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## FALL 1993 HIGHLIGHTS

Fall weather was dry and relatively quiet; the birding was remarkable! Reporters are to be congratulated for tirelessly documenting most rarities, including two species new to the state.

A Yellow-billed Loon appeared for the third winter in a row. All three scoters made an appearance. Socorro's skies were graced by a Swallow-tailed Kite in the same place where one was seen in 1982! An amazing 7300 Swainson's Hawks were counted at the Manzano Mountains lookout this fall. Nest remains of a White-tailed Ptarmigan was found in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Numbers of quail were good in the Carlsbad area (SW). Immature Sabine's Gulls made another impressive invasion. The incredible hummingbird year continued. The first state record of Cinnamon Hummingbird was photographed and the second Plain-capped Starthroat was reported. Also a first state record was an Acadian Flycatcher in Albuquerque, identified by sonograms. A Great Kiskadee appeared in early September. Unusual records were Yellow-throated and Philadelphia vireos, and quite a few stray warblers, including Parula, Hermit, Tennessee, Black-throated Blue, Black-throated Green, Blackpoll, Hooded, and Canada warblers, Ovenbird, Louisiana Waterthrush, and the second Slate-throated Redstart record.

### Abbreviations Used:

Co.	County	RDAC	Randall Davey Audubon
EBL	Elephant Butte Lake		Center
FWS	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	RGNC	Rio Grande Nature Ctr
		SP	State Park
L.	Lake	UNM	University of N.M.
Mts.	Mountains	v.o.	various observers
NM	National Monument	WMA	Wildlife Management
NP	National Park		Area
NWR	Natl. Wildlife Refuge	+	et al.
R.	River	*	details provided
RBA	Rare Bird Alert	***	specimen collected
**	photograph and/or tape provided		

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PLACE NAMES AND THEIR COUNTIES:

Albuquerque	Bernalillo	Manzanita Mts.	Bernalillo
Animas Valley	Hidalgo	Manzano Mts.	Torrance
Apache Creek	Catron	Maxwell NWR	Colfax
Avalon L.	Eddy	Melrose trap	Roosevelt
Bernalillo	Sandoval	Morgan L.	San Juan
Bill Evans L.	Grant	Moriarty	Torrance
Bitter L. NWR	Chaves	Navajo L.	San Juan
Boone's Draw	Roosevelt	Orogrande	Otero
Bosque (del Apache)	NWR	Otis	Eddy
	Socorro	Pecos Baldy L.	Mora
Brantley L.	Eddy	Peloncillo Mts.	Hidalgo
Caballo L.	Sierra	Percha SP	Sierra
Carlsbad	Eddy	Pinos Altos	Grant
Carlsbad Caverns NP	Eddy	Pleasanton	Catron
Clayton	Union	Portales	Roosevelt
Cliff	Grant	Post Office Canyon	Hidalgo
Cloudcroft	Otero	Radium Springs	Doña Ana
Conchas L.	San Miguel	Rattlesnake Springs	Eddy
Coyote Creek SP	Mora	Redrock, WMA	Grant
Datil Mts.	Catron	Roberts L.	Grant
Eagle Nest L.	Colfax	Roswell	Chaves
Elephant Butte L.	Sierra	San Andres NWR	Doña Ana
Farmington	San Juan	San Antonio	Socorro
Fort Sumner	DeBaca	Sandia Park, Mts.	Bernalillo
Guadalupe Canyon	Hidalgo	Santa Fe	Santa Fe
Heron L.	Rio Arriba	Santa Teresa	Doña Ana
Holloman L.	Otero	Socorro	Socorro
Jemez Mts.	Sandoval	Springer, L.	Colfax
Jornada Range	Doña Ana	Stinking L.	Rio Arriba
La Joya WMA	Socorro	Storrie L. SP	San Miguel
Laguna Grande	Eddy	Stubblefield L.	Colfax
Las Cruces	Doña Ana	Sumner L. SP	DeBaca
Las Vegas, NWR	San Miguel	Tucumcari, L.	Quay
Los Lunas	Valencia	Ute L. SP	Quay
Loving	Eddy	Wagon Mound WMA	Mora
Magdalena Mts.	Socorro	Water Canyon	Socorro
Mangas Springs	Grant	White Sands NM	Otero
		Zuni	McKinley

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

PACIFIC LOON -- 3 at Conchas L. 11/20 (JP\*, CB) and 1 probable 11/10 (JPH\*); 1 at Sumner L. 11/23 (LG\*); 1 at Bitter L. NWR 10/30 (David Coddling, fide RBA); 2 at EBL 11/6 (JP\*).

COMMON LOON -- The earliest reports were 1 at Morgan L. 10/23 (TR) and 3 each at Conchas L. (MP) and EBL (JP, CB) on 10/30; in November there were 10 reports of 1 to 4 at Maxwell NWR, Conchas and Sumner lakes, and EBL (v.o).

YELLOW-BILLED LOON -- Unusual: an apparent first-winter bird was at Storrie L. 11/14-27 (PRS, Al Eisner, LG\*\*, Celestyn Brozek, v.o.) for the state's third record in 3 years.

HORNED GREBE -- 3 on Heron L. 10/8 (CR\*); 1 to 6 on Conchas L. 10/24 to 11/20 (MP, JPH\*, JP, CB); 1 La Joya WMA 11/6 (JP); 2 Sumner L. 11/24 (LG\*, Carol Davis); 3 at Burn L. in Las Cruces 10/29-30 (Lorraine Schulte\*, JP, CB, v.o.).

RED-NECKED GREBE -- Unusual: 1 possible below EBL seen briefly on 11/20 (PS\*, RT); still unverified in N.M.

WESTERN GREBE -- Breeding: an adult with 1 young on its back was at Las Vegas NWR 9/14 (B. Morrison, L. Wiley);....4 near Zuni 11/7 (DC); 1 to 3 on Bill Evans L. 11/5 and 11/18 (RF).

Aechmophorus grebe -- Breeding: at La Joya WMA 2 adults with 4 young on 9/15 (J. Burton+), adults feeding 2 young as late as 11/18 (PS);....a high count of 84 on Morgan L. on 11/28 (TR); both species were in good numbers, but identification is at times difficult in poor lighting situations.

CLARK'S GREBE -- 2 or 3 on Morgan L. 8/10 to 10/23 (TR\*).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- 11 on Tucumcari L. 9/30 (CR, PRS); 1 on Pescado L. near Zuni 9/11 to 10/16 (DC\*); 1 on a pond near Radium Springs 11/3 (EW, fide RBA).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- Lingered in the north on 11/28 were 10 at Morgan L. (TR) and 8 at Sumner L. (SW, TJH). There was a high count of 59 at Maxwell NWR 10/1, 2 were still present 11/21 (CR+). 2 were at a pond at Cass Draw near Loving 10/1 (SW).

AMERICAN BITTERN -- Often overlooked, singles were at Bosque NWR on 11/20 (CS+), at Bitter L. NWR on 10/10 (LG, JP), and at Redrock WMA on 9/30 (RWD, fide JPH).

LEAST BITTERN -- Also overlooked, 1 was at Bosque NWR 8/2 (GF, fide RBA).

GREAT BLUE HERON -- 25 were at Springer L. 8/26 (JPH+); a 'flock' of 39 flew in to Sumner L. 11/26 (CR, PRS); 1 was in Guadalupe Canyon 9/13 (AMC, NMC).

GREAT EGRET -- 3 were late at EBL 11/3 (JP).

SNOWY EGRET -- 3 at Six-mile Dam near Otis 11/11 (SW).

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- 1 at Bosque NWR on 8/2 (GF, fide RBA).

TRICOLORED HERON -- Unusual: 1 adult Avalon L. 8/19 (CB\*).

REDDISH EGRET -- Unusual: 1 previous record for N.M., so a possible immature at Brantley L. 8/22 was intriguing (SW\*).

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- 1 adult at Bosque NWR 8/2 (GF, fide RBA) to 9/4 (JP\*, BN\*, DM, v.o.).

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- Breeding: The late nests at Stinking or Burford L. on 8/3 all failed (D. Stahlecker);....Migrants found almost statewide (v.o), with highs of 40 at Farmington 8/31 (TR), 109 at Zuni 8/21 (DC), 50 at Springer L. on 8/26 '93-4 (Fall '93)

(JPH+), 50 at Sumner L. 9/14 (JGH), and 450 flying over Percha SP 9/4 (SW+). The last 1 reported was at Bosque NWR 11/21 (CS, GE+).

TUNDRA SWAN -- 1 adult at La Joya WMA 11/6-19 (JP\*, LG, v.o) may have moved to Bosque NWR 11/19 (LG\*, v.o) for the Crane Festival; an immature joined it 11/26 (BN, A. Olivas).

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 2 at Farmington 11/20 (TR). A high count of 20 were on Maxwell NWR on 11/21 (CR).

SNOW GOOSE -- 1 white morph on Black Rock L. near Zuni on 11/20 and 1 blue morph on Nutria L. 11/23 (DC, both\*\*); 1 white morph on Holloman L. on 10/24 (GE).

ROSS'S GOOSE -- 5 on the B-Square Ranch ponds at Farmington on 11/20 (TR).

WOOD DUCK -- Continue to be widely reported, particularly in the Rio Grande Valley from Albuquerque to Las Cruces (v.o); 7 males and 5 females near Farmington 11/20 (TR); a pair was near Las Vegas 11/14 (PRS+); 2 near Fort Sumner 11/20 (JP, CB); 3 at the Washington Ranch, Eddy Co., 11/20 (SW, TJH); 2 males on Jal L., Lea Co., 10/10 (CB) and 11/13 (SW\*\*, TJH).

MALLARD -- A pair of the Mexican Duck form was at Redrock on 9/11 (RF).

(EURASIAN WIGEON -- Unusual: 1 male was on Storrie L. on 11/6 (JPH, J. Vaught); another male on Gray's Pond 3.5 miles n. of Radium Springs 11/3 (L.Schulte, EW\*).

GREATER SCAUP -- 20 at Conchas L. 11/20 (JP, CB); 2 males and a possible female at Caballo L. 11/23 (CB).

BLACK SCOTER -- Unusual: An adult male at Sumner L. 11/20-28 was the second verified N.M. record (SW\*\*, LG\*\*, JP\*, CB\*, CR good\*, PRS\*, v.o.).

SURF SCOTER -- Unusual: a probable adult female on a pond s. of Fort Sumner 11/20 (JP\*, CB\*).

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER -- Unusual: 1 immature at Burn L. in Las Cruces on 10/29 (L.Schulte\*, v.o.).

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE -- 2 males and 4 females on the San Juan R. below Navajo L. 11/26 were early (TR\*).

HOODED MERGANSER -- High counts of 23 on Sumner Lake 11/26 (CR, PRS) and 15 on 11/28 (SW, TJH).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- 1 female was on a gravel pit pond near the San Juan R. s. of Farmington 10/23 (TR\*); another female was on a pond near Radium Springs on 11/14 with 3 female Common Mergansers (CS).

(TURKEY VULTURE -- High count of 500 present at Carlsbad Caverns NP on 9/23 (SW).

OSPREY -- A record 31 passed over the Manzano Mts. Hawk Watch lookout this fall; 1 to 3 at 23 other sites statewide (v.o.) suggest continued improvement in its status.

AMERICAN SWALLOW-TAILED KITE -- Unusual: an adult that graced Socorro skies 9/6 to 9/18 (Pat Basham, LG\*\*, EW\*\*, SW\*\*, JP\*, CR\*, v.o.) was at the same site where 1 was documented in September, 1982; 3 earlier reports elsewhere date from 1859 to 1907.

WHITE-TAILED KITE -- 1 s. of Buckhorn, Grant Co., on 8/19 (Paul Boucher); 1 or 2 in the Animas Valley at least until 10/8 (AMC+).

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- 5 n. of Tucumcari L. on 8/8 (CR+).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- A record 27 tallied at the Manzano Mts. Hawk Watch lookout. The previous high of 22 was set in 1985.

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK -- Unusual: an immature, well-detailed, was seen by many at Percha SP 8/29 to 9/6 (BZ\*, CS\*, CR\*, JP\*, BN\*, v.o.).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- Unusual: 1 at Boone's Draw 9/30 (CR\* sketch, PRS).

SWAINSON'S HAWK -- An incredible 7300 streamed by the Manzano Mts. Hawk Watch lookout during the period, the most ever counted in the country outside of Texas (J. Place+).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK -- 1 on the Pine Shadows Trail in the s. Manzano Mts. on 10/9; it was not seen by the Hawk Watch personnel (HS). 1 adult at Redrock 9/11 (RF).

GOLDEN EAGLE -- 120 were counted in the fall Manzano Mts. Hawk Watch lookout.

MERLIN -- 23 counted in fall in the Manzano Mts. Hawk Watch lookout.

APLOMADO FALCON -- Unusual: single possibilities were reported near Orogrande 9/17 (fide FWS) and Carlsbad 11/23 (SW), but follow-up surveys at both sites were negative.

PRAIRIE FALCON -- 27 counted on the Manzano Mts. Hawk Watch lookout this fall, a new high count.

PEREGRINE FALCON -- 29 counted at the Manzano Mts. Hawk Watch lookout this fall, a new high total.

WHITE-TAILED PTARMIGAN -- Breeding: On 8/11 a nest with 4 to 5 hatched eggs, was found in the Sangre de Cristo Mts. on the flat summit of Barbara Peak at 12,626 feet on the Rio Arriba-Mora Co. line (Donald Wolfe), perhaps a first breeding record for N.M.

MONTEZUMA QUAIL -- Breeding: a pair with 9 tiny chicks at Mangas Springs on 8/26 (RF) and a pair with 3 young in Guadalupe Canyon on 9/22 (AMC, NMC).  
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NORTHERN BOBWHITE -- Continued to do well at their western limits, including 20 or more near Fort Sumner 11/12 (JPH) and 30 at Rattlesnake Springs 8/29 (SW).

VIRGINIA RAIL -- 2 on Bluewater Creek in the Zuni Mts., Cibola Co., at 7500 feet on 10/16 (HS); at least 1 at Sacramento L. near Cloudcroft 10/1 (BN, DE+).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 1 at Ute L. 9/30 (CR\*, PRS); 1 at Sumner L. 9/14 (JGH); 1 EBL 10/16 (JP, CB); 3 Bitter L. NWR 10/9 (JP, LG); 7 at Holloman L. 9/25 (GE) and 4 10/10 (CS).

SNOWY PLOVER -- Not found in the Laguna Grande area in fall, perhaps due to dry conditions and/or continued drastic pollution there (SW). 22 at Holloman L. 8/28 (CS).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- A high count of 90 at the Green Chaparral Turf Ranch at Moriarty on 9/27 (PS). Numbers were "reduced drastically" in the Clayton area (WC).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- Singles were at Tucumcari L. 8/8 (CR) and at Bosque NWR 8/14 to 8/26 (JP, DM, Alan Swain+); 2 were in a flooded part of Boone's Draw on 8/20 (CR).

WILLET -- 5 on Bosque NWR on 10/15 (PRS, Pat Insley); 1 at Avalon L. on 9/15 (TJH, fide SW).

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- Noteworthy numbers were 13 in the Fort Sumner area 8/29 (BV) and 21 w. of Arch, Roosevelt Co., 8/20 (CR); a total of 266 was tallied in Eddy Co. 8/7 to 9/14, including a peak of 55 on 8/13 (SW). 1 was heard at Tucumcari L. on 8/8 (CR).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- 2 were unusual at Bill Evans L. 10/21 (RF). 300 were near Otis on 9/19 (SW).

RED KNOT -- Unusual: 1 probable in winter plumage 10/15 at Holloman L. (CS\*).

SANDERLING -- 4 to 8 at Morgan L. 9/11-18 (TR\*); 1 on 8/26 at Springer L. (JPH+); 3 at Sumner L. on 9/14 (JGH\*\*); 1 at Bitter L. NWR 10/9-10 (JP, LG); 1 at EBL on 9/30 (LG\*); at Holloman L. 1 or 2 on 9/5-11 (SW, EW, JP).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- Probable were 2 at Bitter L. NWR on 9/12 (CR\*) and 2 at the A & G Sod Farm near Santa Teresa on 8/14 (BN\*, DE).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER -- A high count of 170 was in the Springer area 8/26 (JPH+).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- 2 on Morgan L. on 9/11 (TR\*); 1 on Bosque NWR 9/13 (PRS, P. Basham) and 3 10/16 (JP, CB); 2 at the Capitan sewage ponds, Lincoln Co., on 9/11 (CR, SW); 1 at Bitter L. NWR 10/9 (JP, LG\*); 2 near Santa Teresa on 9/19 (BZ); 1 at Holloman L. 9/11 (JP).

DUNLIN -- 1 n. of dry Chicosa L., Harding Co., on 9/27 (PS); 1 at EBL 10/24 (BN\*, DE).



STILT SANDPIPER -- 1 at Bosque NWR 8/14 (JP, CB).

COMMON SNIPE -- 1 at Coyote Creek SP 11/22 (JPH, RWD).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- High counts were 200 s. of Springer 8/26 (JPH+) and 254 at Holloman L. 8/28 (CS).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE -- 3 s. of Springer 8/26 (JPH+); 3 at Bitter L. NWR 9/19 (JGH); 1 at Bosque NWR 10/2-3 (PS); present at Holloman L. 8/28 to 10/1 (v.o.), including 16 to 20 on 9/25 and 9/30 (GE, CS).

RED PHALAROPE -- 1 possible at Holloman L. 10/1 (BN\*, DE).

Jaeger species -- An immature, extensively documented, at Sumner L. 9/25-30 (JP\*, CB\*, GF\*, LG\*\*) was believed by some to be a Long-tailed, but Parasitic could not be ruled out.

LONG-TAILED JAEGER -- Unusual: surprising was an adult probable flying over mesquite-grassland w. of Portales 8/20 (CR\*).

CALIFORNIA GULL -- Steadily increasing in the number of reports: 64 were at Heron L. 10/8 (CR); 20 at Eagle Nest L. on 10/11 (BF); 1 adult at Stubblefield L. 8/26 (JPH+); 1 adult on Black Rock L. near Zuni 11/21 (DC); an immature on Storrie L. 8/18 and a subadult 11/6 (JPH, E. Espinoza).

THAYER'S GULL -- Unusual: 1 at Caballo L. 10/24 (BN\*, DE).

SABINE'S GULL -- As in 1991 immatures staged an impressive fall showing with 2 at Las Vegas NWR 9/23 (T. Bulow\*, v.o.); 1 at Ute L. 9/30 (CR\*); 1 to 4 at Sumner L. 9/14 to 9/30 (JGH\*, JP\*, GF\*, LG\*\*, C. Davis); 1 at Bitter L. NWR 9/19 (JGH\*\*); 1 at Caballo L. 10/12-16 (JP, CB); 1 to 3 at Holloman L. 9/19-25 (GE\*, CS\*).

CASPIAN TERN -- Unusual: 1 at Holloman L. 9/11 (JP\*).

COMMON TERN -- Several reports, most without details: at Sumner L. 9/25-26 (LG\*, JP+); 1 at Caballo L. 9/26 (CS\*); 1 to 5 at Brantley and Avalon lakes 10/9 (JP, LG\*, CB).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON -- Late were 10 in the s. Manzano Mts. on 10/9 (HS); 10 in the Mimbres Mts., Grant Co., 9/21 (SOW); 1 in lowland habitat at Percha SP 10/30 (JP).

INCA DOVE -- At their northern limit were singles at Zuni 10/20 (DC\*) and at Albuquerque 10/23 to 11/15 (D. Semmler, fide HS); 3 at Portales 9/11 (JGH\*); 1 at Mangas Springs 9/24 was the first there in four years (RF). 9 were at a feeder near Carlsbad all fall (TJH, fide SW).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- 1 in the Clayton area on 8/13 (L. Fry, fide WC); 1 in the Animas Valley on 9/11 (AMC, NMC); 2 at Sitting Bull Falls near Carlsbad 8/22 (SW, TJH).

GREATER ROADRUNNER -- Breeding: the prolific pair at Las Cruces produced a fourth clutch in August with at least 2 fledged (GE);....1 was at the Wagon Mound WMA 11/6 (JPH+).

GROOVE-BILLED ANI -- Unusual: 1 at Bitter L. NWR 8/6 (Stephen Buckman\*\*) was the state's first since 1991.

NORTHERN PYGMY-OWL -- 1 in Bluewater Canyon, Cibola Co., on 8/26 (CR\*, S. Gershen); 1 in the Datil Mts. 9/23 (SOW).

SPOTTED OWL -- Breeding: a pair was in the Magdalena Mts. with a fledged young on 8/3 (CB).

BOREAL OWL -- Breeding: A fledgling near Pecos Baldy L. 8/2 provided the second nesting locale in N.M. and the first for the Sangre de Cristo Mts;....1 on Cumbres Pass, Rio Arriba Co., on 8/3 (Dale Stahlecker+, photo in press).

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL -- An injured bird found n. of Weed in Otero Co. on 10/3 later died (SW).

BLACK SWIFT -- Breeding: 3 to 5 in the Jemez Mts. 8/6-7 (BN, DE+), at least 3 nests fledged single young by 9/5 (HS).

CHIMNEY SWIFT -- "Greatly diminished" at Clayton (WC); 5 were at Tucumcari L. 8/8 (CR); 1 at Percha SP 9/18 (JP, LG).

BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD -- Last seen in Guadalupe Canyon on 10/3 (AMC, NMC); a female near Santa Teresa from 10/19 to 11/3 (P. Russell, BZ\*\*), was the fourth county record.

WHITE-EARED HUMMINGBIRD -- The 2 recorded on 7/9 near L. Roberts stayed until 9/1 (D. Seymour, DAZ\*\*, W.Calder\*\*, LG\*\*, RF, v.o); 2 more were at Pinos Altos 8/29 to 9/19 (K.Clark, DAZ\*\*, RF) with 1 still present 10/3.

CINNAMON HUMMINGBIRD -- Unusual: an adult male near Santa Teresa on 9/18-21, was a N.M. first and the second for the U.S. (Pat Russell, BZ\*\*, LG\*\*, Andy Kraynick\*\*, JP\*, Gail Luckner\*\*, CB).

PLAIN-CAPPED STARTHROAT -- Unusual: 1 highly probable adult at an Animas Valley feeder 8/25 (Bennett Brown\*, v.o.), second N.M. report, but still unverified.

VIOLET-CROWNED HUMMINGBIRD -- the last 2 seen in Guadalupe Canyon on 10/24 (AMC, NMC).

BLUE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 male near Roberts L. 8/3 (RF); 1 in Post Office Canyon 9/18-22 (RS); 1 in Guadalupe Canyon 10/1 (AMC).

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD -- A female or immature was in Albuquerque on 9/18 (Paul McConnell\*, Anne Sockaci\*\*); a pair near Roberts L. 8/3-14 (LG\*, RF, W. Calder); 2 males and a female at Pinos Altos all period through November (RF, DAZ).

LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD -- Last reports were of single females in Post Office Canyon 9/24 (RS) and elsewhere in the Peloncillo Mts. 9/22 (SOW).

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 male was at Sandia Heights near Albuquerque 10/6 (F. Slown, R. Slown); last seen in Post Office Canyon on 11/9 (RS), 12/1 in Guadalupe Canyon (AMC).

COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- Single migrants appeared in Post Office Canyon 8/7-10 (RS) and a male in Guadalupe Canyon 8/3 to 8/18 (AMC\*\*, NMC).

CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD -- More than the usual number of reports, most in August (v.o.); 1 at Aguirre Springs, Doña Ana Co., on 10/10 seemed late (DE, BN).

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD -- On a dramatic note, a hapless immature was captured at a feeder and eaten by a preying praying mantis at Mangas Springs 8/20 (RF\*\*).

ELEGANT TROGON -- Breeding: a juvenile being tended by an adult male 9/22 (SOW\*) documented breeding in the Peloncillo Mts. for the second consecutive year.

ACORN WOODPECKER -- 1 in Union Co. near the Oklahoma line was east of the normal range on 10/7-8 (L. Fry, fide WC).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER -- 1 immature at Rattlesnake Springs 10/2 (SW\*).

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER -- 1 female or immature was at Cloudcroft 10/1 (BN, DE, A. Olivas).

DOWNY WOODPECKER -- 1 at Rattlesnake Springs on 10/1 was a bit out of its range (SW\*).

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER -- Undetailed from the RBA were 1 to 2 in the Jemez Mts. w. of Los Alamos 8/8 (BN, DE), a pair on 8/15 (L. Mowbray, J. Rutherford+), and 4 at the Santa Fe Ski Basin 8/8 (BN, DE). A few are scattered in these mountains.

NORTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET -- 1 or 2 in Guadalupe Canyon 10/4-18 were thought to be migrants from elsewhere, birds summering were last seen 8/2 (AMC, NMC).

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER -- Unusual: based largely on sonograms (checked by J. Van Remsen, Jr), an extensively documented (CR, LG, CB, JP) flycatcher on the UNM campus at Albuquerque 10/14-15 (LG\*\*, tape, J. Black\*\*) was a N.M. first record.

GRAY FLYCATCHER -- Breeding: 1 or 2 adults feeding fledged young in Water Canyon of the Magdalena Mts. 8/21 (DM);.... 1 banded at the RGNC in Albuquerque 9/25 (S. Cox, N. Cox).

EASTERN PHOEBE -- Notable was 4 at Conchas L. 9/25 (JGH\*\*).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- North of usual was an immature male at Morgan L. 9/11 (TR\*). 1 female at Percha SP 9/1-6 was a first local record (BZ, JP, CB, LG\*\*, CR+).  
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GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER -- Singles at Boone's Draw 9/25 (JP\*, CB\*), Bitter L. NWR 9/21 and /24 (W. Radke\*), and at Rattlesnake Springs 9/6 (BN\*, DE) and 9/12 (SW\*, CR\*).

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD -- An unusual "nocturnal roost" of over 20 in Guadalupe Canyon from early September to mid-October, peak of 27 on 9/9, 20 on 10/11 (AMC, NMC).

THICK-BILLED KINGBIRD -- Far out of range were singles at Cliff on 8/19 (EW\*) and at Percha SP on 8/29 (CS\*, EW).

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- Singles recorded at Kirtland, San Juan Co., 8/10 (TR), at Morgan L. 9/12 (TR), Zuni 8/1 (DC\*), 17 miles e. of San Antonio 9/11 (SW, CR\*), Bosque NWR on 8/14 (JP, CB), and on the Jornada Range 9/14 (CS\*); 1 on the Black R. near Rattlesnake Springs 9/18 (Sherry Bixler+).

GREAT KISKADEE -- Unusual: 1 at Percha SP 8/28 to 9/5 (CB\*, LG\*\*, BZ\*\*, JP\*, SW\*, CR\*, BN\*, v.o.); only 1 verified N.M record in 1984 of 4 previous sightings. This appearance followed Hurricane Hillary incidentally.

PURPLE MARTIN -- A female at San Gregorio L., Jemez Mts., on 8/5 (JPH); "fairly common" at Zuni 8/21 (DC); 2 at Percha SP 9/4 (SW+); 2 migrants noted in Guadalupe Canyon 8/6 (AMC).

BLUE JAY -- Breeding: a nest near Clayton on 8/24 (WC);... steadily increasing with 2 at Springer 10/1 (PRS, CR); 1 or 2 in White Rock, Los Alamos, 10/16 and 11/23 (Marge Cash, fide RBA); 2 or 3 in the Santa Fe area 10/12 to 11/1 (Lois Herrmann, William Huey); 3 at Conchas L. 10/8 (MP); 2 at Tucumcari L. 9/30 (CR, PRS); 2 at Corrales, Sandoval Co., 11/17 (CB); and 1 at Sandia Park 10/4 (Peter Tallman).

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER -- Unexpected was 1 on the San Andres NWR in August (MW).

COMMON RAVEN -- East of its range was 3 at Boone's Draw 8/20 (CR) and 1 or 2 there 11/12 (JPH).

VERDIN -- 1 at La Joya WMA on 10/3 (BV).

BROWN CREEPER -- Rare in the Clayton area was 1 on 11/17 (WC); 2 at Roswell on 10/28 (S. Bixler).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- 1 in Union Co. near the Okla. line on 11/6 (L.Fry, fide WC); 1 at Zuni 10/23 (DC).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- 1 at Monastery L. near Pecos, San Miguel Co., 11/30 (JPH); 5 at Conchas L. 11/2 (MP); 40 near Fort Sumner 11/20 (JP, CB).

WESTERN AND MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD -- Both were widely reported. High counts for the latter included 100 at Conchas L. 10/30 (MP), over 100+ at Mangas Springs by late November (RF), and over 200 near Santa Teresa on 11/6 (BN, DE).

GRAY CATBIRD -- Migrants were in evidence on the e. plains and in the Rio Grande Valley from Española, Rio Arriba Co., with 2 on 9/5 (P. Insley+) to 1 at Percha SP 9/1-5 (v.o.); late singles at the RDAC in Santa Fe on 11/16 (Brian Long\*, sketch), Fort Sumner 10/23 (JP), Boone's Draw on 10/2 (JP, CB), and at Bosque NWR 11/20-21 (M. Scott\*, v.o.).

BROWN THRASHER -- Up to 10 at Rattlesnake Springs 10/8-9 (CB); elsewhere singles were at Tucumcari L. 9/30 (CR\*, PRS) and near Fort Sumner on 11/12 (JPH) and 11/26 (CR\*, PRS).

CEDAR WAXWING -- An early 1 at Percha SP 9/2 (GE, CR+); noteworthy were 39 at Farmington on 11/28 (TR) and several in Guadalupe Canyon 10/1-19 (AMC, NMC).

PHAINOPEPLA -- 5 were at Bosque NWR 8/21 (DM); on San Andres NWR on several dates from August through November (MW).

NORTHERN SHRIKE -- Single adults n. of Questa in Taos Co., 11/23, at Manuelitas s. of Mora, Mora Co., 11/22 (both JPH, RWD), and n. of Newkirk, Guadalupe Co. 11/20 (JP\*, CB).

SOLITARY VIREO -- Single cassinii were at Apache Creek 9/27 (JPH) and at Rattlesnake Springs on 9/6 (BN, DE); with a "blue-headed" form at Conchas L. on 9/25 (JGH\*).

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO -- 1 at Boone's Draw on 8/20 (CR\*).

PHILADELPHIA VIREO -- Unusual: 1 was well-detailed at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 9/25 (CB\*, JP\*).

RED-EYED VIREO -- 2 at Boone's Draw on 9/25 (JP\*, CB); 1 at Percha SP 10/24 (BN, DE); 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/6 (BN).

TENNESSEE WARBLER -- Relatively plentiful, with 1 or 2 10/1 in Springer (CR\*, PRS), at Boone's Draw on 9/25 (JP\*, CB), in Albuquerque 10/15 (CB, LG\*), and at Percha SP 10/13 (CB).

NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 6 in Bluewater Canyon, Cibola Co., on 8/26 (CR\*, S. Gershen) was a large number; "best year ever" at Mangas Springs from 9/6-30 (RF); "relatively common this fall" (BN).

NORTHERN PARULA -- 1 female at Kit Carson Park in Albuquerque on 9/16 (BV, no details).

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER -- 1 male at Percha SP 10/13 (CB\*); 1 male at White Sands NM 10/26 (John Mangimeli\*).

HERMIT WARBLER -- Unusual: A male and a female-plumaged bird at Tyrone, Grant Co., 8/24-25 (D. Stahlecker).

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 immature male was at Boone's Draw 9/25 and 10/2 (JP\*, CB\*).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- 1 at the migrant trap w. of Melrose and 2 at Boone's Draw on 9/25 (JP, CB); 1 female at Percha SP 9/2 (CR); 1 female in Guadalupe Canyon 9/6 (AMC, NMC); 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/6 (BN, DE).  
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AMERICAN REDSTART -- There were 12 reports from 8/30 to 9/25 at 8 localities (v.o.).

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 male was at Rattlesnake Springs on 8/19 (CB, good\*).

OVENBIRD -- 1 at White Sands NM 10/16 (J. Mangimeli\*); 1 was killed by hitting a window in Carlsbad on 10/6 (SW).

LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH -- Unusual: 1 probable at Percha SP 9/17 (CS\*) and 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 8/19 (CB\*).

HOODED WARBLER -- 1 male seen by many in Copper Canyon near Water Canyon 11/21 (Mary A. Root, good\*, GE, Sei Tokuda).

CANADA WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 male near Black River Village, Eddy Co., 9/14 (SW\*).

SLATE-THROATED REDSTART -- Unusual: remarkable was a possible adult male at Bluff Springs near Cloudcroft 8/20 (J.P. Ward\*). One was independently identified at almost the same site last 5/21 by S. Crandell\*. In 1962 a specimen was collected near Jal, Lea Co., by Bruce Harris.

PYRRHULOXIA -- Further details of its northward spread was 1 female near Valmora, Mora Co., 11/21 (Celestyn Brozek\*); 1 female in Albuquerque 10/20 (Paul McConnell\*); and 1 at Fort Sumner on 10/23 (JP); "a high increase in numbers" in the Eddy Co. lowlands (SW).

ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK -- Only one report: a first-year male at Rattlesnake Springs on 10/9 (CB).

BLUE GROSBEAK -- 62 were banded at the RGNC in Albuquerque from 8/21 to 10/2 (S. Cox, N. Cox); 80 at Rattlesnake Springs on 8/29 was the "highest count ever" (SW).

INDIGO BUNTING -- 40 at Rattlesnake Springs on 8/29 (SW) was surely a record! Elsewhere 5 reports from 8/22 to 10/7 at four locations (v.o.).

VARIED BUNTING -- 1 male at Rockhound SP, Luna Co., 9/6 (T. Tucker\*) was a local first; a male was feeding a juvenile cowbird in Guadalupe Canyon 8/18-19 (AMC, NMC), where the last 1 was seen 10/3.

PAINTED BUNTING -- North of its known range was a pair at Boone's Draw 8/20 (CR\*); singles were at Percha SP 9/1 (BZ\*, v.o.), Las Cruces 9/21 (GE), Sitting Bull Falls 8/22 (SW, TJH) and on the upper Black R. 9/18 (SW), both in Eddy Co.

DICKCISSEL -- 1 female was in Guadalupe Canyon 9/19 (AMC, NMC), likely a local first.

CANYON TOWHEE -- Continued invading the lowlands of Doña Ana (CS) and Eddy (SW) Cos.

ABERT'S TOWHEE -- Up to 5 at Redrock WMA 9/29-30 (JPH, RWD).

FIELD SPARROW -- 1 at Bitter L. NWR 11/25 (Paul Sunby\*) and 3 w of Hobbs, Lea Co., 10/11 (CB).

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW -- 1 at Mangas Springs on 10/12 (RF).

SAGE SPARROW -- 4 on Albuquerque's West Mesa on 11/14 (DM); 1 at Percha SP 9/5 was early (SW).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- 1 at the Washington Ranch near Rattlesnake Springs 9/5 (SW).

FOX SPARROW -- 1 in the Pinos Altos Mts., Grant Co., 9/28 (RWD, fide JPH) was early.

SWAMP SPARROW -- Early was 1 banded at Albuquerque's RGNC on 10/3 (LG+); 3 or 4 near Fort Sumner on 11/26 (CR, PRS); 10+ at the La Joya WMA on 11/25-26 (RWD+, fide JPH).

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW -- An adult at Albuquerque (CB\*) and 1 at the Frisco Hot Springs near Pleasanton (CR\*, Tamie Bulow) both on 11/17.

HARRIS' SPARROW -- 1 immature in Santa Fe 10/23-30 (JPH+).

YELLOW-EYED JUNCO -- Breeding: at least 1 fledgling and 3 adults in the Animas Mts., Hidalgo Co., 9/9 (AMC, NMC).

LAPLAND LONGSPUR -- 9 near the Maxwell NWR 11/21 (CR); 1 at the Grasslands Turf Farm, Los Lunas, 11/7 (TR\*).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK -- 1 singing at the Petroglyph NM near Albuquerque on 10/24 (BV).

COMMON GRACKLE -- 1 at Morgan L. on 10/23 (TR); 1+ at Bernalillo on 10/8 (JPH+); 1 at Socorro on 9/11 (CR, SW).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE -- Late was 1 male at Pancho Villa SP near Columbus, Luna Co., on 11/23 (CB), and 1 at Aguirre Springs SP, Doña Ana Co., on 10/10 (CS).

PINE GROSBEAK -- Often hard to find, so noteworthy were single males se. of Questa, Taos Co., 8/15 (DM) and at the Santa Fe Ski Basin 8/8 (BN, DE, A. Olivas) with 5 to 10 at the latter place on 11/26 (BF).

CASSIN'S FINCH -- They have been scarce in recent years. 2 at the Tent Rocks near Cochiti Pueblo, Sandoval Co., 11/21 (DM); a few in Bandelier NM, Los Alamos Co., 11/12 and 11/18 (PRS); and 2 in Water Canyon 11/20 (GE). Present at two sites in the Manzanita Mts. including 10 at Otero Canyon 11/22 and 1 10/25 in David Canyon; plus a female in the Sandia Mts. 11/27 (HS).

RED CROSSBILL -- Breeding: an active nest at Bandelier NM, Los Alamos Co., 8/22 (Craig Benkman), one of the few records for N.M.;...relatively plentiful in the n. and c. highlands (v.o.), at Cloudcroft 10/2 (BN, DE) and in the Animas Mts., Hidalgo Co. (AMC, NMC).

WE SISKIN -- Eastward dispersing birds included 2 at Conchas L. 10/30 and 5 11/13 (MP); others at Fort Sumner 11/12 (JPH); 200 or more at Apache Creek 10/17 (CR+).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- 50 to 60 at Conchas L. 10/30 to 11/13 (MP); 2 at Zuni 8/21 and into November (DC); single males at Percha SP 8/30 (BZ) and Rattlesnake Springs 8/31 (SW, TJH).

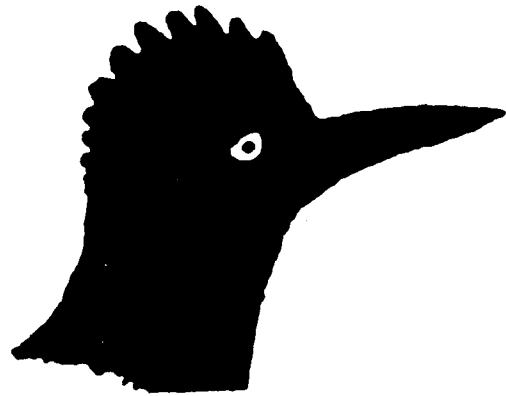
EVENING GROSBEAK -- 1 or 2 in San Juan Co. 10/10 and 11/26 (TR) were the only reports in the northwest; small to moderate numbers were in the n. and c. highlands, including "good numbers" south to Cloudcroft 10/2 (BN, fide RBA).

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