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SPRING 1996 HIGHLIGHTS

Extreme drought characterized New Mexico this spring, but its impact on birds was obscure. Meanwhile, intensive searches for rarities, plus systematic banding at selected locales, continued to clarify the status of many migrants, (especially warblers!), and added yet another species to the state list. It was a memorable season with 40 species of warblers reported, only 2 lacked supportive details.

List of Abbreviations:

AFB - Air Force Base	RGV - Rio Grande Valley
Co. - County	RGNC - Rio Grande Nature Center
EBL - Elephant Butte Lake	SP - State Park
L. - Lake	v.o. - various observers
Mt(s) - Mountain(s)	WMA - Wildlife Management Area
NM - National Monument	+ - plus, et al.
NWR - Natl. Wildlife Refuge	* - details provided
N.M. - New Mexico	** - photo or tape
R. - River	*** - specimen collected

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HWI - HawkWatch Int.	BT - Thompson, Bruce
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PLACE NAMES AND THEIR COUNTIES

Abbott (Colfax)	Las Vegas, NWR (San Miguel)
Albuquerque (Bernalillo)	Little Burro Mts. (Grant)
Animas Mts., Valley (Hidalgo)	Lordsburg (Hidalgo)
Aztec (San Juan)	Los Alamos (Los Alamos)
Bill Evans Lake (Grant)	Los Lunas (Valencia)
Bingham (Socorro)	Mangas Springs (Grant)
Bitter Lake NWP (Chaves)	Maxwell NWR (Colfax)
Black Range (Sierra/Grant)	Melrose (Curry)
Bluewater Lake (Cibola/McKinley)	Melrose trap (Roosevelt)
Boone's Draw (Roosevelt)	Mesilla (Doña Ana)
Bosque(del Apache)NWR (Socorro)	Morgan Lake (San Juan)
Bottomless L. SP (Chaves)	Moriarty (Torrance)
Brantley Lake (Eddy)	Peloncillo Mts (Hidalgo)
Burro Mountains (Grant)	Percha Dam SP (Sierra)
Caballo Lake (Socorro)	Playas Valley (Hidalgo)
Carlsbad (Eddy)	Portales (Roosevelt)
Clayton, Lake (Union)	Post Office Canyon (Hidalgo)
Clovis (Curry)	Ramon (Lincoln)
Cochiti Lake (Sandoval)	Rattlesnake Springs (Eddy)
Columbus (Luna)	Redrock (Grant)
Corrumpa Creek (Union)	Roswell (Chaves)
Española (Rio Arriba)	San Andres NWR (Doña Ana)
Farmington, Lake (San Juan)	Sandia Mts/crest/lookout (Bernalillo)
Fort Sumner (DeBaca)	Santa Fe (Saanta Fe)
Gage (Luna)	Santa Rosa (Guadalupe)
Guadalupe Canyon (Hidalgo)	Santa Teresa (Doña Ana)
Hachita (Grant)	Sevilleta NWR (Socorro)
Holloman Lakes (Otero)	Silver City (Grant)
Hondo (Lincoln)	Tatum (Lea)
Isleta Lakes (Bernalillo)	Texico (Curry)
La Joya WMA (Socorro)	Zuni, Mts. (McKinley)
Las Cruces (Doña Ana)	

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

COMMON LOON -- Late birds in winter plumage were 1 on 5/9 at Cochiti L. (CR+) and 1 or 2 at Bitter L. NWR 5/10 to 5/13 (JP, JO, SMB+, CR). Recorded from 11 areas this spring (v.o.).

PIED-BILLED GREBE -- Breeding: 1 adult feeding 3 young at Jal L. on 5/15 (Toby Hibbitts) furnished a likely first breeding record for Lea Co. 2 broods On 5/30 at La Joya WMA (BH).

HORNED GREBE -- 1 lingering at Texico On 4/20 (JO, DE, BN, CR) and 4/25 (JP, BP) had attained breeding plumage by 5/25 (DE, BN,

CR*). Recorded from 7 sites in N.M. (V.o.).

RED-NECKED GREBE -- 1 "going into breeding plumage" was at Caballo L. 5/3 (LS*, EW, Sue Hill) where another (likely the same) was last seen On 1/12.

EARED GREBE -- A high count of 175 at Las Vegas NWR On 4/13 (CR).

WESTERN GREBE -- High count Of 100 on Springer L., Colfax Co., on 4/25 (SOW).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- Uncommon for Grant Co. was 1 at Bill Evans L. on 5/11 (RF).

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT -- Rather unusual in the Pecos Valley were singles at Santa Rosa On 4/26 (JO) and Bitter L. NWR from 4/21 to 5/8 (CR*, GE, JO, JP). 1 at Cochiti L. 4/5 (BH, CR*); 4 at the Sevilleta NWR 3/14 (BH, C. McNerny).

AMERICAN BITTERN -- Singles at Morgan L. on 4/21 (TR**) and Bosque NWR on 4/26 (CR).

GREAT EGRET -- Breeding: 1 was incubating at Bosque NWR on 4/27 (CR). Wandering north of the usual range were singles at Morgan L. 4/21 to 5/15 (JO, TR**), near Las Vegas on 5/27 (JP, JO), Texico on 5/11 (JO), and Mangas Springs on 4/23 and 5/15 (RF), plus 2 Or 3 over the west mesa of Albuquerque on 4/19 (BH+). 1 roosted overnight in a dead tree by the Los Alamos library 5/2 (Torn Jervis, fide PRS).

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- An adult at Bosque NWR on 5/11 (DE, BN, JNP) and 5/14 (JO).

CATTLE EGRET -- 2 were at the Isleta Lakes on 5/26; 1 the marsh at Lordsburg on 5/5 (CR, DE, BN, CS).

GREEN HERON -- 1 at White Sands NM, Otero Co., 5/19 (JM).

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- 1 adult at Bosque NWR 5/11 (DE*, BN*, JNP*) and 5/14 (JO**).

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- Inundated the state from 3/29 to 5/24 (v.o.). High counts of 61 at Clayton 4/So WC), 80 near Zuni On 5/11 (DC), 150 at Polvadera, Socorro CO., on 4/22 (Francis Stanley), 240 at Bosque NWR and 334 at Percha SP on 4/13 (JP, JO).

MUTE SWAN -- 2 on 4/17 above Truth or Consequences on the Rio Grande (PS) were considered escapes.

ROSS'S GOOSE -- 1 at the marsh at Lordsburg on 3/29 (CR, DE, BN, CS).

CANADA GOOSE -- Breeding: 30 adults at Red L., McKinley Co., on 5/18 where 4 pairs had about 14 goslings (DC**).

WOOD DUCK -- Peripheral were 2 at Black Rock L. near Zuni on the Zuni Reservation on 4/12 (DC); 1 male at the turf farm near Moriarty 5/19 (JO); and 1 at Sunland Park, Doña Ana Co., on 4/30 (CS).

EURASIAN WIGEON -- Providing a first for San Juan Co. was a male at Farmington L. on 3/23 (TR**).

CANVASBACK -- High count of 186 on Bluewater L. 3/2 (DC).

GREATER SCAUP -- Westerly in San Juan Co. was a pair 3/9 at Luther L. near Flora Vista (TR) and a female at the Ojo Amarillo sewage ponds on 4/26 (TR**). High count of 12 at the Las Vegas NWR on 4/13 (CR*).

SURF SCOTER -- An immature male On a tank near Bingham on 4/12 (Tim Mitchusson**) provided a rare spring record.

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE -- 2 below Navajo Dam, San Juan Co., on 3/31 (TR) were the last reported.

COMMON MERGANSER -- Breeding: A female with 10 small young in the Lower Gila R. Box Canyon near Virden on 5/29 (SOW) provided the first nesting record for Hidalgo Co.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- Late was 1 at Caballo L. on 5/11 (DE, BN, JNP).

RUDDY DUCK -- 1 leucistic (pale tan) bird was with many normal ones at Texico on 4/20 (BN, DE, CR).

OSPREY -- 62 passed the Sandia Mts. lookout site from 3/21 until 5/2 (HWI).

WHITE-TAILED KITE -- An adult at Bitter L. NWR on 5/4-5 (CS*); 1 adult on 4/6 at the marsh near Lordsburg (CS*).

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- Continued to increase in the RGV With 6 at Los Lunas on 5/10 (Bill Principe), 2 near Belen in Valencia Co.

on 5/30 (BH), and 1 at Sunland Park on 4/30 (CS). Out of range was 1 at Estancia, Torrance 5/26 (DE, EN).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- 5 counted at the Sandia Mts. lookout from 3/19 to 5/4 represented a 67% decline from the ten year average (HWI). 1 adult on 3/16 on Lookout Mt. w. of Chloride in nw. Sierra Co. (JO, JP). Almost certainly a migrant was an immature soaring Over the Gila R. near Bill Evans L. on 5/9 (DAZ, MZ).

COMMON BLACKHAWK -- An adult, rare in tile RGV, at Percha SP on 3/13 and an immature 4/28 (BN, DE). Far east were singles at Bitter L. NWR on 3/12 (Marion Manning+*), near Hondo 5/22 (SMB+), and in Black R. Canyon in the Guadalupe Mts., Eddy Co., on 5/1 (R. Galeano-Popp).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- Late was 1 at Boone's Draw 5/25 (JP, JO, DE, BN, CR). 1 adult at Portales 4/21 (JO) and 4/25 (JP, BP); an adult at Rattlesneke Springs on 4/27 (JP). 7 at the Sandia Mts. lookout 3/19 and 4/20 to 4/26 (HWI).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK -- 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 5/19 (BN, DE).

GOLDEN EAGLE -- A near-record 441 counted at the Sandia Mts. lookout from 2/27 to 5/3 (HWI).

MERLIN -- The 10 counted at the Sandia Mts. lookout from 3/10 to 4/30 was 72% above the ten year average (HWI). The peak date was 4/9.

PEREGRINE FALCON -- 27 passed the Sandia Mts. lookout from 3/11 to 5/3 (HWI).

CHUKAR -- 1 on the San Juan College campus in Farmington on 3/4 (TR) was almost certainly an escape.

RING-NECKED PHEASANT -- Noteworthy was 1 in the Mimbres Valley, Grant Co., on 5/11 (RF).

PURPLE GALLINULE -- 1 wandered to Carlsbad on 5/13 where found dead by Tom Hines (fide SW**, specimen to UNM***).

COMMON MOORHEN -- 1 north to the Isleta marsh near Los Lunas in Bernalillo Co. On 5/26 (BV).

AMERICAN COOT -- Breeding: at least 1 young produced at the Green Chaparral Turf Ranch near Moriarty on 5/23 and 5/26 (CR), possibly a first record for Torrance CO.

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 2 were at Morgan L. 4/26 (TR**); singles were at Bosque NWR on 5/2 (PS) and Bitter L. NWR 4/26 to 5/5 (BN, DE, JP, BP, JO, LG, CS*) and 5/18 (JO).

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER -- 1 in winter plumage at Bosque NWR on 4/26-27 (CR+*) and 4/28 (BN*, DE*).

SNOWY PLOVER -- 11 returned to Holloman L. on 3/8 (GE) and Bitter L. NWR on 3/15 (S. Najera). Away from usual areas were 1 at Bosque NWR 3/30 to 4/6 (JO, JP, CR, GE, LG+); 1 at Tyrone, Grant Co., on 5/11 (DAZ, MZ, EL); 2 on 3/29 at the playas w. of Lordsburg (CR, CS, BN, DE), and 1 to 3 at Brantley L. 4/27 (SW) and 5/14 (CR). High Count of 87 at Bitter L. NWR on 4/19 (CR).

KILLDEER -- 4 at Hopewell L., Rio Arriba Co., seen in two feet of snow on the highway shoulder on 3/9 (JO, JP, BP).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- Breeding: a pair with a chick on 5/30 near Abbott (LS);...very few migrants reported from the turf farms at Moriarty and Los Lunas. 1 at Bosque NWR from 4/26 to 4/29 (CR, DE, BN); 15 counted at ten sites in Union, Harding, and Colfax Cos. from 5/13 to 6/28 (LS)

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- 1 at Cochiti L. on 5/9 (CR+).

WILLET -- There was a strong showing of migrants from 4/15 to 5/19 (v.o.), including high Counts of 26 at Morgan L. 5/6 (TR), 24 at Bosque NWR on 4/26 (CR). 6 at Texico 4/27 (JO), 25 at Bitter L. NWR on 4/28 (JO), and 27 near Santa Teresa on 4/24 (DE).

WHIMBREL -- Well-described singles were seen at Chuska L. at Tohatchi, McKinley Co., on 5/11 (DC**), n. of Las Vegas on 5/11 (BW*), and at Bitter L. NWR on 5/8 (JP*).

HUDSONIAN GODWIT -- Rare was a probable 1 at Stubblefield L., Colfax Co., on 5/28 (BW*).

MARBLED GODWIT -- present 4/11 to 5/11 (v.o.), including 120 at Morgan L. on 4/26 (TR**), 2 at Black Rock L. near Zuni on 4/13 (DC), and 15 at Bosque NWR on 5/2 (PS).

SANDERLING -- 2 at Morgan L. on 5/15 (TR**, JO); 1 on 4/26 at Farmington L. (TR); 1 at Maxwell NWR on 5/27 (JO**, JP); 1 at Santa Rosa on 5/17 (JO); 6 at Bosque NWR 5/14 (JO); and 1 to 6 at Brantley L. from 4/26 to 5/27 (CR*, SW, JO, JP, BP, JD).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- Recorded were 2 west to Morgan L. on

5/14-15 (TR**, JO*); 5 at Bitter L. NWR 4/21 (CR*, BN*, DE*) and 5/6 (JP*, JD*).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- 7 strayed west to Las Vegas NWR 5/22 (CR*); 3 at Clayton L. 5/26 (JP*, JO*); and 2 at the Ute Creek arm of Ute L. in Harding Co. 5/25 (JP*, JO**).

DUNLIN -- 5 were at Bottomless L. SP On 3/27 (SMB); 3 at nearby Bitter L. NWR on 4/10 (BH*) were attaining breeding plumage.

CURLEW SANDPIPER -- Unusual: 1 adult molting to breeding plumage at Bitter L NWR on 5/4 (DE*, BN*) and 5/5 (JP*, JO* , video**, LG**, SW+), was a first record for N.M.

STILT SANDPIPER -- Far west was 1 at Lordsburg 5/5 (CR*).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE -- Usually scarce in spring, so noteworthy were 4 to 6 at Morgan L. On 5/15 (TR**, JO**); a female on 4/25 at Farmington L. (TR); singles on 5/11 at Bosque NWR and Las Palomas marsh in Sierra Co. (JNP, DE, BN); 1 female 5/8 (JP) and 17 at Bitter L. NWR 5/19 (JO).

LAUGHING GULL -- A first-winter probable was at Caballo L. on 3/16 (BN*, DE*).

HEERMAN'S GULL -- Unusual: a first-year at EBL. on 3/30 (JP*, JO**, Louis Cuellar) provided the fourth record for N.M. and the first since 1985.

MEW GULL -- 1 with Ring-bills at EBL 4/6 (JP*, CR*, JO**, LG**) may have been the same one reported in January.

THAYER'S GULL -- Present on 3/30 at EBL was an immature probable (JP*, JO**).

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE -- The 1 present at Caballo L. since last November was last seen on 3/6 (GE).

CASPIAN TERN -- The only report was 1 at Caballo L. on 4/13 (BN*, DE*, JP*, JO**).

COMMON TERN -- 1 adult was on Morgan L. On 4/26 (TR**).

LEAST TERN -- Transients appeared at Bitter L. NWR quite early, with 1 on 4/13 (SMB, *fide* S. Najera), 2 on 4/19 (CR*), and 3 on 4/22 (W. Radke, *fide* SN), but were not seen again until 5/6 (JP, JD). 1 at Morgan L. on 5/15 (JO, TR**) provided a San Juan Co. first record.

BLACK SKIMMER -- Unusual: 1 adult at Morgan L. On 5/14 (TR**) furnished the state's second definite and third overall record.

BAND-TAILED PIGEON -- Singles on the eastern plains at the Green Chaparral Turf Ranch near Moriarty on 5/3 (JP) and Rattlesnake Springs 5/6 (JP, JD). Present in good numbers in the Silver City area all spring (DAZ, MZ, EL, RF).

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE -- 1 of uncertain origin was along the Pecos R. east of Artesia, Eddy Co., on 5/5 (SW*).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- Continued their northward advance, including 1 at Española on 5/26 (Martin MacRoberts*, Stacy Fradkin); 2 at Santa Fe all period (Fred Quesenberry, BW); and singles at Moriarty on 5/17 and 5/24 (JO, JP), Ramon 5/19 (JO), and Tinnie, Lincoln Co., on 5/5 (JO). 57 were in the Roswell area on 5/11 (SMB+).

INCA DOVE -- North and east were 1 or 2 west of Melrose at the migrant trap on 5/26 (BN, DE, CR*); with singles in Melrose on 4/25 (JP, BP) and 5/11 (JO), at Boone's Draw on 5/7 (JP, BW), Portales on 4/25 (JP, BP); and 4 in Tatum on 4/20 (CR, DE, BN).

COMMON GROUND-DOVE -- The only report was 1 at Mangas Springs on 4/25-26 (RF*).

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE -- A possible was seen at Las Cruces on 5/18 (Bill Jacobson*). The origin of this previously unreported, unexpected species was a mystery. Law enforcement and other reports suggest illegal traffic in cage birds is increasing in the Las Cruces-El Paso-Juarez area.

FLAMMULATED OWL -- 1 roosting n. of Roswell on 5/4 was noteworthy for the plains (JP).

WHISKERED SCREECH-OWL -- Occupied 11 territories in five Peloncillo Mts. canyons during the period, but none was detected in the Animas Mts. on 5/1 (SOW).

LONG-EARED OWL -- Notable was 1 in the Little Burro Mts., Grant Co., on 5/9 (DAZ).

CHIMNEY SWIFT -- 2 to 6 were at Clayton 5/25-26 (JP, JO); 3 at Clovis on 5/11 (JO) and 6 on 5/25 (JP, JO); 1 to 3 at Roswell from 5/4 to 5/11 (JD, DE, BN, CS, JP, JO, SMB, and James Montgomery), where not known to breed.

BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD -- North was an adult male in Albuquerque's northeast heights from 4/24 to 5/9 (Shannon Dart*). Others away from Guadalupe Canyon were 2 males in the central Peloncillo Mts. on 5/16 (SOW).

LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD -- Only 4 to 6 were in Post Office Canyon in April and May (RS); 1 to the South on 5/16 in the Central Peloncillo Mts. (SOW) was the only additional report.

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- The only report was a singing male last seen in Post Office Canyon on 4/26 (RS).

COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- A male on the e. slope of the San Andres Mts. on 4/23 (MW**) may be the most easterly yet for N.M., another male was in the w. Organ Mts. foothills near Las Cruces 4/17 to 4/19 (Tim Lawton*, GE*, BN*, DE*).

CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD -- Extremely rare in spring was an adult male at Post Office Canyon on 5/19 (RS).

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD -- Uncommon in spring, a male was Post Office Canyon 4/16-17 (RS). Other single males were at Bosque NWR on 5/2 (Mary Lou Arthur+) and in Las Cruces on 4/18 (Ken Stinnett, *fide* CS).

ELEGANT TROGON -- 2 were seen in the central Peloncillo Mts. on 5/17 (SOW*).

LEWIS'S WOODPECKER -- In the RGV were singles at Los Lunas on 5/30 (BH), Bosque NWR 4/30 to 5/8 (DH), and Las Cruces on 3/10 (Bill Glenn, *fide* CS), the latter likely a winter holdover.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- Lingering from winter was one at Las Animas Creek, Sierra Co., on 4/6 (JO, CR, JP, LG).

ACORN WOODPECKER -- Out of habitat was 1 at White Sands NM on 5/16 (JM).

GILA WOODPECKER -- 3 at two sites on the e. side of the Animas Mts. 5/28 (SOW) were perhaps the first east of the Continental Divide. It has become increasingly scarce along the Gila R. (DAZ, MZ, RF).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER -- Singles reported (some without details unfortunately) were at Clayton on 4/25, Santa Fe on 3/1-2 (SB*), White Rock part of Los Alamos 3/10 (JO), and Bitter L. NWR on 3/19 (GE); far west was a male in the Animas Mts. on 5/4 (CR*).

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER -- 1 female in Santa Fe on 3/1 (SB) may have overwintered.

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER -- 1 was on Sandia Crest on 5/12 (Bill Principe).

EASTERN WOOD PEWEE -- A highly probable 1 was singing at Boone's Draw on 5/25 (CR*, BN*, DE*); there is only one definite state record.

LEAST FLYCATCHER -- 1 was at Albuquerque on 5/3 (JO*); it is rare in spring so far west.

GRAY FLYCATCHER -- 3 territorial birds were singing in Little Burro Mts. 5/9 to 5/13 (DAZ, MZ).

BLACK PHOEBE -- Breeding: a nest at the Abo Ruins part of Salinas NM, Torrance Co. on 5/28 contained 2 young (HS).

EASTERN PHOEBE -- Singles near Abbott on 5/29 (LS); at Boone's Draw on 4/27 (JO, LG, CD, Steve and Nancy Cox); Bitter L. NWR on 4/9 (BH*), Percha SP on 4/13 (DE, BN); and Oliver Lee SP, Otero Co., on 3/23 (BN, DE).

WESTERN KINGBIRD -- Notably early were 2 well-seen near Springer, Colfax Co., on 3/19 (Karen Copeland-Williams*).

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- 1 at Bosque, Valencia Co., 5/30 (BH).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- Westerly were 2 near Fort Sumner On 5/4 (BN, DE).

PURPLE MARTIN -- Unexpected in the eastern part of the state was 1 female in e. Union Co. on 5/26 (JP, JO).

BANK SWALLOW -- Probably because of extensive development the Calabacillas Arroyo colony in Albuquerque was found to be abandoned in May (BH).

BLUE JAY -- In the RGV up to 3 were at Los Alamos On 3/10 (JO) to 4/19 (Steve Fettig); 1 at Española on 5/5 (Bernie Foy+); Santa Fe 4/16 to 5/1 (BW, PRS); 1 or 2 at Socorro, Socorro Co., from 3/9 to 4/24 (Fat Basham).

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE -- 2 in s. Albuquerque on 5/11 (Tamie Bulow, *fide* BH) were at their southern frontier.

AMERICAN CROW -- A vocal bird at Redrock on 5/30 (SOW) suggested continued colonization of the lower Gila Valley.

COMMON RAVEN -- Breeding: easterly were a nest at Santa Rosa 5/23 (CR); 2 fledglings at Boone's Draw on 5/26 (CR).

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE -- Singles persisted in the lowlands on 5/3 near Farmington (TR); Albuquerque 3/8 to 3/18 (MAR); near Moriarty on 3/16 (CR); at Santa Rosa On 3/3 (JO); at Sevilleta NWR on 3/14 (BH), and 4/17 at Bosque NWR (PS). 2 on 3/6 at Percha SP (CE).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- Remained in evidence on the e. plains, With 3 at Boone's Draw 5/4 (JO, JP); and singles near Moriarty on 5/3 (JP), near Ramon 5/19 (JO), Portales on 4/27 (JO), n. of Roswell 5/4 (JP), and at Carlsbad on 3/10 (SW+).

CACTUS WREN -- Northerly records included 2 in Guadalupe Co. near Puerto de Luna on 3/3 (JO) and 2 singing near the Los Pinos Mts. on the Sevilleta NWR On 5/30 (BH). 3 remained at Albuquerque until 3/26. but were not seen thereafter (HS).

CAROLINA WREN -- 1 was banded at Bosque NWR on 5/9 (DH**).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- 2 or 3 on 3/31 on Capilla Peak in Torrance Co. (JO); 1 on Lookout Mt. w. of Chloride, on Forest Road 226 in Sierra Co. on 3/16 (JP, JO).

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER -- A pair near Redrock 3/28 and a male there 5/11 (DAZ, MZ) was noteworthy. 1 male was in Guadalupe Canyon on 3/30 (CR, CS, DE, BN) where rarely reported.

EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- 2 discovered near the Oklahoma line along Corrumpa Creek (N. Canadian R.) on 5/26 (JP, JO).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- Late for the south was 1 on 5/31 in the Animas Mts. (AMC, CS); migrants were conspicuous after 5/10 statewide (v.o.) and may have been responsible for some undetailed "Veeries". A high count of 10 were along Corrumpa Creek on 5/26 (JO, JP).

WOOD THRUSH -- 1 singing along Corrumpa Creek near the Oklahoma border on 5/26 (Jp*, JO**).

GRAY CATBIRD -- Seen in the RGV were 3 at the Isleta Lakes 5/26 (BV); 1 at the White Sands NM 5/30 to 6/3 (JM).

BROWN THRASHER -- Breeding: possibly breeding were 2 pairs along Corrupa Creek on 5/26 (JO, JP);....1 at Clayton on 4/28 (WC); 1 near Fort Sumner on 4/16 and 2 on 5/14 (CR); 2 at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 5/18 (JO); 2 at Boone's Draw On 4/28 (JP, BP); 1 to 2 in the Roswell area on 5/6 (JP, JD) and 5/11 (SMB+); 1 at Rattlesnake Springs area 4/26 to 5/3 (JP, JO, BN, DE).

SPRAGUE'S PIPIT -- Rarely detected in spring, 1 was at Bitter L. NWR On 4/9 (BH+); 4 were on the Animas Valley grasslands on 3/31 (CR*, BN, DE, CS).

PHAINOPEPLA -- Perhaps dispersing from the dry southwest, they were unusually numerous in the east, including 30 at Hondo on 5/22 (SMB) and 34 at Rattlesnake Springs on 5/14 (CR); others where rarely reported were singles at the La Joya WMA On 5/10 (BH, a female in Otero Co. at the Three Rivers Petroglyphs NM on 3/16 (AP), and Bottomless Lakes SP near Roswell on 4/24 (GE).

NORTHERN SHRIKE -- 1 undetailed near Aztec on 3/31 (TR) represented the latest ever in N.M. by 9 days; on 3/8 an immature near Stinking (Burford) L., Rio Arriba Co., was the only additional report (JO, JP).

WHITE-EYED VIREO -- 1 at Boone's Draw on 5/4 (JP* JO*).

BELL'S VIREO -- 1 at the San Andres NWR on 4/30 (BH, MW+) provided a local first.

GRAY VIREO -- 1 banded at the RGNC in Albuquerque on 5/7 (WY); 1 singing in the San Andres Mts. on 5/21 (MW).

SOLITARY VIREO -- A 'blue-headed" at Rattlesnake Springs on 4/21 (CR*, DE, BN). A "Cassin's" at the w. edge of the Burro Mts. on 5/11 and 1 at Silver City on 5/26 (DAZ, MZ).

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO -- Westerly was 1 banded at Bosque NWR on 5/7 (DH**). 1 was at Boone's Draw 4/20-21 (DE*, BN*, CR*, JP*, JO**) and again on 5/18 (JO*) where they have appeared annually since 1993.

PHILADELPHIA VIREO -- 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 5/19 (BN*).

RED-EYED VIREO -- 2 On Corrupa Creek on 5/26 "seemed to be territorial" (JP*, JO). Singles at Bosque NWR on 5/28 (banded by DH**), White Sands NM., Otero Co., on 5/26-31 (JM), and near Rattlesnake Springs on 5/6 (JP*, JD*).

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER -- Singles at Bosque NWR 5/22 (DH**), n. of Roswell on 5/14 (CR*), and at Rattlesnake Springs on 5/9 (JP*).

LAWRENCE'S WARBLER -- 1 male banded at the RGNC in Albuquerque on 5/15 (WY).

TENNESSEE WARBLER -- 1 at Percha SP on 5/10 (DE) and 5/11 (JNP, DE, BN).

NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 1 at White Sands NM on 5/30 (JM).

LUCY'S WARBLER -- Breeding: 2 adults feeding 2 fledglings five miles n. of Bernardo, Socorro Co., on 5/30 (BH) were probably a northernmost breeding record for the RGV.

NORTHERN PARULA -- A good number of reports. Singles at the turf ranch at Moriarty on 4/14 (JP*, JO**), on 5/22 (JO**, PRS), and 5/24 (JP*, JO**); the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 5/8 (BW); Boone's Draw on 5/7 (JP*, BW+), at Portales on 4/21 (JO**); s. of Mesa, Chaves Co., on 5/19 (JO**); Roswell on 5/16 (SMB*); Percha SP on 4/28 (BN*, DE*); and at the turf farm near Santa Teresa 4/24 (DE*).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER -- Singles at Bosque NWR (banded female) on 5/31 (DH**) and a male at White Sands NM in Otero Co. on 5/31 (JM*).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER -- Singles banded at Bosque NWR were female on 5/24 and a male on 5/29 (DH**); seen at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 5/18 (JO*).

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER -- 1 male at Santa Rosa 5/23 (CR*); 1 male at Bosque NWR 5/14 (JO**); 1 female in the Animas Valley on 5/31 (AMC*, CS); and 1 male on 5/9-10 at Rattlesnake Springs (JP*, BW, SW+).

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER -- 1 male at Bitter L. NWR on 5/6 (JP* JD**).

GRACE'S WARBLER -- Seldom seen in the lowlands, 1 was at Rattlesnake Springs on 5/3 (BN, DE). Another was seen in Albuquerque on 4/26 (JO).

PRAIRIE WARBLER -- A male banded at Bosque NWR on 5/28 (DH**) represented the state's third definite record. It followed the first by less than a year.

BLACKPOLL WARBLER -- 1 male in Santa Fe 4/29 and 5/1 (CR*).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- Singles were 1 at Clayton on 5/19 (WC); a male near Moriarty on 5/22 (JO**); a female at Bosque NWR on 5/16 and a male on 5/28 were banded (DH); a male at Boone's Draw on 5/4 (BN, DE); male at Bitter L. NWR on 5/5 (SW+, BN, DE, JP, JO, LG); and at NM in Otero CO. 5/27 to 6/1 (JM).

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER -- 1 female at Bosque Redondo Park (BW*, John McKnight).

WORM-EATING WARBLER -- Singles n. of Clovis on 5/8 (JP*, BW), the Little Burro Mts. on 5/8 (EL*, Glen Koontz), at Percha Sp on 5/10 (DE*), and the Rattlesnake Springs area on 5/5 (JP*, DE*, BN*) and 5/6 (JP*, JD**).

OVENBIRD -- Seen at 12 sites from 5/4 to 5/29 (v.o.), including 4 banded at Bosque NWR 5/8 to 5/29 (DH).

LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH -- 1 near Cannon APR in Curry Co. on 4/27 (JO**) and 4/28 (JP*, BP) for the state's third definite and ninth overall record.

KENTUCKY WARBLER -- Singles at the migrant trap w. of Melrose 5/8 to 5/11 (JP*, BW*, JO**); banded at the RGNC in Albuquerque on 5/20 (WY); and seen at the Quarai Ruins in Tarrant Co. on 5/12 (HS*).

HOODED WARBLER -- Found at an unprecedented nine locales: a male at the RGNC in Albuquerque banded on 5/20 (WY); a near Moriarty on 5/17 (JO**) and 5/26 (CR*, DE*, BN*); a female at Ramon on 5/12 (JO**); 1 at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 5/8 (BW*); 1 male at Boone's Draw 5/4 (BN*, DE*, JP, JO**, CS); 1 female near Roswell 5/10 (JP*) and 5/13 (CR*); 1 male banded on 5/23 at Bosque NWR (DH**); a male banded at the San Andres NWR 4/30 (MW**, BH); and a male at Rattlesnake Springs on 4/27 (JP*, BP+) and 5/6 (JP*, JD).

CANADA WARBLER -- 1 at Bosque NWR on 5/22 (DH**) was the state's third definite and sixth overall record.

RED-FACED WARBLER -- Unusual was 1 in mesquite on 5/5 at Lordsburg (CR*).

PAINTED REDSTART -- Out of its range were singles north to Bandelier NM in Sandoval Co. 5/27-30 (E. Behr, Carlyn Jervis*, PRS*) and east to near Mesilla on 3/30 (BT*) and in Las Cruces on 4/10 (Pat Arrowwood, *fide* CS).

HEPATIC TANAGER -- Easterly was 1 at Bitter L. NWR in a mesquite

on 5/24 (CR*, BN); 3 in the San Andres Mts. 4/30 and 5/1 (BH, MW) may represent a local first.

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK -- Had another banner year, with 1 to 5 at 20 locales after 5/4 (v.o.), including singles to Mt. Taylor on 5/25 (HS), Silver City 5/14 to 5/16 (EL) and Post Office Canyon from 5/14 to 5/18 (RS).

INDIGO BUNTING -- Also a good year with 1 to 5 at 11 sites from 4/30 to 5/26 (v.o.).

EASTERN TOWHEE -- 1 male banded on 4/21 about 22 miles ne. of Orogrande in Otero Co. (Jeff Kozma**) was the first verified N.M. record.

BOTTERI'S SPARROW -- First found singing in the Animas Valley on 5/13 (SOW). A male found east of the Animas Mts. on Deer Creek 5/28 was a new locale (SOW).

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- Perhaps due to drought none in areas where they were counted in previous years as at Columbus, near Hachita, Redrock, and Gage (SOW). Also considered scarce in Eddy Co. (SW).

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW -- 1 was late on Navajo land (NAPI) south of Farmington on 3/8 (TR).

FIELD SPARROW -- Far west were singles at Bosque NWR on 4/16 (AMC*, Narca Moore-Craig); 1 singing at Rattlesnake Springs 4/27-28 (JP, JO, BP).

SAGE SPARROW -- Late was 1 at Albuquerque on 4/5 (BH). 2 were at La Cueva in Mora Co. on 3/19 (SB+).

BAIRD'S SPARROW -- At least 2 to 10 were well seen Animas Valley on 3/31 (CR*, DE*, BN*, CS); as were 2 on the Otero Mesa grasslands, Otero Co., on 3/22 (Josh Nove*).

LINCOLN'S SPARROW -- Late were 1 in Albuquerque on 5/22 (MAR), 3 near Moriarty on 5/23 (JO), 1 at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 5/26 (CR, DE, BN), and in the Animas Mts. on 5/31 (AMC, CS).

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW -- 1 immature on 3/3 at Alameda, Bernalillo Co., (CR*, PRS, CS); 1 banded at Ropes Spring on 5/1 (BH, MW**) provided a San Andres Mts. first; 1 at Dripping Springs near Las Cruces 5/2 to 5/5 (J. Atchley*, K. Stinnett).

HARRIS'S SPARROW -- Singles included an immature at Mesilla

Park, Doña Ana Co., on 4/1 (BT*) and an adult at White Sands NM, Otero Co., on 5/2 (JM*).

DARK-EYED JUNCO -- The White-winged Junco found in winter in Los Alamos was last seen on 3/18 (PRS).

YELLOW-EYED JUNCO -- 1 that strayed to Post Office Canyon on 5/5 (RS) furnished one of the few spring records for the Peloncillo Mts.

EASTERN MEADOWLARK -- North was 1 at Navajo in McKinley Co. on 5/11 (DC).

RUSTY BLACKBIRD -- 2 were still at Santa Rosa 3/3 (JO**).

COMMON GRACKLE -- Noteworthy for sw. N.M. were 6 at Deming, Luna Co., on 3/9 (RF*). 1 was at the rest stop S. of Mesa, Chaves Co., on 4/15 (PS).

BRONZED COWBIRD -- 4 at Mangas Springs after 5/19 (RF), 1 to 4 in the Playas Valley, Hidalgo Co. on 5/28-29 (SOW); 2 near Columbus on 5/15 (DE); 1 to 3 at Las Cruces on 5/2 and 5/10 (*fide* CS); 1 at the White Sands NM, Otero Co., on 5/16 (JM); and 1 male near Rattlesnake Springs 5/12 (JO); north were 2 at Carrizozo, Lincoln Co., on 5/24 (CR*).

HOODED ORIOLE -- 1 female banded at Bosque NWR 5/20 (DH).

BALTIMORE ORIOLE; -- 1 immature male on 5/6 at Rattlesnake Springs (JD*, JP*).

CASSIN'S FINCH -- Moderate numbers in the Black Range and San Mateo Mts. Sierra Co., from mid-March into April (JP, JO, DE, BN), and 12 in the Pinos Altos Mts., Grant Co., on 3/9 (DAZ, MZ), but the species was relatively scarce elsewhere, including its usual n. highlands haunts.

RED CROSSBILL -- Likewise were most in evidence in the s. mountains, particularly in Catron, Grant, Sierra, and Lincoln Cos. (v.o.).

EVENING GROSBEAK -- Widespread in the w. two-thirds of N.M. including 100 at Silver City on 4/28 (EL), 30 to 40 in the Pinos Altos Mts. on 4/25 (RF), and 184 in Santa Fe Co. on 5/11 (CR+).

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