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SUMMER 1998 HIGHLIGHTS

This summer was a season of contrasts. The hot, dry, windy conditions of spring continued through June, and was broken abruptly by rains almost statewide throughout July. Bitter Lake NWR hosted several rare herons. Stinking Lake dried nearly totally causing breeding birds there to move elsewhere.

Abbreviations Used

BBS	Breeding Bird Survey	NWR	Natl. Wildlife Refuge
Co.	County		N.M. New Mexico
EBL	Elephant Butte L.	R.	River
Hwy.	Highway	RGV	Rio Grande Valley
L.	Lake	SP	State Park
Mt(s).	Mountain(s)		v.o. various observers
*	details provided	+	plus, and others
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PLACE NAMES AND THEIR COUNTIES

Albuquerque	Bernalillo	Bosque (del Apache)	NWR
Angel Fire	Colfax		Socorro
Animas Valley	Hidalgo	Brantley Lake	SP Eddy
Antelope Wells	Hidalgo	Caballo Lake	Sierra
Bitter Lake	NWR Chaves	Carlsbad	Eddy
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Black Range	Sierra and Grant	Manzano Mts. Mayhill	Torrance Otero
Chama	Rio Arriba	Melrose trap	Roosevelt
Chuska Mountains	San Juan	Mogollon	Catron
Clanton Canyon	Hidalgo	Morgan Lake	San Juan
Cliff	Grant	Mount Taylor	Cibola
Deming	Luna	Organ Mountains	Doña Ana
Elephant Butter L.	Sierra	Pecos	San Miguel
Escondida	Socorro	Peloncillo Mts.	Hidalgo
Española	Rio Arriba	Post Office Canyon	Hidalgo
Fenton Lake	Sandoval	Quarai Ruins	Torrance
Farmington	San Juan	Ragland	Quay
Fort Sumner	DeBaca	Rattlesnake Springs	Eddy
Gallina	Rio Arriba	Rio Rancho	Sandoval
Gila River Valley	Grant	Roswell	Chaves
Grenville	Union	Ruidoso	Lincoln
Guadalupe Canyon	Hidalgo	Sabinoso	San Miguel
Guadalupe Mts.	Eddy	San Agustin Plains	Catron
Hillsboro	Sierra		Socorro
Holloman Lake	Otero	San Juan Pueblo	Rio Arriba
Isleta Marsh	Bernalillo	San Mateo Mts.	Socorro
Jemez Mountains	Sandoval	Silver City	Grant
Lake Valley	Sierra	Springer Lake	Colfax
Las Cruces	Doña Ana	Stinking Lake	Rio Arriba
Las Vegas	San Miguel	Tijeras	Bernalillo
Lordsburg	Hidalgo	Tucumcari, Lake	Quay
Los Alamos	Los Alamos	Ute Lake	Quay
Los Lunas	Valencia	Very Large Array	Socorro
Magdalena	Socorro	Virden	Hidalgo
Mangas Springs	Grant	White Oaks	Lincoln
	Zuni	McKinley	

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

COMMON LOON -- On Sumner L. n. of Fort Sumner in winter plumage were 2 on 7/8 (BH+) and 1 on 7/19 (JO).

EARED GREBE -- Breeding: some years over 1000 pairs may nest at Stinking L., but low water this year caused no breeding (DS); with only small numbers nesting nearby.

BROWN PELICAN -- A sub-adult took up residence at Bitter L. NWR 6/17 to 7/24 (GW, BH**, JO**, video, BN, DE). An adult at Mescalero L., Otero Co., on 6/13 (fide AP) may have been the same sighted at nearby Ruidoso 5/13 (AP).

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT -- Continued in the Pecos R. Valley, with 1 to 3 at Bitter L. NWR 6/19 to 7/31 (GW, JP, BN, DE). North in the RGV was 1 at Isleta Marsh 7/11 (CR).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- Not known to breed in Chaves Co., so their presence at Bitter L. NWR in June and July, including 24 on 7/17 (GW), was interesting.

LEAST BITTERN -- 1 was calling at Española on 6/23 (BW).

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- 1 adult at Bosque NWR 6/7 (JO) was the only report in the RGV. A calico was at Bitter L. NWR from 7/8 into August (GW, JP, JO, BH, SB, v.o.).

TRICOLORED HERON -- 1 or 2 immatures at Bitter L. NWR on 7/24 to 7/31 (GW, JP, JO, BN, DE).

REDDISH EGRET -- A remarkable 2 at Bitter L. NWR 7/17 to 7/24 (GW, JP*, DE*, BN*, JO**, video, JM*). At least 1 stayed into August.

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK -- 1 unbanded made a brief appearance at the White Sands Missile Range headquarters, Doña Ana Co., on 7/15 (David Holdermann**).

WOOD DUCK -- 1 female at Springer L. on 7/19 (CR, DE); 1 male at Holloman L. on 6/13 (SW).

HOODED MERGANSER -- 3 in female plumage at Bosque NWR on 7/5 were possibly locally hatched immatures (JP, JO, LC).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- A female on Springer L. on 7/19 (CR*, DE).

RUDDY DUCK -- Breeding: Rio Rancho had a bright male at a sewage pond on 7/5 (BH) and a female with 4 ducklings at the golf course on 7/26 (Jana George, *fide* HS).

OSPREY -- Breeding: 4 of the 5 known nests in northern N.M. succeeded, fledging 9 young by late July (DS, SOW).

WHITE-TAILED KITE -- Singles were near San Antonio, in Socorro Co., 6/17 (NC, SC) and s. of Virden on 7/5 (DE, BN). Corrigendum for Vol. 37, No. 2, page 21 remove JY as an observer.

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- Breeding: 3 pairs, with 1 building a nest, were on the Rio Casas Grandes in n. Chihuahua on 6/2 (BH), apparently the first breeding record in Mexico.

BALD EAGLE -- Breeding: The number of known territories was doubled with the discovery of 2 new and eventually successful nests in Colfax Co. (R. Sever, C. Torrez, SOW).

GRAY HAWK -- An immature was near the Hwy. 211 bridge in the Gila R. Valley on 7/9 (SS*).

COMMON BLACK-HAWK -- Breeding: returned to the Rio Hondo where an active nest was observed in Lincoln Co. on 6/5 (SOW). 3 young were fledged in the Mangas Springs and Gila R. areas (RF).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK -- 3 in the Canadian R. Canyon near Mills in Harding Co. on 7/22 (HS, Dan Svingen).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK -- Breeding: studies by Hawks Aloft of these beleaguered hawks provided encouraging news. 20 of 24 nests in the Estancia Valley, Torrance Co., and 14 of 21 nests in the San Agustin Plains were a success, as were 4 of 5 nests near Farmington (GG, v.o.).

WHITE-TAILED PTARMIGAN -- Helicopter surveys for bighorn sheep in the Pecos Wilderness of the Sangre de Cristo Mts. located these at 3 sites with 3 on N. Truchas Peak on 7/7 and 2 singles n. of Santa Barbara Peak on 7/8 (ER).

LESSER PRAIRIE-CHICKEN -- Surveys found none in historic range in ne. N.M. Farther south surveys and other information indicated they were gone from two-thirds of their historic range e. of Roswell and Carlsbad (GFD). In June the USFWS ruled that their federal listing was "warranted, but precluded by higher priorities".

NORTHERN BOBWHITE -- A new western locale was established with 1 on the Canadian R. w. of Sabinoso on 6/27 (CR).

COMMON MOORHEN -- Breeding: A pair was tending 3 chicks at San Marcial, Socorro Co., on 7/18 (JP).

AMERICAN COOT -- Breeding: ever resourceful, urban coots produced young at Rio Rancho (BH) and Deming (LM).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 1 at Bitter L. NWR on 6/5 (GW).

SNOWY PLOVER -- Numbers peaked at 426 at Bitter L. NWR on 7/2 (GW). In other areas 4 were at Ute L. SP on 7/18 (JO), up to 6 at Bosque NWR from 6/6 to 7/18 (JO, JP, CR, DE), 12 at Holloman L. on 6/13 (SW), and 3 at Brantley L. SP on 6/6 (JO).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER -- Late was 1 at Bitter L. NWR on 6/9 (CM). 1 to 3 were early there on 7/31 (GW, JP).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- 3 in their ne. stronghold with only 2 reports. Southbound migrants were arriving at turf farms near Los Lunas and Moriarty, Tarrant Co., by mid-July. An immature with 2 adults was on the Split Lip Flats west of Nageezi, San Juan Co., on 7/22-23 (TR**).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- The earliest returning were 2 at Tucumcari L. on 7/7 (BW) and 4 at Bitter L. NWR 7/8 (BH+).

WILLET -- Singles at Bosque NWR on 7/5 (JP, JO), and Bitter L. NWR on 7/2, 7/24, and 7/31 (GW).

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- Southbound migrants were heard passing over Bitter L. NWR on 7/28 (GW) and 7/31 (GW, JP, JO).

HUDSONIAN GODWIT -- Apparently lingering from May's strong showing was 1 at Bitter L. NWR on 6/5 to 6/7 (GW, SW).

MARbled GODWIT -- Unusual were 21 at Bitter L. NWR on 6/23 (GW) and 4 at EBL on 7/2 (JP, JO, DE, BN).

RUDDY TURNSTONE -- 1 in breeding plumage at Bitter L. NWR on 7/22 (GW*).

RED KNOT -- 1 at Bitter L. NWR on 7/31 (JP*, GW).

SANDERLING -- Singles at Bosque NWR on 7/30 (JO) and at Bitter L. NWR on 7/24 (JP, GW).

WESTERN SANDPIPER -- Earliest on 7/2 were 1 at the playas w. of Lordsburg (JP, JO, LC) and 15 at Bitter L. NWR (GW).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- The latest were 6 at Bitter L. NWR on 6/5 (GW) and 1 on 6/9 (CM*).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- 1 at Bitter L. NWR on 7/8 (GW) and 1 at Deming on 7/14 (LM*).

STILT SANDPIPER -- A remarkable 290 were at Bitter L. NWR on 7/24 (GW).

COMMON SNIBE -- 1 winnowing s. of Fenton L. on 6/27-28 (PF), provided a new summer locale.

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- High count of 928 at Bitter L. NWR on 7/31 (GW).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE -- 2 at Holloman L. on 6/6 were late (JO). A female at Springer L. on 7/19 (CR, DE) was early. 2 n. of Ojitos, in Chihuahua, Mexico on 6/3 (BH) may be a first local record.
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FRANKLIN'S GULL -- 1 to 7 at 7 locales in the north and east 6/5 to 7/19 (v.o.); singles in mountain terrain were at Corona, Lincoln Co., on 6/6 (SOW) and Mayhill 6/6 (JO).

CALIFORNIA GULL -- Notable for the southeast was a second-year immature at Bitter L. NWR from 7/18 to 7/31 (JM*, SB*, JP, JO, GW, DE, BN, v.o.).

CASPIAN TERN -- 2 at Morgan L. 6/7 (TR**) were the first for San Juan Co. in many years. 1 at Bitter L. NWR 6/10 (GW) and another appeared on 7/17-18 (GW, SB*).

LEAST TERN -- Breeding: the breeding population at Bitter L. NWR numbered 7 pairs (JM, SOW);...Singles wandered w. to Bosque NWR 6/5 (BH*) and to Morgan L. on 7/9 (TR).

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE -- Continuing a presence at Fort Sumner were 1 or 2 seen and heard various dates in June and July (SOW*, SW, JO, JP, v.o.). Others continued to reside in Roswell, while 1 at Bitter L. NWR on 7/31 (GW, JP) provided a local first.

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- At least 3 pairs were in the Casa Solana area of Santa Fe on 7/12 and 7/21 (ER). Other northerly reports included 1 near Tucumcari on 7/7 (BW) and 4 at Fort Sumner on 6/2 (SOW) where 1 was still singing on 7/19 (JO).

INCA DOVE -- Also at Fort Sumner were 5 at twp locales on 6/1-2 (SOW) and 3 on 7/19 (JO). Singles were seen at Melrose, Curry Co., on 6/7 (SW) and at Tucumcari on 7/18 (JO). Corrigendum for Vol. 37, No. 2, page 26: the 2 in Portales were seen on 3/14, not 5/14.

COMMON GROUND-DOVE -- 1 singing in Clanton Canyon on 7/4 (JP*, JO, LC) and 1 in Post Office Canyon on 6/2 (BW*).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- Breeding: at least 6 nests were found in the Gila R. Valley near Cliff and Gila (SS); ... where rarely reported were 1 at San Juan Pueblo on 6/28 (JT+); 2 at Berrenda Creek s. of Hillsboro, Sierra Co., 6/8 (GG); and 2 in Last Chance Canyon in the Guadalupe Mts. on 6/30 (SW+).

BARN OWL -- Breeding: 5 immatures were at Bloomfield, in San Juan Co., 6/2 (TR). A nest in a huge cottonwood at Escondida on 6/7; young were heard inside (HS).

WHISKERED SCREECH-OWL -- None seem in Cottonwood Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. 6/10 where the habitat recently burned. 5 territories were in the Clanton Canyon area (SOW).

ELF OWL -- Recent arrivals to the Guadalupe Mts., they continued there with 2 in Last Chance Canyon 6/30 (SW) and 3 calling in Dark Canyon on 6/23 (SW+).

LONG-EARED OWL -- Breeding: 1 pair with 5 young was w. of Nageezi on 7/23 (TR). 6 others were summering in Sandoval, Sierra, and Hidalgo Cos. (v.o.).

WHIP-POOR-WILL -- 1 heard in Gallinas Canyon near Las Vegas, San Miguel Co., 6/6 (CR) furnished at least the third recent summer record for that northern area.

BLACK SWIFT -- Breeding: the Jemez Mts. colony on 7/17 had 8 active nests (HS), highest count yet for this site; Unusual were 3 at Nambé Falls, Santa Fe Co., 7/15 (BW) and 3 over Clanton Canyon 7/2 (BN*, DE*). 1 to 3 were in the Gila R. Valley near Gila from 6/16 to 6/25 (SS*, DH+).

CHIMNEY SWIFT -- Possibly summering were 2 at Tucumcari L. on 7/7 (BW), 5 at Clovis, Curry Co., on 6/6 (SW), and 4 at Roswell on 7/5 (JM).

Hummingbirds -- Reported as scarce in Post Office Canyon this summer (RTS) and in other parts of the sw Peloncillo Mts. 7/23-25 (WB). Few agaves were in bloom and the oaks were mostly leafless. A good number of migrants in Los Alamos in July (JT) and in Silver City (Eugene Lewis). Numbers a bit low at Mangus Springs (RF) and Carlsbad (SW).

BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD -- Breeding: north were 15 in the c. Peloncillo Mts. on 7/24 where a just fledged juvenile documented the first N.M. breeding away from Guadalupe Canyon (WB*).

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD -- 2 were north to Cedar Crest in Bernalillo Co. from 6/21 to 6/30 (J.D. Ligon), and a male was s. of Tijeras on 7/17 (Karen Boettcher*).

LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD -- Breeding: a juvenile male and a female were banded in Post Office Canyon on 7/25 (JDM). The immature was locally produced;....Another was s. of there on 7/24 (WB).

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- Early and far east was an immature male at Roswell on 6/12 to 6/14 (SB*). Another immature male was banded near Tijeras on 6/23 (JDM**). 7 were banded in Post Office Canyon on 7/25 (JDM, RTS).

CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD -- Southbound migrants had returned to N.M. by 7/2, with one banded near Tijeras (JDM). In the

east, a male at Clayton, Union Co., on 7/12 (Wesley Cook, *fide* LF), a male near the Oklahoma line in Union Co. on 7/20 (LF), and 1 at Carlsbad 7/15-16 (TH, *fide* SW).

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD -- Earliest returning were 2 males at Mogollon 6/27-28 (JO) and a male near Tijeras 6/25 (JDM).

Selasphorus hummingbird -- A full-gorgeted, green-backed male of the Rufous/Allen's type at Sapillo Crossing in the Mimbres Valley, Grant Co., 7/25 (BN, DE) was perhaps an ALLEN'S, a species yet to be confirmed in the state.

ELEGANT TROGON -- Breeding: on 7/25 a pair was feeding 2 fledglings in the Peloncillo Mts. (WB).

LEWIS'S WOODPECKER -- 3 in Los Lunas on 7/11 (CR) and 1 on Hwy. 52 south of the Very Large Array, Socorro Co., w. of Magdalena, on 6/4 (CR).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- Singles in unusual places were w. of Mosquero, San Miguel Co., on 6/27 (CR) and n. of Caprock, Lea Co., in mesquite habitat on 6/5 (SOW).

ACORN WOODPECKER -- 2 on Golondrina Mesa near Gallina, Rio Arriba Co., on 6/30 (CR). 1 in Turkey Canyon in the Guadalupe Mts. on 7/5 (SW, TH).

GILA WOODPECKER -- 1 male at Mangas Springs from 6/29 through 7/31 (RF). 1 or 2 at 2 sites on Deer Creek w. of Antelope Wells on 6/11-12 (SOW).

LADDER-BACKED WOODPECKER -- 2 were at Youngsville, in Rio Arriba Co., on 6/21 (JO).

DOWNY WOODPECKER -- Breeding: feeding noisy nestlings in Fourth of July Canyon in the Manzano Mts. 7/26 (HS), likely a first record for Torrance Co.:...A pair was at Bonito Lake near Alto, Lincoln Co., on 6/9 (AP).

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER -- At least 2 were still in the Dome Burn area of the Jemez Mts. (JP, JO, JT, BN+, DE).

WESTERN WOOD-PEWEE -- Late migrants were conspicuous in the east, including 45 at Boone's Draw, Roosevelt Co., on 6/9 (CM). Notable was 1 singing at Grenville on 6/13 (KS).

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE -- 2 very vocal birds were video-taped together at Rattlesnake Springs on 6/6 (JO**), providing only the second definite N.M. record.

EMPIDONAX flycatcher -- 1 of the Willow/Alder type at the migrant trap w. of Melrose 6/9 (CM*) had "pipping" calls and may have been an Alder, a species not reported in N.M. At least 6 WILLOWS were also there that day, some singing (CM).

GRAY FLYCATCHER -- An impressive season produced reports from 18 locales, including on 9 BBS routes, including 1 or 2 south to the Black Range on 6/12 (Paul Boucher) and 7/1 (SOW), White Oaks on 6/26 (SOW), and 2 at 2 sites in the Guadalupe Mts. 6/5 and 7/4 (SW). A high count of 17 in the Rowe Mesa area near Pecos on 6/7 (CR).

DUSKY FLYCATCHER -- Breeding: 4 singing near Capilla Peak on 6/21 (BH), where an active nest 7/22 (HS**) confirmed breeding in the Manzano Mts., the southernmost yet in N.M.

BUFF-BREADED FLYCATCHER -- A territorial but apparently unmated 1 in Clanton Canyon on 6/1 to 6/17 (BW*, tapes by Larry Gorbet**, CM*, video by JO**, SOW*, JP*) furnished the third Peloncillo Mts. report in 4 years.

EASTERN PHOEBE -- Singles were late at Fort Sumner on 6/2 (SOW) and Caballo L. on 6/15 (GE).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- 2 at Bruhns Farm n. of Ute L. in s. Harding Co. on 7/18 (JO) established a new ne. locale.

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD -- Unusually common east to Union Co., including 15 at Grenville on 6/13 (KS).

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- South were 2 at Bosque Redondo Park near Fort Sumner on 6/9 (CM).

BELL'S VIREO -- Breeding: the Gila R. s. of Redrock, in Grant Co., was found to contain the largest population yet discovered in N.M., with 44 pairs along a 4 mile stretch; 46% of 70 nest attempts found to be successful (Jennifer Parody).

GRAY VIREO -- 1 singing in the Ladrones Mts. 6/21 (NC) furnished a new locality in Socorro Co.

RED-EYED VIREO -- 1 at Mesilla, Doña Ana Co., on 6/5 (Ray Meyer*) and 2 at Rattlesnake Springs on 6/2 (SW).

YELLOW-GREEN VIREO -- 1 possible singing at the Black Rock bosque near Zuni on 7/4 (DC*).

BLUE JAY -- Apparently summering w. to the RGV were 2 at Los Lunas 7/11 (CR) and 1 at Las Cruces on 6/12 (SW).
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PINYON JAY -- Widespread and numerous including 10 e. to Ragland, Quay Co., on 7/19 (JO) and 1 s. to Berrenda Creek south of Hillsboro on 6/8 (GG).

PURPLE MARTIN -- 1 in the Chuska Mts. on 7/25 (TR); 2 on Mount Taylor on 7/3 (BH+); 1 in Wilson Canyon s. of Cuba, Sandoval Co., on 6/29 (CR); 10 entering hollow tubes on a radio tower at Gray Hill w. of Magdalena on 6/19 (GG+); 2 near the Very Large Array 6/4 (CR); 2 at Bitter Creek Tank, w. side of the San Mateo Mts., on 7/1 (SOW); and 2 at Grindstone L. in Ruidoso 6/5 (SOW) and 7 on 6/16 (AP).

VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW -- Breeding: on 6/27 nested high in the stone walls of the church at Quarai Ruins (HS).

BANK SWALLOW -- Breeding: a new colony of 165 nest holes was discovered at Rio Rancho 7/5 (BH). There were 300 holes in the Calabacillas colony near Albuquerque (HS, *fide* BH);...Unusual was 1 at Six-Mile Dam near Otis 7/7 (SW); it is known only as a migrant in Eddy Co.

CAVE SWALLOW -- Breeding: at least 40 were at the bridge near La Union, Doña Ana Co., on 7/23 (SW+), where young were banded on 7/24.

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE -- Breeding: a pair feeding young in a cavity at Aguirre Springs Park on 6/3 (James Paton) established a breeding record for the Organ Mts.

JUNIPER TITMOUSE -- Far east were 2 near Ragland, Quay Co., on 7/19 (JO).

CACTUS WREN -- Found in the Sandia Mts. foothills e. of Albuquerque from 6/29 to 7/10 (Pat Snider).

BEWICK'S WREN -- Noteworthy for the lower RGV was 1 at Percha SP, Sierra Co., on 6/1 (GE) and 6/10 (CM).

WINTER WREN -- 1 singing below Jemez Falls on 6/28 (DE) and 7/11 (JP, JO) provided the third Jemez Mts. summer report in 4 years, amazing for a species whose nearest known breeding is hundreds of miles to the northwest.

MARSH WREN -- Breeding: abandoned the dry Stinking L., but nearby Enbom L. had 12 singing males and 2 active nests on 6/13-14 (DS), while Stone L. had 6 occupied territories and 2 active nests on 6/14 (DS).

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER -- 1 or 2 at the San Simon Cienega near Rodeo, Hidalgo Co., on 7/3 (JP, JO, LC).

VEERY -- 1 or 2 singing in willow thickets at Chama 6/12-13 (JP*) and 6/20-21 (JO**, tape) furnished the second Rio Chama summer report in three years; in the Sangre de Cristo Mts. 1 was singing e. of Peñasco, Taos Co., on 6/12-13 (BN, DE).

THRUSHES -- Among the late migrants at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 6/9 were single SWAINSON'S and HERMIT THRUSHES (CM).

GRAY CATBIRD -- Conspicuous in peripheral areas. 2 were at Chama on 6/14 (JP) and 1 on 6/21 (JO). Singles at 5 sites in San Juan Co. 6/3 to 7/24 (TR); near Zuni 6/5 to 7/9 (DC); Isleta Marsh on 7/11 (CR), Bosque NWR on 6/8 (GE), and Bitter L. NWR on 6/6 and 6/10 (GW).

BROWN THRASHER -- Breeding: nested at Bosque Redondo Park near Fort Sumner on 6/9 (CM) and 7/8 (BH+).

LONG-BILLED THRASHER -- The remarkably persistent 1 was still singing at Bosque Redondo Park near Fort Sumner on 6/9 (CM**, tape) and 6/14 (BH**).

AMERICAN PIPIT -- South of known breeding areas was an adult in the Mogollon Mts. e. of the Silver Creek Divide, on Forest Road 153, Catron Co., on 6/27 (JO).

CEDAR WAXWING -- Notable in summer were 7 at Chama 6/20 (JO) and 2 in Los Alamos on 6/10 (JT).

PHAINOPEPLA -- Wandered north with 2 at Alma, Catron Co., on 6/28 (JO), and in the RGV with 1 at Riley, Socorro Co., 6/12 (HS) and 3 at Escondida 6/7 (HS). East was 1 at the Quarai Ruins on 6/13 (HS) and 5 in the Guadalupe Mts. on 6/30, 7/18, and 7/26 (SW+, Craig Cranston). Notable were 1 or 2 in the Lake Valley area on 6/8 (GG) and 7/16 (LM).

OLIVE WARBLER -- 1 singing was n. to Rainy Mesa se. of Reserve, Catron Co., on 6/27 (JO).

LUCY'S WARBLER -- 1 singing at Escondida on 6/7 (HS) was near the n. edge of its RGV distribution. A notable 1 at Berrenda Creek s. of Hillsboro 6/8 and 6/27 (GG+, NC, SC).

WORM-EATING WARBLER -- 1 singing near Cliff in the Gila R. Valley on 6/24 (Michelle Chase) was still there and banded on 7/2 (DH**), and seen on 7/8 and 7/20 (v.o.).

OVENBIRD -- A late male was singing at Albuquerque on 6/10 (John Haskell*).

HOODED WARBLER -- Intriguing was 1 singing near Cliff on 6/18, seen foraging with a female 7/1, and sighted again 7.2 and 7/8 (DH**, v.o.). Another singing male was in Albuquerque on 6/1 (John Haskell*).

CANADA WARBLER -- A late 1 was at the migrant trap w. of Melrose 6/9 (CM*), only the 7th in N.M., but the second for Roosevelt Co.

RED-FACED WARBLER -- North of usual was 1 near Quemado L., Catron Co., on 7/5 (BN) and 1 singing in the mountains w. of Bill Knight Gap on Forest Road 19 n. of Luna, Catron Co., on 6/17 (SOW).

PAINTED REDSTART -- North of usual was 1 in the Jemez Mts. in the Dome Burn area on 6/18 (Ken Schneider*).

HEPATIC TANAGER -- 1 or 2 in the Zuni area 6/1, 6/16 and 7/13 (DC). 3 in Last Chance Canyon of the Guadalupe Mts. on 7/18 (SW+).

SUMMER TANAGER -- May now be regular north to the Canadian R. near Sabinoso, where there was 1 on 6/27 (CR). 3 were north to Bosque Redondo Park near Fort Sumner on 6/27 (JP).

SCARLET TANAGER -- Late and a first for Colfax Co. was a male near Raton on 6/12 and 6/18 (Kimberly Suedkamp*).

WESTERN TANAGER -- Singles in the lowlands were a male at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 6/9 (CM) and along the Delaware R., s. of Malaga in Eddy Co. on 7/11 (SW, TH+).

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- The onset of rains in early July resulted in rapid detection of these in the north-central and west. 2 to 4 in San Juan Co. 7/5 and 7/23 (TR); up to 23 near Zuni on 7/2 to 7/17 (DC); the West Mesa of Albuquerque came alive with 35 singing on 7/10 (BH); 16 near the Sevilleta NWR, Socorro Co., on 6/7 in saltbush (HS); and 2 at Lake Valley on 7/16 (LM). In the middle Animas Valley where surveys found only 1 on 6/11 (SOW), over 50 were singing on 7/31 (SOW).

BOTTERI'S SPARROW -- Continued to thrive in the middle Animas Valley, with 28 territories in a 2.5 miles reach on 7/30 to 8/1 (SOW); on 6/12 in the w. Playas Valley, Hidalgo Co., a male was singing in McKinney Flats for the second consecutive year and another was found on lower Deer Creek, where there had been a pair in 1996 (SOW).

RUFIOUS-CROWNED SPARROW -- Up to 6 in the canyon of the Santa Fe R. near La Cienega. Sandoval Co., on 6/5 (GG+) and 6/24 (CR). Singles at 2 sites in White Rock Canyon above nearby Cochiti L., Sandoval Co., on 7/18 (BH).

LARK BUNTING -- Noticeably scarce in stark contrast to last year, with 12 at Grenville on 6/13 (KS) the high count. Unusual were 2 south to Black R. Village, Eddy Co., on 6/24 (SW). An early migrant reached Deming on 7/14 (LM).

SAVANNAH SPARROW -- Suggestive of breeding were 4 in the Nutria Valley near Zuni on 6/30 (DC), 1 near Stinking L. on 6/18 (DS), 21 near Angel Fire on 6/21 (CR), and 5 at Maxwell, Colfax Co., on 6/14 (Kathy Granillo).

NORTHERN CARDINAL -- 1 was northerly at Tucumcari L. on 7/7 (BW), where they have been seen fairly regularly.

PYRRHULOXIA -- 1 was singing in the Mescalero Sands e. of Roswell 7/9 (BH). Breeding is unknown in Chaves Co.

ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK -- 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 6/6 (JO) provided the only report.

INDIGO BUNTING -- 1 near Kirtland, San Juan Co., 6/29 (TR); 1 to 3 males near Zuni from 6/1 through 7/3 (DC); 1 male at San Juan Pueblo on 6/28 (JT); up to 7 in Los Lunas 7/11 (CR), including a possible hybrid. 2 males 6/13 and 3 on 6/28 at the Quarai Ruins (HS). 1 male at White Oaks on 6/26 (SOW) and another male at Guadalupe Canyon on 6/13 (SOW).

PAINTED BUNTING -- North was 1 singing male on Pajarito Creek w. of Tucumcari 7/7 (BW) and 7/18 (JO). Another was heard at Bosque Redondo Park near Fort Sumner 6/9 (CM), 1 male at El Paso Gap in the s. Guadalupe Mts., in Eddy Co, on 7/24 (JO) provided a local first.

VARIED BUNTING -- 3 males on territories in Guadalupe Canyon 6/13-14 (SOW).

DICKCISSEL -- Summers regularly in the fields se. of Fort Sumner where the high count was 6 on 7/8 (BH+).

BOBOLINK -- Summers regularly only at Los Ojos in Rio Arriba Co., with 1 to 3 6/12-13 (JP, DE). Unusual was a singing male s. of Fenton L. 6/27-28 (PF*).

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MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD -- Northernly were 1 or 2 in Texas, McKinley Co, 6/1 to 6/28 (DC). Found 'numerous' on the West Mesa of Albuquerque on 7/10 (BH).

COMMON GRACKLE -- Singles at Aztec, San Juan Co., on 6/5 and 6/15 (TR) demonstrated continued presence in the northwest. 15 were on the Vallecitos BBS in the w. Jemez Mts. on 6/13 (J. Fair).

BRONZED COWBIRD -- Pushed north in the e. plains and the Pecos R. Valley, including 4 in Union Co. in June and in July (LF), singles at Tucumcari on 7/18 (JO**) and Fort Sumner on 7/19 (JO*). 5 at Roswell in June and July (SB*).

ORCHARD ORIOLE -- North of usual were 3 w. of Tucumcari on 7/7 (BW) and 7/28 (JO) and another in Tucumcari on 7/18 (JO). Singles were at Fort Sumner on 7/19 (JO), at nearby Bosque Redondo Park on 6/27 (JP), and at Bitter L. NWR on 6/18 (BH).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE -- 1 was near Zuni on 6/20 and 6/28 (DC).

PINE GROSBEAK -- 1 was singing at Chama on 6/20 (JO).

CASSIN'S FINCH -- Very few reports. From 5 to 13 on Golondrina Mesa north of Gallina on 6/2 (GG+) and 6/30 (CR).

HOUSE FINCH -- Breeding: Noteworthy was a nest on the Oklahoma line in Union Co. (LF).

RED CROSSBILL -- Widely reported in the north and west, with highs of 23 on Golondrina Mesa near Gallina 6/30 (CR), 150 on Mt. Taylor on 7/3 (BH), and 17 at Zuni on 6/16 (DC). Peripheral were 1 in the Chuska Mts. 7/25 (TR), 5 in the Sandia Mts., Bernalillo Co., on 7/4 (CR), and 2 in the Black Range near Emory Pass on 6/12 (PB). 1 flew over a West Mesa home in Albuquerque 7/12 (BH).

EVENING GROSBEAK -- The only reports were in the north, with 10 near El Rito, Rio Arriba Co., on 6/20 (JP) and a high count of 60 near Angel Fire on 6/21 (CR).

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