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SUMMER 1993 HIGHLIGHTS

Dry spring conditions continued into summer along with high winds, warm temperatures, and only sporadic rains. Some species seemed scarce with the poorest breeding season in over 30 years (DAZ), perhaps due to the lack of plant growth. Lake water levels were low.

A Brown Pelican found injured at San Miguel later died. Discovered in the Zuni area was the nesting of Eared Grebes, Wilson's Phalaropes, and White-faced Ibis. Two Laughing Gulls were seen at the Maxwell Refuge. White-eared Hummingbirds appeared near Questa, Pecos and Roberts Lake. Seven hummingbird species were at the Roberts Lake feeder in July. Cactus Wrens and White-winged Doves continued their spread northward. Eastern Bluebirds were found nesting in Mesilla. The breeding of Bobolinks was confirmed in the state. Red Crossbills, Pine Siskins, and Evening Grosbeaks were in good numbers in the northern highlands.

Abbreviations Used:

AFB	Air Force Base	N.M.	New Mexico
BBS	Breeding Bird Survey	RBA	Rare Bird Alert
CG	Campground	SP	State Park
Co.	County	v.o.	various observers
L.	Lake (s)	UNM	University of N.M
Mt., Mts.	Mountain (s)	WMA	Wildlife Manage- ment Area
NP	Natl. Park		
NWR	Natl. Wildlife Refuge	+	et al. (plus)
*	details provided	**	photograph/tape
	***		specimen collected

PLACE NAMES AND THEIR COUNTIES

Abiquiu, L.	Rio Arriba	Las Cruces	Doña Ana
Albuquerque	Bernalillo	Las Vegas NWR	San Miguel
Apache Creek	Catron	Leasburg	Doña Ana
Bernalillo	Sandoval	Los Lunas	Valencia
Bitter L. NWR	Chaves	Los Ojos	Rio Arriba
Black L.	Colfax	Maxwell NWR	Colfax
Bosque (del Apache) NWR	Socorro	Mesilla, Dam	Doña Ana
Cerro Verde BBS	Cibola	Mt. Taylor	Cibola
Chama	Rio Arriba	Peloncillo Mts.	Hidalgo
Clayton	Union	Percha SP	Sierra
Cloudcroft	Otero	Post Office Canyon	Hidalgo
Corona	Lincoln	Rattlesnake Springs	Eddy
Crownpoint BBS	McKinley	Redrock, WMA	Grant
Datil	Catron	Rincon	Doña Ana
Eagle Nest, L.	Colfax	Roberts L.	Grant
Emory Pass	Grant/Sierra	Rodeo	Hidalgo
Farley BBS	Colfax	Sangre de Cristo Mts.	
Grenville BBS	Union	Santa Fe	to Taos
Guadalupe Canyon	Hidalgo	San Andres NWR	Doña Ana
Guadalupita	Mora	Sargent WMA	Rio Arriba
Heron L. SP	Rio Arriba	Silver City	Grant
		Snow L.	Catron

Holloman L.	Otero	Stinking L.	Rio Arriba
Horse L.	Rio Arriba	Storrie L. SP	San Miguel
Isleta Pblo. Marsh	Bernalillo	Tucumcari, L.	Quay
Kirtland	San Juan	Wagon Mound WMA	Mora
La Joya WMA	Socorro	Zuni, Mts.	McKinley
Laguna Grande	Eddy		

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SPECIES ACCOUNTS

COMMON LOON -- Singles lingered on Hayden L., Rio Arriba Co., 7/11 (PRS, MM, PI+) and Eagle Nest L. 6/23 (CR).

PIED-BILLED GREBE -- Breeding: 5 nests at Stinking L. 6/13-14 (DS); ....1 on Snow L. 7/7 (JPH, EE).

EARED GREBE -- Breeding: 1000 to 1250 nests at Stinking L. on 7/10, down in numbers from the 1990 total; 80 to 100 nests at Horse L. 6/28 (DS). 165 nests found at three sites near Zuni 6/19 to 7/31 (DC); ....9 on the Laguna Larga, Rio Arriba Co., 7/22 (JPH, EE); 9 near Hatch, Doña Ana Co., 7/4 (CS) and 7 on Holloman L. 6/25 (CR, CS).

WESTERN GREBE -- Breeding: 13 active nests at Horse L. on 6/28 and 1 nest on Stinking L. 6/13-14 (DS+); ....13 present 7/11 at nearby Stone L. (PRS, MM+), but no nests were found (DS); 8+ on Eagle Nest L. 6/23 (CR); singles at Wagon Mound WMA 6/11 (JPH+) and Avalon L., Eddy Co., 6/4 (TH, fide SW).

CLARK'S GREBE -- Breeding: a large juvenile at Storrie L. SP 6/11, was possibly Clark's (JPH+); ...1 at Rincon 7/4 (CS).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- Late were 52 flying north 10 miles n. of Tajique, Torrance Co., on 6/9 (HS); others were at several lakes in Colfax Co. 6/1 to 7/4 (CR, PRS+, SOW).

BROWN PELICAN -- Unusual: an immature was burned on power lines and later died at San Miguel, Doña Ana Co., on 7/25 (Helen Bigelow, \*\*\* to UNM).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- Breeding: 6 to 8 nests on 6/2 at Abiquiu L. (JPH, EE) and 7/2 (CR, PRS);...1 at Santo Domingo Pueblo, Sandoval Co., 7/15 (JPH); 1 at Roberts L. 7/13 (EL).

LEAST BITTERN -- 3 were at Tucumcari L. on 7/9 (CR, PI) and 2 on 7/24 (JP); 1 was found dead in Albuquerque at Tingley Beach on 7/6 (BW\*\*\*); 1 at La Joya WMA 7/16 (CR, PI).

GREAT BLUE HERON -- 1 in Guadalupe Canyon on 6/22-23 (AMC).

GREAT EGRET -- 1 at La Joya WMA 7/16 (CR, PI); 1 at Six-Mile Dam near Otis, Eddy Co., on 6/2 (SW).

SNOWY EGRET -- Singles at Tucumcari L. on 7/9 (CR, PI) and at the Redrock WMA on 6/19 (SOW).

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- An adult appeared at Bosque NWR from 6/16 to 7/7 (DC, JP, v.o.).

CATTLE EGRET -- 25 on the Laborcita BBS, Socorro Co., 6/27 (NC, SC); 1 on 7/4 near the Moon Ranch, Grant Co., along US 180 (JPH, EE); 8 at Salem, Doña Ana Co., on 7/18 (RM).

GREEN HERON -- 2 at Holloman L. 6/6 and 1 on 7/6 (GE).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- Breeding: nested for the second year at Stinking L. with 24 nests and 42 young banded (DS); ....6 at Salem, Doña Ana Co., on 7/18 (RM).

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- Breeding: successful nesting at Stinking L. with at least 39 nests found 6/12 to 7/10 and 38 young banded, later nests on 8/3 failed (DS). Predators destroyed the 6 nests in the Zuni area by 6/22 (DC\*\*, Steve Albert).

SNOW GOOSE -- 1 at Bosque NWR 7/7 to 7/17 (JP, CR, v.o.); 1 on Carlsbad L., Eddy Co., all summer (TH, SW).

WOOD DUCK -- 4 males at Kirtland 6/6 (TR); 3 males 6/11 on Stubblefield L., Colfax Co., (CR); a male 6/9 in the Animas Valley, Hidalgo Co. (SOW); 2 at the Mesilla Dam 6/13 (RM).

MALLARD -- Breeding: a female with 8 young at Nutria L. near Zuni 6/29 (DC); 2 broods on Snow L. 7/7 (JPH, EE).

MALLARD -- Mexican race: In Hidalgo Co. on 6/9 a pair at McKinney Flats in the Playas Valley and 7 in the Animas Valley (SOW).

GADWALL -- Breeding: A female with a small juvenile 7 miles n. of San Jon, Quay Co., 6/17 (JPH).

CANVASBACK -- 2 at Wagon Mound WMA on 6/11 (J. Vaught, fide JPH); 1 at the Nutria L. near Zuni 6/22 (S. Albert) and a pair on 7/2 (DC).

REDHEAD -- Breeding: broods at 2 places near Zuni 6/30 and 7/9 (DC);....a high count of 40 to 50 at the Wagon Mound WMA 6/11 (RWD, fide JPH).

LESSER SCAUP -- A pair 10 miles e. of Tierra Amarilla, Rio Arriba Co., 6/5 (JPH, RWD); 7 at Black L. 6/23 (CR); a male at a Cass Draw pond near Otis, Eddy Co., on 6/5 (SW).

BUFFLEHEAD -- Late were a male at the Las Vegas NWR 6/2 (CR) and a female at Tekapo L. near Zuni 6/19-23 (DC\*\*).

COMMON MERGANSER -- 1 female at the Sargent WMA near Chama 6/4 (RWD, fide JPH); a male flying up a small stream by the Echo Amphitheater n. of Abiquiu 7/2 (PRS, CR); a female at Cochiti L., Sandoval Co., 7/15 (JPH); 3 females on Snow L. 7/7 (JPH, EE).

RUDDY DUCK -- Breeding: a female with 5 young at Black Rock L. near Zuni 7/9 (DC).

TURKEY VULTURE -- Breeding: a nest with 1 downy chick in Chaves Co. on 6/2 (SOW).

OSPREY -- Breeding: The nest at Heron L. SP failed about 6/11, but the other nest in Rio Arriba Co. successfully fledged 4 young in July (DS, PRS+, JPH+);....1 at Roberts L. 7/19 (RF) was the first record in many years.

WHITE-TAILED KITE -- Reported in the south with 2 adults n. of Lordsburg, Hidalgo Co., 6/19 (SOW); singles n. of Rodeo 7/15 (Jon Dunn\*) and at Mesilla Dam 7/7 (RM).

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- 5 were at Tucumcari on 7/9 (CR, PI) and 3 on 7/24 (JP). Perhaps recolonizing the middle Rio Grande Valley were 1 in s. Albuquerque 7/6 (DL, JB) and 8 ne. of Los Lunas 6/29 (DL, JB) both over the Rio Grande.

BALD EAGLE -- Breeding: the nest in Colfax Co. fledged 3 young 6/25 (SOW); a Sierra Co. nest fledged 2 young 7/11 (GE+);....2 were near Zuni 7/31 (DC).

NORTHERN HARRIER -- 1 near Zuni 7/7 (DC); 4 near Rattlesnake Springs 7/5, when a juvenile was found shot. (SW, TH).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- Singles were reported in Rio Arriba, Colfax, Sandoval, Grant, and Lincoln Cos. (v.o.).

COMMON BLACK-HAWK -- An adult in Water Canyon of the Alamosa Creek drainage on the western slope of the San Mateo Mts. in Socorro Co. 7/30 may be a first record for that range (Peter Stacey+); 1 adult in Guadalupe Canyon 6/11 (SOW).

HARRIS' HAWK -- 3 adults and 3 immatures were in Luna Co. on 6/17 (SOW); 2 in Lea Co. on 6/5 (GS).

SWAINSON'S HAWK -- Numbers in southwestern N.M. were considered down notably from 1970 levels (DAZ, MZ), but systematic counts in the Sandia Mts. in Bernalillo Co. have shown stable populations over the past ten years.

FERRUGINOUS HAWK -- Breeding: 1 adult on a nest near Hayden, Union Co., on 7/9 (CR, PI); possibly nesting were 2 near Melrose, in Roosevelt Co., 6/25-27 (GF).

PEREGRINE FALCON -- Reported from San Miguel, Sandoval, Socorro, and Hidalgo Counties (v.o).

NORTHERN BOBWHITE -- 3 near Tucumcari 7/9 (CR, PI); 22 on the San Simon BBS in Lea Co. on 6/5 (GS).

GAMBEL'S QUAIL -- Breeding: 1 adult and 10 tiny young near Aztec, San Juan Co., 6/8 (TR);...1 on the Mt. Taylor BBS 6/15 may have been the product of past introductions (JT, BW); 120+ at Bosque NWR on 7/17 (CR, CS, PI).

VIRGINIA RAIL -- 2 calling at Bluewater Creek in the Zuni Mts., Cibola Co., on 6/18 (HS).

SORA -- Heard on Bluewater Creek, Cibola Co., 7/15 (HS).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 1 in breeding plumage was late at Holloman L. 6/6-7 (GE\*).

SNOWY PLOVER -- Breeding: successful at Holloman L. with a high of 62, including 9 young plus 6 active nests on 6/24 (CS, CR, GE);...Numbers remained low in the Laguna Grande area, with only 14 sighted 6/5 (SW).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER -- 4 at Tekapo L. near Zuni 7/27 (DC).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- Northeastern reports were 2 on the Farley BBS 6/4 (GF) and 2 on the Grenville BBS 6/11, down greatly from 1970 levels (KS). 33 migrants were near Los Lunas by 7/7 (JP, BP) with a high count of 64 on 7/17 (JP). 2 were found near Datil 6/6 where rarely reported (Lisa Ellis).

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- Breeding: adults and juveniles at Isleta Marsh 7/22 (AS+);...unusual in summer was 1 at Tekapo L. near Zuni 6/23 to 7/27 (DC\*\*); 42 at Bosque NWR on 7/17 (CR, CS, PI); 90 to 100 at Holloman L. 6/6 and 7/6 (GE); numbers were low at the Laguna Grande (SW).

AMERICAN AVOCET -- Breeding: 200 at Holloman L. on 7/6 with 1 juvenile (GE);...3 on the Crownpoint BBS 6/13 (GS). They were absent from the Laguna Grande, where once common (SW).

WILLET -- A high count of 11 was in the Tucumcari area 7/9 (CR, PI); 1 near Zuni on 7/27 (DC); 1 in breeding plumage at Holloman L. 6/25 (CR, CS) and 2 on 7/5 (T. Floyd, fide CS).

MARbled GODWIT -- 1 at Storrie L. SP 7/11 (BF); 5 at Tucumcari L. 7/9 (CR, PI).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- 1 at Tucumcari L. on 7/9 (CR, PI).

STILT SANDPIPER -- 5 at Tucumcari L. 7/24 (JP) and 2 7/9 (CR, PI); 50 at Holloman L. 7/22 (Ted Floyd, fide CS).

COMMON SNIPE -- Singles were at the Sargent WMA 6/4 (JPH), Los Ojos 6/5 (JPH, RWD) and the Valle Grande in the Jemez Mts., Sandoval Co., 6/10 (and 5/19, DS); 9 were in the Angel Fire-Black L. area 6/23 (CR).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- Breeding: 25+ bred at the Wagon Mound WMA 6/11 and 7/8 (JPH, RWD). A new site was confirmed at the Nutria L. near Zuni 6/14 when an adult was flushed from a nest with eggs (S. Albert+); up to 20 adults present there and at Tekapo L. 6/22 (DC\*\*) giving distraction displays; ....a high count of 250 at Holloman L. 7/6 (GE).

LAUGHING GULL -- Unusual: 2 possibles, an adult and a second-year bird, were at Maxwell NWR 6/10 (CB\*).

CALIFORNIA GULL -- 15 to 40 again summered at Heron L. SP (v.o), but nesting hasn't been found; a second-year bird at Eagle Nest L. 6/23 (CR); 1 at Storrie L. SP 6/11 (JPH+).

FORSTER'S TERN -- Unexpected were 1 at Bitter L. NWR 6/18 and 3 at Carlsbad L., Eddy Co., 6/2 (SW).

LEAST TERN -- Breeding: The small population at Bitter L. NWR numbered 7 nesting pairs with 14 young hatched in June and July (SOW, G. Knadle), the most in almost 20 years.

BLACK TERN -- At least 8 at Ute L. SP and 2 at Tucumcari L., Quay Co., on 7/9 (CR, PI); 8 were near Zuni on 7/28 (DC); 14 in mottled plumage at Bitter L. NWR on 6/23 (SOW).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON -- Recorded widely in northern, western, and south central montane areas (v.o.).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- North of its usual range was 1 on 7/3 at Carson, Taos Co. (Jean Healy, fide RBA). Adding to its Albuquerque colonization were reports from 7 areas (AS, RT+, B. Ostyn, C. Brozek, G. Worley). 3 were at Valencia, Valencia Co., 6/5 (HS); 1 at Los Lunas 6/28 (DL, JB). A local first was 7 in the Guadalupe Mts. near Queen, Eddy Co., 6/26 (SW).

COMMON GROUND-DOVE -- 1 near Hill, Doña Ana Co., 6/8 (RM\*) was the only report.

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- Singles were at Santa Fe 6/19 in a dry arroyo (SW), Tucumcari L. 7/24 (JP), Apache Creek 6/27 (JPH, EE), and Redrock 6/19 (SOW); 2 seen at Bernalillo 7/15 (RWD, fide JPH), Fort Sumner, DeBaca Co., 6/1 (SOW), Roswell BBS, Chaves Co., 6/3 (SOW), and the San Simon Cienega near Rodeo 7/4 (JP, BP, TB); a high count on 7/4 of 10 on a canoe trip along the Rio Grande from Rincon to Leasburg (CS) and 9 at Rattlesnake Springs 6/13 (SW, TH).

GREATER ROADRUNNER -- Breeding: the prolific birds in Las Cruces reared their third brood of the year in June (GE); ....1 at Perico Creek on the Kiowa Grasslands near Clayton on 6/24 (HS). It's very local in ne. N.M. Numbers were definitely increased in Grant Co. (DAZ, MZ).

BARN OWL -- Breeding: at least 4 young in a nest at Perico Creek near Clayton on 6/25 (HS).

FLAMMULATED OWL -- 1 in Water Canyon in the Magdalena Mts., Socorro Co., 6/5 (CR).



BURROWING OWL -- Breeding: 5 juveniles at a burrow near Watrous, Mora Co., 6/26 (EL);....there is concern over possible declines in the southwest (DAZ, MZ) and southeast (SW), though numbers seem normal in the north. 100 were banded at Las Cruces in 1992-1993 (fide CS).

SPOTTED OWL -- Breeding: Nested in the Zuni Mts. with 2 adults and 2 young 6/15 and 7/30 (DC\*);....recorded from Grant Co. 7/6 and 7/29 (JP+, CR).

COMMON POORWILL -- Breeding: an adult with a downy chick on the Jornada Range near Las Cruces 7/22 (CS);....numbers were low near Silver City (DAZ, MZ) and in Eddy Co (SW).

WHIP-POOR-WILL -- 1 in Water Canyon, Socorro Co., 6/5 (CR).

BLACK SWIFT -- Breeding: 4 or 5 on nests in the Jemez Mts., Sandoval Co., 7/16 (CR) and 7/25 (CS);....a probable at the Sargent WMA near Chama on 6/4 (RWD, fide JPH).

CHIMNEY SWIFT -- The only reports were of 1 at Tucumcari L. 7/9 (CR, PI) and 3 on 7/24 (JP).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT -- East of its range were 2 s. of Montoya, Quay Co., on 6/17 (JPH).

BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD -- Breeding: a nest found in Guadalupe Canyon with 2 young fledged on 7/30 (AMC, NMC).

WHITE-EARED HUMMINGBIRD -- Unusual: 2 males near Roberts L. 7/9 and after (JP\*, CR\*, RF, DZ\*\*, v.o.). Farther north was 1 juvenile at the Columbine Canyon CG e. of Questa, Taos Co., 6/12-13 (Leanne Smith\*\*) and a probable immature male at the Holy Ghost CG n. of Pecos, San Miguel Co., 7/25 (Tom and Sara Shane\*, sketch).

VIOLET-CROWNED HUMMINGBIRD -- Arrived in Guadalupe Canyon on 6/7 (AMC, NMC) with a high count of 6 on 6/10 (SOW).

BLUE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 male at Roberts L. 7/13 and later (EL, RF, DAZ); 1 in Post Office Canyon 6/3 to 6/7 (RS); 1 in a Peloncillo Mts. canyon 7/4 (JP\*, BP, TB).

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD -- A male was at High Rolls, Otero Co., on 7/3 (Lorraine and John Schulte).

LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD -- Restricted to the Peloncillo Mts. with 8 to 12 in Post Office Canyon all summer (RS) and a male and 2 females in another canyon 6/17-18 (SOW).

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD -- A male at Ute Creek near Logan in Harding Co. 6/17 was east of the normal range (JPH).

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- Largely absent from the Silver City area in June, but conspicuous and singing in July (DAZ, MZ); others were in Post Office Canyon most of the summer (RS), in the Peloncillo Mts. 1 or 2 immature males 6/17-18 (SOW) and 7/4 (JP+); and in Guadalupe Canyon 7/3 (JP, BP, TB).

COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- 2 males 6/9-11 in Guadalupe Canyon, where several were seen in spring (SOW), but none reported thereafter until August (AMC, NMC).

CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD -- A male in Farmington 7/18 (TR).

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD -- An early male at Eldorado near Santa Fe 6/25 (SOW). Most arrived early to mid-July (v.o).

ELEGANT TROGON -- A probable male was in the Mimbres Mts. sw. of Emory Pass 6/23 (S. Brown\*). At least 1 pair was in the Peloncillo Mts. 6/17-18 (SOW) and 7/4 (JP, BP, TB).

BELTED KINGFISHER -- Rare in Eddy Co. were singles on the upper Black R. 7/5 and at Rattlesnake Springs 6/8 (SW, TH).

LEWIS' WOODPECKER -- Breeding: an active nest at Mule Creek 7/2 (JPH, EE) may be the first nesting record for Grant Co; ....2 at Bluewater L., Cibola Co., 7/2 (DC).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- West of its range was 1 adult at Gallo Arroyo, 40 miles se. of Corona 6/12 (DM).

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER -- 2 in the Zuni Mts. 7/2 (DC); 3 on the Mt. Taylor BBS 6/15 (JT, BW).

DOWNY WOODPECKER -- 1 at Bosque NWR on 6/5 (JP, L. Gorbet) and on the Laborcita BBS, Socorro Co., 6/27 (NC, SC).

STRICKLAND'S WOODPECKER -- 1 in Post Office Canyon 7/6 and 7/8 (RS); 2 in the Peloncillo Mts. 7/4 (JP, BP).

NORTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET -- 6 calling in the N.M. part of Guadalupe Canyon in summer (AMC, NMC) with 5 on territory on 6/10 (SOW).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER -- Concern for its welfare prompted statewide surveys 6/10 to 7/20. 31 pairs or singing males were recorded at 15 locations (v.o.).

DUSKY FLYCATCHER -- South of its range was 1 on the Vick's Peak BBS in the San Mateo Mts., Socorro Co., 6/27 (GS). Another calling near Tijeras, Bernalillo Co., on 7/22 may have been an early migrant (CR).

GRAY FLYCATCHER -- 2 on the Mt. Taylor BBS 6/15 (JT, BW); 2 singing near Datil 7/6-7 (JP, BP); 2 in the Gallinas Mts. near Corona 6/25 (SOW).

CORDILLERAN FLYCATCHER -- Breeding: a nest with 3 tiny young at the Gallinas Mts. Red Cloud CG, Lincoln Co., 6/24 (SOW); ....late was 1 calling in a Mesilla pecan orchard 6/9 (RM).

BLACK PHOEBE -- In San Miguel Co. was 2 at the Forked Lightning Ranch at Pecos 6/2 (CR) and 1 at La Fraqua 6/16 (JPH).

EASTERN PHOEBE -- Singles at Folsom Falls, Union Co., 6/5 where it was found in 1990 (DC) and 8 miles w. of Mosquero on NM 419, Harding Co., on 6/10 (CR).

CASSIN'S and WESTERN KINGBIRDS -- uncommon to scarce in Grant Co. areas (DAZ, MZ).

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- Breeding: 2 adults and 2 juveniles near Sandia Pueblo, Sandoval Co., 7/12 (DL, JB);....1 at Kirtland 6/6 (TR); 1 at Los Ojos 6/5 (JPH, RWD); 1 at Springer 6/1 (SOW); 1 on the Las Vegas NWR 7/11 (BF).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- Numbers were down sharply or absent from the Carlsbad area in Eddy Co. (SW).

PURPLE MARTIN -- 1 male near Canjilon L., Rio Arriba Co., 6/25-26 (JP); 3 in the Zuni Mts. 7/2 (DC) and 1 on 7/14 (HS); 2 on the Cloudcroft BBS 6/25 (CR, CS); 4 on the Emory Pass BBS 6/12 (PB).

BANK SWALLOW -- Breeding: at Ojo Caliente, Taos Co., on 7/1 an adult feeding a fledged juvenile (CR); 50+ at nest holes at San Juan Pueblo, Rio Arriba Co., 6/5 (JPH, RWD).

CAVE SWALLOW -- 1 with no details at Mesilla Dam on 6/3 (Ted Floyd, fide CS); stable numbers near Carlsbad Caverns NP, Eddy Co., in summer. Some weights were down, possibly due to the drought (SW).

BLUE JAY -- 1 in Santa Fe on 7/29 (SOW).

PINYON JAY -- 4 were s. of Montoya, Quay Co., on 6/17 (JPH). In an unusual location were 16 at Bosque NWR on 6/1 (RT+).

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER -- 2 near Mt. Taylor on 6/15 (JT, BW); 1 near Snow L. 7/7 (JPH, EE).

COMMON RAVEN -- Breeding: a nest with 5 young was on a cliff at Perico Creek near Clayton 6/25 (HS);....2 at Newkirk, Guadalupe Co., 6/17 (JPH).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE -- 1 at the Retherford WMA near Bloomfield, San Juan Co., on 6/9 (TR); 1 at the Sargent WMA 6/4-5 (JPH); 3 at Ojo Caliente, Taos Co., 7/1 (CR); 2 at Monastery L. near Pecos, San Miguel Co., 6/27 (SOW).

PLAIN TITMOUSE -- 2 s. of Montoya, Quay Co., 6/17 (JPH); 1 was banded at Dripping Springs in the Organ Mts. e. of Las Cruces 7/8 where it is scarce (CS).

VERDIN -- 3 at La Luz, Otero Co., 6/25 at the n. edge of their range (CR).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- Early for the s. lowlands were singles at Percha SP 7/20 (DL, JB) and Mesilla 7/30 (RM).

CACTUS WREN -- Continued to press north: 1 on 6/20 on the Cerro Verde BBS, se. Cibola Co. (GF); 2 at Glenrio, Quay Co., on 6/17 (JPH); 8 plus a nest structure were on the ne. flank of the Capitan Mts., e. Lincoln Co., 6/5 (BW).

CANYON WREN -- 1 was singing near Grenville 6/11 (KS).

MARSH WREN -- Breeding: recently found nesting at Stinking L.; this was a record season: 11 nests with eggs or young 6/13-14 and 3 more nests with eggs 7/10 (DS).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- At least 2 in the n. San Juan Mts., Rio Arriba Co., on 7/24 (JPH); 7 on the Cloudcroft BBS 6/25 (CR, CS).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- Breeding: 9 in 3 family groups with at least 1 juvenile in each group in a Mesilla pecan orchard 7/24 (RM), first nesting evidence in the area.

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD -- 3 at Snow L. 7/7 (JPH, EE).

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE -- 3 on the Mt. Taylor BBS 6/15 (JT, BW); 1 in the Zuni Mts. 7/2 (DC); 2 in Fourth of July Canyon in the Manzano Mts., Torrance Co., 7/22 (CR).

VEERY -- 1 or 2 singing along the Rio Pueblo e. of Vadito, Taos Co., 6/20 (SW) and 6/26 (JT+).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- 3 singing in Felipito Canyon at 9000 feet, Rio Arriba Co., on 6/24 (CB); 1 singing e. of Talpa along the Rio Chiquito, Taos Co., 7/7 (Chris Milensky); 1 or 2 near Red River, Taos Co., 7/29 (JPH).

GRAY CATBIRD -- Several in Cimarron Canyon, Colfax Co., 6/6-9 (CB) and 6/15 (PRS); 1 or 2 at Coyote Creek SP near Guadalupita 6/23 (CR) and 7/14 (SOW); 1 on the Las Vegas NWR 6/4 (CB); 1 in Cottonwood Canyon, Zuni Mts. 7/14 (HS); 2 at Mescalero, Lincoln Co., 6/28 (Renee Galeano-Popp\*).

BROWN THRASHER -- 1 was at Albuquerque 6/14 (Steve Segal\*).

BENDIRE'S THRASHER -- Often reported in the west: 1 on 6/13 near Crownpoint, 6 at Nageezi, San Juan Co., 6/16 and 1 near Counselor, Sandoval Co., 6/15 (GS); 5 on the Cerro Verde BBS 6/20 (GF); 3 near Datil on 6/13 (LE); on the San Augustine Plains 2 in Catron and 2 in Socorro Co. 7/7 (JP, BP); 1 near Rodeo 6/26 (CS); 2 in the Animas Valley, Hidalgo Co., on 7/5 (JP, BP); 1 singing n. of Las Cruces 6/5 (RM\*)

AMERICAN PIPIT -- At least 1 was found on the Brazos Ridge in the San Juan Mts., Rio Arriba Co., 7/23 (JPH, EE).

PHAINOPEPLA -- North of its range were a pair at the La Joya WMA 7/16 (CR, PI); a male on Mineral Creek near Alma, Catron Co., 6/30 (JPH, EE); 3 near San Antonio, Socorro Co., 6/27 (SC, NC); 1 on the Vicks Peak BBS, Socorro Co., 6/27 (GS); 3 on the Lake Valley BBS, Sierra Co., 6/6 (GS). 20 on 6/9-10 on the San Andres NWR were present through July (GF, MW).

BELL'S VIREO -- Breeding: 2 nests were found at Rattlesnake Springs on 6/16 (SW);...1 near Hillsboro, Sierra Co., 6/12 (PB); 1 at Redrock 6/19 (SOW).

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO -- Unusual: 1 singing at Boone's Draw near Portales, Roosevelt Co., on 6/3 was late (CB, good\*).

GRAY VIREO -- Breeding: the "colony" recently found on the w. slope of the Manzanita Mts. on Kirtland AFB, Bernalillo Co., had a minimum of 25 territories 6/17 to 7/7. A nest with 3 eggs was found 7/6 (CB, HS);....1 was singing near the Echo Amphitheater n. of Abiquiu 7/2 (CR, PRS); 1 was in the Zuni area 6/27 (DC).

RED-EYED VIREO -- Singles were at Isleta Pueblo 7/6 (DL, JB, no details) and singing in Water Canyon in Socorro Co. on 6/4 (AS, taped).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- 1 at Hill, Doña Ana Co., on 6/20 was late (RM).

NORTHERN PARULA -- Unusual: A male was singing at the Tolby Creek CG e. of Eagle Nest on 6/9 (CB, good\*).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 male near the Paseo del Norte bridge in Albuquerque on 7/7 (JB, fide DL, no details).

AMERICAN REDSTART -- A first year male was seen at the Ojo Caliente springs, Taos Co., on 7/1 (CR).

OVENBIRD -- 1 was late at a migrant trap 10 miles w. of Melrose in Roosevelt Co. on 6/3 (CB).

WILSON'S WARBLER -- A male was singing in Six-Mile Canyon in the Magdalena Mts., Socorro Co., on 6/5 (CR); 2 in Post Office Canyon on 6/6 were late (RS).

RED-FACED WARBLER -- Numbers up generally in the southwest (DAZ, MZ). 7 in Copper Canyon of the Magdalena Mts., Socorro Co., from 7400 to 8400 feet on 6/15 (HS); 22 on the Emory Pass BBS 6/12 (PB); 1 near Cloudcroft 6/25 (CR, CS).

PAINTED REDSTART -- 1 male singing at Sawmill Spring in Sawmill Canyon at the s. end of the Magdalena Mts., Socorro Co., 6/11 (HS), north of its range.

OLIVE WARBLER -- Breeding: a nest with 2 young found at Pine Flats CG in the Pinos Altos Mts., Grant Co., 6/8 to 6/15 (RF);....numbers very good in the Pinos Altos Mts. (DAZ+); probables far north of the known range were 3 males singing and a female at Mt. Taylor on 7/4 (GF).

HEPATIC TANAGER -- Breeding: a nest with 2 young was found in the Peloncillo Mts. on 6/17 (SOW);....1 near Rowe, San Miguel Co., on 6/18 (CR); a molting second-year male was seen at San Marcial, Socorro Co., on 6/10 (RM, JB).

SUMMER TANAGER -- 1 was at Bernalillo 6/25 (RWD, fide JPH).

NORTHERN CARDINAL -- 1 near Hillsboro, Sierra Co, 6/12 (PB).

LAZULI BUNTING -- Breeding: a male was feeding 2 young at Zuni 7/9 (DC);....single males were at Monastery L. near Pecos, San Miguel Co., 6/27 (SOW), at Glenwood, Catron Co., on 7/6 (JP, BP), and at Mescalero, Lincoln Co., 6/28 (Renee Galeano-Popp\*); a pair at Garfield, Doña Ana Co., 7/23 (RM).  
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INDIGO BUNTING -- Records in the south were: a male at Redrock 6/19 (SOW); 1 male at White Oaks, Lincoln Co., 6/23 (SOW); singles in the Sacramento Mts., Otero Co., near Karr Canyon 7/5 (T.Floyd, fide CS) and near La Luz 6/25 (CR); at Percha SP a singing molting male 6/15 with 6 males and 1 female 7/17 (RM); a male at Garfield, Doña Ana Co., 7/23 (RM).

VARIED BUNTING -- 2 pairs in Guadalupe Canyon 6/9-11 (SOW); 2 on the San Andres NWR in July provided a new locale (MW+).

PAINTED BUNTING -- A singing second-year male on 6/13 in Broad Canyon n. of Leasburg 6/13 (RM); a male near El Paso Gap, Eddy Co., 6/12 (Logan Foster, fide SW).

DICKCISSEL -- 2 singing at Maxwell NWR 6/4 (DC\*\*) and 6/10 (CB); 3 near Clovis, Curry Co., 6/4 (CB) was a new locale.

BOTTERI'S SPARROW -- 2 singing in the Animas Valley in Hidalgo Co. on 7/5 (JP, BP), were present for the third consecutive year. (Good details).

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- Breeding: a nest with 3 eggs on Perico Creek near Clayton 6/24 (HS);...good numbers throughout (v.o), including 3 at Zuni 6/19 (DC), 17 near Datil 6/13 (LE); 10 near Valencia, Valencia Co., 6/4 (HS), 4 La Cienega BBS, Santa Fe Co., 6/30 (JT), 52 near Corona 6/27 (DM), 59 n. of Lordsburg, Hidalgo Co., 6/19 (SOW), 175 on the Lakewood BBS, Eddy Co., 6/13 (SW, TH).

RUFOUS-CROWNED SPARROW -- 1 s. of Montoya, Quay Co., 6/17 (JPH); 12 on the Sabinoso BBS, San Miguel Co., 6/10 (CR).

CHIPPING SPARROW -- 3 were at San Marcial, Socorro Co., on 6/10, and 1 at Mesilla Dam 7/24 (both RM).

BREWER'S SPARROW -- 7 on the Farley BBS 6/4 (GF); 1 on the Cannon AFB Bombing Range near Melrose, Roosevelt Co., 6/25-27 (GF); 4 from Duran to Encino, Torrance Co., 6/24 (CR).

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW -- 1 in Harding Co. w. of Logan on 6/2 (SOW) where it was found in 1992; 2 were near La Luz, Otero Co., 6/25 (CR, CS).

SAGE SPARROW -- About 20 including grown young at the Urraca WMA n. of Questa, Taos Co., 7/30 (JPH).

LARK BUNTING -- 1 in female plumage at the Urraca WMA, Taos Co., on 7/30 (JPH); a male at Hayden, Union Co., July 9 (CR, PI); 2 near Melrose in Roosevelt Co. on 6/25-26 (GF).

SAVANNAH SPARROW -- Reported from 9 locales in Rio Arriba, Colfax, and Mora Cos. 6/4 to 7/8 (v.o), but no nesting was documented. 4 were near Zuni 6/22 (DC).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- 2 on the Gallinas BBS, San Miguel Co., 6/2 (CR); 1 on the Grenville BBS 6/11 (KS); 2 near Fort Sumner 6/1 (SOW); several near Clovis, Curry Co., on 6/4 (CB); 3 near Caprock, Chaves Co., 6/4 (SOW); in Hidalgo Co.

29 in 10 miles of the w. Playas Valley 6/9, 83 in 21 miles of the s. Animas Valley 6/8 (SOW).

FOX SPARROW -- 1 singing in Colorado in heavy willow thickets on Cumbres Pass n. of Chama was about a mile north of the state line on 7/2 (CR, PRS).

SONG SPARROW -- 3 singing along Bluewater Creek in the Zuni Mts., Cibola Co., 6/18 (HS); 2 at Zuni 7/9 (DC).

LINCOLN'S SPARROW -- Relatively numerous in the San Juan, Jemez, and Sangre de Cristo Mts. (v.o.); unusual was 1 in the Zuni Mts. 7/2 (DC). 3 were near Cloudcroft 6/25 (CR, CS), where there have been recent records.

BOBOLINK -- Breeding: 7 (3 pairs) at Los Ojos 7/2, including a stub-tailed juvenal being fed by an adult (CR, PRS+) was the first solid evidence of breeding in the state.

EASTERN MEADOWLARK -- Northern records were: 1 singing between Logan and Nara Visa, Quay Co., 6/18 (JPH), 1 singing at Storrie L. SP 7/11 (BF), 1 or 2 at Zuni 6/19-20 (DC), 4 at the Sevilleta NWR, Socorro Co., 6/5 (RT, P.Basham); 1 singing at Apache Creek 7/9 (JPH, EE); 1 heard at Bosque NWR 7/17 (CR, CS, PI).

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD -- 10 from Moriarty to Estancia in Torrance Co. on 6/23, 3 at Sandia Park, Bernalillo Co., 6/25, and 1 at Snow L. 7/7 (all JPH, EE).

COMMON GRACKLE -- 1 female in Santa Fe 6/7 and 4+ at Estancia, Torrance Co., 6/23 (JPH).

BRONZED COWBIRD -- Still much in evidence in the southwest, with reports of 1 to 5 from at least 10 localities (v.o.).

ORCHARD ORIOLE -- A good showing in the northeast, with 1 male in the Dry Cimarron Valley, Union Co., 6/5 (DC); 2 singing at Nara Visa 6/18, and an adult male at Glenrio 6/17, both in Quay Co. (JPH).

HOODED ORIOLE -- 1 male at Ropes Spring on the San Andres NWR on 6/9-10 and in July (GF, MW).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE -- 1 in Harding Co. w. of Logan on 6/2 (SOW).

PINE GROSBEAK -- 1 near Red River, Taos Co., 7/29 (JPH); a male above the Santa Fe Ski Basin 7/10 (JP).

RED CROSSBILL -- Breeding: fledged juveniles in 2 areas in the San Juan Mts., Rio Arriba Co. (JPH, EE, CR) and near Roberts L. (CR);...widespread and rather numerous after mid-June, mainly in the n. highlands, but also in smaller ranges from Mt. Taylor and the Datil Mts. south to the Sacramento Mts. (v.o.).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- Summering were 2 at the Sargent WMA 6/5 (JPH), 6 at Los Ojos 7/2 (CR, PRS), a male at Española, Rio Arriba Co., 7/11 (MM), 1 near Coyote Creek SP in Mora Co. 6/23 (CR), and 1 or 2 in the Zuni area on 6/23 and 6/30 (DC). A male was at Bosque NWR 6/5 (CR, CS, PI).

EVENING GROSBEAK -- Relatively numerous in a variety of n. highlands habitats (v.o.), but the only outlying reports were 2 near Mt. Taylor 6/15 (JT, BW) and at High Rolls in the Sacramento Mts., Otero Co (L. and J. Schulte).

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