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FROM THE EDITORS:

The winter brought numerous reports of out-of-place species, at unaccustomed altitudes or locales for that season. For example, Dona Ana County saw an "incredible montane invasion" of Mountain Bluebirds, Townsend's Solitaires, Red-breasted Nuthatches, American Goldfinches, Red Crossbills, and Evening Grosbeaks. The last-named were unusually abundant statewide. Steller's Jays and Cassin's Finches also staged notable incursions into unexpected areas.

The state's first verified sighting of a Red-shouldered Hawk was the outstanding rare bird event. Notable were Greater Scaups, a Surf Scoter, Thayer's Gulls, and a well-identified Hammond's Flycatcher. Also outstanding were an influx of Tundra Swans, sightings of Barrow's Goldeneyes, and a farthest-north Crissal Thrasher.

December 28 brought a disastrous flood along the Gila River, putting 10 bridges out of commission, washing out channel dikes, and destroying riparian habitat.

The annual raptor count on the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project, on January 19, recorded 21 Golden Eagles, 25 Northern Harriers, 24 Red-tailed Hawks, 2 Rough-legged Hawks, 70 Ferruginous Hawks, 1 American Kestrel, and 4 Prairie Falcons.

An El Paso-Las Cruces Rare Birds Committee, to maintain an archive of strictly evaluated documentation on sightings in the area, is an ambitious new project. Among those accepting reports are the Zimmer brothers -- Kevin (Biology Department, Box 3AF, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces NM 88003) and Barry (200 Wellington #93, El Paso, Texas 79930).

NEW MEXICO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS, 1984:

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

Albuquerque, Dec. 29, James Karo  
Bluewater L., Dec. 17, Arch McCallum  
Bosque del Apache NWR, Dec. 22, Dustin Huntington (Bosque CC for short)  
Caballo, Dec. 21, Kevin Zimmer  
Carlsbad Caverns NP, Dec. 30, Tom Bemis (Carlsbad CC for short)  
Clayton, Dec. 29, Marty Mayfield  
Española, Dec. 30, W. Burton Lewis  
Farmington, Dec. 22, Alan Nelson  
(Gila Valley, Dec. 29 and Jan. 5, Ralph Fisher; unofficial because flood made it impossible to complete count before the official deadline)  
Lakes Avalon and McMillan, Dec. 29, Jim Cheek (L. Avalon CC for short)  
La Luz, Dec. 15, Lawrence Murphy  
Las Cruces, Dec. 20, Kevin Zimmer  
Las Vegas, Dec. 26, John Gavahan  
Loving, Dec. 23, Bob Swayze  
Peloncillo Mts., Dec. 29, Robert Scholes  
Roswell, Dec. 29, Sherry Bixler  
Sandia Mts., Dec. 16, Kay Anderson  
Santa Fe, Dec. 23, Roland Goodman  
Silver City, Dec. 22, Ralph Fisher  
Zuni, Dec. 16, John Trochet

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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)  
NIIP -- Navajo Indian Irrigation  
Project (San Juan County)  
NM -- National Monument  
N.M. -- New Mexico  
NP -- National Park

Aguirre Springs (Organ Mts.) --  
Doña Ana

Albuquerque -- Bernalillo  
Algodones -- Sandoval

Bitter Lake NWR (Bitter L.)--  
Chaves  
Bluewater L. -- Cibola, McKinley  
Bosque del Apache NWR (Bosque  
NWR) -- Socorro

Caballo L. (Dam) -- Sierra  
Carlsbad -- Eddy  
Carlsbad Caverns NP -- Eddy  
Chama -- Rio Arriba  
Clayton, Clayton L. -- Union  
Cochiti L., Pueblo -- Sandoval  
Corona -- Lincoln  
Corrales -- Sandoval

Dwyer -- Grant  
Eagle Nest -- Taos  
Elephant Butte L. -- Sierra  
Española -- Rio Arriba

Farmington -- San Juan  
Florida Mts. -- Luna  
Fort Sumner -- De Baca  
Garfield -- Doña Ana

NWR -- National Wildlife Refuge  
R. -- River  
SGR -- State Game Refuge  
SP -- State Park

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

Hatch -- Doña Ana  
Holloman L. -- Otero  
Isleta (Pueblo) -- Bernalillo, Valencia  
Jemez Mts., R., Springs -- Sandoval  
Jornada Valley -- Doña Ana

La Joya SGR -- Socorro  
L. Avalon -- Eddy  
L. McMillan -- Eddy  
La Luz -- Eddy  
Las Animas Creek -- Sierra  
Las Cruces -- Doña Ana  
Las Vegas -- San Miguel  
Lone Butte -- Santa Fe  
Los Alamos -- Los Alamos  
Loving -- Eddy

Mangas Springs, Creek -- Grant  
Old Refuge (at Las Cruces) -- Doña Ana  
Organ -- Doña Ana  
Owen's Farm -- Doña Ana  
Peloncillo Mts. -- Hidalgo  
Percha Dam SP -- Sierra

Radium Springs -- Doña Ana  
Redrock -- Grant  
Rio Grande Gorge and Recreation  
Area (State Park) -- Taos  
Rio Grande Nature Center --  
Albuquerque, Bernalillo

Road Forks -- Hidalgo  
Roswell -- Chaves

Socorro -- Socorro  
Sumner L. -- de Baca

Sandia Mts., Crest, Park -- Bernalillo  
San Simon Cienega -- Hidalgo  
Santa Fe -- Santa Fe  
Sevilleta NWR -- Socorro  
Silver City -- Grant

Taos -- Taos  
Tres Piedras -- Taos  
Truth or Consequences -- Sierra  
Zuni Reservation (Zuni for short)  
-- McKinley

CORRECTION: On page 39 of Volume 23, No. 4, the feathers described as those of a Whiskered Screech Owl have been re-identified by WE as those of a Western Screech Owl.

#### SPECIES ACCOUNTS

COMMON LOON---1 at Sumner L. 2/7 (GH, WH). Uncommon.

HORNED GREBE--2 at Elephant Butte L. 1/11 and 1 there 1/25 (KZ).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN--10 at Caballo L. 12/9 (RH) were late, and an injured bird was at Bitter L. as late as 1/10 (KW+); 12 at La Joya SGR 1/11 were unusual for midwinter (DD).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT--7 at Radium Springs 2/2 (RH).

OLIVACEOUS CORMORANT--In small numbers at Bosque NWR and Caballo L. all winter, as usual.

GREAT EGRET--1 near Garfield, where uncommon, 12/22 (RH).

CATTLE EGRET--6 at Zuni 12/13 and 1 at Santa Fe 12/14 (WW).

SWAN sp.--A bird at Rio Grande Nature Center 12/22-24 (WS+) was described as having some characteristics of the Trumpeter Swan, casual in N.M.

TUNDRA SWAN--An above-average 25 or more reported, including 5 at Zuni 12/15 (Al Schmierer), 3 at Bosque NWR 12/2 (D&SH) and 4 to 7 there 12/12-29 (William Hutchinson), 6 at Caballo L. 12/9 (RH+), singles at Bitter L. 12/1, 1/10 and 2/7 (KW), and a surprising single at Stubblefield L., Colfax County, 12/10 (DMa).

ROSS' GOOSE--1 on Farmington CC\* (AN, Mike Latscher) for third local record; 4 at Caballo L. 12/21 and 7 there 12/21 (KZ+).

GADWALL -- 1 on Santa Fe CC; unusual in winter.

BLUE-WINGED TEAL--5 on Farmington CC; remarkable in winter.

WOOD DUCK -- 1 on Albuquerque CC; 7 at Radium Springs 2/2 (RH).

GREATER SCAUP--unusual: 1 female below Caballo Dam 12/21 and 1/7 (KZ); 3 males there 1/30 and 2/2 (JH); 1 killed by hunter near Carlsbad 1/4 (fide Elwood Martin, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service).

SURF SCOTER--unusual: 1 shot 12/1 at Bitter L. (KW); rare in N.M.

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER--5 on Bluewater L. CC; scarce in state.

COMMON GOLDENEYE--190, a large number, at Cochiti L. 1/27, but none seen there 2/3 and only 7 on 2/24 (WH).

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE--unusual: 1 on Española CC (EE) and 2 males at Cochiti L. 1/27 (WH); detailed descriptions. Rare in N.M.

COMMON MERGANSER--1 on Santa Fe CC was first for that count.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER--Among numerous sightings: 2 at Bitter L. 1/10 (KW), 2 at Caballo L. 12/9 (RH+), a female at Holloman L. 2/23\* (BZ), and 1 on Las Cruces CC.

OSPREY--Singles, possibly the same bird, seen 12/22 (Bruce Halstead) and 1/1 (RD) at Bosque NWR were late.

BALD EAGLE--Numerous sightings of up to 30 individuals, from major drainages, lakes or storage areas. Aerial surveys from 1/4 to 1/14 located 209, of which 125 were adults (DMA).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK--Several individuals at lower elevations, including lower Pecos Valley, 12/29-1/25 (many observers).

HARRIS HAWK--Moderate numbers continue to be reported from the southwest quadrant of the state.

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK--unusual: 1 at Corrales 12/16 (D&SH) was photographed. First verified record for this species in New Mexico.

RED-TAILED HAWK--1 (Harlan's race) at Algodones 12/27 (JH).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK--70 on NIIP 1/19 (AN+). 1 dark phase reported on Roswell CC, but details not definitive. If correct, very unusual.

GOLDEN EAGLE--The 21 on the NIIP 1/19 (AN+) included 8 adults, 12 immatures and 1 unspecified.

MERLIN--Numbers indicative of a good winter population were recorded by many observers, including some from the Pecos Valley. Six reported by the spring migration watch in the south Sandia Mts. 2/16-5/17 (Jim Daley, SH+).

PEREGRINE FALCON--1 reported without details from Isleta area 12/1 (DD). 1 released 1/16 at Bitter L. by N.M. Department of Game & Fish (fide KW).

CHUKAR--None reported for 8 months around Farmington airport, where observed in previous years, so this introduced species may be disappearing from the Farmington area (AN).

RING-NECKED PHEASANT--Low count in Clayton area after a poor breeding season (WC). 12 on Farmington CC, 43 on Bosque CC.

WILD TURKEY--3 near Eagle Nest 1/10 (WE, WH); numbers stable around Clayton, with 6 on CC there (WC).

MONTEZUMA QUAIL--10 near Mangas Creek 12/23 were the first there in several years (RF, HP); 25 on Peloncillo CC.

SCALED QUAIL--On CCs: Farmington 3, Clayton 32, Silver City 15, Peloncillo 121.

GAMBEL'S QUAIL--On CCs: Farmington 49, Albuquerque 33, Bosque 165, Silver City 183, Peloncillos 288.

VIRGINIA RAIL--3 on Farmington CC, 1 near Zuni 12/18 (JT), 2 on Albuquerque CC, 1 at Bosque NWR 12/29 (JS), 1 at Bitter L. 1/18-25 (KW), 2 at Mangas Springs 12/29, 2 on Gila Valley CC.

SORA-- 1 on Farmington CC; 1 or 2 at Zuni 12/1-22 (TR, JT). At Mangas Springs, 10 on 12/9, 7 on 1/6 and 2 still there 2/19 (RF).

AMERICAN COOT--6,400 at Bitter L. 1/5 fell to 1,900 by 2/22 (KW). Common statewide.

HERRING GULL--4 at Sumner L. 2/7 (GH, WH); 2 or 3 at Caballo L. in December and January (RH); 1 s. of Hatch 12/16 (RH).

THAYER'S GULL--1 immature at Caballo L. 12/9 (KZ, RH+); 1 at Elephant Butte L. 1/11 (KZ), and 1 at Caballo L. 1/30 (JH). Rare in N.M.

CALIFORNIA GULL--2 at Elephant Butte L. 1/11 (KZ).

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE--A bird, possibly of this species, was observed near a road kill on East Jemez Road in Los Alamos, about 4 or 5 miles from the Rio Grande and twice as far from Cochiti L. (Dorothy Crowe). Details reported, but identification has been questioned.

SNOWY PLOVER--1\* at Holloman L. 2/23 (BZ); unusual in winter.

BAND-TAILED PIGEON--unusual: 2 on Silver City CC and 1 on Peloncillos CC, where only occasionally recorded at this season.

WHITE-WINGED DOVE--Local record numbers on some southern CCs (327 at Las Cruces, 5 at Caballo L., 3 at La Luz), but 1 at Peloncillos and absent in lower Pecos Valley except 34 on L. Avalon count.

INCA DOVE--Normal small numbers as far north as Socorro: singles at Socorro 1/25, 2/7 and 2/23; 2 at Truth or Consequences 12/23-2/5 (DM), and 22 on Las Cruces CC.

COMMON GROUND DOVE--unusual: 1 on Carlsbad CC; a male and a female\*\* at Owen's Farm 1/24-2/3 (BZ, KZ, SW+). Rare in both areas.

SPOTTED OWL--unusual: 1\*at Lone Butte 1/11 (Polly Schaafsma); accidental wanderer into the pinyon-juniper woodland.

LONG-EARED OWL--unusual: 25 to 40 roosting at Old Refuge 12/3-1/27 (K&BZ). Also a dead bird on a telephone line near Dwyer 1/31 (JH). Species migrates almost statewide, but is unusual in winter.

SHORT-EARED OWL--1 at Rio Grande Recreation Area 1/10 (WE); 1 or 2 at Bitter L. 12/29-1/18 (KW), and 1 at Jornada Experimental Range 1/26 (KZ) Species probably regular in winter, but infrequently reported.

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL--1 in Juan Tabo Canyon, Sandia Mts., 1/20 (WH), being mobbed by Brown Towhees.

COMMON POORWILL--unusual: 1 in Peloncillo Mts. 2/12 (LS); late-winter sighting very unusual.

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT--unusual: 1 at San Simon Cienega and 10 in Florida Mts. 1/1 (LS), plus at least 5 reports along the Rio Grande between Doña Ana and Caballo Mts. (RH, KZ).

LEWIS' WOODPECKER --Singles on Farmington CC, at Socorro 1/29 (RT), and on Peloncillos CC.

GILA WOODPECKER--1 n. of Gila 12/1 (RF) and 2 at Redrock 12/11 (JH). The 6 on the Gila Valley CC were a high total.

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER--1 on Zuni CC; a female on Nine Mile Road in Santa Fe; 1 on Santa Fe CC.

LADDER-BACKED WOODPECKER--unusual: Singles at Farmington 1/16 (Roy Pritchard) and 2/5 (AN, HL)....2 at Fort Sumner 2/7 (WH, GH).

DOWNY WOODPECKER--1 on Farmington CC was low. 1 at Fort Sumner was identified as leucurus race, typical in N.M. (WH, GH).

STRICKLAND'S WOODPECKER--unusual: 1\* on Peloncillos CC; rare in this area.

HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER--unusual: 1 at Las Animas Creek 12/28-1/10 (BZ, KV+) and on 1/19(RH). Well documented by description and photo.

BLACK PHOEBE--unusual: 1 at Cochiti L. 1/27 (WH) and another at the Rio Grande Nature Center (PSt) were north of usual winter range.

VERMILION FLYCATCHER--1 near Redrock 12/11 (JH) and 3 at Owen's Farm 12/1-1/1 (BZ+).

GRAY JAY--1 n. of Chama on NMI7 1/10 (WH, WE).

STELLER'S JAY--unusual: Western areas reported a massive migration from higher mountainous regions into adjacent lowlands. High counts on CCs were indicated at Farmington (3), Silver City (42) and Gila Valley (8). But 1 on the CC in Zuni, a largely mountainous area, was low. Also 1 in Albuquerque in early January (Dianne Kinney).

BLUE JAY--unusual: 1 at Farmington 12/30 (Helen Volkerding); 1 or 2 at Clayton December through February (WC); 2 on L. Avalon CC; rare in all these areas. The 13 on the Roswell CC was high.

SCRUB JAY--High CC numbers at Silver City (186) and Peloncillos (143).

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE--6 that were resident all winter in Seneca Canyon near Clayton were the first seen there in many years (WC).

GRAY-BREASTED JAY--CC numbers of 83 at Silver City and 277 in the Peloncillos were high.

PINYON JAY-- 500, a record, on the Silver City CC but a low 4 at Bluewater; 100+ were counted several miles s. of Caballo L. 12/9 (KZ, RH+).

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER--unusual: 52 on the Santa Fe CC not only was a very high total, but suggests a tendency to congregate in local areas in winter, since few were seen in the Jemez Mts. this season. The only one sighted on the Española CC was in lower Santa Clara Canyon (Jemez Mts.), near the county boundary.

AMERICAN CROW--Several CCs had elevated totals: 130 at Farmington (La Plata Valley area), 516 at Española, 85 at Zuni, 80 at Bluewater, and 2,056 at Bosque. Two on the Silver City CC were the second record for that count. Ten at the Rio Grande Gorge Recreation Area 1/11 and 4 at Eagle Nest 1/10 (WH, WE) were in areas for which winter reports are rare.

CHIHUAHUA RAVEN--12 at Fort Sumner 2/7 (WH, GH), 362 on the Peloncillos CC, and 100 on the Las Cruces CC were all high totals.

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE--58 on Española CC, 8 on Las Vegas CC.

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE--Widespread in the MRGV; 42 on Albuquerque CC; 4+ at Caballo Peak 12/9 (RH), and 11 on Caballo CC. All winter there were 1 to 3 on the University of New Mexico (UNM) campus (WH).

BRIDLED TITMOUSE--15 at Las Animas Creek 12/21 (KZ), 8 at Mangas Springs 1/27 (RF), 2 near Dwyer 1/31 (JH), and 45 on Peloncillo CC.

PLAIN TITMOUSE--4 on Caballo CC.



BUSHY TIT--Lowland records include 4 at UNM all winter (WH), 1 on the Bosque CC and 30 on the Las Cruces CC. Other reports: 58 on Farmington CC, 30+ at Caballo Peak 12/9 (RH), and 201 on the Peloncillo CC.

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH--Strong movement into the southern lowlands indicated by 22 on Las Cruces CC. Also, singles during the Clayton and Roswell CC periods, at Bosque NWR 1/13 (RD) and on the Loving CC, and 1 or 2 at Las Animas Creek 1/19 (RH).

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH--High counts of 10 at Percha Dam SP 1/10 (DM) and 13 on Peloncillos CC.

PYGMY NUTHATCH--127 on Bluewater CC, but only 1 on Sandias CC.

BROWN CREEPER--7 on Española CC, 2 on Caballo CC, and singles at UNM during February (WH), at Percha Dam SP 1/19 (RH), and on Roswell and Las Cruces CCs.

CACTUS WREN--61 on Peloncillos CC was high, as were 62 ROCK WRENS, 15 CANYON WRENS and 61 BEWICK'S WRENS on same count.

CANYON WREN--Also 1 in Paradise Canyon, Union County, all winter (WC) and 1 at Sumner L. 2/7 (WH, GH).

HOUSE WREN--unusual: the frequency of winter reports reached an all-time high of 10: 2 on Las Vegas CC, 1 at Rio Grande Nature Center 12/6 (RT), 1 at Truth or Consequences 12/24 (DM), singles at Percha Dam SP 1/10 (DM) and 1/19 (RH), 2 on Caballo CC, 1 at San Simon Cienega in January (LS), 1 on Loving CC, singles on four occasions at Las Cruces in December and January (RH), and a record high of 5 on the Las Cruces CC.

WINTER WREN--unusual: 1 in Lower Nutria Canyon, Zuni Reservation, 12/24 (JT); 1 in Juan Tabo Canyon, Sandia Mts., 1/20 (WH, GH); 1 on Albuquerque CC, and 1 at Percha Dam SP 12/21 (BZ).

MARSH WREN--1 each on Farmington, Bosque and Roswell CCs was low.

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET--Northerly records included 6 on Farmington CC, 1 at Zuni 12/14, 16 (JT), 2 on Española CC, and singles at Santa Fe 12/14 and in February (PI). High counts were 62 on the Caballo CC and 88 on the Peloncillos CC.

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER--unusual: Among the few well-supported N.M. records for winter were 1\* at Percha Dam SP 12/21 (BZ) and 2 there 1/10 (BZ, KZ, SWi), 3\* on Peloncillos CC (plus 3 Gnatcatcher sp.), and 2 on Las Cruces CC.

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER--unusual: 2\* at Sevilleta NWR 1/22 (RT, Ted Stans), and 1 on Peloncillos CC.

EASTERN BLUEBIRD--unusual: 6\*\* at Percha Dam SP 1/10 (BZ, KZ, SW) plus 1 there on Caballo CC....None on 2/7 at Fort Sumner, where usually present (WH).

WESTERN BLUEBIRD--unusual: High counts on 4 CCs: Farmington 20, Caballo 292, 175 Peloncillos and 251 Las Cruces. Absence at Bosque NWR 12/22 is in line with normal experience of recent years.

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD--High counts on 6 CCs: Farmington 308, Albuquerque 147, Roswell 16, Peloncillos 48, Carlsbad 11 and Loving 52.

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE--Highs of 37 on Peloncillos CC and 15 on Las Cruces CC.

HERMIT THRUSH--17 on Las Cruces CC was high.

AMERICAN ROBIN--Highs on CCs were 506 at Farmington and 776 at Las Cruces.

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GRAY CATBIRD--unusual: 2 with details on Roswell CC (Sherry Bixler, Clayton Libeau). This is the fifth winter report for N.M., but none is verified by specimen or photograph.

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD--1 at Clayton during the season (WC). High CC numbers were Roswell 6, Carlsbad 7, Loving 5 and Las Cruces 14.

SAGE THRASHER--Low numbers north to the Albuquerque area.

BROWN THRASHER--1 at Fort Sumner 2/7 (WH, GH) was the only report.

BENDIRE'S THRASHER--3 on Peloncillos CC.

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER--1 to 3 at Santa Fe all winter (Sarah Boles+); 1 at Bosque NWR 12/1 (RT); present w. of Roswell 1/3-10 and at Bitter L. 1/10-25 (KW).

CRISSAL THRASHER--1 on Española CC (EE), with good details, was new northern limit for N.M. Eight in Juan Tabo Canyon, Sandia Mts., 1/20 (GH, WH); the 34 on Peloncillos CC was a high count.

WATER PIPIT--Northerly reports included 1 on Farmington CC, 30 at Zuni 1/4 (TR), 2 on Bluewater CC, 9 on Española CC, and 2 at Sumner L. and 1 at Fort Sumner 2/7 (WH, GH).

BOHEMIAN WAXWING--unusual: 1, probably this species, flew overhead on Bluewater CC.

CEDAR WAXWING--Reported statewide; 138 on Farmington CC, and moderate numbers in south, including 133 on Silver City CC and 129 on Las Cruces CC.

PHAINOPEPLA--49 on Caballo CC; the 16 on Peloncillos CC was a new high for that count.

NORTHERN SHRIKE--unusual: 1 well described at Road Forks 12/29 (Sherman Suter) was very far south...1 at same locale between Tres Piedras and Taos on 1/10 and again 1/11 (WE, WH); 1 at Corona 1/26 (Rt, Pst).

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE--2 on 1/19 at NIIP 1/19; 1 or 2 at Zuni 12/16-19 (JT). 59 on Peloncillos CC was a new high for this count.

HUTTON'S VIREO--1 on Peloncillos CC; rare but probably regular there in winter.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER--unusual: All with details, 1 at Farmington 1/22-3/9 (AN, HL); 1 at Percha Dam SP 12/21 (BZ); 2 on Las Cruces CC.

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER--Audubon race: 2 at Zuni 12/16 (JT), 163 on Las Cruces CC...Myrtle race: 1 at Santa Fe in CC period; 8 on Carlsbad CC; 2 on Las Cruces CC.

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER--unusual: 1 on Silver City CC with good details (RF) may be New Mexico's first winter record.

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT--unusual: 1 at Bitter L. 1/5 (KW).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT--1 reported with no details on Gila Valley CC. There are two other winter records for N.M., but none is supported by any details.

PYRRHULOXIA--3 at Bosque NWR 1/4 (RT); a female at Silver City 12/2 (RF); 5 at Percha Dam SP 1/10 (DM).

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE--At Truth or Consequences 1/19-2/8 (DM); 2+ at Bitter L. in January (KW); unusual in both locales in winter.

CASSIN'S SPARROW--1 or 2 w. of Caballo L. 1/19, 1 at Jornada 2/2 and 2 three miles w. of Organ 12/20 (RH).

TREE SPARROW--1 on Albuquerque CC.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW--1 at Owen's Farm from 1/27 to end of season (KZ, BZ+); 1 in Animas Valley on Peloncillos CC.

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW--1\* near NM90, 6 miles w. of I-25, on Caballo CC (RH).

LINCOLN'S SPARROW--Less-than-usual numbers in MRGV (WH).

SWAMP SPARROW--1 at Bosque NWR 1/26 (WH); numbers seemed below-usual.

FOX SPARROW--1 at Bitter L. first week in December (Sherry Bixler); 1 of eastern race at Owen's Farm 1/24 (BZ) was unusual; 1 of western race on Las Cruces CC.

SONG SPARROW--High total of 218 on Bosque CC.

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW--1 immature at Bosque NWR 2/15 (WH); unusually common in southern Doña Ana County (BZ).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW--Remarkably few 5 on Santa Fe CC.

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW--1 on Peloncillos CC; 1 at Las Cruces 12/6 and another there 2/1-27 (EW, KZ).

HARRIS' SPARROW--1 at Los Alamos 12/25-1/15 (Pat Snider\*\*, JH); 1\* at Socorro 12/16 (JS); 1 reported without details on Roswell CC.

DARK-EYED JUNCO--1 white-winged at Santa Fe 12/15-29, with details (PI); of about 80 at Fort Sumner 2/7, 2 were slate-colored, 40% were Oregon, and 60% were pink-sided (WH); species scarce in Truth or Consequences (DM).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK--5 at Zuni 12/16 (JT); many singing at Bitter L. 2/16-22, while only Westerns were heard there 1/10-18 (KW).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD--25+ at Redrock 12/11 (JH). On CCs, Zuni 3, Bosque 81, Caballo 350, Roswell 4, Peloncillos 69.

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD--In the north, 410 on Farmington CC and 30 at Zuni 12/1 (JT). Common to the south, including 4041 on Caballo CC and 2,682 on Roswell CC.

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE--Up to 7 at Zuni 12/14-16 (JT), continuing a recent trend there. 1 at Silver City 1/9 (RF). On CCs, 703 at Roswell, 1 at Gila Valley, 8 in Peloncillos, 1,271 at Las Cruces.

COMMON GRACKLE--unusual: 1 at Redrock 12/11 (JH) was far to southwest of expected range....20 at Bosque NWR 1/13 (RD, PI); 195 on Roswell CC; 1 with details at Percha Dam SP 12/21 (BZ).

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD--379 on Roswell CC was a high figure. Common at Bitter L. most of January (KW). 12 on Caballo CC and 31 on Peloncillos CC.

ROSY FINCH--In Rio Grande Gorge area 1/10-11, 32 identified only to species, 1 of Black race (collected), and 1 Brown-capped at gorge and another 15 between Taos and Tres Piedras on 1/11 (WE).

CASSIN'S FINCH--25+ e. of Caballo L. 12/9 and 12/21 (KZ+). 350+ at Aguirre Springs 1/26 (KZ+), unusually numerous for this locale.

EVENING GROSBEAK--Abundant in much of New Mexico.