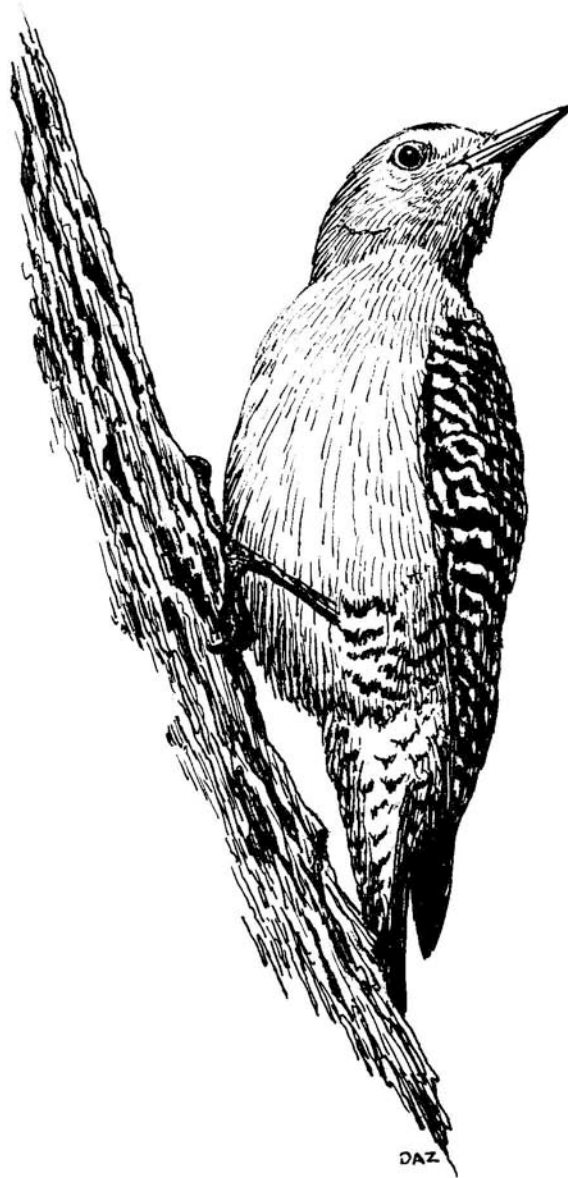


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AUTUMN SEASON 2004

Relatively plentiful and widespread rain and snow during autumn 2004 brought some relief to the long-running drought, but lakes and streams continued to be at low levels. A rewarding migration season produced numerous rarities, and another species—Green Violet-ear—was added to the state list.

Localities and Counties

Abiquiu Lake, *Rio Arriba*
Albuquerque, *Bernalillo*
Aguirre Springs, *Doña Ana*
Animas, Cr., Mts., Valley, *Hidalgo*
Belen, *Valencia*
Bitter Lake NWR, *Chaves*
Bluewater Lake, *McKinley/Cibola*
Bosque del Apache NWR, *Socorro*
Bosque Redondo, *De Baca*
Brantley Lake, *Eddy*
Broadview, *Curry*
Burro Mts., *Grant*
Caballo Lake, Dam, *Sierra*
Carlsbad, Lake, *Eddy*
Carlsbad Caverns NP, *Eddy*
Cerrillos, *Santa Fe*
Chama, *Rio Arriba*
Cimarron, Canyon, River, *Colfax*
Clabber Hill Ranch, *San Miguel*
Clanton Canyon, Cienega, *Hidalgo*
Clayton Lake, *Union*
Clovis, *Curry*
Conchas Lake, Dam, *San Miguel*
Cochiti Lake, Dam, *Sandoval*
Corrales, *Sandoval*
Crossroads, *Lea*
Crownpoint, *McKinley*
Deming, *Luna*
Eagle Nest, Lake, *Colfax*
Eldorado, *Santa Fe*
Elephant Butte Lake, Dam, *Sierra*
El Morro NM, *Cibola*
Encino, *Torrance*
Estancia, *Torrance*
Farmington, Lake, *San Juan*
Florida Mts., *Luna*
Forrest, *Quay*
Gage, *Luna*
Galisteo, *Santa Fe*
Grants, *Cibola*
Grulla NWR, *Roosevelt*
Guadalupe Canyon, *Hidalgo*
Hagerman, *Chaves*
Holloman Lake, AFB, *Otero*
Isaack Lake, *Doña Ana*
Jemez Falls, *Sandoval*
Jicarita Peak, *Taos*
Kenna, *Roosevelt*
Lake Roberts, *Grant*
Las Animas Creek, *Sierra*
Las Cruces, *Doña Ana*
Las Vegas, NWR, *San Miguel*
Lincoln, *Lincoln*
Lordsburg, Playa, *Hidalgo*
Los Lunas, *Valencia*
Luis Lopez, *Socorro*
Madrid, *Santa Fe*
Magdalena Mts., *Socorro*
Manzano, Mts., *Torrance*
Maxwell, NWR, *Colfax*
Melrose, *Curry*
Mesilla, Dam, Valley, Park *Doña Ana*
Milnesand, *Roosevelt*
Morgan Lake, *San Juan*
Mountainair, *Torrance*
Nambe Falls, *Santa Fe*
Navajo Lake, Dam, *San Juan/Rio Arriba*
Ned Houk Park, *Curry*
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Nara Visa, *Quay*
Oliver Lee SP, *Otero*
Ortiz Mts., *Santa Fe*
Otis, *Eddy*
Peloncillo Mts., *Hidalgo*
Pinos Altos Mts., *Grant*
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Post Office [P.O.] Canyon, *Hidalgo*
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Raton, *Colfax*
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 Stone Lake, *Rio Arriba*
 Stubblefield Lake, *Colfax*
 Sugarite SP, *Colfax*
 Sumner Lake, Dam, *De Baca*
 Tatum, *Lea*
 Tent Rocks, *Sandoval*
 Texico, *Curry*
 Tucumcari, Lake, *Quay*
 Tyrone, *Grant*
 Ute Lake, *Quay*
 Vaughn, *Guadalupe*
 Water Canyon, *Socorro*
 Yeso, *DeBaca*

Standard Abbreviations

AFB	Air Force Base	RGNC	Rio Grande Nature Center
Bosque NWR	Bosque del Apache NWR	RGV	Rio Grande Valley
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

Pacific Loon—An ad. in winter plumage at Brantley L. 17 Aug (WFW) & 20 Aug (JEP*) was early by about 2 months.

Common Loon—Earliest arrivals were singles at Maxwell NWR 8 Oct (DJC) and Conchas L. 16 Oct (JRO).

Horned Grebe—Unexpected was one at Socorro 3 Oct (DLH, PB). Notable for its size was a flock of 11 at Conchas L. 23 Oct (JRO)

Eared Grebe—Extended breeding produced 44 nests being incubated at Stone L. 10 Aug (DWS) and 2 nests being incubated at Stubblefield L. 7 Aug (DJC).

Western Grebe—Two nests were being incubated at Stone L. 10 Aug, where 3 chicks were also seen (DWS). At Stubblefield L., ads. were tending juvs. 17 Aug (DJC**), 30 Sep (DJC**), 28 Oct (DJC), & 6 Nov (JEP).

Clark's Grebe—At Stubblefield L., 3 nests were under incubation 7 Aug (DJC), an ad. was carrying young on 9 Oct (DJC**), and 3 ads. were carrying chicks 28 Oct (DJC).

***Aechmophorus* sp.**—Low lake levels resulted in fewer migrant Western/Clark's grebes, with only 600 at EBL and 400 at Caballo L. 3 Nov (MLW). Highs elsewhere included 220 at Navajo L. and 200 at Morgan L. 2 Nov (MLW).

American White Pelican—Braving a snowstorm was one at Bluewater L., *Cibola* 13 Nov (CMR, BDN). Highest counts were 376 at EBL 6 Oct (MLW), 280 at Bosque NWR 14 Aug (WHH), and 215 at BLNWR 8 Sep (GLW).

Brown Pelican—Lingering from Jul, an imm. was still at Morgan L. 11 & 16 Aug (APN), and another imm. was at EBL 11-27 Aug (WFW, JEP*, JRO), 7 Oct (JRO**) and apparently later. An imm. retrieved from I-10 near Deming 22 Sep died while in rehabilitation (P. Hinde, *** to NMSU).

American Bittern—Singles were at RGNC 23 Oct (L. Neely), Bosque NWR 6-7 Nov (SJ, PB), and BLNWR 11 Aug (GLW) & 10-12 Nov (GLW, JEP).

Least Bittern—One at Bosque NWR 2-5 Aug (JRO) provided the only report.

Great Egret—Some 60 at Brantley L. 11 Sep (SW) was a remarkable concentration for the state. Late for the north was one below Navajo Dam 13 Nov (JEP).

Reddish Egret—Two imms. were at Brantley L. 14 Aug-6 Sep (JBM*, WFW, SW*, JEP*, JRO**) and one remained through 11 Sep (SW*).

Cattle Egret—Substantial numbers in *Valencia* included 300 at Tome 2 Sep (CMB) and 130 at Belen 9 Sep (JRO).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron—Two imms. were near Broadview 19 Sep (CMR, BDN*). An ad. was at Tatum 20 Aug (JEP*) where one had been seen in May.

White Ibis—Lingering from Jul, an imm. remained at Bosque NWR until 14 Aug (JRO, PB*, CMB*, JEP, BKP, WFW, WHH).

Roseate Spoonbill—An imm. was at Chapparal, *Doña Ana* 24 Aug-4 Sep (J. Colquitt, BRZ**, MTS*, JEZ**, JEP*, JRO**). Another imm. was found at Brantley L. 5 Sep (JRO**).

Turkey Vulture—Late was one n. of Anthony, *Doña Ana* 18 Nov (LKM).

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck—Unexpected was a flock of 15 that stopped at Conchas L. for several days, including 25 Nov (M. Larson**).

Greater White-fronted Goose—Unusually early were 12 at EBL 3 Sep (JRO). Noteworthy for *Rio Arriba* was one at Heron L. 12 Nov (JRO).

Cackling Goose—Earliest report was 15 at RGNC 30 Oct (JEP, JRO**), where numbers increased to 200 by 5 Nov and 380 by 24 Nov (JEP). Others were reported in Nov at Maxwell NWR, Springer L., LVNWR, and Bosque NWR (JEP+).

swan sp.—An aerial survey found one swan at Stinking L. 5 Oct (MLW).

Wood Duck—Two males were at Cimarron 17 Nov (DJC).

Eurasian Wigeon—A male was at BLNWR 27 Oct (GLW*).

Mexican Duck—Some 30 were at Lordsburg 7 Sep (AMC, NM-C).

Cinnamon Teal X Northern Shoveler—A hybrid was at Deming 13 Oct (LKM*).

Canvasback—An aerial count of 1680 at Brantley L. 8 Nov (MLW) was a large number for New Mexico.

Greater Scaup—Arriving with a winter storm, a female was at Farmington L. 13 Nov (JEP, APN, BDN, CMR*), an imm. male was at Crownpoint 12 Nov (BDN, CMR), and a male was with Lessers at Mountainair 14 Nov (BDN, CMR*).

Surf Scoter—An imm was at Maxwell NWR 6 Nov (JEP*) and nearby Springer L. 7 Nov (MJB*).

White-winged Scoter—An imm. was at Clayton L. 26-27 Nov (MJB*).

Barrow's Goldeneye—One on the San Juan R. below Navajo Dam at Cottonwood CG 13 Nov (BDN, CMR) provided the lone report.

Hooded Merganser—Up to 3 juvs., apparently produced locally, were at Bosque NWR 2-14 Aug (JRO, JWS, JEP, WHH).

Ruddy Duck—Nested successfully at Lordsburg, with up to 5 downy young there 4 & 7 Sep (BDN, AMC, NM-C).

Osprey—Late were singles at Navajo Dam 13 Nov (JEP) and Carlsbad 20 Nov (SW).

White-tailed Kite—One just n. of Deming 2 Sep (RAM) provided the lone report.

Mississippi Kite—In *Valencia*, 2 at Los Chaves 12 Aug (DLH) and one at Los Lunas 13 Aug (JEP) were at sites where the species nested this year. Migrant flocks were much in evidence in the east, including 31 at Tucumcari 10-11 Aug (KBO), 34 at Texico 9 Aug (KBO), a flight of 30 at Carlsbad 18 Aug (SW), and 60, of which more than half were juvs., entering an evening roost at Carlsbad 20 Aug (JEP).

Northern Goshawk—An imm. strayed east to Conchas L. 30 Nov (WFW). At the Manzano Mts. hawkwatch lookout, 15 were counted during 7 Sep-15 Oct (HWI).

Gray Hawk—Noteworthy was an imm. at Rodeo 6 Oct (REW*). Two ads. were noted in Guadalupe Canyon 13 Aug (BKP).

Common Black-Hawk—Peripheral were singles below Cochiti Dam 19 Sep (MLW), at Santa Rosa's Power Dam Park 25 Sep (BDN, CMR), at Lincoln 12 Sep (SW), and at Rattlesnake Springs 14 Oct (R. Carlson*). A migrant imm. was at Rodeo 2 Oct (REW). Very late was one along the Pecos R. at Carlsbad 20 Nov (SW).

Harris's Hawk—Two were at the Holloman AFB entrance 27 Aug (MTS, JEZ).

Broad-winged Hawk—Six passed the Manzano Mts. lookout 27 Sep-10 Oct (HWI). Elsewhere, singles were at Ned Houk Park 30 Sep (JDA) and NRT 1 Oct (JRO).

Zone-tailed Hawk—Noteworthy was one at LVNWR 2 Aug (WFW).

Rough-legged Hawk—Earliest to arrive was one at Maxwell NWR 21 Oct (DJC).

Merlin—Earliest was one in the Animas Valley 7 Sep (AMC, NM-C). At the Manzano Mts. lookout, 26 were counted during the period 9 Sep-29 Oct (HWI).

Applomado Falcon—Native birds continued in evidence in s. New Mexico, including a female and a male in s. *Luna* on various dates Aug-Nov (RAM) and a single near Gage 29 Sep (E. Mayfield).

White-tailed Ptarmigan—Two were near Jicarita Peak 3 Aug (SOW).

Lesser Prairie-Chicken—North of usual were 15 at Grulla NWR 10 Nov (J. Smith).

Scaled Quail X Gambel's Quail—A covey of 7 mixed-ancestry quail were at Sandia Heights 4 Oct (RKH*), where Gambel's were first noted about 1994, nested by 1999, and numbered about 50 by 2004; resident Scaled population in the neighborhood numbered about 150 in 2004.

Northern Bobwhite—Far from known native range, up to 3 at Santa Fe 13 Sep-1 Oct (S. McGreevy) were likely escapes.

Sandhill Crane—First arrivals reached Maxwell NWR, Cochiti, Albuquerque, and Roswell 7-8 Oct (m.ob.).

Black-bellied Plover—Early were 3 at BLNWR 14 Aug (JEP). High counts were 7 at EBL 7 Oct (JRO), 8 at BLNWR 15 Oct (GLW) and 15 at Grulla NWR 28 Oct (JRO). Last reported were 2 at BLNWR 24 Nov (GLW).

Snowy Plover—An ad. was tending 3 flightless chicks at Ute L. 11 Aug (DJC**), where some of this family was still present 10 Sep (DJC). Late were 2 at BLNWR 20 Oct (GLW) and 3 at Grulla NWR 28 Oct (JRO).

Semipalmated Plover—One to 3 were at nine sites from the RGV eastward 11 Aug-22 Sep (m.ob.), including a local first single at Milagro, *Guadalupe* 12 Sep (JRO).

Mountain Plover—One lingered at Isaack L. until 8 Nov (GJE).

Black-necked Stilt—High count at BLNWR was 316 on 11 Aug (GLW).

American Avocet—High count at BLNWR was 229 on 22 Sep (GLW); last there were 6 on 24 Nov (GLW). Late for the north were 65 at Abiquiu L. 2 Nov (MLW) and 2 at Springer L. 16 Nov (DJC).

Solitary Sandpiper—Noteworthy was one at 8000 ft in the Black Range near Lookout Mt., *Sierra* 23 Aug (WFW). High counts were 6 in the Uvas Valley, *Doña Ana* 20 Aug (CMR) and 10 at Bosque NWR 27 Aug (JRO).

Spotted Sandpiper—Late for the north was one below Navajo Dam 13 Nov (JEP).

Upland Sandpiper—Generally small numbers passed through 11 sites in *DeBaca*, *Roosevelt*, *Chaves*, *Eddy*, and *Doña Ana* 9 Aug-17 Sep, including a high 22 at Bosque Redondo 14 Aug (CMR) and 6 each at Roswell 14 Aug (JEP) and Hagerman 29 Aug (CMR).

Whimbrel—One was at BLNWR 11 Aug (GLW).

Sanderling—Noteworthy was one s. of Grants 29 Sep (CJG). One to 4 were at 10 sites from the RGV eastward 8 Aug-1 Oct (m.ob.).

Pectoral Sandpiper—Found at 13 sites statewide 22 Aug-23 Oct, including 3 near Farmington 25 Sep (APN), 5 at Belen 8-10 Sep (JRO, JEP), and 9 at Santa Rosa L. 25 Sep (CMR).

Dunlin—One at French L. e. of Cimarron 13 Nov (DJC) was the only report.

Stilt Sandpiper—High count was 67 at BLNWR on the late date of 6 Oct (GLW).

Short-billed Dowitcher—Well-documented were single, vocal juvs. at Eagle Nest L. 7 Aug (DJC*), Sumner L. 6 Sep (JEP*), and Belen 4-11 Sep (JEP*, CMB*, JRO**).

Red-necked Phalarope—Singles were west to Tyrone 26 Sep (ERL), Lordsburg 4 Sep (BDN, DAE), and Lordsburg Playa 22 Aug (CMR). Highs in the east were 50 at Stubblefield L. 21 Sep (DJC), 35 at Sumner L. 23 Sep (WFW), and 27 at BLNWR 22 Sep (GLW).

Red Phalarope—A good season found singles at Sumner L. 23 Sep (WFW*), Grulla NWR 28 Oct (JRO**), and Brantley L. 20 Aug (JEP*, SW*).

Pomarine Jaeger—A dark-morph ad. at Santa Rosa L. 24 Sep-1 Oct (JEP*, JRO**, CMB*, CMR*, BDN*, GKF*, DJC*) provided one of the few certain records of the species in the state.

Laughing Gull—One at Carrizozo 18 Nov (JRO*) furnished a *Lincoln* first.

California Gull—A high 60 were at Eagle Nest L. 7 Aug (DJC).

Sabine's Gull—Early was an ad. at Brantley L. 17-20 Aug (WFW, JEP*); another ad. was at Conchas L. 24 Sep (JRO). Single juvs. were at Conchas L., Sumner L., Ute L., and BLNWR 11 Sep-9 Oct (m.ob.).

Caspian Tern—Made a strong showing, with singles at Morgan L. 11 Aug (APN), Ute L. 11 Sep (JRO*), BLNWR 15 Sep (GLW), and Brantley L. 20 Aug (SW*) and 6 Sep (JRO**).

Common Tern—A fair season for the species in e. New Mexico found an early one south to Brantley L. 20 Aug (SW*) and singles at Springer L. 20 Sep (DJC*), Santa Rosa L. 25 Sep (JEP), and Sumner L. 24 Sep & 1 Oct (JRO) plus 3 at Conchas L. 14 Sep (WFW*) and 4 at Ute L. 29 Sep (DJC).

Least Tern—One wandered w. to Bosque NWR 8 Aug (JEP).

Black Tern—Better than usual numbers included 100 each at Clovis and Brantley L. 20 Aug (JEP); where seldom reported were 15 at Morgan L. 16 Aug (APN) and 15 at Kenna 15 Aug (CMR).

Eurasian Collared-Dove—The species is now common throughout most of New Mexico; 71 at Deming 7 Oct (LKM) provided a local high.

White-winged Dove—One was on a nest at Ute L. 11 Aug (DJC). In Carlsbad, 27 were found dead after a storm 12 Aug (SW).

Mourning Dove—The productive pair at Deming, that fledged broods in both Jun and Jul, fledged 2 more from a 3rd attempt 6 Aug, started a 4th effort 13 Aug and fledged another 2 on about 16 Sep (LKM).

Inca Dove—Two were north to Conchas Dam 4 Oct (WFW), where 3 were seen 15 Oct (JEP); there is but one previous *San Miguel* record.

Common Ground-Dove—A first for the eastern plains was an ad. male at Tucumcari 11 Aug (KBO). Elsewhere, one was at Socorro 6-11 Oct (PB*), a male was singing in the middle Animas Valley 1 Sep (SOW, PM), and an imm. was at Rodeo 13 Oct (REW) where there was an ad. 19 Oct (REW).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo—None was found along the Pecos R. below Carlsbad, this following a government-sponsored program to eliminate their saltcedar habitat (SW). Late was one at NRT 2 Oct (JRO).

Greater Roadrunner—A family of 5 in late Sep documented breeding in the Raton area (*fide* DJC).

Barn Owl—Late for the north was one at Maxwell NWR 21 Nov (JPB).

Flammulated Owl—One was found dead at Carlsbad 30 Oct (BN, *** to MSB). Very late was one found dead at Cochiti following the first heavy snowfall of the season 28 Nov (MLW, *** to MSB).

Eastern Screech-Owl—The state-first bird at Portales was heard 20 Nov (SW), marking a year's residence there.

Elf Owl—One was along Las Animas Cr. on the Ladder Ranch, *Sierra* 24 Aug (WFW).

Barred Owl—The state-first bird at Galisteo since May was last observed 2 Oct (JPB).

Short-eared Owl—One was at Clabber Hill Ranch below Conchas Dam 9 Oct (MJB*, NDP*, RLV*), one was in the Bluit area near Milnesand 1 Nov, where there were 2 on 20 Nov (TM*), and one was in the s. Animas Valley in late Oct (S. Smith).

Common Nighthawk—Late was one w. of Santa Rosa 2 Oct (CMR*, BDN, DAE).

Common Poorwill—One was at San Andres NWR 2 Nov (CGL).

Whip-poor-will—Rare in the Manzano Mts., one was near Fourth of July CG 8 Aug (CMR).

Black Swift—Eight active nests at Jemez Falls 8-20 Aug each produced one fledgling by Sep (HRS*, RL*, CG*). Elsewhere, the species occupied Nambe Falls, where 2 were seen 9 Aug (RL*, CG*), and a falls southeast of Chama on Chavez Cr., *Rio Arriba* where one was seen ducking under the falls 12 Aug (J. Burton).

Green Violet-ear—Long expected, an ad. that entertained many at an Upper Canyon Road feeder in Santa Fe 16-18 Nov (RDE*, JPB*, JRO**, BRF* et al.) provided a first for the state.

Broad-billed Hummingbird—Two strayed north to Grey Feathers Lodge on Sapillo Cr., *Grant* 6 Oct (JRO**) and another was in P. O. Canyon through 6 Aug (CDL).

Blue-throated Hummingbird—One in P. O. Canyon 2 Sep (CDL) was the only report.

Magnificent Hummingbird—Several were noted in the Mogollon, Pinos Altos, and Peloncillo mts. (v.o.), including 7 banded at L. Roberts 5-6 Sep (JD-M*).

Lucifer Hummingbird—High count at P. O. Canyon was 13 on 26 Aug (CDL); the last there was one on 7 Oct (CDL).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird—A male was at Luis Lopez 12-13 Sep (JRO**).

Anna's Hummingbird—An early ad. male reached Las Cruces 3 Aug (DJG*), and a young male was north in the RGV to Los Lunas 4 Sep (RDB, JEP*, JRO**). Up to 5 singles passed through the Radium Springs area 2 Oct-25 Nov (MTS*, JEZ**).

Costa's Hummingbird—Post-breeding singles were a young male banded at L. Roberts 10 Aug (JD-M), an ad. male singing in upper Maverick Canyon, n. Peloncillo Mts. 6 Sep (CDL), and a young male in Guadalupe Canyon 20 Oct (JB*, C. Black*).

Calliope Hummingbird—An unlucky one provided a meal for a praying mantis at Luis Lopez 26 Aug (JRO**). One was east to NRT 15 Aug (CMR). Late was a young male near Radium Springs 29 Oct-2 Nov (MTS, JEZ).

Broad-tailed Hummingbird—Last to leave were singles in n. *Luna* 3 Nov (LKM), near Radium Springs 15 Nov (MTS, JEZ), and P. O. Canyon 19 Nov (CDL).

Rufous Hummingbird—Late was an ad. female banded at Albuquerque 24 Nov (JD-M). One was in P. O. Canyon from 21 Nov into Dec (CDL).

Allen's Hummingbird—An ad. male was described at Las Cruces 3 Aug (DJG*). In *Grant*, a young female was banded at Grey Feathers Lodge 1 Aug, 2 ad. females were banded at L. Roberts 6 Aug, and another was banded at L. Roberts 3 Sep (JD-M*).

Elegant Trogon—A male wandered to Indian Cr. Canyon, Animas Mts. on the late date of 4 Oct (A. W. Lamb**).

Lewis's Woodpecker—Two ads. were feeding 2 juvs. at Santa Fe 21 Aug (K. W. Holladay, A. Walker). Migrants included 4 on Galisteo Cr. near Cerrillos 27 Sep (LAS) and 12 flying south at Cochiti L. 18 Sep (WHH).

Acorn Woodpecker—Seven were storing acorns in Water Canyon 9 Aug-5 Nov (HRS), where the species has been scarce recently. One near Radium Springs was carrying a pecan 2 Sep (MTS, JEZ).

Red-bellied Woodpecker—A good season for this eastern stray, with a female at NRT 16-19 Sep (JRO**, JEP*, DJK*, CMR*, BDN*) and a male at Conchas Dam 19 Nov (J. Nelson-Moore* & 25 Nov (DJC**).

***Melanerpes* sp.**—One with a white-and-black barred back was at Socorro 14 Sep (PB*).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker—Reports included an imm. at Conchas Dam 30 Nov (WFW), an imm. at NRT 16 Sep (DJK*), one at NRT 8 Oct (JRO), an ad. male at NRT 30 Oct (JPB), one 7 mi north of Melrose 8 Oct (JRO), and an imm. at Crossroads 16 Oct (CMR).

Downy Woodpecker—Unusually prevalent on the eastern plains, including Maxwell NWR, Conchas Dam, San Jon, NRT, Melrose, and Forrest 12 Sep-9 Oct (JRO, JEP et al.). Others of note were singles at Cochiti L. 12 Sep (WHH), Estancia 14 Nov (CMR), and near Encino 7 Oct (JRO).

Greater Pewee—Typically overlooked in Aug, one was singing in the Pinos Altos Mts. at McMillan CG 7 Aug (JEP).

Acadian Flycatcher—A probable Acadian was at NRT 17-18 Aug (JRO**, JEP*); verification likely will depend on analysis of audiograms.

Least Flycatcher—Drifting west were 2 in the Ortiz Mts. 28 Aug (LAS) and one in Albuquerque's South Valley 21 Aug (BDN, DAE).

Hammond's Flycatcher—One was at 11,640 ft at Serpent L. 3 Aug (SOW). An early migrant was in the Burro Mts. 7 Aug (JEP). Late for the north was a vocal one at Tent Rocks 3 Oct (HRS).

Vermilion Flycatcher—Conspicuous in the east, including one north to Conchas Dam 4 Oct (WFW), at least 2 at Santa Rosa 11 Sep-23 Oct (v.o.), one at BLNWR 23 Oct (GLW), and a male at Bottomless Lakes SP, *Chaves* 24 Nov (JBM*).

Ash-throated Flycatcher—Late were one at NRT 30 Sep (JRO**) and another likely this species at Sumner Dam 16 Oct (JEP).

Great Crested Flycatcher—One was 9 mi north of Melrose 17 Sep (JEP*, JRO**).

Cassin's Kingbird—Late were singles at Maxwell 11 Oct (DJC), Rattlesnake Springs 9 Oct (SW), and Tyrone 16 Oct (ERL).

Western Kingbird—Late were 2 at Rodeo 20 Oct (CDL).

Eastern Kingbird—One visited the Belen Taco Bell marsh 8 Aug (JEP).

Northern Shrike—An imm. was at Maxwell NWR 6-11 Nov (JEP, JRO, JNS*).

Yellow-throated Vireo—One was at NRT 28 Sep (DJC**).

Plumbeous Vireo—Late was one singing at Cochiti L. 16 Oct (WHH).

Blue-headed Vireo—West was one banded at RGNC 3 Oct (L. P. Gorbet). Singles were at NRT 30 Sep-5 Oct (JRO**, JEP, DJC, JPB) and Waldrop Park, e. *Chaves* 28 Aug (CMR).

Hutton's Vireo—Three were east to Aguirre Springs, Organ Mts. 7 Nov (BRZ), where regular in recent years.

Red-eyed Vireo—Lingering from Jul was one along the Cimarron R. 1 mi west of Cimarron Aug-8 Oct (DJC**).

Black-throated Magpie-Jay—An apparent escape at Santa Teresa about 8 Nov (R. Doyle** *vide* BDN) served notice that the cage-bird trade is alive and well on the border.

Pinyon Jay—South of expected were several in the n. Peloncillo Mts. 9 Sep (CDL) and one in the Florida Mts. 13 Sep (LKM).

Clark's Nutcracker—Scarce in the Black Range, one was on Lookout Mt., *Sierra* 23 Aug (WFW).

Black-billed Magpie—Absent from the Raton area 29 Sep (R. Yaksich), where the species once was common; elsewhere in *Colfax*, magpies were considered local and hard to find (DJC).

Common Raven—Noteworthy were 3 east to Kenna 15 Aug (CMR) and 2 at Milnesand 16 Oct (CMR).

Purple Martin—Five were at a snag west of Raton 4 Aug (DJC).

Bank Swallow—Albuquerque's Calabacillas Arroyo breeding colony was active through 16 Aug, with about 200 pairs at two locales (WHH).

Cave Swallow—The last in *Doña Ana* were 3 near Radium Springs 22 Oct (MTS, JEZ). At CCNP, 600 were still present 17 Oct and the last were seen 1 Nov (SW).

Barn Swallow—Migrant concentrations included over 3000 at Sumner L. 1 Oct (JRO).

Mountain Chickadee—Dispersing east were singles at Santa Rosa L. and Bosque Redondo 23 Oct (JEP) and up to 3 at NRT 21-30 Oct (JRO, JEP).

Mexican Chickadee—Three pairs were in Indian Cr. Canyon, Animas Mts. 21 Aug (AMC, NM-C, CMR).

Red-breasted Nuthatch—Staged a conspicuous and substantial invasion, beginning in mid-Aug and spreading south and east, eventually reaching all corners of the state, and including mountaintops, foothills, valleys, prairies, and deserts. Reported from Farmington east to Nara Visa and south to P. O. Canyon and Rattlesnake Springs, and including El Morro NM, Vaughn, Yeso, Melrose, Broadview, Clovis, Radium Springs, and Tatum.

Pygmy Nuthatch—Pygmys in peripheral areas were up to 20 at Sugarite SP 28 Aug-30 Oct (DJC) and 10 in the Ortiz Mts. 28 Aug (LAS).

Brown Creeper—Very early were 2 at Corrales 1 Sep (WHH).

Cactus Wren—One was 8.5 mi west of Yeso 14 Aug (CMR), where there was also a nest structure; another was at Yeso 16 Sep (JRO).

Carolina Wren—Providing a *Curry* first was one at Clovis 2-9 Oct (JRO**, NDP).

Winter Wren—Singles were at Galisteo 27 Nov (JPB*), Corrales 27 Nov (JEP), NRT 16-17 Oct (CMR, JRO**), and Socorro 8 Nov (PB*).

Golden-crowned Kinglet—Several drifted east to *Guadalupe*, *Curry*, *Roosevelt*, and *Lea* 2-30 Oct (m.ob.); south to the Peloncillo Mts. were 3 in Skull Canyon 24 Nov (CDL) and 3 were near Black Mt. 29 Nov (CDL).

Black-tailed Gnatcatcher—Unexpected north of the Gila R. was one in Carlisle Canyon, *Grant* 11 Nov (R. Shantz**). Two were north in the RGV to Bosque NWR 24 Nov (JEP).

Eastern Bluebird—Nested at Clovis, where there was a just-fledged juv. 9 Aug (KBO). Near Radium Springs, ads. were with 2 juvs. 15-19 Sep (MTS, JEZ).

Western Bluebird—East were 4 at Milnesand and 7 at Tatum 16 Oct (CMR).

Mountain Bluebird—Living up to its name, a family group was on the tundra at Jicarita Peak 3 Aug (SOW).

Townsend's Solitaire—At Tent Rocks, 35 were singing along a one mile transect 3 Oct (HRS). One was flycatching in a Radium Springs pecan orchard 27 Sep (MTS, JEZ).

Swainson's Thrush—Scarce in *Luna* in fall, one was at Deming 23 Sep (LKM).

Wood Thrush—One was at Bosquecito, *Socorro* 31 Oct-12 Nov (G. A. Kendall*).

Gray Catbird—An ad. feeding a juv. at Bosque Redondo 31 Aug (WFW) provided additional evidence of breeding at that *DeBaca* locale.

Sage Thrasher—Earliest migrants were 2 at Eldorado 9 Aug (JPB), 1 near Yeso 14 Aug (CMR), and 5 on Albuquerque's West Mesa 15 Aug (JEP).

Brown Thrasher—One was west to Mountainair 25 Oct (T. Huning*). One at Bosque Redondo 16 Sep (JRO) may have summered locally. Singles were at Conchas Dam, Sumner Dam, and BLNWR 6-17 Oct, and 1-2 were at NRT on various dates 12 Sep-17 Oct (v.o.).

Curve-billed Thrasher—Unusual was one carrying sticks into a cholla cactus at Madrid 30 Oct (LAS). A nest with eggs was in the Caja Del Rio area west of Santa Fe 11 Aug (JNS).

Sprague's Pipit—Up to 9 were in grasslands 6 mi east of Milnesand 16-17 Oct (CMR, JRO*) and 2 were at Tatum 16 Oct (CMR). In the southwest, 2 were south of Deming 30 Nov (LKM*) and one was south of Gage 30 Sep (RAM) where there were 2 on 7 Oct (RAM).

Phainopepla—Two were north to Cerrillos 22 Aug and later (LAS). A pair was feeding 3 young at Silver City 17 Aug (ERL).

Tennessee Warbler—An ad. male was at Bosque Redondo 31 Aug (WFW). A bright yellow apparent first-fall bird was at NRT 30 Oct (JPB).

Orange-crowned Warbler—Late for Albuquerque was one 25 Oct (WHH).

Nashville Warbler—Relatively conspicuous, including in the west with 3 at El Morro NM and one south of Grants 28 Aug (CJG), 8 in P. O. Canyon 25 Aug-5 Sep (CDL), and one in the Pinos Altos Mts. 5 Sep (BDN). Farther east, singles were in Cimarron Canyon

11 Sep (DJC), Albuquerque 11 Sep (WHH), Luis Lopez 4 Oct (JRO), and NRT 3-9 Oct (CMR, DJC, JRO, JEP, NDP).

Northern Parula—Singles were at Sumner Dam 12 Aug (NSC), NRT 5-6 Sep (JRO, JEP) & 2 Oct (JEP*, JRO), and Ruby Ranch north of Las Vegas 7 Nov (WFW).

Chestnut-sided Warbler—Single imms. were near Cimarron 30 Aug (DJC**), north of Melrose 17 Sep (JRO**), and at Oliver Lee SP 5 Nov (JRO**).

Magnolia Warbler—A fall female visited NRT 2 Oct (JRO**, JEP*, BDN*, CMR).

Black-throated Blue Warbler—A female was in Albuquerque's North Valley 24 Oct (DWM). At NRT, single males were seen on various dates 22 Sep-22 Oct (DJC**, JRO**, JEP*, NDP, CMB*, CMR) and a female was there 28-29 Sep (DJC, JRO**).

Black-throated Gray Warbler—Late was one at Farmington 17 Oct (APN).

Black-throated Green Warbler—Made a strong showing, with singles west to Albuquerque 19 Aug (WHH*) and Aguirre Springs 7 Nov (BRZ*), plus at least 3 at NRT during the period 3-22 Oct (DJC**, JRO**, BDN*, DAE*, CMR, JPB, JEP).

Townsend's Warbler—The species flooded the state in large numbers 3 Aug-16 Oct and in many instances was the most numerous warbler at a site. Late was one at Albuquerque 7 Nov (BV).

Hermit Warbler—Made its strongest showing yet, with at least 12 individuals at 7 sites 6 Aug-7 Oct, including singles east to Albuquerque 5 Sep (B. O'Leary) and the Magdalena Mts. 11 Aug (WFW); reports in the southwest were from the Pinos Altos, Burro, Peloncillo, and Animas mts. and included a high 4 on Signal Peak 7 Aug (CMB*) and a late male in the Animas Mts. 7 Oct (WRR*).

Pine Warbler—A bright male was below EBL Dam 7 Oct (JRO**).

Palm Warbler—An early one was at RGNC 8 Aug (JB*); others were singles at Cochiti L. 16 Oct (WHH*) and NRT 4 Oct (DJC**) & 9 Oct (JRO**, JEP*, NDP); all were of the expected nominate race.

Black-and-white Warbler—Two were at Yeso 16 Sep (JRO), one was at Socorro 29 Sep (PB), and singles were at NRT on multiple dates 31 Aug-22 Sep (m.ob.).

American Redstart—Singles reported from Cimarron 13 Aug (DJC), Cochiti L. 12 Sep (WHH), Albuquerque 31 Aug (MM), Socorro 29 Aug (DLH) & 3 Oct (DLH, PB), Encino 29 Sep (JRO), Clovis 7 (WFW) & 18 Sep (JRO**), and NRT 11 Sep-1 Oct (v.o.).

Prothonotary Warbler—An apparent window-kill was salvaged at Albuquerque's Old Town 12 Oct (JEP, *** to MSB). Singles were at Luis Lopez 27 Sep (JRO**) and NRT 8-10 Oct (JRO**, JEP*, CMB, NDP).

Worm-eating Warbler—One was singing at RGNC 11 & 15 Aug (C. Davis*, JEP).

Ovenbird—Singles were at NRT 12 Sep (JRO), 18-19 Sep (CMR, BDN) & 2-3 Oct (CMR, BDN, DAE, JRO).

Hooded Warbler—Single males were at NRT 15 Sep (DJC**), Ladder Ranch headquarters on Las Animas Cr. 24 Aug (WFW*), Mesilla Park 7 Nov (CGL*), and a female was in Clanton Canyon 12 Aug (BKP*).

Wilson's Warbler—Evidence of breeding in the Sangre de Cristo Mts. was provided by a male and an apparent juv. at a Serpent L. willow bog 3 Aug (SOW).

Red-faced Warbler—An ad. near Manzano Peak 22 Aug (J. L. Johnson*) provided a Manzano Mts. first.

Painted Redstart—One strayed to Radium Springs 21 Sep (JEZ**).

Hepatic Tanager—Late was a male in Maverick Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. 23 Oct (CDL).

Summer Tanager—Late was a young male at RGNC 17 Oct (JEP).

Eastern Towhee—Extremely rare, a male was at NRT 15 Oct (JEP*, JRO*) and a female was there 17 Oct (JRO**, CMR).

Rufous-crowned Sparrow—A pair was feeding fledglings in P. O. Canyon 23 Sep (CDL).

American Tree Sparrow—On the edge of the range were singles near Cerrillos 18 Nov (LAS) and Ute L. 27 Nov (DJC**).

Field Sparrow—Two were at NRT 25 Oct & 26 Nov (DJC*).

Baird's Sparrow—One was at Clabber Hill Ranch 9 Oct (NDP*); two were on a grassy bench on the Ladder Ranch 26 Sep (WFW).

Le Conte's Sparrow—Singles were at BLNWR 10-12 Nov (GLW*, JEP*) and east of Otis 16 Oct (SW*).

Fox Sparrow—Additional evidence of summering in the Sangre de Cristo Mts. was provided by 2 (one singing) attracted to tape-recorded songs in a willow carr above Serpent L. 3 Aug (SOW*).

Harris's Sparrow—One reached RGNC 29 Oct (JEP).

Golden-crowned Sparrow—Singles were at Luis Lopez 1 Nov (JRO**) and Rodeo 23 Oct (REW*).

Yellow-eyed Junco—Noteworthy were 5 in the West Fork of Indian Cr. Canyon, Animas Mts. 7 Oct (WRR). In the Burro Mts., an ad. was with a fledgling 7 Aug (JEP).

Lapland Longspur—First arrivals were 2 at Springer L. 29 Nov (DJC), one at Clabber Hill Ranch 30 Nov (WFW), and one at Corrales 27 Nov (JEP*).

Chestnut-collared Longspur—Early were 6 at Springer L. 6 Sep (DJC).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak—Singles were at NRT 16 Sep (DJK*), Santa Rosa 25 Sep (CMR*, BDN*), and Deming 20 Oct (LKM).

Black-headed Grosbeak—Late was one in P.O. Canyon until 2 Nov (CDL).

Painted Bunting—Two at Grady 19 Sep (CMR, BDN) furnished a *Curry* first, and one near Galisteo 21 Sep (JPB) provided the first fall record for *Santa Fe*; others of note were one at Albuquerque 8 Sep (DAE) and up to 2 at Luis Lopez 8-20 Sep (JRO).

Dickcissel—In evidence from the RGV eastward 2 Aug-5 Oct; west were singles near Gage 22 Sep (RAM) and at Rodeo 2-9 Oct (REW).

Rusty Blackbird—Early was at least one at Bosque NWR 1 Oct (PB*).

Common Grackle—Late were 2 at snowy Estancia 14 Nov (CMR, BDN).

Great-tailed Grackle—200 were found dead after a storm at Otis 12 Aug (*fide* SW).

Baltimore Oriole—Single young males were at Maxwell 23-29 Aug (DJC**), NRT 17 Sep (DJK*, JEP*, JRO), and near Radium Springs 6 Oct (MTS*, JEZ*).

Rosy-Finches—Returned to Sandia Crest by 8 Nov (SJ), where a flock of 60 containing **Gray-crowneds**, **Blacks**, and **Brown-cappeds** was present 27 Nov (WHH). Elsewhere, 2 **Gray-crowneds** were at Eagle Nest 6 Nov (DJC**).

Pine Grosbeak—One was south to Sandia Crest 13 Nov (BV).

Cassin's Finch—Migrants filtered into the state mid- to late Oct, including at Farmington (APN), Sugarite SP (DJC), Madrid (LAS), Socorro (PB), Magdalena Mts. (HRS), and Radium Springs (MTS, JEZ); 7 were in the P.O. Canyon area 12 Nov (CDL).

Red Crossbill—Moderate numbers were reported, but no major movement was evident; noteworthy were 50 at Sugarite SP 16 Oct (DJC), 60 at Santa Fe Ski Basin 5 Sep (WHH), one at Albuquerque 16-18 Nov (M. A. Root), and 12 at Radium Springs 25 Nov (MTS, JEZ).

Lawrence's Goldfinch—Singles were at Rodeo 2-13 Oct (REW), Bosque NWR 23 Oct (C. K. Lee*), and near Radium Springs 28 Oct (MTS*).

American Goldfinch—Nested in the Cimarron area for the 3rd consecutive year, including along the Cimarron R. west of town, where a female was building a nest 19 Aug and 3 nestlings were near fledging 20 Sep (DJC**), along the Cimarron R. east of town, where 5 begging fledglings were following 2 ads. 13 Sep (DJC), and on Ponil Cr., where ads. were tending fledglings 17 Sep (DJC**).

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