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FROM THE EDITORS:

Field observations in New Mexico for the spring of 1983 provided solid demographic fare on changes in the ranges and abundance of some of the state's established species. The frosting on the cake was sightings of birds rare in the state -- Brown Pelican, Barrow's Goldeneye, Black-shouldered Kite, and several seldom-seen migrant warblers.

Large gatherings included at least 8,000 Eared Grebes at Elephant Butte Lake and 252 American White Pelicans at Bosque del Apache NWR. The surprising Brown Pelican, described in detail, was observed for about a week at Storrie Lake. Great Egrets were present in early spring at Bosque and Bitter Lake NWRs, and Red-breasted Mergansers were reported widely in the same period. But the most unusual duck was the Barrow's Goldeneye, well seen at Maxwell NWR.

The Black-shouldered Kite photographed at Bitter Lake was the state's second verified record. A pair of Mississippi Kites at Clayton were somewhat out of range. Several Common Black Hawks, including nesting pairs, were in the southwest, and numbers of migrating Ospreys continued to be reported from around the state.

Dry conditions at Bosque NWR eliminated much potential shorebird habitat, but benefited Snowy Plovers, which nest there only in such circumstances. Small numbers of Semipalmated Sandpipers continued to be found in the east, and this season were also seen at Zuni. California Gulls were observed at many locales, and a Caspian Tern appeared at Lake McMillan in late May.

Identification of a near-albino Common Barn Owl in Dona Ana County underlined the importance of careful and detailed observation. There was an upsurge in reports of Long-eared Owls, including several nesting pairs.

The Gila Valley had its second reported male Costa's Hummingbird (the first was in 1896). Up to two pairs of Lucifer Hummingbirds were again in the Peloncillo Mountains. Unusual were an Acorn Woodpecker at Clayton and a pair of Three-toed Woodpeckers in the Zuni Mountains. Gila Woodpecker numbers appeared to be dropping in the Gila Valley, but Hairy Woodpeckers are on the increase in the middle Rio Grande Valley. Eastern Flycatchers (Wood Pewee, Phoebe, Kingbird) continued to be widely reported.

Blue Jay reports still pour in, but this spring only the 2 seen in Taos were in a locality well away from previous sightings in recent years. A Sedge Wren at Bosque NWR was an outstanding sighting. Vagrant warblers of interest included Blackburnian, Bay-breasted, Kentucky and Hooded. Unusual was a Scarlet Tanager at Corrales.

Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were seen widely in central and eastern New Mexico. A single Great-tailed Grackle at Clayton was the first recorded in that area since 1958. Common Grackles are becoming more common -- including 19 near Española, and 1 at Carlsbad. A very unusual record was a Hooded Oriole near Farmington.

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#### LOCALITIES AND THEIR COUNTIES IN THIS ISSUE:

abbreviations and symbols in text:

L. -- Lake  
MRGV -- middle Rio Grande Valley  
Mt. (Mts.) -- Mountain(s)  
NM -- National Monument  
N. M. -- New Mexico  
NP -- National Park  
NWR -- National Wildlife Refuge

R. -- River  
SGR -- State Game Refuge  
SP -- State Park

\* -- details  
\*\* -- photograph  
\*\*\* -- specimen

Annual Spring Bird Counts were held May 7 out of Silver City, and on May 14 out of Albuquerque, Española and Farmington. Referred to herein as "Silver City Count", etc.

Aguirre Springs -- Doña Ana  
Alameda -- Bernalillo  
Alamogordo -- Otero  
Albuquerque -- Bernalillo  
Anapra -- Doña Ana  
Animas -- Hidalgo  
Aragon -- Catron

Bandelier NM -- Sandoval, Los Alamos  
Belen -- Valencia  
Bernardo -- Socorro  
Bitter Lake NWR (Bitter L.) -- Chaves  
Bosque bridge, village -- Valencia  
Bosque del Apache NWR (Bosque NWR)  
-- Socorro  
Bosque Redondo -- de Baca

Capitan -- Lincoln  
Carlsbad -- Eddy  
Carlsbad Caverns NP -- Eddy  
Cedar Crest -- Bernalillo  
City of Rocks SP -- Grant  
Clayton, Clayton L. -- Union

Corrales -- Sandoval  
Cotton City -- Hidalgo  
Crownpoint -- McKinley

Deming -- Luna  
Durling's Farm -- Doña Ana

Elephant Butte L. -- Sierra  
El Morro NM -- Cibola  
El Pyeblo -- San Miguel  
Española -- Rio Arriba

Farmington -- San Juan  
Fort Bayard -- Grant  
Fort Sumner -- de Baca

Gila -- Grant  
Gila R. -- Grant, Catron, Hidalgo  
Glenwood -- Catron  
Golondrinas -- Mora

Hurley -- Grant  
Isleta -- Bernalillo, Valencia

Jemez Mts., R., Springs -- Sandoval  
Jornada Valley, Grassland -- Doña Ana

Kirtland -- San Juan

La Cienega -- Santa Fe  
La Cueva -- Sandoval  
L. McMillan -- Eddy  
Las Cruces -- Doña Ana  
Las Vegas NWR -- San Miguel  
Lincoln -- Lincoln  
Los Lunas -- Valencia  
Loving -- Eddy

Madrone Ponds -- Valencia  
Malaga -- Eddy  
Mangas Springs -- Grant  
Manzano Mts. -- Torrance  
Maxwell NWR -- Colfax  
Mesilla -- Doña Ana  
Morgan L. -- San Juan

Nambe -- Santa Fe

Old Refuge (Las Cruces) --  
Doña Ana  
Organ Mts. -- Doña Ana  
Owens Farm -- Doña Ana

Peloncillo Mts. -- Hidalgo

CORRECTION: On the cover of Vol. 22, No. 1, the next-to-last committee name should have been William Stone, not William Howe.

#### SPECIES ACCOUNTS:

COMMON LOON -- 1 at Percha Dam SP 4/23 (Sherry Nelson+).

HORNED GREBE -- 2 at Elephant Butte L. 3/24, 2 at L. McMillan 3/24 (PL).

FARED GREBE -- At Elephant Butte L., "thousands" 3/22 (JV) and 8,000+ 3/26 (KZ).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- 4 at Zuni 3/4 (JT); 9 at Bosque NWR 3/18 (JH) and 252, a high number, there 4/9 (D&SH); fishermen saw several at Willow L. 5/22 (fide SW).

BROWN PELICAN -- unusual: 1\* in summer plumage at Storrie L. 5/30-6/4 (JG); well described. Extremely few N.M. reports.

AMERICAN BITTERN -- 1 at Zuni 5/26 (AS).

LEAST BITTERN -- 1 at Alameda 5/26 (JP) and 5/28 (GP).

GREAT EGRET -- At Bosque NWR, 2 3/18 (JH) and singles 3/27, 4/9 and 4/17 (D&SH); 1 at Bitter L. 3/25 (PL). Unusual in spring.

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- 1 at Bosque NWR 5/8 (RT).

CATTLE EGRET -- 2 at Bosque NWR 3/19; 221 between El Paso and Las Cruces 4/16 (BZ).

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- At Bosque NWR, 3 on 3/19 (PL) and 3 on 3/27 (D&SH); 1 at Bitter L. 4/30 (D&SH).

ROSS' GOOSE -- 35 at Bosque NWR 3/27 (D&SH).

Percha Dam SP -- Sierra  
Pojoaque -- Santa Fe  
Ponderosa -- Sandoval  
Post Office Canyon -- Hidalgo

Randle's Pool -- Doña Ana  
Raton -- Colfax  
Rattlesnake Springs -- Eddy  
Redrock -- Grant

Sandia Mts., Park, Crest --  
Bernalillo  
San Juan Pueblo -- Rio Arriba  
San Simon Cienega -- Hidalgo  
Santa Cruz L. -- Santa Fe  
Santa Fe -- Santa Fe  
Silver City -- Grant  
Storrie L. SP -- San Miguel

Taos -- Taos

Water Canyon (Magdalena Mts.) --  
Socorro  
White Rock -- Los Alamos  
Willow L. -- Eddy

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

WOOD DUCK -- 1 at San Juan Pueblo on Española Count (BL+).

COMMON GOLDENEYE -- 2 in lower Dona Ana County wintered and stayed through 4/15 (BZ).

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE -- unusual: 1, presumably same individual, seen at Maxwell NWR 4/9 by Louis Herrmann and 4/20 by William Mobley. Some details. Very rare in state, despite existence of 2 specimens.

HOODED MERGANSER -- 1 at Bosque NWR 3/19 (PL).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- Reported more widely than usual. 5 at Morgan L. 4/17 (AN) and 3 there until 5/3 (Herb Stein). 1 at Las Vegas NWR 4/25 (JH). PL saw 2 at Elephant Butte L. 3/19, 1 at Bitter L. 3/24 and 2 at L. McMillan 3/24-25.

OSPREY -- Good numbers -- 20+ reported -- moved through the state from early March to mid-May. Earliest at Anthony 3/2 (KZ), latest in Gila Valley 5/21 (RF). KZ and DJ saw total of 7 in south-central N.M.

BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE -- unusual: 1\*\* at Bitter L. 4/21-23 (KW. Jerry French). Second verified record for both state and refuge; first was in 7/75.

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- Pair at Clayton 5/21-28 (AK); outside normal range.

BALD EAGLE -- 1 at Kirtland 4/13 (Don Hitt) was late. 1 at Zuni 3/6-8 (JT).

NORTHERN HARRIER -- breeding: Pair seen mating at Morgan L. 4/24 (AN). Pair observed on Farmington Count (late).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK -- 1 near Las Cruces 5/13; late (KZ).

GOSHAWK -- breeding: Pair at nest, 1 incubating, at Zuni 5/14 (TR)\*.

COMMON BLACK-HAWK -- breeding: 2 nesting pairs in Redrock area and 6 or 7 additional pairs in April and May in the Gila Valley (RF). 12, a new high, in Silver City Count. 1\* between Capitan and Lincoln 3/31 (RT). 1 at Mangas Springs 3/29 (DH).

HARRIS' HAWK -- Continues to do well in southwest N.M., with 12 reported 5/8 (RF, Warren Shaul).

GRAY HAWK -- 1 at Post Office Canyon, Peloncillo Mts., in April (GC).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- 1\*\* immature at Corrales Bridge 5/8 (D&SH). Details.

ZONE-TAILED HAWK -- 1 at Bandelier NM 4/11 (Carlyn Jarvis); no details. 1 on Silver City Count (H&RW). breeding: Pair at nest in Grant County throughout spring (RF).

RED-TAILED HAWK -- 1 of Harlan's race in Doña Ana County 3/4 (BZ).

PRAIRIE FALCON -- 1 near Malaga 5/26 (SW).

NORTHERN BOBWHITE -- 15 at Ft. Sumner 3/25 (PL); pair in eastern Eddy County 5/28 (SW); 1\* in Carlsbad 4/6 (BS).

GAMBEL'S QUAIL -- 49 on Farmington Count, indicating the San Juan Valley population is still thriving.

VIRGINIA RAIL -- 12 on Farmington Count.

SORA -- 20 at Zuni 5/5 (JT).

SNOWY PLOVER -- 5 at Bosque NWR 3/27, apparently setting up territories in the dry areas (D&SH).

WILLET -- 1 at Las Vegas NWR 4/25 (JH).

MARbled GODWIT -- 1 at Las Vegas NWR 4/25 (JH); 9 at Bitter L. 4/30 (D&SH).

SANDERLING -- 2 at Bitter L. 5/1 (SW); 2 at L. McMillan 4/2 (RT).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 1 at Zuni 5/4 (JT); 4\*\* at Bitter L. 4/30 and 1 there 5/1 (D&SH).

DUNLIN -- 2 at Bosque NWR 4/14 (WS). D&SH report 2 on 4/9 and 3 on 4/17 at Bosque NWR, and singles at Bitter L. 4/30 and 5/1.

BONAPARTE'S GULL --3 at Bosque NWR 4/9 (D&SH), 20 at L. McMillan 3/24 (PL), and these Elephant Butte L. reports: 200 on 3/18 and 125 3/19 by PL, 10+ on 3/22 by JV, and 40 on 3/26 by KZ.

CALIFORNIA GULL -- Recorded in many parts of state, including Morgan L., Zuni, Elephant Butte L. and Bitter L.

CASPIAN TERN -- unusual: 1 at L. McMillan 5/29 (BS, Shirley Spitler).  
Some details.

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- unusual: 1 at Bitter L., first refuge record, in spring (no date given) (KW).

COMMON GROUND DOVE -- 1 calling at San Simon Cienega 5/26 (JH).

COMMON BARN OWL -- unusual: Nearly totally albino individual sighted in southern Dona Ana County 4/10 (DJ, BZ); details. breeding: Pair with eggs in burrow in sandbank near Anapra (BZ+). Normal bird in same area as albino 4/14 (BZ). 2 on Silver City Count, a new high.

FLAMMULATED OWL -- breeding: Adult at nest hole in Water Canyon in mid-May (PS). (Downy young found at this nest in summer.) 1 to 4 near Zuni (JT).

WESTERN SCREECH OWL -- 1 at Raton 5/18 (RY), 1 at Zuni 5/25, 30 (JT), 1 at Bandelier NM 5/18 (WS).

GREAT HORNED OWL -- breeding: Occupied nests near Cotton City 3/18 (JH) and at Jornada grassland 3/4 (B&KZ).

NORTHERN PYGMY OWL -- Singles at Zuni 5/2, 5/4, 5/25 (JT).

LONG-EARED OWL -- breeding: Pair on nest at Corrales Bridge 5/14 (D&SH). Female with 3 young at Ft. Bayard 5/29. More sightings than usual: 1 at Zuni 5/25 and 30 (JT), 1 at Belen 5/16 (WH), 1 at Ft. Bayard 4/16 (WS, BH), and 4 on 3/20 at Old Refuge, Las Cruces, where up to 14 wintered (B&KZ).

WHIP-POOR-WILL -- Singles seen in Zuni and heard calling in Hausner Canyon, Zuni Mts., on 5/28 (JT); 2 or 3 calling in Sandias 5/21 (RBr+); 4 at Mesilla until 3/20 (B&KZ).

CHIMNEY SWIFT -- 1 small dark swift, presumably this species, at Corrales Bridge 5/8 (D&SH).

BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1\* at Carlsbad Caverns NP 4/4 (RPa, fide SW).

LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 at Post Office Canyon 4/2 (GC). By end of period, 2 males and 2 females were present (RS, RT). This is fifth consecutive year species has been present at this Peloncillo Mts. site.

COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- unusual: 1 male seen 5/17 (GSM+) and again 5/21 (RF+). Details. Second report for Gila Valley; the first, in 1896, has been questioned.

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 s. of Animas 3/13 (Jane Dobrott); early.

LEWIS' WOODPECKER -- 1 in Sandias 5/14 (HS); third spring record for range. 1 at Gila 4/23 (M&SO).

ACORN WOODPECKER -- unusual: 1 at Clayton 5/15 (AK); second record for area.

GILA WOODPECKER -- breeding: 1 on nest at NM211 bridge on Gila R. on Silver City Count (JND, RF). But total of 3 for count was very low.

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER -- unusual: pair (female photographed) on Forest Road 480 above Ojo Redondo in Zuni Mts. 3/6 (JT).

NORTHERN FLICKER -- 1 male, yellow-shafted form\* at Santa Fe 4/7 (JH).

EASTERN WOOD PEWEE -- 1 reported at Zuni 5/26 (JT); details, including song, but species is difficult to distinguish from western counterpart in the field.

WILLOW FLYCATCHER -- Heard northwest of Crownpoint 5/24 (G&DS), at Mangas Springs 5/1 (RF), at Redrock 5/25 (JH).

HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER -- 1 at Ponderosa 4/20 (Terry Johnson).

GRAY FLYCATCHER -- More numerous than usual in MRGV; 12 seen in spring of 1983, vs. 7 in 1982 and 3 in 1981 (WH).

BLACK PHOEBE -- breeding: Nests in Zuni area 5/3 and 5/27 (JT).

EASTERN PHOEBE -- 2, probably nesting, at El Pueblo 4/25 and 3 pairs in Pecos valley n. of Villanueva 5/22 (JH); 1 at Percha Dam SP 3/26 (KZ); 1 at Bitter L. 4/21 (BZ), and 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 3/23 (PL).

BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER -- 2 near Redrock 5/25 (JH).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- Pair building nest at Redrock SP 4/17 (RT).

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD -- 1 at El Morro SP 5/8 (Craig Andrews).

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- Single was third record for Farmington Count. 1 at Zuni 5/26 (JT) was third record for area. 1 at Colondrinas, Mora County, 5/22 (JH).

PURPLE MARTIN -- 2 at Zuni 5/2 (JT).

BLUE JAY -- Sightings include 2 at Taos (Catherine Ranger); 1 at Santa Fe that stayed through winter and at least to 4/22 (ML); 1 at Bosque Redondo 5/1 (SW), and 1 at Bitter L. 5/1 (D&SH).

SCRUB JAY -- 3 at Ft. Sumner 3/25 (PL).

PINYON JAY -- Small numbers throughout MRGV (WH, D&SH, RT).

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER -- 1 at feeder in Manzano Mts. 4/9 (Lee Baker, fide RT).

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE -- 1 at La Bajada Hill, Santa Fe County, 3/13 (JH).

CHIHUAHUA RAVEN -- Singles, "almost certainly this species," at Los Lunas and Bernardo 5/30 (WH). First spring arrival in Loving was late, but numbers were up from previous years (SW). breeding: 1 on nest at Grant-Hidalgo County line 4/17 (RT).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE -- 20 in Farmington Count.

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE -- 10 at Ft. Sumner 3/25 and 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 3/23 (PL); 1 at WIPP site in Eddy County 3/27 (JB); 1 at Jornada 4/17 (Neil Cobb). (more on these species on next page)



STATUS OF CHICKADEES IN THE MRGV:

In an intensive survey of MRGV birds, William Howe noted a few cases of cross-breeding between Black-capped and Mountain Chickadees in 1981 and 1982. Evidently this was actually widespread, for 1983 brought much evidence of hybridization as well as fertile cross-breeding. In summary:

In 1983, virtually all chickadees from Albuquerque to Isleta were Black-capped. Mountains began to appear at Belen, and dominated from Bosque village to Bernardo, with some pure Black-capped present. But 36% of all chickadees from Bosque to Bernardo showed characteristics of both species. These nesting pairs were identified:

Albuquerque to Isleta, 6 pure Black-capped, 1 Black-capped x hybrid.  
Belen to Bosque, 2 Mountain pairs; 3 Black-capped pairs at Madrone Ponds.  
Bosque to Bernardo, 1 Mountain pair, 2 Mountain x Black-capped, and  
1 hybrid x Mountain.  
All nests produced young at least through the nestling stage.

Mountains lingered till at least 4/22 in the MRGV (VH), later than usual.

BRIDLED TITMOUSE -- 1 at Percha Dam SP 3/18 (PL).

BUSHTIT -- Pair building nest at Bosque village (WH).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- 1 at Bernardo 5/25 (WH); 1 in Clanton Canyon, Peloncillo Mts., 3/16 (JH); 1 at Las Cruces 3/20 (PL).

PYGMY NUTHATCH -- 1 at Aguirre Springs 5/14 (BZ).

BROWN CREEPER -- Lingered in MRGV until 4/22, two weeks later than usual (WH). 1 at Carlsbad 3/31 (SW). 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 3/23 (PL).

HOUSE WREN -- Pairs building nests at Zuni 5/28 (JT) and Jemez Springs 5/29 (MS).

SEDGE WREN -- 1 seen and heard, 1 only heard at Bosque NWR 3/19 (PL).  
Details. Very unusual; not reported in this area before.

MARSH WREN -- 1 on Farmington count; rare in area, but has been a verified breeder.

AMERICAN DIPPER -- 2 in Santa Cruz dam and Nambe dam areas 5/9 and 5/14 (WS). 1 at Glenwood 4/16 (W. R. Johnson).

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER -- 2 near Organ Mts. 4/15 and 1 at Jornada 4/17 (KZ).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- 6 at Ft. Sumner 3/25 and 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 3/23 (PL).

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD -- breeding: Pair at nesting box in Santa Fe 5/4, 5/11, 5/14 (JH). 10 at Raton 5/13 (RY).

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE -- 1 on Farmington Count; late.

SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- 1 at Alamogordo 4/23 (RH).

GRAY CATBIRD -- 1 to 3 at Albuquerque 5/12-14 (D&SH); 5 at Madrone Ponds 5/16 (WH).

SAGE THRASHER -- breeding: Bird carrying fecal sac at Zuni 5/26 (JT).  
25 at Crownpoint 5/20 (G&DS).

BROWN THRASHER -- unusual: 2 at Ft. Sumner 3/25 (PL). 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 3/23 (PL); 2 at Durling's Farm 3/1-5/3 (BZ).

BENDIRE'S THRASHER -- 15 at Crownpoint 5/24 (G&DS); 2 at Zuni 5/24 (JT).

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER -- breeding: Pair at nest with young at Monticello in Sandias 5/16 (HS); nest with young at City of Rocks SP 5/5 (DM).

CRISSAL THRASHER -- 2 at Bosque NWR 3/27 (D&SH); 1 singing at Redrock 5/25 (JH).

CEDAR WAXWING -- 30 at Zuni 5/6 (TR).

PHAINOPEPLA -- 1 at Aragon 5/7 (JND, J. P. Fitzsimmons).

NORTHERN SHRIKE -- unusual: 1\* at La Cienega 3/31 (JH).

BELL'S VIREO -- Several at Rattlesnake Springs 5/15 (RH).

GRAY VIREO -- Reported without details at City of Rocks SP 5/5 (DM).

WARBLING VIREO -- breeding: 1 on nest at Bandelier NM 5/17 (AST).

RED-EYED VIREO -- 1 at Zuni 5/27 (JT).

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER -- unusual: 1\* at Corrales Bridge 5/14-15 (D&SH, DT, DS). Rare in state.

TENNESSEE WARBLER -- 1\* female at Bandelier NM 5/8 (WS); 1 at Albuquerque 5/6 (WH).

NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 2 at Durling's Farm 4/17 (BZ).

LUCY'S WARBLER -- 1 at Bosque village 5/14 and 1 singing at Bernardo 5/30 (WH) were north of traditionally known range.

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER -- A male near Mesilla in May (no date) (DJ).

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER -- 1\* at Corrales Bridge on Albuquerque Count (D&SH); 1 at Bosque Redondo 5/1 (SW); 1\*\* female at Owens Farm 4/14 (B&KZ) -- unusual in area in spring.

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER -- unusual: 1\* at Rattlesnake Springs 5/15 (SW); seldom seen in state.

GRACE'S WARBLER -- breeding: Pair constructing nest at Zuni 5/25 (JT). 1 at Albuquerque 5/7 (WH); unusual in lowlands.

PALM WARBLER -- unusual: 1 at Zuni 5/2 (JT); rare in N.M.

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER -- 1 at Santa Fe 5/22 (Hilda Voetberg).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- Singles in Rio Grande Valley from Dona Ana County to Corrales 5/3-5/21 (BZ\*\*, WH, D&SH, Mary Lou Arthur, JP).

AMERICAN REDSTART -- 1 at Zuni 5/31 (JT); a female at Isleta 5/18 and 1 at Bosque village 5/17 (WH); 1 at Roswell 5/17-21 (Elmer Schooley).

OVENBIRD -- 1\*\*\* killed self at window in White Rock 5/18 (AST).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- Singles at Madrone Ponds at Bosque village 5/17 (WH), at Mangas Springs 5/1 (RF), at Rattlesnake Springs 5/7 (SW), and at Durling's Farm 4/28-5/10 (BZ).

KENTUCKY WARBLER -- 1\* at Madrone Ponds 5/16 (WH) was west of historically known spring range.

HOODED WARBLER -- 1 at Zuni 5/29 (JT).

PAINTED REDSTART -- Single sightings at Albuquerque 5/15 (RBr) and 5/16 (Janet Kjelmyr) believed to be different birds.

HEPATIC Tanager -- breeding: Pair building nest at Ft. Bayard 5/29 (RF).  
Pair singing at Sandia Crest 5/26 (JND).

SUMMER Tanager -- First at Bernardo 4/23, with 16 there in one mile 5/30 (WH).

SCARLET Tanager -- unusual: 1\* at Corrales Bridge 5/21 (D&SH).

NORTHERN CARDINAL -- A male\*\* at Randle's Pool 4/17 and 5/12 (BZ), east of the normal range in southwest corner of state.

PYRRHULOXIA -- 2 at Ft. Sumner 3/25 (WH); northernmost record in Pecos Valley.

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEEK -- 3 males and several females at Clayton 4/27-5/22 (AK). And these numerous single sightings: La Cueva 5/5 and Jemez Springs 5/5-6 (MS); male at Pojoaque 5/14 and one at Santa Fe 5/20 (WS); Corrales 5/21 (RBr+); female at Corrales Bridge on Albuquerque Count (D&SH); Owens Farm 5/10\*\* (BZ), and Rattlesnake Springs 5/7 (SW).

INDIGO BUNTING --1 at Santa Fe 4/23 (ML).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW -- 1 at Zuni 5/4 (JT); 1 at Jornada grassland 5/9 (DJ).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW -- 2 at Santa Fe 3/6 (JH).

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW -- 1 in Sandia Mts. 4/15 (HS).

HARRIS' SPARROW -- 1 at Sandia Park 5/2 (HS); 1 at Las Cruces 5/1 (DJ).

DARK-EYED JUNCO -- Slate-colored single at Santa Fe 3/6 (JH).

BOBOLINK -- unusual: A male\* in breeding plumage at Carlsbad 4/6 (BS).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK -- Singing singles at Cedar Crest 5/21 (RBr+), and at Water Canyon 5/7 (RT) and 5/22 (WH). One, no details, at Bitter L. 4/30 (D&SH).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE -- 1 at Clayton 5/4 (WC); first recorded there since 1958.

COMMON GRACKLE -- 19 on Espanola Count; 1 to 3 at Santa Fe 3/31-4/28 and 2 to 3 at Albuquerque 5/3-5/19 (JH); 1 at Carlsbad 5/30 (SW).

BRONZED COWBIRD -- 1\*\* at Owens Farm 5/12 (BZ); 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 5/28 (SW).

HOODED ORIOLE -- unusual: A male\* at Farmington 4/13-15 (AN); second record there. First Silver City arrival 4/1 and male and female at Mangas Springs 4/15-21 (RF).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE -- 2 on Farmington Count; 2 at Crownpoint 5/24 (G&DS); first Ft. Bayard arrival 4/14 (BH).

PURPLE FINCH -- unusual: 1 at Percha Dam SP 3/26 (KZ).