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FROM THE EDITORS:

With this issue, the Field Notes begin to follow the new 6th Check-list of the American Ornithologists' Union on English-language names, species classification, and taxonomic order. In the accounts by species, where a name has been changed, the former name will be given parenthetically, and lumpings or splittings of species will be indicated.

Many of the reports of special note during the spring of 1982 were again the result of systematic work. In addition to the Arizona State University team's continuing survey of the middle Rio Grande Valley (MRGV) and Arch McCallum's work in the Zuni area, Randy Hill's exploration of little-documented Otero County has produced a number of interesting records. Also productive were trips into the thinly documented northeast, particularly Mills Canyon, by John Hubbard. Many of the most interesting records confirmed or extended trends noted in previous years.

Olivaceous Cormorants were reported up the Rio Grande as far as the Santa Ana Reservation, reflecting the apparently continuing expansion of the bird's range in the state.

Unusual were the second recorded Green-backed Heron at Bluewater Gorge, and a Mute Swan at Bitter Lake, almost certainly an escape. Common Goldeneye appeared in higher than usual numbers in the central and southwestern portions of the state but surprisingly there were no reports from the northern or eastern areas where it usually occurs.

Increasing numbers of migrating Osprey are being reported from major river drainages. Unusual were reports of two Black-shouldered Kites from widely separated areas. Scattered observations indicate increasing numbers of Harris' Hawks in the southern part of the state. The biological survey crew working in the MRGV reports that Broad-winged Hawks, formerly considered rare, may be regular migrants there. Red-tailed Hawks remain common statewide, with many breeding records.

Escaped Northern Bobwhites in Los Alamos are apparently establishing a population.

The most unusual shorebird of the season was a Whimbrel at Lake Stinky for the first record in the lower Rio Grande Valley. Semipalmated Sandpipers continued to occur in small numbers in the Rio Grande and Pecos Valleys. A Thayer's Gull was collected at Elephant Butte for the third definite record of this difficult-to-identify gull.

Band-tailed Pigeons appeared in unusual numbers along the Tularosa River flyway, where normally only casual at this season, and frequent sightings of Burrowing Owls from many areas of Eddy County may indicate increasing numbers in the southeast. The Violet-crowned

Hummingbird continues to be reported from Guadalupe Canyon in the extreme southwestern part of the state and extreme southeast Arizona.

Hairy Woodpeckers remain scarce in the MRGV, while the Downy Woodpecker is extending its range southward in the valley with a nest located at Madrone Ponds, several miles southeast of Belen.

An Eastern Kingbird four miles east of Tularosa added another to the species' growing number of state records. Hubbard's northeastern excursions produced 10 Cassin's Kingbirds at Mills Canyon, and Eastern Phoebes at Mills Canyon, Villanueva State Park and El Pueblo Bridge. A Scissor-tailed Flycatcher at Bosque del Apache was a rare event. Also unusual were 2-3 Least Flycatchers in the MRGV.

A Blue Jay at Rattlesnake Springs was a new location for the southeast. Chihuahuan Ravens have extended their range northward to 2 miles north of Belen and their numbers appear to be increasing. Hubbard's Mills Canyon trip revealed Plain Titmice, Bushtits, Blue-gray Gnatcatchers, and Cedar Waxwings, none of which are well known from those areas. Mountain Chickadees were common in the MRGV, and Brown Creepers lingered late into the season. A Black-tailed Gnatcatcher (well described) was documented near Alamogordo.

Other interesting records produced by the systematic coverage of Otero County included a Gray Vireo collected 10 miles northeast of Tularosa. Unusual were a Yellow-throated Vireo photographed at Aguirre Springs and a Philadelphia Vireo near Santa Fe. Unusual warblers included 2 Black-and-white Warblers and 2 Prothonotary Warblers in the MRCV; Worm-eating Warblers near Taos, at Cochiti Marsh, at Socorro, at Three Rivers, and at Bitter Lake; Blue-winged Warblers at Cochiti Marsh and Corrales; a Northern Parula north of the Isleta Bridge; and a Palm Warbler in the MRGV. Out of range was a Red-faced Warbler in the Sandias.

An Eastern Meadowlark singing at Zuni and an immature male Orchard Oriole at Albuquerque were also out of range.

Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were reported more frequently than usual from widely scattered locales. Of special note were nesting Pine Siskins in Albuquerque with fledglings in May. Cassin's Sparrows seemed late in singing in the southeastern area. Most unusual was a Northern Cardinal in Albuquerque in May.

Corrections in Vol. 21, No. 1:

On page 5, Greater Scaup report should be labeled "unusual," and the observers are D&SH, not CAH...On page 8, Black-legged Kittiwake report should be labeled "unusual".

LOCALITIES AND THEIR COUNTIES IN THIS ISSUE:

abbreviations and symbols in text:

L. -- Lake	NWR -- National Wildlife Refuge
MRGV -- middle Rio Grande Valley	SGR -- State Game Refuge
Mt. (Mts). -- Mountain	R. -- River
NM -- National Monument	SP -- State Park
N.M. -- New Mexico	* -- details
NP -- National Park	** -- photo
	*** -- specimen

Aguirre Springs (Organ Mts.) -- Dona Ana	Cornucopia Canyon -- Otero
Alameda -- Bernalillo	Cornudas Mts. -- Otero
Alamogordo -- Otero	Corrales -- Sandoval
Alamo Hueco Mts. -- Hidalgo	Correo -- Valencia
Albuquerque -- Bernalillo	Crow Flat -- Otero
Allread Tank -- Eddy	Del Monte Ranch -- Taos
Alma -- Catron	Deming -- Luna
Angostura -- Sandoval	Dwyer -- Grant
Bandelier NM -- Sandoval, Los Alamos	Eagle Nest -- Taos
Belen -- Valencia	Elephant Butte L. -- Sierra
Bent -- Otero	Elk -- Chaves
Bernalillo -- Sandoval	El Pueblo -- San Miguel
Bernardo -- Socorro	Encino -- Torrance
Bitter Lake NWR (Bitter L.) -- Chaves	Escondido -- Socorro
Black L. -- Colfax	Espanola -- Rio Arriba
Black Range -- Grant	Estaca -- Rio Arriba
Black River Village -- Eddy	Farmington -- San Juan
Bloomfield -- San Juan	Florida Mts. -- Luna
Bluewater L., Gorge -- Cibola, McKinley	Port Bayard -- Grant
Bosque bridge, village -- Valencia	Galisteo -- Santa Fe
Bosque del Apache NWR (Bosque NWR) -- Socorro	Gila R. -- Grant, Catron, Hidalgo
Burro Mts. -- Grant	Glenwood -- Catron
Caballo L. (Dam) -- Sierra	Guadalupe Canyon -- Hidalgo
Canadian R. -- Colfax, Mora, San Miguel, Quay	Guadalupe Mts. -- Eddy
Caprock -- Lea	Harroun L. -- Eddy
Carlsbad -- Eddy	Hobbs -- Lea
Carlsbad Caverns NP -- Eddy	Holloman L. -- Otero
Carrizalillo Spring -- Luna	Hurley -- Grant
Cherry Creek -- Grant	Isleta (Pueblo) -- Bernalillo, Valencia
City of Rocks SP -- Grant	Jemez Mts., R., Springs -- Sandoval
Clayton, Clayton L. -- Union	Juan's L. -- San Juan
Cliff -- Grant	
Cochiti L., Pueblo -- Sandoval	

La Cueva -- Sandoval
 La Joya SGR -- Socorro
 L. Avalon -- Eddy
 L. Stinky -- Otero
 La Luz -- Otero
 Las Cruces -- Dona Ana
 Las Vegas -- San Miguel
 Lordsburg -- Hidalgo
 Los Alamos -- Los Alamos
 Los Lunas -- Valencia
 Loving -- Eddy

 Madrone Ponds -- Valencia
 Malaga -- Eddy
 Mangas Springs -- Grant
 Maxwell NWR -- Colfax
 Mayhill -- Otero
 McGregor Range -- Otero
 McMillan Canyon -- Grant, Luna,
 Hidalgo
 Mills -- Harding
 Mills Canyon (Canadian R.) --
 Harding, Mora
 Mimbres River, Valley -- Grant, Luna
 Morgan L. -- San Juan

 Nutria L., Canyon -- McKinley
 Ojo Caliente -- Rio Arriba

 Pecos R. -- across eastern N.M.
 Peloncillo Mts. -- Hidalgo
 Pena Blanca -- Sandoval
 Percha Dam SP -- Sierra
 Pinon -- Otero
 Pleasanton -- Catron

 Rattlesnake Springs -- Eddy
 Rio Grande Nature Center -- Bernalillo
 Riverside -- Grant
 Roswell -- Chaves

Roy -- Harding
 Ruidoso -- Lincoln

 Sabinoso -- San Miguel
 Sandia Mts., Crest, Park --
 Bernalillo
 Sandia Pueblo -- Sandoval
 San Ildefonso Pueblo -- Santa Fe
 San Juan Pueblo -- Rio Arriba
 San Lorenzo -- Grant
 San Mateo Mts. -- Socorro
 San Simon Cienega -- Hidalgo
 Santa Ana Pueblo -- Sandoval
 Santa Fe -- Santa Fe
 Santa Rosa -- Guadalupe
 San Ysidro -- Sandoval
 Shady Lakes (in Alameda) --
 Bernalillo
 Signal Peak -- Grant
 Silver City -- Grant
 Socorro -- Socorro
 Stanley -- Santa Fe

 Three Rivers -- Otero
 Trementina -- San Miguel
 Trujillo -- San Miguel
 Truth or Consequences -- Sierra
 Tularosa -- Otero
 Tyrone -- Grant

 Villanueva -- San Miguel
 Wagon Mound -- Mora
 Wall L. -- Catron
 Water Canyon (Magdalena Mts.) --
 Socorro
 Welsh's Pond -- Grant
 White Sands NM -- Otero

 Zuni Mts. -- Cibola, McKinley
 Zuni Reservation -- McKinley

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EARED GREBE--800+ at Elephant Butte 3/29-30 (JH).

WESTERN GREBE--16 at Cochiti L. 4/26 (WH); all dark phase.

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN (White Pelican) -- 6 at Cochiti L. 5/12 (JH); 2 at Corrales 5/15 (D&SH).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT--2 at Maxwell NWR 4/2 (JH, JV); 1 at Las Vegas 4/17 (WAH); 10 along the Rio Grande between Angostura and Bernalillo 5/21 (WH+); 1 at Alameda 4/16 (JP); 1 at Harroun L. 3/6 (SW).

OLIVACEOUS CORMORANT--unusual: 1 with double-crested north of Bernalillo 5/21 and 2-3 at Madrone Ponds 4/21 through May (WH+).... Present at Bosque NWR in April and May (many observers); 5 at Elephant Butte 3/29, and 17+ at Truth or Consequences and 1 at Caballo Dam on 4/21 (JH).

AMERICAN BITTERN--1 at Gila R. 5/8 (HW).

GREAT BLUE HERON--150 at Harroun L. 3/6 (SW).

GREAT EGRET--Singles at Juan's L. 5/27 (HL, HSt), Bosque NWR 5/10 (D&SH), Gila R. 5/8 (HW), and Harroun L. 3/6** (SW photo).

SNOWY EGRET--breeding: 60 nests at Belen during spring (WH, CAH), and 284 at Loving heronry 5/26 (SW)...1 at San Ildefonso 5/5 (WH); all other MRGV records were south of Albuquerque.

LITTLE BLUE HERON--1 at Bosque NWR 5/2 (RT) and 2 there 5/10 (D&SH); 1 at Loving heronry 5/30 (SW).

TRICOLORED HERON (Louisiana Heron)--unusual: 1 at Bitter L. 4/29 (JM) and 1 at Loving heronry 5/26-30 (SW).

CATTLE EGRET--At Bosque NWR, 13 on 4/10 (D&SH), 2 on 5/8 (RT), 5 on 5/10 (D&SH), and 1 on 5/20 (RT). 2 at White Sands NM 4/20 (RH).

GREEN-BACKED HERON (Green Heron)--1 at Bluewater Gorge 4/3 (AM) was second record for species in Zuni Mts. 52 sightings in MRGV--all but 4 south of Albuquerque--in May (WH+).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON--breeding: 40 nests at Belen during the spring (WH, CAH), and 604 at Loving heronry 5/26 (SW).

WHITE-FACED IBIS--1 at Loving heronry 5/30 (SW).

MUTE SWAN--unusual: 1 at Bitter L. during the spring (JS+, photo D&SH) was almost certainly an escaped captive.

ROSS' GOOSE--300+ at Bosque NWR 4/10 (D&SH); almost a pure flock with only a few Snow Geese.

WOOD DUCK--present in MRGV during the spring (WH), with pairs seen at Belen, Los Lunas, Isleta, Bernalillo and Albuquerque.

MALLARD (incorporates Mexican Duck as subspecies)--unusual: Three records appear to be the Mexican race, 1 at mouth of Jemez R. 5/4 (WH), 1 at Lordsburg Pond 3/6 (RF) and 1 at Welsh's Pond 4/10 (RF).

COMMON GOLDENEYE -- Appeared more commonly than usual in central and southwest N.M., with no reports from north and east....6 at Isleta Marsh 3/7-16 (WH), 3 at Bernardo 3/19 (WH) and 8 at Gila R. 5/8 (RF).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER--1 at San Ildefonso 5/6 (VH), 3 at Bitter L. 4/13 (BZ) and 2 at Bitter L. 4/17-18 (D&SH).

OSPREY--Numerous reports of migrants in Rio Grande and Pecos valleys between 3/29 and 5/18.

BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE (White-tailed Kite)--unusual: Individuals from Hidalgo County (John Levy) and Hobbs (CL). Details were convincing, although very sketchy for the Hidalgo bird.

MISSISSIPPI KITE--unusual: A single bird, probably of this species, near Estaca 5/29 (AB+). . . . Adults near Isleta 5/17 (RM+) and Los Lunas 5/25 (WH).

BALD EAGLE--unusual: A late adult near Cliff 5/8 (Vic Moitarel & Bonnie Maldonado).

NORTHERN HARRIER (Marsh Hawk)--unusual: 1 in the western foothills of Sandia Mts. 3/7 (RT). . . . Scattered migrants occurred regularly throughout the length of the MRGV, with at least 15 sightings in March and 8 in April (WH+).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK--widespread through MRGV in March, decreasing in April. Last sighting at Madrone Ponds 4/24 (WH+). Migrants at Sandia Mts. 5/29 and Bosque NWR 5/10 (D&SH), and near Pinon 4/19-21 (RH).

COOPER'S HAWK--breeding: Nests on Sandia Reservation, at Albuquerque, and near Isleta and Los Lunas. Widespread throughout MRGV, 28 sightings in March, 30 in April but only 10 in May after nesting was under way and birds became less conspicuous (WH+). Pair at nest in Water Canyon, Magdalena Mts. 5/1 (RT, PB). 3 nests in Grant County 4/8-5/15 (RF).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK (Goshawk)--unusual: one near Signal Peak (Pinos Altos Mts.) 5/11 (RF) . . . breeding: Pair fledged one young in Burro Mts. 4/17-59 (RF).

COMMON BLACK HAWK (Black Hawk)--breeding: 3 nesting pairs in Grant County 4/17-6/13 (RF).

HARRIS' HAWK--breeding: Two active nests in southwest March-May (RF). . . . 3 individuals at Rattlesnake Springs 4/3 (SW).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK--Although this species is considered rare in New Mexico, it appears to be a regular spring migrant in MRGV (WH+): adult near Los Lunas 4/16 (WH), immatures at Isleta 4/25 (RM) and at Belen 5/11 (WH+).

SWAINSON'S HAWK--breeding: Pairs at Isleta (WH), Encino (D&SH), and in Hidalgo County (RF), with possible breeding pairs at Bernardo and Bosque village (WH). . . . Early sightings were singles at Belen 4/1 (WH), Caballo Dam 3/29 (JH), Las Cruces 4/1 (LH), McGregor Range 3/30 (RH).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK--breeding: 2 nests in Burro Mts. (RF), 2 at Jemez Springs 4/12 (T. Johnson), and 2 in Guadalupe Canyon below state line 5/28 (RT).

RED-TAILED HAWK--breeding: Nests near Villanueva (G&DS), Trementina Creek (JH), and near Alma (JH). Also, 6 in Grant County, with 4 successfully fledging chicks, and 3 in Hidalgo County with at least 2 fledging chicks (RF). 2 in Luna County (JH).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK--9 observations in March over agricultural areas outside riparian zone along MRGV (WH)...Numbers seemed to be down from previous years in Eddy County (SW). Late 2 near Wagon Mound 5/6 (JH, JV), and 1 near Las Vegas 4/17 (WAH).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK--Late were 2 at Carrizalillo Spring 3/8 (JH) and 1 at Eagle Nest L. 4/2 (JH).

GOLDEN EAGLE--breeding: Near Sabinoso 5/18 and in San Mateo Mts. 4/21 (JH).

MERLIN--Late individuals at Rio Grande Nature Center 4/14 (CAH) and Carlsbad Caverns NP in late April (SW).

PRAIRIE FALCON--Singles near San Juan Pueblo 3/14 (WAH), Cochiti L. 4/26 (WH+), and Albuquerque 3/12, Belen 4/19 and Madrone Ponds 4/24 (WH+).

BLUE GROUSE--Present at Del Monte Ranch 4/25 and 5/30 (WAH).

LESSER PRAIRIE CHICKEN--Present as usual near Caprock 4/13 (BZ) and 4/18 (D&SH).

WILD TURKEY--breeding: Female with 8 young at upper Cherry Creek 5/29 (RF); 2 adults and 6 young in Whitmine Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. 4/8 (SD, D. Holbrook)...Fewer than usual at Del Monte Ranch (WAH); 4 at Watrous 4/9 (DSu); 9 near Elk on 3/29 (SW).

MONTEZUMA QUAIL--1 at Aguirre Springs, Organ Mts. 4/3 (BZ).

NORTHERN BOBWHITE (Bobwhite)--Becoming established at Los Alamos, where several escaped 5-6 years ago (BL).

SCALED QUAIL--4 at Espanola 5/16 (PI); 3 on the Correo breeding bird survey 5/26 (PF).

GAMBEL'S QUAIL--3 at Espanola 5/16 (PI); common in MRGV north to Corrales, but unusual north of there (WH+).

VIRGINIA RAIL--1 s. of Ojo Caliente 5/14 (JH); 3 at Zuni 5/30 (JT); Found in the MRGV from Albuquerque to Bernardo (D&SH, WH); 1 at Mangas Springs 4/17 (Ralph Fisher).

SORA--1 at Zuni 5/30 (JT); 1 at Cochiti, 4/24 & 5/2 (BL); detected in the MRGV from Bernalillo to Bernardo (WH+).

COMMON MOORHEN (Common Gallinule)--breeding: 3 pairs and 1 building nest at Bosque NWR 5/6 (PB)...Singles at Isleta on 4/18, 5/9; dead bird salvaged 5/11 (RM).

AMERICAN COOT--breeding: Nests or broods found at Black L. (RBr), Isleta Marsh, and Madrone Ponds (WH+)....300 at Zuni 5/29 (JT); 58 at Holloman L. 4/27 (RH).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER--5 at Juan's L. 5/23 (HL, HSt), 1 at Cochiti 4/26 (RM, CH, JD), 2 at Isleta 5/9 (RM, JD, SHo).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER--1 displaying at Roy 5/18, 1 n. of Mills 5/19 and 1 at Stanley 5/29 (JH).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER--1 at Sandia Park 4/25-29 (HS); unusual in the Sandias.

WHIMBREL--unusual: 3* at L. Stinky 5/3 (RH).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW--2 at Crow Flat 5/13 (RH).

MARbled GODWIT--unusual: Flock of 60 flying upriver at Albuquerque 5/8 (SHo).

SANDERLING--unusual: 5** at Isleta 5/9 (RM, JD, SHo).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 2 at Bosque NWR 5/10 (D&SH, HS) and 8** at Bitter L. 4/17 (D&SH). Continues to appear in small numbers in the spring, and apparently is fairly regular at Bitter L.

DUNLIN--unusual: 1 at Bernardo 4/9 (WH).

BONAPARTE'S GULL--1 at Juan's L. 5/8 (HL, HSt), 1 at San Ildefonso 5/6 (RM), 5 at Cochiti L. 4/26 (RM, JD, CH).

CALIFORNIA GULL--Reported widely, and especially in northwest, where it is becoming regular. AN sighted 5 on 4/10 and 8 on 4/24 at Morgan L., 3 on 5/8 at Juan's L., and 3 on 5/15 at L. Farmington....5 at Chicosa L. SP 5/18 and 6 at Cochiti L. 5/12 (JH).

THAYER'S GULL--unusual: 1*** immature collected at Elephant Butte L. 3/30 (JH); third N.M. specimen.

LEAST TERN--1 at Bitter L. first reported 5/8 (RT). This is species' only known breeding area in N.M.

BAND-TAILED PIGEON--10+ feeding on mulberries in the Mimbres Valley near Dwyer 5/25 (JH), and common near the Tularosa R. flyway and in Tularosa and La Luz 5/17-31 (RH), where normally casual at this season.

WHITE-WINGED DOVE--20 at McCauley's feed mill near Gila 5/15 (RF).

INCA DOVE--Singles at Socorro 11/3/81-5/18/82 (PB) and at Truth or Consequences 5/26 (DM).

COMMON GROUND DOVE (Ground Dove)--one 16 mi. ssw. of Pinon 4/28 (MH) and 2 at San Simon Cienega 5/22 (RF, DZ).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO--Earliest record near Bernalillo 5/21, 3 in MRGV 5/25-27, not widespread until June (WH).

GREATER ROADRUNNER (Roadrunner)--breeding: Nest near Cliff 5/8-15 (abandoned) (RF).

COMMON BARN OWL (Barn Owl)--breeding: Nest with 2 young (plus 2 dead on ground) near Malaga 4/25; 2 fledged (SW)....1 near Corrales 5/2 (D&SH), 1 at Isleta 4/5 (WH), 2 near Bosque NWR 5/1 (RT, PB), singles at Ft. Bayard 4/4 and near Silver City 5/8 (RF).

FLAMMULATED OWL--1-4 in Sandia Mts. 5/10-30 (many observers).

SCREECH OWL sp. (Screech Owl divided into Eastern and Western; these N.M. reports are labeled "sp.," since observers did not differentiate)--unusual: 1 in Mills Canyon 5/18 (JH)....breeding: 2 at probable nest site near Isleta 4/23 (RM); 3 juveniles in Mimbres Valley 5/25 (JH, WHB).

GREAT HORNED OWL--unusual: 1 in Mills Canyon 5/18-19 (JH)....breeding: pair at Shady Lakes 3/16-5/1 (JND+); 4 nests in Grant County successfully fledged 5 chicks 3/6-6/1 (RF); 3 nests in Hidalgo County successfully fledged 4 chicks 2/20-6/5 (RF)....1 pair at Carrizalillo Spring 5/8 (JH); 1 at Truth or Consequences 5/7 (DM).

BURROWING OWL--Frequent sightings in Eddy County may indicate increasing numbers in southeast New Mexico (SW)....unusual: Singles from Pena Blanca 5/14 (WH), near Espanola 5/16 (PI+), near Belen 5/14-27 (WHB, RT+), and near Correo Spring 5/31 (JND, PF).

LONG-EARED OWL--breeding: Adult and 3 downy young near Corrales 5/15-25, 5 fledged in June (D&SH); nest near Ft. Bayard 4/4-6/6, 3 young fledged (RF+); 3 young near lower Mimbres River (Luna County) 5/25 (WHB).

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL (Saw-whet Owl)--unusual: 1 at Isleta 4/14 (WH).

COMMON POORWILL (Poorwill)--unusual: 1 in busy urban area in Albuquerque 4/29 (HS)....Early, 1 at Santa Fe 4/28 (JH)....3 at Mills Canyon 5/18-19 (JH); 1 at Isleta 5/9 (WH); 1 near Socorro 5/1 (RT, PB); 1 in San Mateo Mts. 4/21 (JH); 1 at Truth or Consequences 4/22 (DM); 1 near Silver City 5/8 (RF).

WHIP-POOR-WILL--unusual: 1 near Las Vegas 5/22-23 (T. Johnson)...2 calling in Sandia Mts. 5/21 (HS); 1 near Silver City 5/8 (BH, Bill Rogers); 1 calling near Signal Peak 5/25 (RF).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT--breeding: Nesting evidence found at Mills Canyon 5/18-19 (JH)...3 on 3/7 in Florida Mts., where 20-30 reported seen by Kim Gould-Falzone 2/20 (JH).

VIOLET-CROWNED HUMMINGBIRD--1 adult male in Guadalupe Canyon, below N.M. state line 5/30-31 (JK, RT).

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD--breeding: Nest in Alamo Hueco Mts. 5/5 (WHB)...Early arrivals, singles at Santa Fe 4/20 (RG), Pleasanton 4/9, Glenwood 4/10, Silver City 4/11 (JH), Truth or Consequences 3/30 (DM), Las Cruces 3/30 (LH)...Rattlesnake Springs 4/10 (SW) was late for this area.

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD--breeding: Pair at nest in Water Canyon 5/1 (RT, PB)...First sightings, Del Monte ranch 4/13 (WAH), near La Cueva, Jemez Mts. 4/14 (MS), near Santa Fe 4/14 (AB), at Isleta 4/12 (WH)...Sandia Mts. 5/10 (D&SH) was late.

BELTED KINGFISHER--Up to 40 through April, only 8 in May in MRGV (WH+).

LEWIS' WOODPECKER--1 in Sandia Park, where rare in spring, on 5/7 (HS); 4 in Mills Canyon, near eastern limit of range, on 5/18-19 (JH).

ACORN WOODPECKER--14 on Gila R. spring count on 5/8.

GILA WOODPECKER--7 on Gila R. spring count on 5/8.

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER--Though past records indicate nearly statewide migration, all of this spring's reports were for the Rio Grande Valley and adjacent areas: 2 in Sandia Mts. 5/10, 30 (D&SH), 5 on Albuquerque spring count 5/15, and singles at Isleta 4/5, Los Lunas 4/13, Belen 4/7 (WH+), and Percha Dam SP 4/15 (DM).

LADDER-BACKED WOODPECKER--breeding: A nest in mesquite at Allread Tank on 5/15 (SW) was remarkable because N.M. has so little mesquite with sufficient trunk diameter....Most regular at Cochiti and Bernardo in the MRGV (WH+).

DOWNY WOODPECKER--breeding: A nest at Madrone Ponds on 5/8 (RT) provided a slight southerly extension of the known breeding range in the Rio Grande Valley.

HAIRY WOODPECKER--Very scarce in MRGV during this period (WH+).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER--26 in MRGV between Bernalillo and Bosque Village 5/11-28 (WH+); 1 at Percha Dam SP 5/20 (DM); 1 at Aguirre Springs 6/3 was late (KZ).

GREATER PEWEE (Coues' Flycatcher)--1 singing 5/25 on Signal Peak Road 5/25, and heard almost daily by pole-cutters for rest of period; first report in 3 years for Gila-Mimbres area (RF).

WESTERN WOOD PEWEE--Early arrival 4/19 at Bishop's Lodge, Santa Fe (AB).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER--The first Empidonax in the MRGV thought to be a Willow this season was at Bernalillo 5/7 (WH+). 1 calling at Three Rivers 5/27 (RH), 1 at San Simon 4/9 and 8 in the southwestern counties 5/8-14 (RF). A possible Willow at Escondido, Socorro County, 5/24 (JH).

LEAST FLYCATCHER--1* at Belen 3/22 believed to be a Least (WH). Individuals singing at Isleta (RM) and Corrales (CH) 4/25.

HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER--2 heard near Oso Pass, Sandia Mts., 5/29 (CAH, Mary Lou Arthur). Individuals believed to be Hammond's at Isleta 5/10 and 5/19, and one definitely at Corrales 5/14 (WH+).

DUSKY FLYCATCHER--Most common migrant Empidonax in MRGV, with 18 in April and 232 in May. Bird that wintered successfully at Isleta began singing 3/8, proving to be a Dusky, as suspected (WH+).

GRAY FLYCATCHER--Scarce but regular MRGV migrant; singles at Los Lunas 4/16, Isleta 4/21 and 4/25, San Ildefonso 5/6, Belen 5/10 and Corrales 5/14 (WH+).

WESTERN FLYCATCHER--Rare MRGV migrant, with individuals at Bernardo 4/27, Bosque village 5/20, and Albuquerque 5/26 (WH+). 1 at Las Cruces 6/4 (KZ) was late.

BLACK PHOEBE--breeding: Nest at San Ysidro 5/20 (JH). Nesting in culverts and under bridges along drains and canals in Rio Grande area at least as far north as Cochiti Pueblo (WH+)...Singles at mouth of Nutria Canyon and below Blackrock Dam in Zuni area 5/1 (AM), and unusually late 5/1 at Rattlesnake Springs (SW).

EASTERN PHOEBE--1 at Mills Canyon 5/6, 1 heard at Villanueva SP 4/29 and 2--one of them singing--at El Pueblo bridge 4/29 (JH). 1 near El Paso 3/21 (BZ).

SAY'S PHOEBE--breeding: Nest at Albuquerque late April to mid-June (D&SH); nest with young 18 miles w. of Santa Rosa 5/29 (JH); nest with eggs at Cliff 4/11 (JE, JH).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER--Female at Bloomfield Park 4/26 (Jan Rees) was second San Juan County record. Male at Tyrone Ponds 3/6 (RF) was early for the altitude.

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER--breeding: Nest at Santa Fe 5/26-6/26 (JH).... First spring arrival in MRGV 4/15 near Belen (WH+).

BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (Wied's Crested Flycatcher)--3 on Gila R. spring count 5/8.

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD--breeding: Pair building nest at Price's dairy in Bernalillo 5/7 (WH+)....10+ at Mills Canyon 5/6 (JH); 4 at San Ildefonso 5/5-6 were first of MRGV season (WH+); 3 at Bosque NWR 4/22 (JH); 2 in Gila Valley 4/9 were early (RF).

WESTERN KINGBIRD--4 at La Joya SGR 4/20 were first in MRGV (WH+); 4/1 was early arrival date for Las Cruces (LH).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER--unusual: 1 at Bosque NWR 5/2 (RT); rare there....1 at Black River Village 4/11 (SW) was early arrival.

PURPLE MARTIN--breeding: 3 females feeding young in separate nest holes at Cherry Creek (RF)....2 at Bosque NWR 5/10 (D&SH). 3 near McGregor Range 4/22 and 2 southeast of Three Rivers 5/5 (RH).

TREE SWALLOW--20 at Cochiti Marsh 4/24 (BL) were first and most of season. Uncommon in MRGV; early arrivals included 2 at Isleta Marsh 3/5 (RM). 100+ at Bosque NWR 4/10 and 5/10 (D&SH).

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (Rough-winged Swallow)--1,000+ on Espanola spring count 5/16; first MRGV arrival at Isleta Marsh 3/3 (WH, VH); 2 at L. Avalon 3/4 (SW) were early.

BANK SWALLOW--widespread in small numbers in MRGV in April and May, with first 3 north of Belen 4/2, and peak of 50 at Isleta 5/16 (WH+).

CLIFF SWALLOW--breeding: Colonies at Trementina Creek and Canadian R. in San Miguel County (JH)....2 at L. Carlsbad 3/14 (SW) were first spring arrivals.

BARN SWALLOW--breeding: Nest being built 18 miles w. of Santa Rosa 5/29 (JH)....Early arrival 3/18 at Las Cruces (LH).

STELLER'S JAY--3 at Santa Ana Pueblo 4/29 (JD, RM, KM), a low elevation far from the normal ponderosa-fir forest habitat.

BLUE JAY--unusual: 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 4/10 and 5/1 (SW) was in a new location.

SCRUB JAY--4 in Mills Canyon 5/18-19 (JH) and 1 in Percha Dam SP 5/20 (DM). More widespread and numerous in MRGV than in 1981, especially s. of Albuquerque; 66 for the season, with most in March and least in May (WH+).

GRAY-BREASTED JAY (Mexican Jay)--3+ in Glenwood 4/10 (JH) were at their northern limit.

PINYON JAY--Heard in Mills Canyon 5/18 (JH), 3 calling 10 miles ne. of Tularosa 5/4 (RH), and 40 about 20 miles e. of Ruidoso 4/13 (KZ).

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER--breeding: 2 young in nest at La Cueva, Jemez Mts., 5/16 (MS).

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE--2 at Maxwell NWR 4/2 (JH).

AMERICAN CROW (Common Crow)--breeding: Nests at Black L. 5/18 (RBr) and Corrales 5/22 (D&SH)...Fairly common in MRGV through March, uncommon and local thereafter, but probably nesting throughout study area (WH+).

CHIHUAHUAN RAVEN (White-necked Raven)--breeding: Evidence includes nests 6 miles nw. and 6 miles e. of Deming, and a third 13 miles se. of Hurley, all on power poles, on 5/25 (JH, WHB), and a nest on a steel tower 2 miles s. of Hurley 3/28 (RF)...Range in MRGV has spread north to 2 miles n. of Belen, with numbers increasing (WH+).

COMMON RAVEN--breeding: 1 on nest in cottonwood at Wagon Mound, and 1 incubating in nest on power pole at Maxwell NWR, both 4/2 (JH, JV). 1 chick in nest on bluff in Sycamore Canyon near Riverside 5/15, 1 incubating on nest in cottonwood near Silver City 4/3, and 1 incubating on nest in Burro Mts. 5/9 (RF)...Unusual concentration of about 100 individuals sighted 7 miles w. of Mayhill 3/29 (SW).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE--Present as usual in the San Juan Pueblo area (WAH) and along the Rio Grande south to Bernardo (WH+).

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE--10 at Zuni 5/31 (JT); 56 in the MRGV, 41 of them between Isleta and Bernardo (WH+); 10+ near Bent on the Tularosa R. (no date-RH).

BRIDLED TITMOUSE--6 on Gila R. spring count 5/8; 2 at Cherry Creek 4/23 (JND).

PLAIN TITMOUSE--2 at Mills Canyon 5/18-19 (JH); 12 at Zuni 5/31 (JT); only at San Ildefonso in MRGV (WH+).

VERDIN--2 on the Gila R. spring count 5/8.

BUSHTIT--2 at Mills Canyon 5/18-19 (JH); present at Los Lunas and Belen into April (WH+).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH--1 at Belen 5/20 (VH) was the only MRGV sighting; 2 at McMillan Canyon on 3/21 (RF).

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH--4 at Zuni 5/31 (JT); found in MRGV south to Bosque village and Bernardo (WH+).

PYGMY NUTHATCH--6 at Zuni 5/29 (JT).

BROWN CREEPER--Late were 1 at Percha Dam SP on 4/15 (DM) and 2 near Belen on 4/28 (WH).

CACTUS WREN--Reported from usual habitat in south and southwest.

ROCK WREN--unusual: 1 in grassy area s. of Galisteo 4/3 (WS)...Reported statewide; found in many rocky areas along the mesa edge in MRGV (WH+).

CANYON WREN--Early singing bird in Gila Bird Habitat 3/27 (RF).

BEWICK'S WREN--2 singing in Santa Fe 3/27 (JH); widespread in MRGV in March and April (WH+).

AMERICAN DIPPER (Dipper)--breeding: Nested in two locations under bridges about 10 miles n. of Jemez Springs, 4/15-5/31. Young seen at one nest, not at other (MS).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET--Singing again in the Sandia Mts. (HS); 1 at Isleta 4/20-21 (WH, RM).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET--MRGV produced 70 records in March, 138 in April, and 22 in May, with the latest 5/18 at Bernalillo (WH+); singles at Bitter L. 4/17 and 40 miles e. of Roswell 4/18 (D&SH).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER--2 at Mills Canyon 5/18-19 (JH); 2 at Zuni 5/29 (JT); 56 in MRGV between 4/8 and 5/23 (WH+); 6 in the Sandia Mts. 5/29 (D&SH); 1 on the Gila R. spring count 5/8.

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER--unusual: Good details of a male seen 10 miles s. of Alamogordo 4/13 (RH).

WESTERN BLUEBIRD--breeding: Adults feeding young at nest in Water Canyon 5/1 (RT)...Many at Del Monte Ranch in April and May (WAH); 9 at Cochiti Pueblo 3/26 (WH).

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD--breeding: Pair at nest box in Santa Fe 5/23; box later found abandoned with 5 unhatched eggs (JH).

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE--2 singing in Santa Fe 4/23 were late (JH); last sighting at Isleta 5/16 (WH).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH--unusual: Singles at Corrales 5/15-16 (DH), at Pinon 4/20 (RH), at Allread Tank 5/15 (SW).

HERMIT THRUSH--3 at Albuquerque 3/7 (DH); 77 records in March and 56 in April in MRGV (WH+).

GRAY CATBIRD--Singles at Mills Canyon 5/18 (JH) and Tularosa R. 5/19 (RH). In MRGV, first at Albuquerque 4/27, then common from Corrales Bridge to Madrone Ponds (WH+).

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD--Singles at Isleta 4/18 (WH), Cliff 4/17 (RF), Rattlesnake Springs 4/3 (SW), Las Cruces 3/31 (LH).

SAGE THRASHER--9 at Clayton 5/25 (WC), 7 at Santa Ana Pueblo 3/19 (WH), 1 at Roswell 4/11 (DH), and a late bird at Allread Tank 5/15 (SW).

BENDIRE'S THRASHER--1 at Correo 5/31 (JND), 3 singing at Silver City 5/22 (RF).

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER--breeding: Pair fledged 3 young at Monticello in Sandias 5/10 (HS); new nest in City of Rocks SP with 3 eggs 5/13 (RF); nest with brooding adult on Taylor Ranch near Cliff 5/15 (RF)....1 at Bosque NWR 3/7 (JND).

CRISSAL THRASHER--Singles at Santa Ana Pueblo 3/19 (RM), on Sandias Count 5/15, at La Joya SGR 4/20 (RM), at Caballo L. 3/8 (JH), and singing at Silver City 5/22 (RF).

WATER PIPIT--Latest report was 5/6 at San Ildefonso (WH).

CEDAR WAXWING--1+ at Mills Canyon 5/18-19 (JH); 70 at Zuni 5/30 (JT); 2+ near Dwyer in Luna County 5/25 (JH); 1 at Allread Tank 5/15 (SW).

PHAINOPEPLA--1 male at Socorro 5/24 (JH, WHB); 1 at Escondido 5/24 (WHB); 6 on the Gila R. spring count, 5/8; 1 at El Paso Gap, Guadalupe Mts., 3/31 (MH).

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE--Many reports from Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Socorro, Chaves, Eddy, Grant, Luna and Hidalgo Counties, and MRGV. RF says species is not very common any more in Grant County.

STARLING--breeding: Nest 10 miles north of Jemez Springs 5/25-6/1 (MS).

BELL'S VIREO--2 on Gila R. spring count 5/8. 1 recorded singing by DZ along U.S. 80 near Cienega Ranch 5/22. Spring arrival slightly earlier than normal in southeast, with 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 5/1 and 1 singing at Allread Tank 5/15 (SW).

GRAY VIREO--1*** collected 5/4 10 miles northeast of Tularosa (RH). 2 on Gila R. spring count 5/8.

SOLITARY VIREO--1 (plumbeus race) at Mills Canyon 5/18-19 (JH). 1 at Madrone Ponds 4/24 was first arrival in MRGV, where one other recorded in April and 30 in May through the 26th. Of 15 identified to subspecies, 3 were *V. s. cassinii* and 11 were *V. s. plumbeus*. The last, seen in Albuquerque 5/12, was a probable *V. s. solitarius* (details--WH+). 1 in lower Mimbres area 4/10 (RF) was early for southwest.

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: 1** photographed at Aguirre Springs 6/3 (KZ).

WARBLING VIREO--1 on Sandia Reservation 5/3 was first MRGV arrival (WH+). 5/6 was early in southwest (BM).

PHILADELPHIA VIREO--1* at Bishop's Lodge, Santa Fe, 5/6, 7 and 11 (AB). Details. Seldom reported in N.M.

RED-EYED VIREO--1 singing s. of Bernalillo Bridge 5/21 (WH, VH).

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER--1 at Cochiti Marsh (BL). 1 probably this species seen near Corrales 5/6 (EH). Seldom reported in N.M.

TENNESSEE WARBLER--A possible at Cochiti Pueblo 5/8 (VH); singing males at Bernalillo 5/12 (RM) and Rio Grande Nature Center 5/8 (RM, Tyler Huning, CAH); 2 at Albuquerque 5/13 (WH, RM); 1 at Albuquerque 5/26 (WH), and 1 at Bosque NWR, where considered rare, on 5/10 (D&SH).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER--First arrival of this uncommon migrant in MRGV was 4/19 3 miles s. of the Los Lunas Bridge; 13 April and 27 May records in MRGV (WH+). In Otero County area, seen only in late April, with a high of 5 at Three Rivers 4/28 (RH).

NASHVILLE WARBLER--1 at Bishop's Lodge, Santa Fe, 2/29 was early (AB), singles at or near Isleta 4/15 and 4/21 (VH, RM) were only MRGV sightings by ASU group. 1 at Corrales Bridge 5/2 and 1 at Bitter L. 4/18 (D&SH).

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER--Early arrival at Bishop's Lodge 5/3 (AB). 1 singing at Trujillo Canyon 5/18 (JH).

LUCY'S WARBLER--1-3 south of Bernardo Bridge 5/8 (WH) and 1 at Albuquerque 5/13 (RM) were north of usual range in Rio Grande Valley. 1 at Tularosa R. 5/27 (RH) and 1 at Three Rivers 5/18 (Bob Hayes). 1 at Pleasanton 4/9, where 3 singing 4/10 (JH).

NORTHERN PARULA--1 female north of Isleta Bridge 4/29 (WH).

YELLOW WARBLER--Male at Mills Canyon 5/18-19 (JH); pair at Sandia Park 5/15 (HS); first arrival in MRGV 5/3 on Sandia Pueblo; 1 singing 18 miles w. of Santa Rosa 5/29 (JH); 1 netted at Three Rivers 4/29 (RH); male singing near San Lorenzo 4/18 (RF).

YELLOW-RUMPED (MYRTLE) WARBLER--4/23 was early arrival at Bishop's Lodge (AB). 2 at San Miguel 4/29 (JH). 1 banded at Rio Grande Nature Center 4/24 (Rio Grande Bird Research, Inc.). In MRGV, 27 in March (plus 54 Audubon's, 85 race unknown), 35 in April (280 Audubon's, 155 race unknown), 10 in May (233 Audubon's, 360 race unknown) (WH+).

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER--Earliest in MRGV was 4/19 and latest was 5/17 (WH+).

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER--1* male 4 miles s. of Isleta Bridge 5/10 (details) (JD). 8 in a mixed flock on the lower Mimbres R. 5/13 (RF). 1 at Hobbs 5/4 (CL).

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER--A bird possibly of this species seen on Tularosa R. 5/18 (RH). Rare in New Mexico.

GRACE'S WARBLER--1 n. of Bernardo bridge 4/26 was only MRGV sighting by ASU group (WH); seen at Percha Dam 4/20 (DM); 1 singing in Burro Mts. 4/17 (RF).

PALM WARBLER--1* (western race) 4 miles n. of Bosque bridge 4/28 (details) (CH).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER--1 at Isleta Marshes 5/9 (SHo) and 1 female 3 miles s. of Los Lunas bridge 4/19 (WH).

AMERICAN REDSTART--A male near the Bernalillo bridge 5/4 (JD) was only MRGV report. At least 6 at Percha Dam 5/20 (DM).

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER--1 near Bernalillo 5/4 (EH) and 1 male at Belen 4/15 (VH, GR).

WORM-EATING WARBLER--Singles at Petacas Campground near Taos 5/29 (Boyd McLeod), Cochiti Marsh 5/14 (BL), Socorro 4/27 (PB), collected*** at Three Rivers 4/28 (RH), seen at Bitter L. 4/18 (D&SH) and photographed 4/24 (Kathy Wood, Lee Marlatt +). Though rare in state, being reported with increasing frequency.

OVENBIRD--1 banded at Rio Grande Nature Center 4/25 (Rio Grande Bird Research, Inc.). 1 seen and heard 2 miles n. of Bosque bridge 5/20 (WH, Marc Laurin). 1 in Otero County area 5/13 (RH).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH--1 at Sandia Park 5/5-5/17 (HS). First arrival of spring in MRGV was 4/24 at Madrone Ponds; 21 sightings of at least 15 individuals from 5/11-5/26 (WH+). 2 at Percha Dam 5/20 (DM). 3 banded at Allread Tank 5/15-16 (SW).

KENTUCKY WARBLER--1 probable in Corrales 5/14 (VH). 1** at Socorro 4/28 (photo by PB).

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT--Wintering male remained through April at Isleta Marsh; first true MRGV migrants south of Los Lunas bridge 4/19.

WILSON'S WARBLER--1 at Las Cruces 6/3 (KZ) was late.

RED-FACED WARBLER--breeding: 1 at Canoncito, Sandia Mts., first seen 4/18 (GP), present through 5/21 and subsequently found nesting (HS), representing an extension of about 100 miles north of previously known range....4 at Iron Creek, Black Range, 5/7 (D&SH); 1 at Emory Pass, Black Range, 5/24 (MS).

PAINTED REDSTART--breeding: 2 nests 5/11, one with eggs and one with 2 newly hatched young on Little Cherry Creek (RF, Hiram Parent)....1 singing at mouth of Nutria Canyon 5/1 (AM); singles near Isleta bridge 4/7 (JD) and Bosque bridge on 4/9 (WH) were north of previous MRGV occurrences. Pair at Cherry Creek 4/23 (JND).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT--First MRGV arrival 5/3 n. of Bernardo bridge (WH+). First Otero County report 4/19 in Brokeoff Mts. (RH).

OLIVE WARBLER--breeding: Pair building nest 5/29 on Cherry Creek (subsequently failed). 2 additional singing males in area (RF).

HEPATIC Tanager--2 at Mills Canyon 5/6 (JH), 1 at Silver City 5/7 (DH), and all the following on 5/8: 1 at Del Monte Ranch (WAH), 4 at Bandelier NM (WS), a singing male in the Sandias (JND), and 4 on the Gila R. spring count.

SUMMER Tanager--1 at Mora 5/19 (JH), 2 at Corrales 5/22 (DH), 1 at Socorro (RT, PB), 1 at Bosque NWR 5/10 (DH), and 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 5/1--late--and 1 at Carlsbad 5/11--rare (SW). Also, 32 on Gila R. spring count 5/8.

WESTERN Tanager--Among numerous reports, 1 at Santa Fe 5/3 (AB), 1 at Corrales 5/2 (DH).

NORTHERN CARDINAL (Cardinal)--unusual: 1* at Albuquerque 5/26 (WH); details.

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK--Widely reported, more than usual. 1 at Corrales 5/2 (D&SH), 3 at Sandia Park 4/29-5/19 (HS, Fred Leckman), 1 in the Sandia Mts. 5/23 (HS), 1 in the Manzano Mts. 5/1-2 (Elise & Tom Baker), 5 at Water Canyon 5/1 (RT, PB), 1 at Socorro 5/1 (RT), 1 at Bosque NWR 5/10 (D&SH, HS), 1 along the Gila R. 5/8 (D&MZ, D&SH), 1 at Bell L. 5/26 (JS), 1 at Guadalupe Canyon 5/29 (RT).

BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK--First spring arrivals: Santa Fe 4/25 (RG), near Los Lunas 4/19 (WH), and Silver City 4/1 (HW).

BLUE GROSBEAK--First spring arrival at Bernardo 5/8 (WH).

LAZULI BUNTING--First spring arrivals: Santa Fe 5/4 (JH), Bernardo 4/26 (WH).

INDIGO BUNTING--Hybrid Lazuli X Indigo Buntings are being reported with increasing frequency: 1 at Isleta 5/17 (WH), 1 at Bosque Farms 5/27 (WH, RM), 2 at Three Rivers 4/28 (RH) included a possible hybrid male seen and a female collected; 1 at Cornucopia Canyon 5/13 (RH); a possible hybrid male was collected and a male apparently paired with a female Lazuli Bunting was seen at Tularosa R. 5/27 (RH)....First spring arrival at Bernardo 5/8 (WH).

VARIED BUNTING--unusual: A probable female* at Tularosa R. 5/18 (RH); details.

PAINTED BUNTING--First spring arrival at Rattlesnake Springs 5/1 (SW).

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE--First spring arrival at Isleta 4/19 (WH).

CASSIN'S SPARROW--3-5 n. of Cornudas Mts. 3/10 (RH).

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW (Tree Sparrow)--1 at Cochiti L. 3/8 and 3 there 3/15 (BL).

CHIPPING SPARROW--First spring arrival at Isleta 4/1 (WH).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW--1* near White Sands 4/15 (RH).

FIELD SPARROW--1 40 miles e. of Roswell 4/18 (D&SH).

LARK SPARROW--First spring arrivals: 12 at lower Mimbres 4/10 (RF) and at Carlsbad 3/31 (SW).

BLACK-THROATED SPARROW--breeding: Nests with young at Las Cruces as early as 4/13 (KZ).

LARK BUNTING--Uncommon in the riparian habitat, 13 in MRGV 3/14 and 5/3-17 (WH).

SAVANNAH SPARROW--First spring arrival at Black L. 5/18 (RBr).

FOX SPARROW--unusual: 1 of red race at Socorro through 4/14, and 1 of gray race there 4/28 (PB).

SONG SPARROW--Maximum of 80 at Cochiti L. marsh 3/8-4/24 (BL); most common sparrow there.

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW--unusual: 1 in Sandias 4/27 (HS) and 1 at Gila 4/23 (JND, PF).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW--1 at Las Cruces 5/25 (KZ) was very late.

HARRIS' SPARROW--1 at Bosque bridge 3/11, 3/25 (RM, WH).

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD--Large numbers statewide.

EASTERN MEADOWLARK--unusual: 1 singing at Zuni Reservation 5/1 (AM)....1 at Bitter L. 4/17 and 3 at Mescalero Sands 40 miles east of Roswell 4/18 (DH).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD--1,000 at Black L. 5/18 (RBr), hundreds at Price's dairy in Bernalillo 3/16 (JND), widespread but local in MRGV 3/3-5/15 (WH+).

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD--12 at Cochiti 4/24 (BL), small groups in MRGV during spring (WH+).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE--Migrants widespread and common beginning in mid-March (WH+). 3 at Glenwood 4/10 (JH).

COMMON GRACKLE--First in Santa Fe 4/14, and 3 females carrying food there on 5/3 (JH). Widespread but uncommon in MRGV, with first arrival 4/7 at Corrales (WH).

BRONZED COWBIRD--2 at Redrock 5/6 (K&BZ), 10 on Gila R. spring count.

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD--Fairly common after 4/6 in MRGV (WH+); 1 at Truth or Consequences 3/3 (DM).

ORCHARD ORIOLE--unusual: Immature male, described in great detail, in Albuquerque 5/4 (RM)....Several in Mimbres Valley, Luna County, 5/25 (JH).

HOODED ORIOLE--1 at Truth or Consequences 4/28 (DM); 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 5/1 (SW); 3 on Gila R. spring count 5/8.

NORTHERN (BULLOCK'S) ORIOLE--breeding: Nest with 3 juveniles at Cochiti 5/29 (BL)....Singles: singing at Villanueva 4/29 (JH), at Alameda 5/1 (DH), at Belen 4/21 (WH), at Truth or Consequences 4/18 (DM), and at Gila Bird Habitat 4/17 (RF).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE--breeding: Pair building nest at Carnuel in Sandias 5/7 (WH). Nesting pair in Juan Tabo Canyon, Sandias, 5/15 (JND)....1 on Gila R. spring count 5/8.

PINE GROSBEAK--1 at San Cristobal 3/4-4/30 (WAH).

CASSIN'S FINCH--unusual: 1 at Pleasanton 4/11 (JH) and 1 at 40 miles e. of Roswell 4/18 (D&SH), both out of usual range and habitat....11 in Guadalupe Mts. 3/31 (MH).

PINE SISKIN--breeding: First reports of breeding in Albuquerque, 3 nests in May (WH, RM).

LAWRENCE'S GOLDFINCH--unusual: 1 at Cliff in early April (JE).

EVENING GROSBEAK--breeding: 2 pairs in Sandia Mts. 5/30 (CAH, D&SH)....Unusual reports for MRGV: 46 at San Ildefonso 5/5-7 (RM, JD), 4 at Albuquerque 5/1 (CAH) and 1 there 5/4 (RM), and 1 at Isleta 4/29 (WH).