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Front Cover: Female Golden-fronted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes aurifrons*) at the Eunice golf course, Lea County, New Mexico, 1 November 2015; first confirmed state record (see page 58). Photograph by David J. Krueper.

Back Cover: First-cycle Glaucous-winged Gull (*Larus glaucescens*) in the Brantley Lake area, Eddy County, New Mexico, 23 November 2015; third state record (see page 56). Photograph by Robert Nieman.

AUTUMN SEASON 2015

Following the relatively generous rains of summer, Autumn 2015 in New Mexico turned out to be both warmer and drier than usual, but with occasional flash floods, hail storms, strong winds, and prairie snowstorms to keep things interesting. Birding was steady as well as interesting, and several rarities were documented, including the state's third Glaucous-winged Gull and the first Wood Stork since 2003 as well as Purple Gallinule, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Canada Warbler, and Streak-backed Oriole, among others. A highlight was New Mexico's first confirmed Golden-fronted Woodpecker, which brought the state list to 544 species verified by specimen, photo, or audio.

Localities and Counties

Abiquiu Lake, *Rio Arriba*
Alameda, *Bernalillo*
Albuquerque, *Bernalillo*
Algodones, *Sandoval*
Animas, *Hidalgo*
Aragon, *Catron*
Belen, *Valencia*
Bill Evans Lake, *Grant*
Bitter Lake NWR, *Chaves*
Bluewater Lake, *McKinley/Cibola*
Boone's Draw, *Roosevelt*
Bosque del Apache NWR, *Socorro*
Brantley Lake, Dam, *Eddy*
Burro Mts., *Grant*
Caballo Lake, Dam, *Sierra*
Carlsbad, *Eddy*
Carlsbad Caverns NP, *Eddy*
Clovis, *Curry*
Cochiti Lake, *Sandoval*
Conoco Pond, *Lea*
Crossroads, *Lea*
Datil, *Catron*
Deming, *Luna*
Elephant Butte, Lake, Dam, *Sierra*
Eunice, *Lea*
Fort Sumner, *De Baca*
Galisteo, *Santa Fe*
Grulla NWR, *Roosevelt*
Guadalupe Canyon, *Hidalgo*
Heron Lake, *Rio Arriba*
Hillsboro, *Sierra*
Hobbs, *Lea*
Holloman Lake, *Otero*
Jack's Peak, *Grant*
Jal, *Lea*
La Cieneguilla, *Santa Fe*
Lake Avalon, *Eddy*
Lake McMillan, Dam, *Eddy*
Las Cruces, Dam, *Doña Ana*
La Union, *Doña Ana*
Las Vegas, NWR, *San Miguel*
Leasburg SP, *Doña Ana*
Lordsburg, Playa, *Hidalgo*
Los Alamos, *Los Alamos*
Loving, *Eddy*
Luis Lopez, *Socorro*
Maljamar, *Lea*
Maxwell, NWR, *Colfax*
Mescalero Lake, *Otero*
Mesilla, Park, *Doña Ana*
Mesilla Bosque SP, *Doña Ana*
Morgan Lake, *San Juan*
Ned Houk Park, *Curry*
north *Roosevelt* trap (NRT), *Roosevelt*
Nutt, *Luna*
Otis, *Eddy*
Peloncillo Mts., *Hidalgo*
Pep, *Roosevelt*
Percha SP, *Sierra*
Pinos Altos, Mts., *Grant*
Placitas, *Sandoval*
Portales, *Roosevelt*
Post Office (P.O.) Canyon, *Hidalgo*
Queen, *Eddy*
Quemado Lake, *Catron*
Radium Springs, *Doña Ana*
Rattlesnake Springs, *Eddy*
Rio Grande Nature Center, *Bernalillo*
Rio Rancho, *Sandoval*
Rodeo, *Hidalgo*
Sandia Crest, *Bernalillo*
Sandia Mts., *Sandoval/Bernalillo*
San Mateo Mts., *Socorro*
Santa Fe, Canyon, Ski Area, *Santa Fe*

Santa Teresa, *Doña Ana*
 Signal Peak, *Grant*
 Silver City, *Grant*
 Six Mile Dam, *Eddy*
 Springer Lake, *Colfax*
 Sumner Lake, Dam, *De Baca*
 Sunland Park, *Doña Ana*
 Taos, *Taos*

Tatum, *Lea*
 Texico, *Curry*
 Ute Lake, *Quay*
 Valle de Oro NWR, *Bernalillo*
 Vaughn, *Guadalupe*
 Washington Ranch, *Eddy*
 White Rock, *Los Alamos*
 Williamsburg, *Sierra*

Standard Abbreviations

AFB	Air Force Base	RGV	Rio Grande Valley
Bosque NWR	Bosque del Apache NWR	SP	State Park
BLNWR	Bitter Lake NWR	UNM	Univ. of New Mexico
BBS	Breeding Bird Survey	USFWS	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
CBC	Christmas Bird Count	WMA	Wildlife Management Area
CCNP	Carlsbad Caverns NP	WSMR	White Sands Missile Range
CG	Camp Ground	♂	male (represents sword & shield of Mars)
Cr.	Creek	♀	female (represents mirror of Venus)
EBL	Elephant Butte Lake	ad(s).	adult(s)
GBA	Gila Bird Area	subad(s).	subadult(s)
GGP	Granite Gap Preserve	imm(s).	immature(s)
L.	Lake, Laguna	juv(s).	juvenile(s)
LVNWR	Las Vegas NWR	sp.	species
MSB	Museum of Southwestern Biology	m.ob	many observers
Mt(s).	Mountain(s)	m.ph	many photos
NAPI	Navajo Agricultural Products Industry	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		
PA	Picnic Area		
R.	River		
RGNC	Rio Grande Nature Center		

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JDL	J. David Ligon		

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Greater White-fronted Goose—Early were 4 on a playa in sw. *Doña Ana* west of Mt. Riley 18 Sep (G. Sorg). Noteworthy for *De Baca* were 4 east of Fort Sumner at Red L. 17 Oct (CMR). High count was 12 at Valle de Oro NWR 20-21 Nov (GKF).

[**Mute Swan**]**—**At least one of these exotics continued at RGNC 5 Aug-20 Nov (m.ob.).

Tundra Swan—Three, 2 ads. and 1 imm., were at Abiquiu L. 22 Nov (WTE**) and singles were at Rio Rancho 27 Nov (CLH) and the old L. McMillan Dam 21 Nov (RN**).

Greater Scaup—Up to 8 were at Bosque NWR 19-25 Nov (DJK**, m.ob.).

Surf Scoter—A ♀ was at Washington Ranch near Rattlesnake Springs 28 Oct-5 Nov (SOW**, RN**, SW**, JRO**).

White-winged Scoter—An imm. was at Bluewater L., *Cibola* 31 Oct-1 Nov (MJB**, NDP, DLH).

Scaled Quail—Had an excellent year in southeast New Mexico, including a “covey” of 80 birds at Washington Ranch during the period (SW).

Montezuma Quail—Experienced good reproduction in the Peloncillo Mts., including 20 juvs. in P.O. Canyon 14 Sep (CDL). A family of 11 in Bear Trap Canyon 23 Aug (SEM) was a good count for the San Mateo Mts. Noteworthy for CCNP was one on the Loop Road 3 Sep (SW*).

Red-throated Loon—Providing a first for *Sandoval*, one at Cochiti L. 29-30 Nov (DC*, JRO*) continued into Dec. Two were reportedly captured at a brine pit east of Loving on unknown dates and released at L. Avalon 22 & 23 Nov (*fide* SW).

Pacific Loon—One was south to Mescalero L. 27 Nov (JRO*).

Common Loon—Earliest was one retrieved from a brine pit east of Loving 23 Oct; it was one of 5 found there through 23 Nov, 4 of which were rehabilitated and released elsewhere (*fide* SW).

Pied-billed Grebe—Two stripe-headed young were at Maxwell NWR on the late date of 8 Nov (CMR).

Western Grebe—An ad. was tending large young at Maxwell NWR 10 Sep (JL**).

***Aechmophorus* grebes**—Some 2600 were counted during an aerial survey of EBL 13 Oct and 200 were on Caballo L. the same day (M. L. Watson).

Wood Stork—One was along the Tularosa R. northeast of Aragon, *Catron* 20 Sep (D. White**). All but two of New Mexico’s reports are from the period 1951-1975; since 1975, there was one in 2003 and the present one in 2015.

American White Pelican—A high 700 were at EBL 10 Oct (DJC).

Brown Pelican—An ad. was at Heron L. 26 Nov (BRF, WTE**, RC**); there is but one previous *Rio Arriba* record.

American Bittern—Present at BLNWR Aug-Oct (m.ob.), including a high 3 there 30 Sep (JIS). Elsewhere in the southeast, singles were at the Conoco Pond south of Maljamar 28 Oct (J. Nelson-Moore), below Brantley Dam 25 Nov (RN**), and Rattlesnake Springs 4 & 29 Oct (RN, SW). Singles were in the RGV at Bosque NWR 8 Aug (KS, M. Shoop) and Las Cruces 28 Oct (NGS).

Little Blue Heron—Scarce in recent years, single imms. were at the Alameda flats 13 Sep (JBV*) and Six Mile Dam 7 Sep (SW*).

Reddish Egret—Providing a *Doña Ana* first, a dark morph imm. was at Mesilla Bosque SP 8 Oct (JEZ**, MTS, WTE**).

Cattle Egret—Some high counts were 492 at Valle de Oro NWR 24 Aug (DLH) and 445 at the Belen marsh 18 Sep (CMR).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron—Another strong season in the east, with single ads. at the Texico marsh 2 Aug (WTE**), the Clovis treatment ponds 28 Aug-4 Sep (KS**, JRO**, JEP*), and the Tatum treatment ponds 5 Sep (JEP*, JRO*), and single imms. at McMillan Dam 10 Oct (RN**) and Six Mile Dam 27 Sep (SW*). In the RGV, 2 imms. were south of Radium Springs 4-8 Sep (MTS, JEZ).

Roseate Spoonbill—Continuing from Jul, the one at BLNWR was last reported 1 Aug (RN**).

Turkey Vulture—Very late was one at Silver City 30 Nov (KB).

White-tailed Kite—One was north in the RGV to Bosque NWR 24 Oct (MJA**); in the southwest, one was at Rancho Hidalgo west of Animas 4 Nov (L. Andree).

Bald Eagle—Two ads. at Ruby Ranch, *San Miguel* 18 Aug and later (WFW) reportedly had been present there all summer.

Common Black Hawk—An ad. was at Mesilla Park 24 Aug (W. Haussamen**) and another ad. was at Rattlesnake Springs 21 Sep (RN**); migrants are to be expected in such sites, as the species breeds to the north in both the RGV and the Pecos Valley. One was at Aragon 21 Sep (JEP), where seldom reported.

Gray Hawk—Once again nested successfully in the southwest in Guadalupe Canyon, where a juv. was still present 23-25 Oct (NM-C**, AMC), and in the southeast in the Rattlesnake Springs area, where a juv. lingered to 12 Oct (RN**) and an ad. was last reported 18 Oct (RN). A juv. circling over Mesilla Bosque SP 10 Oct (DAB**) suggested the possibility of increasing presence in the lower RGV.

Red-shouldered Hawk—An ad. was at Rattlesnake Springs 4 Sep (RN**); it was still present 8 Sep (SW) but not seen again. Another was near Otis 27 Sep (SW*).

Swainson's Hawk—A migrating flock of 300 were near Red Hill, w. *Catron* 3 Oct (E. MacKarrow), where abundant grasshoppers seemed to be the attraction.

"Harlan's" Hawk—Returning were singles at La Cieneguilla 14 Nov (BRF; 6th consecutive year there), Luis Lopez 25 Oct (GKF, 5th consecutive year), and La Union 19 Nov (DAB, 3rd consecutive year).

Virginia Rail—Two ads. were tending a juv. at Fred Baca Park, Taos 4 Aug (RD**).

Purple Gallinule—An imm. found injured at the Carlsbad airport 23 Oct subsequently died (SW**; specimen to MSB). This represents New Mexico's 12th record overall but only the second for autumn.

Common Gallinule—Two were at two sites at Bosque NWR 1 Aug (SEM**) and an imm. was there 25 Sep (GKF**). Up to 4 were at Mesilla Bosque SP 14 Aug-10 Oct (CJG et al.).

Sandhill Crane—Peak count at BLNWR and vicinity was 25,432 on 30 Oct (JIS). Two white ones were at BLNWR 19 Oct (JIS**) and one white one was at Bosque NWR 30 Oct (GKF).

Black-necked Stilt—Peak autumn count at BLNWR was 162 on 11 Aug (JIS); last there was one on 30 Sep (JIS). Late were 10 along the Rio Grande at Sunland Park 18 Nov (A. Moore**).

American Avocet—Peak autumn count at BLNWR was 301 on 11 Aug (JIS); late were 50 there 21 Nov (SW). Among other Nov records were 21 at McMillan Dam 21 Nov (RN**) and 4 at Caballo L. 23 Nov (DJC**).

Black-bellied Plover—Very late were singles at McMillan Dam 31 Oct (RN**) and EBL 5 Nov (DJC).

Snowy Plover—An ad. was tending 3 small chicks at Holloman L. 6 Aug (SW). Late were 13 at the Williams Sink playa, *Lea* 26 Nov (JRO).

Semipalmated Plover—Three at the Alameda flats 27 Aug (JEP) was a good count for *Bernalillo*. Late was one at McMillan Dam 31 Oct (RN**); another was at Caballo L. 12 Oct (DJC).

Killdeer—A remarkable 750 were counted in a plowed field at Bosque NWR 30 Oct (GKF).

Solitary Sandpiper—A high 5 were at the Alameda flats 29 Aug (DJK). One lingered along the Rio Grande below Williamsburg 9-17 Nov (DJC**).

Upland Sandpiper—Made a good showing in the east in *Curry*, *Roosevelt*, and *Lea* and across the south in *Eddy*, *Otero*, and *Doña Ana*; noteworthy north in the RGV to Albuquerque were 7 at Valle de Oro NWR 20-21 Aug (GKF**, DLH), 4 at another South Valley site 20 Aug (NDP), and one over the Tingley ponds 21 Aug (DLH, WEM).

Long-billed Curlew—A high 600 were at Grulla NWR 30 Aug (CMR).

Stilt Sandpiper—High counts included 125 at BLNWR 11 Aug, where there were 82 on 30 Sep (JIS), and 25 at the Williams Sink playa, *Lea* 31 Oct (JRO).

Sanderling—Those with credible documentation were one at Santa Fe 29 Aug (J. Szabat*), 2 at Grulla NWR 30 Aug (CMR*), 4 at EBL 21 Aug (DJC**) where there was one 10-24 Sep (DJC**), and one to 2 at Caballo L. 9-12 Oct (DJC).

Dunlin—Earliest certain reports were one at EBL 15 Oct (DJC**) where there were one to 4 during 5-19 Nov (DJC**), and one at Caballo L. 24-26 Oct (DJC**) where up to 3 were found through 23 Nov (DJC, JEP). One was at the Lordsburg Playa 25 Nov (DLH*).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper—Last reported in the state in 2010, a juv. was documented at the Clovis treatment ponds 4 Sep (JEP*, JRO**).

Semipalmated Sandpiper—Well-documented ones west to the RGV included one on Albuquerque's West Mesa 2 Aug (WEM**) and one at the Alameda flats 6 Aug (WEM**) & 15 Aug (NEH**) and 2 there 23 Aug (DJK**) & 27 Aug (NEH**).

Western Sandpiper—High count at BLNWR was 530 on 25 Aug (JIS). Late were 4 at McMillan Dam 25 Nov (WTE*).

Short-billed Dowitcher—Rare in New Mexico, single juvs. were at Santa Fe's Marty Sanchez golf course 23-24 Aug (L. Howard*, G. Szpatura*, BRF*, JPB**), the Santa Fe Community College 23-29 Aug (RC**, BRF**, NEH**, JPB**), and the Alameda flats 27-29 Aug (WEM**, NEH**, JEP*, DJK*).

Wilson's Phalarope—Seen arriving in flocks of 50-100 at a time, some 2500 were at Holloman L. 6 Aug (SW).

Red-necked Phalarope—The species was much in evidence Aug-Sep, including 50 east of Fort Sumner at the Red Lake playa 6 Sep (MJB), 13 at LVNWR 20 Sep (DLH), 9 at Belen 18 Sep (GKF**), and 10 at Holloman L. 7 Sep (CCW). West were 3 at Quemado L. 22 Sep (JRO) and 9 at Deming 9 Sep (LKM) while late was one at Holloman L. 26 Oct (DLH).

Red Phalarope—An impressive season found singles at Holloman L. 7 Sep (CCW**), the Belen marsh 12-20 Sep (MOH**, m.ob., m.ph.), Caballo L. 19-26 Oct (DJC**, JEP*), and the Alameda flats 5 Nov (BM**, WEM**, NEH**, JEP*, CMR*).

Sabine's Gull—Relatively few were reported, with the high count being up to 3 juvs. at the Border Patrol playa west of Las Cruces 21-23 Aug (NGS**, J. A. Montoya) where there was another 7 Sep (NGS); others, all juvs., were singles at Ned Houk Park near Clovis 18 Sep (JEP*), Brantley L. 2 Oct (RN**), and Sumner L. 10 Oct (MJB*, NDP).

California Gull—Continuing from summer, up to 15 were at EBL 2 Aug (DJC**); one was at Albuquerque's Alameda bridge 20 Nov (WEM**).

Lesser Black-backed Gull—Single first-cycle ones were at the McMillan Dam 17-31 Oct (RN**) and the Alameda bridge 27 Nov (DC**).

Glaucous-winged Gull—A first-cycle one was in the Brantley L. area from 22 Nov (SW**, RN*) through the month (RN**, JRO**, JPB**, WTE*) and into Dec; analysis of photos ruled out potential hybrid origin (*vide* P. Pyle, S. Heinl). There are but two previous records, the last in 1994.

Caspian Tern—Reports from three counties: 2 at Morgan L. 8 Aug (CLB), 2 at Bosque NWR 21-22 Sep (P. D. Hicks**, V. Dern**), and one at Sumner L. 10 Oct (MJB*).

Black Tern—A better than usual season, with reports from 13 counties from the RGV eastward, including high counts of 110 at Springer L. 10 Aug (WTE) and 26 at Grulla NWR 30 Aug (CMR); west were singles at the Deming treatment ponds 4 Aug & 10 Sep (LKM).

Common Tern—Well-documented were one at Sumner L. 30 Aug (CMR*) and 2 there 8 Sep (BM**), one at BLNWR 6 Sep (JEP*), and one at L. Avalon 1 Aug (WTE*).

Eurasian Collared-Dove—Some 300 were perched on power lines at Red L., *De Baca* 23 Oct (JRO).

Inca Dove—Noteworthy north to *Rio Arriba*, 2 were near Abiquiu L. at Barranca from 26 Oct (A. Sherman**) into Dec.

Common Ground-Dove—In southeast New Mexico in *Lea*, singles were at the Conoco Pond south of Maljamar 27 Sep (JRO**) and the Eunice golf course 17 Oct (MJB**, NDP**). In the foothills of the Black Range, one was at Hillsboro 6 Oct (RAB**). In *Doña Ana*, singles were near Radium Springs 28 Aug (MTS*), at Mesilla Bosque SP 9 Sep (K. Renard), and the WSMR golf course 29 Sep (CJG**).

White-winged Dove—Some 350 were at a single feeding station in Carlsbad 5 Sep (SW).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo—Late were singles near Bill Evans L. 22 Sep (KB) and NRT 26 Sep (JEP, JRO).

Barn Owl—Two pairs at BLNWR produced a total of 6 young by 9 Sep (JIS).

Flammulated Owl—Seldom reported in the Peloncillo Mts., a migrant was roosting in a P.O. Canyon oak 9 Oct (CDL).

Western Screech-Owl—Two were east to a woodlot near San Jon, *Quay* where they responded to mid-afternoon playback 21 Nov (JRO).

Elf Owl—Had largely left the Black Range foothills by early Aug; last to be detected in areas of summer residence there was one along Tierra Blanca Cr., *Sierra* 9 Sep (DJC).

Short-eared Owl—One was at the Jal cemetery 15 Nov (SW) and another was on the Las Cruces West Mesa 16 Nov (JBS**); 3 were in grasslands south of Nutt, *Luna* 20 Nov (DG**).

Common Poorwill—Lingering were singles at Las Cruces 1 Nov (WTE*) and Walnut Canyon, *Eddy* 6 Nov (SW).

whip-poor-will sp.—An unidentified whip-poor-will was seen at NRT 15 Oct (JRO*); the date and eastern location are suggestive of Eastern.

***Chaetura* swifts**—One north of Rodeo 5 Sep was identified as a **Vaux's** (C. Rohrer*, M. Rohrer*, M. Weber*); 2 at Signal Peak 12 Sep (MOH) were not identified to species; one believed to be a **Chimney** was near Radium Springs 14 Sep (MTS*, JEZ**).

White-throated Swift—Rarely reported in *Chaves*, one was east of Elk 26 Sep (RN**).

Magnificent Hummingbird—One was late at Pinos Altos 17-21 Nov (JBS**). In the east, an undetailed one was at Ruidoso, *Lincoln* 2-3 Aug (D. Rizos).

Blue-throated Hummingbird—A ♀ in P.O. Canyon 13 Sep (CDL) provided the lone report, although another was at El Paso, Texas, adjacent to the New Mexico line 1 Sep (J. Groves**).

Lucifer Hummingbird—Peak count in P.O. Canyon was 35 on 10 Sep (CDL); at least 10 young fledged there this breeding season (CDL).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird—Providing a *Sierra* first, an ad. ♂ was west to the RGV near Williamsburg 27-31 Oct (M. Powey**).

Anna's Hummingbird—Far northeast of expected, a ♂ was at Clovis from 13 Nov (K&GK) through Nov (JRO**) and into Dec. Among several reports from the southwest were one at Deming 16 Aug (LKM) and 2 in Guadalupe Canyon 24 Oct (NM-C, AMC).

Broad-tailed Hummingbird—Singles lingered into Nov at Santa Fe 8 Nov (JPB*), White Rock 6-15 Nov (J. & C. Heikoop**), Placitas 6-17 Nov (P. Stuckey**), Las Cruces 14 Nov (NGS**), and Carlsbad 22 Nov (RN**), and 2 were near Radium Springs from late Oct through 30 Nov and into Dec (MTS*, JEZ*).

Calliope Hummingbird—Two were late at Tellbrook Park in Las Cruces 8 Nov (WTE*).

Broad-billed Hummingbird—This is the “southwestern” hummer most prone to wandering in New Mexico. This season, an ad. ♂ was northeast to Clovis from 13 Nov (K&GK) through Nov (JRO**) and into Dec; an ad. ♀ was at Hillsboro 23-24 Oct (RAB**), and 2 were near Radium Springs—an imm. ♂ 21-22 Sep (MTS*, JEZ**) and an imm. ♀ 28 Sep-4 Oct (MTS*, JEZ*). Peak count in P.O. Canyon was 8 on 10 Aug, where the last ad. was seen 13 Sep and the last juv. was seen 3 Oct (CDL).

Belted Kingfisher—A reminder that this species migrates across a broad front was one on the prairie at Pep 9 Aug (B. Williamson**, window-killed specimen to MSB).

Red-headed Woodpecker—An irregular breeder west to the RGV, so noteworthy for *Sandoval* was a pair that fledged at least two young at Algodones 7-29 Aug (JL**, L. Ladwig**, DLH) and a nesting pair at Sandia Pueblo that eventually fledged two young 4 Jun-27 Aug (T. W. Fetz**). In *Bernalillo*, a juv. was at Cedar Crest 24 Sep (JDL*) and

another juv. was found dead at Albuquerque's Montessa Park 15 Oct (NDP**, specimen to MSB).

Golden-fronted Woodpecker—A ♀ discovered west of Eunice at Stephens L. and the adjacent golf course 16 Oct (RN**) remained there through 13 Nov (m.ob., m.ph.) and provided the first confirmed New Mexico record, bringing the state list to 544 species. There are three earlier well-detailed sight records from *Chaves*, *Eddy*, and *Curry*.

Golden-fronted Woodpecker x Red-bellied Woodpecker—Close on the heels of the state's first verified Golden-fronted was the discovery of 2 woodpeckers originally believed to be ♂ and ♀ Red-bellied Woodpeckers at Portales 28 Oct (T. D. Watkins**) but later determined, from numerous photos of each, to both be hybrids (*vide* M. Husak), another first for the state.

Red-bellied Woodpecker—A ♂ discovered at Rattlesnake Springs 25 Oct (RN**) continued through 30 Nov (m.ob., m.ph.).

Downy Woodpecker—Far south of expected, one was at Mesilla Park 16-29 Oct (WTE**, CJG**); another was south to Jack's Peak, Burro Mts. 5 Sep (WTE*, NEH*).

Hairy Woodpecker—One in the RGV south of Radium Springs 9 Sep-8 Nov (MTS, JEZ**) provided a local first.

American Three-toed Woodpecker—A family group of 4 was in recently burned forest on Signal Peak, Pinos Altos Mts. 6 Sep (NEH**, WTE). In the Sacramento Mts., one was south of Cloudcroft at Camp Wehinahpay, *Otero* 30 Aug (RN).

“Yellow-shafted” Flicker—Among several reports were a ♂ west to Gage, *Luna* 11 Oct (WTE**, CMR*), one in the RGV south of Radium Springs 30 Sep-6 Oct (MTS, JEZ), and one on the high plains at Ramon, *Lincoln* 18 Oct (CMR*, NEH*).

Merlin—Early was a well-detailed one at Las Campanas near Santa Fe 23 Aug (RC*). Earliest confirmed report this season was one at Bosque NWR 19 Sep (GKF**).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher—Providing the first New Mexico report since 2012, one was at NRT 3-4 Oct (JEP*, JRO**).

Least Flycatcher—Singles were west to the RGV at Albuquerque 23 Aug (CMR*) and near Radium Springs 13 Sep (MTS, JEZ**).

Dusky Flycatcher—Lingering was one at Albuquerque 15 Oct (WEM**). Late was one at Bosque NWR 20 Nov (DJK, DG**).

Black Phoebe—One was northeast to Mills Canyon, *Harding* 16 Aug (CMR).

Vermilion Flycatcher—Noteworthy for *Lincoln* was a ♂ near Picacho 19 Sep (JRO**).

Great Crested Flycatcher—Singles were at Boone's Draw 5 Sep (MJB*, NDP) and the Conoco Pond south of Maljamar 10 Sep (JRO*).

Brown-crested Flycatcher—Noteworthy for the RGV, one was near Radium Springs 24 Aug (MTS, JEZ), where there had been one in Jul also.

Eastern Kingbird—The species is a scarce but regular autumn transient through the middle RGV; this season, individuals were at seven sites in the Albuquerque bosque 19 Aug-5 Sep (m.ob.).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher—One was west to the RGV near Belen 9 Sep (T. Archdeacon).

Northern Shrike—Earliest report this season was of one at LVNWR 24 Oct (CMR*), where it continued 1 Nov (CM, DS**).

White-eyed Vireo—Another impressive season, with the one at Rattlesnake Springs in Jul continuing to 20 Sep (m.ob., JRO**), one at NRT 3-4 Oct (JEP*, JRO**), and one at a pond on the west side of Santa Fe 11-15 Nov (J. Szabat*, BRF**, JPB**).

Gray Vireo—In *Santa Fe*, 2 were seen and heard singing in the Buckman Road-Diablo Canyon area 11 Sep and 4 were seen and heard singing near Tetilla Peak 12 Sep (J. Leutzelschwab**), late dates for the species to be singing in New Mexico.

Blue-headed Vireo—Well-documented were singles near Los Alamos 6 Sep (CM*, DS**), at NRT 2 Oct (JEP*, JRO**) and 10 Oct (JRO**), the Conoco Pond, *Lea* 5 Oct (JRO**, RN**), and 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 13 Sep (RN**).

Hutton's Vireo—A vocal one was in the RGV near Radium Springs 15 Sep (MTS, JEZ).

Philadelphia Vireo—One at the Conoco Pond 5 Oct (JRO**) provided the only report.

Red-eyed Vireo—Singles were west to three Albuquerque locales 2-10 Sep (WEM**). One at NRT 19 Sep (JEP**) provided the only additional report.

Common Raven—Noteworthy for southeastern lowlands were 2 at Seven Rivers, *Eddy* 26 Oct (SW) and Conoco Pond, *Lea* 22 Oct (JRO*).

Purple Martin—Often overlooked in migration, one was with other swallows at Bosque NWR 7 Sep (NEH**).

Violet-green Swallow—One was east to the Eunice golf course 16 Oct (MJB*).

Cave Swallow—Up to 14 ads. and juvs. were at a culvert near the Waldrop Rest Area, e. *Chaves* 1 Aug (NEH**) and 20 were near Kenna, *Roosevelt* 21 Aug (JEP). Migrants included 40 at Stephens L. near Eunice 16 Oct (RN**). Found in the RGV in *Doña Ana* from Leasburg SP south to La Union (m.ob.).

Barn Swallow—A high 450 were counted at Valle de Oro NWR 3 Oct (DLH).

Verdin—One at Belen 31 Oct (DLH) was at the northern edge of the range.

Red-breasted Nuthatch—One was east to the Maljamar Rest Area 20 Sep (JRO).

Pacific Wren—Under review is a report, based on call notes, of one to 2 at Brantley Dam 25 Nov (RN**, WTE*), where there were at least 2 **Winter Wrens** the same day (WTE**, RN); only Winter Wrens were found there in subsequent days and weeks.

Winter Wren—By far the most common of the two stub-tailed wrens found in New Mexico. This season, Winters began to arrive by mid-Oct, with singles at Santa Fe 17 Oct (BRF*) and NRT 23-24 Oct (JRO, JEP*); later arrivals were singles at Los Alamos 12 Nov (R. Gurule**), Sumner Dam 22 Nov (JRO**), NRT 21 Nov (JRO), and Rattlesnake Springs 22-25 Nov (RN**, JRO).

Carolina Wren—One or more continued to be vocal at Bosque NWR from Aug to at least 25 Oct (m.ob.), when vocalizations ceased. Others were singles at Sumner Dam 30 Aug (NEH**, CMR*) & 24 Oct (JEP*), and Ute L. 21 Nov (JRO**).

Cactus Wren—A family group of at least 4 was on the Albuquerque West Mesa south of I-40 on 9 Nov (JDL); others of note were one at Edgewood 6 Oct-15 Nov (A. B. Johnson), one in *Torrance* near the Abo ruins entrance road 9 Aug (CMR*), and 4 at Ramon, *Lincoln* 5 Sep (CCW).

Black-tailed Gnatcatcher—One was in the EBL area 25 Oct (DJC), where scarce since the 2011 freeze.

Eastern Bluebird—One at Mangas Springs, *Grant* 9 Nov (JBS) provided the only report from west of the RGV.

Western Bluebird—Scarce on the eastern plains, 15 were at NRT 25 Oct (JEP, JRO).

Wood Thrush—One was early at NRT 19 Sep (JEP*); another was at the Conoco Pond, *Lea* 6 Oct (CLB).

Gray Catbird—One was at the Vaughn treatment ponds 17 Sep (SW). Late was one at Carlsbad 24 Nov (SW).

Brown Thrasher—There were reports from nine locales in six counties in the RGV from *Rio Arriba* south to *Doña Ana* 29 Sep-28 Nov (m.ob.), including 2 at Mesilla Bosque SP 3 Oct (NGS**, P. Rice**). In the east, one to 3 passed through NRT 19 Sep-30 Oct (JEP, JRO), up to 6 were at Rattlesnake Springs 3 Oct-29 Nov (m.ob.), and singles were in *Lea* at Bell L. 30 Oct (RN**) and Jal 30 Oct (RN).

Crissal Thrasher—One was singing in La Liendre Canyon east of Las Vegas 19 Nov (WFW). Noteworthy for n. *Lea* was one at Crossroads 29 Oct (D. Gesualdo).

Sprague's Pipit—One was in *Socorro* grasslands west of Bingham 21 Nov (B. Schmoker). Small numbers were found in the southeast and south, including 2 at Eunice 17 Oct (MJB), 4 near L. Avalon 24 Oct (RN), one at a Santa Teresa turf farm 31 Oct (DAB**), 5 in Mason Draw on the Las Cruces West Mesa 23 Oct (WTE*) and 4 south of Nutt 28 Nov (K. Blankenship).

Phainopepla—One was east to *Lea* at Allred Tank southwest of Eunice 15 Nov (SW**). Unusual was one in the Guadalupe Mts. at Queen 7 Nov (SW).

Olive Warbler—An ad. ♂ was in the Crosby Mts. west of Datil 27 Sep (K. Cox).

Lapland Longspur—One was on Albuquerque's West Mesa 1 Nov (DLH); another was south to Mason Draw on the Las Cruces West Mesa 23 Oct (WTE*, NGS).

Worm-eating Warbler—One was in Albuquerque's South Valley 5 Oct (WEM**); the species is decidedly irregular in autumn, with only about 15% of New Mexico's 97 records occurring during that season.

Louisiana Waterthrush—One was at the Conoco Pond south of Maljamar 1-5 Sep (CLB, JRO**, JEP*) and another was at Galisteo 18-27 Sep (D. C. Paez*, BRF**, JPB**). Since the first in 1980, there are now 32 New Mexico records, with two-thirds occurring during autumn.

Golden-winged Warbler—A ♂ in Silver City along San Vicente Creek 26 Sep (JBS**) provided the first confirmed state record from west of the RGV.

Black-and-white Warbler—A active season, with 10 singles in nine counties from the RGV eastward during the period 20 Aug-26 Sep (m.ob.); late was another at NRT 6-7 Nov (JRO).

Prothonotary Warbler—One was near Radium Springs 21 Aug (MTS, JEZ**) and a ♀ was at the Conoco Pond 1 Sep (CLB).

Tennessee Warbler—One in Albuquerque's North Valley 10 Sep (WEM) provided the lone report.

Nashville Warbler—Some 43 passed through the P.O. Canyon area 7 Aug-17 Sep, with a peak of 6 on 22 Aug (CDL).

Virginia's Warbler—Very late was one netted and banded at Valle de Oro NWR 23 Oct (N. S. Cox).

MacGillivray's Warbler—Some 24 passed through P.O. Canyon 18 Aug-15 Sep (CDL). Late was one seen at Rattlesnake Springs 4 Nov (SW).

Hooded Warbler—A ♂ was at Milnesand 12 Sep (MJB) and the same or another was there 10 Oct (JRO**); there were no other reports during the season.

American Redstart—One to 2 were at 13 locales in eight counties from the RGV eastward; earliest was one near Rattlesnake Springs 1 Aug (WTE*), latest was one at the Conoco Pond 8-10 Oct (JRO).

Northern Parula—In Albuquerque, one was in the North Valley 11 Oct (WEM*) and another was in the South Valley 22 Nov (DLH*). In the east, one was at NRT 2 Oct (JEP*, JRO) and up to 2 were there 22-23 Oct (JRO).

Magnolia Warbler—Singles were at the Maljamar Rest Area 10 Sep (JRO*), Rattlesnake Springs 3 Oct (MJB**, RN**), and Taos 24 Nov (RD**), the latter a record late date for the state.

Bay-breasted Warbler—One was at Rattlesnake Springs 15 Nov (RN**). There are now about three dozen New Mexico records.

Chestnut-sided Warbler—A ♂ at NRT 24 Sep (J. W. Shipman) provided the only report.

Black-throated Blue Warbler—A ♀ was at NRT 6 Sep (JBV) and presumably another ♀ was there 2-3 Oct (JEP*, JRO*). A ♂ was at the Maljamar Rest Area 8 Oct (CLB). One was west to Percha SP 20 Aug (DJC).

Prairie Warbler—Very early was one at NRT 16 Aug (JRO**). Another was in Albuquerque's North Valley 4 Oct (WEM**).

Grace's Warbler—A migrant was in the lower RGV at La Union 21 Sep (DAB).

Black-throated Gray Warbler—Some 42 passed through the P.O. Canyon area 3 Aug-13 Oct, with high counts of 8 on 18 Aug and 5 on 15 Sep (CDL).

Townsend's Warbler—Late was an ad. ♂ at Tellbrook Park in Las Cruces 8-12 Nov (WTE*, J. Wilbur**).

Hermit Warbler—A good season in the southwest, with up to 3 in the Blue Range Wilderness west of Pueblo Park, *Catron* 7 Sep (J. P. Joseph), 4 at three Pinos Altos Mts. sites 6 Sep (WTE, NEH), 3 on Jack's Peak, Burro Mts. 5 Sep (WTE, NEH), and 3 in P.O. Canyon on three dates 30 Aug-15 Sep (CDL). Farther east, 2 were at Percha SP 20 Aug (DJC**) and one was in the Black Range north of Kingston, *Sierra* 30 Aug (DJC*).

Black-throated Green Warbler—Notably early was one at BLNWR 11 Aug (P. O'Bryon**). Another at NRT 26 Sep (JEP*, JRO**) provided the only additional report.

Canada Warbler—One at Rattlesnake Springs 20 Sep (RN**) furnished New Mexico's 14th record since the first in 1975.

Wilson's Warbler—One in the Sangre de Cristo Mts. on the Aspen Vista Trail, *Santa Fe* 16 Oct (J. C. Egbert) was late for the 3050 m elevation.

Painted Redstart—One was northeast to Golondrinas, *Mora* 24 Sep (R. Plange*). Others in unusual locales were singles at Rattlesnake Springs 8 Sep (SW*) and La Union 3-6 Oct (DAB**).

Rufous-winged Sparrow—One was in Guadalupe Canyon 25 Oct (NM-C*, AMC*), where the species has been present since 2011.

Clay-colored Sparrow—Unusually numerous and widespread, with reports of dozens from multiple sites in 22 of New Mexico's 33 counties. Latest report was of 2 at Eunice 1 Nov (DJK).

Field Sparrow—Arrived in the east by mid-Oct, the earliest being one at Eunice 17 Oct (RC, Z. Kominek) and 2 at the Conoco Pond 18 Oct (CMR), with additional reports of small numbers in *Curry*, *Roosevelt*, and *Eddy* through Nov. Far west was one described at Magdalena, *Socorro* 18 Nov (J. Owens*).

Grasshopper Sparrow—An ad. was feeding a fledgling at Charette L., *Mora* 10 Aug (WTE*).

Baird's Sparrow—Migrants were noted in the east and south, including one at the Vaughn treatment ponds 18 Sep (SW*), singles in *Doña Ana* in the Corralitos Valley 2 Sep (NGS**) and Isaack L. 16 Sep (NGS**) and 3 in Mason Draw west of Las Cruces 23 Oct (NGS**, WTE**), and 10 in *Luna* south of Nutt 20 Nov (DG**).

Harris's Sparrow—One reached Edgewood by 31 Oct (P. L. Nobel*); singles were at Santa Fe 15 Nov (D. Reynolds*) and near Taos 16 Nov (J. A. Lay**).

Golden-crowned Sparrow—Singles were in Sandia Mts. foothills at the Paa-Ko treatment ponds 22 Nov (WEM*) and Embudito Canyon 22 Nov (MOH).

Yellow-eyed Junco—Maintaining a Burro Mts. presence was one on Jack's Peak 6 Sep (NEH**).

Hepatic Tanager—One was notably late at Aguirre Springs, *Doña Ana* 31 Oct (WTE*).

Northern Cardinal—Maintaining a northeastern presence were singles at Sumner Dam 12 Sep (JEP*) and NRT 7 Nov (JRO).

Pyrrhuloxia—A ♀ was north to Otero Canyon near Tijeras, *Bernalillo* 1 Oct (A. C. Gorbet**, MJB**).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak—Three reports: singles at Albuquerque 20 Sep (WEM**), NRT 3 Oct (JEP*), and Rattlesnake Springs 3-4 Oct (MJB**, RN**).

Lazuli Bunting—One was late at NRT 24 Oct (JRO**).

Varied Bunting—A ♂ was late at P.O. Canyon 15 Oct (CDL*).

Painted Bunting—Migrants were widespread in the east and south Aug-Sep (m.ob.); late was one at Six Mile Dam 20 Oct (RN**).

Dickcissel—Moderate numbers were widespread from the RGV eastward from Aug to early Oct (m.ob.). One was west to Rodeo 5 Sep (R. E. Webster).

Great-tailed Grackle—Some 3050 were going to roost at Green Meadow L. in Hobbs 24 Oct (DLH).

Streak-backed Oriole—An apparent first-winter individual at Rattlesnake Springs from 25 Oct (RN**) to at least 1 Nov (MJA**, DJK, RN) provided the state's sixth credible report, all of them first detected during the period 14 Oct-10 Jan.

Baltimore Oriole—One, likely a ♀ or young ♂, was at NRT 19 Sep (JEP*, CMR*). Another, believed to be a young ♀, was at Rattlesnake Springs 11 Oct (RN**).

Scott's Oriole—A young ♂ singing in P.O. Canyon 18 Oct (CDL) was the latest report.

Rosy-Finch—Earliest report was a two-species flock at Sandia Crest containing 20 **Blacks** and 2 **Gray-crowns** 21 Nov (DLH). At Heron L., a three-species flock of 110 on 26 Nov included 102 **Brown-capped**s (WTE*, RC*).

Pine Grosbeak—One was south to Sandia Crest 21 Nov (DLH), where the species is irregular in occurrence.

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