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FROM THE EDITORS:

The autumn brought a well-documented Ruddy Ground Dove, the first for New Mexico and the state's 450th confirmed species. This topped an unusually long list of second verified sightings of locally rare birds: Roseate Spoonbill, Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Long-tailed Jaeger, Whiskered Screech Owl, and Wood Thrush.

Other New Mexico rarities reported included a Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Surf Scoter, White-winged Scoter, Crested Caracara, Laughing Gull, Black-billed Cuckoo, an apparent hybrid "Brewster's Warbler", and Blackburnian and Mourning Warblers.

The autumn count of southward-bound migrating raptors by Steve Hoffman's team of volunteers, from atop the Manzano Mountains south of Albuquerque, ran from September 3 through October 14. In all, 822 birds were counted -- 10.2 per hour of observation. The 45 birds per day compared with 72 in 1983. Omitting those not identified as to species, this was the count:

Turkey Vulture 17	Cooper's Hawk 208	Ferruginous Hawk 1	Merlin 1
Osprey 5	Northern Goshawk 3	Golden Eagle 26	Peregrine 1
Northern Harrier 8	Swainson's Hawk 4	American Kestrel 105	Prairie F. 18
Sharp-shinned 264	Red-tailed Hawk 63		

For comparison, in the eighth Southwest New Mexico Hawk Count, conducted December 1 under leadership of Ralph Fisher, 18 observers (plus a student group) covered 1,065 miles and saw 445 raptors of 14 species (not counting a dead spotted owl). The rate of about 0.42 bird per mile was about average, but the Golden Eagle count was about half that of the mid-1970s. The results:

Turkey Vulture 1	Cooper's Hawk 8	Rough-legged Hawk 3	Merlin 1
Osprey 1	Harris' Hawk 10	Golden Eagle 17	Prairie Falcon 24
Bald Eagle 1	Red-tailed 188	American Kestrel 119	Great Horned Owl 4
Northern Harrier 58	Ferruginous 15		

LOCALITIES AND THEIR COUNTIES IN THIS ISSUE:

abbreviations and symbols in text:

L. -- Lake	R. -- River
Mt. (Mts,) -- Mountain(s)	SGR -- State Game Refuge
MRGV -- middle Rio Grande Valley	SP -- State Park
NM -- National Monument	
n.m. -- New Mexico	* -- details
NP -- National Park	** -- photograph
NWR -- National Wildlife Refuge	*** -- specimen
Aguirre Springs (Organ Mts.) -- Dona Ana	Clayton, Clayton L. -- Union
Albuquerque -- Bernalillo	Cloverdale -- Hidalgo
Anthony -- Dona Ana	Cochiti L., Pueblo -- Sandoval
	Corona -- Lincoln
Bell L. -- Lea	Dry Cimarron Valley -- Union
Bitter Lake NWR (Bitter L.) -- Chaves	Durling's Farm -- Dona Ana
Boone's Draw -- Roosevelt	Espanola -- Rio Arriba
Bosque del Apache NWR (Bosque NWR) -- Socorro	Farmington -- San Juan
	Folsom Falls -- Union
Caballo L. (Dam, SP) -- Sierra	Gila R. -- Grant, Catron, Hidalgo
Caprock -- Lea	Holloman L. -- Otero
Cedarvale -- Torrance	

Isleta (Pueblo) -- Bernalillo,
Valencia
Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mescalero
Apache Reservation -- Otero

L. McMillan -- Eddy
L. Roberts -- Grant
Las Animas Creek -- Sierra
Las Cruces -- Dona Ana
Las Vegas -- San Miguel
La Union -- Dona Ana
Los Lunas -- Valencia

Mangas Springs -- Grant
Maxwell NWR -- Colfax
Mesa, -- Chaves
Moriarty -- Torrance
Owen's Farm -- Dona Ana

Pecos Wilderness -- Santa Fe, San
Miguel, Mora, Rio Arriba, Taos

Peloncillo Mts. -- Hidalgo
Pep -- Roosevelt
Portales -- Roosevelt
Porter -- Quay

Randall's Pool -- Dona Ana

Raton -- Colfax
Rattlesnake Springs -- Eddy
Rio Grande Nature Center --
Albuquerque, Bernalillo
Rodeo -- Hidalgo
Roswell -- Chaves
Roy -- Harding

San Antonio -- Socorro
Sandia Mts., Crest, Park --
Bernalillo
Santa Fe -- Santa Fe
Santa Rosa -- Guadalupe
Shady Lakes (at Alameda) --
Bernalillo
Silver City -- Grant
Socorro -- Socorro
Sumner L. -- De Baca

Tesuque -- Santa Fe
Trujillo -- San Miguel
Tucumcari -- Quay
Wagon Mound -- Mora
Wetherly L. -- Union
Wheeler Peak -- Taos
Willard -- Torrance
Yates -- Union
Zuni Reservation (Zuni for
short) -- McKinley

INITIALED OBSERVERS IN THIS ISSUE:

JB -- Jim Bednarz
WC -- Wes Cook
JDo -- Jeff Donaldson
WE -- J. William Eley

RF -- Ralph Fisher
NG -- Neland Gray

Wku -- Walton Hawk
LHe -- Lois Herrmann
JHi -- Jeff Hill
RH -- Randy Hill
WH -- William Howe
JH -- John Hubbard
CH -- W. Chuck Hunter
D&SH -- Dustin & Susan
Huntington

PI -- Pat Insley
CJ -- Charles Jensen
AK -- Adolf Krehbiel
HL -- H.H. Lesperance
BL -- W. Burton Lewis

MM -- Marty Mayfield
AM -- D. Arch McCallum
AN -- Alan Nelson

GP -- Gary Parker
J&JP -- Joanne & James Phillips
TR -- Fr. Terence Rhoades

AS -- Al Scjmierer
HS -- Hart R. Schwarz
LS -- Linda Seibert
PSt -- Paul Steel
WS -- William Stone

RT -- Ross Teuber (& Clara)
JT -- John Trochet

HW -- Harvey Williams
SWi -- Scott Wilson
KW -- Kathy Wood
RY -- Robbie Yaksich
SZ -- Steve Zach
EZ -- Barry Zimmer
KZ -- Kevin Zimmer
D&MZ -- Dale & Marian Zimmerman

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

COMMON LOON -- 1** at Anthony 10/21 (BZ).

EARED GREBE -- "Good numbers" regularly through 10/6 at Clayton (WC); fairly common at Caballo L. in October-November and present all fall at L. Holloman, including young on 9/29 (RH).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- Abundant, some staying late. 20 at Clayton 10/29 (WC, NG+); 150, a record flock, flew southeast near Burnham 11/3 (AN); 170 at L. Sumner 10/17 (H. Oltmanns); 172 at Bitter L. 10/1 and 312 10/12 with some staying into mid-November (KW); 200+ at Caballo L. 10/14 (KL, CJ), 125+ there 10/27 (JH), 10 still there in early December (RH); 100+ at Percha Dam SP 11/10 (KZ+).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- At Clayton L. 9/29 (WC, MM).

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- 1 immature at L. Holloman 8/23 (KZ) and also seen 8/29, 9/29 and 10/6 (RH); adult** there 10/6 (RH).

CATTLE EGRET -- 16 immatures with cattle e. of Clayton 10/9 (WC,AK,NG).

GREEN-BACKED HERON -- unusual: 1 immature 10/9 at Clayton was first there since 1950 (WC, AK).

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON -- unusual: 1 immature at Holloman L. 8/8 (KZ+); scarce in N.M.

ROSEATE SPOONBILL -- unusual: An immature male found walking on 8/20 near Portales Inn; died despite veterinarian's efforts (fide A.L. Gennaro); second verified N.M. record.

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING DUCK -- unusual: 2 on 9/1 near La Union and 1 at Randall's Pool 9/25) (BZ); photos. One previous verified record in N.M.

WOOD DUCK --4 males at Owen's Farm 10/30 (RH) and 2 females near there 10/25 and 11/12 (BZ, JDo, KZ+).

SURF SCOTER -- unusual: 1 at Bitter L. 10/28 (KW). Scarce in state.

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER -- unusual: An immature female at Loudermilk Pond at Espanola 11/4, with details (PI, LHe, Marge Cromer). Few N.M. reports.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- 1 in female plumage at Caballo L. 11/17 (RH).

RAPTORS -- See introduction.

TURKEY VULTURE -- 6 to 10 immatures at Bosque NWR 9/25 (RT).

OSPREY -- 2 at Clayton L. 9/29 (WC, MM); singles at Espanola 9/15, 9/23 (PI, LHe+); 1 at Cochiti L. 10/28 (PI); 3 to 7 at Bitter L. 9/20-10/21 (JH, KW, PI, WHa, Judy Vance, RT+); 3 at Inn of Mountain Gods 10/4-5 (fide BL); 1 at Burn L., Las Cruces, 10/6 (RH). (Also see introduction.)

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- A probable adult flew over southeast Albuquerque 8/26 (WH). 1 immature at Bell L. 9/29 (WE, JH) and 3 over Durling's Farm 9/1 (KZ+).

BALD EAGLE -- Immatures and up to 14 adults in Catskill Canyon 26 mi. nw. of Raton (no date) (RY); 1 immature at L. Townsend, Clayton, 11/5 (WC,AK).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- 2 in Sandias 11/8 (RT, PSt).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- 1 possible, well seen with details, at Pep 9/28 (WE, JH).

SWAINSON'S HAWK -- 341 sighted 9/27-30 on round trip, Santa Fe-Tucumcari-Portales-Roswell-Santa Fe (WE).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK -- 1 at Panchuela in Pecos Wilderness 9/7 (WE); 1 adult at Mangas Springs 9/26 (DH).

RED-TAILED HAWK -- Singles of Harlan's race: dark phase at Bosque NWR 11/17 (RH); 1 adult at Tyrone Road and US-180, Grant County, 10/28 (JH).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK -- 4 dark phase in limited area on highway 42 near Corona on 10/13 (R&CT, Pst); a juvenile 8/25 near L. Roberts (RF).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK -- 1 at Clayton 11/9 (WC, AK); 2 in Pecos Wilderness 9/9* (WE); 1 at Bosque NWR 11/17 (KZ, RH); 1** over Owen's Farm 11/2 (KZ, BZ).

CRESTED CARACARA -- 1 seen at Jessie Evans ranch in Peloncillo Mts., 11/25 (LS, S. Strong), some details but photo inconclusive. Mrs. Evans said species had been at ranch in two years, and that one drowned in a tank there in 1983. Very seldom reported in state.

MERLIN -- A female at Anthony golf course, no date (BZ, SWI).

WILD TURKEY -- 7 at Cross L. ranch, 16 mi. e. of Folsom Falls, 8/11 (JH).

MONTEZUMA QUAIL -- 3 on 9/16 at S. Dugway Creek, Grant County (JH).

YELLOW RAIL -- 1 at Bitter L. 9/27 (KW); no details.

WHOOPIING CRANES -- First of foster flock was at Bosque NWR 11/1, and by 12/1 there were 29 of a possible 38 in the MRGV, with 12 to 13 at the refuge (fide RT).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- At Holloman L., 3** (1 in breeding plumage) on 9/29 (RH), and 4 or 5 10/5-6 (KZ, RH).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- Previous evidence that this species enjoys turf farms as a habitat was strongly reinforced this year. When WH, CH and SZ counted 115 of the birds at the Los Lunas turf farm on 8/17, the owner told them that the plovers had been breeding there since 1981, with some decline in 1984. In the first report to Field Notes from the Green Chaparral Turf Farm, 4 mi. e. of Moriarty, 250 birds were seen 10/7 by WH and JH1, and 100 on 10/14 by WE and WH.

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- 12 near Durling's Farm 8/21 (BZ, SWI).

MARbled GODWIT -- Singles 8/27 at Clayton (WC, MM), at Holloman L. 9/29 (RH), and Bitter L. 9/21 (KW).

SANDERLING -- 2 juveniles** at Holloman L. 9/7 (KZ), and 12, a very high number, at Bitter L. 9/21 (KW).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 1 to 4 at Holloman L. (photos) 8/23-10/6 (RH, KZ).

WESTERN SANDPIPER -- "A few" at Bitter L. 9/21 (KW).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- Juveniles at Holloman L.: 1** on 8/3 (KZ), 1 on 8/31 (KZ), 5 on 9/15 (KZ+), and 2** on 9/29 (KZ, RH).

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 1 at Holloman L. *16, 18; details, photo (KZ).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- Last Clayton sighting on 9/2 (WC).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE -- First seen at Holloman L. were 3 on 8/26; 50+ 9/15, 65+** on 9/29; 50+ on 10/5; outnumbered Wilson's until 10/21 (RH, KZ).

LONG-TAILED JAEGER -- unusual: This rare bird -- the only previous N.M. record was a 1956 specimen from Socorro -- was discovered 8/25 at Tekapo L. on the Zuni Reservation by TR, and was observed through 8/30 by him and AM, who joined him on 8/26. The jaeger was so intent on eating grasshoppers that it came to within 10 feet of Fr. Rhoades. It also was observed in flight and on the water, and was amply described, with photos.

LAUGHING GULL -- Single bird** at Holloman L. 8/5 to 9/7 (RH, KZ, BZ); it was collected as the second New Mexico specimen. Scarce in state.

CALIFORNIA GULL -- 1* second-yr. bird at Caballo L. 11/17 (RH).

THAYER'S GULL -- A first-year bird at Caballo L. 10/31 (JH), 11/10** (KZ) with details, 11/17 and 12/9 (RH); all the same bird?

SABINE'S GULL -- 2 immatures** at Holloman L. 9/29 and 1** there 10/5 (KZ); 1 at Bitter L. 9/27 and in mid-October (KW); 1* immature at L. McMillan 10/20 (JH). Unusual numbers.

MOORING DOVE -- breeding: 4 nests with eggs or young in Boone's Draw 9/2 (JH); high number for late date.

INCA DOVE -- unusual: 1 at Mangas Springs 11/12 (RF) was first report for the area....1 at Redrock Game Farm 10/9 (Alton Ford).

COMMON GROUND DOVE -- unusual: 1** at Owen's Farm 10/25-11/2 (BZ++); occasional in the area.

RUDDY GROUND DOVE -- unusual: 1 in flock of 50 Incas at Owen's Farm 10/25-31 (BZ, KZ, RH, SWi, JDo, Harris Dodd) for the first verified record for the state. No previous reports. The bird appeared to be wild and without damage to plumage.

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO -- unusual: 1 glimpsed 9/27 at Rattlesnake Springs (WE, JH). As many as 3**, all immatures, 9/8, 10/1, 10/3 and 10/10 at Owen's and Durling's Farms (BZ, SWi). Scarce in N.M.

WESTERN SCREECH OWL -- 1 at Durling's Farm 10/13 (BZ).

WHISKERED SCREECH OWL -- unusual: Identified from feathers found in Skeleton Canyon, Peloncillo Mts., 9/17 (JH); second confirmed report for N.M.

LONG-EARED OWL -- 1 at Zuni 8/7 (JT). 1 on 10/28 in upper Juan Tabo Canyon, at 7,500 ft, was first for Sandias (HS).

WHIP-POOR-WILL -- 1 female* at Durling's Farm 10/13 (BZ, SWi).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT -- 20+ at Trujillo Canyon 9/1 (WH); 2 at Cochiti L. 10/28 were late (PI); 12 in Gila R. Lower Box 11/3, somewhat late (RF).

LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD -- A male on Gray Peak, Peloncillo Mts., some details (LS); 3rd locality for species in N.M., all in Peloncillos.

COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- A male at Owen's Farm 11/2; copious details (BZ). First for area.

CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD -- At Durling's Farm, 4 on 8/14 (BZ), 3 on 8/15 (BZ, SWi, JDo), 1 on 9/29 (BZ).

LEWIS' WOODPECKER -- 16 were counted 8/11 in the area e. of Folsom Falls, high for the area (JH).

ACORN WOODPECKER -- 12+ at Cedar Springs in Carson National Forest 9/4 (Annie Williams).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER -- 1 female at Caprock rest area (US 380) 9/30 (JH) was the red-naped form.

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER -- unusual: Family of 1 male and 5 females or immatures at rest area between Willard and Cloverdale 10/13 (JH) was unusual in grass-land-juniper habitat and low elevation.

LADDER-BACKED WOODPECKER -- Regular visitor to suet feeder in Raton August-November (RY).

DOWNY WOODPECKER -- 1 at Bitter L. 10/5 (KW).

STRICKLAND'S WOODPECKER -- 2 or 3 in Peloncillo Mts. along Geronimo Trail 11/25 (RH).

NORTHERN FLICKER -- Of 5 flickers collected by Zuni Indians at Zuni Reservoir 10/6 was one yellow-shafted male with typical male head characteristics (JT). ...Species very abundant, including quite a few yellow-shafted, at Las Cruces during fall (BZ).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER -- 2 banded 9/8 by Rio Grande Bird Research at Rio Grande Nature Center.

LEAST FLYCATCHER -- Of 5+ Empidonax at Boone's Draw 9/2, most appeared to be Least, based on song (JH); specimen from Bell L. 9/29 "keys most closely to Least" (WE); 1* at Durling's Farm 9/19 (KZ).

GRAY FLYCATCHER -- 2, probably of this species, w. of Santa Fe 8/15 (WE).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- A female at Mangas Springs 10/6-9 (RF); first there.

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER -- 1* at Boone's Draw 9/2 (JH); 1** at Durling's Farm 9/18-19 (JDo, BZ, KZ).

KINGBIRDS -- Hundreds on 8/4 Las Vegas-Wagon Mound-Roy-Yates, with scores around Yates; mostly Western, with some Cassin's, including 2 s. of Yates (JH).

EASTERN KINGBIRD --9+ at Maxwell NWR 8/11 (WH); 1 at Shady Lakes 8/1 (JP); 1 at Isleta marsh 8/17 (WH, CH, SZ).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- 3 on 9/27 4 mi. e. of Porter, 20 more on road to east (WE); 1 at Bitter L. 9/29 (KW).

TREE SWALLOW -- Several at Clayton 8/5 (WC); first there since 1956.

VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW -- About 20 over Gila R. Lower Box 11/3 (RF); late.

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW -- At Randall's Pool 11/25, very late (JDo).

BARN SWALLOW -- Late bird at Owen's Farm 11/2 (BZ).

STELLER'S JAY -- 6 to 8 at Shady Lakes 10/29 (J&JP); first there since 1973.

BLUE JAY -- unusual: 1 at Raton 10/7-14 (RY); casual in area.

AMERICAN CROW -- 10 7 mi. e. of Folsom Falls and 3+ at Wetherly L. 8/11 (JH).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE -- 1 in northeast Albuquerque 11/1 (RT); rare away from Rio Grande.

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE -- 1 at Las Animas Creek 9/23 (KZ, RH); 5 at Percha Dam SP 10/14 and 2 there 11/10 (KZ, CJ+).

BRIDLED TITMOUSE -- 10 on 9/23 and 10 on 10/14 at Las Animas Creek (KZ, RH, CJ).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- Season saw influx into lower elevations. Singles at Clayton 9/13 (WC), Holloman L. 10/6 (RH), Bitter L. 9/17 (KW) and Bell L. 9/29 (WE). Large numbers of nuthatches, especially Red-Breasted, into Dona Ana County from Las Cruces to El Paso from late September to late November; as many as 20 seen in a day (many observers).

BEWICK'S WREN -- 1 at Bitter L. 10/13 (KW, Sherry Bixler).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- 8+ in 2 groups at Sandia Peak 8/19 (WH, CH, SZ).

VEERY -- unusual: 1 at Clayton 11/11 (AK). Fall reports for N.M. appear to be lacking.

SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- 1** at Durling's Farm 9/21, 10/5.

WOOD THRUSH -- unusual: 1 photographed at Durling's Farm 11/5-7 (SWI, KZ, BZ), for the second verified record for the state.

GRAY CATBIRD -- At Clayton 9/27 (AK)...1 on 9/13, 19 mi. n. of Moriarty (WS, PI) was in unusual desert habitat....1 on 10/9 at Corona (RT, PSt).

BROWN THRASHER -- 1 at Caprock 9/30 (JH).

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER -- Present 10/13-11/2 at home of Sarah Boles in Santa Fe (photos, details); had appeared there in winter in 1978 and 1980-82.... At Clayton 9/27 (AK)...First ever at Mangas Springs 11/5 (RF).

SPRAGUE'S PIPIT -- 2 seen well and heard in grasslands 25 mi. w. of Santa Rosa 10/7 (WH, JHi). Heard, probably, at turf farm near Moriarty 10/14 (WE, WH). 6+ in grasslands at Arizona border near Cloverdale 11/25 (RH).

NORTHERN SHRIKE -- A "migrant" at Raton -- no date, no details (RY).

SOLITARY VIREO -- Singles of eastern race (*Vireo solitarius solitarius*) at Boone's Draw 9/28 (JH) and Bell L. 9/29 (WE), and a possible eastern at Rattlesnake Springs 9/29 (WE).

PHILADELPHIA VIREO -- 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/29; details (WE, JH).

RED-EYED VIREO -- 1 at Durling's Farm 9/22 (RH).

"BREWSTER'S WARBLER" -- A bird identified as this hybrid of the Blue-winged and Golden-winged Warblers was seen for 2 minutes as it foraged high in the trees at Durling's Farm on 9/27 (BZ). Details provided, but variety is still described as unverified for N.M.

TENNESSEE WARBLER -- 1 in Santa Fe 9/4; no details (PI); 1 on 11/12 at Socorro (RT, PB, PSt); very late.

NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 1 on 9/27-28 in Farmington, where unusual (Annie Williams); 1 at Percha Dam SP 9/8 (KZ+); 2 at Bell L. 9/29 (WE, JH); 3 at Caprock 9/30 (WE).

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER -- 1, very late, on 10/27 at Old Refuge at Las Cruces (KZ).

HERMIT WARBLER --1 immature, late, at Durling's Farm 10/22 (BZ).

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER -- unusual: A female at Percha Dam SP 10/14 (KZ); details. Rare in state.

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- At Clayton 9/27 (AK); 2-3 on 9/8 and 1-2 on 9/9 at Percha Dam SP (KZ, BZ); a female at Durling's Farm 9/26-27 (BZ).

AMERICAN REDSTART -- An immature male 9/8-9 and a female 9/23 at Percha Dam SP (KZ, BZ, RH); 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/29 (WE, JH); 1** female at Durling's Farm 9/26 (BZ).

PROTONOTARY WARBLER -- A male at Percha Dam SP 9/8-9 (KZ, BZ+); single males** at Durling's Farm 10/8 and Randall's Pool 10/9 (BZ, SWi).

OVENBIRD -- 1 found dead in se. Albuquerque 10/12 (WH); 1** at Durling's Farm 10/10-12 (BZ, SWi).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- 1 probable at Shady Lakes 9/7 (JP); 2 banded 9/2 by Rio Grande Bird Research at Rio Grande Nature Center; 1 hit University of New Mexico biology building and died 8/31 (WH); 1-2 on 9/8 and 2 on 9/9 at Percha Dam SP, with details (KZ); singles 9/4, 19, 20 at Durling's Farm (BZ).

RED-FACED WARBLER -- 1 on 8/15 at Gray's Peak, Peloncillo Mts. (LS).

MOURNING WARBLER -- unusual: 1 died against window in Tesuque 9/14 (William Huey); rare in N.M.

OLIVE WARBLER -- A juvenile in yard at Silver City 8/24 (HW).

HEPATIC TANAGER -- 1 heard in Trujillo Canyon 9/27 (JH); 1 at Shady Lakes 10/29 (J&JP); 1 at Durling's Farm 9/12 (BZ), a rare migrant in Las Cruces valley.

NORTHERN CARDINAL -- Singles at Randall's Pool 8/21, 9/25; rare but regular in area (BZ, SWi).

PYRRHULOXIA -- Female 12/2 was first for Mangas Springs (RF).

ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK -- Female 10/14 and immature male 10/20 at Percha Dam SP (KZ, CJ+).

DICKCISSEL -- At least 2 birds at Durling's or Owen's Farms 9/26-28** (BZ).

TREE SPARROW -- About 5 in Pecos Wilderness 9/9 in flocks of White-crowned Sparrows (WE).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW -- 2, probably this species, in flock of Chipping Sparrows w. of Santa Fe 8/20 (WE).

LARK BUNTING -- Large flocks migrating through Clayton in August; last seen 9/16 (WC).

FOX SPARROW -- 1 of eastern race at Percha Dam SP 10/20 (KZ+); 1 in yard at Silver City 11/12-15 (D&MZ).

HARRIS' SPARROW -- 1 immature at Santa Fe 10/27 (PI); another in Silver City 11/20-21 (D&MZ).

DARK-EYED JUNCO -- Oregon x Gray-headed hybrid at Aguirre Springs 11/3 (KZ+).

McCOWN'S LONGSPUR -- On 10/7, 3-to-4 25 mi. east of Santa Rosa and 6 at Green Chaparral Turf Farm e. of Moriarty (WH); 10-15 at turf farm 10/14 (WE, WH).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- 50 at Zuni 8/26 (TR); seen at Clayton 9/29 (WC).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE -- breeding: First sighting at L. Roberts, where there were at least 4 pairs with juveniles (RF)...1 at Las Vegas 8/4 (JH); 20 on 11/13, 8 mi. w. of Continental Divide in McKinley County (AS).

COMMON GRACKLE -- 20-25 at San Antonio 10/26 (RT); late.

BRONZED COWBIRD -- A male* at Las Cruces 9/18 (KZ).

NORTHERN (BALTIMORE) ORIOLE -- First fall female** at Owen's Farm 9/21 (BZ).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE -- Late individual lingered at Owen's Farm to 11/8 (BZ, KZ+).

ROSY FINCH -- Flock, races unspecified, on Sandia Crest 11/11 (GP).

PINE GROSBEAK -- An immature female in Farmington 11/1-8 (HL); first local report.

PURPLE FINCH -- 1 described as male of species 10/11 in Farmington; some details (Annie Williams).

CASSIN'S FINCH -- 1 male** at Owen's Farm 11/2; scarce in river valley (BZ, KZ, JDo, Benton Basham), but described as in record numbers in broad Las Cruces-El Paso area.

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL -- 8 to 12 on Wheeler Peak 9/30 (SZ, Luke George, Gary Dodson); details.

LAWRENCE'S GOLDFINCH -- 2 males at Las Animas Creek 9/23, with details (KZ).