NWR (LK) 4/26, FARMINGTON 4/27 (JN), LAS VEGAS (WH) AND CLAYTON (AK) 4/29, CEDAR CREST 4/30 (MCK), TAOS 5/3 (DG); EXCEPTIONALLY EARLY REPORTS WERE ALAMEDA 4/8 (CH), AND BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 4/11 (GZ). NESTING AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 5/25 (CH+); 1 IN S.U.CAÑON 5/19 WAS A FIRST LOCAL RECORD (MCK).

RUSTY BLACKBIRD

2 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 1/9; DETAILS INCLUDE RUSTY HEAD AND BROWN BODY (BE, CH); 1 REPORTED WITHOUT DETAILS AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (GZ).

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD

WINTER COUNTS INCLUDE 88 AT FARMINGTON 12/16 (CH+), 1 AT ESPAÑOLA 12/30 (WL+), 101,580 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/17 (LK+), 70 NEAR CLIFF 12/16 (TB+); NESTING NEAR SAN MIGUEL 5/28 (GZ); BIRDS SEEN AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR AND HERMANAS 5/26-27 (JD, PF).

GREAT-TAILED (BOAT-TAILED) GRACKLE

RECORDS INCLUDE 3-5 AT KIRTLAND 12/27 (DN) INTO MAY (AN+), 2-3 AT DIXON 4/12 AND 5/21 (JW), NESTING NEAR ISLETA 5/6 AND 5/26 (JD+), NESTING AT TUCUMCARI 5/28 (CH+), PRESENT AT BITTER LAKE NWR DECEMBER-MAY WITH MAXIMUM OF 58 12/16 (LK+), NESTING AT BUCKHORN MARSH IN MAY (RF), PRESENT IN DECEMBER NEAR CARLSBAD (SW+); SEEN AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 5/26 (JD, PF), AND 1 AT COLUMBUS 5/25 (MCK).

COMMON GRACKLE

RECORDS INCLUDE 15 REPORTED WITH DETAILS AT KIRTLAND 3/9 (CS), FIRST OF SPRING AT CLAYTON 4/12 (AK), 1 AT LAS VEGAS 3/29 (WH), MANY NESTING NEAR ISLETA 5/6 AND 5/26 (JD), 2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 1/25 (RT), AND SEEN THERE AND AT CASALLO LAKE 5/26 (JD, PF); 43 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/16 AND 12 ON 5/5 (LK+).

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 6 AT LAS VEGAS 1/9-3/31 (WH), 2000 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (CH+), 615 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/17 (LK+), 6 NEAR CLIFF 12/16 (TB+), 30 NEAR LOVING 12/24 (SW+); SPRING ARRIVAL AT SANDIA KNOLLS 4/26 (RL).

BRONZED COWBIRD

2 IN SILVER CITY IN MAY (DZ) FOR THE SECOND LOCAL RECORD.

WESTERN Tanager

EARLY RECORDS IN SPRING INCLUDE CEDAR CREST ON 5/4 (MCK), PLEASANTON (LS) LAS CRUCES (DH), ELEPHANT BUTTE (CH, RJ), BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR (GZ), ALBUQUERQUE (PT) AND CORRALES (JD) ON 5/6, BITTER LAKE 5/9 (DB), LA CUEVA 5/10 (MS), TAOS 5/11 (DG), LOS ALAMOS 5/12 (PS), DIXON (JW) AND FARMINGTON (AN) 5/13.

SCARLET Tanager

1-2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR; DETAILS INCLUDE RED BODY, BLACK WINGS AND TAIL (GZ).

HEPATIC Tanager

1 NEAR SILVER CITY 5/12 (MM) AND 2 AT BENDISIER NM 5/30 (LH).

SUMMER Tanager

RECORDS INCLUDE 1-2 AT SANTA CLARA 5/29 (RW), ALAMEDA 5/20 (CH), ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 5/5 AND 5/24 (CH+), FIRST OF SPRING AT PLEASANTON 4/18 (LS), 1 BANDED AT HERMANAS 5/25 (MCK).

PYRRHULOXIA

RECORDS INCLUDE 1 AT LA JOYA SGR 1/25 AND 4/8 (RR), 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (CH+), 1 AT BITTER LAKE IN DECEMBER (LK+), 1 AT RODEO 1/26 AND SEVERAL 2/1-3/15 AND IN MAY (RS), 12+ AT SYCAMORE WELL ON 4/22 (BUT NONE 5/26-28) AND 1 BANDED AT HERMANAS 4/20 (MCK).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK

RECORDS INCLUDE SINGLES AT LOS ALAMOS 5/31 (PS), LAS VEGAS 5/18-19 (WH),

BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 5/20 (RR), BITTER LAKE NWR 5/9-10 (LK), NEAR BAYARD 5/13 (RF), AND AT SYCAMORE WELL 5/27 (McK).

BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK

EARLY DATES IN SPRING INCLUDE NEAR SILVER CITY 4/21 (BH), SANDIA KNOLLS 4/24 (RL), AT PLACITAS 4/25 (JS), FARMINGTON (JN) AND LA CUEVA (MS) 4/27, CLAYTON 4/28 (AK), CEDAR CREST (McK) LOS ALAMOS (LH) ON 4/29; EXCEPTIONALLY EARLY WERE SINGLES AT PLACITAS ON 2/18 (JS)--POSSIBLY WINTERING--, AND PLEASANTON ON 3/31 (LS). NESTING AT ALAMEDA 5/30 (CH); SEVERAL AT HERMANAS 5/27 (JD, PF).

BLUE GROSBEAK

AN EARLY DATE IN SPRING IS AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE 4/28 (RT); SEVERAL AT HERMANAS 5/27 (JD, PF).

INDIGO BUNTING

RECORDS INCLUDE SINGLE MALES AT FARMINGTON 5/12 (AN+), LOS OJOS 5/27 (P-S+), ALBUQUERQUE 4/15-16 (AL MOORE), BITTER LAKE NWR 5/17 (MW), PORTALES 5/10 (DP).

LAZULI BUNTING

EARLY DATES IN SPRING INCLUDE FARMINGTON 5/1 (JN), ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 5/6 (CH, RJ), TAOS 5/7 (DG); SINGLES SOUTH OF HACHITA AND AT GLENWOOD 5/29 (McK).

VARIED BUNTING

MOST UNUSUAL WAS A MALE REPORTED AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 5/25; DETAILS INCLUDE SPARROW SIZE, PURPLE PLUMAGE WITH A BLUE RUMP AND RED ON THE TOP OF THE HEAD (BE, CH).

PAINTED BUNTING

A FEMALE REPORTED AT BITTER LAKE NWR 5/25; DETAILS INCLUDE YELLOW-GREEN PLUMAGE WITHOUT WING BARS (MW, WILLIAM TURNER).

DICKISSEL

1 AT ROSWELL ON 5/24 (IRL CASSELL).

EVENING GROSBEAK

PRESENT WIDELY AND IN MODERATE TO HIGH NUMBERS WEST OF THE PLAINS, WITH RECORDS INCLUDING 386 AT FARMINGTON 12/16 (AN+) TO 24 IN LATE MAY (CS), AT CLAYTON AFTER DECEMBER AND 5 UNTIL 5/18 (AK), 30 AT LA CUEVA BEGINNING 12/1 WITH LAST ON 5/11 (MS), 520 AT ESPAÑOLA 12/30 (WL+) WITH 569 ON 5/19 (RW+), 8-10 AT TAOS IN WINTER (DG), 1628 AT SANTA FE 12/28 (RW+), WINTERING IN LAS VEGAS (WH+), 50-100 AT ALAMEDA 5/30 (CH), FAIRLY NUMEROUS IN ALBUQUERQUE JANUARY TO MARCH (M.OB.) AND UNTIL 5/19 (RT), AT CEDAR CREST JANUARY TO MAY (McK), SEVERAL AT ISLETA 5/13 (JD+), MANY IN THE MANZANO MTS. 12/21-22 (DN), AT SOCORRO 3/2 TO 5/5 WITH 200 ON 5/2 (MHW), 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/22 AND MANY ON 4/16 (GZ), 1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR IN LATE DECEMBER AND A FLOCK ON 4/30 (JC) AND 1 ON 5/5 (AK+), 2 AT APACHE CREEK 2/3 (BH), 8 NEAR CLIFF 12/16 (TB+), 2 NEAR HURLEY 4/8 (RF), AND 4 AT LAS CRUCES 5/4 (DH).

PURPLE FINCH

SEVERAL MALES AT FEEDER, WITH CASSIN'S FINCHES, AT PLEASANTON 2/26 TO EARLY MARCH; DETAILS INCLUDE RED MORE EXTENSIVE AND NOT CONCENTRATED AS "TOPKNOT" COMPARED TO CASSIN'S (LS).

CASSIN'S FINCH

RECORDS INCLUDE NUMEROUS BIRDS AT FARMINGTON IN WINTER WITH 15 ON 5/12 (AN+), 40 WEST OF KENTON ON 12/19 (DN), 3190 AT ESPAÑOLA 12/30 (WL+), WINTERED AT LA CUEVA (MS) AND TAOS (DG), 82 AT LAS VEGAS ON 12/30 (JG+), AND OTHERS THROUGH WINTER (WH), AT ALBUQUERQUE FROM AT LEAST 12/30 (RN) TO 3/31 (JD), AT CEDAR CREST THROUGH MID-MAY (McK), 9 NEAR LOS LUNAS 12/29 (DN), 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 2/18 (GZ), AT APACHE CREEK 2/3 (BH), AND IN THE SILVER CITY AREA FROM AT LEAST 12/23 (TB+) TO 4/16 (DICK SMITH).

PINE GROSBEAK

NOTED NEAR TAOS 3/11 (WH), 2 AT LOS ALAMOS 4/15 (LH), AND 2 IN THE SANDIA MTS.--WHERE UNUSUAL--12/30 (RT+).

GRAY-CROWNED ROSY FINCH

75 NEAR FARMINGTON 12/29 WITH THE HEPBURN FORM IDENTIFIED (AN).

BLACK ROSY FINCH

1 NEAR FARMINGTON ON 12/29 (AN).

COMMON REDPOLL

MOST UNUSUAL WERE 2 AT CLAYTON 12/31 AND 1 ON 1/18; DETAILS INCLUDE RED CAP, BLACK SHIN, AND FAIRLY RED UPPER BREAST (AK).

PINE SISKIN

RECORDS INCLUDE 40-50 WEST OF KENTON 12/19 (DN), MANY AT SOCORRO 4/13 AND 5/10 (MHW), 60 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (CH+), 12 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 4/7-8 (BE, CH), 50 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 5/5 AND 18 5/24 (CH+), 1 AT SYCAMORE WELL 5/28 (McK), 151 AT CARLSBAD CAVERNS NP 12/17 (SW+).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 92 AT ESPAÑOLA 12/30 (WL+), SEVERAL WEST OF KENTON 12/19 (DN), 4 AT CLAYTON 12/31 (AK+), 93 AT ALBUQUERQUE 12/17 (AE+), 26 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (CH+), 1 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 1/9 AND 12 ON 3/17 (CH+), 66 NEAR CARLSBAD 12/17 AND 12/24 (SW+); LATE SPRING REPORTS OF 3 AT SOCORRO 5/10 (MHW) AND 10-15 AT LOS OJOS 5/27 (PS).

LESSER GOLDFINCH

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 6 AT TAOS (DG), 63 AT ALBUQUERQUE 12/17 (AE+), 74 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (CH+), 2 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 1/9 (BE, CH), AND 51 AT CARLSBAD CAVERNS NP 12/17 (SW+).

RED CROSSBILL

THE ONLY REPORTS WERE OF 1 AT SANTA FE 12/28 (RW+) AND AN UNUSUAL RECORD OF 23 NEAR CARLSBAD ON 12/23 (SW+).

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL

A PAIR REPORTED IN THE SANDIA MTS. 12/30 FOR THE SECOND STATE RECORD; DETAILS INCLUDE MALE RED WITH BLACK WINGS AND TAIL AND 2 WHITE WING BARS, FEMALE SIMILAR BUT WINGS PALER AND BODY YELLOWISH-OLIVE TO GRAY (RT+).

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE

MANY AT HERMANAS 2/3-4 AND 2/17 WITH A BIRD Banded THEN RECAPTURED THERE ON 4/20 (McK); OTHER RECORDS INCLUDE 1 NEAR RODEO 4/19 AND 5/9 (RS), MANY AT SYCAMORE WELL 4/20-21 (McK), AND 1 AT LAS CRUCES 5/6 (DH).

RUFOUS-SIDED TOWHEE

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE NUMEROUS BIRDS AT FARMINGTON (AN+), 2 IN TAOS WITH LAST ON 5/20 (DG), ALBUQUERQUE, WITH LAST ON 4/14 (PB), SOCORRO, WITH LAST ON 4/22 (MHW), 71 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (CH+) AND LAST ON 5/26 (JD, PF), 16 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/17 (LK+), 7 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 1/9 WITH 6 ON 4/7-8 (CH+); MANY AT HERMANAS 2/3-4 (McK), 5 NEAR CARLSBAD 12/23-24 (SW+).

BROWN TOWHEE

RECORDS INCLUDE MANY WEST OF KENTON ON 12/29 AND 2 WEST OF ROY 12/18 (DN).

LARK BUNTING

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE MANY NEAR HERMANAS 2/3-4 AND FEWER THERE 2/17 (McK), 1 NEAR CARLSBAD 12/23 (SW+); SPRING RECORDS, SOME OF LATE DEPARTURES, INCLUDE UP TO 4 NEAR FARMINGTON 5/5-12 WITH 1 EAST OF THERE ON 5/21 (AN+), 20 AT SANTO DOMINGO 5/13 (JD+), 150 NEAR SANTA FE 5/14 (PS), 30 NEAR LOS LUNAS 5/8 (CH), 258 NEAR BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 5/16 (GZ), LAST NEAR HURLEY 5/18 (DZ), AND THOUSANDS SOUTH OF HACHITA 4/22 (McK), AND AT LEAST 3 NEAR THE ANIMAS MTS. ON 5/12 (MM).

SAVANNAH SPARROW

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 32 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/17 (LK+), 1 AT ELEPHANT

BUTTE LAKE 1/8 (BE, CH), AND 40 IN THE CARLSBAD AREA 12/17-24 (SW+); 1 NEAR SANTO DOMINGO 5/13 (JD+), AND 1 AT MAXWELL NWR 5/6 (PS).

BAIRD'S SPARROW

5 REPORTED NEAR CLAYTON ON 4/5 (WC).

VESPER SPARROW

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE SEVERAL IN THE MIMBRES VALLEY 1/13 AND 2/5 (RF), AND UP TO 6 AT HERMANAS 2/3-4 (MCK).

LARK SPARROW

UNUSUAL AND WITHOUT DETAILS WERE WINTER RECORDS OF SINGLE BIRDS AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/17 (LK+) AND NEAR CARLSBAD 12/23 (SW+); EARLY DATES IN SPRING WERE CLIFF 4/7 (RF), FARMINGTON 4/29 (AN), BITTER LAKE NWR 5/30 (BB), AND LAS VEGAS 5/3 (WH).

RUFOUS-CROWNED SPARROW

RECORDS INCLUDE 6 WEST OF RØY ON 12/18 (DN) AND 33 AT CARLSBAD CAVERNS NP 12/17 (SW+).

CASSIN'S SPARROW

PRESENT AND SINGING NEAR HURLEY ON 5/17 AND LATER (DZ).

BLACK-THROATED SPARROW

4 ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE SANDIA MTS. 4/14 (CH).

SAGE SPARROW

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 1 AT FARMINGTON 12/16 (AN+), 8 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (CH+), AND 123 NEAR CARLSBAD ON 12/23-24 (SW+).

DARK-EYED JUNCO

WHITE-WINGED FORM (ALL SINGLES) AT LOS ALAMOS 12/1-3/31 (PS), SANTA FE 12/28 (RW+), AND WEST OF KENTON 12/19 (DN).

SLATE-COLORED FORM REPORTED WIDELY INCLUDING AT FARMINGTON (AN+), CLAYTON (AK+), WEST OF KENTON (DN), ESPAÑOLA (WL+), TAOS (DG), LOS ALAMOS (PS), SANTA FE (RW+), LAS VEGAS (JG+), ALBUQUERQUE AND THE SANDIA MTS. (M.OB.), ESTANCIA (RT), BITTER LAKE NWR (LK+), SILVER CITY (TB+), LAS CRUCES (DH), AND NEAR CARLSBAD (SW+).

OREGON FORM WINTERED WIDELY INCLUDING MANY AT FARMINGTON (AN+), WEST OF KENTON (DN), LOS ALAMOS WITH LAST 4/26 (PS), SANTA FE (RW+), CEDAR CREST WITH LAST 5/9 (MCK), LOS LUNAS (DN) AND SILVER CITY (TB+), 45 AT CLAYTON 12/31 (AK+), 2277 AT ESPAÑOLA 12/30 (WL+), 1110 AT LAS VEGAS 12/30 (JG+), 793 AT ALBUQUERQUE 12/17 (AE+), 642 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (CH+), 76 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 1/9-10 (BE, CH), 373 NEAR CLIFF 12/16 (TB+), SEVERAL AT HERMANAS 2/3 AND 2/17 (MCK), 234 IN THE CARLSBAD AREA 12/17-24 (SW+).

GRAY-HEADED JUNCO

WINTER COUNTS INCLUDE 109 AT FARMINGTON WITH 8 ON 5/12 (AN+), 491 AT ESPAÑOLA 12/30 (WL+), 138 AT SANTA FE 12/28 (RW+), 1429 AT LAS VEGAS 12/30 (JG+), MANY AT LOS ALAMOS (PS), 96 AT ALBUQUERQUE 12/17 (AE+), 82 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (CH+), 11 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/17 (LK+), 6 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 1/9 (BE, CH), 79 AT CLIFF 12/16 (TB+), 81 AT SILVER CITY 12/23 (TB+), 13 NEAR CARLSBAD 12/17-24 (SW+); LAST AT SOCORRO ON 4/22 (MHW), CEDAR CREST 5/6 (MCK), DIXON 5/9 (JW), WHILE SINGLES WERE SEEN AT HERMANAS 4/20 AND SYCAMORE WELL (4/22 (MCK) AND AT LA JOYA SGR ON 5/13 (JD+).

TREE SPARROW

RECORDS INCLUDE 2 NEAR FARMINGTON 12/27 (DN), 23 AT CLAYTON 12/31 (AK+), 1 AT SANTA FE 12/28 (RW+), SEVERAL IN WINTER AT LAS VEGAS (WH), 6 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/17 (LK+).

CHIPPING SPARROW

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 1 REPORTED WITHOUT DETAILS AT LAS VEGAS ON 12/30 (JG+), 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (CH+), 4 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/17 (LK+), 7 NEAR CLIFF 12/16 (TB+), 62 AT SILVER CITY 12/23 (TB+), 249

NEAR CARLSBAD 12/17-24 (SW+); 7 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 3/17 (BE, CH);
SPRING ARRIVAL AT SANDIA KNOLLS 4/29 (RL).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW

RECORDS INCLUDE 1 AT LAS VEGAS 5/6 (PS) AND 62 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/5
(LK+).

BREWER'S SPARROW

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (CH+), 2 AT ELE-
PHANT BUTTE LAKE 1/10 (BE, CH), 18 AT SILVER CITY 12/23 (TB+), AND SEVERAL
AT HERMANAS 2/3 AND 2/17 (McK).

FIELD SPARROW

2 REPORTED NEAR LOVING 12/24 (SW+).

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW

RECORDS INCLUDE 4 AT CARLSBAD CAVERNS NP 12/17 (SW) AND 1 REPORTED WITH-
OUT DETAILS AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/5 (LK+).

HARRIS' SPARROW

MANY WINTER AND SPRING RECORDS INCLUDING SEVERAL AT FARMINGTON 12/16-5/
12 (AN+), 2 AT DIXON DECEMBER-MARCH AND 5/4 (PS, JW), UP TO 3 AT LAS
VEGAS 4/2-5/3 (WH), UP TO 11 IN THE ALBUQUERQUE AREA 12/4-5/5 (M.O.S.),
UP TO 17 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 3/6-4/26 (GZ), 1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR
2/17 (FIDE JC), AND 1 AT RODEO FROM AT LEAST 3/30 TO 5/3 (RS).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW

WINTERED WIDELY INCLUDING 493 AT FARMINGTON 12/16 (AN+), 95 AT ESPAÑOLA
12/30 (WL+), 2 AT CLAYTON 12/31 (AK+), 5 AT SANTA FE 12/28 (RW+) BUT
NONE AT LAS VEGAS (WH), 222 AT ALBUQUERQUE 12/17 (AE+) BUT FEW AT CEDAR
CREST (McK), 1952 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (CH+), 449 AT BITTER
LAKE NWR 12/17 WHERE LAST SEEN 5/6 (LK+), 319 AT CLIFF 12/16 (TB+), 318
AT SILVER CITY 12/23 (TB+), AT RODEO 1/26-5/13 WITH MAXIMUM OF 50 IN
APRIL (RS), AND OVER 1000 NEAR CARLSBAD 12/17-24 (SW+); LATE DATES IN-
CLUDE SEVERAL AT BELEN 5/13 (JD+), DIXON 5/20 (JW), HERMANAS 5/25-26
(McK) AND 1 NEAR CLIFF 5/28 (JD+).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW

1-2 REPORTED AT FARMINGTON 2/12-3/4 (AN+), SANTA FE 12/28 (RW+), ALBU-
QUERQUE 4/22 (RT), SANDIA PARK 12/10-3/31 (MH), ALAMEDA 3/25 (BE, CH),
BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16-4/30 (CH+), BITTER LAKE NWR 5/5 (DB, JC),
CABALLO LAKE 5/5 (RR), HERMANAS 2/3-4 (McK), NEAR CARLSBAD 12/17 (SW+).

FOX SPARROW

RECORDS ARE OF 1 AT ESPAÑOLA 12/30 (WL+), 4 AT LAS VEGAS 12/30 (JG),
AND BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (CH+).

LINCOLN'S SPARROW

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 1 AT CLIFF 12/16 (TB+), 7 AT SILVER CITY 12/23
(TB+), 1 AT HERMANAS 2/3-4 (McK), AND 8 NEAR CARLSBAD 12/17-24 (SW+);
IN SPRING, 1 AT CEDAR CREST 5/2 (McK) AND ALBUQUERQUE 5/13 (JD).

SWAMP SPARROW

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 5 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/17 (LK+), AND SINGLES AT
BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/16 (CH+), ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 1/9 (BE, CH),
HERMANAS--1 BANDED HERE 2/17 WAS RECAPTURED SAME PLACE 4/20--(McK), AT
LOVING IN DECEMBER (SW+); 1 AT ESPAÑOLA 3/18 (PS).

SONG SPARROW

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 115 AT FARMINGTON 12/16 (AN+), SEVERAL WEST OF
KENTON 12/31 (DN), 2 NEAR CLAYTON 12/31 (AK+), 22 AT SANTA FE 12/28 (RW+),
1 AT TAOS (DG), 82 AT BITTER LAKE 12/17 (LK+), 5 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE
1/9-10 AND 1 ON 3/17 (BE, CH), 6 AT SILVER CITY 12/23 (TB+), 1 AT HER-
MANAS 2/3-4 (McK), 40 NEAR CARLSBAD 12/23-24 (SW+).

CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR

250 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 1/8 (LK).