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SPRING SEASON 2000

The dry winter gave way to an even drier spring, culminating in some rather well-publicized fires, most notably the Cerro Grande Fire at Los Alamos. Generally poor water and poor cover conditions were the rule, and migrations of most groups (shorebirds, wood-warblers) were unspectacular. Nevertheless, remnant water bodies and scattered green oases attracted several genuine rarities.

Localities and Counties

Alamogordo, <i>Otero</i>	Gila Bird Area, <i>Grant</i>
Albuquerque, <i>Bernalillo</i>	Gila Valley, <i>Grant</i>
Animas Mts., Valley, <i>Hidalgo</i>	Glenwood, <i>Catron</i>
Anthony, <i>Doña Ana</i>	Guadalupe Canyon, <i>Hidalgo</i>
Bear Canyon Lake, Dam, <i>Grant</i>	Guadalupe Mts., <i>Eddy</i>
Bernardo, <i>Socorro</i>	Guadalupita, <i>Mora</i>
Berrenda Creek, <i>Sierra</i>	Hachita, <i>Grant</i>
Bitter Lake NWR, <i>Chaves</i>	Hermanas, <i>Luna</i>
Bluewater Lake, <i>McKinley/Cibola</i>	Isleta, <i>Bernalillo/Valencia</i>
Bosque del Apache NWR, <i>Socorro</i>	Jal, Lake, <i>Lea</i>
Bosque Redondo, <i>DeBaca</i>	Jemez Pueblo, <i>Sandoval</i>
Brantley Lake, Dam, <i>Eddy</i>	La Union, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Burro Mts., <i>Grant</i>	Laguna Grande, <i>Eddy</i>
Caballo Lake, Dam, <i>Sierra</i>	Lake Roberts, <i>Grant</i>
Carlsbad, <i>Eddy</i>	Las Animas Cr, <i>Sierra</i>
Carlsbad Caverns NP, <i>Eddy</i>	Las Cruces, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Capitan, <i>Lincoln</i>	Las Vegas, NWR, <i>San Miguel</i>
Carrizozo, <i>Lincoln</i>	Leasburg SP, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Cedar Hill, <i>San Juan</i>	Lingo, <i>Roosevelt</i>
Cimarron, <i>Colfax</i>	Lordsburg, <i>Hidalgo</i>
Clanton Cienega, <i>Hidalgo</i>	Lovington, <i>Lea</i>
Clayton, Lake, <i>Union</i>	Los Alamos, <i>Los Alamos</i>
Cliff, <i>Grant</i>	Los Lunas, <i>Valencia</i>
Columbus, <i>Luna</i>	Los Pinos Mts., <i>Socorro</i>
Conchas Lake, Dam, <i>San Miguel</i>	Loving, <i>Eddy</i>
Cochiti, Lake, Dam, <i>Sandoval</i>	Lovington, <i>Lea</i>
Corrales, <i>Sandova/Bernalillo</i>	Luis Lopez, <i>Socorro</i>
Cowles, <i>San Miguel</i>	Macho Creek, <i>Sierra</i>
Coyote Creek SP, <i>Mora</i>	Madrid, <i>Santa Fe</i>
Deming, <i>Luna</i>	Magdalena Mts., <i>Socorro</i>
Dexter, <i>Chaves</i>	Mangas Springs, <i>Grant</i>
Double Adobe, <i>Hidalgo</i>	Manzanita Mts., <i>Bernalillo</i>
Eldorado, <i>Santa Fe</i>	Manzano Mts., <i>Torrance</i>
Elephant Butte Lake, <i>Sierra</i>	Maxwell NWR, <i>Colfax</i>
Escondida, <i>Socorro</i>	Mesilla, Dam, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Eunice, <i>Lea</i>	Mogollon Mts., <i>Catron/Grant</i>
Farmington, Lake, <i>San Juan</i>	Morgan Lake, <i>San Juan</i>
Fort Sumner, <i>DeBaca</i>	Moriarty, <i>Torrance</i>
Gage, <i>Luna</i>	Mt. Taylor, <i>Cibola</i>
Galisteo, <i>Santa Fe</i>	Organ Mts., <i>Doña Ana</i>

Orilla Verde, *Taos*
 Otero Mesa, *Otero*
 Palomas, *Sierra*
 Peloncillo Mts., *Hidalgo*
 Pep, *Roosevelt*
 Percha SP, *Sierra*
 Petroglyph NM, *Bernalillo*
 Pilar, *Taos*
 Pinos Altos, Mts., *Grant*
 Pojoaque, *Santa Fe*
 Portales, *Roosevelt*
 Post Office Canyon, *Hidalgo*
 Quarai, *Torrance*
 Raton, *Colfax*
 Rattlesnake Springs, *Eddy*
 Redrock, *Grant*
 Rio Grande Nature Center, *Bernalillo*
 Roswell, *Chaves*
 Ruby Ranch, *San Miguel*
 San Andres NWR, *Doña Ana*
 San Lorenzo, *Grant*
 San Marcial, *Socorro*
 San Mateo Mts., *Socorro*
 Sandia Mts., *Bernalillo/Sandoval*
 Santa Fe, Ski Basin, *Santa Fe*

Santa Rosa, *Guadalupe*
 Silver City, *Grant*
 Spring Canyon SP, *Luna*
 Springer, Lake, *Colfax*
 Socorro, *Socorro*
 Stubblefield Lake, *Colfax*
 Sumner Lake, Dam, *DeBaca*
 Sunland Park, *Doña Ana*
 Taiban, *DeBaca*
 Tajique, *Torrance*
 Taos, Ski Valley, *Taos*
 Tatum, *Lea*
 Tolar, *Roosevelt*
 Truth or Consequences, *Sierra*
 Tularosa, Basin, *Otero*
 Tyrone, *Grant*
 Ute Park, *Colfax*
 Vado, *Doña Ana*
 Velarde, *Rio Arriba*
 Water Canyon, *Socorro*
 Wheeler Peak, *Taos*
 Williamsburg, *Sierra*
 Zuni, *McKinley*

Abbreviations and Conventions

AFB	Air Force Base	SP	State Park
Bosque NWR	Bosque del Apache NWR	USFWS	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
BLNWR	Bitter Lake NWR	WMA	Wildlife Management Area
CBC	Christmas Bird Count	WSMR	White Sands Missile Range
CG	Camp Ground	ad.	adult
Cr.	Creek	subad(s).	subadult(s)
EBL	Elephant Butte Lake	imm.	immature
L.	Lake	juv(s).	juvenile(s)
LVNWR	Las Vegas NWR	m.ob.	many observers
Mt(s).	Mountain(s)	v.o.	various observers
NM	National Monument	+	others; et al.
NP	National Park	*	written details provided
N.R.T.	north <i>Roosevelt</i> trap	**	photo or tape provided
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge	***	specimen obtained
R.	River		
RGNC	Rio Grande Nature Center		
RGV	Rio Grande Valley		

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SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Pacific Loon—Late was 1 at Brantley L. 28 Apr (DAE).

Common Loon—Last was 1 at Zuni's Nutria L. 27 May (DJC). One at L. Roberts 5 May (MTS, JEZ) was trying to cope with a fishing lure stuck in its bill.

Yellow-billed Loon—Lingering from Feb was 1 at Cochiti L. 11 Mar (WHH).

Eared Grebe—Late for the south were singles at Deming 19 May (LKM) and Tyrone 21 May (ERL).

Clark's Grebe—One photographed at Stubblefield L. documented occurrence in *Colfax* (DJC**).

Neotropic Cormorant—One reported without detail in *Chaves* 13 May (SMB+).

Anhinga—An ad. male seen well at BLNWR 29 Apr (JEP*, JWM*) provided the 3rd well-documented New Mexico record and the first since 1981.

American Bittern—Increasingly rare in New Mexico, this season produced 1 at Bosque NWR 12-24 Mar (DAE, BDN, JEP) and 2 at BLNWR 7 Apr (GLW, JWM) with 1 there 14 Apr (GLW, JWM).

Least Bittern—At least 1 was vocal at Bosque NWR 9-30 May (DAE, BDN, JRO, PRS).

Great Egret—Well-represented, including singles north to Zuni's Nutria L. 13 & 19 May (DJC) and Corrales 23 Apr (WHH), 4 west to Deming 13 May (LKM), and 1 at Jal L. 20 May (JRO); high count was 6 at BLNWR 17 & 24 Mar (GLW).

Little Blue Heron—2 ads. at Los Lunas 23 & 30 May (J.F.Kelly), 1 ad. at Bosque NWR 13 May (JRO), and 2 individuals at BLNWR 21 Apr (GLW, JWM).

Tricolored Heron—One-two at BLNWR 18 Apr-14 May (v.o., JRO**).

Cattle Egret—Singles or small numbers passed through Zuni (DJC), Albuquerque's West Mesa (WHH), BLNWR (GLW, JWM), Deming (LKM), and Carlsbad (SW); high count was 300 at La Union 7 May (GJE).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron—Single ads. at BLNWR 20 May (JWM*) and in the Animas Valley at Clanton Cienega 13 May (NM-C*); undetailed was a report of 1 at Fort Sumner 6 Apr (S. Smith).

White Ibis—Two at BLNWR during the period: an imm. 11-26 May (JWM*, GLW+) and an ad. 12-19 May (GLW*, JWM, DAE*, BDN*, JEP*, JRO*).

Glossy Ibis—An ad. attaining breeding plumage was at Bosque NWR 21-22 Apr (JEP*, JRO**, DAE*, BDN*) and another (or possibly the same individual?) in full breeding plumage was there 12-13 May (DAE*, BDN*, JRO*).

White-faced Ibis—500 in two large flocks at Percha SP 21 Apr (MTS, JEZ).

Snow & Ross's Geese—Some 1000 found dead from pesticide poisoning near Dexter 12 Mar (USFWS); carbofuran sprayed on alfalfa was the suspected culprit.

Wood Duck—Reports included 1 at Ruby Ranch 13 May (CMR), a female with 9 small young at Albuquerque's oxbow 6 May (SOW, PM), 1 at Mesilla Dam 21-22 Apr (S&WH), 2 at Deming 20 Mar & 1 Apr (LKM), and 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 5 Mar (SW).

"Mexican" Duck—A male north to Albuquerque's oxbow 6 May (SOW, PM). 15 in irrigated lands west of Columbus 29 May (SOW).

Ring-necked Duck—Late were 4 at Zuni 13 May (DJC).

Greater Scaup—8 (6 males & 2 females) at Farmington L. 6 Mar (TR).

Lesser Scaup—Late was a male at Zuni 28 May (DJC).

Barrow's Goldeneye—Unexpected anywhere away from the San Juan R., a female was reported on the Rio Grande at Pilar 7 Mar (WFW).

Red-breasted Merganser—A male at Zuni's Nutria L. 4-25 Mar (DJC**).

Ruddy Duck—An unusual, brown Ruddy-like duck at Deming 10 May was described as having a black face mask and white eye ring but no white in the wings (LKM).

Osprey—The 76 counted at the Sandia Mts. hawkwatch site, *Bernalillo*, 27 Mar-4 May (HWI) was 33% above the 15-year average there. Seven breeding territories were active in northern New Mexico this season (DWS), including one that failed at Cochiti (MLW, DWS).

White-tailed Kite—Reports continued to increase. North were 2 at Glenwood 23-24 Apr (B&DM*) and 1 at BLNWR in early May (*fide* SMB). In *Luna* and *Grant*, 2 (1 perched on a nest structure) were north of the Cedar Mts. 11 Apr (RAM), 2 were near Hermanas 10 Mar (RAM), and 2 plus a lone single were north of Hachita 19 Mar (RAM).

Bald Eagle—Three active nests in *Colfax* 25-26 May (SOW), two with 2 nestlings each and one with 1 nestling.

Northern Goshawk—Only 2 passed the Sandia Mts. hawkwatch site 4-25 Apr (HWI), down 83% from the 15-year average there.

Common Black-Hawk—Peripheral were singles at Isleta 3 May (J. Drummond*) and Rattlesnake Springs 11 May (SW).

Harris's Hawk—An ad. at the Gila Bird Area 20-25 May (RSS) provided a Gila Valley first. In the RGV, individuals were north to Williamsburg 7-21 Apr (JEP, JRO, DAE) and the Percha SP area 29 Mar (WFW). Noteworthy for the Tularosa Basin was a nest with 2 nestlings tended by 2 ads. on WSMR west of Tularosa 4 May (L.A. Vogel**).

Broad-winged Hawk—Far west was 1 at Mangas Springs 4 May (JNP**). The 19 counted at the Sandia Mts. hawkwatch site 2 Apr-1 May (primarily 13-26 Apr) was 286% above the 15-year average there (HWI).

Swainson's Hawk—Back from the Argentine, spring migrant Swainson's Hawks appeared at numerous sites across a broad front in southern New Mexico 26 Mar-3 Apr (m.ob.); the species does not winter in the state.

Zone-tailed Hawk—Noteworthy were 1 likely nesting in Bear Trap Canyon, San Mateo Mts., 24 May (HRS) and 2 in Turkey Canyon, Guadalupe Mts., 30 Apr (SW). A record 10 passed the Sandia Mts. hawkwatch site 25 Mar-5 May (HWI).

Ferruginous Hawk—A nest with 3 eggs in a cholla cactus southwest of Santa Rosa 18 Apr (LAS).

Merlin—The 19 that passed the Sandia Mts. hawkwatch site 13 Mar-26 Apr was 157% above the 15-year average there (HWI).

Plomado Falcon—Remarkable if accurate was an ad. cruising past the Sandia Mts. hawkwatch site 15 Mar (N.C. Vulgares*); seen to within 40 m for 30 secs, the details were strongly suggestive but the locale was mystifying.

Peregrine Falcon—Only 49 passed the Sandia Mts. hawkwatch site 24 Feb-1 May (HWI), the fewest counted there in four years.

White-tailed Ptarmigan—4 or 5 had roosted in snow at 12,450 ft on Kachina Peak 7 May (EMR, feather collected), providing further evidence of persistence of native stock in the Wheeler peak area.

Blue Grouse—A crowd-pleasing male was “hooting” at the Aspen Vista parking lot below Santa Fe Ski Basin 24 May (DAE).

Montezuma Quail—Perhaps a result of favorable rains in 1999, this species seemed relatively numerous, with reports from the San Mateo, Mogollon, Pinos Altos, Burro, and Peloncillo mts. (v.o.).

Virginia Rail—2 at Guadalupita 24 May (SOW, PM) provided a new locale.

Common Moorhen—2 at Bosque NWR 13 May (JRO) provided the only report.

Whooping Crane—Among the thousands of Sandhill Cranes migrating north over Albuquerque 4 Mar were 3 Whooping Cranes (WHH); these 3, the last of the discontinued experimental flock, were soon reduced to 2 when one collided with a powerline and died in Colorado (USFWS).

Black-bellied Plover—Scarce this season, the only reports being 1 at Bosque NWR 7 May (DAE) and 1 at BLNWR 14 Apr (GLW, JWM) & 1 May (JEP, JRO) and 2 there 5 May (GLW, JWM).

American Golden-Plover—A winter-plumaged ad. at BLNWR 26 Apr-5 May (JWM*, DAE*, JEP*).

Snowy Plover—Peripheral were 3 at EBL’s Monticello Point 24 May (JRO) and 1 at Lordsburg 5 May (JEZ); high counts were 360 at BLNWR 7 Apr (GLW) and 60 at Laguna Grande 10 May (SW+).

Mountain Plover—RGV migrants included 12 near Escondida 16 Mar (DLH), 8 near Bernardo 23 Mar (DLH), and a late 2 at the Los Lunas turf farm 26 May (DWS). Noteworthy was a nest with eggs on the San Agustin Plains, western *Socorro*, 28 May (SWC, NSC).

Willet—Passed through on a broad front 14 Apr-24 May (m.ob.), including 7 at Capitan 1 May (JRO). High counts were 34 at Los Alamos 5 May (JT), 30 at the Moriarty turf farm 4 May (DAE), and 32 near La Union 29 Apr (JNP).

Whimbrel—Singles at Morgan L. 8 May (TR**) and BLNWR 26 Apr (JWM) & 14 May (DAE*).

Long-billed Curlew—Earliest were 6 at the Moriarty turf farm 4 Mar (CMR), 7 at Vado 5 Mar (MTS, JEZ), and 45 south of Deming 10 Mar (RAM); west was 1 in *San Juan* 8 Apr (TR).

Hudsonian Godwit—Two birds, 1 in transitional plumage and 1 in breeding plumage, at BLNWR on various dates 17-27 May (JWM*, JRO, JEP*, DAE*), although the 2 seen together only on 23 May (JWM*).

Sanderling—High count was 4 at EBL 24 May (JRO). One at Ruby Ranch 13 May (CMR) was a local first.

Semipalmated Sandpiper—One was west to Bosque NWR 25 Apr (DAE+).

White-rumped Sandpiper—“Peak” amounted to only 5 at BLNWR 23 May (WFW); last were 2 at BLNWR 27 May (JRO).

Dunlin—Apparently lingering from Feb, 5 were at Bosque NWR 18 Mar (JEP, JRO), 24 Mar (JEP), & 14 Apr (JRO+). Last were 4 at BLNWR 5 May (GLW, JWM).

Stilt Sandpiper—14 at Ruby Ranch 13 May (CMR). High count of 283 at BLNWR 13 May (GLW+).

Short-billed Dowitcher—Based on vocalizations, a possible 1 was among Long-billeds at BLNWR 10 May (JWM*).

Common Snipe—At least 1 winnowing at Springer L. 28 Apr (SOW).

Red-necked Phalarope—Rare in spring, 1 was at Bosque NWR 9-13 May (DAE, BDN, JRO).

Laughing Gull—Well-described were 2 summer plumaged ads. at EBL’s Monticello Point 24 May (JRO*).

California Gull—One at Ruby Ranch 13 May (CMR) and 2 at Zuni’s Nutria L. 22 Apr (DJC) were in areas where infrequently found.

Common Tern—Two ads. were reported at Morgan L. 8 May (TR).

Forster’s Tern—High count was 30 at Brantley L. 1 May (JRO).

Least Tern—Earliest was 1 at Brantley L. 27 Apr (DAE). 11 apparent migrants at BLNWR 9 May (J.B. Montgomery) were gone the next day; 4 summer residents arrived there 19 May, and 2 nests were active by 31 May (J.B. Montgomery). Peripheral was 1 at EBL 24 May (JRO).

Band-tailed Pigeon—Far east was 1 at Jal 6 May (JEP, JRO**). Unusual for the lowlands were 6 at Redrock 31 May (SOW).

Eurasian Collared-Dove—This recently-arrived species consolidated its grip on eastern New Mexico, including up to 8 at Fort Sumner, 1-2 at Portales, up to 25 at Roswell, and 2-3 at Carlsbad (v.o.) plus 1 at Sumner L. 11 Mar (JEP, JRO) and 3 at Lovington (JRO**) and 2 each at Eunice (JRO**) and Jal (JRO**) 20 May. Farther west were singles at Santa Fe 3 Apr (SOW) and Alamogordo 11 Apr (*fide* PRS).

White-winged Dove—Continued their push north, with 1 at Glenwood 29 Mar (SW) and 3 there 15-16 Apr (CMR), 1 in Rinconada Canyon near Mt. Taylor 27 May (HRS), and 1 at Galisteo 18 May (B&DF). One at Petroglyph NM 21 Apr (NV) provided a local first.

Inca Dove—18 north to Roswell 13 May (SMB+).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo—Earliest was 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 12 May (SW) where there were 3 by 20 May (JRO). Others were rarely reported were singles at Taiban 27 May (JEP, JRO), N.R.T. 21 May (JRO), and Eunice 20 May (JRO).

Barn Owl—One in a nest box at BLNWR 29 Apr (JEP).

Whiskered Screech-Owl—Surveys found 15 occupied territories in 4 Peloncillo Mts. canyons 16-17 Apr (SOW), the highest count yet for New Mexico.

Elf Owl—North of expected and a *Chaves* first was 1 at Roswell 7 Apr (SMB**); the species has only recently colonized southeastern New Mexico.

Long-eared Owl—Noteworthy was a well-feathered nestling in Lost Valley near Cabezon Peak, *Sandoval*, 31 May (*fide* CMR).

Short-eared Owl—Singles at BLNWR 14 Apr (GLW*) and north of Hachita 19 Mar (RAM).

Lesser Nighthawk—Far north was a silent one at the Moriarty turf farm 28 Apr (JEP*).

Common Poorwill—One was vocal at Carlsbad 12 Mar (SW).

Whip-poor-will—Early was one in the Black Range, *Sierra*, 17 Apr (DAE).

Chimney Swift—One at Roswell 29 Apr (JEP) where there were 2 on 19 May (JEP, DAE).

Vaux's Swift—A pale, silent *Chaetura* swift at Luis Lopez 16 Apr (JRO*) was possibly a Vaux's, a species still unverified in New Mexico.

Magnificent Hummingbird—An ad. male at Post Office Canyon 11 May (RTS) was banded 28 May (JD-M). One was at Ruidoso 8 May (DAE+).

Lucifer Hummingbird—A male at Post Office Canyon 30 Mar (RTS) was the first of the season. 3 ad. males and 2 ad. females were netted there 25-28 May (JD-M), including 1 that had been banded there in 1998 and another banded there in 1999.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird—An ad. male was at a Carlsbad feeder 19 May (SW*); there are only 3 previous credible New Mexico reports, all in autumn.

Black-chinned Hummingbird—Earliest was a male at Post Office Canyon 20-21 Mar (RTS, banded JD-M).

Anna's Hummingbird—Likely representing post-breeding dispersal from farther west were 4 at Post Office Canyon 13 May (RTS), including 2 “hatch year” birds banded there 25 May (JD-M).

Rufous Hummingbird—Extremely rare in spring, single ad. males were at San Lorenzo 21 Mar (L. Garrison *fide* D&MZ) and Luis Lopez 3 Apr (JRO); undetailed was 1 bird at Las Cruces 25 Apr (*fide* LS).

Elegant Trogon—Singles were at 2 sites in a central Peloncillo Mts. canyon 16 Apr (SOW).

Lewis's Woodpecker—2 were at Los Lunas 27 Apr (B. Cates). 2 were at Monica Cabin at 7500 ft in the San Mateo Mts. 22 May (HRS).

Acorn Woodpecker—Individuals in unlikely locales were singles east to Curry 13 May (JRL), in Piñon Canyon, Los Pinos Mts., 17 May (HRS), in willows on Berrenda Cr. 6 May (CMR), and at Rattlesnake Springs 27 May (SW).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker—A male molting into ad. plumage was at Cedro Canyon, Manzano Mts., 19 Mar (NV*).

Red-naped Sapsucker—Late for the southeastern lowlands was 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 1 May (JEP+); last at Deming was 1 on 10 May (LKM).

Ladder-backed Woodpecker—Noteworthy for Bluewater Canyon, *Cibola*, was 1 on 22 May (CMR).

Downy Woodpecker—Singles in the Pinos Altos Mts. 4 May (JNP) & 20 May (CMR) were at the southern fringe of the range.

Three-toed Woodpecker—A pair was at the Santa Fe Ski Basin 24 May (DAE).

Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet—One seen at Post Office Canyon 30 Mar (RTS*) was a local first; there are but 6 credible New Mexico reports away from Guadalupe Canyon. A pair was tending a nest in Guadalupe Canyon 13 May (AMC).

Western Wood-Pewee—Very early was 1 in southern *Otero* 4 Apr (R. Rasmussen).

Eastern Wood-Pewee—Extremely rare in New Mexico, a very vocal individual was far west to Clanton Cienega 13 May (NM-C*).

Least Flycatcher—An impressive 6 were at N.R.T. 12 May (WHH*) and 2 were there 21 May (JRO); elsewhere singles were at Pep 21 May (JRO) and Rattlesnake Springs 16 May (SW*).

Hammond's Flycatcher—A colony of at least 8 was in alder-oak habitat in Rinconada Canyon near Mt. Taylor 27 May (HRS).

Gray Flycatcher—Much in evidence in the western half of the state; highs were 15 in Otero Canyon, Manzanita Mts., 25 Apr (HRS) and 8 in the Burro Mts. 19 May (CMR).

Black Phoebe—One north to Santa Rosa 11 Mar (JEP).

Eastern Phoebe—Singles in potential breeding habitat were at Tres Lagunas in Santa Rosa 2 May (WFW) and singing at Sumner Dam 5 May (JEP, JRO).

Vermilion Flycatcher—Noteworthy for the RGV were a male-female pair at Palomas 27 Mar (GJE), 2 males and a female north of Percha SP 21 Apr (MTS, JEZ), and 1 at Percha SP 29 Mar (WFW) & 7 Apr (JEP, JRO); 4 were along Berrenda Cr., 5 May (CMR).

Dusky-capped Flycatcher—A vocal individual along Cherry Cr., Pinos Altos Mts., 7 May (SHS *fide* D&MZ) furnished the 2nd *Grant* record.

Thick-billed Kingbird—Four in Guadalupe Canyon 13 May (AMC).

Eastern Kingbird—One at Bosque NWR 13 May (DAE, BDN) was south of usual.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher—Eight at Loving 30 Apr (JEP) was a high count for the Pecos Valley. Far west was 1 near Cliff 19-20 May (RSS).

Northern Shrike—Last of the season were singles at Yankee, *Colfax*, 4 Mar (JEP, JRO) and 5 mi S of Raton 4 Mar (JEP, JRO).

Bell's Vireo—Unusual was 1 north to Bosque Redondo 7 May (JEP); noteworthy were 2 along Berrenda Cr. 5 May (CMR).

Gray Vireo—Two near Madrid 10 May (LAS) and 1 near Redrock 4 May (MTS, JEZ) were in areas where rarely reported.

Yellow-throated Vireo—Singles were at NMTU in Socorro 1-2 Apr (DLH, JRO**) and N.R.T. 7 May (JEP*, JRO**).

Cassin's Vireo—Early were singles at Socorro 2 Apr (JRO) and Silver City 10 Apr (D&MZ).

Red-eyed Vireo—Singles were at N.R.T. 15 May (DAE, BDN), Berrenda Cr. 5 May (CMR*), near Anthony 30 Apr (JNP), and Rattlesnake Springs 6 May (JEP, JRO).

Steller's Jay—Out of habitat was 1 in the Gila Bird Area 6 May (RSS).

Blue Jay—West to the RGV were 3 at Los Alamos 23 Apr (R.J. Nelson*) and singles at Cochiti 26 Apr (MLW), Albuquerque 26 Apr (J. DeLong*), Socorro 27 Mar & 1 Apr (JWS), and Luis Lopez 26 & 29 Apr (JRO). Others west of usual or otherwise in unexpected places included 1 at Cimarron 4 Mar (JEP, JRO), 2 at Ute Park 28 Apr (SOW), 1 along the upper Pecos R. near Cowles 8 May (J. Burton), and 1 near Tajique 20 Apr (PRS).

Pinyon Jay—Unusual for riparian habitat were 60 in the Gila Bird Area 3 Mar (RSS).

Black-billed Magpie—Two at Jemez Pueblo 13 May (PRS).

American Crow—At least 8 territories in a 4 mi reach of bosque at Corrales, *Sandoval*, 8 Apr (WHH). In the southwest, 3 were vocal at Bear Canyon L. 5 May (MTS, JEZ).

Purple Martin—One on the Rio Truchas near Velarde 25 May (CMR) and 2 at a snag at Bear Trap, San Mateo Mts., 24 May (HRS) were in areas where rarely found. High count

was 12 at Zuni's Nutria L. 19 May (DJC). Presumed migrants were 2 at Redrock 4 May (JNP) and 3 at Clanton Cienega 13 May (AMC, NM-C).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow—A pair was tending a nest below Brantley Dam 13 May (TJH).

Bank Swallow—About 35 arrived at Calabacillas Arroyo, NW Albuquerque, 23 Apr (NV).

Cave Swallow—The colony at Carlsbad Caverns was estimated at 1500 birds 11-25 May (SW). The species continued to thrive in southern *Doña Ana*, including 14 under a bridge south of Gadsden High School 30 Apr (MTS, JEZ).

Mexican Chickadee—In the Animas Mts., 5 were along Black Bill Trail and 1 was at Cistern Saddle 13 May (NM-C).

Bushtit—At least 3 pairs in the Corrales bosque, *Sandoval*, including a nest under construction, 8 Apr (WHH).

Cactus Wren—One singing in NE Albuquerque 3 Mar (PRS).

Carolina Wren—Maintaining last year's beachheads were singles singing at Socorro's Riverine park 2-21 Apr (JEP, JRO) and at Rattlesnake Springs 3 Mar-13 May (SW, NV, JEP*, JRO).

Winter Wren—Last of the Corrales bosque's wintering birds were 2 there 12 Mar (NV). One was seen and heard on the Gila Middle Fork, *Catron*, 18 Mar (HAW).

Golden-crowned Kinglet—East were singles at Sumner Dam 11 Mar (JEP, JRO) and N.R.T. 14 Apr (SOW). Unusual was 1 in chaparral habitat in the Sandia Mts. 21 Apr (WHH). 6 singing in spruce-fir habitat at Bear Trap, San Mateo Mts., 24 May (HRS) likely were local breeders.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher—Very early was 1 at Petroglyph NM 2 Apr (HRS).

Black-tailed Gnatcatcher—Singles were at 2 Redrock sites 31 May (SOW).

Eastern Bluebird—Six were at Galisteo 14-19 Mar (B&DF). In the RGV were 1 at Corrales, *Sandoval*, 26 Mar (WHH), 2 at Socorro 2 Apr (JRO); a pair carrying food to a nest cavity at the Old Refuge in Mesilla 11 Apr (J. Eidel) provided one of the few breeding records for the lower RGV.

Gray-cheeked Thrush—A possible was at Rattlesnake Springs 27 May (SW*); there is but 1 certain record for New Mexico.

Varied Thrush—Second-hand report that the one at NMTU in Socorro during Jan-Feb was still present 13 Mar (*fide* JRO).

Gray Catbird—South in the RGV was a singing individual at San Marcial 26 May (HAW).

Brown Thrasher—One was at Socorro 4 May (CMR). Reported from 5 eastern locales, including 1 at Tolar 2 May (WFW).

Long-billed Thrasher—One was seen and heard singing at Bosque Redondo 11 Mar (JEP, JRO) & 7 May (JRO+), where 1 has persisted since 1997.

Bendire's Thrasher—North of usual in the RGV was a singing bird at Caja del Rio, *Santa Fe*, 31 May (WFW).

Curve-billed Thrasher—At Eldorado, a notice in the community newspaper requesting sightings resulted in locating 19 active nests, 14 of which were successful by 1 May (DWS).

Crissal Thrasher—The nest found at Petroglyph NM in Feb fledged 2 on 9 Mar (HRS), suggesting incubation was initiated about 10 Feb.

European Starling—Suggestive of a “lawn dowitcher” was one with a bill twice the normal length at Luis Lopez 27 Mar (JRO).

Cedar Waxwing—Latest of the season were 3 at Coyote Creek SP 22 May (SOW, PM), 1 near Velarde 25 May (CMR), and 3 at Rattlesnake Springs 27 May (SW).

Phainopepla—At least 2 pairs, including a female nest-building, at Luis Lopez 14 May (JRO). Others north in the RGV were 1 at Bosque NWR (PRS) and 3 at Socorro 13 May (JWS). High of 22 at Durling's Farm near Sunland Park 5 Apr (GJE).

Olive Warbler—North to the Magdalena Mts. were 2 at Water Canyon 28 Apr (B&DF) and 5 there 13 May (DAE, BDN). 2 were at Springtime CG, San Mateo Mts., 29 Apr (B&DF). An ad. pair was feeding 2 large nestlings along Signal Peak Road, Pinos Altos Mts., 20 May (CMR).

Blue-winged Warbler—An ad. male at Quarai 13 May (NV*, HRS*) was the first for *Torrance*. Another ad. male was at BLNWR 25 Apr (JWM*).

Golden-winged Warbler—An ad. male was at N.R.T. 12 May (WHH**). An ad. female along the Canadian R. in southwestern *San Miguel*, 10 mi NW of Tucumcari, 13 May (WFW*) was the first for *San Miguel*.

Nashville Warbler—Earliest were 2 on WSMR at Davies Tank, *Doña Ana*, 13 Apr (DH*) and 1 at Socorro 15 Apr (JEP, JRO).

Lucy's Warbler—First arrivals were 2 at the Gila Bird Area 17 Mar (RSS) and 2 in the RGV at Las Animas Cr. 18 Mar (JRO). Others north in the RGV included 2 at Socorro 2 Apr (DAE) plus 1 singing there 15 & 21 Apr (JEP, JRO) and 1 at Luis Lopez 26-27 Mar (JRO). Noteworthy for western *Sierra* were 3 on Berrenda Cr. 5 May (CMR) and 1 on Macho Cr. 7 May (CMR).

Northern Parula—A remarkable season, with 13 individuals at 12 sites 31 Mar-31 May: a male at Ruby Ranch 16 May (WFW*); a singing male and a female at the Moriarty turf farm 29 Apr (JRO**); a male at Socorro 2 Apr (JRO, DAE, BDN); a female at Luis Lopez 31 Mar (JRO); 1 at Bosque NWR 12 Apr (DAE); a male at Leasburg SP 12 Apr

(GJE*); a singing male at Aguirre Springs, Organ Mts., 21 May (C.W. Benkman*); a male at WSMR housing area, *Doña Ana*, 11 Apr (DH*); a singing male at Glenwood 31 May (D&MZ); a singing male in Guadalupe Canyon 13 May (AMC*); a male at BLNWR 25 Apr (JWM*); and a singing male at Rattlesnake Springs 17 May (SW*).

Chestnut-sided Warbler—One in *Rio Arriba* on the Rio Truchas near Velarde 25 May (CMR), an ad. male that became trapped in a garage at Eldorado 5 May (T. Streiffert**), a singing ad. male at Galisteo 18 May (B&DF*), and an ad. male at the Spring R. oxbow in Roswell 13 May (SMB*).

Magnolia Warbler—A male at Ruby Ranch 13 May (CMR*).

Yellow-rumped Warbler—The 30+ Myrtles outnumbered Audubon's at Corrales, *Sandoval*, 23 Apr (WHH).

Black-throated Gray Warbler—Very unseasonal was 1 at Silver City 17 Feb-7 Mar (R. Wilcox *fide* D&MZ). High densities in the Manzanita Mts. included 30 singing in Otero Canyon 25 Apr (HRS).

Grace's Warbler—Very early was 1 in Armijo Canyon, Sandia Mts., 8 Apr (HRS).

Pine Warbler—A possible was at Rattlesnake Springs 29 Apr (SW*).

Palm Warbler—One of the yellow eastern subspecies was at Luis Lopez 8 May (JRO*).

Black-and-white Warbler—One near Velarde 25 May (CMR), a female at N.R.T. 12 May (WHH*), 1 at Waldrop Park, eastern *Chaves*, 29 Apr (DAE), and 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 28 Apr (DAE) & 20 May (JRO).

American Redstart—West were a female at Silver City 15 May (D&MZ) and a first-year male at Columbus 29 May (CMR). Present at N.R.T. 4-15 May (v.o.) with a high 3 there 15 May (DAE, BDN). Others in the east were a male at Moriarty 15 May (DAE, BDN), an ad. male at Ramon, *Lincoln*, 14 May (DAE, BDN), and a female at Rattlesnake Springs 20 May (JRO).

Prothonotary Warbler—A male was at Cochiti 29 Apr (MLW*) and a female was at Rattlesnake Springs 19 May (SW*).

Worm-eating Warbler—One at N.R.T. 29 Apr (G.J. McDermott*) & 4 May (DAE*), 1 at Portales 10 May (J. Kendall*), and 1 that hit a window but survived the experience at Las Cruces 26 Apr (*fide* LS).

Ovenbird—Singles at N.R.T. 4-20 May (DAE, JRO), Socorro 29 May (JRO), and Rattlesnake Springs 29 Apr-6 May (JEP+).

Northern Waterthrush—One at Quarai 13 May (HRS) was a local first.

Kentucky Warbler—A female at San Andres NWR 26 Apr (M.E. Weisenberger**), a male at Tatum 29 Apr (DAE*), and one at Carlsbad 25 Apr (E. Pierce *fide* SW).

Hooded Warbler—Another impressive season for this species: a female at Ruby Ranch 13 May (CMR); a male in the Corrales bosque, *Sandoval*, 23 Apr (WHH*); a female at the Moriarty turf farm 15 May (DAE, BDN); 1 “heard only” at Sumner Dam 5 May (JRO); a female at N.R.T. 4-5 May (DAE, JEP, JRO**); a female 2 mi W of N.R.T. 2 May (WFW); and a female at Rattlesnake Springs 27 May (SW*).

Painted Redstart—Earliest was 1 on the Gila Middle Fork, *Catron*, 19 Mar (SOW, PM).

Hepatic Tanager—East were a male at N.R.T. 12 May (WHH) and a female there 13 May (JRO). Unusual was 1 at the Moriarty turf farm 27 Apr (DAE). One was above 10,000 ft on Mt. Withington, San Mateo Mts., 23 May (HRS).

Summer Tanager—Northerly were a first-year male at Quarai 13-16 May (NV, HRS) and a male and female in the “Bernalillo Watershed” in the Sandia Mts. foothills 28 May (NV).

Scarlet Tanager—A male was at Washington Ranch near Rattlesnake Springs 11 May (SW*).

Green-tailed Towhee—Found breeding in the San Mateo Mts. 22 May in Apache plume shrublands at 7500 ft and in gooseberry shrublands habitat at 10,100 ft, but were absent from intervening elevations (HRS).

Abert’s Towhee—Only 4 found at Redrock 27 May (CMR), where habitat was “heavily grazed.” One banded near Cliff 13 May (SHS).

American Tree Sparrow—One at Maxwell NWR 4 Mar (JEP, JRO) was the last reported.

Chipping Sparrow—One at RGNC 4 Mar (WHH) probably wintered locally.

Field Sparrow—One was netted in *Santa Fe* 10 Apr (*fide* WHH). Last seen were 4—including 2 singing birds—at N.R.T. 14 Apr (SOW).

Black-chinned Sparrow—North were 2 at Orilla Verde 24 May (CMR).

Vesper Sparrow—One singing at Quarai 13 May (HRS). Three singing at Monica Cabin, San Mateo Mts., 23 May (HRS) were believed to be local breeders.

Lark Bunting—West was a male-female pair at Huerfano, *San Juan*, 31 May (TR).

Grasshopper Sparrow—2 were on Otero Mesa 4 Apr (RAM).

Baird’s Sparrow—Surveys for this state-listed grassland species on Otero Mesa found only 1 there 3 Mar but at least 17 Baird’s (plus 30 unidentified *Ammodramus*) 30 Mar-12 Apr, including 11 Baird’s 5 Apr (RAM*). Well-developed grass cover seemed key to this now-rare migrant’s well-being, as birds were found only in ungrazed areas.

LeConte’s Sparrow—Well-described was 1 on Otero Mesa south of Toy Tank 5 Apr (RAM*).

Fox Sparrow—Single reddish individuals were at RGNC 4 Mar (WHH) & 18 Mar (banded L.P. Gorbet), Luis Lopez 18-24 Mar (JRO**), and Rattlesnake Springs 5 Mar (SW). Undetailed, and very late, was 1 reported at Taos 13 May (RW).

Swamp Sparrow—Late were singles at Berrenda Cr. 5 May (CMR), Sunland Park 14 May (JNP), and Rattlesnake Springs 29-30 Apr (JEP).

White-throated Sparrow—Wintering birds remained much in evidence, including 1 singing at Glenwood 15 Apr (CMR). Latest were 4 at Corrales, *Sandoval*, 7 May (WHH) and singles at Berrenda Cr. 5 May (CMR) and Luis Lopez 8-9 May (JRO).

Harris's Sparrow—An imm. at Maxwell NWR 4 Mar (JEP, JRO), a breeding-plumaged ad. at Eldorado 9 May (B&DF), and a winter ad. at Lordsburg 27 Mar (SW).

McCown's Longspur—Late (by about one month) was 1 at Eunice 6 May (JRO**).

Chestnut-collared Longspur—West were 6 at Zuni 11 Mar (DJC) and 2 males at Split Lip Flats 4 May (TR**), the latter the first verified for *San Juan*.

Northern Cardinal—Continuing the recent northward trend were 2 at Santa Rosa 11 Mar (JEP, JRO) and 1 on Macho Cr. 7 May (CMR). Noteworthy were 2 pairs at Jal 20 May (JRO).

Pyrrhuloxia—Notably far north was 1 at Sumner Dam 11 Mar (JEP, JRO). Continued breeding season presence in the southwest in *Luna*, with singles at Spring Canyon SP 27 May (LKM), near Columbus 29 May (SOW), and near Gage 30 May (SOW).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak—Singles were at 10 sites from the RGV eastward 30 Apr-25 May (v.o.), including a male in the seldom-visited Los Pinos Mts. 17 May (HRS). Farther west were single males at Cedar Hill 15 May (TR**) and Water Canyon 13 May (DAE, BDN).

Blue Grosbeak—Very early (by about one month) was a female at the Gila Bird Area 8 Apr (RSS).

Lazuli Bunting—An impressive 7 migrant males were at a Glenwood feeder 23 Apr (B&DM).

Indigo Bunting—Reported as unusually common in both the southwest (D&MZ) and the southeast (SW). Singing males encroaching on Lazuli Bunting turf in the north were 3 at Farmington 9 May (TR), 2 at Orilla Verde 24 May (CMR), 1 at Pojoaque 31 May (WFW), and 1 at Santa Fe 21 May (B&DF).

Lazuli x Indigo Bunting—A hybrid male was very early at Corrales, *Sandoval*, 26 Mar (WHH*).

Varied Bunting—A male was at Rattlesnake Springs 13 May (SW). In Guadalupe Canyon, 1 was present 13 May and a pair was there 28 May (CMR).

Rusty Blackbird—A male and a female were at Percha SP 18 Mar (JEP*, JRO**), where the male was singing 24 Mar (DAE*); neither were found subsequently.

Common Grackle—Far west was a male at Zuni 29 Apr (DJC*).

Bronzed Cowbird—Earliest was a displaying male at Las Cruces 29 Mar (WFW), where birds had been reported in Jan. Others noted 25 Apr and later at Redrock, Double Adobe, Guadalupe Canyon, Deming, Las Cruces, Truth or Consequences, and Rattlesnake Springs (v.o.), plus a male north to Carrizozo 28 May (JRO**) and 1 north to Roswell 13 May (*fide* SMB).

Orchard Oriole—Pushing north were an imm. male at Taiban 27 May (JRO), a female at N.R.T. 2 May (WFW), and an ad. male near Lingo 13 May (LAS).

Hooded Oriole—An ad. male wandered north to Zuni 24 Apr (DJC**). Noteworthy were 2 on Macho Cr. 7 May (CMR) and a pair at Post Office Canyon 30 Mar (RTS) that produced fledglings by May.

Baltimore Oriole—An ad. male in breeding plumage was near Lingo 13 May (LAS*).

Bullock's Oriole—The male that wintered at Carlsbad was last seen there 8 Mar (SW).

Rosy-Finch—Only reports were from the Taos Ski Valley, where a three-species flock of 120 birds, including 25 **Gray-crowned**s, 55 **Blacks**, and 40 **Brown-capped**s was present 7 Mar (WFW); a three-species flock of only 57 was there 10 Mar (S. Brayshaw).

Cassin's Finch—Notably scarce this season. High count was 4 females near Cedar Hill 15 May (TR).

Red Crossbill—Notably scarce this season.

Pine Siskin—Reported as plentiful in the west but scarce in the east. One was at a nest on Signal Peak, Pinos Altos Mts., 21 May (R. Wilcox *fide* D&MZ).

Lesser Goldfinch—The 5 at Corrales 12 Mar (WHH) likely overwintered there. A male arrived at Zuni 20 Mar (DJC).

American Goldfinch—Several lingered in potential breeding habitat, including 1 at Zuni 26 May (DJC), 2 at Orilla Verde 23 May (CMR), 1 near Velarde 25 May (CMR), and 3 at Coyote Creek SP 24 May (SOW, PM).

Evening Grosbeak—Notably scarce, with reports only from the Sangre de Cristo Mts., including a high 47 at Taos 13 May (RW+).

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