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Cover: Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) Known from New Mexico since the 1850s, this waterbird reaches its northernmost limit in New Mexico, where it is a rare breeder in the middle Rio Grande Valley, and where it is threatened by loss of breeding sites, disturbance, food supply fluctuations, and persecution. Art by Dale A. Zimmerman, commissioned by New Mexico Department of Game and Fish for a series on state endangered species. Used by permission.

AUTUMN SEASON 2003

Serious drought and warmer than usual temperatures continued as the main weather story through Fall 2003, resulting in drying lakes and rivers along with poor cover and food conditions. It was, however, a season notable for rarities, including four new species—Royal Tern, Eastern Screech-Owl, Henslow's Sparrow, and Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow—bringing the state list to 506. These novelties were joined by New Mexico's second Piratic Flycatcher, plus numerous additional surprises, some not seen in the state for many years or decades.

Localities and Counties

Albuquerque, <i>Bernalillo</i>	Glorieta, <i>Santa Fe</i>
Angel Fire, <i>Colfax</i>	Guadalupe Mts., <i>Eddy</i>
Animas, Cr., Mts., Valley, <i>Hidalgo</i>	Holloman Lake, <i>Otero</i>
Belen, <i>Valencia</i>	Isleta, <i>Bernalillo/Valencia</i>
Bitter Lake NWR, <i>Chaves</i>	Jemez Falls, <i>Sandoval</i>
Bluewater Lake, <i>McKinley/Cibola</i>	La Plata, <i>San Juan</i>
Boone's Draw, <i>Roosevelt</i>	Lake Avalon, <i>Eddy</i>
Bosque del Apache NWR, <i>Socorro</i>	Lake Roberts, <i>Grant</i>
Bosque Redondo, <i>De Baca</i>	Las Animas Creek, <i>Sierra</i>
Brantley Lake, <i>Eddy</i>	Las Cruces, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Burro Mts., <i>Grant</i>	Las Vegas, NWR, <i>San Miguel</i>
Caballo Lake, Dam, <i>Sierra</i>	Lingo, <i>Roosevelt</i>
Capilla Peak, <i>Torrance</i>	Los Alamos, <i>Los Alamos</i>
Capitan, <i>Lincoln</i>	Los Lunas, <i>Valencia</i>
Carlsbad, Lake, <i>Eddy</i>	Loving, <i>Eddy</i>
Carlsbad Caverns NP, <i>Eddy</i>	Luis Lopez, <i>Socorro</i>
Cerrillos, <i>Santa Fe</i>	Luna, <i>Catron</i>
Chama, <i>Rio Arriba</i>	Madrid, <i>Santa Fe</i>
Cimarron, Canyon, <i>Colfax</i>	Manzano, Mts., <i>Torrance</i>
Clabber Hill Ranch, <i>San Miguel</i>	Maxwell, NWR, <i>Colfax</i>
Clanton Canyon, Cienega, <i>Hidalgo</i>	Mesilla, Dam, Valley, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Cliff, Cliff-Gila Valley, <i>Grant</i>	Mims Lake, <i>Sierra</i>
Cloudcroft, <i>Otero</i>	Morgan Lake, <i>San Juan</i>
Clovis, <i>Curry</i>	Nara Visa, <i>Quay</i>
Conchas Lake, Dam, <i>San Miguel</i>	Ned Houk Park, <i>Curry</i>
Cochiti Lake, Dam, <i>Sandoval</i>	north <i>Roosevelt</i> trap [NRT], <i>Roosevelt</i>
Corrales, <i>Sandoval</i>	Otero Mesa, <i>Otero</i>
Deming, <i>Luna</i>	Otis, <i>Eddy</i>
Dripping Springs, <i>Doña Ana</i>	Peloncillo Mts., <i>Hidalgo</i>
Eagle Nest, Lake, <i>Colfax</i>	Peña Blanca, <i>Sandoval</i>
Elephant Butte Lake, Dam, <i>Sierra</i>	Percha SP, <i>Sierra</i>
Elk Mt., <i>San Miguel</i>	Pinos Altos Mts., <i>Grant</i>
Encino, <i>Torrance</i>	Portales, <i>Roosevelt</i>
Farmington, <i>San Juan</i>	Post Office Canyon, <i>Hidalgo</i>
Florida Mts., <i>Luna</i>	Quemado Lake, <i>Catron</i>
Fort Sumner, <i>De Baca</i>	Radium Springs, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Gila, <i>Grant</i>	Raton, <i>Colfax</i>
Gila Bird Area, <i>Grant</i>	Rattlesnake Springs, <i>Eddy</i>

Rio Grande Nature Center, *Bernalillo*
 Rodeo, *Hidalgo*
 Roswell, *Chaves*
 Ruby Ranch, *San Miguel*
 Ruidoso, *Lincoln*
 Sandia Crest, *Bernalillo*
 Sandia Mts., *Bernalillo/Sandoval*
 San Antonio, *Socorro*
 San Jon, *Quay*
 Santa Teresa, *Doña Ana*
 Sevilleta NWR, *Socorro*
 Skeleton Canyon, *Hidalgo*
 Socorro, *Socorro*
 Springer, Lake, *Colfax*

Stubblefield Lake, *Colfax*
 Sugarite SP, *Colfax*
 Sumner Lake, Dam, *De Baca*
 Sunland Park, *Doña Ana*
 Tatum, *Lea*
 Terrero, *San Miguel*
 Texico, *Curry*
 Truth or Consequences, *Sierra*
 Tucumcari, Lake, *Quay*
 Tyrone, *Grant*
 Ute Lake, *Quay*
 Valles Caldera NP, *Sandoval*
 Zuni Mts, *McKinley/Cibola*

Standard Abbreviations

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

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SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Red-throated Loon—One at Ute L. 15 Nov (JRO*) was joined by a second on 16 Nov (JRO**), where one lingered until 22 Nov (JEP*).

Common Loon—First arrival was one at Maxwell NWR 15 Oct (DJC). High count was 14 at Ute L. 22 Nov (JEP). Noteworthy for the Sacramento Mts. was one at Mescalero L., *Otero* 28 Nov (JRO).

Yellow-billed Loon—Unreported for the past two years, an imm. was at LVNWR 9 Nov (MMR*)

Horned Grebe—Early was one at Sumner L. 20 Sep (JEP, JRO).

***Aechmophorus* sp.**—Shrinking lakes resulted in notable waterbird concentrations, including aerial counts of 4300 *Aechmophorus* grebes in the EBL-Caballo area 24 Oct (MLW).

American White Pelican—Some 2000 were in the EBL-Caballo area 24 Oct (MLW).

Brown Pelican—Single imms. strayed to EBL 3-9 Aug (WFW*, MTS*, JEZ**, JEP*) and Morgan L. 26 Aug (J. Rees *vide* APN) and an ad. was at Brantley L. 29 Aug (WFW*).

American Bittern—Singles were at BLNWR 8 Aug (JEP), 29 Oct (GLW), & 5 Nov (GLW).

Least Bittern—One at Bosque NWR 5 Aug (PB) provided the only report.

Great Egret—Far west and a local first was one at Tyrone 28 Sep (ERL).

Snowy Egret—Late was one at the Belen Taco Bell marsh 16 Nov (JRO).

Little Blue Heron—An ad. was at L. Avalon 24 Aug (SW) and an imm. was there 18 Sep (SW).

Tricolored Heron—An imm. at BLNWR 3-5 Aug (JRO, SOW) was joined by another 6-28 Aug (JRO, MTS, JEZ, WFW). Another imm. was at Mims L. near Truth or Consequences 24 Aug (JRO**).

Reddish Egret—Single imms. were at EBL 5-10 Aug (MTS*, JEZ**, JRO**) and in the Brantley-Avalon area 20 Sep (JRO**) through 24 Oct (SW).

Cattle Egret—Late for the north was one at Peña Blanca 9 Nov (JRO).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron—An imm. was at Mims L. 20 Aug (WFW*). Another imm. at Texico 17 Oct (JRO**) apparently had both feet on the Texas side of the line.

Roseate Spoonbill—The 2 imms. at BLNWR in Jul remained until 25 Sep (GLW+, JRO**, WHH**); this was but the 5th documented occurrence of the species in the state.

Wood Stork—One discovered at BLNWR 1 Aug (D. & L. McKinney*) was relocated 5 Aug (GLW*) but not found thereafter; the species was last reported in New Mexico 30 years ago.

Turkey Vulture—Several lingered later than usual, including 2 at Conchas Dam 22 Oct (WFW), 6 at Deming 24 Oct (LKM), and one at BLNWR 29 Oct (GLW).

Fulvous Whistling-Duck—The species appeared at L. Avalon for the 2nd consecutive year, with 2 there 5-29 Aug (SW) and 3 on 18 Sep & 13 Oct (SW).

Tundra Swan—A remarkable 16 were at Springer L. 29 Nov (DJC**). One was south to L. Avalon 29 Nov (JRO).

Wood Duck—Noteworthy were 2 each at Bosque Redondo 15 Oct (JRO), Capitan 3 Oct (JRO), and Loving 1 Nov (SW).

Gadwall—Some 11,700 were concentrated on what was left of EBL 24 Oct (MLW).

Eurasian Wigeon—A male was at Maxwell NWR 3 Oct (DJC*).

Cinnamon Teal—Late was a male at EBL 30 Nov (JRO, DAE, BDN).

Greater Scaup—Early was an ad. male with 4 Lessers at Cochiti L. 12 Oct (WHH*).

Surf Scoter—An imm. at Holloman L. 9 Aug (JRO*) apparently had lingered from spring. Elsewhere, single Surfs were at LVNWR 2 Nov (SMF*) and Grindstone L. near Ruidoso 23 Nov (JRO**).

Osprey—A record 86 passed the Manzano Mts. hawkwatch lookout 27 Aug-26 Oct (HWI). Notable concentrations were 5 at Conchas L. 8 Oct (MLW) and 9 at Quemado L. 26 Sep (JRO).

Mississippi Kite—Noteworthy for *San Miguel* was a fledgling at Clabber Hill Ranch 27 Aug (WFW).

Bald Eagle—Early was an ad. at Conchas L. 8 Oct (MLW).

Broad-winged Hawk—A record 16 passed the Manzano Mts. lookout 21 Sep-5 Oct (HWI).

Swainson's Hawk—A migrant flock of 200 stopped at La Plata 27 Sep (APN) to feast on grasshoppers.

“Harlan's” Hawk—One was at Bosque NWR 30 Nov (SMF*).

Merlin—An average 22 passed the Manzano Mts. lookout 18 Sep-31 Oct (HWI). Elsewhere, singles were noted in *Santa Fe*, *Colfax*, *Quay*, *Roosevelt*, *Chaves*, *Grant*, *Luna*, *Doña Ana*, and *Eddy* 17 Sep-23 Nov (m.ob.).

Aplomado Falcon—One was detected in southern New Mexico 24 Sep (RAM), where drought has greatly reduced available prey.

White-tailed Ptarmigan—One was seen in the Latir Wilderness, *Taos* in early Sep (*fide* M. Frentzel).

Montezuma Quail—Considered fairly common in the northern Peloncillo Mts. Aug-Nov, although broods were small due to drought (CDL).

crane sp.—What was believed to be a Demoiselle Crane passed through Bosque NWR with Sandhills 15 Oct (RK*); rumors of an escaped Demoiselle in the “Rocky Mts.” were not confirmed.

Black-bellied Plover—High counts were 6 at BLNWR 1 Oct (GLW) and 4 at Tucumcari L. 11 Oct (JRO).

American Golden-Plover—One was at Maxwell NWR 27 Sep (DJC**).

Snowy Plover—Noteworthy for Sumner L. were one on 15 Sep (DAE, BDN) and 2 on 17 Sep (WFW). Last at BLNWR were 20 on 1 Oct (GLW).

Semipalmated Plover—Two at Alamo, *Socorro* 9-26 Sep (D. Yazee) furnished a local first. High count was 13 at EBL 20 Aug (WFW). Last was one at Tucumcari L. 5 Oct (CMR).

Killdeer—Migrants were much in evidence in Aug, including 92 at Stubblefield L. 2 Aug (DJC) and 147 at BLNWR 16 Aug (GLW).

Mountain Plover—A migrant was on Otero Mesa 26 Sep (*fide* SW).

American Avocet—High count was 567 at EBL 7 Sep (CMR).

Solitary Sandpiper—Noteworthy for *Lincoln* was one near Carrizozo 18 Aug (CMR).

Upland Sandpiper—Small numbers were seen at 6 locales 3 Aug-6 Sep (v.o.), including one west to Luis Lopez 13 Aug (JRO). High count was 4 near Roswell 8 Aug (JEP).

Long-billed Curlew—Alfalfa fields were popular with migrants, as evidenced by 472 near Otis 29 Sep (L. Stanley *fide* SW).

Marbled Godwit—High count was 5 at LVNWR 2 Aug (JRO), west were 4 at Bluewater L. 16 Aug (JRO), and late was one at EBL 28 Sep (JEP).

Ruddy Turnstone—Providing a *Sandoval* first was one at Cochiti L. 6 Sep (MMR*). Another at Sumner L. 17-20 Sep (WFW+*, JRO**) was the first for *DeBaca*.

Sanderling—A good season produced reports from 10 sites from the RGV eastward 8 Aug-10 Oct, including 5 each at Tucumcari L. 5 Oct (CMR) and Brantley L. 20 Sep (JRO); west was one near Rodeo 29 Sep (JEP).

Semipalmated Sandpiper—West of expected were 2 at Isleta 28 Aug (JRO**).

Pectoral Sandpiper—High count of 18 was at Tucumcari L. 1 Oct (WFW).

Stilt Sandpiper—High counts were 34 at Tucumcari L. 1 Oct (WFW) and 94 at BLNWR 16 Aug (GLW) with 82 there 17 Sep (GLW).

Short-billed Dowitcher—Nicely described was a vocal one at Sumner L. 17 Sep (WFW*).

Red-necked Phalarope—Was in evidence nearly statewide 10 Sep-10 Oct, including one found dead at Glorieta 12 Sep (L. Heydt***) and a high 31 at Maxwell 27 Sep (DJC**).

Red Phalarope—Singles were at Stubblefield L. 13 Sep (DJC) and at Crane L., LVNWR 14 Oct (WFW).

California Gull—Found where rarely reported were 2 at Bluewater L. 9 Aug (CMR), one at Clovis 1 Oct (WFW), and one south to Sunland Park 26 Nov (JNP*).

Herring Gull—Two imms. were at Deming 25 Oct (JEP, JRO).

Thayer's Gull—A first-winter bird was at Sunland Park 29-30 Nov (JNP*).

Sabine's Gull—Found at 8 sites from the RGV eastward 22 Sep-14 Oct, including 2 each at Eagle Nest L. 1 Oct (DJC) & Bosque NWR 22 Sep (ERL) and 3 at Sumner L. 27 Sep (MRG).

Caspian Tern—Two were at Bosque NWR 17 Sep (JRO**).

Royal Tern—The tern of the season was a state-first Royal that put in a one-day appearance at Cochiti L. 12 Oct (WHH*, SOW*, JRO**, JEP*, WFW*).

Forster's Tern—Late were 3 at L. Avalon 4 Nov (SW) and 2 at nearby Brantley L. 29 Nov (JRO).

Least Tern—One strayed to Sumner L. 2 Aug (JRO).

Black Tern—High counts were 50 at Bluewater L. 16 Aug (JRO) and 45 at Stubblefield L. 22 Aug (DJC).

Eurasian Collared-Dove—Now present in towns and villages throughout the state, and continuing to increase in numbers, including 15 at Sumner L. 3 Aug (JRO), 31 at Maxwell 2 Oct (DJC**), and about 40 each at Bosque Redondo 16 Sep (DJK), Socorro 16 Oct (JWS), and San Antonio 23 Nov (CMR). Was judged to be equal in numbers to Mourning Doves at Carlsbad (SW). Found nest-building in an exotic cedar tree at Deming (LKM).

Inca Dove—Far north was one at Maxwell 6 Oct (DJC**).

Common Ground-Dove—Three were at a Rodeo farm 2 Aug (REW*), site of persistent reports since May.

Greater Roadrunner—Renowned for their diverse diet, one in Las Cruces captured, killed, and ate a Rufous Hummingbird 4 Sep (R. E. Mayfield), while in Albuquerque, 2 spent 30 Sep flycatching for wasps at blooming flowers (SOW).

Flammulated Owl—Twenty migrants were banded at Capilla Peak, Manzano Mts. 1 Sep-8 Oct (JPD*).

Western Screech-Owl—Searches for Eastern Screech-Owls near the Texas line using Eastern tapes resulted only in 2 Westerns near San Jon and 2 Westerns near Tucumcari 16 Nov (JRO).

Eastern Screech-Owl—Another first for New Mexico was a vocal, rufous morph Eastern at Portales, first found 18 Nov (audiotape JDA**, GSK) and heard and seen by others (JEP*, JRO*, LPG*+) through the end of Nov and into Dec.

Long-eared Owl—One was banded at Capilla Peak, Manzano Mts. 19 Sep (JPD).

Short-eared Owl—One was at BLNWR 23 Oct (GLW).

Northern Saw-whet Owl—Five were banded at Capilla Peak, Manzano Mts. 5 Sep-1 Oct (JPD).

Whip-poor-will—Noteworthy for *Torrance* were 4 along the Manzano Crest Trail 4 Aug (T. Huning). Late was one in the Peloncillo Mts. 22 Oct (CDL).

Black Swift—A new breeding site was discovered in *Rio Arriba* at 3300 m near Truchas Peak, behind a waterfall on the North Fork Rio Quemado, where 8 were seen to enter the cave at dusk and one nest was visible 26 Aug (JB*). Suggestive of breeding somewhere in the area were 3 seen at Ticonderoga Falls southeast of Chama 29 Aug (RL*). Eight active nests were at Jemez Falls 5 Aug (RL), but subsequent visits 22 Aug and later suggested only two were successful (HRS*).

***Chaetura* sp.**—Unidentified singles at Radium Springs 11 Sep (MTS, JEZ) & 1 Oct (JEZ) possibly were Vaux's Swifts, but precise identification was uncertain.

Broad-billed Hummingbird—An impressive 10 were north to Skeleton Canyon 9 Aug (WHB*) and a male was in Post Office Canyon 27 Aug (CDL). Far from the Peloncillo Mts. were singles near Radium Springs 1-5 Oct (MTS, JEZ**) and at Los Lunas 7-21 Nov (RB+*, JRO**).

Magnificent Hummingbird—Singles were at Cloudcroft 3 & 7 Aug (P. McCasland, SW), where the species is probably regular but seldom reported.

Lucifer Hummingbird—Two were in Skeleton Canyon 9 Aug (WHB*). Last seen in Post Office Canyon was one on 25 Sep (CDL).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird—A male at Tatum 30-31 Aug (JRO**) provided only the 7th credible New Mexico record.

Anna's Hummingbird—Migrants were one at Socorro 25 Aug (J & MH*) and 2 at Deming 25 Aug (LKM); a high 9 was in Post Office Canyon 9 Sep (CDL) while one reached Las Cruces by 29 Oct (L. Schulte).

Costa's Hummingbird—An ad. male was in Post Office Canyon 25 Sep (CDL).

Calliope Hummingbird—Very late was an ad. male that adopted an Albuquerque feeder in mid-Nov and remained into Dec (D. Foreman).

Rufous Hummingbird—Late was an ad. male at Albuquerque through 16 Nov (RHD).

Allen's Hummingbird—A young female was banded at L. Roberts 8 Aug, and diagnostic rectrices were retained (JD-M***).

Lewis's Woodpecker—Dispersing Lewis's were much in evidence in the east and south, including one at Bosque Redondo 14 Sep (JRO), 1-2 in Socorro 15-26 Sep (PB), 2 perched in ocotillo at Radium Springs 18 Oct (MTS, JEZ), one at Mesilla 15 Nov (GJE), and one over Sunland Park apparently heading for Chihuahua 25 Oct (JNP). Another was at Deming 25 Oct (JEP, JRO), where one wintered last year.

Red-headed Woodpecker—One was at Maxwell NWR 23 Sep (DJC**), where rarely recorded in recent years. Noteworthy for *Chaves* were 2 at Bosque Draw 1 Aug (MDR), one at BLNWR 30 Aug & 2 Sep (GLW), and 4 at Roswell 22 Aug (JEP).

Melanerpes sp.—An unidentified one at Carlsbad 6 Oct (SW) was believed to be either a Red-bellied or a Golden-fronted.

Williamson's Sapsucker—Lowland singles were at RGNC 1 & 6 Sep (KG, JEP) and Albuquerque's South Valley 6 Sep (DAE, BDN).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker—An ad. male was near Cimarron 18 Nov (DJC**); single imms. were at Clabber Hill Ranch 22 Oct (WFW), Sumner Dam 16 Oct (JRO), and NRT 31 Oct (JRO).

Red-naped Sapsucker—Early for the eastern plains was one at BLNWR 12 Sep (JEP).

Downy Woodpecker—East was one near Clovis 1 Oct (WFW).

American Three-toed Woodpecker—Where rarely reported were 2 each on Borrega Mesa east of Truchas, *Rio Arriba* 26 Aug (JB) and Elk Mt., *San Miguel* 2 Aug (JRO), and singles in the Valle Vidal area, *Colfax* 16 Oct (DJC), near Luna, *Catron* 23 Aug (LKM), and in the northern Black Range, *Sierra* 23 Aug (JRO).

"Yellow-shafted" Flicker—Carefully studied were single males at NRT 13 Sep-31 Oct (JRO*, JEP*, DAE*, BDN*) and at Bosque Redondo 16 Oct (JEP*) and a female at Socorro 3 Oct (RHD*).

Least Flycatcher—One-two were at NRT (JRO, WFW, DJK), Tucumcari (CMR), Boone's Draw (JRO), BLNWR (CMR, DWM), and Tatum (JRO) 29 Aug-5 Oct.

Dusky Flycatcher—Late was one in the GBA 5 Nov (WHH*).

Pacific-slope Flycatcher—According to available diagnostic keys, one was banded at RGNC on the early date of 3 Aug (NSC, SWC).

Black Phoebe—Nested north to both *San Juan* (APN) and *Colfax* (DJC) in 2003. The last at Farmington was seen 14 Aug (APN) whereas the last near Cimarron was seen 5 Aug (DJC).

Eastern Phoebe—Presumably early were singles at San Ildefonso, *Santa Fe* 15 Aug (BRF) andf LVNWR 14 Sep (D. White).

Vermilion Flycatcher—Peripheral were singles at Tolar, *Roosevelt* 20 Sep (JK) and Tinnie, *Lincoln* 9 Aug (SW).

Great Crested Flycatcher—One strayed west to Socorro 25-26 Sep (PB*); one at Rattlesnake Springs 14 Sep (SW) provided to only additional report.

Piratic Flycatcher—New Mexico's 2nd entertained many at Bosque Redondo 12-16 Sep (JEP+*, JRO**, GKF**, WHH**, KCS**); Russian olives were a favored food source.

Eastern Kingbird—An ad. and “2 grown young” were at Socorro 1-2 Sep (PB).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher—Peripheral were singles near Sumner L. 10 Sep (MRG) and at Fort Sumner 21 Sep (CMR); noteworthy were 13 near San Jon 5 Oct (CMR) and 30 near Otis 28 Aug (SW).

Northern Shrike—Earliest was one at Conchas L. 9 Nov (JK*).

Plumbeous Vireo—Late was one at GBA 5 Nov (WHH).

Blue-headed Vireo—One or more were at NRT 20 Sep-31 Oct (JEP*, DAE*, BDN*, CMR*, WFW, JRO**), and one was at Fort Sumner 21 Sep (DAE*, BDN*).

Philadelphia Vireo—Singles apparently of this rare species were at NRT 14 Sep (JRO**) & 17 Oct (JRO**), and Luis Lopez 27 Sep (JRO**).

Gray Jay—Six near Elk Mt. 2 Aug (JRO) were at the southern fringe of the range.

Steller's Jay—One reached Deming 31 Oct (LKM).

Pinyon Jay—Dispersing were 3 east to Tucumcari 5 Oct (CMR), 4 in central Albuquerque 15 Sep (CMR), and, in the far south, one in the Peloncillo Mts. 19 Sep (CDL), 3 at Deming 29 Nov (LKM), and 2 at Radium Springs 20 Oct (MTS, JEZ).

American Crow—Continued to make its presence known: 2000 streamed through Corrales 26 Oct (WHH), 800 had reached Radium Springs 1 Nov (MTS, JEZ), and 1000+ were at Mesilla 15 Nov (GJE), where there were demands for “control” to protect pecan orchards. Unusual were 45 at Deming 21 Sep (LKM).

Purple Martin—North to the Sangre de Cristo Mts. were 8, including young, west of Raton 4 Aug (DJC) and 3 east of Terrero 2 Aug (JRO).

Cave Swallow—The 400 at Carlsbad Cavern 2 Nov (SW) were the most ever for Nov; peak in the Radium Springs area was 20 on 6 Aug (MTS, JEZ).

Barn Swallow—An estimated 5000 were concentrated at the drying EBL 28 Sep (CMR).

Winter Wren—Singles were in Cimarron Canyon 20 Nov (DJC) and at Sumner L. 14 Oct (WFW) and Bosque NWR 26 Oct (CMR*).

Sedge Wren—A bright ad. was at Clabber Hill Ranch 5 Oct (WFW*).

Wood Thrush—One caught by a cat at Santa Fe, *Santa Fe* 15 Oct (NSC, SWC**) was rehabilitated and eventually released.

Gray Catbird—One lingered in Cimarron Canyon until 20 Nov (DJC**). In the middle RGV, 2 ads. with 3 large young were at Socorro 25 Aug-11 Sep (PB).

Sage Thrasher—An apparent juv. near Stubblefield L. 6 Aug (DJC) may have been locally produced, as ads. were seen there 4 & 9 Jul (DJC).

Brown Thrasher—Present at 7 locales from the RGV eastward, topped by 6 at Bosque Redondo 16 Oct (JEP, JRO).

Sprague's Pipit—May be regular in RGV grasslands; this season, 3 were on Albuquerque's West Mesa 16 Oct (DLH), plus one was at Sevilleta NWR 11 Oct and 2 were there 13 Nov (DLH).

Phainopepla—Far north were up to 3 near Cerrillos 17-30 Sep (LAS*), the 2nd consecutive year at that *Santa Fe* locale.

Olive Warbler—What was described as an imm. was north to the Zuni Mts. 9 Aug (DAE, BDN, CMR).

Tennessee Warbler—Undetailed were singles at Socorro 10 Oct (PB) and Hackberry Draw, Otero Mesa 27 Sep (SW).

Nashville Warbler—Early was one near Elk Mt. 2 Aug (JRO). Singles were at 9 additional sites 20 Aug-3 Oct (m.ob.). Late was one at NRT 31 Oct (JRO**).

Lucy's Warbler—One lingered at Radium Springs 26 Sep (MTS, JEZ).

Chestnut-sided Warbler—Singles were at Fort Sumner 21 Sep (BRF), NRT 4 Oct (JEP*, JRO**), and Sunland Park 27 Sep (JNP*).

Magnolia Warbler—Singles were at Bosque Redondo 20 Sep (CMR) & 4 Oct (JEP*), NRT 3 Oct (JRO**), Portales 24 Sep (JDA*), Capitan 28 Sep (BKP*), and Pumphouse Canyon south of Cloudcroft 10 Sep (SW*).

Black-throated Blue Warbler—A male was at NRT 31 Oct (JRO**).

Black-throated Gray Warbler—Late was one at Sevilleta NWR 27 Oct (PB).

Black-throated Green Warbler—One (or more?) was at NRT 16 Sep-25 Oct (DJK*, CMR*, WFW*, JDA**) and singles were at Ned Houk Park 10 Sep (GSK*, JDA*) and Tatum 31 Aug (JRO**).

Hermit Warbler—Made an impressive showing in the southwest, with one north to Luna 2 Sep (LKM), 2 in the Pinos Altos Mts. 20 Aug (LKM*, GJE*) plus one there 19 Sep (LKM), 2 in the Peloncillo Mts. 27 Aug (CDL*), and singles in the Black Range, *Grant* 1 Sep (CMR), Burro Mts. 4 Sep (SOW) & 26 Sep (LKM), and the Animas Mts. 5 Oct (C. W. Painter). Far east was one in Robinson Draw, Guadalupe Mts. 17 Aug (DAE*, BDN*).

Palm Warbler—Singles were at Springer 15-17 Nov (DJC**), NRT 12 Oct (CMR*), and Bosque NWR 26 Oct (CMR).

Bay-breasted Warbler—A female-plumaged one was at NRT 16 & 28 Sep (DJK*, RB).

Blackpoll Warbler—A female-plumaged one was at Bosque Redondo 13 Sep (JEP*, JRO**).

Black-and-white Warbler—Singles were at Cerrillos 7 Sep (LAS), Bosque Village, *Valencia* 24 Aug (CMR), Percha SP 30 Aug (DAE, BDN), and Rattlesnake Springs 6 Sep (JWS*); singles were at NRT 30 Aug (JEP, JRO), 20 Sep (CMR), & 3-4 Oct (JRO, JEP).

American Redstart—Found at 5 locales from the RGV eastward 30 Aug-11 Oct (v.o.). West was one in the Burro Mts. 26 Sep (LKM).

Ovenbird—Scarce in fall, singles were at NRT 14-28 Sep (m.ob.), Ned Houk Park near Clovis 1 Oct (WFW), and at Carlsbad 11 Oct (R. West). One was found dead at Anthony, *Doña Ana* 11 Oct (S. Cutler***).

Hooded Warbler—Singles were at Los Alamos 17 Oct (GKF) and Bosque Redondo 28 Sep (RB).

Painted Redstart—One at Tyrone 17 Aug (ERL) was a local first.

Hepatic Tanager—Singles were east to NRT 17 Sep (WFW) & 3-4 Oct (JRO, JEP).

Summer Tanager—One was on the east side of the Florida Mts. 8 Sep (LKM).

Eastern Towhee—With only 5 previous records, this has been considered one of New Mexico's rarest species. This season found a male at Bosque Redondo 14 Oct (WFW*) and another male at Bosque NWR 19-22 Oct (JEP*, JRO**, LPG**, P. R. Snider*).

Botteri's Sparrow—Up to 3 persisted at a Rodeo farm 2-16 Aug (REW).

American Tree Sparrow—Early was one south to RGNC 8 Nov (CMR); others where rarely noted were 2 on Ute Cr., *Harding* (JRO) and one at Nara Visa (JRO) 15 Nov.

Clay-colored Sparrow—West of usual were 3 at Deming 4 Sep (LKM), 6 at Rodeo 6 Sep (REW), and up to 2 in Post Office Canyon 3 Sep-3 Oct (CDL).

Field Sparrow—First arrivals were one at NRT 17 Oct (JRO) and 2 in the Mescalero Sands, *Chaves* 15 Oct (DWM); one was near Lingo 9 Nov (T. McDaniel).

Grasshopper Sparrow—A cat killed one in Albuquerque's South Valley 23 Sep (DAE, BDN, *** to MSB); another was there 1-2 Nov (DAE, BDN, JEP, CMR).

Baird's Sparrow—One was on Otero Mesa 27 Sep (SW). Up to 4 were at the Santa Teresa turf farm 13-27 Sep (JNP**, JEZ**, MTS).

Henslow's Sparrow—One at Clabber Hill Ranch 10 Oct (JRO**), 12 Oct (JEP*), and 22 Oct (WFW*) was the first to be confirmed in New Mexico.

Le Conte's Sparrow—An ad. was at Clabber Hill Ranch 22 Oct (WFW*, JDA**).

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow—A cat-caught imm. near the Albuquerque fairgrounds 22 Sep (*fide* R. W. Dickerman, *** to MSB) provided a New Mexico first.

Lincoln's Sparrow—Early singles were in Chloride Cr. Canyon, *Sierra* 31 Aug (CMR), Post Office Canyon 3 Sep (CDL), and the Burro Mts. 4 Sep (SOW).

White-throated Sparrow—Arrived in late Sep, with singles at Madrid (LAS) and Capitan (BKP) 28 Sep, Luis Lopez 29 Sep (JRO), and Albuquerque 30 Sep (DWM).

Harris's Sparrow—Singles at Ute L. 27 Nov (DJC**) and BLNWR 14 Nov (GLW).

Golden-crowned Sparrow—An ad. was at Bosque NWR 28 Nov (WHH).

Yellow-eyed Junco—Follow-up surveys in the Jack's Peak area of the Burro Mts. found 2 there 4 Sep (SOW*) and 4 there 22 Sep (R. Wilcox *fide* DAZ), but none were seen 26 Sep or later (LKM, SOW, WHH). A transient was in Maverick Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. 1 Sep (CDL*).

Lapland Longspur—Several were reported in *Colfax* after 28 Oct, including a high of 11 at Stubblefield L. 24 Nov (DJC).

Chestnut-collared Longspur—Very early was a small flock far south to Santa Teresa 13 Sep (JNP).

Northern Cardinal—Maintaining a presence in the northeast was one at Tucumcari 5 Oct (CMR). Noteworthy was a male in Post Office Canyon 11 Aug (CDL).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak—An ad. male was west to Kirtland, *San Juan* 23-24 Nov (APN). Others were single imms. at Madrid 4-5 Oct (LAS), Bosque Redondo 17-28 Sep (MTS, JEZ, CMR, RB), and Luis Lopez 27 Sep (JRO**).

Varied Bunting—North of expected was an ad. male in Skeleton Canyon 9 Aug (WHB) and another ad. male at Socorro 1 Sep (PB*).

Painted Bunting—Providing a *San Miguel* breeding record was an ad. female feeding a begging juv. along the Canadian R. east of Conchas L. 1 Aug (WFW*). Migrants

included singles at Encino 29 Aug (JRO*), Bosque Redondo 17 Sep (MTS*), and Luis Lopez 14-28 Sep (JRO*), and, in the southwest, singles at Tyrone 31 Aug (ERL) and Post Office Canyon 27 Aug (CDL) and a high 12 at Rodeo 2 Aug (REW) with one still there 6 Sep (REW).

Dickcissel—Had a good season, with often multiple reports from 11 locales from the RGV eastward 9 Aug-7 Oct (m.ob.). West were one at Rodeo 6 Sep (REW) and 2 there 27 Sep (JEP) and 1-2 in nearby Post Office Canyon 26-27 Sep (CDL).

Bobolink—Unusual were 2 in an uncut alfalfa field at Rodeo 6 Sep (REW*).

Eastern Meadowlark—One was north to Laguna Pueblo, *Cibola* 4 Oct (CMR).

Common Grackle—Late for the north was one at Maxwell 15 Nov (JRO).

Bronzed Cowbird—The species continued to insinuate itself into the local scene, with a juv. begging from Canyon Towhees at Dripping Springs 9 Aug (JRO**) and another juv. raised by Hooded Orioles in Post Office Canyon was still present 17 Aug (CDL).

Hooded Oriole—A pair in Post Office Canyon made a 3rd nesting attempt in Aug; the eggs hatched 18 Aug but the nestlings were eaten by coatis 22 Aug (CDL).

rosy-finch—Earliest arrivals to Sandia Crest were 3 **Blacks** and 3 **Brown-capped**s 15-16 Nov (*fide* KCS).

Pine Grosbeak—Two were south to Elk Mt. 2 Aug (JRO).

Red Crossbill—Found conditions to its liking in the Sangre de Cristo, Jemez, Sandia, and Sacramento mts. A pair nested successfully west of Angel Fire 1-28 Aug (DJC**). “Hundreds” were in the Valles Caldera area 11 Oct (CWB*), 100-200 were at and near Sandia Crest Sep-Oct, including many begging juvs. in mid-Oct (CWB*, KCS+), and moderate numbers were near Cloudcroft 16-17 Aug (CWB*); these were all determined to be “Type 2” or “Ponderosa” crossbills, based on vocalizations (CWB).

Lesser Goldfinch—A female was feeding fledglings at Sugarite SP 27 Sep (DJC).

American Goldfinch—For the 2nd consecutive year, the species nested successfully near Cimarron, where a pair fed nestlings in a saltcedar nest 5 & 8 Aug (DJC**).

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