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LOCALITIES--counties in this issue:

Abiquiu Lake--Rio Arriba	Las Vegas--San Miguel
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Alameda--Bernalillo	Lordsburg--Hidalgo
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Alamo Hueco Mts.--Hidalgo	Los Alamos--Los Alamos
Albuquerque--Bernalillo	Mangas Springs--Grant
Apache Creek--Catron	McAllister Lake--San Miguel
Bayard--Grant	Melrose--Curry
Bell Lake--Lea	Mogollon--Catron
Big Hatchet Mts.--Hidalgo	Morgan Lake--San Juan
Bitter Lakes NWR--Chaves	Navajo Lake--San Juan
Boone's Draw--Roosevelt	Nutria Lake--McKinley
Bosque del Apache NWR--Socorro	Nutt--Luna
Caballo Lake--Sierra	Orogrande--Otero
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Cochiti Lake--Sandoval	Peloncillo Mts.--Hidalgo
Columbus--Luna	Percha Dam SP--Sierra
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Cottonwood Gulch--Valencia	Pleasanton--Catron
Delaware River (count)--Eddy	Portales--Roosevelt
Deming--Luna	Ragland--Quay
Elephant Butte Lake--Sierra	Rattlesnake Springs--Eddy
El Horro--Valencia	Redrock--Grant
Evans Lake--Grant	Rodeo--Hidalgo
Farmington--San Juan	Roswell--Chaves
Glenwood Cliff Dwellings--Catron	Ruidoso--Lincoln
Grants--Valencia	San Antonio--Socorro
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Harroun Lake--Eddy	San Simon Cienaga--Hidalgo
Heron Lake--Rio Arriba	Santa Fe--Santa Fe
Hobbs--Lea	Santo Domingo Pueblo--Sandoval
Jemez Mts.--Sandoval	Silver City--Grant
Kirtland--San Juan	Tesuque--Santa Fe
Laguna Grande--Eddy	Thoreau--McKinley
Lake Avalon--Eddy	Tularosa--Lincoln
Lake McMillan--Eddy	Tyrone--Grant
La Luz--Otero	Whites City--Eddy
Las Cruces--Dona Ana	Williamsburg--Sierra
	Willow Lake--Eddy

FROM THE EDITORS:

The winter of 1978-79 saw a continuation of the autumnal invasion of lower altitudes/latitudes by Merlins, jays and allies, Hairy Woodpeckers, Mountain Chickadees, Mountain Bluebirds, and other species. In addition, the Cattle Egret influx of the autumn yielded higher than usual numbers of birds persisting in the lower parts of the Rio Grande and Pecos valleys--to be renewed by spring migrants in the west and south. Other southerly or "warm weather" species also persisted into winter in greater than normal numbers, including White Pelican, White-winged Dove, Burrowing Owl, House Wren, Mockingbird, Eastern Meadowlark, and Lesser Goldfinch. Bald Eagle numbers were similar to those of 1977-78, at least in terms of maxima, while the Whooping Crane flock reached 8 birds--including one in northwestern Chihuahua (Janos area). Swallows returned rather early, including several species in late February. The Bohemian Waxwing showed up at Farmington for the first time since 1973, and a vagrant reached Silver City! Other notable winter vagrants included Oldsquaw at Alamogordo, probable Rufous Hummingbird at Las Cruces, and a Golden-crowned Sparrow at Santa Fe.

Spring heralded a surge in birding activity, with the southeast being especially visited--including a notable job being done by Hart Schwarz at Hobbs. Many unusual birds surfaced during the period, including photographically verified Golden Plover and Short-billed Marsh Wren at Bitter Lake N.W.R.--thanks to the Huntingtons. They also photographed an immature bird thought to be a Red-shouldered Hawk at Rattlesnake Springs, while another rarely-reported form, the Harlan race of the Redtail, was captured near Cochiti Lake, for the first verified (photographs) state record since the 1850's. Two species were reported for the state for the first time, these being Lucifer Hummingbird at Williamsburg and Black Rail near Loving. Other notable "rarities" reported included Louisiana Heron, Gray Hawk, Broad-billed Hummingbird, Wood thrush, White-eyed Vireo, and Magnolia, Hermit, Bay-breasted, and Canada warblers in the southeast, Gray Hawk, Aplomado Falcon, and Northern Shrike in the southwest, and Blackpoll Warbler and Scarlet Tanager in the northwest--plus several less satisfactory records. More basic data gathered on the state's birdlife showed expansion in range or numbers in Olivaceous Cormorants (southwest), Mississippi Kites (southeast), White-winged Doves (southeast and southwest), and possibly in Common Grackles (southeast in winter/migration, northwest in spring). Several species of herons were discovered breeding near Loving, where nestling Snowy Egrets and Black-crowned Night Herons were banded in May.

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br/rec--breeding record
con/rec--continuity record
sp/rec--spring record
uns/rec--unusual record
win/rec--winter record

COMMON LOON: con/rec-1 at Morgan Lake until 4/13 (AN).

HORNED GREBE: win/rec-1 at Bosque del Apache NWR from 12/1 (WS) through 3/25 (DH).

EARED GREBE: con/rec-3 at Hobbs 5/25 (HS).

LEAST GREBE: uns/rec-a bird thought to be this species reported at San Simon Cienaga 12/2 and probably 11/29 (RM, W. Spofford); details include dark coloration and very small size.

WESTERN GREBE: con/rec-2 at Hollomon Lake 4/1 (Ballhorns); 1 at Loving 12/17 (SW) was the only recorded in the period in the lower Pecos Valley.

WHITE PELICAN: win/rec-80 at Elephant Butte L. 1/1 (DM) and 1 at Lake McMillan 12/23 (JC+) were somewhat unusual.

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: con/rec-1 at Alameda 3/4 (JP), 4 at Abiquiu Lake and 5 at Heron Lake 4/24 (JH), and 6 at Evans L. 2/6 (JE).

OLIVACEOUS CORMORANT: uns/rec-an im. at Glenwood 2/8 (RSk) and 3/19 (JH) were the first for the county, with details supporting the records. con/rec-2-6 at Bosque del Apache NWR 2/18 (JD) to 4/20 (WS) and 1-2 at Evans L. 2/1 (JH) to 5/12 (RF).

GREEN HERON: con-rec-1 at Alameda 4/24 and 5/15 (JP), 1 at Glenwood 12/30 (JH), and 1 at Alamogordo 5/22 (LM+).

LITTLE BLUE HERON: con/rec-2 im. at Bitter Lake NWR 5/5 (SW+) and 1 near Laguna Grande 5/28 (SW+).

CATTLE EGRET: win/rec-2 at Bosque NWR 12/1 (WS), 2 at Las Cruces 12/16 (TM+), and at least 12 in the Carlsbad area in Dec.--with 1 dead at Loving 1/4 (SW+); sp/rec-6 near Grants 4/24 (KS), 1 at Silver City (S. Williams), 2-3 in the Alamogordo area 3/27 to 4/15 (LM+), and 2 near Loving 5/16 (SW).

GREAT EGRET: con/rec-1 at Loving 12/17 (SW+).

SNOWY EGRET: br/rec-nesting in spring near Loving, with 3 young banded 5/28 (SW+).

LOUISIANA HERON: uns/rec-an ad. reported and detailed near Loving 5/28 (SW+).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: con/rec-2 im. at Alameda 1/12--with up to 6 there 3/27 and later (JP), 2 at Redrock 2/21 (RF) and 1 5/5 (B&KZ), 3 at San Simon Cienaga 4/22 (RM), 1 at Alamogordo 4/1 and 3 on 5/22

(LM+), and present at Hobbs 4/28-5/27 (HS). br/rec-nesting near Loving in spring, with 116 young banded there 5/28 (SW+).

AMERICAN BITTERN: con/rec-Singles at Harroun L. 4/17 and Rattlesnake Springs 4/27 (SW).

WHISTLING SWAN: con/rec-1 at Navajo L. 12/78-2/79 (fide AN).

CANADA GOOSE: win/rec-3 Sandia Mts. 12/16 (RT), 59-100 at San Simon Cienaga 12/15 (RM), and 6 near Tularosa 12/16 (LM).

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE: uns/rec-1 reported at L. McMillan 5/12 (RW), but the details leave some question about the record; also 1 at San Simon Cienaga 2/15 (RM).

SNOW GOOSE: win/rec-2-6 at San Simon Cienaga 12/15-1/2 (RM); uns/rec-4 at Bitter Lakes NWR 4/26 (RW) and 1 at Bosque NWR 5/5 (JD) were late.

ROSS GOOSE: con/rec-1 at Columbus 2/20 (L&RW).

MEXICAN DUCK: con/rec-3 reported at Alamogordo 5/22 (LM+).

BLACK DUCK: uns/rec-a male reported at Bitter L. NWR 12/31 (RW), the submitted details leave considerable doubt about this record, particularly as the speculum was not seen. This species has not been verified in N.M.

BLUE-WINGED TEAL: uns/rec-1 reported at Alamogordo 1/14 (Jennis); rare in N.M. in winter, especially away from the Rio Grande and Pecos Valley.

CINNAMON TEAL: win/rec-7 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/30 (CH+) and 3 at San Simon Cienaga 1/22 (RM).

COMMON GOLDENEYE: win/rec-15 on Delaware River count 12/16 (SW+).

OLDSQUAW: uns/rec-a female at Alamogordo--detailed and supposedly photographed--12/16 to 4/7 (LM+); first record for Otero Co. and sixth for N.M.

HOODED MERGANSER: uns/rec-12 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/30 (CH+) was a high number for the state.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: con/rec-5 at Willow Lake 2/10 (AR,SW) and 9 at Bitter Lake NWR 4/1 (D&SH).

TURKEY VULTURE: sp/rec-very early was a report on 3/3 at Farmington (AN).

MISSISSIPPI KITE: con/rec-first of spring on 4/14 at Rattlesnake Springs, with other birds at Loving, Harroun L., Bell L. (SW+), and Hobbs--the last including a pair at a nest 5/23 (HS).

GOSHAWK: win/rec-singles at Bosque del Apache NWR (CH+) and Glenwood (JH+) 12/30.

HARLAN (Red-tailed) HAWK: uns/rec-1 captured near Cochiti L. 1/18 (J. L. Rosetta) was rehabilitated, photographed, and released at Tesuque 2/18 (JH, P. Shultz)--for the second documented N.M. record; also 1 reported without details at Bosque NWR 12/30 (CH+).

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK. uns/rec-an im. Buteo thought to be this species was photographed at Rattlesnake Springs 5/6 (D&SH), but the photos--which do not appear to be definitive--are still under review. The species is unverified in N.M.

BROAD-WINGED HAWK-uns/rec-single birds thought to be this species were reported near Hobbs 5/6 and 5/13 (HS) and near Glenwood 5/13 (RSk) for first county records.

ZONE-TAILED HAWK: uns/rec-con/rec-singles in the southwestern Jemez Mts. on 4/18 (KG) and 5/5 (JH) and near Ruidoso 5/21 (EG).

GRAY HAWK: uns/rec-single adults reported near Las Cruces 3/31 (J. Bednarz) and most unusually 28 mi. e. of Roswell on US 380 4/22 (DL+); both reports are supported by details suggesting the records are valid. This hawk is very rare in N.M.

HARRIS HAWK: con/rec-1 at Roswell 12/16 (EP+).

BLACK HAWK: uns/rec-singles reported and detailed at Alameda 4/13 (JP) and Isleta 3/30 (JD); rare in the Rio Grande Valley.

BALD EAGLE: win/rec-analysis of data from the winter of 1978-79 indicates a maximum of 273 birds in the state at any one time, versus 277 (recalculated) in 1977-78. About 91% of the birds were in the San Juan, Chama, Rio Grande (south of Caballo L.), Canadian, Pecos (south to Ft. Sumner), San Francisco, and Gila drainage (JH+). Notable records include 2 ad. at Apache Creek 3/24 (JH+), 2 ad., 1 im. near Cliff 3/23 (JH+), an ad. in the Guadalupe Mts. in Dec. (W. Weatherspoon), and an ad. near Hobbs in Jan. (C. Hennington)--the latter got trapped in an oil pit and was later rehabilitated and released at L. McMillan.

OSPREY: win/rec-2 at Las Cruces 12/16 (TM+).

APLOMADO FALCON: uns/rec-an im. was reported and fairly well-detailed near Rodeo 12/28 (TM+); this is one of the few recent records for this rare falcon in New Mexico.

MERLIN: con/rec-mainly singles in Dec.-Feb. at Farmington, Albuquerque area, and Bosque NWR, with notable records at Percha Dam State Park 1/1 (DM), Las Cruces 12/30 (TM+) and Alamogordo 4/6 (LM). May records were submitted for Farmington and Alameda, but the details are not convincing.

BOBWHITE: uns/rec-2 at Bitter L. NWR 5/5 (D&SH) were located first.

MONTEZUMA QUAIL: con/rec-6 at Glenwood 12/30 (JH+) and 13 near Rodeo in the Peloncillo Mts. 12/31 (RS+).

CHUKAR: uns/rec-1 at Roswell on 12/16 (EP+) was probably an escaped or released bird, as no established population is known there.

WILD TURKEY: con/rec-11 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/30 (CH+).

WHOOPIING CRANE: con/rec-up to 8 individuals were present during the winter in the Rio Grande Valley (R. Drewien+).

SANDHILL CRANE: con/rec-7 at Las Vegas 12/17 (JG,WH); 41 near Cliff 1/14 (RF), 250 near Lordsburg 2/19 (S. Spofford), estimated 3000 at Columbus 2/10 (RF), and 153 at Carlsbad Caverns N.P. 1/1 (RW+).

BLACK RAIL: uns/rec-a single bird identified as this species was glimpsed briefly at Harroun Lake on 4/17 RW,SW; details include small size, flight short and weak, all dark plumage with white spots on back, black bill. This is the first report from NM.

COMMON GALLINULE: con/rec-1 at Bosque NWR 12/30 (CH+) and 3 at Las Cruces 12/16 (TM+).

SNOWY PLOVER: uns/rec-6 at Bosque del Apache NWR 5/5 (B&KZ) were the first reported there in several years (B&KZ).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER: spr/rec-first at Santo Domingo Pueblo was 1 on 4/6--with 3 on 4/20 (JH).

AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER: uns/rec-2 at Bitter Lakes NWR 4/21 (D&SH) were photographed for the first documentation for New Mexico; also 2 at Bosque NWR 4/21 (RT).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER: con/rec-1 at Loviag 12/17 (SW+) was the only winter report; 8+ at Hobbs 4/16-5/25 (HS).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS: con/rec-8 at Loving 12/17 (SW+) was the only winter report.

WILLET: sp/rec-30 at Laguna Grande 3/26 (SW).

DUNLIN: con/rec-at least 4 at Bosque del Apache NWR 1/13 and 1 at Bitter L. NWR 4/21 (D&SH), and 5 at Laguna Grande 4/16 (SW).

BAIRD SANDPIPER: sp/rec-reported in moderate numbers in the east, plus 2 at Alamogordo on 4/22 and 1 on 5/22 (LM+).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: uns/rec-5 birds photographed and described at Bitter L. NWR 5/5 (D&SH), plus 6 reported without details at Holloman L. 4/22 (Ballhorns). While difficult to separate externally from the Western Sandpiper, this species is probably a regular spring migrant through eastern N.M., and at least the May record above is probably valid.

SANDERLING: sp/rec-2 at Morgan Lake 4/18 (A. & G. Williams), 2 at Bitter Lakes 5/4-5 (D&SH), and 2 at Bell L. 4/16.

MARBLED GODWIT: sp/rec-most notable were 9 at Nutria Lakes 4/26 (AM) and 34 at Tyrone 4/26 (RF).

NORTHERN PHALAROPE: sp/rec-1 at San Simon Cienaga 4/12 (RM).

PHALAROPE SP.: uns/rec-an out-of season bird, probably either a Northern or Red, was present at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/2; details include "bill shorter than Wilson's Phalarope. Black patch extended from eye to back of head" (WS).

HERRING GULL: uns/rec-2 at Las Cruces 12/16 (TM+).

RING-BILLED GULL: uns/rec-2 at Rattlesnake Springs 12/14 and 1/1 (RW+) were first records for Carlshad Caverns N.P.

COMMON TERN: sp/rec-reported at Bitter Lakes NWR 5/5 (D&SH) and 2 at Lake McMillan 5/2 (RW); details provide but not overwhelmingly convincing in terms of accuracy of identification.

FORSTER TERN: con/rec-up to 15 at Hobbs 4/28 and 5/6 (HS).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE: win/rec-27 at Las Cruces, where expected, 12/16 (TM+); rather unusual was 1 at Williamsburg 2/14 (DM) and birds at Alamogordo 11/7 and 12/22 (Reeves)--with 3 completed nests at the latter place 4/22 (G. Smith). uns/rec-1 at Glenwood

4/27 (B&DMc) was one of the few specific records in the areas, while also somewhat unusual was 1 at Silver City in May (DZ).

GROUND DOVE: sp/rec-1 at Redrock 5/5 (B&KZ) and 2 at Carlsbad 5/6 (SW); rarely recorded in either place.

INCA DOVE: uns/rec-1 at Rattlesnake Springs 5/2 (SW) was the first for Carlsbad Caverns N.P.

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: sp/rec-singles at Alameda 5/23 (RT) and Rattlesnake Springs 5/20 (SW+).

GROVE-BILLED AM: uns/rec-singles at Guadalupe C. 12/5 (C. Cadieux), Bitter L. NWR 5/23-24 (EHG), and Bell L. 5/11 (V.L. Grover); rare in N.M.

BARN OWL: br/rec-nesting near Loving 5/5--4 eggs 5/16 (SW).

BURROWING OWL: win/rec-small nos. in Dec. at Roswell (EP+), near Rodeo (RS+), Las Cruces (TM+), and Loving (SW+).

SHORT-EARED OWL: sp/rec--one near Farmington 4/3 (A. & G. Williams).

SAW-WHET OWL: win/rec-one at Silver City 2/26 (DZ+).

POOR-WILL: uns/rec-3 reported at Carlsbad Caverns NP 2/19 (RW) provided one of the few winter records for N.M.

LESSER NIGHTHAWK: sp/rec-1 reported without details at Alamogordo 3/11 (Hudsons) was very early.

BLACK SWIFT: uns/rec-1 at Albuquerque in late May (JD) was the second local record.

CHAETURA sp.: uns/rec-A single bird (reported as a Chimney Swift) over Alameda 5/27 (SW).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT: win/rec-35 at Glenwood 2/27 (B&DM), 7 at San Simon Cienega 1/22 (RM), 6+ near Alamo Hueco Mts. 1/20 (BH), and many in the Rattlesnake Springs area 1/12-14 (RW).

LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD: uns/rec-a male was reported frequenting a feeder in Williamsburg 4/25-26 (DM); details include black, decurved bill, rusty sides, purple gorget, green crown and back, tail pointed. This is the first report from NM.

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD: con/rec-present at Hobbs daily from 4/7 (HS).

ANNA HUMMINGBIRD: con/rec-a male at Mogollon 5/27 (B&DMc) and a female at Silver City Dec. to 1/12 (DZ).

BLUE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: uns/rec-2 reported without details at Cloudcroft 5/20 (Carroll); also see Rivoli Hummingbird about an earlier report.

RIVOLI HUMMINGBIRD: uns/rec-2 males at Mogollon on 5/27 at the home of N. English; the latter said that these birds were the same as that originally reported as Blue-throated Hummingbird in July 1978 (B&DMc).

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BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD: uns/rec-a male was reported and ~~detached~~ at Rattlesnake Springs 5/13 (SW); this provided the first record for the southeast.

COPPERY-TAILED TROGON: uns/rec-a male was reported without details in the Big Hatchet Mts. 4/26 (Paul Hansen+).

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD: uns/rec-an im. male was reported and detailed at Las Cruces on 12/16 (TM+).

COMMON (YELLOW-SHAFTED) FLICKER: con/rec-single at Bayard 12/30 and Redrock 5/5 (RF+).

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER: uns/rec-a female was present at Rattlesnake Spring in Dec. and until at least 1/28 (RW); this was probably the same bird present there in 10/78. This species is still unverified for New Mexico.

GILA WOODPECKER: uns/rec-singles at Pleasanton 12/29, (JH) and near Rodeo in the Peloncillo Mountains 12/31 (RS+); this species is normally restricted to Guadalupe Canyon and the Gila Valley in N.M.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: con/rec-1 at Hobbs 5/16 (HS).

ACORN WOODPECKER: con/rec-4 at Aguirre Springs on 2/25 (KZ).

LEWIS WOODPECKER: con/rec-somewhat peripheral were several at Farmington during the spring (AN) and 2 at Glenwood 5/5-13 (B&DM).

WILLIAMSON SAPSUCKER: win/rec-a male in Farmington 2/13 (M. Barrett) and 1 in the Sandia Mountains 12/16 (RT).

HAIRY WOODPECKER: uns/rec-2 reported at Roswell 12/16 (EP+), 1 at San Simon Cienega 12/2-3/17 (RM), and 1 at L. McMillan 2/11 (AR,SW); somewhat unusual were singles near Rodeo 12/13 (RS+) and at Aguirre Spring; Organ Mts. 2/25 (KZ).

DOWNY WOODPECKER: uns/rec-1 reported without details from Alamogordo 12/16 (Haenke, Romreil); also 1 near Thoreau 12/17 (AM+).

NORTHERN THREE-TOED WOODPECKER: uns/rec-a female reported near Silver City 1/31 (M. Moseley).

WESTERN KINGBIRD: spr/rec-very early reports were Leasburg State Park 4/5 (DM) and Alamogordo 4/7 (OCBC).

CASSIN KINGBIRD: con/rec-1 at Hobbs 5/3 (HS).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: uns/rec-1 reported without details near Silver City in mid-Nov. (V. Moitoret).

EASTERN PHOEBE: win/rec-1 at Bosque del Apache 1/27 (D&SH).

BLACK PHOEBE-uns/rec-1 at Cochiti L. 1/25 (KG, N. Dodd) was north of the normal winter range. con/rec-1 Alameda 4/10 (JP).

EMPIDONAX sp.: win/rec.-1 of the Dusky/Hammond's type at Glenwood 12/30 (JH+) and at San Simon Cienega 11/29 and 12/2 (RM).

OLIVE-DIDED FLYCATCHER: con/rec-observed in Hobbs 4/24-5/28 (HS).

VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW: sp/rec-very early were reports at Percha Dam and Caballo L. 2/26 (DM) and Rattlesnake Springs 2/24 (HS). uns/rec-8 at Caballo L. 1/19 (DM) were fairly well-described but almost unbelievable.

ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: sp/rec-very early were reports at Rattlesnake Springs 2/24 (HS) and Percha Dam State Park 2/26 (DM).

CLIFF SWALLOW: sp/rec-very early was a report at Rattlesnake Springs 2/24 (HS).

CAVE SWALLOW: sp/rec-reported at Carlsbad Caverns 2/19, which was two weeks earlier than in 1978; earliest ever was 2/9/73 (RW).

BLUE JAY: con/rec-singles at Farmington 12/30 through Feb. (AN+), Espanola 12/30 (BL+), Santa Fe 11/4 through late Jan. (M. Earney), Philmont Scout Camp 4/29 (KG), and Bitter L. NWR 5/5-6 (DH+); also present at Hobbs until 5/23 and perhaps nesting (HS).

STELLER JAY: uns/rec-the autumn invasion persisted through winter into spring, with peripheral places and/or dates including Glenwood to second week of

Apr. (B&DHc), 1 near Cliff 5/5 (RF+), Las Cruces 12/16 (TM+), Aguirre Springs 2/25 (KZ), Orograde (LM), and 1 Carlsbad Caverns NP 1/1 (RW+).

SCRUB JAY: uns/rec-the autumn invasion persisted through winter into spring, with peripheral places and/or dates including Farmington to mid-May (AN+), Alameda to late Apr. (JP), 2 at Ragland 2/20 (JH), 37 at Las Cruces 12/16 (TM+), 2 at Roswell 11/16 (EP+), 1 at Hobbs 12/21 and through Mar. (HS), 1-2 San Simon Cienaga 12/2-28 (RM), 9 at Loving 12/17, 11 on the Delaware River count 12/16, and 1 at Otis 4/18 (SW+).

MEXICAN JAY: win/rec-6 at Bayard through period (RF).

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE: uns/rec-1 in the Sandia Mountains 12/16 (RT+) was south of the normal range.

COMMON RAVEN: con/rec-8 near Ragland 2/20 (JH).

WHITE-NECKED RAVEN: win/rec-8 at Portales 2/20-23 (JH), 2-6 at San Simon Cienaga 12/2-2/15 (RM), and 13 at La Luz on 12/16 (LM+).

COMMON CROW: win/rec-large numbers in parts of the north and southward, including 100 near Farmington in Dec. (AN), 100+ at McAllister L. 2/20 (JH), and 556 at Bosque Refuge 12/30 (CH+). sp/rec-3 near Cliff 5/5 (DZ).

PINYON JAY: con/rec-somewhat unusual was 1 near Red-rock 5/5 (RF+), 1 at La Luz 1/11 (Jennis), and 7 at Carlsbad Caverns NP 1/1 (RW+)--all peripheral localities for the species.

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE: con/rec-the autumn invasion persisted through winter into spring, with peripheral places and/or dates including 9 at Bosque NWR 12/30 (CH+) 1 at Mangas Springs 3/10 (AM), 1 at Bayard (RF), 3 Las Cruces 12/16 (TM+), 3 Aguirre Springs 2/25 (KZ), 11 at La Luz 12/16 (LM+), 9 at Carlsbad Caverns NP 1/1 (RW+), 5 Lakes Avalon/McMillan 12/23 (JC+), and 2 on the Delaware River Count 12/16 (RW,SW).

PLAIN TITMOUSE: con/rec-6 in the Rodeo area 12/31 (RS+).

BRIDLED TITMOUSE: uns/rec-one in Bayard on 12/9 was out-of-range (RF); only 1 in the Gila Valley on 5/5 (RF+).

VERDIN: br/rec-nest with young at Bell L. 5/12 (SW).

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH: win/rec-10 near Rodeo 12/31 (RS+); also in the Las Cruces (TM+) and Carlsbad (SW+) area.

RED-BREASTED: win/rec-39 in the Sandia Mountains 12/16 (RT+).

BROWN CREEPER: win/rec-2 near Thoreau 12/17 (AM+).

DIPPER: win/rec-4 at Glenwood on 12/30 (JH+) was high.

HOUSE WREN; win/rec-1-2 in the period 12/2 to 1/1 at Percha Dam (DM), Las Cruces (TM+), San Simon Cienaga (RM), and at three places south of Carlsbad (SW+).
sp/rec-8+ at Hobbs 4/21-5/12 (HS).

WINTER WREN: win/rec-1 near Rattlensake Springs 1/28 to 3/23 (RW) was the first record for the Carlsbad Caverns area; sp/rec-1 at Harroun Lake 4/17 (RW,SW) was late.

BEWICK WREN: win/rec-1 at Boones Draw 2/21 (JH).

SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN: con/rec-1 of 2 birds was photographed at Bitter Lakes NWR 4/22 (D&SH) for the first verification of the species in the state. Also, I reported at Holloman L. 4/25 (A. Ballhorn); details include "streaked crown and back, no eye stripe".

ROCK WREN: br/rec-young in nest at Hobbs being fed by adults 5/26 (HS).

MOCKINGBIRD: win/rec-more records than usual, with 1 at Espanola 12/30 (BL+), 3 at Glenwood 12/30 (JH+), plus 4 to 8 in the period 12/16 to 1/1 at Roswell (EP+), Silver City (RF+), Las Cruces (TM+), La Luz (LM+), and the Carlsbad area (SW+).

GRAY CATBIRD: con/rec-1 in Hobbs 5/6 (HS).

BROWN THRASHER: win/rec-1 at Bayard 11/18 to 3/18 (RF) was somewhat unusual. con/rec-2 in Hobbs 3/8 to 5/8 (HS).

BENDIRE THRASHER: win-rec-1 near Rodeo 12/31 (RS+); also 1 reported and fairly well detailed near Roswell 12/16 (E. Schooley), but this is unlikely a valid occurrence. sp/rec-3 reported and detailed near San Antonio 4/4 (RT+), which is a new locality for the species.

CURVED-BILLED THRASHER: br/rec-nest at Hobbs in spring (HS).

CRISSAL THRASHER: con/rec-2 singing at Juan Tabo Canyon e. of Albuquerque 3/23 (JD).

SAGE THRASHER: win/rec-3 at Glenwood 12/30 (JH+), 1 at Hobbs 12/21 and 1/6 (HS), and nos. down 90% at Carlsbad Caverns NP (RW).

AMERICAN ROBIN: win/rec-many at Portales (A.L. Gennaro). br/rec-(late report)--pair with a juvenile at Hobbs 6/22/78 (HS).

WOOD THRUSH: uns/rec-1 reported at Hobbs 5/6 (HS) was apparently the fifth record for New Mexico.

EASTERN BLUEBIRD: win/rec-3 near Alameda 1/12 (JP). present at Percha Dam 1/1 (DM).

WESTERN BLUEBIRD: win/rec-peripheral records include 9 at Roswell 12/15 (RP+), 262 at Los Cruces 12/16 (TA+), and 7 at Lakes Avalon/McMillan 12/23 (JC+).

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD: win/rec-invaded lower elevations and latitudes, including several near Trujillo 2/20 (JH), 20 at Ragland 2/20 (JH), 1 Roswell 12/16 (EP+), 17 near Truth or Consequences, Sierra Co., 2/26 (DM), 48 at Glenwood 12/30 (JH+), 200 at Silver City 12/16 (RF+), near Rodeo 12/31 (RS+), 1 Sam Simon Cienaga 4/22 (RM), and 141 at Carlsbad Caverns NP VI (RW+)--with others near Carlsbad 4/8 (SW).

TOWNSEND SOLITAIRE: win/rec-1 at Ragland 2/20 (JH).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER: con/rec-present at Hobbs 4/8-5/4 (HS).

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER: con/rec-1 at San Simon Cienaga 12/2 (RM).

SPRAGUE PIPIT: sp/dpt-3 reported--and fairly well detailed--at Lake McMillan 5/5 (SW+) were late.

BOHEMIAN WAXWING: win/rec-first at Farmington 12/14, with nos. increasing through Feb.; also seen 3/3 and 5/9 (AN+). uns/rec-1 reported at Silver City 1/31 (DZ) is the first for the county.

PHAINOPEPLA: uns/rec-1 3/2-3 (HS). con/rec-singles near Tularosa 5/28 (Bloys) and at Pleasanton 12/30 (JH+).

NORTHERN SHRIKE: uns/rec-an im. near Melrose 2/20 (JH) and an ad. s. of Las Cruces 12/9 (KZ) were new localities for the species. con/rec-singles near El Morro NM 12/19 (AM) and near Las Vegas 12/30 (G. Lasly).

HILL MYNA: uns/rec-an escaped or released bird was seen with Starlings in Carlsbad on 5/4 (SW).

VIREO sp.: uns/rec-an unidentified vireo was reported near Las Cruces 12/16 (TM); details include gray color, with white wing bars and no facial pattern-- but no species "fits".

WHITE-EYED VIREO: uns/rec-A well-described bird at Rattlesnake Springs 5/4 (RW) was the first Eddy County record and fifth for New Mexico.

GRAY VIREO: con/rec-1 near Cliff 5/5 (RF+); the species did not return in spring to last year's nesting area at Glenwood (D:1c).

BELL VIREO: con/rec-first of spring at San Simon Cienaga 4 on 4/8 (RM) and at Rattlesnake Springs on 4/14 (RW,SW); also 4 birds s. of Cliff 5/5 (DZ+), 1 at Redrock 5/5 (KZ+), and present at Caballo L. 5/17 and at Percha Dam S.P. 5/24 and 5/31 (DM).

RED-EYED VIREO: con/rec-one at Rattlesnake Springs 5/10 (SW).

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: uns/rec-a female banded at Rattlesnake Springs 4/29 and seen there to 5/5 (SW+).

WORM-EATING WARBLER: uns/rec-singles in Hobbs on 4/18 and 5/20 (HS). This species is still unverified in New Mexico.

TENNESSEE WARBLER: uns/rec-Singles at Cottonwood Gulch on 5/13 (AM) and in Hobbs on 4/28 and 5/2 (HS).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: uns/rec-1 seen and detailed on the Lakes Avalon/McMillian count 12/22 (JC+).

NASHVILLE WARBLER: con/rec-1 seen 28 mi. e. Roswell 4/22 (DL+), 2 banded at Rattlesnake Springs 4/29 (RW,SW), and present at Hobbs 4/18-5/10 (HS).

LUCY WARBLER: sp/arr-7 at San Simon Cienaga 3/17 (RM), 2 near Cliff 3/21, and 1 at Pleasanton 3/22 (JH+); 2 reported without details at Albuquerque 5/12 (CNMAS), which is well north of the known range.

NORTHERN PARULA: uns/rec-singles males at Cottonwood Gulch (banded) 5/23 (AM) and Bell L. 5/11 (SW).

YELLOW WARBLER: con/rec-present at Hobbs 5/8-28 (HS).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER: uns/rec-a male at Rattlesnake Springs 4/25 (SW) was detailed for the first record for Eddy Co.

HERMIT WARBLER: uns/rec-A female was fairly well-described at Rattlesnake Springs 4/25 (RW) was the first record for Eddy County.

GRACE WARBLER: con/rec-singles at Albuquerque 4/19 (C.G. Andrews) and Percha Dam Sp 4/5 (DM) were notable lowland reports.

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: uns/rec-a male detailed near Grants 5/13 (KS); also a male at Bell L. 5/12 (RW,SW).

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: uns/rec-1 detailed at Rattlesnake Springs 5/16 (KZ) was a first record for Eddy County.

BLACKPOLL WARBLER: uns/rec-a male was reported in Santa Fe 5/28 (KG).

OVENBIRD: uns/rec-one detailed at Rattlesnake Springs 4/26 (SW) a first county record; also in Hobbs 5/26 (HS).

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT: uns/rec-1-2 at San Simon Cienaga 11/29-12/2 (RM) and a male at Las Cruces 12/16 (TM+).

HOODED WARBLER: uns/rec-a male reported at Bell Lake 4.16 (SW).

CANADA WARBLER: uns/rec-a male at Rattlesnake Springs 4/25 (RW) is the third NM record; details include no wingbars, bright yellow underneath except for white vent, black necklace, yellow eyebrow and eyering, and black below eye.

PAINTED REDSTART: con/rec-1 north of Cliff 3/21 (JH) and 3 south of there 5/5 (J. & J. Heslip).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK: win/rec-170 near Rodeo 12/31 (RS+) and 3 at Las Cruces 12/16 (TM+).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: win/rec-619 at Bosque NWR 12/30 (CH+), 31 at Rodeo 12/31 (RS+), and 6 at Las Cruces 12/16 (TM+).

ORCHARD ORIOLE: con/rec-first at Rattlesnake Springs 5/2,--with up to 24 there through the month (SW+) and a male at Hobbs 5/28 (HS).

HOODED ORIOLE: uns/rec-1 reported without details near Tularosa 5/25 (Bloys). con/rec-2 males at Rattlesnake Springs from 4/14 (SW).

SCOTT ORIOLE: win/rec-a male at Silver City through period was probably the same one occurring there over past 3 winters (RF+). con/rec-1 at Farmington 5/13 (AN).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE: con/rec-1 near Cliff 5/5 (RF+), 1 at 7500 ft. near Cloudcroft 5/22 (Bloys), 1 at San Simon Cienaga 4/22 (RM), 250 in Carlsbad 2/22 (SW), and 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 4/14 (RW,SW).

COMMON GRACKLE: win/rec-355 at Roswell 12/16 (EP+),
sp/rec-first at Santa Fe were 3 males 4/16 with the
first local nest found in May (JH); also 6 at
Farmington 5/13-15 (H.H. Lesperance) and birds at
Rattlesnake Springs in May (RW) were somewhat unusual,
uns/rec-(late report)--23 at Alamogordo 11/2 (LM).

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD: win/rec-1 at Bosque NWR 12/30
(CH+), 75 at Las Cruces 12/16 (TM+), and 2500 at Lakes
Avalon/McMillan 12/23 (JC+).

BRONZED COWBIRD: con/rec-3 s. of Cliff and 1 at Redrock
5/5 (RF+).

WESTERN Tanager: con/rec-single males at Hobbs 5/13 and
5/19 (HS).

SUMMER Tanager: uns/rec-1 near Tularosa 5/28 (Bloys).

SCARLET Tanager: uns/rec-a male in Santa Fe 5/12
(C. Thomas).

CARDINAL: uns/rec-singles were noted near Silver City
1/2 (RF) and near the Big Hatchet Mts. 1/21 (BH).

PYRRHULOXIA: con/rec-a male at Bosque NWR 12/20 (CH+)
and 2/18 and a pair there 4/14 (JD).

INDIGO BUNTING: sp/rec-small nos. present at Silver
City (RF) and Hobbs (HS), and common at Rattlesnake
Springs (RW) in May.

LAZULI BUNTING: con/rec-1 in Hobbs 4/30 (HS).

EVENING GROSBEAK: con/rec-wintered in small nos. at
Farmington (AH+), 5 near Thoreau 12/17 (AM+), 1 at
Albuquerque 12/23 (JK+), 35 Silver City 2/1 (DZ), and
7 at La Luz 1/11 (Jennis).

CASSIN FINCH: con-rec-1 at Lakes Avalon/McMillan
12/23 (JC+).

PINE GROSBEAK: win/rec-2 in the Sandia Mountains 12/16
(RT+).

GRAY-CROWNED ROSY FINCH: win/rec-about 10--including
1 definite Hepburn's--at Los Alamos in mid-Feb. (BL+)
and 5 in a flock of rosy finches near Mora 12/30
(G. Lasly).

BROWN-CAPPED ROSY FINCH: win/rec-large flock at Black
Lake, Colfax Co., 2/11 and up to 200 at Los Alamos to
mid-Feb. (BL+).

PINE SISKIN: con/rec-5+ at Hobbs 3/21-5.6 (HS) and 4 at
Bell L. 5/12 (SW+).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH: con/rec-heard at Portales 2/21 (JH), 12 near Cliff 5/5 (RF+), and 5+ at Hobbs 3/3-5/28 (HS).

LESSER GOLDFINCH: win/rec-7 at Farmington 12/30 (AN+), 2 at Espanola 12/30 (BL+), 4 at Bosque NWR 12/30 (CH+), 4 at San Simon Cienaga 12/28 and 15 on 1/2 (RM), 49 at Las Cruces 12/16 (TM+), and 15 at Loving 12/17 (SW+). br/rec (late report)--adults feeding young in Hobbs 10/24/78 (HS).

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE: con/rec-present at Hobbs 4/21-5/13 (HS).

RUFOS-SIDED TOWHEE: con/rec-present at Hobbs 4/8-5/6 (HS).

BROWN TOWHEE: con/rec-10 near Thoreau 12/17 (AM+) and 2 near Ragland 2/20 (JH).

ABERT TOWHEE: uns/rec-2 reported without details at San Simon Cienaga 1/2 (RM); this species is unknown in N.M. outside the Gila Valley.

LARK BUNTING: con/rec-1 at Alamogordo 5/22 (LM+).

LARK SPARROW: win/rec-1 near Rodeo 12/31 (RS+) was unusual.

CASSIN SPARROW: uns/rec-2 reported with poor or no details at Farmington 5/13 (fide AN) and 4 at Albuquerque 5/12 (CNMAS); such records are dubious without better documentation. con/rec-first heard singing at Hobbs 4/8 (HS) and Carlsbad 4/22 (SW).

BLACK-THROATED SPARROW: win/rec-1 at Glenwood 12/30 (JH+) was unusual; the species is rare there.

SAGE SPARROW: win/rec-2 at San Simon Cienaga 12/15 (RM).

DARK-EYED JUNCO: win/rec-3500 Oregons at Las Vegas 12/17 (JH,WH) was a large number. con/rec-a pink-sided at Cotton Gulch 5/22 (AM) was late; 2 Slate-colored at Boone's Draw 2/21 (JH).

GRAY-HEADED JUNCO: win/rec-1200 at Las Vegas 12/17 (JG,WH) was a large number.

THREE SPARROW: win/rec-11 at Albuquerque 12/23 (JK+).

CHIPPING SPARROW: con/rec-1 at Espanola 12/30 (BL+) and present at Hobbs 4/1-5/19 (HS).

BREWER SPARROW: con/rec-4+ at Hobbs 4/8-4/30 (HS).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: con/rec-5+ at Hobbs 4/21-5/13 (HS).

FIELD SPARROW: win/rec-present at Hobbs 12/21-2/10 (HS) and 7 at Carlsbad Caverns NP 1/1 (RW+).

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW: uns/rec-1 at Pleasanton 12/30 (JH+) was a winter first for the county.

HARRIS SPARROW: con/rec-1-2 at Kirtland 2/13-14 (C. Shryock), 1 near 12/17 (AM), and 1 at Hobbs in Dec. (HS).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: win/rec-numbers down 80% at Carlsbad (RW) and in the Farmington area (AH).

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW: uns/rec-an im. (banded and photographed) at Santa Fe 12/17 to 4/29 (JH), and an ad. and an im. at Corrales 3/9-13 (JD+).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: con/rec-small nos. in Dec., including at Glenwood (JH+), Silver City (RF), and near Rodeo (RS).

FOX SPARROW: win/rec-6 at Glenwood 12/30 (JH+).

LINCOLN SPARROW: con/rec-29 at Glenwood 12/30 (JH+) and present at Hobbs 3/30-5.27 (HS).

SWAMP SPARROW: win/rec-small nos. in the Pecos Valley and lower Rio Grande Valley; also 1 at San Simon Cienaga 12/15 (RM).

MCCOWN LONGSPUR: win/rec-50 reported with details near Otis 2/21 (SW); reports at Bitter L. NWR 12/31 and Columbia 2/19 (L&RW) are not supported by definitive details.