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REPORTING NEW MEXICO BIRD OBSERVATIONS

It is common knowledge that birders have added greatly to our understanding of the bird life of New Mexico. In fact, birders now account for the majority of new data on species distribution and field identification of North American birds generally. However, unless field observations are properly documented and submitted for consideration they have no way of becoming part of the ornithological record. For New Mexico, bird records are published seasonally in Field Notes the National Audubon Society's journal dedicated to documenting the continent's bird life, and in the NMOS Field Notes, published quarterly by the New Mexico Ornithological Society.

Sandy Williams is New Mexico's Regional Editor for the NAS Field Notes; he is also responsible for maintaining the NMOS Archives, including all written bird sighting submissions as well as the Photo/Tape File. Contributors are asked to submit their records to Sandy by (AND PREFERABLY BEFORE) the deadlines listed below. After the information has been summarized for the NAS Field Notes, it is used by the NMOS Field Notes Committee to compile the more detailed NMOS Field Notes. All submissions become part of the NMOS Archives; even if all your reports are not published, they remain on file and available to future workers.

All New Mexico birders are encouraged to submit their sightings, especially of uncommon species and early, late or out-of-range birds. Please submit your records in taxonomic order and make sure all records include date, exact location, numbers of birds, age and sex/color morph, if applicable, and name(s) of Observer(s).

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| Season | Period | Due |
|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| Autumn | 1 Aug-30 NOV (=4 months) | 31 Dec |
| Winter | 1 Dec-28 Feb (=3 months) | 31 Mar |
| Spring | 1 Mar-31 May(=3 months) | 30 Jun |
| Summer | 1 Jun-31 Jul(=2 months) | 31 Aug |

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AUTUMN 1995 HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico experienced a warm and dry autumn with mid-Septembers Hurricane Ismael providing only a brief irruption, mostly in the southeast. The fall was termed a "disastrous drought" at Clayton (WC). Several rare waterbirds made news, with exceptional numbers of Sanderlings, Common Terns, Red Phalaropes, and Sabine's Gulls recorded, while jays and other montane species staged lowland incursions. Three species new to the State were photo documented, but the origin of one or two may be in question. These were the Blue Mockingbird, the Eurasian Collared-Dove, and the Prairie Warbler. This was an exciting Season for stray eastern warblers.

Abbreviations Used

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| Co(s) - County (s) | RGV - Rio Grande Valley |
| EBL - Elephant Butte L. | SP - State Park |
| HWI - HawkWatch Int. | UNM - Univ. of N.M. |
| L. - Lake | v.o. - Various observers |
| Mt(s) - Mountain (s) | WMA - Wildlife Management Area |
| N.M. - New Mexico | + - plus, et al. |
| NM - Natl. Monument | * - details submitted |
| NP - Natl. Park | ** - photo or tape given |
| NWR - Natl. Wildlife Refuge | *** - specimen |

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PLACE NAMES AND THEIR COUNTIES

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Albuquerque (Bernalillo) | Hobbs (Lea) |
| Animas Valley (Hidalgo) | Holloman Lakes (Otero) |
| Avalon Lake (Eddy) | Isleta Marsh (Bernalillo) |
| Aztec (San Juan) | Jal Lake (Lea) |
| Bill Evans Lake (Grant) | Jemez Mountains (Sandoval) |
| Bitter Lake NWR (Chaves) | Jornada Range (Doña Ana) |
| Bluewater Lake (Cibola/McKinley) | La Joya WMA (Socorro) |
| Boone's Draw (Roosevelt) | La Union (Doña Ana) |
| Bosque(del Apache)NWR (Socorro) | Las Cruces (Doña Ana) |
| Brantley Lake (Eddy) | Las Palomas (Sierra) |
| Caballo Lake (Sierra) | Las Vegas, NWR (San Miguel) |
| Carlsbad, Caverns (Eddy) | Leasburg (Doña Ana) |
| Cedar Crest (Bernalillo) | Los Alamos (Los Alamos) |
| Clanton Canyon (Hidalgo) | Loving (Eddy) |
| Clayton, Lake (Union) | Lovington (Lea) |
| Cloudcroft (Otero) | Mangas Springs (Grant) |
| Clovis (Curry) | Manzano Mts. (Torrance) |
| Columbus (Luna) | Maxwell NWR (Colfax) |
| Conchas Lake (San Miguel) | Melrose trap (Roosevelt) |
| Corrales (Sandoval) | Morgan Lake (San Juan) |
| Crownpoint (McKinley) | Otis (Eddy) |
| Deming (Luna) | Percha Dam SP (Sierra) |
| Dilia (Guadalupe) | Portales (Roosevelt) |
| Dry Cimarron Valley (Union) | Post Office Canyon (Hidalgo) |
| Elephant Butte Lake (Sierra) | Questa (Taos) |
| Encino (Torrance) | Radium Springs (Doña Ana) |
| Farmington, Lake (San Juan) | Raton (Colfax) |
| Folsom (Union) | Rattlesnake Springs (Eddy) |
| Fort Sumner (DeBaca) | Red Lake (McKinley) |
| Heron Lake (Rio Arriba) | Rio Rancho (Bernalillo) |

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| Roberts Lake (Grant) | Stone Lake (Rio Arriba) |
| Rodeo (Hidalgo) | Stubblefield Lake (Colfax) |
| Roswell (Chaves) | Sumner Lake (DeBaca) |
| Ruidoso (Lincoln) | Sunland Park (Doña Ana) |
| Sacramento Mts. (Otero) | Taos (Taos) |
| San Andres NWR (Doña Ana) | Tatum (Lea) |
| San Ildefonso (Santa Fe) | Texico (Curry) |
| San Jon (Quay) | Tijeras (Bernalillo) |
| San Juan Pueblo (Rio Arriba) | Tucumcari, Lake (Quay) |
| Sandia Heights (Bernalillo) | Tularosa (Otero) |
| Sandia Mts. (Bernalillo) | Tyrone (Grant) |
| Santa Fe (Santa Fe) | Ute Lake (Quay) |
| Santa Rosa (Guadalupe) | Vaughn (Guadalupe) |
| Santa Teresa (Doña Ana) | Washington Ranch (Eddy) |
| Silver City (Grant) | Watrous (Mora) |
| Socorro (Socorro) | Whites City (Eddy) |
| Springer Lake (Colfax) | White Sands N.M. (Otero) |
| Stinking(Burford)L.(Rio Arriba) | Zuni (McKinley) |

HawkWatch International Count Totals - Manzano Mts. Lookout

| Species | Total | Arrival | Depart | Median |
|-------------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|
| Turkey Vulture | 636 | 28 Aug. | 4 Oct. | 11 Sep. |
| Osprey | 53 | 29 Aug. | 16 Oct. | 19 Sep. |
| Bald Eagle | 4 | 19 Oct. | 31 Oct. | 29 Oct. |
| No. Harrier | 72 | 28 Aug. | 5 Nov. | 7 Oct. |
| Sharp-shinned | 1519 | 28 Aug. | 8 Nov. | 30 Sep. |
| Cooper's Hawk | 907 | 27 Aug. | 30 Oct. | 30 Sep. |
| No. Goshawk | 11 | 20 Sep. | 20 Oct. | 9 Oct. |
| Broad-winged Hawk | 7 | 10 Sep. | 8 Oct. | 29 Sep. |
| Swainson's Hawk | 32 | 30 Aug. | 4 Oct. | 17 Sep. |
| Red-tailed Hawk | 519 | 28 Aug. | 7 Nov. | 5 Oct. |
| Ferruginous Hawk | 13 | 2 Sep. | 18 Oct. | 15 Oct. |
| Golden Eagle | 136 | 28 Aug. | 8 Nov. | 18 Oct. |
| Am. Kestrel | 584 | 27 Aug. | 31 Oct. | 24 Sep. |
| Merlin | 42 | 6 Sep. | 31 Oct. | 5 Oct. |
| Peregrine Falcon | 49 | 28 Aug. | 10 Oct. | 13 Sep. |
| Prairie Falcon | 18 | 1 Sep. | 20 Oct. | 2 Oct. |

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

RED-THROATED LOON -- 1 in winter plumage stopped at Heron L. on 10/13-14 (JP*, JO*, CR*, PI, PRS).

PACIFIC LOON -- 2 at the Heron L. marina 11/3 (JP*, JO); 1 at Avalon L. on 10/23 (TJH, fide SW, no details).

YELLOW-BILLED LOON -- Unusual: 1 at Stubblefield L. 11/11 (JP*); the fourth report in 5 years and the earliest yet.

PIED-BILLED GREBE -- Breeding: a pair with 4 young on Bill Evans L. on 8/9 was the first breeding for this lake; but they were not seen on 8/30 (RF).

HORNED GREBE -- Small numbers on 9 lakes from Heron L. and Caballo L. eastward, including early singles 9/28 at Stubblefield L. (JP, LG) and Springer L. (JP, JO, LG); west of the range were singles at Farmington L. on 10/16 to 10/23 (TR**) and Zuni on 10/7 (JT).

EARED GREBE -- High count of 107 on Holloman L. 11/11 (GE).

AMERICAN BITTERN -- A fair season found 2 on 8/26 at Morgan L. (TR); singles at Bitter L. NWR 10/13 (fide SN), Avalon L. 10/29 and 11/12 (TJH, fide SW), and at Jal L. 11/11 (JO**).

LEAST BITTERN -- 3 at Tucumcari L. on 8/4 (JO).

GREAT BLUE HERON -- A high count of 31 at Bluewater L. on 8/5 (DC).

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- 1 or 2 "calico" type were at the Las Palomas marsh on 8/26 and 9/2 (JP, JO*).

TRICOLORED HERON -- Had a good showing with singles at Las Palomas marsh 8/26 (JP*, JO*); Holloman L. on 9/4 (CS*, J. Atchley) and 9/9 (JP*, JO**); Bitter L. NWR on 8/12 (JO**, JP*) and 8/20 (BN*, DE*); Brantley L. 8/26 (JP*, JO*, v.o.).

CATTLE EGRET -- Breeding: on 8/19 a newly-discovered colony was found near La Union that had over 200 birds with at least 75 nests containing large young (BZ).

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- Widespread and in good numbers in all quadrants from 8/5 to 11/18 (v.o.); high counts of *circa* 400 at Lemitar, Socorro Co., on 9/11 (TH, Charles Painter), 207 flying over I-25 north of Socorro on 9/10 (EL), and 165 at Holloman L. on 9/21 (GE).

MUTE SWAN -- The 1 or 2 still loitering in the Caballo L. area (RF, JO, JP) through 11/14 almost surely came from a local waterfowl "farm."

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 1 at a small pond five miles east of Tinnie, Lincoln Co., on 11/26 (JO**), may have been tame or

injured.

WOOD DUCK -- Reports continue to increase. Notable were 20 at the Santa Rosa sewage ponds 10/29 (JO) . Others away from their usual haunts were a male at Black Rock L. near Zuni 10/7 (DC), 1 at Tyrone on 10/17 (EL), 2 or 3 at Texico on 10/28 (JP, JO), 2 at Portales on 10/29 (JO), and 1 to 4 at Jal L. from 9/3 to 11/24 (JO).

REDHEAD -- Breeding: a brood of 6 ducklings was at Red L. on 8/19 (CR, PI).

GREATER SCAUP -- 1 to 3 were at Farmington from 11/2 to 11/26 (TR**); 4, including 2 males, were at the Crownpoint sewage ponds on 11/5 (JO).

OLDSQUAW -- Singles included a female at Bosque NWR 11/12 to 11/17 (KCW**, Cathy Marble*, CR*, GE) and males at San Jon on 11/19 (JO**) and Brantley L. on 11/11 (JO*).

SURF SCOTER -- Made a good showing: 1 female-plumaged at Farmington L. on 11/8 (TR*). Singles near Navajo L. 11/24 (TR**, BN*, DE*); Clayton L. on 11/22 (JO*) and 11/25 (CR*, BN*, DE*); and Bitter L. NWR (fide SN, no details).

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER - Also had a good showing with 2 on Farmington L. 11/3-4 (TR**, v.o.); 1 at Maxwell NWR 11/30 (JO*); and Bluewater L. 11/5-6 (JO**, CR*, PRS).

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE -- A probable female was with a few Commons at Heron L. on 11/12 (Joyce Takamine*, Kay Witte).

OSPREY -- Numbers continued to demonstrate this species strong recovery, with 1 to 5 at 22 sites statewide 8/18 to 11/11 v.o), including 1 with a goldfish at Clovis on 10/4 (Wes Robertson). A record count of 53 passed the Manzano Mts. lookout 8/29 to 10/16 (HWI).

WHITE-TAILED KITE -- Singles were seen n. of Rodeo on 8/15 (David Trently*, Joel Keebler) and on Otero Mesa, in Otero Co., on 11/28 Ray Meyer*).

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- 3 at Hobbs on 9/3 (JO**).

BALD EAGLE -- An early bird passed the Manzano Mts. lookout on 10/19. (HWI).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK - 1 flew over his home on the Albuquerque West

Mesa 10/29 (BH); 1 at Nutria L. near Zuni 10/14 (DC).

HARRIS'S HAWK -- In the RGV were 2 at Las Palomas on 8/27 and 9/1 (BN, DE); 2 Radium Springs on 11/3 (Walt Whitford, fide CS); and 2 at nearby Leasburg on 10/27 were possibly the same birds (V.Burgett, fide CS).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- 2 at the Las Vegas NWR 9/23, 1 was a dark morph (CR*). 7 were counted at the Manzano Mts. lookout site from 9/10 to 10/8 (HWI).

MERLIN -- The 42 at the Manzano Mts. lookout was a record autumn count (HWI); elsewhere 1 or 2 were seen at 21 areas statewide (v.o.).

BLUE GROUSE -- A female was in sagebrush habitat 2 miles e. of Stinking L. on 10/14 (JO**, JP); such occurrences may explain "Sage Grouse" reports over the years, since introductions there were not successful.

MONTEZUMA QUAIL -- Considered "more visible than usual" at Timberon, Otero Co. (Marilyn Ellison).

SANDHILL CRANE -- Seen at Zuni in early Oct., where rarely recorded (JT); about 10 flying over the San Andres NWR on 10/24 (MW); 35 over the Jornada Range on 11/14 (CS+).

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER -- A possible 1 was at Stubblefield L. 10/1 (J. Takamine*, Martin MacRoberts, Stacy Fradkin).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 1 in breeding plumage at Bitter L. NWR on 9/4 (JO, JP, LC).

SNOWY PLOVER -- 1 at Holloman L. 11/a and 11/27 was late (GE).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- Some 364 were counted at 4 sites in Union, Colfax, Torrance, and Valencia Cos. 8/21 to 8/24 (Lawry Sager).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- Above average numbers passed through the state in August and September, with reports from at least 13 counties (v.o.).

WILLET -- 1 was at Abiquiu L., in Rio Arriba Co., on 8/5 (Celia Cooper*); high counts elsewhere of 6 at Holloman L. on 8/9 (BZ, JNP), and 7 at Brantley L. on 8/26 (JO, JP).

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- High count was only 15 to 20 in the fields from Carlsbad to Loving on 8/26 (JP, JO); 1 was in the RGV at

Las Palomas on 9/2 (JP, JO).

RED KNOT -- The only report was 1 that died at their feet at EBL on 9/10 (JP*, JO*, UC, *** to UNM).

SANDERLING -- 1 at Morgan L. 10/6 (TR**) and 11/5 JO**); 4 at Sumner L. on 9/15 (CR*, PRS, PI); 3 at EBL 9/23 (DE, BN+); 1 to 4 at Caballo L. 8/31 to 9/22 (DE, BN+, CR, JP+, JO**, CS); 1 at Bitter L. NWR 11/10 (JO); 3 at Holloman L. 9/10 (JNP, DE, BN); 2 at a turf farm near Santa Teresa on 9/9 (DE, BN) and 9/12 (BZ**); 1 at Brantley L. on 9/9 (JP, JO); and 1 near Lovington On 9/14 (CR*, PRS, PI).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 5 immatures at Bitter L. NWR on 8/5 (JO, LC) and 5 to 10 on 8/12 (JP, JO); 1 at Holloman L. on 8/26 (BZ) and 9/9 (JO).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- Made a strong showing with 4 on the NAPI sewage ponds south of Farmington 9/30 and 2 on 10/7 (TR); 8 at Bluewater L. 9/15 (DC); 6 near Las Palomas on 9/17 (JO, JP); 10 at the Santa Teresa turf farm on 9/17 (JNP); and 4 at Lovington 9/15 (CR, PRS, PI). Late were 2 on 11/11 and 1 on 11/25 at Avalon L. (JO).

DUNLIN - 1 probable at Morgan L. 11/1 (TR*); 2 at Bitter L. NWR 8/27 (JO); 1 at Avalon L. 11/11 and 3 on 11/25 (JO).

STILT SANDPIPER -- Present in 7 counties, including 24 at Bitter L. NWR on 8/12 (fide SN); 14 west to the Farmington area on 9/9 (TR), and 2 at Bluewater L. on 8/5 (DC). Late were 4 or 5 at Bitter L. NWR on 11/10 (JO).

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER -- Single well-studied immatures 9/10 at Bosque NWR (JP*, JO*, LC) and 10/2 (JO*), and at the Las Palomas marsh on 9/10 (DE, BN*, JNP*).

RED PHALAROPE -- A remarkable fall found singles at Stubblefield L. on 9/28 (JP*, LG) and 10/22-23 (CR*, JO**), Maxwell NWR on 9/28 (JP*, LG), Ute L. on 10/7 (CRJ*, Sheila Gershen), Black Rock L. near Zuni on 10/6 (JT, DC*), and Radium Springs 9/26-27 (GE*, EW*, LHS**, v.o.).

LONG-TAILED JAEGER -- Unusual: 1 immature at Pescado L. near Zuni on 8/5, a local first (DC**)

LAUGHING GULL -- 1 first-winter at Brantley L. 8/19 till 8/27 (JO**, JP*, SW, DE*, BN*). It is rare in the state.

BONAPARTE'S GULL -- 2 on Black Rock L. near Zuni on 11/11 (DC); 2 on Bill Evans L. on 11/12 (RF).

CALIFORNIA GULL - High count of 75 at Stone L. 10/14 (JP, JO); with smaller numbers at 13 additional sites from San Juan and Colfax Cos. south to Grant and Sierra Cos. (v.o.), including 1 at the Crownpoint sewage ponds 11/6 (CR PRS); and 18 at Bill Evans L. on 11/11 (RF).

SABINE'S GULL -- Staged a spectacular showing: 1 at Morgan L. on 10/6 (TR**); 3 at Maxwell NWR On 9/28 (JP*, LG) and 2 on 10/1 (JO*), 1 at Springer L. on 10/1 (JO*); 1 or 2 at Las Vegas NWR on 9/23 (CR*) and 10/1 (BF, JO*); 1 at Sumner L. on 9/22 (JO*, JP) and 10/8 (JO*); 5 at the La Joya WMA 9/24 (JO*, JP*); 1 at Bosque NWR on 9/24 (JP*, JO*, Gary Parker); 1 on EBL 9/10 (JO*, JP*, LC); 1 at Caballo L. on 9/24 (JP*, JO*); 1 at Holloman L. on 9/9-10 (JO*, JP*, BN*, DE, JNP*) and 2 on 9/19 (BZ**); 1 at Sunland Park 9/23-24 (BN, DE, JNP*) and 11/25 (Alfred Olivas, fide BN); 1 at Avalon L. on 10/8 (TJH, fide SW). The only adult was at Sumner L. on 9/22 (JO*, JP*).

CASPIAN TERN -- 2 adults at Caballo L. on 8/18 (JP*, JO*).

COMMON TERN -- Unprecedented reports were generally well described, including 1 or 2 in the northwest at Morgan L. 9/29-30 (TR**); 4 at La Joya WMA on 9/24 (JO*, JP*); 6 on Sumner L. 9/22 (JP*, JO*) and 1 on 9/30 (JO*, JP); 1 to 3 at Bosque NWR 9/22 to 9/24 (CR*, JO*, JP*, DE, BN, v.o.); 2 at EBL 9/23-24 (JO*, JP*, BN, DE); 1 at Caballo L. 8/26 (JNP); 1 at Holloman L. from 9/4 to 9/19 (BZ, JNP*, BN, DE, v.o.); 2 or 3 at Brantley L. on 8/20 (BN, DE); and 7 northeast of Tatum, Lea CO., on 9/15 (CR*, PRS, PI).

ARCTIC TERN -- Probables were an adult and an immature at Maxwell NWR 9/28 (JP*, JO*, LG). There is one definite previous state record.

BLACK TERN -- 37 at Red L. on 8/19 (CR, PI). A high count of 150 at Bitter L. NWR on 8/19 (JO, JP).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON -- In good numbers in autumn in the Sandia Mts. (HS) and in Los Alamos (PRS, J. Takamine).

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE -- 1 to 4 in Roswell in September, a first for the state (Lee Marlatt**).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- Now has become a resident in Roswell (Lee Marlatt**). Numbers still increasing in Albuquerque with 17 in

one area on 10/2 (Tamie Bulow).

INCA DOVE -- Found north to Roswell (L. Marlatt), east to Tatum (PRS, CR, PI), continued increasing at Carlsbad (SW, TJH). Singles were seldom noted at Deming on 11/11 (BN) and Arrey, Doña Ana Co., 8/26 (BZ); 2 at Tularosa on 9/29 (CS+). 1 appeared at a feeder e. of Farmington from 10/8 into December (Nell Mahon*, John and Jan Rees, TR**).

COMMON GROUND-DOVE -- This season produced only 1, at the turf farm near Santa Teresa on 9/24 (JNP*) and 10/29 (DE). Seem to have practically disappeared from N.M.

PARROT Species -- A small flock of quite vocal parrots, presumably Thick-billed, was heard in Clanton Canyon 8/12 (RS). Efforts to relocate them were unsuccessful; there is no definite record of wild Thick-billeds in N.M.

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- Breeding: feeding juveniles at Mangas Springs 9/20 (RF) and Percha Dam SP 9/17 (JO).

BARN OWL -- 1 was at Zuni in October (JT).

ELF OWL -- Northerly was 1 at Las Palomas 9/10 (JO).

LESSER NIGHTHAWK -- 7 probables at Isleta marsh near Los Lunas in Bernalillo Co. on 8/10 (CR*).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK -- Late singles at Black Rock L. near Zuni 10/6 (DC) and Mangas Springs 10/14 and 10/19 (RF).

COMMON POORWILL -- 1 flycatching after dark at Brantley L. on 11/10 (JO).

WHIP-POOR-WILL -- A noteworthy female at Santa Teresa on 9/9, they are rarely seen in the lowlands (DE, BN).

BLACK SWIFT -- Breeding 4 nests in the Jemez Mts. near La Cueva had young 8/20 (CR, Martin MacRoberts). 1 "still in pin-feathers" was rescued from rock-throwing boys 9/4 (Kathleen Ramsay); 2 were at San Ildefonso Pueblo on 8/9 (JO) were unusual migrants. Very late on 10/5 were 5 near the Hot Rock site n. of Fenton L., Sandoval Co. (PRS*).

WHITE-EARED HUMMINGBIRD -- A male in the Manzanita Mts. near Tijeras from 9/5 to 10/12 (Joan Day-Martin, HS) possibly was the same one banded there in July).

BLUE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 at Mogollon on 8/5 (JP*); a male

in Post Office Canyon on 10/9 (RS); and a male at Ruidoso on 7/20 and 8/22 (Anita Powell*, D.Harris).

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD -- 2 present at Ruidoso in August and September. 1 male left 10/18; a female stayed through November (Diana Harris*). 1 male in Silver City On 10/15 (DAZ, MZ).

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- At Las Cruces the first of the season, a male, arrived 11/4 (GE*).

CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD -- East of its range was a female at Rattlesnake Springs on 9/9 (CR*, JO, JP).

LEWIS'S WOODPECKER -- Drifted south in the RGV with an immature in Socorro on 10/19 (PB); 1 in Las Cruces on 11/13-16 (CS*, Walt Whitford) and 1 in the Sunland Park area 11/22 (JNP) and 11/28 (DE) for the first Doña Ana Co. reports in many years.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER - 2 at Puerto de Luna, in Guadalupe Co., on 8/6 (JO); 1 immature at Socorro On 9/25 (PB).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER - An adult male on 11/23 in the Dry Cimarron Valley (JO*).

RED-NAPED SAPSUCKER -- Far east records included 2 w. of Melrose in n. Roosevelt Co. and 5 at Boone's Draw on 9/30 (CR, DE, BN, CS+); 1 male at Lovington 9/15 (CR, PRS, PI).

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER -- Reports where seldom found included a male at Alto Lakes, Lincoln Co., on 9/9 (JP, JO), 1 female at Silver City 10/24 to 11/12 (DAZ, MZ), and a female on the San Andres NWR on 9/14 (MW).

LADDER-BACKED WOODPECKER Noteworthy for the Zuni area was 1 w. of the Continental Divide on 10/3 (JT).

DOWNY WOODPECKER -- Far south was 1 female at Rattlesnake Springs on 11/11 (JO).

NORTHERN FLICKER -- A female Yellow-shafted type in Silver City daily from 10/12 to 10/30 (DAZ, MZ).

LEAST FLYCATCHER -- 1 at Percha Dam SP on 9/10 (JO, LC); 1 e. Of Lovington on 9/15 (CR*).

HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER -- Late for the north was 1 at Rinconada Canyon, Mt. Taylor, until 9/30 (HS).

EASTERN PHOEBE -- Seen west of the range were singles at Santa Fe on 11/11 (SOW), at Quarai Ruins, Tarrant Co., 10/19 (Leslie Hawkins*), at Leasburg 9/26 (EW, LHS, fide CS), and near Santa Teresa on 11/16 (BZ, Victor Emanuel).

BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER -- East Of the range along Las Animas Creek, Sierra Co., were 2 or 3 on 8/11 (JP, SC, NC, GF, LG).

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- 2 at San Juan Pueblo on 8/12 were carrying food, but no young were seen (CR). 2 were at Rattlesnake Springs on 9/9 (CR*, JP, JO).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- A loose flock of 24 was s. of Tatum on 9/15 (CR, PRS, PI); last seen was 1 at Otis on 10/15 (SW).

PURPLE MARTIN -- Singles at Six-Mile Dam near Otis on 8/27 and s. of Whites City on 9/10 (SW+) were southeast of the range. 2 at Pescado Lake near Zuni on 8/12 (DC).

TREE SWALLOW -- A high count of 750 at Isleta marsh 8/10 (CR, S. Gershen).

BANK SWALLOW -- A high Count of about 250 at Isleta marsh on 8/10 (CR, S.Gershen).

CAVE SWALLOW -- breeding: nesting birds have increased in Doña Ana Co., with about 40 nests at 2 bridge sites near La Union on 8/17 (BZ). 800 were still present at Carlsbad Caverns NP on 10/19 (SW).

STELLER'S JAY - Noteworthy submontane reports were 6 at Navajo L. on 10/8 (DC), 2 at Watrous on 11/25 (CR), and 1 on the prairie at Encino on 10/24 (BH+).

BLUE JAY -- This fall they invaded the RGV with multiple sightings beginning in early October from Santa Fe, Los Alamos, Las Vegas, Albuquerque, Cedar Crest, and Tijeras (v.o.), 1 to 3 in Socorro from 10/16 through 12/2 (PB).

SCRUB JAY -- By early September had invaded submontane areas almost statewide, especially in the Rio Grande and Pecos valleys and the e. plains: 14 in desert areas near Holloman L. on 9/19 (BZ), and a partial albino was at Farmington on 9/10-11 (TR**).

PINYON JAY -- Far s. were several at the San Andres NWR from 12 on 8/22 to 1 on 9/26 (MW). A flock of 155 was at Roberts L. on

11/23 (EL). They were seen at Broad Canyon n. of Radium Springs on 9/28 (EW, fide CS).

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE -- Singles were s. to Madrid, Santa Fe Co., on 10/14 (L. Sager) and Dilia on 10/13 (CR).

AMERICAN CROW -- Noteworthy were 16 e. to Tucumcari 11/26 (CR, BN, DE); 1 was at Boone's Draw on 10/21 (JP, JO).

CHIHUAHUAN RAVEN -- North was 1 at Corrales 10/14 (KBO). High counts were a flock of over 725 w. of Lovington 9/14 and 300 near Crossroads on 9/15 (CR, PRS, PI); 600 near Hobbs on 11/17 (SW), all in Lea Co.

COMMON RAVEN -- Easterly were 1 e. of Clayton on the Kiowa Grasslands 9/15 (CR); at Ute L. SP 1 on 11/7 (EL) and 4 on 11/26 (CR, DE, BN); and 1 at Hobbs on 11/17 (SW).

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE -- Joined in the lowland incursions, including at Zuni in October (JT), Rio Rancho by 10/21 (BH), and near the Oklahoma line in Union Co. (Lavinia Fry fide WC). High counts were 10 at Morgan L. on 11/5 (JO) and 5 at Tucumcari L. on 11/26 (CR, DE, BN).

BUSHTIT -- Breeding: an active nest was at Zuni on the late date of 10/2 (JT).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- Staged a heavy flight from the RGV eastward to the Texas line (v.o.), including 6 9/16 at Boone's Draw (JO, JP) and up to 3 at San Andres NWR on 9/25-28 (MW); in the southwest 1 at Mangas Springs on 9/23 (RF) was the first there in 13 years.

CANYON WREN -- Breeding: an adult was feeding 2 begging young at Mangas Springs on 8/12 (RF).

CAROLINA WREN -- 1 was singing in NM 20 s. of Fort Sumner on 10/1 (CR*).

WINTER WREN -- Made a strong showing with 2 or 3 at Zuni 10/2-5 (JT), 1 at the San Andres NWR on 10/28 (MW*), and 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 11/25 (JO**). Undetailed were 1 or 2 at Mangas Springs 9/22 to 9/28 (RF).

MARSH WREN -- Intriguing were 13 at Sunshine Valley n. of Questa on 8/25, including a "juvenile with gape" (CR). Early were 2 at Tucumcari on 8/4 (JO).

AMERICAN DIPPER -- 1 at San Nicholas Spring, San Andres NWR, 10/27-28 provided the second local record (MW).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- On the e. plains after early October, including singles at Stubblefield L. 11/18 (JP, JO**, LC), at Conchas L. on 10/21 (JP, JO); Tucumcari L. 11/26 (CR, DE, BN); 10/7 and 10/25 at the migrant trap w. of Melrose (JP, JO); and Boone's Draw 10/21 (Jp, JO).

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER -- 1 at Rattlesnake Springs on 9/9 (CR*, JO, JP).

WESTERN BLUEBIRD -- Far east were 3 males on 11/23 in the Dry Cimarron Valley (JO). 13 were ne. of San Antonio and 4 at Bosque NWR on 11/16 (PS); 17 were notable at 3 San Andres Mts. sites on 10/25-28 (MW).

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD -- 1 male n. of Pleasant Hill, in Curry Co. 10/8 (JO); 2 on the Jornada Range 11/2 (CS, N. Stotz).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH - 1 at the migrant trap w. Of Melrose 9/15 (CR) and 10/28 (JO); 1 or 2 at Rattlesnake Springs on 9/9 (CR, JO).

WOOD THRUSH -- 1 at White Sands NM 10/26 (John Mangemeli, good *).

GRAY CATBIRD -- Singles at Zuni on 10/7 (JT), the Conchas L. golf course 10/15 (JO), and at Santa Rosa 10/13 (CR*).

SAGE THRASHER -- Lingered north in numbers, including 12 at Zuni on 11/18 (DC**)

BROWN THRASHER -- Singles wandered west to Zuni from 9/25 to 9/27 (DC**), San Antonio at the Birdwatchers' RV Park in late October (M. Ellison*), at the migrant trap w. of Melrose 10/28 (JO), Boone's Draw 10/7 (JO, JP, LC), the Santa Teresa turf farm 10/14 (JNP), and at Rattlesnake Springs/Washington Ranch area on 11/11 and 11/25 (JO).

BLUE MOCKINGBIRD - Exciting was the state's first at Las Cruces on 8/7-8 (Sue Hill**, EW*, CS*); excellent videotape footage left no doubt as to its identity; but its origin will be a records committee dilemma.

SPRAGUE'S PIPIT -- 1 possible heard at the Las Vegas NWR on 10/9 (BH); 3 at the Santa Teresa turf farm 10/21 (DE, BN) provided the only additional reports.

CEDAR WAXWING -- 2 near San Juan Pueblo on 8/31 may have been the ones reported breeding there in the last report (SOW); early reports elsewhere were 3 at Zuni 9/11 (DC), 1 to 3 at Percha Dam SP on 9/9 (JO, JP, CR), 1 at San Andres NWR on 8/31 and 9/1 (BH, MW), and 2 at Rattlesnake Springs on 9/9 (CR).

NORTHERN SHRIKE -- Quite early was 1 adult at Farmington L. on 10/23 (TR), with another or the same present there 11/15 to 11/24 (TR**, DE, BN). 1 or 2 were at Aztec on 11/24 (TR, BN, DE), an immature at Bluewater L. on 11/5 (JO), 1 adult sw. of Raton and 1 at nearby Maloya L. on 11/18 (JP, JO, LC), and 1 in the Dry Cimarron Valley on 11/22-23 (JO).

WHITE-EYED VIREO -- 1 at Percha Dam SP 11/12 (BN*, DE*) was very late.

GRAY VIREO -- Single males were still singing at six San Andres NWR Sites 8/22 to 8/31 (MW).

SOLITARY VIREO -- Among several identified to race were single probable Blue-headed near Clovis 11/7 (EL), at Portales 10/29 (JO), and at Boone's Draw 9/16 (JP*, JO).

HUTTON'S VIREO -- 1 was east to Percha Dam SP 10/4 (LHS, EW, fide CS) and 11/13-14 (CR, GE); and 1 at Spring Creek SP near Deming on 11/11 (BN, DE) was noteworthy for the Florida Mts.

PHILADELPHIA VIREO -- A possible 1 was in San Juan Co. at the Tamarisk Oasis on 10/7 (TR*).

RED-EYED VIREO -- Very late was 1 at Santa Teresa on 11/1 (BZ*); 1 at Rattlesnake Springs on 10/1 (DE, BN).

TENNESSEE WARBLER - 1 at the turf farm in Moriarty, in Torrance Co., on 9/15 (JP*, JO*) and 9/23 (JO*); 1 at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 10/7-8 (JO*, LC).

LUCY'S WARBLER -- Rare in the lower RGV, 1 was at Sunland Park on 8/12 (JNP).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER -- Singles at the Moriarty turf farm, Torrance Co., 9/29 (JP*), Albuquerque on 10/10-11 (KBO*), Bosque NWR 9/24 (BN*, DE), and Durling's Farm near Santa Teresa on 11/4-5 (DE).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER -- Singles at Santa Fe on 10/14 (BF*, Jim Lenhard*, Marc Pitko*) and at Boone's Draw On 9/23 (JP*, JO*).

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER -- 1 at Boone's Draw on 9/23 (JP*, JO**) and 1 at Percha Dam SP on 10/4 (EW*, LHS+).

HERMIT WARBLER -- 1 female or immature was easterly at Percha Dam SP on 9/10 (JNP*, DE, BN*).

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER -- Singles at the migrant trap w. of Melrose 10/29 (JO**), at Boone's Draw 10/29 (JO*), and at Bitter L. NWR 10/1 (CR*, BN*, DE*, CS+).

GRACE'S WARBLER -- Not often seen in the lowlands was 1 at Percha Dam SP on 8/31 (EW, LUS).

PRAIRIE WARBLER -- Unusual: a female at the migrant trap w. of Melrose On 10/29 (JO**) was the first definite N.M. record.

BLACKPOLL WARBLER -- 1 at Zuni on 10/4 (JT, no details).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER - Singles at Corrales 9/4 (CR*, PRS); the Melrose trap 9/15 (CR) and 10/29 (JO); Mangas Springs on 9/22 (RE); Dripping Springs e. of Las Cruces on 9/26 (J. Atchley, flde CS); and the Washington Ranch S. of Carlsbad on 9/9 (JP, JO).

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER - 1 at Corrales on 9/14-15 (Tamie Bulow*, Marjory Cromer, C. Harris, Mary Lou Arthur) and at Percha Dam SP on 8/31 (LHS*, EW*).

OVENBIRD -- Singles at Santa Fe in mid-October (Martha Cooke, no details), Albuquerque on 9/12 (fide David Leal, banded), Hillsboro, Sierra Co., 9/9 (Colin Dillingham), Durling's Farm near Santa Teresa on 9/24 (JNP*, DE, BN), and on NM 20 s. of Fort Sumner on 10/1 (CR*).

LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH -- Unusual: 1 s. of Carlsbad at the Washington Ranch on 9/3 (JO**).

SCARLET TANAGER -- Unusual: 1 immature male was at the migrant trap w. of Melrose On 10/7 (JP*, JO**, LC).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK -- 1 male at the migrant trap w. of Melrose On 8/12 (JO).

BLUE GROSBEAK -- Breeding: an adult feeding a fledgling at 6600 feet near Los Alamos on 9/13 (PRS, CR). A female was seen carrying food near Tyrone on 8/16 and 8/18 (EL).

LAZULI BUNTING -- 1 at San Andres NWR on 8/31 (BH, *fide* MW) furnished a local first.

INDIGO BUNTING -- 1 e. of Las Cruces on 9/2 (CS); 1 male at Rattlesnake Springs on 8/19 (JO, JP), 2 or 3 on 8/27 (JO, JP), and 1 on 9/3 (JO) and 9/9 (JO, CR, JP).

PAINTED BUNTING -- A possible female at Mangas Springs on 9/14 (RF) an immature at Socorro 9/10 (PB), 1 at La Mesa on 9/1 (GE), and a female at Bell L. in Lea Co. 9/3 (JO).

DICKCISSEL -- Small to moderate numbers this fall: 1 in Quay Co. 10/8 (JO); 3 s. of Vaughn 9/14 (CR, PRS, PI); 1 at the Melrose migrant trap 9/15 (CR); 2 at Boone's Draw 9/16 (JO, JP); 2 s. of Mesa 9/0 (JO, JP) and 1 female on 9/14 (CR, PRS, PI), 5 or 6 n. of Roswell 9/8 (JO, JP); 1 at Tyrone on 9/27 (EL); 2 at Deming 9/16 (DE, BN); 1 at Percha Dam SP 9/17 (JO, JP); 2 at Sunland Park 9/24 and 9/30 (JNP); 3 over Holloman L. on 9/10 (JNP, DE, BN); at Rattlesnake Springs 1 female on 8/21 (SW, TJH), 2 or 3 on 9/3 (JO), and 5 or 6 on 9/9 (JO, JP, CR); 1 Or 2 e. of Lovington on 9/15 (CR, PRS, PI).

CANYON TOWHEE -- Breeding: a pair with begging fledglings was in Los Alamos at 7600 feet in early September (PRS). A high count of 40 was in the Tyrone area on 11/16 (EL). It was common in the Dry Cimarron Valley on 11/22-23 (JO).

BOTTERI'S SPARROW -- Breeding: at least 1 juvenile was in the Animas Valley on 8/1 (SOW) where 14 of 15 territories visited still had resident adults (SOW**). On 8/4 2 were heard singing (JP*).

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- 1 in the Zuni area on 8/1 64 (DC).

RUFIOUS-CROWNED SPARROW -- 1 on the plains s. of Ramon, DeBaca Co., on 9/14 (CR*, PRS, PI).

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW -- Reports west to Rio Arriba Co. included an early 1 at Stone L. on 11/4 (JP, JO) and 19 at Los Ojos, Rio Arriba Co., 11/24 (CR). At the Petroglyph NM near Albuquerque 1 on 11/19 and 3 11/21 (HS).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW -- Good numbers were on the eastern plains. West of the plains there was 1 at Zuni 10/6 (JT), 2 at Bosque NWR on 9/22 (CR+), 1 at Percha Dam SP 9/24 (JO, JP), 2 at Las Cruces on 9/17 (CS), 10 at Tinnie in Lincoln Co. on 9/9 (JO, JP), and 2 at the White Sands NM headquarters on 9/3 (JO).

FIELD SPARROW -- 1 or 2 immatures at Boone's Draw 10/21 (JP, JO**) and an adult at Oasis SP near Portales 10/28 were early (JO).

LARK SPARROW -- Late was 1 at Columbus on 11/11 (BN).

SAGE SPARROW -- Late was 1 near Farmington on 11/26 (TR); 1 was e. to Rock L. near Abbott in Harding Co. 10/14 (HS); 1 adult in Los Alamos 10/26 (Martin MacRoberts*, sketch).

BAIRD'S SPARROW -- 1 was near the Holloman Air Force Base and Holloman L. on 9/27 (Charles Black*).

FOX SPARROW -- Rusty birds, apparently the *zaboria/iliaca* group, were singles at Bosque NWR on 11/26-27 (JO**, BN*, DE*); near Texico and the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 10/28-29 (JP, JO*), and Rattlesnake Springs 11/11 (JO*).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW -- 1 at Zuni on 11/11 (DC**); 2 at the San Andres NWR on 10/26 (MW); and 1 at Maddox U., Lea Co., on 11/17 (SW).

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW -- Always a treat, records include an immature at Santa Fe 11/4 (BF*), 1 adult at Bill Evans L. 11/11 (EL*), and an immature at Silver City from 10/22 to 11/7 (DAZ**, MZ), plus 2 at Three Gun Springs near Carneul e. of Albuquerque on 11/25-27 (WH*, BN*, DE*).

HARRIS'S SPARROW -- Singles at Zuni on 11/12 (DC**), an immature at Albuquerque on 11/14 (JO**, Roger Hoppe), and at Maddox L. in Lea Co. on 11/17 (SW).

SLATE-COLORED DARK-EYED JUNCO - 1 was first seen at LOS Alamos on 11/26 (PRS); 1 at Nara Visa in Quay Co. 11/26 (CR, DE, BN).

LAPLAND LONGSPUR -- Early and southerly was 1 at the turf farm near Santa Teresa 10/3-4 (BN*, DE*, John Puschock). An immature was near Tatum, Lea Co., 11/24 (JO*).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK -- 1 was singing at the Las Vegas NWR on 8/25 (PRS, PI).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- A female in Post Office Canyon from 8/29 to 9/1 (RS); 1 at Jal L. on 11/24 (JO).

RUSTY BLACKBIRD -- A remarkable 16 (including males and females) at Sitter L. NWR 11/26 (JO*) provided the only report.

COMMON GRACKLE -- Late reports included 60 in Albuquerque through 11/10 (HS), and 1 at Bitter L. NWR 11/26 (JO). 1 in Taos on 10/26 (PRS).

ORCHARD ORIOLE -- 1 female-plumaged bird seen 10 miles n. of Roswell on 9/8 (JO, JP).

NORTHERN ORIOLE Very late single immature Bullock's were at Folsom 11/23 (JO**) and Las Cruces on 11/27 (GE).

PINE GROSBEAK -- Seen where rarely reported were 3 in the Rito de la Presa area ne. of Tres Ritos in Mora Co. 9/12 (Greg Schmitt) and 1 female at Rinconada Canyon at 7200 feet at the base of Mt. Taylor on 11/11 (HS).

CASSIN'S FINCH -- Decidedly scarce in their usual flaunts, but notable were several at Rinconada Canyon below Mt. Taylor on 11/11 (HS).

RED CROSSBILL -- Generally scarce except in the Sacramento Mts.: 4 along Bonito Creek near Bonito L. on 10/28 (PS), 2 on 10/17 (GE), and many from Ruidoso to Cloudcroft all fall (Craig Beckman, *fide* CS), where cones were plentiful.

PINE SISKIN -- Reportedly suffered a disease outbreak in the Los Alamos area (PRS); 1 was early at Rio Rancho on 8/9 (BH).

LESSER GOLDFINCH -- Breeding: very late were adults feeding 2 begging fledglings at the Las Vegas NWR 10/9 (BH).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- 2 early birds were at Aztec 8/20 (TR) and 1 was at the San Andres NWR on 9/1 (BH, MW).

EVENING GROSBEAK -- Early were 2 females at Socorro 9/8 (PB) following a storm front.

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