

Disclaimer: This file has been scanned with an optical character recognition program, often an erroneous process. Every effort has been made to correct any material errors due to the scanning process. Some portions of the publication have been reformatted for better web presentation. Announcements and add copy have usually been omitted in the web presentation. We would appreciate that any errors other than formatting be reported to NMOS at this web site. Any critical use of dates or numbers from individual records should be checked against the original publication before use as these are very difficult to catch in editing.

NEW MEXICO  
ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
FIELD NOTES

VOLUME 27, NO. 4  
August 1 - November 30, 1988

Editor: Roland A. Goodman  
Editorial Committee: William Howe, W. Burton Lewis,  
Paul Steel, Ross L. Teuber, and Steve West

NEW MEXICO ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
2016 Valle Rio  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

FROM THE EDITORS:

One more was added to New Mexico's roster of confirmed species, with a well-documented Little Gull photographed at Holloman L. We were frustrated by the total lack of documentation for reported sightings of Black Vulture and Fulvous Whistling Duck, both by wildlife professionals. It was a bad example for dedicated amateurs who do their best to provide details of birds they believe to be rare.

Also exciting were three Magnificent Frigatebird sightings at different sites in the southeast. The first since this stunning bird was confirmed in the state a couple of decades ago, they might have involved a single, highly mobile example, since the Frigatebird is a powerful flier.

Other unusual waterbirds: A Pacific Loon at Las Cruces, an out-of-place Double-crested Cormorant at Espanola, the first state breeding record of the Ring-necked Duck, a Surf Scoter, and New Mexico's third Pomarine Jaeger. Possible Gray Hawk and Red-shouldered Hawk were at Rattlesnake Springs. Socorro had a Groove-billed Ani for a couple of weeks. Winter wrens were unusually numerous. A Magnificent Hummingbird was at a Cedar Crest feeder, and Blue-throateds visited Las Cruces and Silver City. Scerce songbirds included White-eyed and Philadelphia Vireos, plus Chestnut-sided, Black-throated Blue and Pine Warblers, and the state's third Northern Waterthrush.

By-products of the autumn hawk watch at Capilla Peak in the Manzano Mountains were flights of up to 31 Lewis' Woodpeckers, a large movement of White-throated Swifts, and thousands of south-bound Violet-green Swallows on September 30. But the chief interest was in the count, August 29 through October 31, of migrating raptors. In all, 3,513 were recorded, all but 208 identified as to species, and 18 species represented. Here is the tabulation:

--Peak--			--Peak---		
	Total	Date No.		Total	Date No.
Turkey Vulture	466	9/9 85	Red-tailed Hawk	486	10/9 59
Osprey	13	twice 2	Ferruginous Hawk	21	5 days 2
Bald Eagle	1	10/23 1	Rough-legged Hawk	1	9/14 1
No. Harrier	78	3 days 3	Zone-tailed Hawk	1	10/2 1
Sharp-shinned	1,123	10/11 139	Golden Eagle	67	10/17 6
Cooper's Hawk	610	9/25 54	American Kestrel	385	9/14 45
No. Goshawk	8	10/11 2	Merlin	12	12 days 1
Broad-winged Hawk	10	9/29 4	Peregrine Falcon	10	9/3 2
Swainson's Hawk	3	9/16 2	Prairie Falcon	12	9/4 2

-- Gordon Vickrey+

We prefer to present Southwest Audubon Society's one-day annual raptor count along with the Manzano count, though this year it was delayed until December 3. A new high of 479 hawks and eagles (plus 6 owls) were seen by 32 observers traveling 931 miles. Summary: 1 Bald Eagle, 78 Northern Harriers, 13 Cooper's Hawks, 4 Harris' Hawks, 252 Red-tailed Hawks, 7 Ferruginous Hawks, 5 other species, 18 Golden Eagles, 88 American Kestrels, 1 Merlin, 11 Prairie Falcons, 5 Great Horned Owls, 1 Barn Owl, and 5 Roadrunners. -- Ralph Fisher

A footnote from Ross Teuber: "The ubiquitous European Starling is rarely reported. Observations of behavior and aggressive interaction with other species might provide some interesting insights."

INITIALED OBSERVERS IN THIS ISSUE

CA -- Carol Anderson	SBo -- Sarah Boles	SG -- Sheila Gershen
PB -- Pat Basham	DC -- David Cleary	RG -- Roland Goodman
JB1 -- James Block	WC -- Wes Cook	LG -- Larry Garbet
WGBB -- Warren & Genevieve Bloys	JOo -- Jeff Donaldson	DHe -- David Henderson
	RF -- Ralph Fisher	LH -- Lois Herrmann

DSJHo -- Dick & Jean Hoffman	DMac -- Don MacCarter	PSn -- Patricia Snider
JH -- John P. Hubbard	MMe -- Mike Medrano	PS -- Peter Stacey
CAH -- Charles Hundertmark	DM -- Doris Miller	DS: -- Dale Stehlecker
TH -- Tyler Huning	RSVM -- Robert & Virginia Messick	PSt -- Paul Steel
JGNHT (JHT, NHT) -- Joseph & Nancy Hutto	MO -- May O'Byrne	JTs -- Jackie Talley
PI -- Pat Insley	BO -- Kenneth Bruce Ostyn	RT -- Ross Teuber
RKJ -- Robert & Katherine Jenness	OCBC -- Otero County Bird Club	JT -- John Trochet
C&TJe -- Carlyn & Tom Jarvis	GP -- Gary Parker	JV -- James Vaught
PJ -- Phil Johnson	BR -- Betsy Rosenbaum	SW -- Steve West
PJu -- Peter Jungemann	CR -- Chris Rustay	EW, TW -- Eleanor & Tom Wootten
BL -- W. Burton Lewis	RS -- Robert Scholes	CWR -- Christina Wright
	HS -- Hart R. Schwarz	BZ -- Barry Zimmer
	JS -- John Shipman	DSMZ (DZ, MZ) -- Dale & Marian Zimmerman
	GSmi -- Gerri Smith	

LOCALITIES AND THEIR COUNTIES IN THIS ISSUE

abbreviations and symbols in the text:

L. -- Lake	R. -- River
MGRV -- middle Rio Grande Valley	SGR -- State Game Refuge
Mt. (Mts.) -- Mountain(s)	SP -- State Park
NM -- National Monument	v. o. -- various observers
N.M. -- New Mexico	
NP -- National Park	* -- details provided
NWR -- National Wildlife Refuge	** -- photograph
OCBC -- Otero County Bird Club	*** -- specimen

Alamogordo -- Otero	Charette L. -- Mora	Laguna Grande -- Eddy
Albuquerque -- Bernalillo	Clayton, Clayton L. -- Union	L. McMillan -- Eddy
Animas -- Hidalgo	Cloudcroft -- Otero	Las Cruces -- Doña Ana
Avalon L. -- Eddy	Cochiti L., Dam -- Sandoval	Las Vegas -- San Miguel
Bandelier NM -- Sandoval, Los Alamos	Donaldson's farm -- Doña Ana	Los Lunas -- Valencia
Bell L. -- Lea	Eagle Nest -- Taos	Los Alamos -- Los Alamos
Bill Evans L. (often Evans L.) -- Grant	Elephant Butte L. -- Sierra	Maddox L. -- Lea
Bitter L. NWR (Bitter L.) -- Chaves	Espanola -- Rio Arriba	Manges Springs -- Grant
Black Range -- Grant	Evans L. -- Grant (also Bill Evans L.)	Manzano Mts. -- Torrance
Black Rock Dam, Zunl -- McKinley	Galisteo -- Santa Fe	Maxwell NWR -- Colfax
Bluewater L. -- Cibola, McKinley	Gallup -- McKinley	Mogollon Creek -- Grant
Boone's Draw -- Roosevelt	Glenwood -- Catron	Mogollon Mts. -- Catron
Bosque del Apache NWR (Bosque NWR) -- Socorro	Gray Ranch -- Hidalgo	Morgan L. -- San Juan
Burn L. -- Doña Ana	Heron L. -- Rio Arriba	Otis -- Eddy
Brantley L. -- Eddy	Holloman L. -- Otero	Percha Dam SP -- Sierra
Cabello L., Dam -- Sierra	Isleta (Pueblo) -- Ber- nalillo, Valencia	Portales -- Roosevelt
Canjilon -- Rio Arriba	Juan Tabo Canyon -- Bernalillo	Randell Davey Nature Center -- Santa Fe
Capilla Peak -- Torrance	Kingston -- Sierra	Rattlesnake Springs -- Eddy
Carlsbad -- Eddy	La Cueva SGR -- Mora	Redrock -- Grant
Carlsbad Caverns NP -- Eddy	Laguna Grande -- Eddy	Rio Grande Nature Center, Albuquerque
Carrizozo -- Lincoln	La Grulla NWR -- Roosevelt	Roberts L. -- Grant
Cedar Crest -- Bernalillo		

Roueo -- Hidalgo	Silver City -- Grant	Tularosa -- Otero
Roswell -- Chaves	Socorro -- Socorro	Tyrone -- Grant
	Stanley -- Santa Fe	
San Acacia -- Socorro	Stubblefield L. -- Colfax	Zuni Mts. -- Cibola,
San Antonio -- Socorro		McKinley
Sandia Mts. -- Bernalillo	Taos -- Taos	Zuni Reservation
San Marcial -- Socorro	Timberon -- Otero	(Zuni for short) --
Santa Fe -- Santa Fe	Truth or Consequences	McKinley
	-- Sierra	

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

PACIFIC LOON -- unusual: A single bird at Burn L. 11/19-30 (ESTW, BZ\*\*). Rarely reported in New Mexico.

COMMON LOON -- 2 at Heron L. 10/2 (Wain Evans). In the northeast, 1 at Maxwell NWR 11/14 (CR), and 2 at Las Vegas NWR 10/29 (CR) and 11/6 (DHe, LH, CR). The bird that summered at Bitter L. was last reported 8/2 (PJu).

PIED-BILLED GREBE -- breeding: 16, including an adult with 4 young, at Las Vegas NWR 9/2 (SG, CR).

HORNEO GREBE -- Earlier than normal were 3 at Las Vegas NWR 8/28 (PI, CR). 2 at San Marcial 9/29 (PJ, JS).

EARED GREBE -- breeding: Over 300 individuals and at least 160 active nests at Bluewater L. 9/3 (DC)...2 at Randall Davey 8/22 (CR). Fall migrants at Bosque NWR 8/2 (PJ, JS) and Bitter L. 9/17 (BR).

WESTERN GREBE -- Fall migrants: 1 at Charette L. 11/4 (CR), 11 probable Westerns at Maxwell NWR 11/14 (CR), and 2 at La Cueva SGR 11/20 (PI). Late birds still at Bluewater L. in late November (DC). 3 at Bosque NWR 8/2 (PJ, JS) and 1 there 8/24 (RT) were early. 1 at Evans L. 11/4 (RF). Only southeast report was 13 at Holloman L. 10/15 (DCBC).

CLARK'S GREBE -- 2 at Las Vegas NWR 8/28 (PI, CR).

Aechmophorus species -- 1 at Eagle Nest L. 11/19 (CR). "Large number" at Morgan L. 10/12 (DMac). 2,000+ at Caballo L. 10/12 included both Western and Clark's (PH, JH, JS).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- Almost statewide. 3 at Bluewater L. 9/28 (JT), a late bird at Las Vegas NWR 11/24 (CR), 1 at Albuquerque 9/7 (LG), 120 on 10/11 at La Joya SGR (PJ, JS), and 1 to 9 at Bosque NWR 10/22-11/4 (RT). 25 at Tularosa 9/5 (JGNHT) and 1 at Holloman L. 11/15 (Jeff Bickle). In the lower Pecos Valley, 35 on 8/5 and 117 on 8/25 at Bitter L. (BR). Present at Lakes Avalon and McMillan from 9/18 through end of period, with 115 on 11/16 (DMac), and a peak of 298 (SW).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- unusual: 1 out of place at Española 9/17 (PI). ...Singles at Las Vegas NWR 11/11 and 11/24 (CR) were late. 45 was the fall high at L. McMillan 10/8-12 (SW).

OLIVACEOUS CORMORANT -- 8 to 12 at Bosque NWR 9/24-10/28 (RT). A single at Bitter L. 11/4 (DGJHo) was out of range.

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD -- unusual: In contrast to 3 sightings in 1988, there were only 3 previous N.M. records: Adult female photographed 10/4/55 at Bitter L., adult female found dead 10/1/67 at Silver City, and an immature 2/1/69 at Las Cruces....The first 1988 report was an adult male at L. McMillan seen 10/5 (MF), and photographed 10/6 by Bob and Shirley Swayze and 10/8 by SW; final reports there were on 10/10 and 10/12. Next sighting, 4 miles ~~se.~~ and 2 miles e. of Portales 10/13 by Bryan A. and Georgia Z. Kimsey. The final sighting, at Bitter L. 10/23, was by James Montgomery, Robert Kasubowski, Greg Knadle, Greg Joiner and Wolfgang Oesterreich. Possibly all were of the same individual, but 3 different seem more likely in view of the distances involved, the scarcity of birders, and the fact that frigatebirds were seen all through the inland eastern areas of the U.S. this season, partly as a side effect of Hurricane Gilbert. All were reported as Magnificent Frigatebirds, the most likely species.

GREAT BLUE HERON -- 17 at Cochiti L. 10/31 (CR).

GREAT EGRET -- 1 at Holloman L. 8/20 (RSKJ); infrequent there.

SNOWY EGRET -- 1 near Clayton in October (WC); 6 at Las Vegas NWR 8/28 (CR,PI).

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- An immature at Bosque NWR 8/24 (RT), and 1 to 3 at near-by San Marcial 8/2 and 8/8 (PJ, JS).

TRICOLORED HERON -- Only fall report, adult at L. McMillan 9/18 (MMe, SW).

CATTLE EGRET -- 1 near Zuni 11/20 (OC) was late and out of range. Slight increase at Clayton, where species is infrequent (WC). 3 near San Acacia 10/27 (JBI, LG, TH), and 1 or 2 at Tularosa 10/8 and 14 (JSNHT). Numbers low in the lower Pecos Valley (SW).

GREEN-BACKED HERON -- Near Española, 9/11 at Pajarito Village and at San Juan 9/17 (PI). Absent from Mangas Springs (RF).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON -- 1 at Bluewater L. 8/3 (OC).

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- 18 at Zuni 8/18 (JT). 7 a mile s. of Galisteo 9/19 (LH, PI, CR). From 2 to 62 at Bosque NWR 8/24-11/4 (RT). None all fall at Mangas Springs (RF). At Holloman L., 2 on 9/26 (Jeff Bickie) and a late 2 10/23 (CR).

FULVOUS WHISTLING DUCK -- Still not verified for N.M. after 1 was reported without documentation or details from Bitter L. 8/25 (BR).

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING DUCK -- unusual: Rare in N.M., a single at L. Carlisbad 9/4 (SW) was about the third record for Eddy County.

TUNDRA SWAN -- A high number was 14 at Maxwell NWR 11/10 (fide CR).

EGYPTIAN GOOSE (*Alpeochen aegyptiacus*) -- exotic: A single at Tingley Beach, Albuquerque, for at least two years was still there 11/1 (SW).

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- Only fall reports, 4 at Las Vegas NWR 11/11 (CR), and 1 with Snow Geese at Bitter L. 10/29 (SW).

SNOW GOOSE -- From the first 3 of the autumn at Bosque NWR 9/24 (RT), peaked at 7,715 on 11/17 (OMac). 2 at Las Cruces 11/29 (BZ).

SNOW or ROSS' GOOSE -- 16,000 to 18,000 counted from Isleta to Bosque NWR 10/21 (OMac).

ROSS' GOOSE -- 9 among 370 Snow Geese at Las Vegas NWR 11/6 and 11/24 (DHe, LH, CR).

CANADA GOOSE -- At Clayton all summer; 8 near La Mesa, Doña Ana County, 11/29 (BZ); seldom recorded there.

DUCKS IN GENERAL -- Numbers unusually low in southwest (RF).

WOOD DUCK -- 1 at Española 11/12 (CR); up to 17 during season at Bosque NWR (fide RT). Southeastern reports included 7 at L. McMillan 10/10 (CR) and 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 10/15-11/3 (fide CWr).

MALLARD -- Fall peak of 5,947 at Las Vegas NWR 10/10 (OMac).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL -- 15 at Holloman L. 10/15 (OCBC).

AMERICAN WIGEON -- Fall peak of 2,790 at Stubblefield L. 10/10 (OMac).

CANYASBACK -- A male at Bosque NWR 8/2 (PJ, JS) and 1 at Bitter L. 8/25 (BR) were early.

RING-NECKED DUCK -- breeding: Apparently the first breeding record for N.M. was 3 young accompanied by adults at Bitter L. 8/2 (BR)...A bird at Bosque NWR 8/2 (PJ, JS) was early.

GREATER SCAUP -- Possibly this species, 1 at Las Vegas NWR 11/11 (CR).

LESSER SCAUP -- 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 10/15 (fide CWR).

SURF SCOTER -- 2 female/immature at Elephant Butte L. 10/15-27 (Annita & Gene Kotinek). Rare in New Mexico.

HOODED MERGANSER -- A female at Rio Grande Nature Center 11/20 (PSt).

COMMON MERGANSER -- Single males: A first record for Randall Davey Center 11/5 (CR), and at Las Vegas NWR 8/28 (Pi, CR).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- Single females at Maxwell NWR 11/4 and at Las Vegas NWR 11/24 (CR).

RUDDY DUCK -- breeding: 4 small young with an adult at Quemado L. 9/9 (JH).

BLACK VULTURE -- Unconfirmed in N.M. after these near misses: 2 reported at Bosque NWR in early October by Phil Norton, refuge manager, and John Taylor, wildlife biologist; both know species from south Texas, where it is common. No photos, no details, but observers' background makes observation credible (fide PJ, RT). A report from Carlsbad Caverns NP 10/10 lacked any details (fide CWR)...1 photographed at Rattlesnake Springs 9/17 (PJ, JS) proved to be a Turkey Vulture with an albino patch.

BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE -- unusual: 1 n. of Rodeo 10/31 (HS).

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- 2 at Socorro 9/16 (PB).

BALD EAGLE -- In good numbers near major drainages and lakes in northern N.M. throughout the season. Earliest sighting was 1 immature at Santa Rosa reservoir, Pecos R., 10/11 (DMac).

NORTHERN HARRIER -- 2 in western Sandia foothills 11/29-30 (HS); unlikely there.

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- 1 at Truth or Consequences 9/3, 26 (DM).

HARRIS' HAWK -- 1 at Bosque NWR 9/24 (RT) and 1 s. of Animas 10/28 (HJ+), both with details.

GRAY HAWK -- unusual: A possible adult of this species at Rattlesnake Springs, with details, 9/17 (PJ, JS). Rare in N.M.

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK -- unusual: Possibly 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 10/1 (SW). Details did not completely eliminate other buteos. Rare in N.M.

ZONE-TAILED HAWK -- 1 at Mogollon Creek 8/27 (fide RF); 1 south of Animas 10/30 (RGKJ+), with details; 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/17, details (PJ, JS).

RED-TAILED HAWK -- unusual: A rufous-phase individual at Mangas Springs 9/29+ (RF).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK -- unusual: Dark phase, 1 at Las Vegas NWR 10/29, 11/6, 24 with details (CR); 1 at La Grulla NWR 9/23 (PJ, JS).

(Note: La Grulla NWR has not been mentioned in Field Notes previously. It is a relatively small refuge east of Portales, near the Texas line.)

PRAIRIE FALCON -- 3 at Las Vegas NWR 11/20 (CR+); high count for there.

MERLIN -- Singles at Green Chaparral Turf Farm, near Moriarty 10/9 (CR) may have been early for there, and near Las Cruces (BZ\*\*).

WILD TURKEY -- 7 at Zuni 10/9 (DC); 9 near Timberson 10/29 (G&WB).

NORTHERN BOBWHITE -- 15 at Boone's Draw 9/16 (JS, PJ) and 6 at Rattlesnake Springs 10/21 (CR) were farther west than usual (origin?).

SCALED QUAIL -- Numbers very low in Eddy County (SW).

VIRGINIA RAIL -- breeding: Adult with 2 downy young at Bluewater L. 8/27 (DC)...Last of fall 8/1 at Mangas Springs (RF).

SORA -- 2 or 3 at Maddox L. 9/16 (PJ, JS). 1 at Beckett farm, a mile s. of Tularosa, 9/6 (JGNHT). 1 to 4 at Mangas Springs through 9/4 (RF); interestingly, one would call in answer to a horse whinnying in the nearby pasture.

COMMON MOORHEN -- 2 at San Marcial 10/28 (PJ).

AMERICAN COOT -- Highs of 4,710 on 11/17 at Elephant Butte L. and 4,363 at Conches L. 10/10 (DMac).

SANDHILL CRANE -- Early: 300 at Las Vegas NWR 11/20 (P1); 5 at La Joya SGR 10/11 (PJ, JS); pair at Redrock 9/30 (RF); at Mangas Springs 11/5 (RF), and at Rattlesnake Springs 10/16 (fide CWR) and 10/21 (CR). Highs included 4,573 on Rio Grande between Isleta and Bosque NWR (DMac), 8,400 flying south over Caballo L. 10/24 (DM), and 10,513 at Bosque NWR 11/17 (DMac).

WHOOPIING CRANE -- First at Bosque NWR 10/31 (fide RT); 5 there 11/17 (DMac) and 8 by 11/30 (John Taylor).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 1 at Zuni 8/15 (JT). All other reports eastern: singles at Las Vegas NWR 8/28 (P1, CH) and Bitter L. 9/3 (RT), and 9 at L. McMillan 10/23 (SW).

SNOWY PLOVER -- Peak of 164 at Bitter L. 8/5 (BR).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER -- 1 late at Las Vegas NWR 10/29 (CR).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- Peaks at Moriarty turf farm of 250+ on 9/18 (Pst) and 9/19 (LH, PI, CR).

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- Last of fall 10/8 at L. McMillan (SW).

AMERICAN AVOCET -- Last of autumn at Bosque NWR was 1 on 10/27 (JB1, LG, TH); in the Pecos valley, 1 at Bitter L. 10/29 (SW).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS -- Unusual was 1 a mile s. of Galisteo 9/19 (LH, PI, CR).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- Singles at Rendell Davey 8/1-8 (CR) and at Holloman L. 10/15 (OCBC).

WILLET -- Singles at Percha Dam SP 10/24 (CR) and at Bitter L. 10/19 (CR).

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- 2 at turf farm near Moriarty 8/16 (BO); 2 or 3 at Tularosa 8/10-11 (JH), a possible Otero County first; increase over fall of 1987 in lower Pecos Valley, with last sighting 9/23 (SW).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- 2 near Tularosa 10/21 (JGNHT) were last of fall. Very high numbers in southern Eddy County, with several flocks of over 200 and a peak of 326 at Otis 9/11 (MHe, SW).

WESTERN SANDPIPER -- Unusually large gathering of 55 on 8/28 at Las Vegas NWR (PI, CR).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- 3 at Holloman L. 8/20 (RSKJ).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER -- 22 at turf farm near Moriarty 8/25 (BO) was among the largest recorded N.M. flocks. A possible was at Bitter L. 10/19 (CR) and 2 were at L. McMillan 10/5 (SW).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- 1 at Bosque NWR 9/3 (RT). Several sightings at Holloman L., with 8 there 9/22 and 4 on 10/8 (Barry & Yvonne Zimmer), and 9, last of season, on 10/23 (CR, SW).

DUNLIN -- Only fall report, 1 at Bosque NWR 10/27 (JB1, LG, TH).

STILT SANDPIPER -- Only in southeast: 50 at Laguna Grande 9/24 and 1 at Bell L. 9/16 (PJ, JS).

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER -- A possible at Bosque NWR 11/9 (Thomas Kraft).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER -- Late birds: 5 at Las Vegas NWR 10/29 (CR), 2 there 11/6 (DHe, LH, CR), and 1 at Holloman L. 11/23 (Doug, RSKJ).

COMMON SNIPE -- 1 at Baca Park, Taos County, 11/26 (JDo).



WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- 40+ at Holloman L. 9/23 (Jeff Bickle). Very late, 1 at Tyrone 11/17 (RF).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE -- Normally regular, only 1 all fall at Holloman L. on 9/22 (BZ). As many as 500 at Bitter L. 8/5-8 (PJu), a possible state record for this fall migrant.

PHALAROPE species --10 at Bitter L. 10/19 (CR).

POMARINE JAEGER -- unusual: 1 adult well described at Bitter L. 8/14 (Greg Joiner, Wolfgang Oesterreich), the third well-documented state record.

FRANKLIN'S GULL -- Only reports, 2 at Bitter L. 9/17 (JS, PJ) and 2 at Holloman L. 10/23 (CR, SW).

LITTLE GULL -- unusual: One in juvenal plumage 9/22 (BZ\*\*), 9/23 (EW, CA) and 9/24 (Mesilla Valley Audubon Society). Excellent details. This is the first verified and second state record of the species; the other was at L. McMillan in January and February, 1987. With several appearing in Colorado in 1988-89, the species should be occurring more often in N.M.

BONAPARTE'S GULL -- Only fall report, 1 at Charette L. 11/14 (CR), especially late for northern N.M.

CALIFORNIA GULL -- Singles at Las Vegas NWR 10/1 (CR) and Bluewater L. 9/21 (JT).

HERRING GULL --1 at Maxwell NWR 11/27 (Bob Righter); 2 at Las Vegas NWR 11/24 (CR).

SABINE'S GULL -- 2 immatures at Bluewater L. 9/21 (JT); well described.

COMMON TERN -- Singles at Bernardo 9/29 (BO), and at L. McMillan 5/18 and 10/5 (SW) and 10/10 (CR).

FORSTER'S TERN -- In Zuni area 8/9-9/18 (JT, DC). At Bitter L. 8/1-15 (maximum of 24 on 8/4) (PJu) and 9/17 (JS, PJ). Latest were 4 at Caballo L. 10/12 (JS+).

LEAST TERN -- 2 of the summer residents at Bitter L. remained until 8/2, but didn't nest successfully. On 8/8 a migrant family of 2 adults and 2 juveniles arrived (from where?), 1 adult and 2 juveniles remaining until at least 8/14 (PJu). Did they breed north of Bitter L. in the Pecos Valley, or did they come down from one of the Mississippi drainages (Platte, Arkansas)?

BLACK TERN -- 10 at Las Vegas NWR 8/27 (CR); 7 to 12 at Zuni reservoir 8/17-18 (DC, JT); 37 at Bitter L. 8/5 (KW); 1 at L. McMillan 10/10 (CR); 1 at Carlsbad Caverns sewage lagoons 8/7 (fide CWR).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON -- Last seen in upper Juan Tabo canyon 11/13 (HS); late for the area.

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- unusual: 1 adult 30 miles s. of Clayton in August (fide WC, no details)....Populations in Socorro, Truth or Consequences, Percha Dam SP, Tularosa, Alamogordo and Carlsbad appeared to be fairly stable all year, but tending to be higher in autumn and winter.

INCA DOVE -- unusual: 1 at Santa Fe 10/16-11/22 (LH) was far north of range. ...1 to 3 at Socorro (PB, PJ, CR, JS), Truth or Consequences (DM) and Alamogordo (RSKJ, JTe).

GROOVE-BILLED ANI -- unusual: 1 in yard in Socorro 11/4-18 (PB, RT+). Rare in N.M.

BARN OWL -- 1 at Las Vegas NWR 10/1 with details (CR). Seldom reported in autumn or this far north.

SPOTTED OWL-unusual: 1 or 2 adults, 3 immatures at Zuni 8/18-20, 9/2-18 (JT, DC, photo)....1 in upper Juan Tabo Canyon 10/13 (F.Hayes, HS); 1 sw. of Mule Creek, Grant County, 11/13 (P. Knight).

LONG-EARED OWL -- 2 n. of Roswell 10/19 (CR). Details skimpy.

BOREAL OWL -- unusual: 1 on Canjilon Mt. 27.6 miles s. of Colorado line 10/24 (DSt) was farthest s. sighting in N.M. to date.

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL -- 1 near Pecos 8/7 (Norman Maktima, fide JH). 1 of this species or a possible Boreal heard in Pecos Wilderness 9/29 (CR, DSt). Species seldom reported here, but probably should be expected.

LESSER NIGHTHAWK -- unusual: 1, probably of this species, near Truth or Consequences 10/29 (DSt, Steve Hoffman) was late.

COMMON POORWILL -- 2 in Walnut Canyon, Carlsbad Caverns, were last of season (SW).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT -- breeding: Pair feeding young on Sandia Crest until 8/12 were late, as was last sighting of species 10/12 (HS). Thousands flew s. over Capilla Peak all day 9/20 (PS).

BLUE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD -- unusual: Possible female at feeder in Las Cruces 8/31 (EW); details sketchy. A male at feeder n. of Silver City 10/8 was late (MO, fide RF).

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD -- unusual: Single female/immature at Cedar Crest feeder 8/26-9/11 (O. Carlson+).

LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD -- Last of season at Post Office Canyon 9/18 (RS).

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- unusual: Single males included 1 at a Los Alamos feeder 8/21, n. of normal post-breeding wanderings (CSTJs); 1 at Zuni 8/7 (JT) with details, and at Post Office Canyon throughout the period (RS).

LEWIS' WOODPECKER -- unusual: Large numbers (53 total for 9/4-10/30, with daily peak of 31 on 9/17 (Gordon Vickrey), but no unusual concentrations were reported farther south...2 at Clayton L. (WC, no dates).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- 2 at Bosque Redondo L., near Fort Sumner, 9/18 (PJ, JS).

ACORN WOODPECKER -- 1 on Capilla Peak 9/2, 18 (Gordon Vickrey).

DOWNY WOODPECKER -- A male in swampy area at Bitter L. 10/19 (CR).

HAIRY WOODPECKER -- 2 at San Antonio 9/29 and 1 or 2 at San Marcial 8/2 and 9/20 (PJ, JS).

HAMMOND'S/DUSKY FLYCATCHER -- 1 at Rattlesnak Springs 10/20, somewhat late (CR).

WESTERN FLYCATCHER -- 1, equally late, at Rattlesnak Springs 10/20 (CR).

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD -- 2 at La Grulla NWR (PJ, JS) were e. of usual range. 1 near Owen's farm where seldom encountered, 9/9 (BZ).

WESTERN KINGBIRD -- 2 near Tularosa 10/4 (JSNht) were a little late.

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- 1 near Stanley 9/3 (PSt) and 1 at Socorro 9/5-6 (PB) were westerly. 1 at Rattlesnak Springs 11/3 (DEJHO) was late.

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- Fairly common in southeast, including 2 n. of Roswell 9/17 and several near Portales 9/16 and 23 (PJ, JS), but remained rare in vicinity of Carlsbad (SW).

VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW -- Thousands migrated s. over Capilla Peak 9/20 (PSt).

CLIFF SWALLOW -- unusual: 1 at Carlsbad Caverns NP 10/12 (SW); only about the fifth sighting at caverns entrance since 1980.

CAVE SWALLOW -- Last of year at Carlsbad Caverns NP noted 11/5. Presumed Cave x Barn Swallow hybrid banded 9/12 (SW).

BLUE JAY -- unusual: Singles in Santa Fe 10/9 (SBo) and 10/20-11/23 (LH)... Numbers in Carlsbad were stable in areas frequented by White-winged Doves (SW).

PINYON JAY -- 1 at Carlsbad Caverns NP 10/20 (fide CWr).

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER -- 3 to 15 in Zuni Mts. 8/13-17 (JT).

AMERICAN CROW -- unusual: 1\* was at Carlsbad 11/10, 20 (SW), where there are few records; s. of normal range.

CHIHUAHUA RAVEN -- 1 or 2 at Grasslands Turf Farm near Los Lunas 8/16, 25 (80).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE -- 5 at Bandelier NM 10/28 (CR); 14 at San Juan Pueblo 9/17 (P1+).

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE -- 1 at Holloman L. 11/6 (RSKJ) was only lowland report.

BRIOLED TITMOUSE -- Farthest northeast, 2 at Kingston 10/23 (CR, SW); 6 at Gray Ranch 10/29 (RSKJ).

VERDIN -- 2 at Alamogordo 11/24 (RJ, Doug Jenness); 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 10/16 (fide CWR).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- Few reports, all at higher elevations.

PYGMY NUTHATCH -- 9 at Rendell Davey 11/5, high for there (CR); 80 at Zuni 8/16 (JT).

BROWN CREEPER -- 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 10/20-21 (CR).

HOUSE WREN -- 2 late in Embudito Canyon, Sandias, 11/18 (HS).

WINTER WREN -- unusual: High number of reports statewide: 1 at Bandelier NM 10/15 (CR), up to 4\*\* in Hondo Canyon, Sandias, 10/20-11/27 (LG, HS, PSt), 1 at Tree Springs, Sandias, 11/17 (PSt), 1\* at Potato Canyon, San Mateo Mts., 11/12 (PJ), and 1\* at Rattlesnake Springs 10/20 (CR).

MARSH WREN -- 1 at Las Vegas NWR 8/28 (PI, CR) was early and out of habitat, in trees at entrance; 1 at Zuni 9/3 (DC) was also early.

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- 2 near L. Roberts 10/23 (CR); only lowland reports, 1 at Albuquerque 10/18 (PSt) and 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 10/20 (CR).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET -- Migrants arrived at Mangas Springs 9/23 (RF).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- 1 to 5 at Bandelier NM, Zuni, Glenwood and Rattlesnake Springs 8/4-9/25 (v.o.); 2 at Zuni 10/29 (DC) were late.

EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- 1 male and 2 females at Socorro 11/19 and another male 11/21 (PB); 15 at Percha Dam SP 11/26 (LG, BRH). All western limit of range.

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD -- 100+ at Roberts Park, near L. Roberts, 10/22 and 4 at Mangas Springs 11/24 (RF) were first arrivals; 3 at Carlsbad 10/28 (SW) were only fall report there.

SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- 1 at Black Rock Bosque, Zuni, 8/28 (DC) was early; 1\* at Bandelier NM (9/30) (CR) was late.

GRAY CATBIRD -- 6 reported: San Juan Pueblo 9/11, 17 (P1+); Santa Fe 9/6 (LH); Black Rock L. 8/12, 28 (JT, DC); Albuquerque (banded, no date, CAH); Roswell 10/10 (Mary Peckinpaugh, Larry Reeves), and Rattlesnake Springs 10/16 (fide CWR).

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD -- 1 at Las Vegas NWR 10/29, somewhat late (CR).

SAGE THRASHER -- Few reports, low numbers. 1 at Carrizozo 10/1 and 1 at Tularosa 10/17 (JSMH) were in areas where seldom reported but not unexpected.

BROWN THRASHER -- West of Pecos Valley, 1 at Socorro 10/22-11/16 (PB) and 1 at Las Cruces 11/18 (EW).

AMERICAN PIPIT (Water Pipit) -- 4 at Sandia Crest 9/29 (PSt), high elevation for migrants. Largest group reported, 90 at Las Vegas NWR 10/1 (CR).

CEDAR WAXWING -- Very few. Largest flock, 13 at Albuquerque 11/26 (PSt).

NORTHERN SHRIKE -- Singles at Las Vegas NWR 10/29 (CR -- earliest); Taos 11/26 (CR, JDo); La Cueva SGR 11/20 (PI, CR+); Las Vegas 11/20 (CR); Eldorado 11/20 (JV, J. Montgomery); Zuni 11/12 (DC).

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE -- 1 at Charette L. 11/14 (CR).

WHITE-EYED VIREO - unusual: A singing male seen and well-described at Blackrock L. 8/12, 17 (JT). Seventh N.M. report, and first since 1983.

BELL'S VIREO -- 3 at Rattlesnake springs 9/4 (SW).

GRAY VIREO -- 2 singing at Glenwood 9/8 (JS, JH).

SOLITARY VIREO -- Latest report was of a cassinii at Percha Dam SP 10/28 (PJ). There were several reports of the "eastern" race, but it never was clear whether the observers meant the eastern Vireo s. solitarius or merely a non-Rocky Mountain race (i. e., something besides V. s. plumbeus). Field studies in the lower Pecos Valley in 1979-81, where solitarius should be most numerous in N.M., found both plumbeus and the western cassinii to be regular spring and fall migrants, whereas solitarius was an irregular, fall only migrant (9/27-10/20). There are apparently no documented records of solitarius w. of the Pecos Valley in N.M. Observers are asked for copious notes detailing how they are separating solitarius from cassinii, so that the true status of solitarius in N.M. can be resolved. The three races are well illustrated in the second edition of the National Geographic guide to N. American birds.

PHILADELPHIA VIREO -- 2 recorded at Rattlesnake Springs with substantiating details. 1 was seen 9/24 (PJ, JS), the other 10/20 (CR). These are the 13th and 14th N.M. records, all but 2 in the fall.

RED-EYED VIREO -- Only 1 reported, at Las Vegas NWR 10/1 (CR).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- Late reports: 1 at Santa Fe 10/10 (SBo), 2 at Silver City 11/1 (RF), 1 at Socorro 11/14 (PB), 2 at Percha Dam SP 11/27 (DM).

NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 3 at Zuni 8/18-21 (JT) and 2 there 8/28 and 9/10 (DC); 2 at Albuquerque 8/31 (Pst); 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 10/21 (CR).

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER -- 50 at Zuni 8/13 (JT); 1 at Santa Fe 10/2 (SBo); 1 at Boone's Draw 9/23 (PJ, JS).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER -- 1 immature at Albuquerque 10/30 and 11/2 (RT) is at least the 10th fall record, and the latest by more than two weeks.

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER -- 1 immature at Bandelier NM 9/30 (CR), roughly the 15th N.M. occurrence.

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER -- 5 at Albuquerque 9/1 (Pst); 1 at Boone's Draw 9/23 (PJ, JS).

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER -- Reported widely from 8/16 (16 at Zuni, JT) to 10/20 (1 at Rattlesnake Springs, CR). Only fall sighting in lower Rio Grande Valley, 1 at Owen's farm 10/18 (BZ).

HERMIT WARBLER -- More than usual: 2 at Zuni were apparently the first area record since 1911 (8/16, JT). 1 or 2 at Mangas Springs 8/29 and 2 in the Black Range 9/17 (RF). 1 in Mogollon Mts. 9/7 (JS, JH).

GRACE'S WARBLER -- Only report, 1 to 3 at Zuni 8/13-16 (JT).

PINE WARBLER -- unusual: 1 at Socorro 9/14 (PB) was well described; fourth N.M. record.

AMERICAN REDSTART -- 1 at Zuni 9/21 (JT); 1 banded at Albuquerque (CAH, no date provided).

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER -- 1 male well described at Blackrock Reservoir 8/12, 8/14 and 8/27 (JT, DC) is the 14th fall report for N.M.

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- 1 at Blackrock Reservoir 8/27-28 (DC); 1 without details from Alamogordo (GSm).

LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH -- unusual: 1 was seen well and described completely enough to eliminate Northern Waterthrush, at Las Vegas NWR 8/28 (CR, PI). This is the third N.M. record and the first in autumn.

MacGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER -- 1 at Albuquerque 11/2 (RT) was very late.

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT -- 20 at Zuni 9/21 (JT); latest, 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 10/21 (CR).

HOODED WARBLER -- A male well seen in Albuquerque 10/12-13 (RT); another male in Hondo Canyon, Sandias, was found by GP 11/6 and seen by many through at least 11/25. Previous latest fall date was 11/7/84.

WILSON'S WARBLER -- Migrants reached Silver City 8/27 (RF); "the most abundant warbler" at Boone's Draw 9/23 (JS, PJ); latest report was 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 10/20 (CR).

RED-FACED WARBLER -- 2 in Bear Trap Canyon, San Mateo Mts., 8/2 (PJ).

PAINTED REDSTART -- 1 in Spring Canyon, Black Range, 8/13 (RF).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT -- 25 at Zuni 8/12 (JT); 1 there 9/21 (DC).

HEPATIC TANAGER -- Male at Bandelier NM 9/30 (CR) was latest report.

SUMMER TANAGER -- 2 males at Rattlesnake Springs 9/24 (JS, PJ).

WESTERN TANAGER -- 3 at Rattlesnake Springs 10/21 (CR) were late.

NORTHERN CARDINAL -- unusual: A male at Albuquerque 8/19 (S. Bannock)...Up to 3 persisted at Rattlesnake Springs (v.o.), including first-year male 10/21 (CR).

PYRRHULOXIA -- Singles near Socorro 10/15-11/30 (PB) and Mangas Springs 11/13 (RF) were northerly.

BLACK-HEADED GRDSBEAK -- A male at Santa Fe 11/22 (RG) was very late.

LAZULI BUNTING -- A singing male at Mangas Springs 8/3-5 (RF) was early.

DICKCISSEL -- 1 near Socorro 9/5 (PB) was westerly.

CANYON TOWHEE -- An adult was feeding 2 fledgling Brown-headed Cowbirds in Santa Fe 8/13 (JH).

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- Late birds: 1 on 10/19 and 7 on 10/20 at L. McMillan, plus 3 at Rattlesnake Springs 10/21 (CR). 1 at Zuni 8/16 (JT) was westerly.

RUFIOUS-CROWNED SPARROW -- 1 below Elephant Butte Dam 10/12 (JH).

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW -- All 5 reports were in 11/6-11/27 period (v.o.) in northern N.M.: Maxwell NWR, Zuni, La Cueva SGR, and Las Vegas NWR.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW -- 2 banded at Albuquerque in September (CAH) were westerly.

FIELD SPARROW -- 1 at Boone's Draw 10/20 (JH) was northerly.

LARK SPARROW -- 1 at Bitter L. 10/29 (SW) was late.

BLACK-THROATED SPARROW -- 5 in Albuquerque 11/2 (MS) were late.

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- breeding: Adult and fledgling at Las Vegas NWR 8/28 (CR, PI)...6 possible s. of Animas 10/30 (OCBC), 2 at L. McMillan 10/10 (CR), and 1 near Rattlesnake Springs 11/3 (DSJHo).

FOX SPARROW -- Only report, 1 in Juan Tabo Canyon 11/27 (MS).

SONG SPARROW -- 1 at Zuni 8/12 (JT) was early.

LINCOLN'S SPARROW -- 1 at Taos 11/19 (JDo) was late.

SWAMP SPARROW -- 1 at Taos 11/19 (CR, JDo).

HARRIS' SPARROW -- 1 near Socorro 11/21 and 24 (PB).

MCCOWN'S LONGSPUR -- At least 150 near Los Lunas 11/10 (BO) and 19 in southern Doña Ana County 10/26 (BZ).

CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR -- 3 on 10/29 and 7 on 11/6 at Las Vegas NWR (CR). About 250 near Los Lunas 11/10 (BQ), 6 in southern Doña Ana County 10/26 (BZ), about 25 at Holloman L. 10/23 (CR, SW), and 12 at Brantley L. 11/5 (OSJHo).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK -- Several calling and singing in Embudito Canyon 10/16 (HS).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- 1 at Las Vegas NWR 11/11 (CR) and a few at Zuni in November (DC) were tardy migrants.

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE -- 1 at Taos 11/19 (JDo, CR); 8 at Zuni 8/13 (JT), plus 2 there 11/20 and 8 on 11/28 (DC); 81 near Gallup 8/15 (JT), and 10 at Las Vegas NWR 8/28 (CR, PI).

COMMON GRACKLE -- 1 at Zuni 9/22 (JT).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE -- A pair, late, on Owen's farm through the end of the period (JDo).

PINE GROSBEAK -- 2 along Santa Fe Ski Basin road 8/14 (PI+).

CASSIN'S FINCH -- Few reported. Lower-elevation records: 1 at Zuni 9/10 (DC), 2 on 10/15 and 6 on 11/24 at Mangas Springs (RF), and 2 at Alamogordo 11/26 (GSmi).

RED CROSSBILL -- Only in montane areas: 4 at Zuni 8/3 (DC); 8 at Jack's Creek campground, San Miguel County, 9/27 (CR); 3 at Pecos 11/27 (CR, PI); about 40 on Capilla Peak 9/15 and 10/6 (PSt), and about 4 near L. Roberts 10/23 (CR).

PINE SISKIN -- Fairly widespread, but generally only moderate numbers (v.o.). A grown juvenile at Santa Fe 8/6-7 (JH).

LESSER GOLDFINCH -- breeding: Several young being fed by an adult female at Las Cruces 10/6-7 (EW).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- 4 at Zuni 8/13 (DC) and 1 at Alamogordo 8/14 (GSmi) were early. Late were 3+ at Maxwell NWR 11/14 and 1 at Las Vegas NWR 11/20 (CR+).

EVENING GROSBEAK -- Moderately common in Santa Fe through late September and in diminished abundance in adjacent montane areas through late November (v.o.). Also: 1 at Española 11/12 (CR+), 1 at Taos 11/26 (JDo, CR), 12 on 10/22 and 4 on 11/5 at Zuni (DC), 17 near Los Alamos 9/24 (CR), 1 at Pecos 11/27 (CR, PI), and near Cloudcroft in August (Naomi Oobbins).