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SPRING 1992 HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE EDITORS:

"Winter's mild, moist conditions continued through spring. Most areas experienced above-normal temperatures and some received record precipitation. These conditions yielded high water levels in most streams and lakes and abundant production of cover and wild food. This served to disperse birds more thinly over the countryside. Migration was generally not spectacular, although concerted efforts at several 'hot spots' provided a nice sprinkling of rarities." (SOW).

The Yellow-billed Loon remained at least till March 20. A Black-shouldered Kite was in the Animas Valley and two Broad-winged Hawks were at Rattlesnake Springs. There is an increasing number of reports of Peregrine Falcons. On the Gray Ranch was a hybrid Scaled x Gambel's Quail.

The first verified Mew Gull at Conchas Lake remained into mid-March. Well out of range were two Least Terns on the Jicarilla Reservation.

Boreal Owls expanded their range southward to near Santa Fe. A Northern Saw-whet Owl was heard in the Manzano Mts. Chimney Swifts were unusual at Las Vegas and Carlsbad and a Costa's Hummingbird appeared at Mangas Springs.

American Crows are now nesting regularly in the Rio Grande bosque; both Chihuahuan and Common Ravens have been found nesting in grassland habitats east and west of Albuquerque, in some cases within several miles of each other.

Carolina Wrens continue to appear in the Sandia Mts., another was reported at Socorro. Less than five verified reports of Wood Thrushes have been recorded for N.M., two more unverified reports were received this spring.

Large numbers of Cedar Waxwings were present in Eddy County. A Phainopepla at Alameda was very far north; normal extremes occur around Bernardo, 60 miles to the south.

Seven species of vireos were reported, including new distributional information for Gray and Hutton's vireos.

An impressive 31 warbler species were seen, including a number of eastern rarities as Magnolia, Blackburnian, and Yellow-throated. Hermit and Grace's warblers were reported from the eastern plains, well east of their normal range. Warbler migration at Silver City was "really sick." (RAF)

Botteri's Sparrows were found in the Hachita Valley.

COMMENTS ON THE RARE BIRD ALERT:

There is a disturbing trend developing of people reporting birds to the Rare Bird Alert, but not following up by sending in reports with details. As is known, an RBA is merely meant as a vehicle to let people know what's around so they can go see and verify it. By nature, information on Rare Bird Alerts is often fragmentary, with inexact dates and names, and occasionally unsubstantiated. Details of unusual sightings should be submitted by observers at all times, whether or not they have called in the records to the Rare Bird Alert. It is impossible for the editors to evaluate the accuracy of reports on the Rare Bird Alert unless written reports are also submitted. (William Howe)

Reports should be submitted in taxonomic order to Dr. Williams at the address on the cover.

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Corrections:

HORNED GREBE -- The Vol. 31, No.1, page 6 record for Bosque R should be JYT, PRS not JOT, PRS.

SNOW GOOSE -- Volume 30, No. 3, page 34: the dates should be 6/1-16 not 6/16 to 7/27.

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- In Volume 30, No. 3, page 41 the record for the Animas Valley should be credited to CHB, JAB.

CASSIN'S FINCH -- In Volume 30, No. 3, page 42 the record in the Sandia Mts. should be credited to HRS+.

EVENING GROSBEAK -- Volume 31, No. 1, page 19 add CBC after Sandia Mts. (date would be 12/28).

Initials inadvertently omitted in Volume 31, No.1 were JJP for John Parmeter, CHR for Chris Rustay, and TJH for Tommy Joe Hines. Correct FWD to GFD.

Abbreviations Used in this Issue:

BBS	Breeding Bird Survey	RBA	Rare Bird Alert
CG	Campground	NMSU	New Mexico State Univ.
Co.	County	NP	National Park
Hwy.	Highway	NWR	Natl. Wildlife Refuge
IR	Indian Reservation	N.M.	New Mexico
L.	Lake	RGNC	Rio Grande Nature Center
Mts.	Mountains	SGR	State Game Refuge
NF	National Forest	SP	State Park
NM	National Monument	v.o.	various observers
*	details provided	***	specimen collected
**	photograph and/or tape	+	et al.

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PLACE NAMES AND THEIR COUNTIES:

Aguirre Springs SP	Doña Ana	Laguna Grande	Eddy
Alameda	Bernalillo	Laguna Huerfana	San Miguel
Albuquerque	Bernalillo	L. Roberts	Grant
Animas Mts., Valley	Hidalgo	Las Cruces	Doña Ana
Aragon	Catron	Las Vegas, NWR	San Miguel
Bandelier NM	Sandoval	Lordsburg	Hidalgo
Bear Canyon Dam	Grant	Los Alamos	Los Alamos
Bell L.	Lea	Loving	Eddy
Bernardo	Socorro	Luis Lopez	Socorro
Bill Evans L.	Grant	Lyden	Rio Arriba
Bitter L. NWR	Chaves	Magdalena, Mts.	Socorro
Black L.	Colfax	Mangas Springs, Valley	Grant
Black Range	Grant	Manzano Mts.	Bernalillo
Black River Village	Eddy	Maxwell NWR	Colfax
Boone's Draw	Roosevelt	Melrose	Curry
Bosque (del Apache)	NWR	Mesilla, Dam	Doña Ana
	Socorro	Mimbres Valley	Grant
Bottomless L. SP	Chaves	Mogollon Mts.	Catron
Burn L.	Doña Ana	Montezuma	San Miguel
Burro Mts.	Grant	Newkirk	Guadalupe
Caballo L.	Sierra	Nutt	Luna
Canjilon	Rio Arriba	Organ Mts.	Doña Ana
Capitan Mts.	Lincoln	Pecos, Monastery	San Miguel
Carlsbad, Caverns NP	Eddy	Peloncillo Mts.	Hidalgo
Cedar Crest	Bernalillo	Percha Dam SP	Sierra
Clayton, L.	Union	Petroglyph NM	Bernalillo
Cliff	Grant	Pinos Altos Mts.	Grant
Cochiti L.	Sandoval	Placitas	Sandoval
Columbus	Luna	Playas Valley	Hidalgo
Conchas L.	San Miguel	Pleasanton	Catron
Corrales	Sandoval	Portales	Roosevelt
Cotton City	Hidalgo	Post Office Canyon	Hidalgo
Coyote Creek SP	Mora	Pueblo Park	Catron
Elephant Butte L.	Sierra	Rattlesnake Springs	Eddy
Española	Rio Arriba	Red Rock	Grant
Fence L.	Cibola	Rio Grande Nature Center	Bernalillo
Fort Bayard	Grant		
Fort Sumner	DeBaca	Rio Rancho	Sandoval
Fort Union	Mora	Rodeo	Hidalgo
Gallinas Mts., Peak	Lincoln	Roswell	Chaves
Gila River, Valley	Grant	Sabinoso	San Miguel
Glenwood	Catron	Sacaton Creek	Catron
Grants	Cibola	San Antonio	Socorro
Gray Ranch	Hidalgo	San Francisco Mts.	Catron
Guadalupe Mts.	Eddy	San Juan Pueblo	Rio Arriba
Guadalupita	Mora	San Marcial	Socorro
Hachita, Peak, Valley	Grant	San Mateo Mts.	Socorro
Hatchet Peak	Grant	San Simon Cienega	Hidalgo
Hobbs	Lea	Sandia Mts., Crest	
Holloman L.	Otero		Bernalillo
Holman	Mora	Sangre de Cristo Mts.	
Horse Springs	Catron		Santa Fe
Jemez Mts.	Sandoval	Santa Clara Pueblo	
Jicarilla IR	Rio Arriba		Rio Arriba
Jornada	Doña Ana	Santa Fe	Santa Fe
La Joya SGA	Socorro	Sevilleta NWR	Socorro

Silver City	Grant	Ute L. SP	Quay
Six Mile Dam	Eddy	Vadito	Taos
Socorro	Socorro	Variadero	San Miguel
Stinking (Burford) L.		Very Large Array	Socorro
	Rio Arriba	Viriden	Hidalgo
Storrie L. SP	San Miguel	Wagon Mound	Mora
Sumner L. SP	DeBaca	Water Canyon	Socorro
Trujillo Canyon	San Miguel	Watrous	Mora
Truth or Consequences	Sierra	Willard	Torrance
Tucumcari L.	Quay	Zuni, Mts.	McKinley
Tyrone, Sewage Ponds	Grant		Cibola

SPECIES ACCOUNTS:

PACIFIC LOON -- Unusual: 1 at Conchas L. 3/16 through 4/20 (CHR*, LAG*, CHB).

COMMON LOON -- 1 at Storrie L. SP 4/28 (CHR); 1 to 4 at Conchas L. 3/1 to 4/20 (JJP, LAG*, CHR, v.o.); 1 on Bill Evans L. 5/27 to 6/1 (RAF, EUL).

YELLOW-BILLED LOON -- Unusual: It was still being seen at Conchas L. at least through 3/20 (LAG*, CHR, v.o.).

PIED-BILLED GREBE -- An adult with 1 downy young at Bosque NWR 5/29 (GOE); 7 adults and 6 young at L. Roberts 5/26 (EUL); 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 3/15 (STW).

HORNED GREBE -- Up to 32 (on 3/12) were seen at Conchas L. 3/7-20 (LAG*, v.o.); 1 at Holloman L. 4/26 (CIS).

RED-NECKED GREBE -- Unusual: 1 possible immature at Conchas L. on 3/7 (LAG*, NAC). It is still unverified in N.M.

EARED GREBE -- Widespread with a peak of about 500 at Las Vegas NWR 4/25 (API+); 1 at San Marcial 4/6 (RWD).

WESTERN GREBE -- Singles near Zuni 4/26 (DJC), at Cochiti L. 5/4 (JPH); Storrie L. SP 4/22 (JPH, RWD) and 4/28 (CHR); 2 at Bosque NWR 4/9 (RLT, PAB); 1 Bill Evans L. 4/6 (RAF); 2 on Elephant Butte L. 3/7 (STW); 1 Holloman L. 4/23 (GOE).

CLARK'S GREBE -- 9 at Maxwell NWR 5/28 (CHR, LAG); 19 at Storrie L. SP 4/28 (CHR); 4 at Bosque NWR 4/12 (PRS) and 2 5/3 and 5/5 (BRV, RLT, PAS); 12 at Elephant Butte L. 3/7 (STW); with 50 at Caballo L. 3/21 (CIS).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- 1 at Stinking L. 5/8 (DWS); 1 at Zuni 4/1,12 and 5/2 (DJC); a peak of 191 at Bosque NWR 3/26 (RLT, PAB); 7 at Red Rock 4/2 (ALF); 31 at Caballo L. 3/21 (CIS); 7 at the Laguna Grande 5/10 (STW**).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- 3 at Española 5/1 (CHR+); 8 at Fort Union 4/22 (JPH, RWD); 2 to 6 at Las Vegas NWR 4/12 to 5/4 (PRS, API+, CHR); 3 at Bear Canyon Dam 3/25 (RAF).

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT -- 3 to 10 at Bosque NWR 3/26 to 5/21 (RLT, PAB, PAS); 1 at L. Roberts 3/25 and 3/31 (EUL).

AMERICAN BITTERN -- Singles at San Marcial 4/19-20 (RWD***) and at L. Roberts 3/25 (EUL).

LEAST BITTERN -- 1 at Bosque NWR 5/28 (RLT, PAB).

GREAT EGRET -- 1 as early as 3/15 at Bosque NWR (BRV) with 10 on 4/11 (JJP, LAG); 3 at Bitter L. NWR 4/17 (PRS).

SNOWY EGRET -- 1 at Storrie L. SP 4/22 (JPH, RWD); 1 at Bosque NWR 3/26 (RLT, PAB).

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- An adult near Albuquerque at Oxbow Marsh 5/15 (DDL, RYM); 1 to 2 at Bosque NWR 5/3,5 (RLT, PAS, BRV); 1 at San Marcial 4/19-20 (RWD).

CATTLE EGRET -- About 50 at San Antonio 5/29 (GOE); 1 at Mangas Springs 5/13 (RAF); 1 at Mesilla 5/28 (DDL); 1 at Holloman L. 5/22 (GOE); and 8 at Loving 5/9 (STW, TJH).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- 11 at Española 5/10 (WBL+); singles at Las Vegas NWR 5/4 (CHR), at Tucumcari L. 5/2 (PRS, JYT); and at Mesilla 3/7 (CIS).

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- 2 at Bosque NWR 3/7 (JJP) were early with over 200 present on 4/20 (PRS).

SNOW GOOSE -- 1 on a pond near Melrose 4/4 (CHR, NIS); 4 at Bosque NWR 5/29 (GOE); 1 at Carlsbad through 5/31 (STW**).

ROSS' GOOSE -- 2 at Storrie L. SP 3/7 (JPH+); 6 at Las Vegas NWR 3/12 (CHR); 1 at Burn L. 3/19 (CIS).

CANADA GOOSE -- Nesting at Las Vegas NWR 5/4 (CHR); 1 at Carlsbad 5/23 into June was late (STW**).

WOOD DUCK -- A pair on the Rito Canjilon below Canjilon 4/19 (DWS); 3 at Española 5/10 (WBL+); a male near Zuni 5/2 (DJC); a pair at Bernalillo 4/18 (JPH, RWD); 5 males and 2 females at San Marcial 4/6 (RWD); a pair at Percha Dam SP 5/16,23 (CIS, EGW); with 1 or 2 at Rattlesnake Springs from March until 5/21 (STW, TJH, LAG).

MALLARD -- Mexican form: Pairs at Bosque NWR 5/5 (PAS, RLT); and Mangas Springs 3/6 and 4/23 (RAF); 5 to 7 at the San Simon Cienega 4/1-5 (RWD); 1 female with 10 young in the Animas Valley 5/12 (AMC, NCM); 8 near Columbus 5/26 (SOW); 6 at Stinky (Holloman) L. 4/24 (PAS).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL -- 10 at Las Vegas NWR 4/25 (API+); 2 at Bosque NWR 3/21 (JJP, ADK) and 6 on 4/4 (API, PRS).

NORTHERN SHOVELER -- 3 on the Laguna Grande 4/26 (STW+).

AMERICAN WIGEON -- 2 at Bosque NWR 4/4 (API, PRS).

CANVASBACK -- 66 at Las Vegas NWR 3/12 (CHR).

REDHEAD -- 6 near Española 3/15 (API+); a high of 129 at Las Vegas NWR 3/12 (CHR).
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GREATER SCAUP -- 1 to 2 at Las Vegas NWR 3/12 to 4/6 (CHR, L. Martinez); 22 at Ute L. SP 3/12 (LAG*, TYH); a high of 34 at Conchas L. 3/1 (JJP*, CIS, LAG**); 1 female at Bosque NWR 4/4 (JJP); 8 at Elephant Butte L. 3/17 (LAG*, TYH).

LESSER SCAUP -- 10 at Las Vegas NWR 4/25 (API+); a flock at Ute L. SP 3/12 (LAG, TYH).

OLDSQUAW -- Unusual: 1 at Conchas L. 3/1 (JJP, LAG*, CIS).

COMMON GOLDENEYE -- 1 female at Storrie L. SP 4/28 (CHR).

BUFFLEHEAD -- 235 at Las Vegas NWR 4/6 (CHR+) and 50 4/25 (API+); a male west of Eunice, Lea Co., 4/7 (STW, TJH).

HOODED MERGANSER -- A pair at Storrie L. SP 3/15 (CHR); 6 females at Bosque NWR 3/21 with 1 there 4/4 (JJP+).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- 1 male and 3 females at Conchas L. 4/20 (CHR); 25 at Elephant Butte L. 3/17 (LAG*, TYH); a female at Bitter L. NWR 4/26 (LAG*, CHB, JJP).

RUDDY DUCK -- 116 at Las Vegas NWR 3/12 (CHR) and approximately 1500 there 4/6 (CHR, Lorenzo Martinez).

TURKEY VULTURE -- Early arrivals were 3/29 near Las Vegas (CHR); 5 at Bosque NWR 3/26 (RLT, PAB); 21 at Percha Dam SP 3/21 (CIS); in the southern tier of counties 3/14-18 (v.o.)

OSPREY -- Migrants were scattered through N.M. (v.o.); 4 to 7 were on 3 lakes on the Jicarilla IR 4/8-25 (DWS); 1 was early at L. Roberts 3/31 (EUL); 1 was at Loving on 4/24 (SOW);...late singles were at Clayton L. 5/4 (fide WEC), near Vadito 5/30 (JJP, LAG), and on the Jornada 5/23 (CIS).

BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE -- Unusual: 1 in the Animas Valley 3/16,29 (AMC+), the state's first report since 1989.

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- A pair at Mesilla 5/9 (HHH, fide CIS); 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 5/15 (JJP, BJP).

BALD EAGLE -- Last seen at Clayton L. 3/9 (WEC); 1 adult at the Laguna Huerfana 3/13 (PRS, ECE); while 3 were 10 miles n. of Aragon 3/2 (BAM,DAM).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK -- More than usual at feeders in Clayton in March (WEC); a bit late was 1 near the St. Peter's Dome Road in the Jemez Mts., Santa Fe NF, 5/29 (WBL).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- 1 flying over Los Alamos on 4/8 (JYT); 1 in the Animas Mts. 5/23 (JJP, LAG, NCM) was a first local report.

COMMON BLACK-HAWK -- Unusual: An immature was in the Animas Mts. 5/5 (AMC*, NCM);...Breeding: 10 active nests were along the Gila River (nest record cards) including 1 at Mangas Springs that "may be the first ever" (RAF);...3 on the Gila River between Red Rock and Virden 4/18 (CIS).

HARRIS' HAWK -- Breeding: The population suffered a setback when a Hidalgo Co. nest with 2 chicks was found empty 4/21 (RAF, EUL);...northerly was 1 below Red Rock 4/18 (CIS); none were found in their usual southwest locations during May (EUL); populations in the southeast, however, seem to be bouncing back from earlier serious declines (STW).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- Unusual: 1 adult and 1 immature at Rattlesnake Springs 4/25-26 (CHB, JJP*, LAG**, details good). The immature seen 5/3 (LAG**); it's rare in N.M.

SWAINSON'S HAWK -- Breeding: a nest with incubating adult near Willard 5/28, 3 downy chicks visible on 6/17 (HRS);... flock of 9, with 1 dark phase, in Curry Co. 4/4 (CHR, NIS).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK -- Breeding: 1 nest in the San Francisco Mts. 4/30, an active nest 4/23 in the Capitan Mts. east of the usual range (both SOW); and 1 near Cliff (RAF);.....3 on the lower Gila River 4/18 (CIS); 2 on 4/1-5 at the San Simon Cienega (BJH, CHP, fide RWD); 1 adult in the Animas Mts. 5/23-24 (JJP, LAG, AMC, NCM).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK -- Breeding: 5 nests in the Clayton vicinity, one occupied by 1 dark morph and 1 light morph adults (fide WEC).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK -- 1 reported with no details on the Española Count 5/10 (API+, fide WBL); last 1 at Clayton 3/15 (WEC); 2 at the Las Vegas NWR 3/12 and 1 in Torrance Co. 3/16 (CHR+); 1 was on Bosque NWR 3/26 (RLT, PAB).

MERLIN -- Singles 2 miles e. of Las Vegas 3/22, "a very light brown bird" (CHR), at Bosque NWR 3/6 (JJP) and 4/9 (RLT, PAB), and in the Animas Mts. 4/13 (AMC, NCM).

PRAIRIE FALCON -- 1 near Willard 3/15 (JPH, RWD); 2 in the Animas Mts. 3/6, 1 on 3/24 and 5/7 (AMC, NCM).

PEREGRINE FALCON -- Increasing numbers of individuals reported from scattered locations around the state (v.o.)

CHUKAR -- 1 at the Corrales bosque 3/1 (PRS+) was obviously an escape from somewhere.

RING-NECKED PHEASANT -- 51 on the Bosque NWR BBS 5/31 (PAB+).

LESSER PRAIRIE-CHICKEN -- A lek with 8 to 12 males was seen 4/18 on the Mescalero Sands near Caprock, Chaves Co. (PRS+)

WILD TURKEY -- Heard at Water Canyon 4/23 (ALS+); 4 or 5 were at Rattlesnake Springs in April and May (STW+). The Gould's subspecies reported from several Animas Mts. locations 5/5-6 (AMC, NCM) and 5/23-24 (JJP, LAG, AMC+).

MONTEZUMA QUAIL -- 15 were on the Grant Co. Count of 5/9 (RAF+); 1 to 2 pairs were observed at Mangas Springs 4/19 to 5/27 (RAF), 2 pairs were at Silver City in April and May (EUL); a pair was in the Mimbres Valley in April (EUL); '92-2 (Spring '92)

active all season in Post Office Canyon (RTS); and 1 to 2 in the Animas Mts. 5/23-24 (JJP, LAG, AMC, NCM).

NORTHERN BOBWHITE -- A pair in Las Cruces 4/18 to mid-June (GOE, CIS) was almost certainly released, as was 1 calling and seen at Santa Fe 4/29 to 5/3 (JPH);....present where expected in the Conchas L. area (CHR), Fort Sumner (PRS, JJP, BJP), Boone's Draw (JJP), and in Rattlesnake Springs (JJP, STW) and other Eddy Co. locations (STW).

SCALED QUAIL -- Breeding: nested on the Gray Ranch (AMC, NCM);....29 on the Red Rock BBS 5/28 and 26 on the Hatchet Peak BBS 5/27 (both SOW); numbers up on the Jornada (CIS).

GAMBEL'S QUAIL -- Breeding: nested on the Gray Ranch (AMC, NCM); a nest in an old Roadrunner nest in Las Cruces fledged 14 young by 6/1 (GOE);....numbers were down at Mangas Springs (RAF).

SCALED x GAMBEL'S QUAIL -- A hybrid male was paired with a female Scaled Quail on the Gray Ranch 4/28-29 (AMC, NCM).

VIRGINIA RAIL -- 1 in Española 5/1 (CHR+); 1 near the Pecos Monastery 5/7 (CHR+); 1 at San Marcial 4/6,19-20 (RWD).

SORA -- 2 at the Pecos Monastery 5/7 (CHR+); 5+ at San Marcial 4/19-20 (RWD); 1 in the Animas Valley 4/14 and earlier (fide AMC); and 2 at Six Mile Dam 4/3 (STW).

COMMON MOORHEN -- 2 to 4 at San Marcial 4/6,20 (RWD).

AMERICAN COOT -- Pairs with 4 young each were in the Gila Valley 5/7 and at Bill Evans L. 5/27 (RAF).

SANDHILL CRANE -- Late was 1 flying at Bosque NWR 4/19 (BRV); with 21 flying north over the Jornada on 3/4 (CIS).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 2 at Bitter L. NWR 5/2 (JJP, ADK, LAG*); 1 at Holloman L. 5/22 (CIS).

SNOWY PLOVER -- Breeding: nest at Laguna Grande on 4/10 (STW**).....with 49 on 5/27 and the first 2 on 3/13 (STW); 15 near Bottomless L. SP 3/16 (JPH, RWD); and up to 16 at Holloman L. 5/10 (CIS).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER -- 3 at Storrie L. SP 4/22 (JPH, RWD); 1 at Bitter L. NWR 5/9 (JJP, BJP); 2 northwest of Roswell 5/10 (CHB); 1 to 3 at Holloman L. 5/10 (CIS).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- 2 near Santo Domingo Pueblo, Sandoval Co., 4/14 (PAS); 1 in the Animas Valley 3/14 (CIS*, TIL).

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- Breeding: Up to 7 with 1 on a nest at Bosque NWR 5/21 (RLT, PAB);....4 in the Laguna Grande area 4/10 (STW).

AMERICAN AVOCET -- 13 n. of Melrose 5/8 (CHR); 1 3/3 at Bernardo (LAG, TYH); 15 in the Laguna Grande 4/10 (STW).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS -- 1 at Las Vegas NWR 4/6 (CHR, L. Martinez); 4 at Bosque NWR 3/26 (RLT, PAB); with 3 n. of Bottomless L. SP 3/16 (JPH, RWD).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS -- 1 was at Zuni on 3/15 (DJC).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- 4 near Melrose 5/8 (CHR); 1 at San Marcial 4/19-20 (RWD); 1 at Bitter L. NWR 3/10 (STW); 1 in the Animás Mts. 4/9 (AMC, NCM).

WILLET -- 14 at Bosque NWR 4/15 (CHB); 20 at San Marcial 4/19-20 (RWD); 9 at Bitter L. NWR 5/10 (CIS); 1 in the Laguna Grande area 4/19 (STW).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- 2 in the Watrous area 5/28 (CHR, LAG); and 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 5/15 (STW).

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- 2 near Portales 5/2 (CHB, RYM).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- 18 at Nutt 3/8 (EGW, fide CIS); 1 at the Laguna Grande 4/19 (STW).

HUDSONIAN GODWIT -- Unusual: 1 in breeding plumage with good details at Bitter L. NWR 4/26 (CHB, JJP*, LAG*); 1 at Holloman L. 5/31 (TEF*).

MARbled GODWIT -- 257 in the Laguna Grande area 4/19 (STW).

SANDERLING -- Unusual: 19+ at Bitter L. NWR 5/11 (JJP*, BJP); 1 at the Laguna Grande 5/14 (STW).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- Unusual: 3 at Bitter L. NWR 5/2,9 (JJP*, LAG*, ADK**); 6 at Holloman L. 4/27 (CIS*); with 2 in breeding plumage at the Laguna Grande 4/19 (STW).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- Unusual: 1 at Bitter L. NWR 5/2 (JJP*, LAG*, ADK).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER -- 1 at Bosque NWR 3/26 (RLT, PAB); 2 to 3 at Laguna Grande 4/10,26 (STW).

DUNLIN -- 8 at Bosque NWR 3/21 (JJP, ADK); with 2 at Bitter L. NWR 5/9 (JJP, BJP).

STILT SANDPIPER -- 130 at Bitter L. NWR 5/16 (JJP*, BJP).

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER -- Unusual: 3 possible with Long-billed Dowitchers at Holloman L. 5/3 (LAG*).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 268 at Bosque NWR 3/26 (RLT, PAB); 31 at the Tyrone Sewage Ponds 4/28 (EUL).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- 200 at Bitter L. NWR 5/9,11 (JJP, BJP); 230 at Holloman L. 5/10 (CIS).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE -- A female at Holloman L. 5/29 (BRZ).

FRANKLIN'S GULL -- 3 at Corrales 3/24 (TYB, fide RBA) and 6 Las Vegas NWR 3/22 (CHR) were somewhat early; 1 to 5 were '92-2 (Spring '92)

present between 4/4 and 5/29 at Wagon Mound (CHR, LAG), Las Vegas NWR (PRS), Storrie Lake SP (JPH, RWD, CHR), Conchas L. (CHR), Zuni (DJC), Corrales (TYB), Bosque NWR (JJP+, BRV), and Holloman L. (GOE+, BRZ); high counts were 15+ at Cochiti L. 5/4 (JPH); 30 at Bitter L. NWR on 4/18 (JJP, LAG, fide RBA) and 15 on 5/10 (CIS).

BONAPARTE'S GULL -- Singles (no details) at Bill Evans L. 3/21 (RAF) and at Bitter L. NWR 4/18 (JJP, LAG, fide RBA).

MEW GULL -- Unusual: the adult present during the winter at Conchas L. was last seen 3/12 (LAG**, TYH).

RING-BILLED GULL -- 1 at Cherry Valley L., Mora Co., 4/12 (PRS); 70 at Storrie Lake SP 3/15 (CHR).

CALIFORNIA GULL -- 1 possible at Wagon Mound on 3/7 (JPH+); 2 at Storrie L. SP 4/28 (CHR); an adult at Bosque NWR 3/21 (JJP, ADK).

HERRING GULL -- 1 reported without details at Las Vegas NWR 4/25 (API+) was later than usual. A first-year bird was at Conchas L. 3/15 (JJP, LAG, AJK).

THAYER'S GULL -- A first-winter bird probably this species was photographed at Bosque NWR 3/8 (LAG**, TYH); 1 from winter was still present at Elephant Butte L. 3/7 (STW).

FORSTER'S TERN -- 1 to 10 were reported from 4/18 to 5/28 at Stinking L., Maxwell NWR, Storrie L. SP, Las Vegas NWR, Zuni; Tucumcari L., Bitter L. NWR, and Holloman L. (v.o.); a high of 53 were at Bitter L. NWR 5/8 (CHR).

LEAST TERN -- Unusual: 2 adults seen well at Hayden L., Jicarilla IR, 4/25 (DWS*) were far northwest and early;3 were at Bitter L. NWR 5/8 (CHR) and 6 on 5/17 (LAG).

BLACK TERN -- 12 at Maxwell NWR 5/28 (CHR, LAG); 2 in the Zuni area 5/22 (DJC); 4 at Bosque NWR 5/21 (RLT, PAB) and 1 on 5/31 (BRV); 13 at Bitter L. NWR 5/8 (CHR) increased to 76 by 5/10 (CIS); 7 at Holloman L. 5/10,22 (CIS, GOE).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- Unusual: 1 on 3/18, 1 on 4/12 in n. Albuquerque and at least 6 in s. Albuquerque stayed all spring (KBO, ALS);...1 to 2 Silver City after 4/16 (EUL).

MOURNING DOVE -- 1500+ at Allread Tank, Lea Co, on 4/7 was an unusual concentration for that area (STW, TJH).

INCA DOVE -- 4 at Socorro 4/11 (JJP, LAG); 1 on 3/22 at Truth or Consequences (DOM); 2 on Grant Co. Count 5/9 (RAF+, location not given); 1 at Silver City 4/26-27 (EUL); 1 at Red Rock on 5/1 had been there since October (RAF); 1 at Culberson Camp, Animas Mts., 5/20-22 (AMC, NCM); 2 on Mesilla BBS 5/28 (DDL); 3 at Carlsbad 5/11,13 (JJP) and "still present in small numbers" 5/31 (JWH, fide STW).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- Singles at Cliff 5/8 (RAF) and Rattlesnake Springs 5/9 (STW+) were early; 1 at Red Rock was "singing" on 5/28 (SOW).

GREATER ROADRUNNER -- Breeding: apparently a single pair in Las Cruces produced 4 young in late March, then built another nest and produced 7 young by late May (GOE);...1 north of its usual range near Horse Springs 5/30 (DJC).

BARN OWL -- Breeding: An adult was on a nest at Bosque NWR 5/21 (RLT, PAB);...1 in Boone's Draw 5/1 (JJP); 1 to 2 in the Animas and Playas Valleys 3/15 to 5/4 (AMC, NCM).

GREAT HORNED OWL -- Breeding: 1 near a nest on the road to Sumner L. SP on 4/17 (PRS).

NORTHERN PYGMY-OWL -- 1 along the Dome Road to the East Fork of the Jemez River, Jemez Mts., 3/16 (DWS).

ELF OWL -- 2 heard in the Animas Mts. 4/30 (AMC, NCM).

BURROWING OWL -- Unusual: 3 two miles w. of Field on N.M. Hwy. 288 in Curry Co. 4/4 (CHR, NIS).

SPOTTED OWL -- Breeding: 4 heard in the Animas Mts. (3 pair on territories possibly) 5/23-24 (JJP, AMC, NCM, LAG).

LONG-EARED OWL -- 1 at Ben Slaughter Spring 3/21. "The species is rarely recorded in Eddy Co." (STW).

BOREAL OWL -- Unusual: singles calling at 2 sites in n. Rio Arriba Co. 3/12, another calling near Santa Fe 3/13, eight miles south of the previous southernmost record (DWS).

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL -- Unusual: rare was 1 heard in the Manzano Mts. 5/19 (HRS); 3 were along the south fork of the Jemez River, Sandoval Co. 3/16 (DWS).

LESSER NIGHTHAWK -- First of spring in Carlsbad 4/13 (STW).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK -- First of the season were singles at Las Vegas 5/16 and at Bitter L. NWR 5/8 (CHR); Mangas Springs 5/22 (RAF); and Animas Mts. 5/23-24 (JJP, LAG, AMC, NCM).

COMMON POORWILL -- Early individuals calling in the Animas Valley 3/15 (AMC, NCM); singles were banded in Carlsbad 4/15 and at Ben Slaughter Spring, Eddy Co., 4/17 (STW).

WHIP-POOR-WILL -- Several in the Gallinas Mts. near Corona northeast of its usual range 5/14 and 6/4 (HRS); 1 to 10 heard in the Animas Mts. 5/23-24 (JJP, AMC, NCM, LAG).

CHIMNEY SWIFT -- Unusual: singles at Las Vegas 5/24 (CHR*) and Carlsbad 5/11 (JJP, BJP).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT -- Early birds in Frijoles Canyon, Bandelier NM, 4/2 (PRS); 4 were at Carlsbad Caverns NP 5/17 "where not usually found at that time of year" (STW, TJH).

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 female in the Pinos Altos Mts. 5/26 (EUL) and 5/31 (BRZ), where more frequently reported; also 1 there at Cherry Creek CG 5/31 (BRZ); 3 to 8 in the Animas Mts. 5/23-24 (AMC, NCM, JJP, LAG).

LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD -- Returned to Post Office Canyon in the Peloncillo Mts. 4/4, with up to 4 pairs present by the end of the season (RTS).

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD -- Early at Albuquerque's North Valley 3/27 (KBO) and Las Cruces 3/10 (TIL, fide CIS).

COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- Unusual: 1 male was at Mangas Springs 3/24 (RAF*).

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD -- The first of spring was at Los Alamos on 4/11 (JYT, fide PRS).

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD -- Unusual: easterly spring migrating individuals were in the Sandia Mts. 4/11 (DVM) and Post Office Canyon 4/19,26 (RTS). They are rare in spring.

LEWIS' WOODPECKER -- Singles on Corrupa Creek one mile west of the Oklahoma state line, Union Co., 5/6 (JMH, fide WEC) and at Glenwood 3/3 (BAM, DAM) and 3/25 (SOW).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- Unusual: 1 still present at Mesilla Dam on 3/7 (CIS).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER -- Unusual: wintering males still at Conchas L. 3/15 and Bosque NWR 3/7 (JJP, LAG*, ADK).

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER -- A probable female at Santa Fe 3/14 (JPH) was early.

DOWNY WOODPECKER -- Peripheral areas were 1 at Conchas L. 3/14 (CHR); a male at McMillan CG, Pinos Altos Mts. on 5/2 (RAF) "where they have nested the past few years;" 1 in the Burro Mts. 4/8 (RAF); and a female near the Iron Creek CG, in the Black Range, 5/30 (BRZ).

NORTHERN FLICKER -- Single Yellow-shafted forms were reported at Santa Fe 3/8 (LCH*) and 3/9 (STW, JIW).

NORTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET -- 1 singing in the Animas Mts. on the Gray Ranch on 5/13 (AMC, NCM).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER -- Early migrants were singles at Bosque NWR 5/5 (PAS, RLT), Mangas Springs 5/6 (RAF), in the Animas Mts. 5/4 (AMC, NCM). Late migrants were singles at Albuquerque 5/25 (DVM), Sevilleta NWR 5/28 (PAB, RLT), at Mangas Springs 5/26 (RAF), 2 in the Organ Mts. 5/30 (CHB).

GREATER PEWEE -- 2 were in the Pinos Altos Mts. 5/26 (EUL) and 5/31 (BRZ); while 2 to 8 were singing in the Animas Mts. 5/23-24 (AMC, NCM, JJP, LAG).

WESTERN WOOD-PEWEE -- 3 at Mesilla 3/7 were early (CIS).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER -- Breeding: a pair was on the Gila River n. of Gila 5/6 (SPM, fide RAF);...singles were at Zuni 5/9, 24 and 26 (DJC).

LEAST FLYCATCHER -- Unusual: 2 highly probable were in Boone's Draw on 5/12 (JJP*, BJP).

GRAY FLYCATCHER -- Singing birds where seldom reported: 8 in the San Francisco Mts. n. of Reserve 4/29 (SOW), 1 in Water Canyon 5/16 (DVM); 2 in the Capitan Mts. 4/26 (SOW).

EASTERN PHOEBE -- Unusual: 2 at Percha Dam SP 3/18 were west of their range (LAG*, TYH).

DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER -- 1 was in the Animas Mts. 5/6 (AMC, NCM).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER -- Early was 1 in the Playas Valley 3/12 (AMC, NCM).

BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER -- 1 was early at the San Simon Cienega 4/1-5 (RWD***); 1 near Cliff 5/15 (SOW) .

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD -- Breeding: Early fledglings were in the Playas Valley on 5/8 (AMC, NRM);...early was 1 at Santa Fe 4/17 (JPH), and 1 in the Animas Valley 3/25 (AMC, NCM).

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- 8 at the Maxwell NWR 5/28 (CHR, LAG).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- 1 at Clayton 4/8 (WEC), north of its range; 1 at San Antonio 5/25 (SOW) was westerly.

PURPLE MARTIN -- Reports where it is infrequently seen were 2 near Fence L. 5/31 BBS (DJC); 3 males and 5 females in the Animas Mts. 5/24 (NMC, JJP, LAG*).

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW -- 1 in the Animas Valley on 3/14 (AMC, NCM), and 2 or 3 at Mesilla 3/1 (TMG, fide CIS) were early.

CAVE SWALLOW -- A peak of 3000 was at Carlsbad Caverns NP 4/14 to 5/1, a number typical of recent years (STW).

BARN SWALLOW -- 1 in the Animas Valley 3/13 (AMC, NCM).

GRAY JAY -- 1 near Tres Ritos 3/17 (CHR).

STELLER'S JAY -- Breeding: 1 on a nest in Frijoles Canyon, Bandelier NM, 4/29 (MGC, fide RBA).

BLUE JAY -- 1 near Montezuma 4/3 (CHR), 3 at the Corrales bosque 3/15 and 4/9 (TYB) and 1 at Percha Dam SP 4/5 (BRV) were west of its range; while farther east numbers were increasing at Carlsbad (STW) and Hobbs (CAL, RRR).

GRAY-BREASTED JAY -- A small flock was at Pueblo Park, sw. of Reserve, 3/25 (SOW), north of its normal range.

PINYON JAY -- Breeding: 2 juveniles were calling at Santa Fe 5/12,25 (JPH);...in the north small flocks of up to 35 were west to Zuni and south to Fence L., Horse Springs (DJC), and Magdalena (DVM).

AMERICAN CROW -- Breeding: now commonly nesting in the Rio Grande bosque at Albuquerque (BIW*); 2 pairs were nesting at the Gila Bird Habitat and Nature Conservancy areas in Grant Co. with a pair nesting at Mangas Springs (RAF);.... peripheral birds were 1 at Conchas L. 3/14 (CHR); Edgewood in Santa Fe Co. 3/16 and Cedarvale, Torrance Co., on 3/15 (JPH, RWD); and Bear Canyon Dam 3/25,31 (EUL).

CHIHUAHUA RAVEN -- Breeding: a nest was on a power pole s. of the Petroglyph NM, identified by vocalization of adult (HRS, BIW*); nest much smaller than that of Common Raven and nests of both species are found within several miles of each other in grassland habitat, typically on poles or towers well away from the mountains in Bernalillo Co.; active nest also found ne. of Stanley, Santa Fe Co., in grassland habitat where Common Ravens nest as well (BIW).

COMMON RAVEN -- Breeding: (see above), also in grassland habitat was another nest with 2 young close to fledging near Willard in a cottonwood tree (HRS), which was adjacent to a Swainson's Hawk nest in another cottonwood.

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE -- 5 on the Rio Pueblo e. of Vadito 5/30 (JJP, LAG); 1 at La Cueva, Mora Co., 5/15 (CHR); 3 at Chacon, Mora Co., 5/15, 1 was excavating a cavity (CHR).

MEXICAN CHICKADEE -- 1 in the Animas Mts. 3/6 (AMC), up to 7 pairs were located 5/23-24 to 6/6 (AMC, NCM, JJP, LAG).

BRIDLED TITMOUSE -- 14 on the Grant Co. Count 5/9 (RAF+).

BUSHTIT -- Breeding: a nest in the laying stage was found at the RGNC 5/9 (HRS), rare breeder in the lowlands;.... present all spring in Ridgecrest area, Albuquerque (ALS).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- 1 in Santa Fe 3/3 (LCH); 1 in Trujillo Canyon 5/2 (PRS); a female or immature male at Percha Dam SP 5/6 (DDL, RYM); present in Water Canyon 4/23 (ALS+); 1 to 2 in the Animas Mts. 5/23-24 (AMC, NCM+).

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- 1 at Bosque NWR 5/21 (RLT, PAB); 1 in the Animas Mts. 5/23-24 (AMC, NCM, JJP, LAG).

PYGMY NUTHATCH -- 3 at Chacon, Mora Co., 5/15 (CHR).

BROWN CREEPER -- 2 at Conchas L. 3/14 (CHR); 1 in the Animas Mts. 5/23-24 (AMC, NCM, LAG, JJP).

CACTUS WREN -- 6 in the La Manga Creek basin 5/31 where first found in February with 1 on 3/14; these sites are 30 miles s. of Sabinoso; first sighted here in 1989 (CHR).

CAROLINA WREN -- Unusual: 1 present at Cedar Crest since October was singing 3/14 (JJP*) and 3/17 (LAG*, TYH); another singing at Sandia Park 5/11-18 (PET*), about 3 to 4 miles away, was possibly the same bird; a third singing bird was reported at Socorro on 4/7 (PAB*).

HOUSE WREN -- Breeding: 1 at a nest cavity in the Animas Mts. 5/24 (AMC, NCM, JJP, LAG).

SEDGE WREN -- Unusual: 1 heard at Bosque NWR on 3/6 (JJP) had wintered, 1 to 2 seen and heard there 3/8 (LAG*, TYH).

MARSH WREN -- Singing birds were at Stinking L. 5/8 where they nested in 1991. (DWS).

AMERICAN DIPPER -- Breeding: an adult with fledged juvenal was at Coyote Creek SP 5/22 (CHR);... singles were at Vadito 5/30 (JJP, LAG) and at Tres Ritos on 3/17 (CHR).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- 1 in Santa Fe 3/31 (JPH); 1 heard near Guadalupita 5/22 (CHR); 2 at Sacaton Creek 3/18 (SOW).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET -- 1 at Deer Creek, Animas Mts., 5/13 was the first since 4/13 and late (AMC, NCM).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- Singles at the Pecos Monastery L. 5/7 (CHR+) and Bernardo 4/11 (LAG, JJP, fide RBA) were the only ones reported.

EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- Breeding: a pair with 2 fledglings was near Cliff 5/9 (RAF**); a nest at Rattlesnake Springs in early April was the third Eddy Co. record and the first since 1981. A pair of adults flying back and forth to a nest cavity with food were later at the nest on 4/16 (TJH, STW);...also seen at Clayton (WEC); a male was singing at Watrous 5/28 (CHR, LAG); a female at Conchas L. 3/13 (PRS); 1 to 2 males e. of the lake 4/4,20 (CHR*); and in Hobbs 3/28 (CAL, RRR).

WESTERN BLUEBIRD -- Breeding: 4 young fledged at Fort Bayard (EUL) near the southern edge of its range;...8 in the Animas Mts. 5/24 (AMC+, NCM) where casual in summer.

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE -- Singles at Bosque NWR 4/4,11 (JJP, LAG), 4/9 (RLT, PAB), and 4/19 (BRV) were late dates.

WOOD THRUSH -- Unusual: 1 probable reported at Pleasanton 4/21 by an observer familiar with them in Maine and has Hermit Thrushes in her yard for comparison (Marietta Summer, fide BAM). Another without details was reported near Clayton 5/9-10 (AVF, GIC, WEC). Casual in N.M. with less than five verified reports.

GRAY CATBIRD -- 1 singing near Vadito 5/30 (JJP, LAG); 1 at the San Juan Pueblo 5/24 and 1 Bandelier NM 5/20 (PRS); 1 singing near Albuquerque 5/17 (JJP, BJP) and 5/29 (DDL+); 2 were 8 miles w. of Melrose 5/3 (CHB); 1 singing at Bosque NWR 5/5 (PAS, RLT) (not 18 as stated in American Birds).

(SAGE THRASHER -- 1 at Variadero 4/18 (CHR); 7 on the Fence L. BBS 5/31 (DJC); 5+ at the Mescalero Sands near Roswell 3/16 (JPH); 2 or 3 on the Gray Ranch 3/22 (AMC, NCM).

BROWN THRASHER -- Unusual: 1 singing at Rattlesnake Springs 4/25-26 (JJP, LAG, CHB) was still there 5/9 (STW).

BENDIRE'S THRASHER -- 7 were near the Very Large Array Rest Stop 3/26 and 2 s. of Hatchet Gap, Playas Valley, 5/27 (SOW); with 1 near Cotton City 4/21 (EUL).

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER -- 1 in Santa Fe 4/13-14 and 4/29 to 5/1 (JPH); 3 in the Conchas L. area 5/31 (CHR).

CRISSAL THRASHER -- Breeding: a nest located at Placitas in April (BDM);....2 to 3 at the Encino Canyon mouth, Manzano Mts. w. foothills, 4/14 in an area where unreported before (HRS); 1 at La Joya SGR 3/8 (TYB, fide RBA).

AMERICAN PIPIT -- 150 Storrie L. SP 4/22 (JPH, RWD); 46 Bosque NWR 4/9 (RLT, PAB); 100+ at Mangas Springs 3/3 is the largest flock RAF has seen there; late were singles on Sandia Crest 5/31 (PAS) and Rattlesnake Springs 5/13 (JJP).

(CEDAR WAXWING -- 2 near Conchas L. 5/8 (CHR) with large numbers in the south: 43 at Tyrone 3/25 (EUL); 22 in the Animas Valley 5/12 (AMC, NCM); 50 NMSU campus, Las Cruces, 3/6 to 4/4 (CIS); the largest numbers ever for Eddy Co. included 330 at Rattlesnake Springs 5/9 (STW, TJH) and 100 5/17 (STW); 30 to 40 at Black River Village 5/18-20 (STW); present in Hobbs into mid-April (CAL).

PHAINOPEPLA -- 1 male at Alameda 3/26-28 (KBO) was far north; 1 male and 2 females at Luis Lopez 3/3 (LAG*, TYH); 2 to 3 pairs at Bill Evans L. in May (RAF); 8 at Percha Dam SP 4/29 (CHB, JAB, fide RBA); 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 5/13 (JJP) and 5/21 (STW).

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE -- 8 in the Conchas L. area 3/14 (CHR).

BELL'S VIREO -- 1 was singing at Percha Dam SP 5/6 (DDL, RYM); 6+ Red Rock to Virden 4/18 (CIS); 7 on the Grant Co. Count 5/9 (RAF+); "numbers were higher this year" at Rattlesnake Springs, where it arrived 5/9 (STW).

GRAY VIREO -- 1 in Mullen Canyon, Zuni Mts. 5/12 (DJC); 5 singing in Soledad Canyon, Organ Mts. on Fort Bliss, 5/23-29 (CHB); 1 singing in the s. Guadalupe Mts. 4/24 (SOW); 2 heard in Slaughter Canyon, Eddy Co., 5/14 (JJP, BJP).

SOLITARY VIREO -- Breeding: noted at higher elevations on the Gray Ranch (AMC, NCM);....arrival dates were 4/27 at Los Alamos (PRS), 4/26 at Albuquerque (ALS), 4/23 at Water Canyon (ALS+), and 4/16 near Silver City (EUL), with 16 on the Española Count 5/10 (fide WBL).

(YELLOW-THROATED VIREO -- Unusual: 1 singing at Rattlesnake Springs 5/15 (JJP*) was supported by good details.

HUTTON'S VIREO -- Breeding: found 5/28-29 in the Organ Mts. in Beasley Canyon (breeding strongly suspected) and in North Canyon where 3 adults were present, including 1 feeding a fledgling or female (CHB);...singles were at Sacaton Creek 3/18, in the Mogollon Mts. near Pleasanton 3/23, and at Pueblo Park 3/25 (SOW); on the Grant Co. Count 5/9 (RAF+); at NMSU, Las Cruces, 3/26 (CIS); while 3 or 4 were in the Animas Mts 5/6 (AMC, NCM) and 2 5/23-24 (JJP+); 1 in the s. Guadalupe Mts. 4/25 (SOW) was far to the east.

WARBLING VIREO -- 3 were at the Bandelier NM 5/1 (CHR+); 3 in the Animas Mts. 5/24 (AMC, NCM, JJP, LAG).

RED-EYED VIREO -- 1 was singing at Percha Dam 5/30 (BRZ**).

TENNESSEE WARBLER -- 1 was near Santa Clara Pueblo on 5/10 (API, JYT+, fide WBL); 1 Rio Rancho 5/6 (TYB, fide RBA, no details); 1 was 8 miles w. of Melrose 5/3 (CHB, RYM); 1 at Percha Dam SP 5/16 (EGW+, fide RBA, no details).

NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 1 singing at the RGNC 5/2 (DVM); 1 at Albuquerque 5/5 (ALS); 1 in Boone's Draw 5/2,12 (JJP, BJP); 1 at Percha Dam SP 4/17 (CHB); 3 at Rattlesnake Springs on 4/25-26 (JJP, LAG, CHB).

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER -- 2 to 3 in the Animas Valley 3/24 (AMC, NCM) were early; 2 at Percha Dam SP 4/11 (HHH+, fide CIS); 1 from Red Rock to Virden 4/17 (CIS); 1 was at Boone's Draw 5/2 (JJP, LAG, AJK) on the eastern fringe of its range.

LUCY'S WARBLER -- 4 were singing at Percha Dam SP 4/5 (BRV); "many" were present from Red Rock to Virden 4/17 (CIS); 2+ were singing at the San Simon Cienega 3/21 (SOW); 1 s. of Hatchet Gap, in the Playas Valley, on 5/27 (SOW) was in mesquite scrub far from trees.

NORTHERN PARULA -- Unusual: 1 probably this species was in Water Canyon 4/17 (BDM*, Pauline England).

YELLOW WARBLER -- Arrives much earlier in the southwest corner of the state than elsewhere: 3 from Red Rock to Virden 4/17 (CIS) and 3/25 on the Gray Ranch (AMC, NCM); the next report came from Española on 5/1 (CHR+). 1 was at Lordsburg 5/5 (EUL).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER --Unusual: 1 male was in Boone's Draw 5/3 (CHB, RYM, JAB**); 1 was well described from the Old Refuge, Mesilla, on the early date of 3/25 (EGW*, LHS).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER -- Unusual: a male at Rattlesnake Springs 5/14 (JJP*, BJP) was well described.

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER -- Breeding: Audubon's were reported breeding in the Animas Mts. (AMC, NCM);...reports of Myrtle's were scattered from 3/7 to 5/5 (v.o.).

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER -- First detected 4/12 in Water Canyon (CHB, fide RBA) and 4/14 in the Animas Mts. (fide AMC); 1 at Boone's Draw 4/18 (JJP, LAG) was easterly.

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER -- 1 at Percha Dam SP 4/17 (CHB, fide RBA) and 1 at Water Canyon 5/14 (DVM) were the only spring reports; 4 to 5 have generally been reported in the past five springs.

HERMIT WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 female at Boone's Draw 5/12 (JJP*, BJP) was very far east and well described.

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 female at Rattlesnake Springs on 4/26 (CHB*, JJP*, LAG*) was well described.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 found at Rattlesnake Springs 5/13 (GAP), was seen again 5/14 (JJP*, BJP, GEF) was well supported by good details.

GRACE'S WARBLER -- 1 at Bell L. 5/10 (JJP, BJP), far east at a low elevation (no details);...first seen in the Zuni Mts. 4/29 (TYH); 1 at Percha Dam SP 4/30 (DDL, RYM) was another lowland record; present at Bandelier NM 5/1 (CHR+) and Water Canyon 4/23 (ALS+); with 46 on the Grant Co. Count 5/9 (RAF+); 4 in the Animas Mts. 5/24 (AMC, NCM+).

BLACKPOLL WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 male was seen well at Rattlesnake Springs on 5/13 (JJP*).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- At Boone's Draw 2 males (JJP, AJK) and a female (LAG**) were present 5/2, 1 female 5/3 (CHB), and 2 females 5/11 (CHB); 2 males were at Rattlesnake Springs 4/25-26 (JJP, CHB, LAG).

AMERICAN REDSTART -- 1 near Clayton sometime in May (AVF, fide WEC); 2 were 8 miles w. of Melrose 5/2-3 and 1 5/11 (CHB); 1 second-year male at Boone's Draw 5/12 (JJP, BJP) and another* at Bell L. 5/16 (LAG**).

WORM-EATING WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 seen and heard at Percha Dam SP 4/17 was supported by extensive details (CHB*); 1 also reported there 5/16 (EGW+, fide RBA, no details).

OVENBIRD -- Unusual: 1 singing at the Oxbow Marsh, Albuquerque, 5/29 ((DDL, RYM); 1 at Boone's Draw 5/2 (JJP, ADK); 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 4/26 (CHB, fide RBA, no details).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- At least 12 reported: 1 in the Clayton area in May (AVF, fide WEC); 1 at Shady Lakes, Alameda, 5/7 (ALS+); 1 was 8 miles w. of Melrose 5/3 and 2 on 5/11 (CHB); 1 Boone's Draw 5/11 (CHB); 1 in Water Canyon 4/27 (CHB); 1 Percha Dam SP 4/29 (CHB) and 5/6 (DDL, RYM); 1 Grant Co. Count 5/9 (RAF+); 1 to 3 at Rattlesnake Springs 5/9-15 (JJP, BJP); 1 at Bell L. 5/10 (CHB, JJP, BJP).

KENTUCKY WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 reported at Roswell 4/29 (MAP*) was very suggestive of this species.

MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER -- 1 at Bandelier NM 5/1 (CHR+); 2 were singing in Cienega Canyon, Sandia Mts., 5/24 (DVM); while 1 in Box Canyon, Doña Ana Co., 4/8 (LHS fide CIS) was very early.

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT -- 1 male was at the San Simon Cienega 4/1-5 (RWD).

HOODED WARBLER -- Unusual: 4 males were well supported by details: 1 singing at Los Alamos 5/18 (CAJ*); 1 was 8 miles w. of Melrose 5/11 (CHB); 1 singing at Water Canyon 5/16 (DVM*); 1 singing at Rattlesnake Springs 5/14 (JJP*, BJP).

WILSON'S WARBLER -- 2 to 3 from Red Rock to Virden 4/17 (CIS); present in the Animas Mts. 4/14 (AMC, NCM); 10+ in Box Canyon, Doña Ana Co., 4/8 (LHS, fide CIS) were early.

RED-FACED WARBLER -- 1 singing on the n. side of Gallinas Peak 5/8 (HRS) was northeasterly, the first record for that range; 2 in upper Water Canyon 5/15 (DVM); in the San Mateo Mts. "many" in Springtime Canyon 4/28 (CHB, JAB, fide RBA) and 1 near Bear Trap CG 5/16 (DVM); 40 on the Grant Co. Count 5/9 (RAF+); 6-7 in the Animas Mts 5/24 (AMC, NCM+).

PAINTED REDSTART -- Unusual: 1 adult was flycatching on the Socorro Golf Course 4/1 (PAB);....Breeding: nesting in the Animas Mts. 5/6 and 5/24 (AMC+, NCM);....1 in the Mogollon Mts. 3/23 (SOW); 1 at L. Roberts 3/31 (EUL); 2 in the Peloncillo Mts. 3/22 (SOW).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT -- First reports were from the Gila Valley 4/17 (CIS) and the Gray Ranch 4/14 (AMC+); several near Lyden 5/22,24 (PRS+); 12 on the Española Count 5/10 (fide WBL); and 26 on the Bosque NWR BBS 5/31 (PAB+).

OLIVE WARBLER -- Breeding: seen at two sites in the Animas Mts. 5/23 (including a female feeding a juvenile), 1 on 5/24 (AMC+,JJP, LAG*);....reported from 4 sites in the Pinos Altos Mts. and 1 site in the Black Range (fide RAF).

HEPATIC TANAGER -- 1 male at Fort Bayard 5/3 (EUL) was the earliest report.

SUMMER TANAGER -- A male at Conchas L. 4/20 (CHR) was early.

PYRRHULOXIA -- 1 male at the Mescalero Sands e. of Roswell 3/16 was north of its usual range (JPH, RWD).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK -- 2 at Bandelier NM 5/16 (API+). Of 9 reports of single males the earliest was at Water Canyon 4/27 (CHB+) and the latest was a singing male at Mangas Springs 5/27 (RAF), which was also westerly.

VARIED BUNTING -- A singing subadult male was in Walnut Canyon, Eddy Co., on 5/9 (CHR, CIS, fide STW). Probably the same bird was seen again 5/17 (STW, TJH).

ABERT'S TOWHEE -- 3 between Red Rock and Virden 4/18 (CIS) and 3 to 4 pairs at the San Simon Cienega 4/1-5 (RWD***).

BOTTERI'S SPARROW -- Unusual: 1 male singing in the Hachita Valley s. of Hachita 5/27 (SOW*), a third N.M. locality. The others were Rodeo in 1977, the Animas Valley in 1991.

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- Probably responding to plentiful moisture, many were singing in the southwest, with 51 between Lordsburg and Red Rock 5/28 and 22 near Columbus 5/26 (SOW); they were also numerous in Eddy Co. (STW).

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW -- 3+ at Las Vegas NWR 4/12 (PRS) were late.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW -- 1 singing at Albuquerque 5/5-6 (JJP, LAG) and 1 at Mesilla 3/25 (EGW, LHS, fide CIS).

FIELD SPARROW -- 1 at Conchas L. 3/7,12 (LAG*) and 3+ at Waldrop Park Road Rest, Chaves Co., 3/16 (JPH, RWD).

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW -- 4 were singing in Trujillo Canyon 4/20 (CHR).

BLACK-THROATED SPARROW -- 4 were s. of Conchas L. 3/14 and 1 in the same area on 5/31 (CHR).

SAGE SPARROW -- 2 to 3 migrants w. of Roswell 3/15 (JPH, RWD) where rarely reported.

SAVANNAH SPARROW -- Singing were 23 at Maxwell NWR 5/28 (CHR, LAG) and 3 at Black L. 5/22 (CHR); nesting is undocumented at both locales.

FOX SPARROW -- 1 at Clayton 4/5 (WEC).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW -- 2 at Clayton 4/18 (FRK, AVF, fide WEC); 1 singing at Zuni 4/29 to 5/4 (DJC) was northwesterly and late; 1 was at Hobbs 4/12 (CAL*, RRR). There were reports from 11 sites (v.o.).

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW -- Unusual: 1 at Santa Fe on 5/1 (DAH, fide CHR) and an immature at Corrales 3/10 (STW).

HARRIS' SPARROW -- 1 at Las Cruces was last seen 5/1 (CIS); "this was the fourth consecutive winter this banded bird has wintered here. It always leaves the first week of May."

YELLOW-EYED JUNCO -- Breeding: a survey found 27 in the Animas Mts. 5/23-24 (AMC, NCM, JJP, LAG*), many apparently nesting in oak brush sprouted since the 1989 fire.

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD -- Breeding: extended their breeding range to Grants, where a nest was found in May (TYH).

COMMON GRACKLE -- Breeding: 5 nests found in Albuquerque on 5/19 (KBO);....1 probable at Silver City 5/25 (EUL*) was westerly.

BRONZED COWBIRD -- Continue to be found with alarming regularity in the south: 1 male at Fort Bayard 5/22,25 (EUL), first male at Truth or Consequences 5/5 (DOM), 2 at the Gray Ranch 5/1 (AMC, NCM), a pair at Las Cruces 4/11 (GOE), 3 males near Las Cruces at Dripping Springs 5/20 (CHB), 1 female at Aguirre Springs SP 5/29 (BRZ*) and 2 pairs at Carlsbad 5/11,13-14 (JJP*, BJP, GAP).

ORCHARD ORIOLE -- Unusual: 1 probable first year male at Holloman L. 5/31 (TEF, fide CIS).

HOODED ORIOLE -- Unusual: a probable immature male at Conchas L. 5/8 (CHR*);...Breeding: a pair nesting near Aguirre Springs SP 4/28 to 5/23 (HHH, TMG, fide CIS) was a first.

SCOTT'S ORIOLE -- Peripherals were 1 at Zuni 5/24 (DJC) and 2 near Newkirk 5/31 (CHR). Very early was 1 at Las Cruces on 3/5 (Ken Stinnett, fide CIS).

ROSY FINCH -- 150 near Tres Ritos 3/17 (CHR) was the only report.

PINE GROSBEEK -- 2 (1 singing male) near Holman 3/17 (CHR) and 4 at the Santa Fe Ski Basin 4/12 (BRV).

CASSIN'S FINCH -- Notably scarce, with the few reports confined to the Jemez and Sangre de Cristo Mts. and the Zuni area (v.o.).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- Late at Fort Bayard was a pair on 5/22 and 1 male 5/25 (EUL).

EVENING GROSBEEK -- Scarce, most reports confined to the Sangre de Cristo Mts. and adjacent areas, including up to 10 in Santa Fe March to May (JPH, LCH) and 33 n. of Pecos 5/7 (CHR+); the only southern report was 3 at Aguirre Springs SP 4/26 (RIK, fide CIS).

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