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LOCALITIES IN TEXT, LOCATED BY COUNTY:

ALAMEDA--BERNALILLO	LA JOYA S.G.R.--SOCORRO
ALAMOGORDO--OTERO	LAKE McMILLAN--EDDY
ALBUQUERQUE--BERNALILLO	LA MADERA--SANTA FE (THERE ARE .
AMISTAD--UNION	OF THESE SITES)
ANIMAS VALLEY--HIDALGO	LAS VEGAS--SAN MIGUEL
ANTHONY--DOÑA ANA	LEMITAR--SOCORRO
APACHE CREEK--CATRON	LOGAN--QUAY
ARAGON--CATRON	LOS ALAMOS--LOS ALAMOS
ARTESIA--EDDY	LOS LUNAS--VALENCIA
BAYARD--GRANT	LOVING--EDDY
BERNARDO--SOCORRO	LOWER PEÑASCO--CHAVES
BITTER LAKE N.W.R.--CHAVES	LUNA--CATRON
BLACK CAÑON--GRANT	MAGDALENA--SOCORRO
BLANCO--SAN JUAN	MAGDALENA MTS.--SOCORRO
BLOOMFIELD--SAN JUAN	MAXWELL N.W.R.--COLFAX
BOSQUE DEL APACHE N.W.R.--SOCORRO	MOGOLLON--CATRON
BUCKHORN (MARSH)--GRANT	MOGOLLON MTS.--CATRON
CARLSBAD CAVERNS N.P.--EDDY	MONUMENT--LEA
CARRIZOZO--LINCOLN	MORA--MORA
CEDAR CREST--BERNALILLO	MORGAN LAKE--SAN JUAN
CEDARVALE--TORRANCE	MORIARTY--TORRANCE
CENTERFIRE BOG--CATRON	NARA VISA--QUAY
CIMARRON--COLFAX	NAVAJO LAKE--SAN JUAN
CLAYTON--UNION	NUTT--LUNA
CLIFF--GRANT	OJO CALIENTE--TAOS
CLOUDCROFT--OTERO	ORGAN MTS.--DOÑA ANA
CLOVIS--CURRY	PINOS ALTOS--GRANT
CORONA--LINCOLN	PINOS ALTOS MTS.--GRANT
CORRALES--SANDOVAL	PLEASANTON--CATRON
CULBERSON RANCH--HIDALGO	PORTALES--ROOSEVELT
DATIL--CATRON	QUEMADO--CATRON
DES MOINES--UNION	RADIUM SPRINGS--DOÑA ANA
DIXON--RIO ARRIBA	RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS--EDDY
DRY CIMARRON RIVER--UNION	REDROCK--GRANT
EAGLE NEST--COLFAX	RESERVE--CATRON
ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE--SIERRA	ROBERTS LAKE--GRANT
EL PUEBLO--SAN MIGUEL	ROCKY ARROYO--EDDY
EL RANCHO--LOS ALAMOS	RODEO--HIDALGO
EMBUDO--RIO ARRIBA	SACRAMENTO MTS.--OTERO
EVANS LAKE--GRANT	SANDIA CREST, KNOLLS, MTS., PARK--
FARMINGTON--SAN JUAN	BERNALILLO
FENTON LAKE--SANDOVAL	SAN FRANCISCO VALLEY--CATRON
FRISCO HOT SPRINGS--CATRON	SAN JUAN VALLEY--SAN JUAN
GALLINAS MTS.--LINCOLN	SAN JON--QUAY
GILA--GRANT	SAN MATEO MTS.--SOCORRO
GILA HOT SPRINGS--GRANT	SAN RAFAEL--VALENCIA
GLENWOOD--CATRON	SAN SIMON CIENAGA--HIDALGO
GOLDEN--SANTA FE	SIERRA GRANDE--UNION
GRADY--CURRY	SILVER CITY--GRANT
GRANTS--VALENCIA	SITTING BULL FALLS--EDDY
GUADALUPE CAÑON--HIDALGO	SNOW LAKE--CATRON
HACHITA--GRANT	TOADLENA--SAN JUAN
HERMANAS--LUNA	TRES PIEDRAS--TAOS
HOBBS--LEA	TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES--SIERRA
HOPE--EDDY	TUCUMCARI (LAKE)--QUAY
ISLETA--BERNALILLO	TULAROSA MTS.--CATRON
JAL--LEA	TWINING--TAOS
JEMEZ SPRINGS--SANDOVAL	VIRDEN--HIDALGO
KENTON--CIMARRON, OKLAHOMA	WALL LAKE--CATRON
KIRTLAND--SAN JUAN	WATROUS--MORA
LA CUEVA S.G.R.--MORA	WHEATLAND--CURRY

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## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

THE MOST IMPORTANT SOURCE OF DATA FOR THIS REPORTING PERIOD IS THE NEST RECORD PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY SINCE SO FEW MIGRATORY RECORDS WERE SUBMITTED. A TOTAL OF 706 CARDS FOR SINGLE NESTS PLUS 14 FOR COLONIES WERE SUBMITTED, THE GRAND TOTAL BEING 720 CARDS PERTAINING TO 113 SPECIES. NO IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS WILL BE GIVEN HERE, BUT FROM THE TABLE BELOW THE DISTRIBUTION OF RECORDS BY COUNTY CAN BE APPRECIATED. SAN JUAN COUNTY WAS REPRESENTED BY 51 BREEDING SPECIES AND ACCOUNTED FOR OVER HALF THE NEST CARDS SUBMITTED, MAINLY AS THE RESULT OF A STUDY OF THE BREEDING BIRDS OF THE SAN JUAN VALLEY BY GREG SCHMITT. AMONG THE MORE INTERESTING SPECIES RECORDED BREEDING IN THAT AREA WERE AMERICAN BITTERN, MARSH HAWK, VIRGINIA RAIL, LONG-EARED OWL, BELTED KINGFISHER, EASTERN KINGBIRD, YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD, BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE, AND ALMOST DEFINITE LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN.

FINISHING FAR BEHIND SAN JUAN COUNTY IN ORDER OF BREEDING SPECIES WERE CATRON, BERNALILLO, GRANT, AND UNION COUNTIES, WHEREAS IN ORDER OF NUMBER OF CARDS SUBMITTED WERE SOCORRO, LEA, BERNALILLO, AND UNION COUNTIES. COVERAGE OF THE STATE BY COUNTY WAS GENERALLY IMPROVED OVER PAST YEARS IN THAT ONLY LOS ALAMOS, MCKINLEY, HARDING, AND CURRY COUNTIES WERE NOT INCLUDED AMONG THE REPORTS. COVERAGE WAS GREATLY IMPROVED IN THE EASTERN PLAINS AREA, WITH 124 CARDS REPRESENTING SOME 30 SPECIES. AMONG THE MORE INTERESTING REPORTS FROM THAT AREA WERE BREEDING BELTED KINGFISHER IN UNION COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI KITE AND BLUE JAY IN ROOSEVELT COUNTY, YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD AND BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE IN QUAY COUNTY, AND LESSER SCAUP IN CHAVES COUNTY. OTHER NOTABLE BREEDING RECORDS WERE OF GREEN-WINGED TEAL IN RIO ARRIBA COUNTY AND BLACK HAWK IN BERNALILLO COUNTY, THE LATTER THE FIRST FOR THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY. CONTINUED SURVEILLANCE SHOWED SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTION OF YOUNG IN THE DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT AND BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON ROOKERY AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE, AND GREAT BLUE HERON ROOKERIES WERE REPORTED IN THREE COUNTIES, ALONG WITH SUMMER RECORDS FROM ONE OTHER COUNTY.

A BRIEF SURVEY WAS MADE OF THE SUMMER BIRDS OF SIERRA GRANDE, AN ISOLATED MOUNTAIN RISING 8500 FEET OUT OF THE PRAIRIE IN WESTERN UNION COUNTY, WHICH WAS LAST VISITED IN THE LATE SUMMER OF 1903. HABITATS THERE INCLUDE ENGELMANN SPRUCE GROVES AND PROBABLE BREEDING BIRDS SUCH AS DUSKY FLYCATCHER, VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW, MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE, PYGMY NUTHATCH, WARBLING VIREO, VIRGINIA'S WARBLER, AND GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE; STELLER'S JAY, HERMIT THRUSH, AND GRAY-HEADED JUNCO WERE AMONG THE MONTANE SPECIES THAT MIGHT BE EXPECTED BUT WERE NOT FOUND.

SUMMER REPORTS SUGGEST THAT THE COMMON GRACKLE IS CONTINUING TO SPREAD IN THE STATE, AS WELL AS CONSOLIDATING ITS RANGE IN THE AREAS ALREADY OCCUPIED. FIRST RECORDS FOR LOS ALAMOS, SANTA FE, TUCUMCARI, AND PORTALES WERE OBTAINED, AND BREEDING OCCURRED AT CLAYTON AND OTHER PARTS OF UNION COUNTY, AT ROSWELL, AND PROBABLY IN THE ISLETA-LOS LUNAS AREA. BOAT-TAILED GRACKLES HAVE EXPANDED AS BREEDING BIRDS TO THE SAN JUAN VALLEY AND TUCUMCARI, BUT IN THE SOUTHWEST THE BUCKHORN MARSH COLONY, GRANT COUNTY, SEEMS TO HAVE MOVED POSSIBLY TO GLENWOOD. IN GENERAL, THIS SPECIES SEEMS TO INVADe AREAS WHICH PROVIDE MARSHES FOR BREEDING, OPEN LAND FOR FEEDING, AND TREES FOR ROOSTING. AREAS PROVIDING THESE FEATURES SHOULD BE CHECKED OUT FOR BREEDING GRACKLES, WHICH SEEM TO FAN OUT WIDELY OVER THE STATE DURING APRIL AND MAY--PERHAPS IN SEARCH OF NEW BREEDING AREAS. DISCOVERY WAS MADE OF A FLOURISHING COLONY OF GRAY VIREOS IN THE NAVAJO LAKE AREA IN MAY, AND THE BIRDS WERE PRESENT THERE DURING THE SUMMER. THIS MAY BE THE LARGEST KNOWN CONCENTRATION OF THESE LOCAL VIREOS IN THE STATE. THE SUMMER ALSO SAW THE FIRST REPORTS IN SEVERAL YEARS OF THREE SPECIES IN THE NORTH THAT WERE PROBABLY BREEDING, THESE BEING WILSON'S WARBLER, BROWN-CAPPED ROSY FINCH, AND SAVANNAH SPARROW (LAST REPORTED IN SUMMERS OF 1921, 1955, AND 1954, RESPECTIVELY).

SUMMER RECORDS ALSO INCLUDE A MODERATE NUMBER OF LATE SPRING MIGRANTS, SUGGESTING THAT THE PERIOD OF PASSAGE MAY HAVE BEEN EXTENDED LONGER THAN USUAL. EXAMPLES INCLUDE WESTERN FLYCATCHER, SWAINSON'S THRUSH, WARBLING VIREO, AND AMERICAN REDSTART IN LUNA COUNTY, AND ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK IN SEVERAL AREAS. THERE WERE ALSO UNIQUE LATE RECORDS OF EARED GREBE, WHIP-POOR-WILL, CATBIRD, CEDAR WAXWING, AND OF SUCH RARE SPECIES AS WHITE-WINGED SCOTER, SABINE GULL, RED-EYED VIREO, AND OWEN-BIRD. OTHER INTERESTING SUMMER RECORDS INCLUDE SEVERAL REPORTS OF LITTLE BLUE HERON, CATTLE EGRET IN SOCORRO COUNTY, WOOD IBIS IN GRANT COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI KITE IN CATRON COUNTY, COMMON GALLINULE IN SAN JUAN AND CATRON COUNTIES, ELF OWL IN LUNA COUNTY, RED-HEADED WOODPECKER IN SAN JUAN COUNTY, SULPHUR-BELLIED FLYCATCHER IN HIDALGO COUNTY, AND AN ALMOST CERTAINLY ESCAPED ORANGE-FRONTED PARAKEET IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY.

UNUSUAL AUTUMN RECORDS INCLUDE REPORTS OF MAGNOLIA AND CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLERS IN BERNALILLO COUNTY, SEVERAL RECORDS OF BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLERS, AND AN AMAZING WHITE-HEADED WOODPECKER IN CATRON COUNTY.

SO FEW MIGRATORY DATES WERE SUBMITTED THAT LITTLE CAN BE SAID REGARDING THE AUTUMN PASSAGE. IN GENERAL, THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE SUGGESTS THAT THE PERIOD WAS NORMAL FOR MOST SPECIES IN TIMING AND PERHAPS NUMBERS.

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SUMMARY OF 1971 NEST RECORD CARDS\*

LISTED IN ORDER: NO. OF SPECIES/NO. OF SINGLE NESTS/NO. OF COLONIES

SAN JUAN	51/388/2	COLFAX	7/ 9/0
CATRON	18/ 24/2	CHAVES	6/10/0
BERNALILLO	16/ 36/0	OTERO	6/ 9/1
GRANT	16/ 18/1	LEA	5/38/0
UNION	15/ 34/1	QUAY	5/ 8/0
SOCORRO	14/ 41/0	SAN MIGUEL	5/ 6/0
EDDY	14/ 29/2	DE BACA	4/ 5/1
HIDALGO	14/ 18/0	SIERRA	4/ 2/2
SANDOVAL	13/ 33/0	MORA	3/ 3/2
ROOSEVELT	10/ 14/0	LINCOLN	3/ 3/0
RIO ARRIBA	9/ 16/0	TORRANCE	2/ 3/0
DOÑA ANA	9/ 15/0	VALENCIA	2/ 2/0
TAOS	9/ 11/0	LUNA	2/ 2/0
SANTA FE	8/ 28/0	GUADALUPE	1/ 1/0

\* AS OF 15 FEBRUARY 1972

COMMON LOON

1-3 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 10/23-11/12 (DLB, LGK).

HORNED GREBE

SEEN AT LAKE McMILLAN 11/6-7, ALONG WITH EARED GREBES (FW).

EARED GREBE

1 LATE SPRING MIGRANT NEAR LOVING 6/13 (JPH). PRESENT AT BITTER LAKE NWR 10/8-11/30, WITH PEAK OF 91 ON 11/18 (DLB); SINGLES AT SNOW LAKE 10/6 AND CENTERFIRE BOG 10/23 (MCK).

WESTERN GREBE

4 AT MAXWELL NWR ON 6/21 (JPH). 12 AT FARMINGTON 11/13 (FIDE APN), 2 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 10/20-29 (DLB, LGK), AND SEEN AT LAKE McMILLAN 11/6-7 (FW).

PIED-BILLED GREBE

SINGLE BROODS AT APACHE CREEK 7/3 AND NEAR LOWER PEÑASCO 6/12 (JPH). SINGLE AT EVANS LAKE 6/6 AND 10/5, AND ONE ON 9/12 AND FOUR ON 11/7 AT ROBERTS LAKE (RAF ET AL.).

WHITE PELICAN

PRESENT AT BITTER LAKE NWR 10/14-11/23, WITH PEAK OF 120 ON 10/29 (DLB, LGK); 100 AT LAKE McMILLAN 11/6-7 (FW).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT

ROOKERY OF 225 ± NESTS FLEDGED YOUNG NEAR ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE (CAH). PRESENT AT BITTER LAKE NWR 9/16-11/30, WITH PEAK OF 18 ON 11/4 (DLB); 2 AT LAKE McMILLAN 11/6-7 (FW).

GREAT BLUE HERON

ROOKERIES REPORTED ONLY IN MORA (WH), CATRON AND GRANT (RAF) COUNTIES, AND THUS BREEDING IN 1971 IS KNOWN ONLY FROM THE MORA AND GILA VALLEYS. OTHER SUMMER RECORDS INCLUDE SINGLES IN THE SAN JUAN VALLEY 7/4-8/4 (GS) AND 3 AT PLEASANTON 7/8 (JPH). PRESENT AT BITTER LAKE NWR 8/16-11/30, WITH PEAK OF 18 ON 10/29 (DLB); OTHER RECORDS OF SINGLES AT DIXON 8/24 AND 10/8 (JW), GRANTS 10/3 (AS), AND NEAR ARAGON 10/31 (MCK).

GREEN HERON

1 AT TUCUMCARI LAKE 6/16 (JPH); LAST AT BITTER LAKE WERE 13 ON 11/11, WHERE FOUND NESTING DURING SUMMER (DLB).

LITTLE BLUE HERON

UP TO 2 ADULTS AND 2 IMMATURES WERE SEEN AT BITTER LAKE NWR 6/21, 7/23, AND 8/10 (VM ET AL.); 2 REPORTED SUMMERING AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR (JNS). ALSO, AN IMMATURE NEAR TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES 6/10 (CAH) AND AN ADULT NEAR ISLETA 6/5 (JND). THIS SPECIES HAS NOT YET BEEN RECORDED NESTING IN THE STATE, BUT OBSERVERS SHOULD BE ALERT FOR IT DOING SO.

CATTLE EGRET

1 SEEN NEAR TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES 6/10 (CAH) AND 1 AT LA JOYA SGR 11/16 (JLS), WITH SUPPORTING DETAILS FILED WITH BOTH REPORTS. THERE IS STILL NO PHOTO OR SPECIMEN RECORD FROM THE STATE OF THIS HERON.

COMMON EGRET

30 AT LAKE McMILLAN 11/6-7 (FW).

SNOWY EGRET

5 AT MORGAN LAKE 9/19 AND 10/10, AND 2 ON 10/17 (APN ET AL.); 2 AT FENTON LAKE 9/18 (MBS).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

NESTED AT BITTER LAKE NWR, WHERE PRESENT TO 11/23 AND WITH AUTUMN PEAK OF 23 ON 9/10 (DLB). ROOKERY OF ESTIMATED 200 NESTING PAIRS FLEDGED YOUNG NEAR ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE (CAH).

LEAST BITTERN

PAIR PHOTOGRAPHED NEAR ISLETA IN EARLY JULY (JND); 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE

NWR 6/27 (JPH).

AMERICAN BITTERN

5 NESTS FOUND IN THE SAN JUAN VALLEY DURING SUMMER (GS) WHERE THE SPECIES WAS PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN TO NEST. SUMMERED AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR (JNS) AND AT BITTER LAKE NWR, WHERE PRESENT TO 11/18 AND WITH PEAK OF 12 ON 10/28 (DLB).

WOOD IBIS

AN IMMATURE WAS PHOTOGRAPHED IN THE GILA VALLEY NEAR REDROCK 8/3-4 (APN, RAF ET AL.); DETAILS INCLUDE WHITE PLUMAGE WITH BLACK FLIGHT FEATHERS (INCLUDING TAIL), DARK HEAD AND NECK, AND DECURVED YELLOW BEAK. THIS IS THE FIRST RECORD FROM THE GILA VALLEY OF THIS VAGRANT TO THE STATE.

WHITE-FACED IBIS

1 AT KIRTLAND ON 6/29 (GS) AND 1 AT CABALLO LAKE 6/6 (CRAIG ANDREWS); SEEN AT TUCUMCARI LAKE IN LATE JUNE AND 26 COUNTED THERE 7/22 (JLS).

CANADA GOOSE

SUCCESSFULLY BRED IN THE SAN JUAN VALLEY (APN, GS) AND AT LA CUEVA SGR (JPH). 1 AT FENTON LAKE TO MID-JUNE (MBS), AND 8 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 6/27 (JPH).

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE

20 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE 11/3 (JNS) AND 2 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 10/22 (LGK).

SNOW GOOSE

FIRST AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR WERE 18 ON 9/20 (JNS); 60 AT LAKE Mc-MILLAN 11/6-7 (FW) AND 1 AT MORGAN LAKE 11/27 (GS).

BLUE GOOSE

3 AT CLAYTON 10/2 (WC).

MALLARD

BRED IN THE SAN JUAN VALLEY WHERE PEAKS WERE 50-60 AT NAVAJO LAKE ON 6/3 AND 6/26 (GS). OTHER SUMMER RECORDS INCLUDE SINGLE ♂♂ AT TUCUMCARI 6/16, APACHE CREEK 7/3, AND AT SAN SIMON CIENAGA 6/7-8 (JPH).

MEXICAN DUCK

AT LEAST 18 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR DURING SUMMER (JNS); ONLY 1 SEEN IN THE SOUTHWEST WAS AT SAN SIMON CIENAGA 6/7-8 (JPH).

GADWALL

DOUBLES AT KIRTLAND 6/21 AND 7/4 AND AT NAVAJO LAKE 6/2 (GS); FAIRLY COMMON AT MAXWELL NWR 6/20 (JPH) AND BRED AT BITTER LAKE NWR (FIDE JCC).

PINTAIL

UP TO 6 AT NAVAJO LAKE 6/2-18 AND 8/10, 6 AT FARMINGTON 8/5, AND 5 AT KIRTLAND 8/11 (GS).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL

PAIR WITH 6 YOUNG REPORTED NEAR TROUT LAKES, RIO ARRIBA Co. (RR); ALSO 6 AT KIRTLAND IN EARLY JUNE (GS) AND 2 AT MAXWELL NWR 6/21 (JPH).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL

UP TO 15 AT OR NEAR NAVAJO LAKE 6/2-28 AND 1 AT KIRTLAND 8/3 (GS), 2 AT TUCUMCARI LAKE 6/16 (JPH), AND FEMALE AND BROOD OF THIS OR CINNAMON TEAL AT ISLETA 7/11 (CAH), WHERE BOTH SPECIES COMMON IN JUNE (JND). 1500 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 10/28 (JNS), PRESENT AT LA JOYA SGR 11/20 (BI), AND 20 NEAR CLIFF 9/25 (RAF).

CINNAMON TEAL

SUMMERED IN SAN JUAN VALLEY, WITH MAXIMA OF 100+ AT KIRTLAND 8/11, 60 AT BLOOMFIELD 8/16, AND 20 AT NAVAJO LAKE 6/2 (GS). FAIRLY COMMON AT MAXWELL NWR 6/21 AND PAIR WITH YOUNG AT APACHE CREEK 7/3 (JPH). 20 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 10/18 (JNS).



AMERICAN WIDGEON

UNCOMMON AT MAXWELL NWR 6/21, 8 AT SAN SIMON CIENAGA 6/8, AND 1 NEAR LOWER PEÑASCO 6/12 (JPH).

SHOVELER

FEMALE AT BLOOMFIELD 6/28; 16 AT TUCUMCARI LAKE 6/16 (JPH), WHERE 2 BROODS SEEN 7/22 (JLS).

WOOD DUCK

1 AT RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS 11/28 (FW).

REDHEAD

3 AT NAVAJO LAKE 6/2 (GS) AND 4 AT EVANS LAKE 10/30 (RAF).

LESSER SCAUP

6 AT MAXWELL LAKE 6/21 (JPH); FEMALE WITH 4 DOWNY YOUNG AT BITTER LAKE NWR 6/4 FOR FIRST LOCAL BREEDING RECORD (DLB).

COMMON GOLDENEYE

5 AT NAVAJO LAKE 6/2, WITH AN INJURED MALE THERE TO 8/10 (GS); 2 AT ROBERTS LAKE 11/7 (RAF).

BUFFLEHEAD

4 AT ROBERTS LAKE 11/7 (RAF).

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER

A SUBADULT MALE WAS PRESENT AT ASHLEY POND IN LOS ALAMOS 5/31 THROUGH 11/19; THE BIRD WAS PHOTOGRAPHED AND APPEARED TO HAVE AN INJURED LEG (LGH ET AL.). IT WAS PICKED UP WITH TAME DUCKS AND ITS FATE IS NOT KNOWN AFTER 11/19 (PRS).

RUDDY DUCK

UNCOMMON AT MAXWELL NWR 6/21; 1 AT APACHE CREEK 7/3 (JPH).

COMMON MERGANSER

1 NEAR GILA HOT SPRINGS 6/2 (BJH).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER

2 SHOT AT BITTER LAKE NWR 11/7 (FIDE LGK).

TURKEY VULTURE

LATE MIGRANTS WERE BITTER LAKE NWR 9/22 (JCC), DIXON 9/23 (JW), AND TYRONE 10/11 (RAF); 100+ WERE AT FT. BAYARD ON 9/16 (RAF).

MISSISSIPPI KITE

2 ADULTS AND 5 FLEDGED YOUNG WERE SEEN AT PORTALES 6/16-17 IN THE SAME AREA IN WHICH THE SPECIES BRED LAST YEAR (AG, JPH). A SUBADULT WAS SEEN NEAR PLEASANTON IN THE SAN FRANCISCO VALLEY 7/8 (JPH). 2 REPORTED IN THE ORGAN MTS. 9/18 (GOW).

GOSHAWK

1 REPORTED AT DIXON 6/23 (JW) AND AN ADULT WAS SEEN ON SIGNAL PEAK, PINOS ALTOS MTS. 6/30 (JPH).

COOPER'S HAWK

LATE MIGRANTS WERE SEEN NEAR RODEO 6/8 AND AT COLUMBUS 6/10, BOTH SINGLE BIRDS IN TREELESS COUNTRY (JPH); 1 AT PLEASANTON 6/4-6 (JPH).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK

SUMMERED IN THE SACRAMENTO MTS. (JFC).

RED-TAILED HAWK

2 ON SIERRA GRANDE 6/20 (JPH).

SWAINSON'S HAWK

SINGLES AT SIERRA GRANDE 6/19 AND JAL 6/13 (JPH); 30-35 FEEDING ON THE GROUND NEAR MDRIARTY 10/2 (JDL ET AL.).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK

1 AT RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS 11/28 (FIDE FW).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK

2 AT SIERRA GRANDE ON 6/20 (JPH). 2 BETWEEN DATIL AND QUEMADO AND 1 NORTH OF CENTERFIRE BOG 10/23 (MCK).

HARRIS' HAWK

PAIR AT BITTER LAKE NWR THROUGH 7/8 (VM ET AL.), WITH SINGLES THERE 10/13 AND 10/20 (LGK); 2 OR MORE ADULTS AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 10/10 (MEE), WELL DESCRIBED.

BLACK HAWK

AN ADULT AND AN IMMATURE HAWK FITTING THE DESCRIPTION OF THIS SPECIES WERE SEEN AT A NEST NEAR ALAMEDA ON 7/25 (CAH); THE SINGLE WIDE WHITE BAND IN THE TAIL (PLUS A NARROW WHITE TIP) OF THE ADULT AND THE DARK STREAKING ON BUFF OF THE IMMATURE ARE CONVINCING INDICATIONS OF THE BIRDS BEING THIS SPECIES (COMPARED TO THE ZONE-TAILED HAWK). THIS IS AN UNUSUAL RECORD FOR THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY AND THE FIRST PROBABLE BREEDING REPORT FROM THERE. PAIR AT NEST NEAR GLENWOOD 6/5 (LOWELL SUMNER) AND 2 AT REDROCK 6/19 (RAF, APN).

GOLDEN EAGLE

1 AT SIERRA GRANDE 6/20 (JPH).

BALD EAGLE

A SUBADULT REPORTED NEAR GILA 6/5 (FIDE DAZ). 2 NEAR ANGEL PEAK, SAN JUAN Co., 10/18 (FIDE APN).

MARSH HAWK

A NESTING PAIR FOUND NEAR KIRTLAND 6/16-7/19; FIRST BREEDING RECORD FOR THE SAN JUAN VALLEY. SUMMERED AT BITTER LAKE NWR (FIDE JCC), AND A FEMALE NEAR PORTALES 6/15 (JPH).

OSPREY

1 AT NAVAJO LAKE 6/18 (GS).

BLUE GROUSE

1 ON EAGLE PEAK, TULAROSA MTS., 7/4 (MCK ET AL.).

GAMBEL'S QUAIL

SEVERAL OBSERVERS REPORTED THE SCARCITY OF BROODS IN THE SOUTHWEST, AND THE TENDENCY TO REMAIN IN COVEYS RATHER THAN BREEDING WAS NOTABLE (RAF, JPH, LOWELL SUMNER, DAZ); THIS FAILURE TO BREED SUCCESSFULLY MAY BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE EXTREME DRYNESS, WHILE COOL, WET WEATHER IN THE AUTUMN MAY HAVE BEEN YET ANOTHER HARDSHIP (JNS).

HARLEQUIN QUAIL

SINGLE BROODS WERE SEEN ON THE GILA NEAR SAPILLO CREEK ON 10/9 (BJH), AND NEAR ROBERTS LAKE 10/25 (FIDE RAF); 2 AT PLEASANTON 7/8 (JPH). 1 NEAR CLOUDCROFT 10/17 (GOW).

PHEASANT

1 WANDERED TO GILA HOT SPRINGS IN LATE MAY, PROBABLY FROM THE LOWER GILA VALLEY (RAF).

TURKEY

1 IN GALLINAS MTS. 6/26 (JPH), AND 3 IN THE SANDIA MTS. 11/22-29 (DAYRA DOLESHAL).

SANDHILL CRANE

FIRST ARRIVALS WERE 8 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 9/22 (JNS), 12 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 9/30 (DEB), AND CLIFF 10/15 WHERE PEAK WAS 48 ON 11/14 (RAF). PEAK AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR WAS 9421 ON 11/19 (JNS). 25 NEAR GRANTS 11/30 (AS), AND NOTED AT ALBUQUERQUE 10/8-9 AND 11/14 (MEE).

VIRGINIA RAIL

ACTIVE NEST FOUND AT NAVAJO LAKE 6/3 (GS); PRESENT AT BITTER LAKE NWR

7/8 to 8/10 (VM).

SORA

SUMMERED IN THE SAN JUAN VALLEY, WITH 11 HEARD NEAR BLOOMFIELD ON 8/4 (GS) AND 2 ON 10/9 (RAF); PRESENT AT BITTER LAKE NWR 7/23-8/10 (VM).

COMMON GALLINULE

2 AT FARMINGTON 6/15 THROUGH EARLY AUGUST (GS) AND 1 ON 10/16 (APN ET AL.), 2 PHOTOGRAPHED AT ISLETA IN EARLY JUNE (JND), AND 1 PHOTOGRAPHED AT GLENWOOD 7/10 (RAF, JPH, ET AL.); ALL THREE OF THESE AREAS ARE UNUSUAL PLACES OF OCCURRENCE FOR THIS SPECIES, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SEVERAL RECORDS FROM THE ISLETA AREA; THE GLENWOOD BIRD WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN PRESENT FOR ABOUT A WEEK, WHERE SEVERAL YEARS AGO ANOTHER WAS RECORDED (FIDE JPH). 3 NESTS AT BITTER LAKE NWR 6/20-7/23 (VM ET AL.).

AMERICAN COOT

SUMMER RECORDS INCLUDE ADULTS AND YOUNG AT APACHE CREEK 7/3 AND NEAR LOWER PEÑASCO 6/12, WITH SINGLES AT TUCUMCARI 6/16 AND WALL LAKE 6/27 (JPH).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER

1 AT FARMINGTON 10/10 (APN ET AL.).

SNOWY PLOVER

6 AT ALAMOGORDO 6/28 (LC); BRED AT BITTER LAKE NWR (FIOE JCC).

KILLDEER

PAIR WITH 3 YOUNG AT MONUMENT 6/14 (JPH).

COMMON SNIPE

20+ AT SANTA FE 10/30 (PRS ET AL.).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW

3 NEAR AMISTAD 6/16 (JPH) AND 1 AT BERNARDO 7/11 (JND) WERE THE ONLY SUMMER RECORDS. 15 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 9/16 AND 2 ON 9/23 (DLB).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER

BRED IN SANDOVAL Co. (MBS) AND SUMMERED IN SMALL NUMBERS IN THE SAN JUAN VALLEY, WITH MAXIMUM 8 AT KIRTLAND ON 7/19 (GS); 4 AT MAXWELL NWR 6/21 (JPH) AND 1 AT ISLETA 7/4 (JND). FIRST AT BITTER LAKE NWR 10/1 (DLB).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS

SINGLES NEAR BLOOMFIELD 7/20 AND AT FARMINGTON 8/5 (GS).

LEAST SANDPIPER

UNUSUAL WERE SEVERAL REPORTED AT BERNARDO 7/11 (JND).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER

PRESENT AT BITTER LAKE NWR 9/10-30, WITH PEAK OF 40 (LGK).

WESTERN SANDPIPER

UNUSUAL WERE SEVERAL REPORTED AT BERNARDO 7/11 (JND).

AMERICAN AVOCET

BRED AT BITTER LAKE NWR AND PRESENT TO 11/18, WITH AUTUMN PEAK OF 75 ON 10/1 (DLB ET AL.); FAIRLY COMMON AT MAXWELL NWR 6/21 (JPH), 1 NEAR FARMINGTON 7/27 (GS), AND 5 AT BERNARDO 7/11 (JND).

BLACK-NECKED STILT

FIRST YOUNG AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 6/7, WITH SPECIES PRESENT UNTIL 9/10 (DLB, LGK); 10 AT A SALT POND NEAR LOVING 6/13 APPEARED TO BE BREEDING, BUT NO EVIDENCE OF THIS WAS FOUND (JPH). 1 AT BERNARDO 7/11 (JND).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE

2 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 9/10-16 (DLB), AND SEVERAL AT BERNARDO 8/8 (JND).

GULL sp.

4-5 AT SANDIA PARK ON 11/18 (MYRTLE HILTY, JUDY HURT).

HERRING GULL

2 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 10/1 (DLB, LGK).

RING-BILLED GULL

5 SUBADULTS AT MAXWELL NWR 6/21 (JPH). PRESENT AT BITTER LAKE NWR 10/13-11/23, WITH PEAK OF 80 ON 10/29 (DLB).

FRANKLIN'S GULL

PRESENT AT BITTER LAKE NWR 9/16-10/8, WITH PEAK OF 40 ON 10/8 (DLB); 1 AT MORGAN LAKE 10/10 (RAF).

BONAPARTE'S GULL

2 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 11/25 (LGK); REPORT SUPPORTED BY DETAILS.

SABINE GULL

A SUBADULT WAS SEEN ON A SALT POND 11 MILES EAST OF LOVING ON 6/13; DETAILS INCLUDE DARK GRAY BACK, WHITE UNDERPARTS, BLACK HEAD, BLACKISH WINGTIPS, AND SINGLE WHITE PATCHES ON THE MIDDLE OF THE HINDWING AREA (JPH). FIRST SUMMER OR SPRING RECORD FOR THE STATE.

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE

ADULT REPORTED (GOW IN AMERICAN BIRDS) AT CABALLO LAKE 11/19 AND 11/24 (=12/4), BUT IN VIEW OF THE INEXPERIENCE OF THE OBSERVER, THE LACK OF DETAILS, AND THE UNIQUENESS OF THE RECORD THE VALIDITY IS QUESTIONABLE.

COMMON TERN

2 REPORTED AT BITTER LAKE NWR 8/23 (GARY GRAVES IN AMERICAN BIRDS) BUT NO DETAILS GIVEN AND VALIDITY IS QUESTIONABLE.

LEAST TERN

LAST AT BITTER LAKE NWR WERE 2 ON 9/10 (DLB).

BLACK TERN

12 NEAR ALAMOGORDO: 7/28 (LC), AND PHOTOGRAPHED AT ISLETA 6/9 (JND); LAST AUTUMN BIRDS WERE 50 ON 9/10, BITTER LAKE NWR (DLB).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON

SUMMERED NEAR CIMARRON, WITH 6-8 BIRDS SEEN JUNE-AUGUST (JOHN W. MARTIN). 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 7/10 (CAH) WAS QUITE UNUSUAL. OTHER LOWER ELEVATION REPORTS INCLUDE 2-3 AT DISON 6/26 (JW), 1 NEAR GLENWOOD 7/10 (RAF ET AL.), AND 8 AT SAN LORENZO, GRANT CO., 6/28 (JPH). AUTUMN REPORTS INCLUDE 9 AT JEMEZ SPRINGS 9/1 (MBS), COMMON NEAR TOADLENA 9/4 (APN), 2 AT LOS ALAMOS 9/5 (PRS), AND SMALL FLOCK IN THE MAGDALENA MTS. 9/11 (JDL, MCK ET AL.).

ROCK DOVE

FERAL BIRDS NESTED IN THE SAN JUAN VALLEY (GS).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE

2 AT ROCKY ARROYO 6/13 AND 6 AT CULBERSON RANCH 6/8-9 (JPH).

MOURNING DOVE

SUMMER RECORDS IN THE EASTERN PLAINS INCLUDE 2 NESTS NEAR LOGAN 6/16, AND BIRDS SEEN AROUND CLOVIS AND AT MONUMENT 6/15-16 (JPH). BRED IN ROOSEVELT CO. (AG). LAST AT LOS ALAMOS 10/23, MOST GONE BY 9/18 (PRS).

INCA DOVE

CONTINUES TO RESIDE AT SILVER CITY AND MAY BE INCREASING IN NUMBERS AND RANGE; FIRST YOUNG SEEN THERE 7/6 (ELIZABETH STEVENS). 2 AT VIRDEN 6/7 (JPH).

ORANGE-FRONTED PARAKEET

A PARAKEET REPORTEDLY OF THIS SPECIES WAS PRESENT IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY, NEAR THE TEXAS LINE IN DOÑA ANA CO., FROM 7/24 TO AT LEAST 8/24

(GOW, SW ET AL.); THIS BIRD IS ALMOST CERTAINLY AN ESCAPED CAGE BIRD, AND THE NEAREST WILD POPULATIONS ARE WEST OF THE SIERRA MADRE OCCIDENTAL IN SINALOA, MEXICO.

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO

SUMMER REPORTS INCLUDE ONES FROM THE SAN JUAN (GS), RIO GRANDE AT ALBUQUERQUE (MEE) AND ISLETA (JND), DRY CIMARRON, SAN FRANCISCO, AND PECOS (ROCKY ARROYO AREA) VALLEYS; ALSO 2 NEAR CLAYTON 6/19 AND 1 NEAR PORTALES 6/15 (JPH). THIS SPECIES HAS DECLINED IN CALIFORNIA, APPARENTLY DUE TO PESTICIDES, AND ITS STATUS SHOULD BE MONITORED IN NEW MEXICO.

ROADRUNNER

SEEMED SCARCE IN THE SILVER CITY AREA AND NO NESTS FOUND (RAF); SINGLES AT SIERRA GRANDE 6/20 AND NEAR GRADY 6/16 (JPH). 1 NEAR JEMEZ SPRINGS 8/10 (MBS) AND 2 NEAR CIMARRON 8/18 (JOHN W. MARTIN).

BARN OWL

BRED AT BITTER LAKE NWR (FIDE JCC), AND AN ADULT WITH A HALF-GROWN YOUNG AT EVANS LAKE 7/14 (RAF).

SCREECH OWL

3 IMMATURES 6 MILES SOUTH OF CIMARRON IN JULY-AUGUST, INCLUDING 1 BANNED 7/16 (JOHN W. MARTIN); ADULT WITH A FLEDGLING AT RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS 6/8 (CAH) AND ADULT BANNED AT CEDAR CREST 7/15 (MCK). 1 10 MILES WEST OF MAGDALENA 10/9 (JDL ET AL.) AND 1 AT FARMINGTON IN EARLY SEPTEMBER (FIDE APN). 1 BANNED NEAR RESERVE 10/10 WAS IN THE SAME NET WITH A FLAMMULATED OWL (MCK).

GREAT HORNED OWL

SEEN ON U.N.M. CAMPUS IN ALBUQUERQUE SEVERAL TIMES IN JUNE, WHERE IT HAS BEEN PRESENT SINCE DECEMBER (JND).

FLAMMULATED OWL

1 BANNED NEAR RESERVE 10/10 (MCK).

PYGMY OWL

PAIR NEAR CLOUDCROFT IN AUGUST (GOW). 1 SEEN IN THE SAN MATEO MTS. 8/20 (JR), AND 1 BANNED NEAR RESERVE 10/7 (MCK).

ELF OWL

2 HEARD CALLING AT HERMANAS 6/9 REPRESENT THE EASTERNMOST RECORD IN THE STATE; 2+ CALLING AT THE JUNCTION OF THE SAN FRANCISCO RIVER AND US 180 NORTH OF GLENWOOD 7/6 (JPH).

BURROWING OWL

PAIR WITH 2 YOUNG AT KIRTLAND 7/8 (GS).

SPOTTED OWL

1 NEAR ROBERTS LAKE 10/16 (FIDE RAF) AND ON ANIMAS PEAK, 6800', HIDALGO Co., 8/29 (KEVIN BOWLER).

LONG-EARED OWL

UP TO 8 AT YOUNG'S LAKE NEAR FARMINGTON 7/18-8/15 WHERE RECORDED EACH SUMMER SINCE 1968 IN SIMILAR NUMBERS (GS); NEST RECORDED IN SAN JUAN Co. (APN).

SHORT-EARED OWL

1 AT LA JOYA SGR 11/20 (BI ET AL.); SEEN AT BITTER LAKE NWR THROUGH AUTUMN (LGK).

WHIP-POOR-WILL

A LATE SPRING MIGRANT WAS NETTED AT HERMANAS 6/10 (JPH).

POORWILL

2 NETTED AT CEDAR CREST 10/15-16 (MCK), SINGLES AT FARMINGTON 9/22 AND 9/27 (APN).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK

RECORDED IN THE EASTERN PLAINS AT CLAYTON, AMISTAD, NEAR SIERRA GRANDE, AND AT PORTALES 6/15-19 AND IN THE SOUTHERN LOWLANDS AT HOPE, ROCKY ARROYO, AND CULBERSON RANCH 6/8-13; ALSO 12 IN THE MALPAIS WEST OF CARRIZOZO 6/27 (JPH). LAST AT DIXON ON 9/12 (JW).

LESSER NIGHTHAWK

2 AT HERMANAS 6/9-10 AND 2 AT CULBERSON RANCH 6/8-9; FAIRLY COMMON AND 6 Banded AT SAN SIMON CIENAGA 6/7-8 (JPH).

CHIMNEY SWIFT

1 NEAR CLAYTON 6/18 AND 2 ON 6/19 (JPH).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT

NESTING AT NAVAJO LAKE 7/11 (GS). LOWLAND SUMMER RECORDS OF 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 6/27 AND SEVERAL AT SAN SIMON CIENAGA 6/7-8 (JPH). LAST AT DIXON 9/5 (JW). LAST SEEN LOS ALAMOS ON 9/4 (JRT).

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD

NESTING RECORDS INCLUDE KIRTLAND (GS ET AL.), BITTER LAKE NWR (FIDE JCC), AND ROCKY ARROYO (JPH); 1 NEAR CLAYTON 6/19 (JPH). LAST AT DIXON 8/16 (JW), JEMEZ SPRINGS 8/18 (MBS), AND ALBUQUERQUE 9/16 (DDL)--MALES ONLY.

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD

MALE AT CULBERSON RANCH 6/8 AND 4 AT SIERRA GRANDE 6/20 (JPH). LAST NEAR JEMEZ SPRINGS 9/27 (MBS) AND AT ROBERTS LAKE 10/10 (FIDE RAF).

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD

FIRST NEAR SILVER CITY 7/1, WITH MAXIMA OF 70-100 ON 8/5 (FIDE RAF); FIRST CEDAR CREST 7/7 (McK). LAST AT DIXON 9/8 (JW), ALBUQUERQUE 9/25 (DDL), NEAR JEMEZ SPRINGS 9/27 (MBS), AND PINOS ALTOS 10/4 (DD).

CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD

REPORTED IN SMALL NUMBERS AT FARMINGTON (APN), JEMEZ SPRINGS (MBS), LOS ALAMOS (LGH), ALBUQUERQUE (DDL, PT), SANDIA MTS. (MEE, McK), PINOS ALTOS (DD), ROBERTS LAKE (FIDE RAF), AND SILVER CITY (FIDE RAF) IN THE PERIOD 7/23-9/2 (MAINLY AUGUST). UNUSUAL WAS A REPORT OF 1 NEAR ANTHONY 8/10 (GOW, SW).

RIVOLI'S HUMMINGBIRD

2 MALES REPORTED AT ROBERTS LAKE THROUGH 8/16 (FIDE RAF).

BELTED KINGFISHER

NESTED AT NAVAJO LAKE 6/18 AND BLOOMFIELD 6/28 (GS); 2 NEAR CLAYTON 6/19, 1 NEAR LOGAN 6/16, AND 1 AT ROCKY ARROYO 6/12-13 (JPH).

RED-SHAFTED FLICKER

SUMMER RECORDS INCLUDE 1 AT VIRDEN 6/5, 2 AT SIERRA GRANDE 6/20, AND PAIR NESTING AT MAXWELL NWR 6/20-21; AN INCUBATING MALE Banded AT PLEASANTON 7/8 HAD A RED NAPE PATCH (JPH).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER

VERY UNUSUAL WAS 1 AT BLOOMFIELD 8/16 (GS); OTHER SUMMER RECORDS AT MAXWELL NWR (JPH), ALAMEDA (CAH), AND PORTALES (AG, JPH), AND NESTS NEAR CLAYTON 6/19 (JPH) AND ALBUQUERQUE 8/15 (MEE ET AL.). REPORTED TO BE DECLINING AT ROSWELL DUE TO COMPETITION WITH STARLINGS (VM). 1 AT CORRALES 9/4 (JDL ET AL.).

ACORN WOODPECKER

REPORTED MORE NUMEROUS THAN USUAL AT LOS ALAMOS (MC, WBL), AND A MIGRATORY MOVEMENT NOTED IN THE SILVER CITY AREA IN JULY (DAZ). COMMON NEAR TOADLENA 9/4 (APN).

LEWIS' WOODPECKER

NESTED AT APACHE CREEK IN JULY; 3-5 AT MAXWELL NWR 6/20-21 AND SIERRA GRANDE 6/20 (JPH). 2 NEAR RODEO 10/25 (RICHARD C. SMITH) AND COMMON NEAR TOADLENA 9/4 (APN).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER

PAIR WITH YOUNG IN A NEST ON SIGNAL PEAK IN THE PINOS ALTOS MTS. 7/1 (JPH). SUMMERED IN THE SACRAMENTO MTS. (JFC). 1-2 IN FARMINGTON AREA 9/25-10/17 WHERE VERY RARELY RECORDED (APN).

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER

MALE NEAR ANTHONY 9/19 (FIDE GOW).

HAIRY WOODPECKER

ADULTS AND YOUNG AT NAVAJO LAKE IN JULY AND AUGUST (GS) AND A NEST NEAR GLENWOOD 6/5 (JPH); ALSO 1 AT FRISCO HOT SPRINGS 7/6-7 AND 1 ON SIERRA GRANDE 6/20 (JPH). ADULTS BRINGING YOUNG IN TO SUET FEEDER, CEDAR CREST, JULY AND AUGUST (McK). 1 AT SAN RAFAEL 10/18 (AS).

DOWNY WOODPECKER

2 AT NAVAJO LAKE IN JULY AND AUGUST (GS) AND SEEN IN AUTUMN IN FARMINGTON AREA (APN).

LADDER-BACKED WOODPECKER

1 AT MAXWELL NWR 6/20-21 AND 1 AT PLEASANTON 7/8 (JPH); 2 BETWEEN GOLDEN AND MORIARTY IN SANTA FE Co. 8/15 (MEE).

WHITE-HEADED WOODPECKER

AN APPARENT FEMALE ADULT REPORTED 4 MILES NORTH OF LUNA 9/5; DETAILS INCLUDE MAINLY BLACK PLUMAGE, WHITE HEAD AND WING PATCHES, AND TYPICAL WOODPECKER HABIT OF CLINGING TO THE SIDE OF A TREE (RAF). THIS EXTRAORDINARY RECORD IS ANOTHER IN A GROWING NUMBER OF REPORTS OF THIS SPECIES FROM THE SOUTHWEST, AND THE TOTAL TO DATE IS AT LEAST 4 OF VARYING RELIABILITY. THIS SPECIES IS NOT KNOWN TO WANDER TO ANY EXTENT, BUT IT APPEARS THAT SOME INDIVIDUALS MAY DO SO. OBSERVERS OF THE SPECIES ARE URGED TO SUBMIT DETAILED REPORTS AND TO REMEMBER THAT SPECIMEN OR PHOTOGRAPHIC SUBSTANTIATION IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE.

NORTHERN THREE-TOED WOODPECKER

2 REPORTED IN THE SANDIA MTS. 8/8 (RR) AND 9/2 (MEE) AND 1 AT SAN GREGORIO LAKE, RIO ARRIBA Co. 6/5 (RR).

EASTERN KINGBIRD

FIRST BREEDING RECORDS FOR THE SAN JUAN VALLEY WERE OBTAINED AT KIRTLAND AND NEAR BLOOMFIELD (GS); UNCOMMON AND A NEST FOUND AT MAXWELL NWR 6/20-21 (JPH). SEVERAL IN ALAMEDA 8/15 (MEE), AND 1 AT ALBUQUERQUE 9/2 (JFC).

WESTERN KINGBIRD

SUMMER RECORDS FROM THE EASTERN PLAINS INCLUDE GRADY, NARA VISA, TUCUMCARI, AND PORTALES 6/15-16, WITH NESTS AT MAXWELL NWR 6/20-21 AND MONUMENT 6/14 (JPH). ALSO BRED IN GUADALUPE, DEBACA, AND LINCOLN COS. (CAH).

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD

FIRST NESTING CONFIRMED AT CLAYTON (AJK); OTHER NESTS AT NAVAJO DAM 6/26 (GS), AT MAXWELL NWR 6/20-21, AND HERMANAS 6/9-10 (JPH); OTHER SUMMER RECORDS AT SIERRA GRANDE (JPH), NEAR NUTT AND RADIUM SPRINGS (DFM), AT SAN SIMON CIENAGA, CULBERSON RANCH, NEAR HACHITA, APACHE CREEK, AND SITTING BULL FALLS (JPH).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER

NESTING NEAR MONUMENT 6/15 AND 20 MILES WEST OF HOBBS 6/14 (JPH). A VAGRANT NEAR MORIARTY 10/2 (JDL ET AL.).

SULPHUR-BELLIED FLYCATCHER

1 REPORTED IN GUADALUPE CAÑON 6/27 (TIMOTHY MANOLIS); THIRD RECORD FOR THAT AREA.

WIED'S CRESTED FLYCATCHER

2 AT FRISCO HOT SPRINGS 7/5 AND NEAR THERE ON 7/8 (JPH); THIS IS ONLY THE SECOND SUMMER THAT THIS SPECIES HAS BEEN RECORDED IN THE SAN FRANCISCO VALLEY, BUT IT IS PROBABLY REGULAR THERE IN SMALL NUMBERS.

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER

SUCCESSFULLY FLEDGED YOUNG AT CEDAR CREST (McK), BUT PAIR NESTING IN A NESTBOX ABANDONED THEIR EGGS AT PLEASANTON AFTER THE FEMALE WAS BANDED (JPH). OTHER SUMMER RECORDS INCLUDE 1 NEAR CEDARVALE 6/26, 2 NEAR HOPE 6/12, 2 AT JAL 6/13, 1 NEAR CARRIZOZO 6/27, AND 6 NEAR HACHITA 7/11 (JPH).

EASTERN PHOEBE

1 REPORTED NEAR EL PUEBLO 7/19 (BRAD SCHRAM).

BLACK PHOEBE

BRED AT BITTER LAKE NWR, WHERE PRESENT THROUGH NOVEMBER (DLB ET AL.); 4 AT WALL LAKE 6/27 (JPH), AND NESTED AT ISLETA (JND).

SAY'S PHOEBE

NEST NEAR KENTON IN UNION CO. 6/18 AND AT APACHE CREEK 7/3 (JPH), AND BRED AT BITTER LAKE NWR (FIDE JCC); 4 AT MAXWELL NWR 6/20-21 (JPH). 4 YOUNG FLEDGED FROM NEST UNDER GARAGE EAVES, PAJARITO ACRES, LOS ALAMOS Co., MID-JUNE WERE LAST SEEN 9/10 (JRT); 4 YOUNG FLEDGED FROM NEST UNDER ROOF OVERHANG AT CEDAR CREST 6/26 (McK).

TRAILL'S FLYCATCHER

2 NESTS AT KIRTLAND 7/15 (GS), FOR FIRST BREEDING RECORDS FROM SAN JUAN VALLEY; 2 AT PLEASANTON 7/8 AND 3 NEAR LOWER PEÑASCO 6/12 (JPH).

DUSKY FLYCATCHER

5, INCLUDING 2 COLLECTED, AT SIERRA GRANDE 6/19-20; THESE WERE TERRITORIAL BIRDS IN BREEDING CONDITION AND THEY REPRESENT THE EASTERNMOST SUMMER RECORDS FOR THE STATE (JPH).

WESTERN FLYCATCHER

NEST ON EAGLE PEAK, TULAROSA MTS., 7/3 (McK); SINGLE BIRDS ON SIERRA GRANDE 6/20 AND 1 IN THE GALLINAS MTS. 6/26 (JPH). LATE SPRING MIGRANTS WERE FAIRLY COMMON AT HERMANAS WHERE 5 WERE BANDED 6/9-10 (JPH).

COUES' FLYCATCHER

1 REPORTED (MBS IN AMERICAN BIRDS) CALLING NEAR JEMEZ SPRINGS 7/18-26 REQUIRES CONFIRMATION; BOTH THE WESTERN WOOD PEWEE AND THE OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER MAY BE SIMILAR VOCALLY TO THIS SPECIES.

WESTERN WOOD PEWEE

SUMMER RECORDS INCLUDE NEAR KENTON, MAXWELL NWR, SIERRA GRANDE, AND CLAYTON 6/18-21; ALSO CULBERSON RANCH, HACHITA AREA, AND HERMANAS 6/9-10, BUT SOME OF THESE WERE UNDOUBTEDLY MIGRANTS. AT HERMANAS THE BIRDS WERE FAIRLY COMMON AND 3 WERE BANDED, NONE OF WHICH APPEARED TO BE BREEDING (JPH). LAST AT JEMEZ SPRINGS 9/15 (MBS) AND AT DIXON 9/20 (JW).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER

LATE SPRING MIGRANT AT ELEPHANT BUTTE 6/5 (CAH). AUTUMN MIGRANTS INCLUDE DIXON 9/24 AND 10/1 (JW), ALBUQUERQUE 10/1 (DDL), CEDAR CREST 8/20-21 (McK), MAGDALENA MTS. 9/11 (JDL, McK ET AL.) AND LUNA 9/4 (RAF).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER

SINGLES IN THE GLENWOOD AREA 7/5-8, 2 NEAR HACHITA 6/9 AND 5 ON 7/13, AND 4 AT CULBERSON RANCH 6/8-9, WHERE NESTED (JPH).

SWALLOW SP.

LARGE FLOCK AT BITTER LAKE NWR 11/8 (LGK).

VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW

UP TO 4 AT SIERRA GRANDE 6/19-20 AND 5 IN THE GALLINAS MTS. 6/26 (JPH); MANY AT NAVAJO LAKE 6/3-8/16 AND 1 AT KIRTLAND 6/15 (GS). LAST AT JEMEZ SPRINGS 9/12 (MBS) AND DIXON 9/27 (JW).

TREE SWALLOW

A PAIR AT A NEST BOX NEAR TRES RITOE, TAOS Co., 6/9 (JRT).

BANK SWALLOW

3 AT OJO CALIENTE 6/23 (JPH).



ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW

BRED AT BITTER LAKE NWR (FIDE JCC) AND ALBUQUERQUE (MEE); ALSO, 8 IN THE CLAYTON AREA 6/18-19 AND 2 AT APACHE CREEK 7/3 (JPH).

BARN SWALLOW

RAISED 2 BROODS AT BITTER LAKE NWR (FIDE JCC); OTHER SUMMER RECORDS AT EAGLE NEST, CLAYTON, NEAR KENTON, AMISTAD, MAXWELL NWR, AND HACHITA 6/20-7/13 (JPH). LAST AT DIXON 9/23 (JW) AND BITTER LAKE 9/26 (JCC); 100 AT FARMINGTON 10/9 (RAF).

CLIFF SWALLOW

SUMMER RECORDS IN THE EASTERN PLAINS NEAR KENTON, CLAYTON, MAXWELL NWR, LOGAN, AND TUCUMCARI 6/16-21 (JPH); ALSO 5 NEAR EAGLE NEST 6/21 (JPH). LAST AT DIXON 9/18 (JW) AND SAN RAFAEL 9/24 (AS).

CAVE SWALLOW

REPORTED TO BE NESTING AT MAIN ENTRANCE OF CARLSBAD CAVERNS N.P. WITH 100 SEEN THERE 7/10 (VM ET AL.).

PURPLE MARTIN

FEW SUMMER RECORDS AND ALL FROM THE SOUTHWEST. 1 AT PLEASANTON 7/4 (JPH) WAS A STRAY.

GRAY JAY

4 AT GREGORIO LAKE, 9500', RIO ARRIBA Co., 10/22 (WBL).

BLUE JAY

PAIR WITH 3 DEPENDENT FLEDGLINGS IN THE CITY PARK OF PORTALES 6/15; THIS UNDOUBTEDLY REPRESENTS A BREEDING RECORD IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA, AS THE YOUNG DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FLY FAR (AG, JPH). THIS SPECIES HAS BEEN A RESIDENT OF PORTALES FOR THE LAST 3-4 YEARS AND ANOTHER FLEDGLING WAS SEEN (AND PHOTOGRAPHED) THERE ON 7/24/1967 (FIDE AG). AN AMAZING RECORD OF MIGRATING BIRDS IS 60 COUNTED AT CLAYTON 9/2 (WC).

STELLER'S JAY

6 IN THE GALLINAS MTS. 6/26 (JPH).

MEXICAN JAY

15+ NEAR PLEASANTON 7/9 (JPH) AND 1 NEAR GILA HOT SPRINGS 6/2 (BJH).

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE

2 AT SIERRA GRANDE 6/20 AND 2 NEAR KENTON 6/18 (JPH); BRED IN THE SAN JUAN VALLEY (GS). 2 SEEN NEAR LA MADERA 6/27 (CAH).

COMMON RAVEN

2 AT SIERRA GRANDE 6/20 AND 1 NEAR LOGAN 6/16 (JPH).

WHITE-NECKED RAVEN

IN JUNE AND JULY THIS SPECIES WAS FOUND MOST COMMONLY IN THE SOUTHEASTERN PLAINS, WITH LESSER NUMBERS IN THE SOUTHWEST AND IN THE NORTHEAST, E.G., 20 BETWEEN NARA VISA AND CLAYTON WITH 1 NEST FOUND 6/16 (JPH). ALSO BRED IN DEBACA AND LINCOLN (CAH) AND DOÑA ANA (DFM) COS. A YOUNG BIRD WAS CAPTURED EAST OF BERNARDO NEAR THE JUNCTION OF 6-60, KEPT UNCONFINED IN ALBUQUERQUE, BANDED, DISAPPEARED (R. KALINOSKI).

COMMON CROW

SUMMER RECORDS INCLUDE 3 AT OJO CALIENTE 6/23, 2 NEAR EAGLE NEST 6/21, 2 AT SIERRA GRANDE 6/19-20, 3 AT APACHE CREEK 7/3, AND UP TO 20 AT PLEASANTON 7/1-11 (JPH). BRED IN SANTA FE Co. (PRS).

PIÑON JAY

RECORDS FROM PERIPHERAL AREAS INCLUDE 2 NEAR SAN JON 6/16, 3 NEAR BINGHAM, SOCORRO Co., 6/27, AND 4 AT PLEASANTON 6/4 (JPH); ALSO IN THE NAVAJO LAKE AREA 6/18-8/16, WITH 50 ON 7/26, WHILE AT KIRTLAND 25 WERE SEEN ON 8/15 (GS). FLOCKS OF 50-100 AT FEEDER DAILY SEPTEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, PAJARITO ACRES, LOS ALAMOS Co. (JRT).

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER

RECORDED NEAR RESERVE 9/3-6 AND AT CENTERFIRE Bdg 10/23 (McK) AND IN THE

SAN MATEO MTS. 8/20 (JR). VERY UNUSUAL WAS OCCURRENCE OF FLOCKS OF UP TO 30 BIRDS FEEDING WITH PIÑON JAYS IN PIÑON WOODLAND, LOS ALAMOS CO., JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER (JRT).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE

SUMMERED IN THE SAN JUAN VALLEY, WITH A MAXIMUM OF 15 AT FARMINGTON 7/27; OCCURRED IN RIPARIAN WOODLAND FROM KIRTLAND TO NAVAJO LAKE (GS). 1 SEEN WELLLALONG THE RIO GRANDE AT ALBUQUERQUE 8/10 (MEE).

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE

UP TO 4 AT SIERRA GRANDE 6/19-20 (JPH). NEST IN LOS ALAMOS 6/9 (JRT).

BRIDLED TITMOUSE

RECORDED IN THE SAN MATEO MTS. 8/20 (JR), MAGDALENA MTS. 9/11 (JDL, MCK ET AL.), AND AT FRISCO HOT SPRINGS 7/5 (JPH).

VERDIN

RECORDS OF 1-3 AT CULBERSON RANCH 6/8-9, NEAR HACHITA 7/13, HERMANAS 6/9-10, AND AT ROCKY ARROYO 6/13 (JPH).

COMMON BUSHTIT

NESTING PAIR AT ROBERTS LAKE 6/13 (RAF); 2-3 IN THE PLEASANTON AREA 7/1-11 (JPH).

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH

1 AT GLENWOOD 7/10 (RAF, APN).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH

PRESENT AT EAGLE PEAK, TULAROSA MTS., 7/3-4 (MCK), AND IN THE SANDIA MTS. 7/18 (MEE).

PYGMY NUTHATCH

3-4 ON SIERRA GRANDE 6/19-20 AND IN THE GALLINAS MTS. 6/26 (JPH).

BROWN CREEPER

MANY IN THE GALLINAS MTS. NEAR CORONA 6/19 (LC). SINGLES AT FARMINGTON 10/9 (RAF) AND AT BITTER LAKE NWR 11/9 (LGK ET AL.).

DIPPER

YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHED IN THE NEST NEAR MORA (ES). VERY UNUSUAL IS A REPORT OF 1 IN THE SANDIA MTS. IN THE JUAN TABO AREA ON 4/10 (RR).

HOUSE WREN

COMMON ON SIERRA GRANDE 6/19-20, 3 IN THE GALLINAS MTS. 6/26 (JPH), AND 4-6 AT KIRTLAND IN JUNE (GS). LAST AT ALBUQUERQUE 9/16 (DDL), AT JEMEZ SPRINGS 9/19 (MBS), AND VERY LATE 11/1 AT DIXON (JW).

BEWICK'S WREN

7 IN KIRTLAND 6/15 AND 15 AT NAVAJO LAKE 7/26 (GS).

CACTUS WREN

6 AT ROCKY ARROYO 6/13 (JPH).

LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN

5 NEWLY CONSTRUCTED NESTS WERE FOUND AT KIRTLAND, BUT NONE IS KNOWN TO HAVE CONTAINED EGGS OR YOUNG; A PAIR OF BIRDS, 1 OF WHICH SANG, REMAINED IN THE AREA FROM 6/6 INTO AUGUST (GS). ALTHOUGH NOT YET PROVEN, IT APPEARS THAT THIS SPECIES MAY BREED IN THE SAN JUAN VALLEY--WHICH WOULD BE THE FIRST DEFINITE RECORD IN THE STATE.

CANYON WREN

1 IN MOGOLLON 7/6 (JPH).

ROCK WREN

2 ON SIERRA GRANDE 6/20, AND 1 NEAR LOGAN 6/16 (JPH); BRED AT BITTER LAKE NWR WHERE PRESENT THROUGH NOVEMBER (DLB ET AL.).

MOCKINGBIRD

SUMMER RECORDS FROM THE EASTERN PLAINS INCLUDE CLAYTON TO NARA VISA, PORTALES, AND HOBBS 6/15-16 (JPH); 2 NEAR GILA HOT SPRINGS 6/2 (BJH).

CATBIRD

SUMMERED AT DIXON, WHERE PRESENT TO 9/9 (JW); PAIR CARRYING NESTING MATERIAL AT ISLETA IN LATE JUNE (JNDO WHICH IS SOUTH OF THE KNOWN BREEDING RANGE. A LATE MIGRANT WAS TAKEN AT ROCKY ARROYO 6/13 (JPH). 1 AT CORRALES 9/4 (JDL ET AL.).

BROWN THRASHER

1 REPORTED WITHOUT DETAILS NEAR LOS LUNAS 6/20 (JND), WHICH IS AN UNUSUAL RECORD FOR SUMMER. SINGLES AT DIXON 9/18 (JW) AND AT ROBERTS LAKE 10/17-24 (FIDE RAF).

BENDIRE'S THRASHER

SEVERAL NESTS NEAR LOS LUNAS 6/20-27 (JND) AND 1 NEST AT CULBERSON RANCH 6/8-9 (JPH). 8 SEEN DURING A CENSUS SOUTH OF NAGEESI, SAN JUAN Co., 6/23 (JRT).

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER

PAIR AT PLEASANTON 6/4-6 AND 1 ON 7/4-9 (JPH); NESTING AT CULBERSON RANCH 6/8-9 AND 1 SEEN NEAR HACHITA 7/13 (JPH). 2 AT BERNARDO 8/8 (JND). 1 ALONG MORA RIVER 10 MILES SOUTH OF WAGON MOUND, MORA Co., 6/30 (JRT).

CRISSAL THRASHER

SUMMER RECORDS FOR THE SOUTHERN LOWLANDS INCLUDE 2 AT JAL 6/13, 2 AT HERMANAS 6/9-10, AND 3 ON 6/9 AND 5 ON 7/13 NEAR HACHITA (JPH). SEEN AT LA JOYA SGR 11/20 (BI ET AL.).

SAGE THRASHER

UP TO 16 INCLUDING YOUNG NEAR KIRTLAND 7/18-8/15 AND 1 NEAR FARMINGTON 7/22 (GS). LATE MIGRANT IN LOS ALAMOS 10/2 (JRT).

ROBIN

SUMMERED IN SMALL NUMBERS IN THE SAN JUAN VALLEY, WITH SEVERAL YOUNG AND NESTS FOUND (GS ET AL.). SUMMER RECORDS FROM THE EASTERN PLAINS INCLUDE A NEST AT MAXWELL 6/20-21 AND FLEDGLINGS AT DES MOINES 6/19 AND PORTALES 6/15 (JPH), THE LAST BEING THE FIRST BREEDING RECORD FOR THE AREA (AG); ALSO FAIRLY COMMON ON SIERRA GRANDE 6/19-20 AND 2 AT FRISCO HOT SPRINGS 7/5 (JPH). 5 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 11/14 (JCC, LGK).

HERMIT THRUSH

MIGRATION NOTED AT LOS ALAMOS 9/18-10/30 (PRS) AND AT JEMEZ SPRINGS 9/16-10/25, WITH A PEAK OF 5 ON 10/21 (MBS).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH

LATE SPRING MIGRANTS WERE 4 NETTED AT HERMANAS 6/9-10 (JPH). 2 BANNED AT CEDAR CREST 9/9 (McK).

WESTERN BLUEBIRD

2 NEAR CEDARVALE AND 6 IN THE GALLINAS MTS. 6/26 (JPH); SUMMERED IN THE SACRAMENTO MTS. (JFC).

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD

6 ON SIERRA GRANDE 6/20, 3 NEAR EAGLE NEST 6/21, AND 1 IN THE GALLINAS MTS. 6/26 (JPH). 40 NEAR NAVAJO LAKE 8/16 (GS).

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE

1 ON SIGNAL PEAK, PINOS ALTOS MTS., 6/30 FOR THE FIRST SUMMER RECORD THERE SINCE 1959 (JPH). FIRST AT CEDAR CREST 9/9 WHICH WAS 2-3 WEEKS EARLY (McK). 1-3 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 10/8-11/12 (DLB ET AL.).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER

PRESENT AT NAVAJO LAKE FROM EARLY JUNE THROUGH 7/13, WITH PEAK OF 15, AND AN EMPTY NEST FOUND 6/18 (GS); PRESENT AT FARMINGTON TO 10/31 (APN).

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER

2 NESTS REPORTED IN DONA ANA Co. (DFM). REPORTED WITHOUT DETAILS AT LA JOYA SGR 11/20 (BI ET AL.).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET

3 NEAR TWINING 6/22 (JPH). SEEN IN THE SANDIA MTS. 9/26 (JDL ET AL.), AND AT LEAST 2 NEAR RESERVE 10/25 (MCK).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET

FAIRLY COMMON NEAR TWINING 6/21-22 AND 1 ON SIERRA GRANDE 6/20 (JPH). FIRST AT BITTER LAKE NWR 10/13 (LGK).

WATER PIPIT

10 IN ALPINE TUNDRA NEAR TWINING 6/22 (JPH) WITH NEST FOUND AT 12,000' ON 6/27 (WH, ES). SEEN AT JEMEZ SPRINGS 9/24-10/19 WITH PEAK OF 12 ON 10/15 (MBS); A FEW AT SNOW LAKE 10/6 (MCK).

CEDAR WAXWING

A LATE SPRING MIGRANT AT ROCKY ARROYO 6/13 (JPH) AS WERE THE 40-60 SEEN AT KIRTLAND 6/1 (GS). FEW FALL RECORDS, INCLUDING SMALL FLOCKS AT FARMINGTON LATE OCT.-NOV. (APN), 8 AT PAJARITO ACRES, LOS ALAMOS Co., 11/18 (JRT), AND AT SOCORRO IN LATE NOV. (PRS); ALSO AT ALBUQUERQUE 11/16-17 (DDL, MEE), 3 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 11/23 (JCC).

PHAINOPEPLA

RECORDS INCLUDE FEMALE AT BAYARD 6/24 (RAF) AND MALE NEAR LEMITAR 7/10 (CAH); ALSO FAIRLY COMMON AT VIRDEN 6/7 (JPH).

STARLING

DEFINITE BREEDING RECORDS IN THE SAN JUAN VALLEY (GS), EAGLE NEST 6/21 (JPH), CLAYTON AREA 6/18-19 (JPH), NARA VISA 6/16 (JPH), SAN MIGUEL Co. (WH), AND BERNALILLO Co. (CAH). ADDITIONAL SUMMER RECORDS AT MAXWELL NWR 6/20-21 (JPH), GILA HOT SPRINGS 6/2 (BJH), VIRDEN 6/7 (JPH), AND HERMANAS 6/10 (JPH). MAXIMA FOR THE PERIOD WERE 130 AT KIRTLAND ON 6/25 (GS), WITH MOST RECORDS BEING OF ONE TO SEVERAL BIRDS. SMALL FLOCKS AT GRANTS AND SAN RAFAEL IN AUTUMN (AS).

BELL'S VIREO

1 AT FRISCO HOT SPRINGS 7/5 AND 3 AT ROCKY ARROYO 6/13 (JPH); THERE ARE FEW RECORDS FROM THESE AREAS.

GRAY VIREO

UP TO 11 IN THE NAVAJO LAKE AREA 6/26-7/13 (GS) WHERE THE SPECIES UNDOUBTEDLY OCCURS AS A BREEDER IN PIÑON-JUNIPER WOODLAND; PREVIOUS RECORDS HERE IN 1960 AND DURING MAY 1971. 2 REPORTED IN THE ORGAN MTS. 9/18 (GOW ET AL.).

SOLITARY VIREO

SUMMER RECORDS INCLUDE 1-2 AT APACHE CREEK 7/3, IN THE GALLINAS MTS. 6/26, AND AT SITTING BULL FALLS 6/12 (JPH); A LATE SPRING MIGRANT CASSINI WAS BANDED AT HERMANAS 6/9 (JPH). LAST AT DIXON 9/18 (JW).

RED-EYED VIREO

A LATE SPRING MIGRANT WAS NETTED AT HERMANAS 6/9 (JPH).

WARBLING VIREO

5 ON SIERRA GRANDE 6/20 (JPH). LATE SPRING MIGRANTS WERE WIDESPREAD IN THE SOUTHWESTERN LOWLANDS THROUGH EARLY JUNE, BEING RECORDED NEAR CLIFF (RAF), CULBERSON RANCH, NEAR HACHITA, AND AT HERMANAS, WHERE 2 WERE BANDED AND OTHERS SEEN 6/9-10 (JPH). LAST AT DIXON 9/18 (JW).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER

1 REPORTED NEAR ANTHONY 9/19 (LENA McBEE ET AL.).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER

2 NEAR CLOUDCROFT 6/11 AND 6 ON SIGNAL PEAK, PINOS ALTOS MTS. 6/30 (JPH). AT DIXON TO 9/19 (JW); LAST SEEN IN LOS ALAMOS 10/9 (JRT).

NASHVILLE WARBLER

1 FOUND DEAD AT FARMINGTON 10/8 (APN ET AL.).

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER

2 ON SIERRA GRANDE 6/20 AND 3 AT APACHE CREEK 7/3; 1 BANNED AT PLEASANTON 7/9 WAS PROBABLY A STRAY FROM THE NEARBY HIGH COUNTRY (JPH). SUMMERED IN THE SACRAMENTO MTS. (JFC).

LUCY'S WARBLER

NEST FOUND AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 6/10 (CAH); SUMMER RECORDS INCLUDE SAN SIMON CIENAGA, CULBERSON RANCH, AND HERMANAS 6/7-10 (JPH).

OLIVE WARBLER

A PAIR WAS SEEN ON SIGNAL PEAK, PINOS ALTOS MTS., ON 7/1 AND 2 BIRDS WERE SEEN THERE 8/7 (RAF, APN); 1 SEEN AT WILLOW CREEK, MOGOLLON MTS., 10/6 (McK).

YELLOW WARBLER

3 NEAR CLAYTON ALONG PERIGO CREEK 6/19 AND 1 AT MAXWELL NWR 6/20-21 (JPH). 1 BANNED AT CEDAR CREST 9/9 WHERE UNCOMMON IN OCCURRENCE (McK).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER

1 REPORTED AND WELL DESCRIBED FROM ALBUQUERQUE ON 9/22; DETAILS INCLUDE BRIGHT YELLOW RUMP, THROAT, AND BREAST, OLIVE UPPERPARTS, WHITE IN WING, FAINT STRIPING ON SIDES, WHITE HORIZONTAL BAND ACROSS MIDDLE OF DARK TAIL (MEE).

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER

NO LESS THAN 6 RECORDS OF MALES REPORTED FROM AUTUMN, ALL SUPPORTED WITH WRITTEN DESCRIPTIONS: 1 AT FARMINGTON 11/6-7 (FIDE APN); 1 BANNED ADULT AT CEDAR CREST 10/16 (McK, JDL ET AL.); SINGLES AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 10/26 (LAURA LEFKOFSKY) AND 10/28 (MM); 1 IN PORTALES IN SEPTEMBER (PAUL B. SULLIVAN); AND 1 NEAR RESERVE 10/8 IN THE SAME TREE WHERE ONE WAS SEEN AND PHOTOGRAPHED OCT. 1969 (McK).

AUDUBON'S WARBLER

SUMMERED IN THE SACRAMENTO MTS. (JFC) AND 2 IN THE PINOS ALTOS MTS. 6/30-7/1 (JPH). VERY COMMON AT EMBUDO 10/5-13 (JW); FLOCKS ALONG ROADS IN LOS ALAMOS 9/19-10/10 WITH PEAK ON 10/5 (JRT). COMMON IN S.U.CAÑON NEAR RESERVE WHERE 36 WERE BANNED 10/3-10 (McK). OF THE BANNED BIRDS, 2/3 WERE ADULTS (92% MALES), WHICH IS MUCH HIGHER THAN FOUND AMONG 154 BIRDS BANNED IN THE FALL AT CEDAR CREST 1965-69. CEDAR CREST FIGURES SHOW A THIRD OR LESS (? TO 35%) OF THE BIRDS BANNED IN EARLY AUTUMN HAVE BEEN ADULTS, WITH THE AVERAGE BEING 18% (McK). THE REASON FOR THIS DIFFERENCE IS NOT CLEAR, BUT IT MAY HAVE TO DO WITH THE SOURCE AND MIGRATORY PATHWAY OF THE BIRDS IN THE 2 AREAS.

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER

2 AT NAVAJO LAKE 7/11 (GS) AND NEAR PLEASANTON 7/9 (JPH); SUMMERED IN THE SACRAMENTO MTS. (JFC); SUMMER POPULATION IN S.U.CAÑON NEAR RESERVE SEEMED HIGHER THAN USUAL (McK).

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER

AUTUMN RECORDS INCLUDE 2 IN THE SANDIA MTS. 8/15 (JND), 1 NEAR RESERVE 10/6 (McK), AND 1 AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 10/28 (MM). COMMON IN LOS ALAMOS IN OCTOBER, WITH A LATE ONE ON 11/13 (WBL).

GRACE'S WARBLER

3 IN THE GALLINAS MTS. 6/26 (JPH); SUMMERED IN S.U.CAÑON (McK).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER

AN IMMATURE REPORTED IN JUAN TABO CAÑON, SANDIA MTS., 9/15, VERY WHITE UNDERPARTS AND BRIGHT YELLOW-GREEN UPPERPARTS--NO CHESTNUT ON SIDES (JFC).

OVENBIRD

1 REPORTED AND WELL DESCRIBED AT ALBUQUERQUE 6/10; DETAILS INCLUDE APPEARANCE OF A SMALL THRUSH WITH AN ORANGE CAP, WALKED, AND SANG "TEACHER" SONG AS ON PETERSON RECORD (PT).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH

SINGLES Banded AT CEDAR CREST ON 8/25 AND 9/10 (McK).

MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER

SUMMERED IN THE SACRAMENTO MTS. (JFC) AND 1 AT TWINING 6/22 (JPH).  
LATE MIGRANTS AT SILVER CITY TO 6/11 (DAZ) AND AT HERMANAS ON 6/10 (JPH).

YELLOWTHROAT

NEST FOUND NEAR KIRTLAND (GS); OTHER SUMMER RECORDS IN THE SAN FRANCISCO VALLEY, APACHE CREEK, SAN SIMON CIENAGA, AND LOWER PEÑASCO; ALSO 1 NEAR HACHITA 7/13 (JPH).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT

1 AT 7500' IN THE SANDIA MTS. 7/18 (MEE); THE SPECIES HAS BEEN RECORDED BREEDING AT CEDAR CREST, 6700' IN THE SANDIA MTS., FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS (McK); OTHER SUMMER RECORDS ARE WATROUS 6/12 (WH), ROCKY ARROYO 6/13 AND THE SAN FRANCISCO VALLEY 7/5-7 (JPH).

RED-FACED WARBLER

1 AT BLACK CAÑON NORTH OF ROBERTS LAKE ON 6/28 (JPH); SUMMERED IN S.U. CAÑON (McK).

WILSON'S WARBLER

2 AT TWINING IN DENSE RIPARIAN SHRUBLAND ON 6/22 WERE PROBABLY BREEDING BIRDS; THIS SPECIES HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED AS A BREEDING BIRD IN THE STATE SINCE 1921, BUT IT HAS PROBABLY BEEN OVERLOOKED RATHER THAN ABSENT (JPH). 1 AT NAVAJO LAKE 6/3 (GS) WAS A LATE MIGRANT. LAST IN AUTUMN AT LOS ALAMOS 9/26 (JRT), JEMEZ SPRINGS 10/9 (MBS), SAN RAFAEL 10/7 (AS), ALBUQUERQUE 10/11 (DDL), AND AT DIXON 10/14 (JW).

AMERICAN REDSTART

2 LATE SPRING MIGRANTS WERE NETTED AT HERMANAS 6/9 (JPH). 2 SEEN AND AN IMMATURE FEMALE Banded AT CEDAR CREST 8/24-25 (McK); 1 AT PONDEROSA, JEMEZ MTS., 9/18 (JDL ET AL.).

PAINTED REDSTART

13 NEAR GILA HOT SPRINGS 6/2 (BJH). 1 AT ROBERTS LAKE TO 10/8 (FIDE RAF).

HOUSE SPARROW

PRESENT IN SUMMER AT CLOUDCROFT (JFC).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK

THIS WAS FOUND TO BE THE COMMON MEADOWLARK OF DRY GRASSLANDS OF THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE STATE, WITH SUMMER RECORDS FROM MULE CREEK IN GRANT CO., THE ANIMAS VALLEY, HOPE, HOBBS, AND PORTALES (JPH), NEAR NUTT (DFM), AND AT BITTER LAKE NWR (FIDE JCC); ALSO IN MORE MESIC GRASSLAND AT SAN SIMON CIENAGA AND 1 IN A RIPARIAN FIELD AT PLEASANTON ON 7/8 (JPH).

WESTERN MEADOWLARK

THIS SPECIES WAS FOUND TO REPLACE THE EASTERN MEADOWLARK IN DRY GRASSLANDS TO THE NORTH, E.G., EAGLE NEST, SIERRA GRANDE, CLAYTON, TUCUMCARI, CLOVIS TO GRADY, AND NEAR CORONA. FARTHER SOUTH IT OCCURRED IN MORE MESIC GRASSLAND OR FIELDS, E.G., AT PORTALES IN ALFALFA 6/15 AND NEAR LOVING IN FIELDS AND IN A SALT MARSH 6/13 (JPH). MAXIMUM ELEVATION RECORDED WAS 8500' ON SIERRA GRANDE 6/19-20 (JPH). 3 MIGRANTS WERE NOTED IN PAJARITO ACRES, LOS ALAMOS CO., 10/5 (JRT).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD

FOUND NESTING IN THE SAN JUAN VALLEY AT KIRTLAND, WITH MAXIMUM OF 15 NESTS AND 60 BIRDS RECORDED (GS); FAIRLY COMMON AT TUCUMCARI LAKE 6/16, WHERE FOUND BREEDING IN MAY 1971 (JPH). SEEN AT DIXON 8/2 (JW), AND A LONE FEMALE RECORDED 15 MILES SOUTH OF DATIL NEAR A WINDMILL TANK 9/3 AND 9/6 (McK).

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD

A PENNOMENAL 172 NESTS FOUND IN THE SAN JUAN VALLEY (GS); OTHERS AT SAN SIMON CIENAGA AND NEAR LOVING (JPH). OTHER SUMMER RECORDS AT TUCUMCARI,

NARA VISA, MAXWELL NWR, EAGLE NEST, CLOVIS, AND HOPE 6/12-21 (JPH).

ORCHARD ORIOLE

PAIR SEEN AT RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS, THE FEMALE BUILDING A NEST 6/8 (CAH). UNUSUAL WAS AN ADULT MALE REPORTED NEAR GOLDEN 6/27, WITH DETAILS INCLUDING ALL-BLACK COLORATION EXCEPT FOR DARK, DULL RUSTY CHEST AND RUMP (MEE).

HOODED ORIOLE

SUMMER RECORDS INCLUDE CULBERSON RANCH, NEAR HACHITA, AND HERMANAS 6/8-10 AND 7/13, AND THE SAN FRANCISCO VALLEY 7/1-11 (JPH).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE

7 FEMALE OR IMMATURE BIRDS ON 7/19 AND 19 PLUS 2 MALES ON 8/11 NEAR KIRTLAND (GS); ALSO 1-2 AT PLEASANTON 7/3-11 AND 2 NEAR CARRIZOZO 6/26-27 (JPH).

BULLOCK'S ORIOLE

SUMMER RECORDS IN THE EASTERN PLAINS AT CLAYTON, NARA VISA, NEAR PORTALES, AND MONUMENT (NESTING) 6/14-19; ALSO 1 ON SIERRA GRANDE 6/20, AND 1 AT APACHE CREEK 7/3 (JPH).

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD

NESTS FOUND AT KIRTLAND 6/17 AND NAVAJO DAM 6/2 (GS); OTHER SUMMER RECORDS INCLUDE 6 AT OJO CALIENTE (JPH), 1 AT GOLDEN 6/27 (CAH), FAIRLY COMMON AT EAGLE NEST 6/21, AND 5 AT WALL LAKE 6/27 (JPH). A LATE MIGRANT AT PINOS ALTOS 6/2 (JPH). TRANSIENTS IN LOS ALAMOS 10/10 (JRT).

BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE

SUMMERED AT KIRTLAND (GS), AND SEEN AT TUCUMCARI LAKE 6/16 (JPH), BOTH LOCALITIES AT WHICH BREEDING WAS REPORTED IN MAY. 2 PAIRS PRESENT IN EARLY SUMMER AT THE GLENWOOD FISH HATCHERY AND MAY HAVE BRED (FIDE JPH); A FEMALE SEEN THERE 7/10 (RAF ET AL.). OTHER RECORDS INCLUDE 1 AT VIRDEN 6/6-7, 1 AT MANGAS SPRINGS, GRANT CO. 7/11, 1 AT LORDSBURG 7/13, A LARGE FLOCK AT ALAMOGORDO 7/19, AND 4 CARRYING FOOD AT ARTESIA ON 6/12 (JPH). THE BREEDING COLONY OF PREVIOUS YEARS AT BUCKHORN MARSH WAS NOT PRESENT THIS YEAR AND MAY HAVE MOVED TO GLENWOOD; THE MARSH WAS STILL EXTANT, BUT CATTLE HAD PENETRATED IT TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE AQUATIC GROWTH (JPH). UP TO 70 AT KIRTLAND IN AUTUMN, WHERE LAST SEEN IN MID-OCTOBER (GS).

COMMON GRACKLE

RANGE EXPANSION AND CONSOLIDATION SEEMS TO HAVE CONTINUED OVER THE SUMMER, ALTHOUGH NO RECORDS WERE OBTAINED IN THE SAN JUAN VALLEY WHERE BREEDING WAS REPORTED IN 1970. NESTS OR YOUNG WERE RECORDED AT LAS VEGAS 6/22 (WH), AT DES MOINES 6/19 (JPH), AND AT ROSWELL BY 6/11 (VM); ALSO PRESENT ALL SUMMER AT CLAYTON (AJK) AND PORTALES (AG). OTHER RECORDS INCLUDE LOS ALAMOS IN JUNE-JULY (KYLE MULLIGAN), AT SANTA FE 6/24 (JPH) AND 7/16 AND 7/30 (PRS), MAXWELL NWR 6/20-21 (JPH), TUCUMCARI LAKE 6/16 (JPH), LOS LUNAS 6/9-27, ISLETA 7/4, AND BERNARDO 7/11 (JND); THESE RECORDS WERE OF 1-8 BIRDS. ALSO, SEEN AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 8/8 (JND), AND ALBUQUERQUE 9/2 (DDL).

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD

SUMMERED IN SMALL NUMBERS IN THE SAN JUAN VALLEY, WITH PROBABLE MIGRANTS IN LARGER NUMBERS AFTER 19 JULY; MAXIMUM OF 70 ON 8/2 AT KIRTLAND (GS). EASTERN PLAINS RECORDS NEAR KENTON, CLAYTON, TUCUMCARI, AND PORTALES 6/15-19, ALL IN SMALL NUMBERS; ALSO 10+ AT SIERRA GRANDE 6/20 (JPH).

BRONZED COWBIRD

4 NEAR VIRDEN 6/7 (JPH) AND 1 AT WHITE SIGNAL, GRANT CO., (DAZ) FOR FIRST LOCAL RECORDS.

WESTERN Tanager

SPRING MIGRANTS PERSISTED AT SILVER CITY TO 6/8 (DAZ); ALSO 1-5 AT KIRTLAND 6/11 AND NAVAJO LAKE 6/18 (GS), SAN SIMON CIENAGA 6/7-8, AND CULBERSON RANCH 6/9 (JPH). EARLY AUTUMN MIGRANTS (OR SUMMER VAGRANTS?) WERE

RECORDED NEAR HACHITA 7/13 (JPH), AT ALAMOGORDO 7/19 AND 7/28 (LC), AND AT ALBUQUERQUE (DDL) AND SILVER CITY (DAZ) ON 7/28. LAST AT DIXON ON 9/25 (JW).

#### HEPATIC Tanager

A MALE SEEN AND HEARD ON SIERRA GRANDE 6/20, WHICH REINFORCES THE SUSPICION THAT A RECORD THERE IN AUGUST 1903 OF A SUMMER Tanager ACTUALLY WAS THIS SPECIES (JPH). A FEMALE AT HERMANAS 6/10 WAS A LATE SPRING MIGRANT; IT GAVE THE CHARACTERISTIC "CHUCK" NOTE OF THIS SPECIES (JPH). INDIVIDUALS WERE SEEN IN 3 DIFFERENT CAÑONS IN LOS ALAMOS IN JULY (JRT). A PAIR AT COCHITI CAÑON, SANOVAL CO., 8/2 (CAH), 1 IN THE MAGDALENA MTS. 9/11 (JDL, MCK ET AL.), 1 NEAR RESERVE 10/7 (MCK).

#### SUMMER Tanager

SUMMER RECORDS INCLUDE 2 NEAR LEMITAR 7/10 (CAH), 3 NEAR GLENWOOD 7/6-7, 2 AT SAN SIMON CIENAGA 6/7-8, AND 1 AT ROCKY ARROYO 6/13 (JPH). BRED IN EDDY CO. (CAH).

#### CARDINAL

THIS SPECIES WAS REGULAR BUT UNCOMMON IN THE GLENWOOD AREA, WITH THE NORTHERMOST RECORD A MALE 7/7 ON THE SAN FRANCISCO RIVER AT THE US 180 BRIDGE (JPH).

#### PYRRHULOXIA

A PAIR WAS SEEN NEAR HACHITA 6/9 AND A MALE ON 7/13 FOR THE ONLY RECORDS DURING THE SUMMER IN THE SOUTHWEST (JPH). ALSO FAIRLY COMMON IN ROCKY ARROYO 6/12-13, 2 AT JAL 6/13, AND 3 SEEN 25 MILES WEST OF HOBBS, ALL IN FAIRLY DENSE MESQUITE GROWTH (JPH). 1 NEAR SILVER CITY 11/21-24 (RR).

#### ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK

LATE SPRING MIGRANTS OR SUMMER VAGRANTS WERE SINGLE MALES AT CEDAR CREST 6/30 (MCK), SANDIA KNOLLS 6/10 (RUTH LUHRS), AND IN GUADALUPE CAÑON 6/29-7/4 (TOM MARGOLIS ET AL.).

#### BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK

NEST FOUND NEAR PORTALES 6/15; ALSO SINGLE BIRDS SEEN AT CULBERSON RANCH, NEAR HACHITA, AND AT HERMANAS 6/9-10, AND AT HACHITA 7/13 (JPH). LAST AT DIXON 9/29 (JW).

#### BLUE GROSBEAK

SUMMER RECORDS IN THE EASTERN PLAINS INCLUDE KENTON AREA, CLAYTON, LOGAN, MAXWELL NWR, WHEATLAND, AND PORTALES 6/15-21, NUMBERS 1-3 PER LOCALITY (JPH). 40 SEEN IN A FLOCK NEAR EVANS LAKE 6/6 (RAF ET AL.), AND 2 AT APACHE CREEK 7/3 (JPH). LAST AT DIXON 9/29 (JW).

#### INDIGO BUNTING

AN ESTIMATED 40 AT FARMINGTON 7/27 INCLUDING A MALE COLLECTED (GS); ALSO SINGLES AT DIXON 6/19 (JW), PLEASANTON 7/8 (JPH), AND 2 AT ROCKY ARROYO 6/13 (JPH). PRESENT IN SUMMER IN THE SACRAMENTO MTS. (JFC).

#### LAZULI BUNTING

FALL MIGRANTS INCLUDE 8 NEAR LUNA 9/4 (RAF), 12 15 MILES SOUTH OF DATIL AROUND A WINDMILL TANK 9/3 AND 9/6, AND 15-20 AT APACHE CREEK 9/6 (MCK); 1 BANDED NEAR RESERVE 10/8 (MCK).

#### VARIED BUNTING

A MALE AT CARLSBAD CAVERNS N.P. 6/10 (VM).

#### PAINTED BUNTING

6 AT ROCKY ARROYO 6/13 (JPH).

#### EVENING GROSBEAK

PRESENT IN SUMMER IN THE SACRAMENTO MTS. (JFC); 25 AT TAOS IN AUGUST (DIXIE GILLETTE).

#### HOUSE FINCH

2 AT TUGUMCARI LAKE 6/16 WAS THE ONLY EASTERN PLAINS RECORD SOUTH OF CLAY-



TOM AND EAST OF PECOS VALLEY (JPH).

CASSIN'S FINCH

1-5 AT JEMEZ SPRINGS 8/16-9/28 (MBS).

BROWN-CAPPED ROSY FINCH

4+ WERE SEEN ON WHEELER PEAK NEAR TWINING ON 6/27 (WH); THIS IS ONLY THE 3RD SUMMER RECORD FOR THE STATE.

PINE SISKIN

SUMMERED IN THE SACRAMENTO MTS. (JFC) AND 10+ ON SIERRA GRANDE 6/20 (JPH). BRED IN RIO ARRIBA Co. (RR).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH

11 MALES AT NAVAJO LAKE 7/11 AND 2 ON 7/13, PLUS 1 AT KIRTLAND 8/6 (GS); THESE RECORDS SUGGEST THAT THIS SPECIES MAY BREED IN THE SAN JUAN VALLEY (THERE IS STILL NO BREEDING RECORD FOR THE STATE). FIRST AT DIXON IN AUTUMN ON 9/25 (JW); 3 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 11/24 (JCC).

LESSER GOLDFINCH

1-2 AT NAVAJO LAKE ON SEVERAL DATES 6/2-8/16 (GS); SUMMERED AT GRANTS, WITH LAST IN AREA 9/21 (AS). ALSO 2 ON SIERRA GRANDE 6/19-20, 1 AT MAXWELL NWR 6/20-21, 4 AT APACHE CREEK 7/3, AND 2 AT HERMANAS 6/9-10 (JPH). AT DIXON TO 9/26 (JW); LAST SEEN IN LOS ALAMOS 10/3 (JRT).

RED CROSSBILL

PAIR WITH JUVENILES ON SANDIA CREST 9/26 (JDL ET AL.); ALSO, 2 IN THE JEMEZ MTS. 7/18 (PRS) AND 2 NEAR TWINING 6/22 (JPH).

GREEN TAILED TOWHEE

SUMMERED IN THE SACRAMENTO MTS. (JFC); 10+ ON SIERRA GRANDE 6/20 IN SHRUBBY GRASSLAND AT 7500-8500' (JPH). AT DIXON TO 10/4 (JW); LAST IN LOS ALAMOS 10/9 (JRT).

RUFOUS-SIDED TOWHEE

10+ AT SIERRA GRANDE 6/19-20, 1 AT PLEASANTON 7/1-11, AND 6 AT HERMANAS 6/9-10 (JPH); FINDING THIS SPECIES AT HERMANAS IN MESQUITE THICKETS IS A SURPRISE AND IT REMAINS TO BE ESTABLISHED WHETHER THESE WERE MIGRANTS OR BREEDING BIRDS. SINGLES AT ALBUQUERQUE 8/31 (DDL) AND BITTER LAKE NWR 11/24 (LGK).

BROWN TOWHEE

BRED IN THE SAN JUAN VALLEY (GS); 2 YOUNG IN A NEST, LOS ALAMOS, 6/1 (JRT). ALSO 2 NEAR KENTON 6/18, 1 AT APACHE CREEK 7/3, AND 1 AT BLACK CAÑON NORTH OF ROBERTS LAKE 6/27-28 (JPH).

LARK BUNTING

NONE WERE SEEN IN JUNE IN THE EASTERN PLAINS (JPH), THE EARLIEST BEING AT LAS VEGAS 7/25 (WH); PRESUMED NOT TO HAVE BRED IN THE PLAINS BECAUSE OF EXTREME DRYNESS (JPH). UP TO 25 AT KIRTLAND 8/11-15, MAINLY IN FEMALE PLUMAGE (GS); 2 NEAR FARMINGTON 9/6 (APN). SMALL FLOCK AT BERNARDO 9/10 (JDL ET AL.).

SAVANNAH SPARROW

10+ AT MAXWELL AND 6+ AT EAGLE NEST 6/21 (JPH); OBSERVERS SHOULD BE ALERT FOR SUMMERING BIRDS OF THIS SPECIES IN GRASSY AREAS NEAR WATER, PARTICULARLY IN THE CENTRAL-NORTHERN REGION.

VESPER SPARROW

FAIRLY COMMON ON SIERRA GRANDE 6/20-21, UP TO 8500'; ALSO 10+ AT MAXWELL NWR 6/20-21 AND 1 AT EAGLE NEST 6/21 (JPH). 2 IN LOS ALAMOS 9/26 (JRT).

LARK SPARROW

SUMMER RECORDS IN THE EASTERN PLAINS AND SOUTHERN LOWLANDS INCLUDE THE KENTON AREA, CLAYTON, SIERRA GRANDE, MAXWELL NWR, NARA VISA, SAN JON, GRADY, PORTALES, AND MONUMENT 6/15-21, AND CULBERSON RANCH 6/8-9, MAINLY WITH NUMBERS OF 1-4 (JPH).

RUFOUS-CROWNED SPARROW

1-2 NEAR KENTON AND CLAYTON 6/18-19, 3 NEAR CARRIZOZO 6/26-27 (JPH), 2 10 MILES SOUTH OF WAGON MOUND, MORA Co., 6/30 (JRT), 2 AT MOGOLLON 7/6 AND FAIRLY COMMON IN THE VICINITY OF THE SAN FRANCISCO VALLEY NEAR GLENWOOD 6/4 AND 7/1-11 (JPH).

CASSIN'S SPARROW

SUMMER RECORDS FROM THE EASTERN PLAINS AREA INCLUDE BITTER LAKE NWR (FIDE JCC), AND IN THE PERIOD 6/13-21 AT JAL, NEAR HOBBS, PORTALES, NARA VISA TO CLAYTON, KENTON AREA, AND AT MAXWELL NWR, WITH NUMBERS 1-15 PER LOCALITY; MOST BIRDS WERE IN SHRUBBY GRASSLAND, BUT THOSE AT MAXWELL FREQUENTED ALFALFA FIELDS. ONLY 1 IN SOUTHWEST NEAR HACHITA 7/13; ALSO NEAR ROCKY ARROYO 6/13 (JPH).

BLACK-THROATED SPARROW

SUMMERED IN MODERATE NUMBERS IN THE SAN JUAN VALLEY AND VICINITY INHABITING ESPECIALLY SAGEBRUSH SHRUBLAND (GS). OTHER SUMMER RECORDS OF 1-2 NEAR KENTON AND 25 MILES WEST OF HOBBS 6/15-18 (JPH), AT EMBUDO (JW), 1 NEAR CARRIZOZO 6/27, AND 2-4 IN THE PLEASANTON AREA 7/2-11 (JPH).

SAGE SPARROW

UP TO 5 IN THE NAVAJO LAKE AREA 6/2-7/26, 2 NEAR BLOOMFIELD 6/9, AND 15 NEAR KIRTLAND 8/15 (GS); 34 COUNTED DURING CENSUS SOUTH OF NAGEESI, SAN JUAN Co., 6/23 (JRT).

OREGON JUNCO

FIRST AUTUMN MIGRANTS AT DIXON 9/9 (JW), PAJARITO ACRES, LOS ALAMOS Co., 10/1 (JRT), FARMINGTON 10/3 (APN), ALBUQUERQUE 10/9 (DDL), PINOS ALTOS 10/14 (DD), AND BAYARD 10/23 (RAF).

GRAY-HEADED JUNCO

FIRST AUTUMN MIGRANTS AT DIXON 9/9 (JW), PAJARITO ACRES, LOS ALAMOS Co., 10/2 (JRT), ALBUQUERQUE 10/11 (MEE), AND BAYARD 10/25 (RAF).

CHIPPING SPARROW

UP TO 14 IN THE NAVAJO LAKE AREA 6/2-7/27 WITH 4 NEAR KIRTLAND 6/26 (GS); FAIRLY COMMON ON SIERRA GRANDE 6/20, AND 1 AT APACHE CREEK 7/3 (JPH). LAST OF SUMMER AT JEMEZ SPRINGS 9/13 (MBS); LATEST AUTUMN MIGRANT AT DIXON 10/10 (JW), ALBUQUERQUE 10/19 (DDL), LOS ALAMOS 10/24 (JRT).

BREWER'S SPARROW

1 NEAR TRES PIEDRAS 6/22 (JPH).

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW

SUMMERED IN THE SACRAMENTO MTS. (JFC); 2 NEAR PLEASANTON 7/9 (JPH); IN JUAN TABO, SANDIA MTS., JUNE-AUG., BUT NO BREEDING FOUND (LYLE BERGER).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW

LATE SPRING MIGRANTS WERE SINGLES AT GILA HOT SPRINGS 6/2 (BJH) AND AT GLENWOOD (ORIANTHA) 6/5 (JPH). 3 IN SHRUBBY TUNDRA NEAR TWINING 6/22 (JPH). FIRST AUTUMN MIGRANT AT CEDAR CREST WAS AN IMMATURE ON 8/12 WHICH IS QUITE EARLY (McK); OTHER ARRIVALS WERE AT DIXON 9/16 (JW), JEMEZ SPRINGS 9/17 (MBS), FARMINGTON 9/22 (APN), EVANS LAKE 9/25 (RAF), LAS VEGAS 10/3 (WH), ALBUQUERQUE 10/14-15 (MEE, DDL); FALL MIGRANTS WERE IN PAJARITO ACRES, LOS ALAMOS Co., FROM 9/19 THROUGH 10/24 (JRT).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW

6 REPORTED AT RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS 11/28 (FIDE FW); SINGLES AT DIXON 10/14 (JW) AND BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 11/13 (RR).

FOX SPARROW

1 REPORTED AT RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS 11/28 (FW).

LINCOLN'S SPARROW

6 NEAR TWINING 6/22 (JPH); 1 BANDED LOS ALAMOS 10/3 (JRT).

SWAMP SPARROW

4 REPORTED AT RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS 11/28 (FIDE FW).