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FROM THE EDITORS:

Observers generally reported a rather dull winter for birding, with some exceptions. Raptors were abundant, and Glaucous Gulls staged an incursion, for example. Weather varies greatly in our large and geographically diverse state, but most areas were rather dry with extended periods of mild temperatures (the southeast had a severe early December that evidently affected bird movements). Neither is bird distribution uniform -- a "good sparrow winter" in central New Mexico, sparrows scarce on the Zuni Reservation -- a record flight of Snow Geese in the Rio Grande Valley, very high counts of some passerines in the southwest mountains, but a near-total absence of the previous year's incursion of montane species into south-central lowlands.

The raptor situation was promising. Good numbers of eagles, Bald and Golden, were reported from widely scattered locations (Balds in the Peloncillo Mountains, at Lake McMillan, and around Las Cruces, as well as more usual locales). The annual raptor count on the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project, on January 21, found a record total of 298 birds (if you include a surprising Burrowing Owl). Among NIIP sightings were 33 Golden Eagles, 50 Northern Harriers, and 134 Ferruginous Hawks.

There was an apparent minor southerly incursion of Northern Goshawks, and increases in numbers were noted for Northern Harriers, wintering Merlins, and Harlan-type Red-tailed Hawks. Reports of Long-eared Owls also were more numerous.

Also notable was the low number -- only four -- of sightings of Northern Shrikes. Great-tailed Grackles continued their expansion westerly, in the Zuni, Gila Valley and Peloncillo areas.

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NEW MEXICO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS, 1983:

(name of count, date, compiler; abbreviated "CC" in text)

Albuquerque, Dec. 31, James Karo
Bluewater L., Dec. 17, Arch McCallum
Bosque del Apache NWR, Dec. 17, C. A. Hundertmark (Bosque CC for short)
Carlsbad Caverns NP, Dec. 31, Steve West (Carlsbad CC for short)

Clayton, Dec. 31, M. J. Mayfield
Española, Dec. 26, W. Burton Lewis
Farmington, Dec. 17, Alan Nelson
Gila River, Dec. 31, Ralph Fisher

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Lakes Avalon and McMillan, Dec. 29, Jim Cheek (L. Avalon CC for short)
La Luz (Otero County), Dec. 17, Lawrence Murphy
Las Cruces, Dec. 17, Kevin Zimmer
Las Vegas, Dec. 17, John Gavahan

Loving, Dec. 27, Steve West
Peloncillo Mts., Dec. 29, Robert Scholes
Roswell, Dec. 17, Shirley Brown
Sandia Mts., Dec. 18, Kay Anderson and Ross Teuber

Santa Fe, Dec. 18, Roland Goodman
Silver City, Dec. 17, Ralph Fisher
Zuni, Dec. 18, John Trochet

LOCALITIES AND THEIR COUNTIES IN THIS ISSUE:

abbreviations and symbols in text:

L. -- Lake
Mt. (Mts.) -- Mountain (s)
NIIP -- Navajo Indian Irrigation
Project, San Juan County
NM -- National Monument
N.M. -- New Mexico
NP -- National Park
NWR -- National Wildlife Refuge

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

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

Alameda -- Bernalillo
Alamogordo -- Otero
Albuquerque -- Bernalillo
Aztec -- San Juan

La Cienega -- Santa Fe
L. Avalon -- Eddy
L. McMillan -- Eddy
La Luz -- Otero
Las Cruces -- Doña Ana
Las Vegas NWR -- San Miguel
Leasburg -- Doña Ana
Loving -- Eddy

Belen -- Valencia
Bill Evans L. -- Grant
Bitter L. NWR (Bitter L.) -- Chaves
Bluewater L. -- Cibola, McKinley
Bosque bridge, village -- Valencia
Bosque del Apache NWR (Bosque NWR)
-- Socorro
Bottomless L. SP -- Chaves

Mangas Springs, Creek -- Grant
Mesilla -- Doña Ana
Moriarty -- Torrance
NIIP (see above) -- San Juan

Caballo L. (Dam) -- Sierra
Carlsbad -- Eddy
Carlsbad Caverns NP -- Eddy
Carrizozo -- Lincoln
Cedar Crest -- Bernalillo
Clayton, Clayton L. -- Union
Cliff -- Grant
Cochiti L., Dam, Pueblo -- Sandoval
Columbus -- Luna
Conchas L. -- San Miguel

Ojo Caliente -- Rio Arriba
Organ Mts. -- Doña Ana
Orogrande -- Otero
Peloncillo Mts. -- Hidalgo
Percha Dam SP -- Sierra

Elephant Butte L., Dam -- Sierra
Española -- Rio Arriba
Estancia -- Torrance
(Evans L. -- see Bill Evans L.)
Farmington -- San Juan
Fort Sumner -- De Baca

Radium Springs -- Doña Ana
Randall's Pool -- Doña Ana
Rattlesnake Springs -- Eddy
Redrock -- Grant
Rio Grande Nature Center, Albuquer-
que -- Bernalillo
Rodeo -- Hidalgo
Roswell -- Chaves

Gila R. -- Grant, Catron, Hidalgo
Gray Ranch -- Hidalgo
Hatch -- Doña Ana
Hyde SP -- Santa Fe

Sabinal -- Socorro
Sacramento L., Mts., R. -- Otero
Sandia Mts., Crest, Park -- Bernalillo
San Juan Pueblo -- Rio Arriba
San Simon Cienega -- Hidalgo
Santa Fe -- Santa Fe
Socorro -- Socorro
Sumner L. -- De Baca

Three Gun Springs, Sandia Mts. Tucumcari -- Quay
-- Bernalillo Virden -- Hidalgo
Tres Piedras -- Taos Willow L. -- Eddy
Truth Or Consequences -- Sierra Zuni (Reservation) -- McKinley

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

COMMON LOON -- 1 at Elephant Butte L. 1/21 (KZ+).

PIED-BILLED GREBE -- 1 on Peloncillo CC.

HORNED GREBE -- 1 on Bluewater CC.

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- 1 on 12/27 at Willow L. (SW), where species is becoming regular in winter.

OLIVACEOUS CORMORANT -- 40+ at Caballo L. in January and February (many observers).

GREAT EGRET -- 1 at Bitter L. 1/7 (RT).

SNOWY EGRET -- 1 on Pecos R. near Loving 12/3 (SW).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON -- 58 on Loving CC.

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING DUCK -- unusual: 1 with some details reported at Bitter L., date not stated (Sherry Blxler, fide KW). Very rare in N.M.

TUNDRA SWAN -- 20 at Zuni 2/19 (JT); 1 at Mangas Creek 12/31 (BH, Bill Rogers); 3 at La Cienega in early January (Kim Murphy); 2 at Radium Springs 1/15 (Art Hayes); 1 on Peloncillo CC.

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 1 at Las Vegas NWR 1/1 (D&RR); 1 at Bitter L. 3/2 (KW).

SNOW GOOSE -- 100 flew over Juan Tabo Canyon 2/4 (HS); observer's first record for Sandias.

ROSS' GOOSE -- 1 on Bluewater CC* (JT); up to 871 (1/13) at Bitter L. (K. Joe Kimball).

CANADA GOOSE -- Up to 7,000 on Farmington CC was record for this count.

MALLARD -- Described as Mexican race (no details) were 5 on Peloncillo CC, 3 at San Simon Cienega in January (RH), and 3 to 6 at Gray Ranch 12/15 (JH).

OLDSQUAW -- unusual: 1 female** at L. McMillan 1/15 (SW); 1*** shot near Carlsbad 12/23 (fide Elwood Martin, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service). Rare in N.M.

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER -- unusual: A male* at Bitter L. 1/13 (KW); also rare here.

COMMON GOLDENEYE -- Up to 12 at Zuni 2/20 (JT); 71 on Bluewater L. CC; 3 at San Juan Pueblo 2/4 (PI); 5 at Cochiti L. 1/2, 15 at McAllister L. 1/11 and 2 at Conchas L. 1/11 (JH); 1 at Rio Grande Nature Center 1/21 (WS); at Caballo L., 3 males 1/6 (RH), 1 on 1/21 and 2 on 2/5 (KZ+); 1 at Bosque NWR 1/21 (RT); 1 on Gila R. CC; 7 at Bitter L. 2/17 (KW).

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE -- unusual: A female at Zuni* (JT) and another female at Clayton L. 1/12 (JH) with scant details. Very rare in N.M. and female is difficult to identify.

HOODED Merganser -- 2 at Aztec on Farmington CC; 1 at Zuni 2/19 (JT); 1 at Bosque NWR 2/2 (RT); 4 at Bitter L. 1/7 (RT) and 4 there 1/13 (KW); 2 at Caballo L. in January and February (KZ+, RH); 2 females s. of Hatch 2/18 (RH).

COMMON MERGANSER -- 300+ at L. McMillan 1/15 (SW) were winter's largest flock there.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- 13 at Bitter L. 2/3 (KW); 15 at L. McMillan 1/15 (SW); 1 on Loving CC.

TURKEY VULTURE --- 1 near Sacramento R. 1/25 (Art Hayes) was very late.

OSPREY -- unusual: Very late were 1 at Caballo Dam 12/24 (D&RR) and 1 on Gila R. CC.

BALD EAGLE -- Numerous reports from widespread typical habitats, but these were from areas where seldom sighted: 1 between Alamogordo and Orogrande in mid-January (RH); immature at L. McMillan 12/26 (Lynn Nymeyer); 1 on Peloncillo CC; singles in Organ Mts. and at Messilla on Las Cruces CC.

NORTHERN HARRIER -- Commoner than usual in Sandia foothills (HS); 1 seen 12/18 by RT at Cedar Crest at unusual altitude in woodland/ponderosa pine transition zone; high counts of 50 at NIIP 1/21 (AN+) and 62 in Loving CC.

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- Above-normal sightings, especially at lower elevations and to the south. 1 at Zuni 12/20-2/21 (JT). 3 reports in Sandias in January-February (HS). 2 on Albuquerque CC. 1 at Bosque village 2/21 (WH). 1 at Bosque NWR 12/16 (WS). 1 at Bitter L. 1/13 (KW).

HARRIS' HAWK -- Continues to be reported from southwest N.M.

RED-TAILED HAWK -- Unusually abundant reports of Harlan type, mostly with details, included singles 2/21 at Zuni (JT) and Las Vegas on 1/11 (JH) and a total of 8 from Doña Ana County between 12/4 and mid-February at Randall's Pool, Las Cruces, Radium Springs and Leasburg (BZ, KZ, RH and Las Cruces CC).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK -- Exceptionally high 134 at NIIP 1/21 (AN+).

GOLDEN EAGLE -- Apparently more frequently seen than in recent past years; the 33 at NIIP 1/21 (AN+) were unusually numerous.

MERLIN -- The season's 8 records were above normal. They were at Zuni 12/19 (JT); Cottonwood Canyon (Bluewater CC); Ojo Caliente 1/13 (JH); 1 at a high 10,500 feet at Sandia Crest 1/6 (HS); 2 at Estancia 1/31 (RT); San Simon Cienega 12/14 (RH), and on Las Cruces CC.

PRAIRIE FALCON -- 1 at Zuni 12/18 (JT); 1 between Moriarty and Santa Fe 1/30 (PI+); more frequent than usual between Loving and Carlsbad (SW); 2 in Estancia Valley 1/31 (RT); 2 on Roswell CC.

CHUKAR -- 2 on Farmington CC.

RING-NECKED PHEASANT -- 1 on Carlsbad CC was first since 1965.

WILD TURKEY -- 3 at Zuni 12/19 (JT).

MONTEZUMA QUAIL -- 8 on Gila R. CC.

NORTHERN BOBWHITE -- 14 at Fort Sumner 1/14 (WH).

SCALED QUAIL -- 7 on Farmington CC.

VIRGINIA RAIL -- 1 at Zuni 12/16 (TR) and 2 there 12/18 (JT); 1 at Bitter L. 1/5 (KW); 1 on Silver City CC was new to count.

SORA -- 13 at Mangas Springs during season and 3 at Roberts L. 1/28 (RF); 13 on Gila R. CC was a high for count.

COMMON MOORHEN -- L** at Washington Ranch on Carlsbad CC (SW), and 1 at San Simon Cienega 1/24 (RH).

AMERICAN COOT -- 6,412 on Zuni CC.

WHOOPIING CRANE -- 8 flying north between Ojo Caliente and Tres Piedras 2/15 (WHB, AEK). Adult at Belen SGR 2/19 (WH).

WILLET -- 1 on Las Cruces CC (Eunice Thaeler).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- 1 on Carlsbad CC.

LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- 100+ e. of Loving 12/3 (SW).

WESTERN SANDPIPER -- Several reports, but none with sufficient detail to rule out other species.

LEAST SANDPIPER -- 2 on Bluewater L. CC.

DUNLIN -- 4** at Bosque NWR 2/11 (D&SH, DZ+).

COMMON SNIBE -- 1 on Zuni CC (TR).

BONAPARTE'S GULL -- 8 on Bosque CC; 3 at Caballo L. 12/24 (D&RR).

RING-BILLED GULL -- 1,500+ at Caballo L. in January and February (RH).

HERRING GULL -- SW reports dramatic increase in Eddy County, including 12 on Loving CC. RH saw 8 at Elephant Butte L. 1/21, 5 at Caballo L. in January and February, and 6 at Hatch 2/5; JH sighted 2 at Caballo L. 1/31, and KZ saw 6 on Rio Grande s. of Hatch 2/5.

GLAUCOUS GULL -- unusual: After only two previous N.M. sightings, in 1976 and 1980, there were three reports this winter: 1 with good details at Cochiti L. 1/2 (JH); a first-year bird at Sumner L. 12/29 (GHR), and 1 at L. McMillan 1/15, with some details (SW).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON -- unusual: 5 in Sacramento Mts. 12/25 (D&RR). Casual in the area in winter.

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- 1 at Roswell 12/18 (Phelps White); small numbers wintered at Carlsbad (SW).

COMMON GROUND DOVE -- unusual: 4 at San Simon Cienega 1/24 (RH); high number for a species rare in N.M.

COMMON BARN OWL -- 1 at Bosque NWR 2/3 (RT).

WESTERN SCREECH OWL -- 1 on Zuni CC (JT); 2 at San Simon Cienega 1/23 (RH); 1* on Loving CC.

BURROWING OWL -- 1 on NIIP 1/21 (AN); seldom reported from area.

LONG-EARED OWL -- Singles on Zuni, L. Avalon and Carlsbad CCs. 1 at Bottomless L. SP 1/29 (SW); infrequent in Chaves County. 5 at Old Refuge at Las Cruces 2/25 (LH+).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT -- Widespread in southern N.M., including a high of 80 n. of Hatch 1/6 (RH). 3 on La Luz CC and 6 on Loving CC.

LEWIS' WOODPECKER -- unusual: 5 on Zuni CC were first winter record for reservation.

ACORN WOODPECKER-unusual: A pair in upper Mullen Canyon 12/15 were a first for the Zuni Reservation (JT).

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GILA WOODPECKER -- Pair on Duck Creek, Grant County, 1/7 (RF); a few along Gila R. in mid-February (RH).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER -- unusual: 1 at Conchas L. 1/11 (JH) was possibly of the varius group, rare in winter in the area.

STRICKLAND'S WOODPECKER -- 1 in Clanton Canyon, Peloncillo Mts., 12/15 (JH).

NORTHERN FLICKER -- Hybrids between red- and yellow-shafted seen at Blackrock Reservoir on Zuni Reservation 12/18 (AM) and 2/21 (JT); same at Alameda 2/7 (RT); 1 yellow-shafted 1/23 at Durling's Farm (BZ) -- rare in the area.

HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER -- unusual: 1** near Caballo L. 2/5-3/3 (KZ).

GRAY FLYCATCHER -- unusual: 1* on Peloncillo CC.

EASTERN PHOEBE -- 1 at Percha Dam SP 2/5 (RH, KZ); 3, a high number, on Carlsbad CC; 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 1/4 (RH).

SAY'S PHOEBE -- 2 on Española CC (PI+).

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD -- unusual: 5+ feeding on honeybees at hives at Redrock 12/10* (Sartor Williams III).

WESTERN KINGBIRD -- 1 on Silver City CC; first late example on this count.

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW -- 2 at Truth or Consequences 12/24 (D&RR).

CAVE SWALLOW -- First arrival, 5 to 10 birds, at Carlsbad Caverns 2/15 (Emily Buehler).

GRAY-BREASTED JAY -- 8 in Thompson Canyon, Gila Bird Habitat, 1/29 (RF); a new area.

PINYON JAY -- 628, high number, on Bluewater CC.

AMERICAN CROW -- 75+ wintered between Leasburg and Hatch (RH).

COMMON RAVEN -- 299 on NIIP count 1/21 (AN+).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE -- 6 on Española CC; 14 at Española 1/14 (PI).

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE -- 1 at Santa Fe 2/28 (JH); 2 during season at Bosque village (WH).

BRIDLED TITMOUSE -- 5 near Caballo L. 2/21 (KZ); 51 on Peloncillo CC, a new high.

VERDIN -- 24 on Peloncillo CC, a record for count.

BUSHY TIT -- New highs of 46 on Farmington CC and 167 on Peloncillo CC.

BROWN CREEPER -- 1 on Carlsbad CC.

WINTER WREN -- Singles on Bluewater CC, at Blackrock Dam on Zuni Reservation* 12/14-15 (JT), at Truth or Consequences 12/7 (D&RR), at Mangas Springs in December and January (RF), and in Spring Canyon, Grant County 12/31 (RF). One collected at Cedar Crest 1/8 (WH) was second N.M. specimen and first documentation of western subspecies in the state.

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET --2 on Santa Fe CC.

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET -- Large numbers in Las Cruces area, with high of 65 on CC. New high of 71 on Peloncillo CC. Northerly sightings include 20 at Zuni 12/16 (JT, TR), 3 on Bluewater CC, and 3 on Santa Fe CC.

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER -- 6* on Peloncillo CC.

EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- unusual: 2 on Silver City CC (fide RF), no details....10 at Fort Sumner 1/4 (WH).

WESTERN BLUEBIRD -- Present on most CCs except eastern plains, upper Pecos Valley, and Bosque NWR.

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD -- 156 on Farmington CC was high.

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD -- 1 at Zuni 12/15; 1 2/5 in Sandias, where unusual in winter; 1 on Silver City CC.

SAGE THRASHER -- 1 at Zuni 2/21 (JT), 5 on Albuquerque CC, 4 at Carlsbad Caverns 1/4 (RH), and 2 on Las Cruces CC.

BROWN THRASHER -- Singles at Fort Sumner 1/4 (WH) and Caballo L. 2/21 (KZ).

BENDIRE'S THRASHER -- 6 on Peloncillo CC.

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER -- 1 at Santa Fe 1/6, 1/26, 2/6 (JA); 6 at Three-Gun Canyon in Sandias all season were presumably resident (HS); 1 in Embudido Canyon, Sandias, 2/17 (HS).

CEDAR WAXWING -- 80 at Silver City 2/22 (RF); 1 on Peloncillo CC was first in at least 10 years; seen (number not stated) at Old Refuge, Las Cruces, 2/25 (LH+).

NORTHERN SHRIKE -- At Tres Piedras, adult on 1/13 (JH) and 2 on 2/15 (WHB, AEK); an immature at Tucumcari 12/21 (BZ).

HUTTON'S VIREO -- 1 at Silver City 2/6 (DZ); 1 on Peloncillo CC.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- Singles: at Albuquerque 12/21 (late) (RT); at Elephant Butte L. 12/24 (D&RR); on Las Cruces CC*; at Mesilla 1/14 (KZ).

YELLOW-RUMPED (MYRTLE) WARBLER -- 5 at Zuni 12/14 (JT); 1 or 2 at Santa Fe 1/9-2/28; 2 at Sandia Park 12/25, where rare in winter (HS).

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT -- 1 at Gray Ranch 12/15 (JH).

WILSON'S WARBLER -- 1 at Farmington 12/29 (Annie & Gene Williams); first San Juan County winter record.

NORTHERN CARDINAL -- A few at Virden in mid-February (RH).

PYRRHULOXIA -- 2 at Bosque NWR 12/23 (D&RR) and 1 there 1/23 (PI+); 1 at Cliff 1/7 (RF) -- rare in Gila Valley; 1 near Columbus 12/16 (JH). Common along Rio Grande between Las Cruces and Percha Dam all season (RH).

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE -- 1 on Bosque CC; seen (no number stated) at Old Refuge, Las Cruces, 2/25 (LH+).

RUFOUS-SIDED TOWHEE -- None on Farmington CC; had been declining in recent years (AN).

ABERT'S TOWHEE -- At least 1 at San Simon Cienega in December and January (RH).

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- 1 on Las Cruces CC; 1 at Randall's Pool 1/29 (BZ, JDo), where uncommon in winter.

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW -- 1 on Bluewater CC; high of 19 at Bosque village 1/28 (WH); 5 at Sabinal 1/28 (WH); singles seen n. of Socorro 1/13-2/16 (RT); singles at Bosque NWR 12/10 (Gary Graham) and 12/16* (RT).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW -- 10 on Gila River CC.

FIELD SPARROW -- 1* n. of Socorro 2/2 (RT); 3 on Loving CC.

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW -- A few at Carlsbad Caverns NP 1/4 (RH).

BLACK-THROATED SPARROW -- 1 in Juan Tabo Canyon, Sandias, 2/4 (HS).

SAVANNAH SPARROW -- 1 on Zuni CC.

FOX SPARROW -- At 7 on Carlsbad CC; probably schistacea race.

LINCOLN'S SPARROW -- 25 on Bluewater CC.

SWAMP SPARROW -- 1 near Caballo L. 2/21 (KZ).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW -- 1 at Zuni 12/16 (JT); 20 to 30 near Caballo L. 2/21 (BZ); good numbers in Doña Ana County during season (BZ, JDo).

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW -- 1 at Three-Gun Spring 2/5 (HS).

HARRIS' SPARROW -- Singles on Santa Fe CC; at Santa Fe 1/6-2/23 (JA); at Farmington in late December (AN); at Rio Grande Nature Center* 2/24 (WS); n. of Socorro* 1/13, 2/16 (RT).

DARK-EYED JUNCO -- Slate-colored race: 2 at Zuni 2/21 (JT); 1 at Albuquerque 12/5 (WH); 2 at Durling's Farm 1/23 (BZ) -- rare in area.

MCCOWN'S LONGSPUR -- 1 at Carrizozo 12/30 (D&RR).

LAPLAND LONGSPUR -- unusual: 15 at Carrizozo 12/30 (D&RR); observers very familiar with species. Rare in N.M.

CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR -- 6 at Zuni 2/19 (JT); 3 at Carrizozo 12/30 and 200 at Bosque NWR 12/23 (D&RR); 200 at Loving 12/21 (SW); 30 at Durling's Farm 1/23 (BZ).

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD -- New high of 3,655 on Peloncillo CC.

EASTERN MEADOWLARK -- 2 at Zuni 12/14-15 (JT); 24 on L. Avalon CC; 126 on Peloncillo CC; 2 at Gray Ranch 12/15 (JH); common at San Simon Cienega during season (RH); 5 at Las Cruces 12/31 (RH); 8 at Durling's Farm 1/23 (BZ, JDo).

WESTERN MEADOWLARK -- 56, new high, on Peloncillo CC.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- New peak of 32 on Peloncillo CC.

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD -- 110 on Silver City CC, record for count.

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE -- A female at Zuni 12/19 (JT), first winter record there; 31 on Bluewater CC; 7 on Gila R. CC, new to count; 14 on Peloncillo CC, a new high.

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD -- 3 at Belen 2/18 (WH); 201 on Peloncillo CC.

ROSY FINCH -- 200+ between Ojo Caliente and Tres Piedras 2/15 (WHB, AEK); 50-75 just south of Santa Clara Reservation 12/17* (Tom & Carlyn Jervis) -- saw one captured by an accipiter; 60 at Sandia Crest 12/8-1/6 (HS).

PINE GROSBEEK -- 2 immatures at Hyde SP 12/11 (PI+); high of 20 at Sandia Crest 1/22, present all season (HS).

CASSIN'S FINCH -- Not reported during season in Farmington area (AN).
115 on Santa Fe CC. Very common in Sandias (HS).

RED CROSSBILL -- 80 on Zuni CC was season's high. Very common in
Sandias during period (HS).

PINE SISKIN -- Another very abundant species in Sandias.

EVENING GROSBILL -- 1 at Zuni 12/16 (JT). Scarce in Sandias throughout
season (HS).