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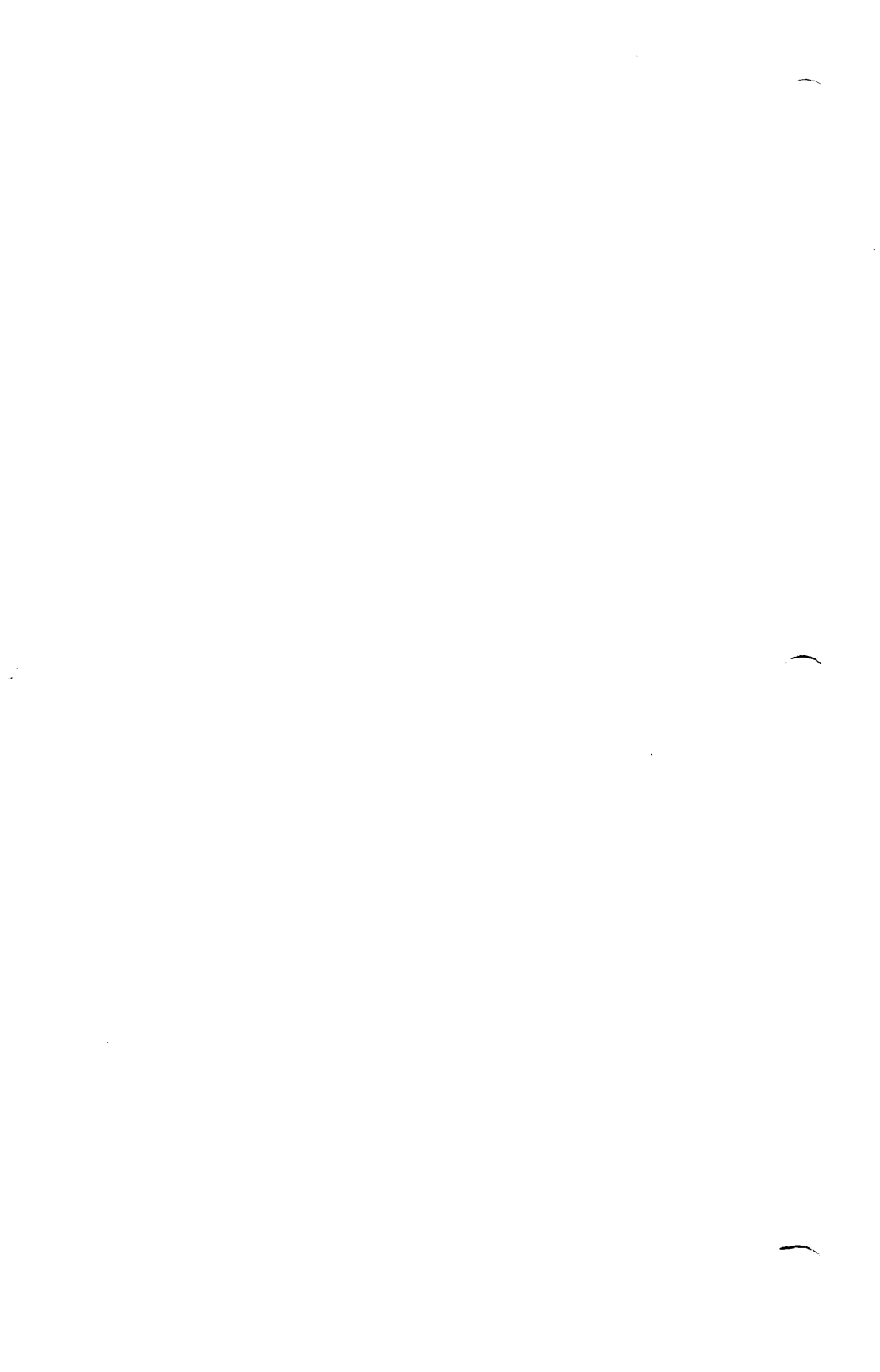
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FALL, 1998 HIGHLIGHTS

A warm and generally dry autumn provided mild weather conditions for birds and birders. Wandering waterbirds and eastern passerines brought excitement, but submontane invasions were lacking. An amazing 32 warbler species were recorded, with several good prizes. Meanwhile the state list was increased by one, to 497, with a Parasitic Jaeger.

Abbreviations Used

Co.	County	RGNC	Rio Grande Nature
EBL	Elephant Butte Lake		Center
HWI	HawkWatch International	SP	State Park
L.	Lake	WMA	Wildlife
Mt(s).	Mountain(s)		Management Area
NWR	Natl. Wildlife Refuge	v.o.	various observers
N.M.	New Mexico	+	plus, et al.
R.	River, Rio	***	specimen collected
*	details provided	**	photo, video, tape

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PLACE NAMES AND THEIR COUNTIES

Aguirre Springs Park	Doña Ana	Los Lunas	Valencia
Albuquerque	Bernalillo	Manzano Mts.	Torrance
Animas Mts., Valley	Hidalgo	Maxwell NWR	Colfax
Bitter Lake NWR	Chaves	McAllister L.	San Miguel
Boone's Draw	Roosevelt	Melrose trap	Roosevelt
Bosque (del Apache)	NWR	Mescalero Lake	Otero
	Socorro	Mesilla	Doña Ana
Brantley Lake SP	Eddy	Moriarty	Torrance
Carlsbad	Eddy	Percha Dam SP	Sierra
Cedar Crest	Bernalillo	Post Office Cañon	Hidalgo
Charette Lakes	Mora	Rattlesnake Springs	Eddy
Chuska Mountains	San Juan	Riverside (Cliff)	Grant
Cochiti Lake	Sandoval	Roswell	Chaves
Deming	Luna	Sandia Mts.	Bernalillo
Dexter	Chaves	Santa Fe	Santa Fe
Elephant Butte Lake	Sierra	Santa Rosa	Guadalupe
Farmington	San Juan	Shiprock	San Juan
Fort Sumner	DeBaca	Silver City	Grant
Glencoe	Lincoln	Springer Lake	Colfax
Glorieta	Santa Fe	Storrie Lake	San Miguel
Guadalupe Mountains	Eddy	Stubblefield Lake	Colfax
Holloman Lakes	Otero	Sumner Lake	DeBaca
Isleta Pueblo,marsh	Bernalillo	Tijeras	Bernalillo
La Joya WMA	Socorro	Truth Consequences	Sierra
Las Cruces	Doña Ana	Tucumcari	Quay
Las Vegas, NWR	San Miguel	Zuni	McKinley
Los Alamos	Los Alamos		

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

EMU -- A surprising 1 on the road to Sumner L. on 11/1 was certainly an escape from an unknown place (JO).

RED-THROATED LOON -- A good season found an immature at Springer L. on 11/14 (JP*, JO**, video) and 1 in winter plumage at Sumner L. on 10/21, 10/24, and 11/1 (JO**, JP*, BW*, DE).

PACIFIC LOON -- 1 in winter plumage at Heron L. SP, Rio Arriba Co., on 11/7 (Mike Haldeman*) and 1 in breeding plumage at Springer L. on 10/31 (JP*, JO*, LC).

COMMON LOON -- Reports from 20 sites statewide, including high counts both on 11/11 of 14 at Storrie L. SP (BH) and 11 at Santa Rosa L. (JO). The earliest record was 2 at Charette L. on 8/2 (JO).

HORNED GREBE -- Small numbers were seen at 6 eastern lakes. The earliest was 1 at the Las Vegas NWR on 10/18 (CR, BF). A high count of 10 was on Stubblefield L. on 10/31 (JP+) and 11/15 (JO+).

EARED GREBE -- Breeding: 1 feeding a chick at Toadlena L. in the Chuska Mts. on 9/20 (TR**) for a rare San Juan Co. breeding record. Adults with young were in the Zuni area on 8/12 and 8/15 (DC).

WESTERN GREBE -- 1 was on the Isleta marsh on 10/3 (Jack Drummond) and 11/8 (BV); 4 on Mescalero L. on 11/11 (AP); 2 on the Tyrone sewage ponds, Grant Co., 10/26 (EL); 1 on playas w. of Lordsburg, Hidalgo Co., 11/20 and 11/26 (JO); and 1 at Deming 10/23 (LM). A high count of over 400 on Cochiti L. on 11/7 (BH).

BROWN PELICAN -- An impressive showing, with 1 or 2 at Sumner L. from 9/19 to 11/11 (JO, JP, DE, BN, CR) and 1 to 3 at EBL from 9/10 to 11/27 (DC**, JO, JP, DE, BN, RG, CR). 4 on Brantley L. SP on 9/12 (JO+), 2 on 10/3 (SW+), and 1 on 10/19 (Dan Ritchey, fide SW).

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT -- In the Pecos Valley 1 flying over Santa Rosa on 8/21 (JO), 1 adult at Sumner L. 11/1 (JO), and 1 to 4 at Bitter L. NWR from 8/7 to 10/23 (GW, JO, BN, DE).

AMERICAN BITTERN -- Scarce in recent years. 1 at Bitter L. NWR on 11/15 (JO**) and 11/27 (JP).

GREAT EGRET -- 1 north to Stubblefield L. on 8/2 (JO) and 6 on McAllister L. 11/8 (BF*). 3 west to Deming on 10/5 (LM) and 1 on 11/26 (JO).

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- 1 immature at Truth or Consequences on 8/15 (JO*); 1 calico on Bitter L. NWR from 8/1 to 9/12 (BN, DE, GW, JP, JO, CR); 2 at Bitter L. NWR on 8/22 (GW, Sherry Bixler*).

TRICOLORED HERON -- 1 or 2 were at Bitter L. NWR from 8/1 to 9/17 (GW, JP, JO).

REDDISH EGRET -- 2 at Bitter L. NWR in late July. 1 was still present on numerous dates from 8/1 to 9/12 (GW, JP, JO) and again on 11/27 (JP*), while another (perhaps 1 of the original 2) appeared at Sumner L. on 8/9 (JO**, video).

CATTLE EGRET -- North was 1 found starving in Santa Fe on 11/21 and sent to a rehabilitator (Scott Phillips). 1 at Stubblefield L. on 9/25 (JP); 3 n. of Logan in Harding Co. on 9/28 (BV); and 12 at the Las Vegas NWR on 9/26 (CR). Late were 12 at Bitter L. NWR on 11/29 (JO).

TURKEY VULTURE -- 1116 were counted at the HWI site in the Manzano Mts. from 8/27 to 10/28.

ROSS'S GOOSE -- 15 at Farmington on 11/20 (TR); 5 on Santa Rosa L. and 4 at Sumner L. on 11/11 (JO). A high count of 8461 at Bitter L. NWR on 11/13 (GW).

TUNDRA SWAN -- 3 were at Maxwell NWR on 11/13 (DE).

WOOD DUCK -- 3 at Glorieta 11/3 to 11/11 (SOW) furnished a local first. 1 at Deming on 11/11 and 11/27 (LM).

EURASIAN WIGEON -- Has become annual in N.M. This season found 1 immature male at the RGNC in Albuquerque on 11/1 (BH*, LG, NC, SC, Carol Davis).

REDHEAD -- Breeding: 4 broods were seen at a pond in the Chuska Mts. on 9/13 (TR**).

RING-NECKED DUCK -- Early were 4 at Toadlena L. in the Chuska Mts. 9/26 (TR) and 1 at Bitter L. NWR 9/11 (GW).

GREATER SCAUP -- The only report was 2 males at Stubblefield L. on 10/25 (JO).

SURF SCOTER -- Caused excitement at McAllister L. with 1 to 3 on 10/29 (BW*) to 11/15 (DE*, JP*, JO**, video, CR*, BF*, PRS*, JT, v.o.).

RED-BREADED MERGANSER -- High counts of 40 on Sumner L. on 11/11 (JO) and 60 on Avalon L. Eddy Co., on 11/28 (JO).

OSPREY -- Notable in the Ruidoso area were 2 at Grindstone L., Lincoln Co., and 3 at Mescalero L. 9/16 (AP). 44 were counted from 8/29 to 10/5 at the Manzano Mts. site (HWI).

WHITE-TAILED KITE -- Singles at La Joya WMA on 10/2 (Earl and Lois Harvey*) and over Carlsbad on 9/17 (SW*).

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- 1 north at Puerto de Luna, Guadalupe Co., on 8/30 (JO), 2 to 4 at Fort Sumner from 8/9 to 9/7 (JO), and 1 at Artesia, Eddy Co., 9/5 (JO). An immature was late at Bosque NWR on 10/16 (CR).

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BALD EAGLE -- 4 counted at the Manzano Mts. site from 10/13 to 11/4 (HWI). An adult was at Pescado L. e. of Zuni on 10/25 (DC).

NORTHERN HARRIER -- 133 passed the Manzano Mts. site from 8/27 to 11/5 (HWI).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK -- 2585 were counted over the Manzano Mts. site from 8/27 to 11/5 (HWI).

COOPER'S HAWK -- 2025 counted at the Manzano Mts. site from 8/29 to 11/4 (HWI).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- 1 immature found dead in Santa Fe on 11/21 (Ron McCarthy, *fide* Brian Long**); 1 immature s. of Tijeras on 10/18 (BV); 1 at Bosque NWR on 10/24 (SW*); 1 ne. of Mogollon, Catron Co., 10/20 (LM). 1 adult in the Animas Mts. on 11/21 (NMC). 19 counted over the Manzano Mts. site from 8/18 to 10/18 (HWI).

COMMON BLACK-HAWK -- Out of range were singles at Santa Rosa on 8/5 (BW) and 8/30 (JO*). Late were singles in the Hondo Valley at Glencoe on 11/22 (AP) and at Mangas Springs, Grant Co., on 11/5 (LM).

HARRIS'S HAWK -- Encouraging for N.M. were reports of 1 in Hidalgo Co. 11/27 (JO); 1 to 3 in Luna Co. on 10/31, 11/8 (LM) and 11/26 (JO); Doña Ana Co. from 10/23 until 11/26 (Peter Jungemann); and Otero Co. on 8/15 (RC).

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK -- 1 at Maxwell NWR on 9/6 (Dan Svingen*) may have represented the western race.

BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- The record 14 at the Manzano Mts. site from 9/13 to 10/3 (HWI) easily out-paced the long-term average of 5. West and a local first was 1 in the Florida Mts. near Deming on 9/7 (LM*).

SWAINSON'S HAWK -- 572 over the Manzano Mts. site from 9/2 to 10/5 (HWI).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK -- Singles counted at the Manzano Mts. site on 9/20 and 9/22 (HWI).

RED-TAILED HAWK -- 1151 over the Manzano Mts. site from 8/27 to 11/5 (HWI).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK -- 10 counted at the Manzano Mts. site from 9/23 to 10/23 (HWI).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK -- 1 at the Manzano Mts. site on 11/1 (HWI). 1 near Encino, Torrance Co., on 11/15 (JO).

GOLDEN EAGLE -- 115 from 8/29 to 11/5 at the Manzano Mts. site (HWI).

MERLIN -- A record 56 passed the Manzano Mts. site 9/8 to 11/3 (HWI), more than doubling the long-term average. Elsewhere 1 to 3 at 10 locales in the east and south.

PEREGRINE FALCON -- 116 passed the Manzano Mts. site from 8/28 to 10/29 (HWI).

PRAIRIE FALCON -- 58 over the Manzano Mts. site from 8/30 to 11/4 (HWI).

WHITE-TAILED PTARMIGAN -- Continuing good news in the Sangre de Cristo Mts. included 6 on Jicarita Peak on the Santa Barbara Ridge. Taos Co., on 9/8 (BW**). At least 2 chicks along Trail Riders' Wall in the Pecos Wilderness, s. Taos Co., on 8/5 (Don MacCarter+).

SCALED QUAIL -- Numbers considered up on ranches in Union Co. (Lavina Fry). Seen in Post Office Canyon in fall where it is uncommon (RTS).

VIRGINIA RAIL -- 1 at the turf farm near Moriarty on 10/4 (DE, BN).

COMMON MOORHEN -- Breeding: 2 adults were feeding a downy chick at Truth or Consequences on 8/15 (JO).

SANDHILL CRANE -- Early were 2 at the Las Vegas NWR on 9/20 (CR, JT). 45 were flying over Ruidoso, Lincoln Co. on 11/13 (AP+).

WHOOPIING CRANE -- 1 of the few remaining from the experimental "Rocky Mt." flock strayed to the NAPI farm area s. of Farmington on 10/25 (TR**).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- Early singles at Bitter L. NWR on 8/1 (JP, JO) and at Holloman L. 8/15 (RC). They were unusually prevalent with 1 at Maxwell NWR 9/25 and 10/31 (JP, JO); 2 at Springer L. 10/31 (JO, JP); 1 at the Las Vegas NWR on 9/26 (BN, DE, CR); 1 to 2 at EBL from 9/20 to 10/18 (BN, DE, JO, JP); and up to 11 at Bitter L. NWR from 10/8 to 10/30 (GW).

SNOWY PLOVER -- High count of 118 at Bitter L. NWR on 8/7 (GW).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- An immature w. of Nageezi in San Juan Co. 8/6 (TR) may have been locally produced. They passed through the Los Lunas and Moriarty turf farms from 8/22 to 10/3 (JT, CR, Marcus Martin, DL), peaked with 120 at Moriarty 9/4 (DE, BN) and 46 at Los Lunas on 9/7 (CR).

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- 1 at the Las Vegas NWR on 8/29 (CR). 1 in Deming on 11/2 was late (LM), as was 1 at Bitter L. NWR on 11/27 (JP).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- Unusual was 1 in the Guadalupe Mts. near Hammwell on 8/30 (SW).

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- Migrants were conspicuous at several Pecos Valley locales 8/13 to 9/10 (v.o.), including 100 near Carlsbad 8/16 (SW) and others north to Fort Sumner 8/9 (JO). West were 3 near Los Lunas on 8/15 (JR, good*).

WHIMBREL -- Rare in fall, singles were at Bitter L. NWR on 9/4 (JP, BN*, DE*); EBL on 8/16 (CR*, BN*, DE*); and near Mesilla on 9/19 (GE*).

RUDDY TURNSTONE -- An adult was at Bitter L. NWR on 8/22 (GW*); an immature at EBL on 9/24 (JP*, JO**) was found dead on 9/29 (BW***), for the state's second specimen.

SANDERLING -- Singles were at Sumner L. on 9/5 (JR*), Dexter on 9/6 (JO), and Brantley L. on 9/4 (DE, BN).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 1 lingered at Santa Rosa from 9/4 to 9/19 (JO, JP). Farther west singles at Moriarty on 8/22 (CR); Bosque NWR on 9/2 (JO) and 9/10 (CR*); and at Deming on 8/7 (LM*).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER -- High count of 600 at Dexter 9/6 (JO).

DUNLIN -- High counts at Bitter L. NWR were 13 on 11/6 (GW) and 5 on 11/20 (JO).

STILT SANDPIPER -- 1 near Farmington on 8/6 (TR) and 1 at Las Vegas NWR on 8/1 (JO).

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER -- Silent singles were described at Las Vegas NWR on 8/23 (CR*) and 9/21 (JP*, JO*) and at the Bosque NWR 9/17 to 9/30 (JO**, video, JP*, DE*, BN*).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- High count of 1700 at Holloman L. on 8/9 (CR).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE -- 1 was early at Bitter L. NWR on 8/1 (JP, JO, GW).

RED PHALAROPE -- At least 1 was at Tekapo L. near Zuni on 9/5 to 9/12 (DC**); another was at Santa Rosa from 10/9 to 10/11 (JP*, DE*, BN*, JO**, video).

POMARINE JAEGER -- 1 thought to be this species at Bitter L. NWR on 10/8 (GW*).

PARASITIC JAEGER -- A juvenile was retrieved from the water by water skiers on Conchas L., San Miguel Co., on 9/19 (Liza Coward) and taken to Santa Fe, where it was photographed and measured on 10/6 (SOW**, Greg Schmitt). After rehabilitation, it was released on the Texas coast. It was the first confirmed state record.

MEW GULL -- Single probables at EBL on 10/24 (RG*, JR*) and 11/26 (DC).

CALIFORNIA GULL -- Early were singles at Charette L. on 8/2 (JO) and Bitter L. NWR from 8/1 to 8/22 (JO, JP, GW). A high count of 15 at Storrie L. SP on 11/11 (BH).

THAYER'S GULL -- Probable were first-winter singles at Storrie L. SP 11/11 (BH*) and EBL on 11/26 (DC*).

SABINE'S GULL -- Made a fine showing with 1 to 4 immatures at 10 sites in 8 counties from the RGV eastward from 9/4 to 10/18 (JO**, v.o.).

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE -- Very rare in N.M. This fall produced single immatures at Bluewater L., Cibola Co., on 11/19-22 (Bruce Pataky**, JO*, JP*, DE*) and Sumner L. on 11/8 (BH*, SOW*).

CASPIAN TERN -- The only reports were 2 each at Sumner L. on 10/11 (JO**, video) and EBL 9/24-25 (JP*, DE*).

COMMON TERN -- Uncommon at EBL, where 1 was early 8/16 (CR, DE, BN); followed by multiple reports from 9/13 to 10/18 (v.o.), peaking with 32 on 10/3 (CR, DE, JP, JO). West and a local first was 1 adult at Deming 9/23 (LM).

FORSTER'S TERN -- 2 at Isleta Pueblo 10/31 (JD). Late singles were at Sumner L. 11/7 (JO) and Six-Mile Dam s. of Carlsbad on 11/6 (SW).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON -- Far east was 1 at the Melrose trap 9/24 (JO**, JP). Notably late were 13 at the Manzano Mts. Hawkwatch site 11/5 (LS) and up to 10 in the Animas Mts. on 11/21 (AC, NMC, JP, JO, DE).

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE -- Have become a regular feature at Fort Sumner with 1 to 4 at 4 sites from Aug. to Nov. (SOW*, BH, JP, JO**); at Santa Fe 1 was documented 10/22 (JP, JO**, LG+) where they first appeared in late 1996; and at Roswell where it was first reported in 1995 small numbers were in evidence throughout the period (JP, JO.).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- On their northern frontier included 1 to 2 at Santa Fe on 10/19 to 10/23 (BN, DE, SW, JO, JP, SOW, PRS, v.o.); at Las Vegas NWR on 9/7 (BF, Dawn Foy); at Fort Sumner 11/1 ((JO) and 11/8 (BH, SOW); at Logan 11/8 (JO); and 5 near Tucumcari 9/2 (BW). Notable were 1 at Cedar Crest 9/2 (KS) and 102 at Deming on 11/27 (LM).

INCA DOVE -- North were 2 at Zuni Pueblo on 9/30 to 10/1 (DC*), and singles at Las Vegas on 11/29 (JR*), Sumner L. on 9/26 (JP), and at Melrose, Curry Co., 9/5 (JO). 1 or 2 at Fort Sumner through 11/8 (BH, SOW) and 2 were in Albuquerque on 11/12-13 (Nick Vaughn*).

COMMON GROUND-DOVE -- The only reports were singles at Percha SP on 10/12 (JZ*) and Las Cruces on 10/24 (GE*).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO --Singles near Shiprock on 8/9 and 8/11 (TR**) and at Glencoe in the Hondo Valley on 8/15 (AP) were where rarely reported.

FLAMMULATED OWL -- 1 was east to the Melrose trap 10/10 (JP, JO**) roosting in a sapling.

ELF OWL -- Late were 3 heard in Clanton Canyon, Hidalgo Co., on 10/24 (CR).

SHORT-EARED OWL -- Rare (or overlooked?) in N.M., was 1 in the s. Animas Valley on 11/20 (DE*).

BOREAL OWL -- 1 was heard and briefly seen near Cumbres Pass n. of Chama, Rio Arriba Co., 8/7-8 (JP, JO), where the species was first documented in 1987.

COMMON POORWILL -- Late was 1 at Lake Valley, Sierra Co., on 11/6 (CR).

BLACK SWIFT -- Breeding: at least 4 nests in the Jemez Mts. colony, Sandoval Co., contained nestlings on 8/23 (HS).

CHIMNEY SWIFT -- 3 were over Carlsbad on 9/15 (SW).

BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD -- North in the Peloncillo Mts. was a juvenile banded in Post Office Canyon on 10/17 (JDM, RTS); far east was a male at Timberon, Otero Co., on 9/20 to 9/30 (Max and Maureen Egan*). 1 at Silver City 10/21 (DAZ**, MZ).

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- An impressive 19 were banded in Post Office Canyon on 10/17-18 (JDM, RTS). Farther east were singles at Silver City 8/22 and 10/22 to 10/26 (EL) and in Albuquerque on 9/1 (PRS*), plus 2 near Las Cruces on 10/19 (Rick Castetter).

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD -- Late was a female banded at Albuquerque on 11/27 (JDM, HS**).

LEWIS'S WOODPECKER -- Migrants passed through the Manzano Mts., with 20 on 9/19, 10 9/20, and singles through 9/29 (LS). 1 at Pecos, San Miguel Co., on 11/15 (SOW).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- An immature in the Northeast Heights of Albuquerque on 10/29-30 (H. Wagnon+, HS).

ACORN WOODPECKER -- Local at the edges of their distribution; in the north were singles in the Chuska Mts. on 8/22 and 9/20 (TR). In the southeast 2 were in Dark Canyon, Guadalupe Mts., on 8/30 (SW).

LADDER-BACKED WOODPECKER -- Providing a first at Zuni was 1 on 10/25 and 11/7 (DC**).

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER -- 1 was in the Chuska Mts. 9/20 (TR**), where rarely documented.

WILLOW FLYCATCHER -- Breeding: 1 nest near Shiprock produced fledglings on 8/15 (TR**), providing a first for San Juan Co. of nesting.

LEAST FLYCATCHER -- Westerly were singles at Sumner L. on 8/30 (JO) and at Bosque Redondo Park near Fort Sumner on 9/6 (BN, DE).

WESTERN FLYCATCHERS -- Based on measurements (and occasional vocalizations) 5 "western-types" were identified as young Pacific-slopes and banded at the RGNC in Albuquerque from 8/30 to 9/20 (SC*, LG). The status of this migrant is poorly understood in the state.

EASTERN PHOEBE -- An excellent fall with 15 reports from 9 sites (v.o.). 2 at Lake Valley, Sierra Co., 11/8 (CR). 37-4 (Fall '98)

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER -- 1 at the Melrose trap on 8/30 (JO*); 3 at Boone's Draw 9/6 (DE, BN) and 9/7 (JO**); 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/5 (BN, DE, CR) and 1 on 9/6 (JO).

SULPHUR-BELLIED FLYCATCHER -- Far northeast of expected, 1 put in a brief appearance at the turf farm at Moriarty on 9/11 (JP*, JO**, LG, SC, NC, LC, Paul McConnell+).

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- 1 between Amalia and Costilla in Taos Co. on 8/28 (JP, JO*).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- At Otis, Eddy Co., a fall roost had 48 on 8/23 (SW); last were 4 on 10/29 (SW).

WHITE-EYED VIREO -- Single immatures were at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 10/10-11 (JO**, BN*) and at Percha SP on 8/14-15 (DE*, JP*).

BELL'S VIREO -- North of usual was 1 at Sumner L. on 8/22 (JO, CR) to 9/6 (DE, BN), where the eastern race is a possibility; north in the RGV was 1 singing at the La Joya WMA on 9/12 (Ray Meyer, fide DL).

BLUE-HEADED VIREO -- Rare in N.M. Probable singles were at Galisteo on 9/20 (BF*); banded at Bosque NWR 9/4 (DH+); Bosque Redondo Park near Fort Sumner on 11/1 (DE*); and at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 8/29 to 9/7 (DE*, JO*, BN*) and 10/24 (JO*, JP*).

RED-EYED VIREO -- Singles were in the east at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 8/30 (JO), Boone's Draw 9/12 (JP, JO, LC), and Rattlesnake Springs 9/5 (BN, DE, CR) and 9/6 (JO).

YELLOW-GREEN VIREO -- Unexpected was a probable at Sumner L. on 8/9 (JO*), 8/21 (JP*), and 8/23 (JO*).

BLUE JAY -- 2 were west to Santa Fe 10/22 (JP, JO) where migrants have been reported in recent years.

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER -- 1 was at Emory Pass in the Black Range, Sierra Co., on 9/11 (GE).

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE -- 1 south to Isleta Pueblo on 11/9 (Tim Mitchusson). Another in s. Albuquerque 11/8 (BV).

AMERICAN CROW -- 10 were at Percha SP on 10/19 (GE).

MEXICAN CHICKADEE -- Up to 3 at Cistern Saddle, Animas Mts., on 11/21 (AC, NMC, JO, JP).

JUNIPER TITMOUSE -- At the s. edge of their range were 1 in the Animas Mts. on 11/21 (NMC, JP, DE) and 5 at Aguirre Springs Park on 10/28 (GE).

CACTUS WREN -- 2 at 2 e. Albuquerque sites on 11/1 (HS)/

CAROLINA WREN -- Intriguing was 1 in Cerrillos, Santa Fe Co., on 11/27-29 (Andrew Fenner*). A hatch year banded at the RGNC at Albuquerque on 8/29 (SC, LG); and 1 was at Sumner L. on 10/10 (BN*, DE*).

WINTER WREN -- Singles near Zuni on 10/31 (DC*), Sumner L. on 11/8 (BH*, SOW), at Bosque Redondo Park near Fort Sumner on 10/25 (DE), the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 11/1 (DE), and 1 or 2 at Boone's Draw on 10/24 (JP, JO).

AMERICAN DIPPER -- 1 at Pescado L. e. of Zuni on 11/14 to 11/28 (DC) was a local first.

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- 6 at Aguirre Springs Park on 11/7 (JNP) furnished a high number for Doña Ana Co. On 11/1 singles at Bosque Redondo Park near Fort Sumner (DE) and at the migrant trap w. of Melrose (DE). 1 or 2 at Boone's Draw on 10/24 (JP, JO).

WESTERN BLUEBIRD -- Typically scarce in the southern lowlands, 7 were at Deming on 11/6 and 2 on 11/18 (LM). 1 male was at Black R. Village, Eddy Co., 10/6 (fide SW). A high count of 64 near Glenwood, Catron Co., 11/12 (LM).

WOOD THRUSH -- 1 at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 10/24 (JP*, JO**).

GRAY CATBIRD -- Notable in northwestern N.M. were 1 or 2 near Shiprock on 8/5 and 8/15 (TR) and another at Zuni 10/12 to 10/23 (DC**). Singles near Isleta Pueblo 10/25 (BV), near San Antonio, Socorro Co., on 9/7 (CR), Sumner L. on 10/17 (CR, JO, JP), Boone's Draw on 10/17 (JP, JO), east of Portales, Roosevelt Co., on 10/11 (Gary Pfaffenberger*), and Rattlesnake Springs on 9/6 (JO). 4 were banded at Bosque NWR from 8/19 to 8/27 (DH+).

SAGE THRASHER -- Late was 1 at Zuni on 11/5 (DC).

BROWN THRASHER -- 1 to 3 were found at 6 eastern sites after 9/26 (v.o.).

LONG-BILLED THRASHER -- The 1 at Bosque Redondo Park near Fort Sumner was seen again on 9/19 (JP).

SPRAGUE'S PIPIT -- Scarce migrants in sw. N.M. 2 proven areas are the Santa Teresa turf farm, Doña Ana Co, which had 1 to 3 on 10/12-13 (JNP**, sketch) and the s. Animas Valley, where there were 2 on 10/24 (CR*) and 1 to 2 (possibly more) on 11/20-21 (DE*, JO*, AC, NMC).

PHAINOPEPLA -- 1 was east to the Dexter Fish Hatchery on 9/26 (JO).

OLIVE WARBLER -- Unusual were 14 in juniper/oak scrub in the Burro Mts., Grant Co., on 11/17 (JO).

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER -- 1 was at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 10/4 (JO**).

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER -- 1 at Percha SP on 8/14 (DE*).

TENNESSEE WARBLER -- Singles at the RGNC, Albuquerque, on 9/19 (banded LG+), Bosque NWR 9/10 (JO), and Percha SP on 9/13 (JO).

NORTHERN PARULA -- A rare but regular visitor. Singles were a male at Los Alamos 11/10 after a snowstorm (Tom and Carlyn Jervis*, BF), an immature at Sandia Park in Bernalillo Co. on 10/29 (Marge Williams*), a female at Sumner L. on 11/1 (DE), an immature at Bosque NWR 9/10 (JO), and a female at EBL on 10/16 (BN, DE, CR)

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER -- 1 at Percha SP on 8/16 (Gail Garber, Jonalyn Yancey).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER -- 1 female was west to Riverside in the Gila R. Valley on 10/2 (Roland Shook*, tape).

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER -- 1 or 2 at the RGNC in Albuquerque on 9/19 to 9/22 (LG+, BN, DE, JO, JP, CR); 1 at Bosque Redondo Park near Fort Sumner on 10/11 (DE, BN); and a male at Percha SP 9/12-13 (JR, JO+, LC) plus a female there on 10/10 (JNP**, sketch).

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER -- 1 at Bosque Redondo Park near Fort Sumner on 10/24-25 (JP*, JO*, DE*), the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 10/4 (JO+), Boone's Draw on 10/10 (JP*), and Rattlesnake Springs on 9/5 (CR*).

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER -- 1 was at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 10/4 (JO**).

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER -- 1 white-lored male on 8/12 at Rattlesnake Springs (Derek Hill*).

PRAIRIE WARBLER -- 1 immature male at Pep, Roosevelt Co., on 9/5 (JO**).

PALM WARBLER -- 1 western form at Bosque Redondo Park near Fort Sumner on 11/1 (JO*).

BLACKPOLL WARBLER -- 1 immature at Boone's Draw on 9/12 (JP*, JO*).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- 1 female at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 8/30 (JO), 9/12 (JO, JP+), and 10/24 (JP); 1 female at Boone's Draw on 9/12 (JO, JP, LC). 1 male at Percha SP on 10/10 (JNP) and 11/19 (DE) was late.

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER -- Singles at Galisteo on 9/28 (BF*), near Moriarty on 9/18 (JO, DE), at Percha SP on 10/3 (JP*, JO**), and near Mesilla on 8/8 (Tim Lawton*).

OVENBIRD -- Singles at Sumner L. on 10/10-11 (DE, BN, JO), at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 9/4-5 and 9/13 (JP, DE, BN), and at Boone's Draw on 9/5 (JO).

PAINTED REDSTART -- A surprising locale was 1 at Percha SP on 10/10 (JNP).

CANYON TOWHEE -- Breeding: feeding juveniles at Eldorado near Santa Fe 8/22 (SOW) and at Silver City 8/28 (EL).

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- 1 banded at the RGNC in Albuquerque 9/20 (LG). 2 at Zuni on 8/1 (DC) and 1 at Magdalena, Socorro Co., on 8/16 (JO).

BOTTERI'S SPARROW -- Very late were 2 along Animas Creek in the Animas Valley on 10/24 (CR).

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW -- Singles in the RGV at San Juan Pueblo, Rio Arriba Co., on 11/22 (JT) and at Cochiti L. on 11/7 (BH).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW -- Rare in western N.M. were 2 near Riverside on 9/5 (R. Shook*). Of 65 banded from 8/18 to 10/13 at Bosque NWR 57 were immatures (DH+).

FIELD SPARROW -- Early and westerly were singles at Bosque NWR 9/2 (JO) and at Las Cruces on 9/29 (GE).

BAIRD'S SPARROW -- The only reports were 1 or 2 in the s. Animas Valley on 11/20-21 (DE*, JO*, JP*, AC, NMC).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- 1 at Percha SP on 10/12 (Marcy Scott*, JZ) and 10/16 (CR, DE, BN).
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FOX SPARROW -- A sooty-brown morph was in the Sandia Mts. on 11/17 (HS). A reddish morph was near Alma, Catron Co., on 11/20 (JO, JP).

SWAMP SPARROW -- 1 banded at the RGNC in Albuquerque on 10/24 (SC, NC, LG, PRS); 2 at Tucumcari on 11/6 (BW); 1 near Roswell at Bottomless L. SP on 11/27 (JP); and 1 at Jal L., Lea Co., on 11/28 (JO).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW -- Singles were in Los Alamos on 11/10-12 (Martin MacRoberts*); in Santa Fe on 10/19 to 10/25 (SOW, BN, DE, JO, JP, LG, LC, PRS+), Curtain Area s. of Santa Fe on 11/11 (BF), RGNC in Albuquerque 11/8 (BV), s. of Tijeras on 10/18 (BV), and Bitter L. NWR on 11/21 (GW). 3 at Tucumari on 11/6 (BW).

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW -- 1 at Cedar Crest 10/30 (KS*).

DARK-EYED JUNCO -- 1 White-winged was at Eldorado near Santa Fe on 11/15 (BF*).

YELLOW-EYED JUNCO -- About 15 at the Cistern Saddle in the Animas Mts. on 11/21 (AC, NMC, JP, JO).

NORTHERN CARDINAL -- 2 were n. to Tucumcari 11/6 (BW). Another was at Bitter L. NWR on 10/12 (GW).

PYRRHULOXIA -- Singles north to Tres Pistoles Canyon near Albuquerque on 11/26 (Pamela Cody**) and at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 10/10 to 11/7 (JO, JP).

ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK -- 1 immature male was late at Percha SP on 10/24 (RG*, JR*).

INDIGO BUNTING -- 1 female at Bosque Redondo near Fort Sumner on 10/11 (DE, BN); 8 at Rattlesnake Springs on 9/13 and 4 on 9/26 (SW+).

PAINTED BUNTING -- Northerly were 1 banded at Bosque NWR on 8/21 (DH+), and 1 near Roswell on 9/12 (JO).

DICKCISSEL -- Found in above average numbers on the e. plains (JP, v.o.). 1 near Moriarty on 9/12 (JP, DE, BN). 1 found dead at Deming 10/9 (LM***) furnished a rare western N.M. specimen.

ORCHARD ORIOLE -- North were single female-plumaged individuals at the Sevilleta NWR, Socorro Co., 9/12 (DL*), Bosque NWR on 9/10 (JO), and at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 8/30 (JO).

CASSIN'S FINCH -- Considered scarce in the n. highlands. 1 at Boone's Draw on 10/17 (JP, JO) was the only report away from the mountains. 1 at Fence L., Cibola Co., on 11/20 (JO, JP).

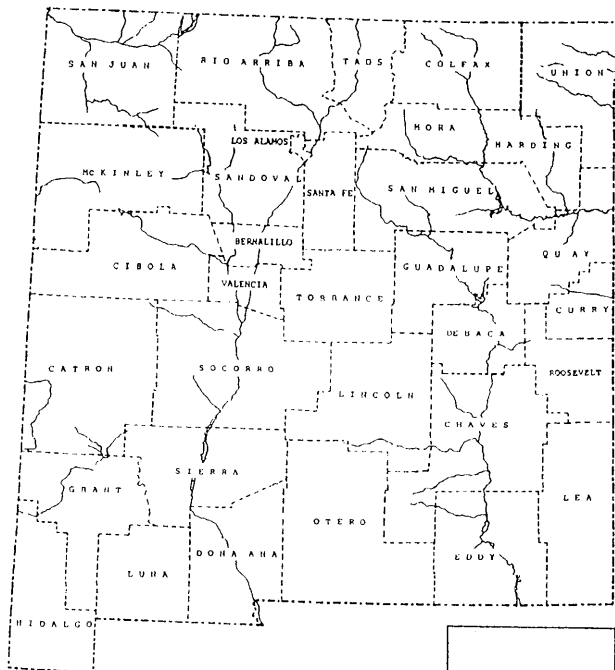
WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL -- Staged a mini-invasion with single males near Lake No. 1, ne. Taos Co. near the Colfax Co. and Colorado lines, on 8/15 (Linda Mowbray*, Jo Osterhouse), near Bull-of-the-Woods Mt., in c. Taos Co. on 9/5 (Eric Rominger*), and at a Santa Fe feeder from early October (F. and S. Quesenberry) to 11/1 (JO**, SOW*. BN*, DE*, BF, JP*, LG, SW, PRS, JT, v.o.).

LESSER GOLDFINCH -- Breeding: adults were feeding late nestlings at the Quarai Ruins, Torrance Co., on 9/13 (HS).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- 7 at Deming on 11/18 (LM).

EVENING GROSBEAK -- Notably scarce, but 1 wandered to near Moriarty on 10/24 (JP, JO) and 6 were south to Bonita L., Lincoln Co., on 9/9 (AP+).

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