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SPRING SEASON 2001

Widespread winter precipitation continued into early spring 2001, only to be followed by a return to dry and windy conditions. Many montane species that had invaded the lowlands lingered late in nonbreeding areas. Although migration was deemed slow, birding was exciting, with many well-documented rarities, including verification for another species new to the state—Elegant Tern.

Localities and Counties

Abiquiu, Dam, Lake, *Rio Arriba*
Aguirre Springs, *Doña Ana*
Alamogordo, *Otero*
Algodones, *Sandoval*
Albuquerque, *Bernalillo*
Amistad, *Union*
Animas, Mts., Valley, *Hidalgo*
Bitter Lake NWR, *Chaves*
Bluewater Lake, Dam, Gorge, *Cibola*
Boone's Draw, *Roosevelt*
Bosque del Apache NWR, *Socorro*
Bosque Redondo, *De Baca*
Brantley Lake, *Eddy*
Burn Lake, *Doña Ana*
Caballo Lake, Dam, *Sierra*
Caprock, *Lea*
Carlsbad, *Eddy*
Carlsbad Caverns NP, *Eddy*
Carrizozo, *Lincoln*
Chaco Canyon, *San Juan*
Clanton Canyon, Cienega, *Hidalgo*
Cliff, Cliff-Gila Valley, *Grant*
Clovis, *Curry*
Columbus, *Luna*
Conchas Lake, Dam, *San Miguel*
Cochiti, Lake, Dam, *Sandoval*
Corrales, *Sandoval*
Cuba, *Sandoval*
Deming, *Luna*
Eldorado, *Santa Fe*
Elephant Butte Lake, Dam, *Sierra*
Escondida, Lake, *Socorro*
Española, *Rio Arriba*
Eunice, *Lea*
Florida Mts., *Luna*
Fort Stanton, *Lincoln*
Fort Sumner, *De Baca*
Gage, *Luna*
Gila Bird Area, *Grant*
Guadalupe Canyon, *Hidalgo*
Guadalupe Mts., *Eddy*
Hachita, *Grant*
Hermanas, *Luna*
Hillsboro, *Sierra*
Holloman Lake, *Otero*
Isleta, Lake, Marsh, *Bernalillo/Valencia*
Jal, Lake, *Lea*
Laguna Grande, *Eddy*
La Joya, WMA, *Socorro*
Lake Avalon, *Eddy*
Lake Carlsbad, *Eddy*
Lake Roberts, *Grant*
Lake Valley, Ranch, *Sierra*
La Mesa, *Doña Ana*
La Union, *Doña Ana*
Las Cruces, *Doña Ana*
Las Vegas, NWR, *San Miguel*
Leasburg SP, *Doña Ana*
Los Alamos, *Los Alamos*
Los Lunas, *Valencia*
Luis Lopez, *Socorro*
Madrid, *Santa Fe*
Magdalena Mts., *Socorro*
Maljamar, *Lea*
Manzanita Mts., *Bernalillo*
Manzano, Mts., *Torrance*
Maxwell, NWR, *Colfax*
Melrose, *Curry*
Mesilla, Dam, Valley, *Doña Ana*
Moriarty, *Torrance*
north *Roosevelt* trap, *Roosevelt*
Ned Houk Park, *Curry*
Nutria Lake, *McKinley*
Oasis SP, *Roosevelt*
Organ Mts., *Doña Ana*
Peloncillo Mts., *Hidalgo*
Peña Blanca, *Sandoval*
Pep, *Roosevelt*
Percha SP, *Sierra*
Petroglyph NM, *Bernalillo*

Placitas, *Sandoval*
 Pleasanton, *Catron*
 Portales, *Roosevelt*
 Post Office Canyon, *Hidalgo*
 Quarai, *Torrance*
 Quemado, Lake, *Catron*
 Rattlesnake Springs, *Eddy*
 Redrock, WMA, *Grant*
 Rio Grande Nature Center, *Bernalillo*
 Rio Rancho, *Sandoval*
 Rodeo, *Hidalgo*
 Roswell, *Chaves*
 Ruby Ranch, *San Miguel*
 Sandia Crest, *Bernalillo*
 Sandia Mts., *Bernalillo/Sandoval*
 San Antonio, *Socorro*
 San Mateo Mts., Spring, *Socorro*
 Santa Fe, *Santa Fe*
 Santa Rosa, *Guadalupe*
 Separ, *Grant*
 Sevilleta NWR, *Socorro*
 Silver City, *Grant*

Skeleton Canyon, *Hidalgo*
 Spring Canyon SP, *Luna*
 Springer, Lake, *Colfax*
 Springtime CG, Canyon, *Socorro*
 Socorro, *Socorro*
 Star Lake, *McKinley*
 Sugarite SP, *Colfax*
 Sumner Lake, Dam, *De Baca*
 Sunland Park, *Doña Ana*
 Taos, Ski Valley, *Taos*
 Tatum, *Lea*
 Tres Hermanas Mts., *Luna*
 Tucumcari, *Quay*
 Tularosa, Basin, *Otero*
 Turn, *Valencia*
 Waldrop Park, *Chaves*
 Water Canyon, *Socorro*
 Williams Playa, *Curry*
 Vaughn, *Guadalupe*
 Zuni, *McKinley*
 Zuni Mts, *McKinley/Cibola*

Abbreviations

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

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SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Pacific Loon—Very late was one at Conchas L. 12 May (CMR*).

Common Loon—Latest were 2 at Brantley L. 26-28 Apr (JEP, DAE, BDN) and 3 at Conchas L. 12 May (CMR).

Horned Grebe—Two at Sumner L. 24 Mar (JEP) provided the only report.

Brown Pelican—Two, described as an ad. and an imm., were at Brantley L. 12-13 May (SW*); one of them had been reported at nearby L. Avalon 25 Apr (TJH *vide* SW).

Neotropic Cormorant—One was north in the RGV to Isleta L., *Bernalillo*, 18 Mar (BV). At Bosque NWR, 21 on 22 Apr (CMR) was the “high” count.

Least Bittern—Three were vocal at Bosque NWR 11 May (DAE, BDN).

Great Egret—Singles were north to Nutria L. 29 Apr (DJC) and Peña Blanca 16 May (WFW).

Snowy Egret—A lone Snowy at Laguna Grande 14 May (SW) was a sad reminder of the once large breeding colony there, now abandoned due to industrial pollution.

Little Blue Heron—Singles were at Bosque NWR 17-26 Apr (v.o., JRO**) and BLNWR 12-22 May (SMB, JWM). Two were north to the Los Lunas area 26 Apr (MDM).

Tricolored Heron—An ad. at Bosque NWR 20 May (JRO**) provided the only report.

Reddish Egret—An ad. at BLNWR 6 Apr (JWM*) furnished New Mexico’s 11th record overall.

Glossy Ibis—Detected for the 3rd consecutive spring, with single ads. at Bosque NWR 18-20 Apr (JEP*), near La Union 28-29 Apr (MTS*, JEZ**), Bosque Redondo 5 May (JEP*), and BLNWR 26 May (JRO*, JWM).

White-faced Ibis—High count was 917 at Bosque NWR 22 Apr (CMR). Late for the south were 30 near Columbus 27 May (SOW).

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck—One at BLNWR 20-25 Apr (v.o., GLW**) was the first there in over a decade.

Greater White-fronted Goose—Noteworthy for *Bernalillo* were 2 in Albuquerque’s South Valley 4 Mar (DAE, BDN).

Snow Goose—Late was one at Williams Playa 18-19 May (JEP, JRO).

Ross’s Goose—Late was one at Williams Playa 18 May (JEP).

Tundra Swan—Three at Maxwell NWR 27 Mar (DJC) were the last reported.

Wood Duck—Nine at Tularosa 3-4 Mar (JRO) was a high count for *Otero*. Singles where seldom reported were at Bluewater L. 28 Apr (DJC), Ned Houk Park near Clovis 28 Apr (DAE, BDN), Portales 9 May (WFW), and near Deming 12 May (LKM). Single pairs were at two southern *Doña Ana* sites 13 & 17 Apr (MTS, JEZ).

Mexican Duck—Three pairs engaged in courtship activity at Columbus 26 May (SOW).

Greater Scaup—Late and far south was a male at Bosque NWR 12 May (DAE*, BDN*).

Osprey—Continued good news for the state's breeding population, with a total of 7 active nests in *Rio Arriba* and *Sandoval* by the end of the period (DWS). A record 81 passed the Sandia Mts. lookout 25 Mar-5 May (HWI). A single day high of 14 was at Quemado L. 11 Apr (DWS), where goldfish were the favored target.

White-tailed Kite—Six pairs—4 with active nests—were under observation in southern New Mexico 9 May (RAM). One nest fledged young by 16 May and another fledged young by 25 May (RAM), firmly establishing the species as a New Mexico breeder.

Mississippi Kite—Continued to infiltrate the RGV, including one at Corrales 28 May (Chauncey Wood), 2 in Albuquerque's South Valley 28 May (DAE, BDN), and one at Luis Lopez 11 May (DAE, BDN). Far west was an ad. at Cliff 31 May (SHS).

Northern Harrier—A male was carrying nest material at Nutria L. 7 May (JAT).

Common Black-Hawk—Enjoyed a good season in the Cliff-Gila Valley, with 19 territories there in May (GS). In the RGV, one was at Isleta Marsh 3 May (Jack D. Drummond*) & 23 May (John A. Whittle*), where the species was also present in 2000. An active nest was in the Pecos drainage at Fort Stanton 28 May (JRO). Unusual was a juv. in Guadalupe Canyon 12 May (AMC), where the species does not breed.

Harris's Hawk—Continued in evidence in the Tularosa Basin, with an active nest in saltcedar at Tularosa 8 Apr (CL) & 15 May (GJE) and another nest in a pecan orchard at Alamogordo 8 Apr (CL) & 15 May (GJE).

Broad-winged Hawk—Only 3 passed the Sandia Mts. lookout 18-23 Apr (HWI). One at Rattlesnake Springs 2 May (WFW) was the only additional report.

Swainson's Hawk—Unusual in riparian forest was a nest below Cochiti Dam 2 May (DWS).

Zone-tailed Hawk—One was in Water Canyon 13 Apr (JEP, JRO**); the species is scarce in the Magdalena Mts. A nest in the Cliff-Gila Valley in May was only 100 ft from a Common Black-Hawk nest (GS).

Rough-legged Hawk—Very late was one in the Animas Valley 7 Apr (AMC, NM-C).

Merlin—A high 14 passed the Sandia Mts. lookout 13 Mar-20 Apr (HWI).

Aplomado Falcon—The saga of the first wild pair to nest in the United States in 50 years continued in southern New Mexico. A stick nest in a yucca was selected in Mar, *NMOSFN* 40:2 (Spring 2001)

and incubation was in progress in Apr, but by 9 May apparent avian predation had caused failure; by 25 May, however, the pair was incubating a replacement nest nearby (RAM).

Blue Grouse—Entertaining was a displaying male at the Aspen Vista turnout above Santa Fe 23 & 26 May (WFW, JEP).

Gambel's Quail—Perhaps owing to releases, singles were in the western foothills of the Sandia Mts. in Pino Canyon 6 May (NV) and Elena Gallegos Canyon 18 May (HRS).

Montezuma Quail—Two in the Guadalupe Mts. 9 May (DR), where scarce.

Common Moorhen—One was north to Isleta Marsh 10 May (JRO). West was one at Clanton Cienega 21 Mar-6 Apr (AMC, NM-C).

Black-bellied Plover—A high 22 at BLNWR 16 May (JBM). Elsewhere, singles at Ruby Ranch 27 May (WFW) and Holloman L. 15 May (GJE) and 2 at EBL 4 May (JRO, DAE, BDN).

American Golden-Plover—One was at La Union 14 Apr (JEP*, JRO**) and one was at BLNWR 15 Apr (JWM*), 11 May (JRO*), 24 May (JWM), and 26 May (JRO**).

Snowy Plover—Earliest were 2 at BLNWR 9 Mar (GLW). Twelve were at Holloman L. by 26 Mar (GJE).

Piping Plover—An ad. male at BLNWR 21-27 Apr (JWM*, GLW*, JEP*, DAE*, BDN*, WHH**) provided New Mexico's 7th overall and 3rd to be photo-documented.

Mountain Plover—Noteworthy were singles near Black Butte, northern *Socorro* 10 Apr (LAS) and northwest to Star L. 28 May (DWS).

Black-necked Stilt—Ten active nests at Turn 26 May (CMR).

American Avocet—Three nests and one brood at Turn 26 May (CMR). In the northwest, three pairs nesting at Star L. 16 & 28 May (DWS).

Willet—Noted at 8 sites from the RGV eastward 14 Apr-22 May, with a high 109 at Bosque NWR 3 May (CMR) and 30 at Brantley L. 22 Apr (JRO). West were 3 in the Zuni Mts. 9 May (JAT).

Whimbrel—Two at Maxwell NWR 30 Apr (PRS*) and singles at Bosque NWR 22 Apr (DAE*, BDN*, CMR*) and BLNWR 22 Apr (JEP*) & 27 Apr (JWM).

Long-billed Curlew—Earliest reported were 5 in the Animas Valley 6 Mar (AMC, NM-C) and one at Leasburg SP 7 Mar (LS).

Hudsonian Godwit—Two birds, one in breeding plumage and one in winter plumage, were at Bosque NWR 24-25 Apr (WFW*, JRO**).

Ruddy Turnstone—An individual molting into breeding plumage at L. Avalon 25 Apr (TJH *fide* SW) provided New Mexico's 21th overall record but only the 6th for spring.

Sanderling—Scarce, with one at BLNWR 22 Apr (JEP) and 2 there 25 May (GLW) the only reports.

White-rumped Sandpiper—A reported 40 at BLNWR 26 May (JRO) and one at Portales 27 May (JRO).

Pectoral Sandpiper—One at La Union 28 Apr MTS*, JEZ**) among the very few reports.

Dunlin—Noted only at BLNWR 6-28 Apr, with a high 4 there 20 Apr (GLW).

Stilt Sandpiper—Conspicuous from the RGV eastward, including 311 at BLNWR 12 May (GLW) and 50 at Holloman L. 15 May (GJE).

American Woodcock—One along Alamosa Cr. at the Monticello Box, *Socorro* 28 Mar (Brian K. Lang*) provided the state's 9th overall and 3rd west of the RGV.

Red-necked Phalarope—One was east to Portales 27-28 May (JRO**, JEP); high counts were 3 each at Bosque NWR 10 May (NV) and BLNWR 23 May (JBM).

Laughing Gull—Nicely photographed was an ad. at L. Carlsbad 22 Apr (JRO**); another ad. was described at BLNWR 29 May (JWM*).

Franklin's Gull—The 42 at Ruby Ranch 27 May (WFW) was a large number for so late in the season.

Thayer's Gull—One was at EBL's Rock Canyon Marina 12 Mar (JRO**).

Glaucous Gull—The ad. photographed at Cochiti L. in Feb was still present 2 Mar (PRS*) and last seen 4 Mar (BV*).

Caspian Tern—One was at Brantley L. 12 May (JEP*, JRO**).

Elegant Tern—A first for New Mexico was a well-documented ad. at Burn L. in Las Cruces 7-8 May (TLS+, TLS**, JEZ**, JRO**, sketch JNP).

Least Tern—Away from their BLNWR breeding stronghold were singles at Red L., *McKinley* 12 May (DJC**), Bosque NWR 12 May (DAE*, BDN*), Burn L. 20-21 Apr (GJE, MTS*, JEZ**), and Jal L. 26 May (JRO**) and 2 were at the upper end of Sumner L. 30 May (WFW).

Eurasian Collared-Dove—Reported from at least 20 sites from the RGV eastward (JRO+) and judged as "becoming ubiquitous in small towns on the eastern plains" (JEP). West were singles at Silver City 8-22 May (ERL) and Hillsboro 6 May (DAE) and 2 in *Luna* 12 May (LKM).

White-winged Dove—Continued to solidify its northward expansion. Noteworthy were singles at Zuni 12 May (DJC**), Los Alamos 3 Apr (Carlyn Jervis), Quarai 10 May (HRS), and Vaughn 29 Apr (JRO) and 2 at Madrid 27 Apr (LAS).

Common Ground-Dove—A vocal one was at Redrock WMA 29 May (SOW) and one was in Guadalupe Canyon 12 May (AMC).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo—Returned early, with singles at NRT 29 Apr (CMR), Rattlesnake Springs 12-13 May (SW, JEP), Zuni 12-13 May (DJC**), and Cliff 14 May (SHS); several pairs were nesting in the Cliff-Gila Valley by 31 May (SHS). Noteworthy were 3 at Bosque Redondo 30 May (WFW).

Western Screech-Owl—Scarce in the Organ Mts., a vocal one was along the Pine Tree Trail at Aguirre Springs 17 May (MTS, JEZ).

Elf Owl—Expanding its presence in southeastern New Mexico were 2-4 vocal ones in Rocky Arroyo near Brantley L. 2 May (WFW) and at least one there 12 May (JEP, JRO).

Common Poorwill—Early was one found dead at Hillsboro 17 Mar (JEP, JRO).

Chaetura sp.—A silent one over Carlsbad 22 Mar (RW) was seemingly far too early for a Chimney Swift and may have been a Vaux's.

Chimney Swift—Several in possible breeding locales: 2-3 at Roswell 26 Apr-12 May (JEP, JRO, SMB), 2 each at Fort Sumner 15 May (WFW) and Melrose 19 May (JRO), and 5 at Tucumcari 6 May (WHH).

Broad-billed Hummingbird—A male was north to Skeleton Canyon 22 May (SOW), where only recently established.

Magnificent Hummingbird—A male visited at Post Office Canyon feeder 29 Mar (RTS).

Lucifer Hummingbird—A male at Post Office Canyon 25 Mar (RTS) was the first of the season there.

Anna's Hummingbird—A male in Post Office Canyon 5 Apr (RTS) provided the only report.

Calliope Hummingbird—Unexpected anywhere in New Mexico in spring, a male was east to Madrid 4 May (LAS).

Rufous Hummingbird—Unexpected in spring, single ad. males were at Silver City 8 Apr (ERL) and Post Office Canyon 9 Apr (RTS).

Lewis's Woodpecker—Lingering in southern lowlands were singles at Deming 15 Apr (LKM), Burn L. 18 Apr (GJE), and Tularosa 18 Mar (JRO) and 2 near Lake Valley 5 May (SGD**).

Acorn Woodpecker—At the northern fringe of the range was one near Cuba 12 May (PRS), where the species has persisted since the 1950s.

Gila Woodpecker—Encouraging was news of 12-15 territories in the Cliff-Gila Valley by 31 May (SHS), up from the usual 2-5 territories of recent years. Five birds were noted

at Redrock 21 Apr (JEP) and 2 territories were in the Gila Lower Box, *Hidalgo* 21-22 May (SOW).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker—Singles were described from southeastern *Curry* 24-25 Mar (JL) and from eastern *Chaves* at Waldrop Park 8 Mar (William S. Shelmerdine).

Ladder-backed Woodpecker—Present in Bluewater Gorge in May (JAT), but nesting in the Zuni Mts. remained unconfirmed. Recently found nesting in suburban Albuquerque, including a nest at the Botanical Gardens 21 Apr (HRS) and young fledging in the Northeast Heights 27 May (HRS).

Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet—Four had returned to Guadalupe Canyon by 31 Mar (AMC, NM-C).

Olive-sided Flycatcher—Very early was one at Percha SP 14 Apr (JEP, JRO).

Eastern Wood-Pewee—One was “singing profusely” at Rattlesnake Springs 12 May (SW), but was absent 13 May (SW).

Least Flycatcher—One was reported west to the Lake Valley Ranch 4 May (SGD*).

Hammond’s Flycatcher—South of expected was one singing in pines in Springtime Canyon, San Mateo Mts. 28 May (CMR).

Gray Flycatcher—Far east was one at Waldrop Park 28 Apr (WHH). One was in the Florida Mts. 18 Apr (LKM), where rarely reported.

Eastern Phoebe—Suspected of local nesting was one at Santa Rosa 28 May (JEP).

Vermilion Flycatcher—Continued to appear northeast of expected, with one at LVNWR 27 May (WFW), 2 at Conchas L. 12 May (CMR), near Amistad 1 May (MRG), at NRT 24 Mar (JEP, JRO**), and in southeast *Curry* 31 Mar (JL). Noteworthy for *Sierra* were 2 pairs, including an active nest, at Percha SP 14 Apr (JEP, JRO).

Ash-throated Flycatcher—Possibly benefited from the Cerro Grande fire, as seemed more widespread than usual in the Los Alamos area (JT).

Thick-billed Kingbird—Far out of range, and a first for *Eddy*, was one at Rattlesnake Springs 19-20 May (SW*).

Eastern Kingbird—South of usual was one at Bosque NWR 22 May (GJE).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher—West was one at La Joya 12 May (DLH).

Northern Shrike—One at Abiquiu Dam 11 Mar (JT) was the only report.

White-eyed Vireo—Nicely detailed were singles at Albuquerque’s oxbow 23 May (sketch NV*) and Rattlesnake Springs 8 May (LA*).

Bell’s Vireo—In new locales were singing singles at Separ 11 May (LKM) and near Columbus 27 May (SOW).

Gray Vireo—Noteworthy were one singing near Madrid 29 May (LAS), one in Railroad Canyon south of Pelona Mt., *Catron* 30 May (Jean-Luc Cartron), 2 on the Frisco Hot Springs trail below Pleasanton in May (SHS), and 3, including a pair, at Aguirre Springs 18 May (MTS, JEZ).

Yellow-throated Vireo—Singles were at Española 29 Apr (JT, MM*) and NRT 12 May (JEP*, JRO**).

Hutton's Vireo—North was a vocal one in the San Mateo Mts. 27 Mar (SOW).

Red-eyed Vireo—West was one singing at Cliff 21 May (SHS) and 28 May (GS). One to 2 were at NRT on various dates 4-27 May (JEP*, WFW, JRO) and one was at Boone's Draw 9 May (WFW).

Steller's Jay—Among the last of the lowland invasion were singles in Albuquerque's South Valley 15 Apr (CMR) and Percha SP 14 Apr (JEP, JRO) and 5 at Deming 20 Apr (LKM).

Blue Jay—West were one at Sugarite SP 28 Mar (DJC) and 3 there 5 May (DJC), one at Albuquerque's Old Town 15 Apr (John Arnold), and one at Manzano L., *Torrance* 29 Apr (NV).

Black-throated Magpie-Jay—Undoubtedly escapees from the notorious Juarez/El Paso cagebird trade were 2 ads. at Randel's Pool near Sunland Park 27 Apr (MTS*, JEZ*).

Pinyon Jay—Out of range were 2 at the Moriarty turf farm 21 Apr (JRO) and one in desert riparian in the Tres Hermanas Mts. near Columbus 17 May (SOW).

Clark's Nutcracker—Singles were rarely reported were in Zuni's Pescado Canyon 12 May (JAT), Sandia Crest 20 Apr (SJD), and Capilla Peak, Manzano Mts. 12 Apr (*fide* WHH).

Common Raven—Often overlooked in the eastern plains, an active nest was south of Logan at Hudson, *Quay* 6 May (WHH). Two birds in Walnut Canyon 17 Mar (SW, RW) were noteworthy for Carlsbad Caverns NP.

Bank Swallow—A riparian species of concern that is often overlooked. Encouraging were about 25 in a north Corrales arroyo 19 May (WHH), where a new colony was suspected, and up to 15 at Bosque NWR 10 May (NV), including one entering a ditchbank cavity.

Cave Swallow—One at Burn L. 7 May (MTS, JEZ) furnished a new locale. Small numbers were nesting under bridges in southern *Doña Ana* in the vicinities of La Mesa 1 Apr (MTS, JEZ) and La Union 25 Mar (MTS, JEZ) & 14 Apr (JEP).

Mountain Chickadee—Lingering were one in Guadalupe Canyon 31 Mar (AMC, NM-C), 2 at Socorro 8 Apr (JRO), and 6 at Deming 28 Apr (LKM).

Verdin—One to 2 were north to La Joya 25 Mar (BV) and 11 Apr (WHH).

Bushtit—Lingering in the east were 4 at Roswell 12 May (SMB+).

Red-breasted Nuthatch—Among the last in the lowlands were 2 at Deming 28 Apr (LKM) and one at La Union 19 Apr (MTS, JEZ).

Cactus Wren—One was north to Tucumcari 13 Apr (Hilda Bakke).

Carolina Wren—One was singing at Socorro's Riverine Park on various dates 8-29 Apr (JRO, JEP, WFW), where the species has been present since 1999.

Winter Wren—Late was one at NRT 9 May (WFW).

Golden-crowned Kinglet—Late for the RGV were 2 in Albuquerque's South Valley 15 Apr (DAE, BDN).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher—One below Caballo Dam 17 Mar (JEP, JRO) may have wintered locally.

Black-tailed Gnatcatcher—One at Separ 11 May (LKM) provided a new locale.

Eastern Bluebird—One was with Westerns in the Gila Bird Area 17 Mar (ERL). Five were at Sugarite SP 28 Mar (DJC). Late was one at NRT 30 May (WFW).

Wood Thrush—One was at NRT 27-28 May (JEP*, JRO*).

Gray Catbird—Noteworthy for the west were singles at Clanton Cienega 25 Mar (AMC, NM-C) and Bluewater Gorge 10 May (JAT). South was one singing near Sunland Park 24 Apr (MTS, JEZ). Conspicuous in the middle RGV, where 5 were singing at Corrales 19 May (WHH), several were vocal at Isleta Marsh 16 May (SOW), and one was singing at Bosque NWR 20 May (JRO) & 26 May (CMR).

Northern Mockingbird—One arrived at northwest Albuquerque's Paradise Hills 29 Apr (WHH) giving a good imitation of a Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet.

Brown Thrasher—One at Corrales 27 Mar (WHH) had wintered locally. Others were singles at Bosque Redondo 29 Apr (JRO) and in southeastern *Curry* 29 Apr (JL).

Long-billed Thrasher—One singing at Bosque Redondo Mar-May (JEP*, JRO, CMR, DAE, BDN, WFW) presumably was the same one present there since 1997.

Curve-billed Thrasher—Some 42 territories were occupied at Eldorado by May (DWS). One at Quarai 29 Apr (NV) was a local first.

Sprague's Pipit—Rare in the RGV, one was in grasslands at Sevilleta NWR 16 Apr (DLH).

Cedar Waxwing—Lingering were 3 along Largo Cr., *Catron* 18 May (CMR), 12 at Silver City 21 May (ERL), 7 at Zuni 23 May (DJC), 3 at Luis Lopez 25 May (JRO), and 15 at Rattlesnake Springs 26 May (SW, RW).

Olive Warbler—Returned to northern outposts, with 2 above Water Canyon, Magdalena Mts. 12 May (DAE, BDN), 4 in Springtime Canyon, San Mateo Mts. 27-28 May (CMR) and a nest under construction at 9200 ft at San Mateo Spring 23 May (*fide* HRS).

Wood-warblers—A memorable season, with 35 of New Mexico's 46 verified species reliably reported.

Blue-winged Warbler—Impressive were single males at Zuni's Blackrock Dam 8 May (JAT*), Mesilla's Old Refuge 8 May (William Seager*), and Santa Rosa 17 Apr (David L. Bleakly**).

Lucy's Warbler—Maintained a good presence in *Socorro* with one at Luis Lopez by 27 Mar (JRO), 3 singing at San Antonio 1 Apr (JRO), and 10 at Bosque NWR 16 May (CMR).

Northern Parula—Made a good showing, with single males at Chaco Canyon 27 Apr (BHS), Otero Canyon, Manzanita Mts. 1 May (NV), near La Union 12-13 Apr (MTS*, JEZ*) & 14 Apr (JEP, JRO), and at N.R.T 5 May (JEP) plus an apparent female in southeastern *Curry* 17 Apr (JL).

Chestnut-sided Warbler—A singing male in Bluewater Gorge, Zuni Mts. 10 May (JAT*) and another singing male at Rattlesnake Springs 20 May (SW).

Black-throated Blue Warbler—Four reports: a female at the Moriarty turf farm 13 May (JEP*), a male at NRT 5 May (JEP*), and a female at Carlsbad 19 May (RW*); undetailed was one at RGNC about 1 May (G. Robert Yaksich).

Myrtle x Audubon's Warbler—A nifty hybrid was at Waldrop Park 28 Apr (WHH*).

Black-throated Gray Warbler—East was one at N.R.T. 29 Apr (CMR).

Black-throated Green Warbler—An ad. male was at Rattlesnake Springs 28 Apr (DAE*, BDN*).

Hermit Warbler—Far northeast was a male in the Mineral Hill area west of Las Vegas 12 May (S. Noseworthy*). Others were a male in a tree farm near La Union 12 Apr (MTS*, JEZ*) and a female near Cliff 6 May (CMR*).

Hermit x Townsend's Warbler—A hybrid male was described from Lake Valley Ranch 4 May (SGD*).

Blackburnian Warbler—An apparent female was at NRT 11-19 May (JEP*, JRO**, DAE*, BDN*).

Yellow-throated Warbler—Made a remarkable showing, with single singing males at Ruby Ranch 12 May (Sam J. Brayshaw*), Brantley L. 27-28 Apr (DAE*, BDN*), and Rattlesnake Springs 19 May (SW*); others were one at Caprock 28 Apr (CMR*, JRO*) and one that wintered at NMSU in Las Cruces last seen 17 Mar (Rich Hoyer+).

Grace's Warbler—A scarce breeder in the Organ Mts., 3 were singing along the Pine Tree Trail, Aguirre Springs 18 May (MTS, JEZ).

Prairie Warbler—A possible Prairie was heard singing at NRT 19 May (JRO*).

Palm Warbler—One of the western race was at NRT 5 May (JEP*).

Blackpoll Warbler—An ad. male was in Albuquerque's Nob Hill area 23 May (Damian Andrus* *fide* NV)

Cerulean Warbler—A male at Springtime CG, San Mateo Mts. 26 May (CMR**) provided only the 2nd verified New Mexico record.

Black-and-white Warbler—In the RGV, singles were at Cochiti 22 May (HAW), EBL Dam 18 Apr (SJD), and near Sunland Park 18 Apr (MTS, JEZ). In the east, a singing male was at NRT 29 Apr (JEP, JRO, DAE, BDN, CMR) and a female was there 12 May (JEP, JRO) and other singles were at Boone's Draw 9 May (WFW), Pep 15 May (WFW), Waldrop Park 28 Apr (JRO, CMR), and Tatum 28 Apr (DAE, BDN).

American Redstart—Singles west to Zuni's Blackrock Dam 8 May (JAT) and below Bluewater Dam 25 May (CMR), Bosque NWR 16 May (CMR), and Ramon, *Lincoln* 27 Apr (DAE, BDN) plus 1-3 at NRT on multiple dates 5-27 May (m.ob.).

Prothonotary Warbler—Another good showing, with a singing male at Algodones 22 May (WFW), a male at Mesa, *Chaves* 2 May (WFW), and at least one bird in the Rattlesnake Springs area 27 Apr (JEP), 28 Apr ("female" DAE, BDN), 12 May ("male" SW), and 26 May ("female" JRO**).

Ovenbird—One was singing at Cochiti 31 May (WFW).

Kentucky Warbler—A singing male was at Cochiti Pueblo 16 May (DLH*) and another singing male was at Water Canyon CG 3-4 May (Eric L. Decker*, CMR*).

Mourning Warbler—Well-documented were single ad. males at NRT 12 May (JEP*, JRO**) and Boone's Draw 27 May (JRO*).

Hooded Warbler—Much in evidence, with single singing males in Bluewater Gorge 10 May (JAT*), Cochiti Pueblo 11 May into Jun (DLH), Escondida L. 30 May (DLH), and NRT 9 May (WFW) and a female was at Hillsboro 6 May (DAE, BDN).

Red-faced Warbler—A pair nest-building at 8200 ft in Little Water Canyon, Zuni Mts., *Cibola* 9 May (JAT*) furnished the northwesternmost breeding yet for New Mexico; the species was first detected in the Zuni Mts. only in 1999. Twelve territories were found in Springtime Canyon, San Mateo Mts. 27-28 May (CMR), including an active nest.

Hepatic Tanager—Somewhat early was a male in the Burro Mts., *Grant* 21 Apr (JEP). Hepatics in unusual locales included single males at the Moriarty turf farm 28 May (JEP), Rinconada Canyon, Petroglyph NM 20 May (HRS), and Sunland Park 12 May (MTS, JEZ).

Summer Tanager—North were an imm. male at Zuni 11 May (JAT*), a female at Santa Fe 23 May (BRF), one at Fort Sumner 20 May (JRO), and a female at NRT 12 May (JEP, JRO).

Western Tanager—One was east to Clovis 19 May (JRO).

Spotted Towhee—Surprising for the prairie was one at the Mesa rest stop, *Chaves* 28 Apr (WHH).

Canyon Towhee—Two at NRT 24 Mar (JEP) may have lingered there since last fall.

Cassin's Sparrow—Plentiful winter rains resulted in good habitat conditions in the southwest, and 3 were singing near Hermanas as early as 29 Mar (SOW). Others in that area included one near Gage 30 May, 10 south of Hachita 28 May, and 2 near Columbus 27 May (SOW).

Botteri's Sparrow—Earliest were 2 in the middle Animas Valley 12 May (AMC, NM-C).

Rufous-crowned Sparrow—Noteworthy for *Roosevelt* was one at NRT 5 May (JEP).

Black-chinned Sparrow—A singing male was north to Zuni's Chaema Canyon 12-13 May (JAT*, DJC**). A male was near Madrid 29 May (LAS) and a pair was near Placitas 22 May (WFW).

Black-throated Sparrow—Typically scarce in the northeast, so noteworthy was one in *Curry* north of Melrose 12 Apr (SOW).

Lark Bunting—Early green-up of the northeastern prairies induced many to stop there. West were 3 displaying males at Stanley, *Santa Fe* 28 May (LAS).

Grasshopper Sparrow—One was singing in a hayfield near Cliff 24 May (SHS), where not known to breed.

White-throated Sparrow—Late and a local first was a tan morph at Chaco Canyon 27 Apr (BHS).

Harris's Sparrow—One attaining breeding plumage at Carrizozo 11 Mar (JRO**) was singing there 18 Mar (JRO). One that wintered at Las Cruces was attaining breeding plumage 3 Apr (TLS) and was last seen 18 Apr (TLS).

Golden-crowned Sparrow—An ad. was in the Albuquerque bosque near the Alameda bridge 15 Apr (BV*).

Northern Cardinal—A singing male in Rocky Arroyo near Brantley L. 13 Apr (SW) provided further evidence of this species' Pecos Valley presence.

Pyrrhuloxia—One at NRT 29 Apr (CMR) was far north for so late a date. The species is well-established in the southwest, with one in the Florida Mts. 23 May (LKM), a singing male in the Tres Hermanas Mts. 27 May (SOW), plus 6 near Gage 30 May (SOW) and 12 south of Hachita 27 May (SOW).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak—A strong showing found 1-2 at 12 sites from the RGV eastward 29 Apr-30 May, including in *Taos*, *Sandoval*, *Bernalillo*, *Socorro*, *Doña Ana*, *NMOSFN* 40:2 (Spring 2001)

San Miguel, Curry, Roosevelt, Chaves, and Eddy (m.ob.). West were a singing male at Cliff 14 May (SHS) and another ad. male at Clanton Cienega 12 May (NM-C).

Painted Bunting—North in the RGV was an ad. male at Rio Rancho 1 May (SGD**), Evidence of expansion in the east was provided by 2 in the Conchas L. area 12 May (CMR) and one at NRT 28 May (JEP).

Dickcissel—Early was a female at Luis Lopez 2 May (JRO). Far west and a local first was another at Chaco Canyon 13 May (BHS*).

Bobolink—A singing male was at Peña Blanca 16 May (WFW).

Common Grackle—Continued to push westward, with singles at Zuni 17 Apr (DJC**), Quemado 20 May (CMR), and near L. Roberts 16 Apr (JRO**). Early in the north were 2 at Springer L. 27 Mar (DJC).

Bronzed Cowbird—One to 3 at eight sites in *Luna, Doña Ana, Eddy, and Lea* 23 Mar-26 May (v.o.). North were 2 at Roswell 12 May (SMB).

Orchard Oriole—Singles wandered west to Lamy, *Santa Fe* 4-7 May (S. Steffy*) and Luis Lopez 3 May (JRO**). In the east, singles were at NRT, Ned Houk Park, Oasis SP, Waldrop Park, Maljamar, and Eunice 28 Apr-27 May (m.ob.) while a reported 24 were in the Rattlesnake Springs area during May (SW).

Hooded Oriole—Noteworthy were an ad. male north to Zuni 25-29 Apr (DJC**) and one at Spring Canyon SP 8 Apr (LKM).

Baltimore Oriole—An ad. male was at Tinnie, *Lincoln* 6 May (SW) and another was well-described at Rattlesnake Springs 8 May (LA*).

Rosy-Finches—The Sandia Crest mixed species flock peaked at 175—mostly **Blacks** but containing **Gray-crowneds** and **Brown-cappeds** as well—on 5 Mar (Troy Corman*); it was down to 70 birds 26 Mar (KCS) with the last one seen 31 Mar (KCS). Elsewhere, a mixed flock of 26 was at Madrid 18 Mar (LAS) and another, numbering 60 birds and containing all 3 species was at the Taos Ski Valley 1 Apr (Jim Nelson-Moore, Guy Tingos).

Pine Grosbeak—Two persisted at Sandia Crest until 21 Apr (SJD).

Cassin's Finch—Remnants of the massive winter invasion lingered in lowland areas in the western two-thirds of the state into early May; among the last were 2 each at Roswell (SMB) and Deming (LKM) and one in *Doña Ana* (MTS, JEZ) 12 May.

Red Crossbill—Also lingered late in non-breeding areas, including 2 at Albuquerque 26 May (PRS) and 10 at Socorro 29 May (JRO).

Pine Siskin—Another finch seemingly reluctant to leave the lowlands, being especially prevalent in the east into May, e.g., 15 at Waldrop Park 28 Apr (WHH), over 60 at Conchas L. 12 May (CMR), and 9 at Roswell 12 May (SMB); in the RGV, including singles at Bosque NWR 26 May (CMR) and Anthony, *Doña Ana* 30 May (MTS, JEZ);

and in the southern deserts, with 4 in the Tres Hermanas Mts. 17 May (SOW) and 5 at Deming 21 May (LKM).

American Goldfinch—Late for the south were 5 at Deming 15 May (LKM). Last at Zuni were 6 on 25 May (DJC).

Evening Grosbeak—Most retreated from lowland areas early. Among the last in nonbreeding areas were 1-2 at Quemado 19-20 May (CMR) and 2-3 in Guadalupe Canyon 12 May (AMC, NM-C).

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