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**Front Cover:** Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) at the Rockwind golf course, Hobbs, Lea County, New Mexico, 17-27 (here 21) October 2017 (see page 56). Photo by Jonathan P. Batkin.

**Back Cover:** Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes luteiventris*) in the Gila Wilderness along the Gila River between Sapillo and Turkey creeks, Grant County, New Mexico, 21 July 2017 (see page 64). Photo by Mike Fugagli.

## AUTUMN SEASON 2017

The summer rains continued into the fall of 2017, resulting in good wild food crops (seeds, berries). Warmer than usual temperatures also continued; November 2017 was the warmest on record for Albuquerque. On the avian front, an outstanding feature of the season was a massive incursion of montane species into lowlands, including corvids, parids, nuthatches, kinglets, and finches. A cold front on the eastern plains precipitated an impressive fallout of migrants on October 1, highlighted by surprising numbers of Yellow-bellied and Least flycatchers. Among the rarities this season were an Anhinga at Hobbs, an American Woodcock and a Black Vulture at Albuquerque, multiple Ruby-throated Hummingbirds in the east, a Rufous-backed Robin in the southwest, and two Canada Warblers in the east.

### Localities and Counties

Albuquerque, *Bernalillo*  
Amistad, *Union*  
Angel Fire, *Colfax*  
Animas, Valley, *Hidalgo*  
Artesia, *Eddy*  
Belen, *Valencia*  
Bitter Lake NWR, *Chaves*  
Bluewater Lake, *McKinley/Cibola*  
Boone's Draw, *Roosevelt*  
Bosque del Apache NWR, *Socorro*  
Brantley Lake, Dam, *Eddy*  
Caballo Lake, Dam, *Sierra*  
Capulin, NM, *Colfax*  
Carlsbad, *Eddy*  
Cherry Creek CG, *Grant*  
Cimarron, *Colfax*  
Clines Corners, *Torrance*  
Clovis, WTP, *Curry*  
Cochiti Lake, *Sandoval*  
Columbus, *Luna*  
Conoco Pond, *Lea*  
Corrales, *Sandoval*  
Deming, *Luna*  
Elephant Butte, Lake, Dam, *Sierra*  
Española, *Rio Arriba*  
Eunice, *Lea*  
Florida Mts., *Luna*  
Fort Sumner, *DeBaca*  
Gila Bird Area, *Grant*  
Gila Hot Springs, *Grant*  
Grulla NWR, *Roosevelt*  
Guadalupe Canyon, *Hidalgo*  
Hobbs, *Lea*  
Holloman Lake, *Otero*  
Jal, *Lea*  
Jemez Falls, *Sandoval*  
Lake Avalon, *Eddy*  
Lake Roberts, *Grant*  
Las Cruces, *Doña Ana*  
Las Vegas, NWR, *San Miguel*  
Leasburg SP, *Doña Ana*  
Los Alamos, National Lab, *Los Alamos*  
Los Lunas, *Valencia*  
Lovington, *Lea*  
Luis Lopez, *Socorro*  
Maljamar, *Lea*  
Manzano Mts. hawkwatch site, *Torrance*  
Maxwell, NWR, *Colfax*  
Melrose, *Curry*  
Mesilla, Park, *Doña Ana*  
Milnesand, *Roosevelt*  
Ned Houk Park, *Curry*  
north *Roosevelt* trap (NRT), *Roosevelt*  
Nutria Diversion Dam, *McKinley*  
Nutt-Hatch playa, *Doña Ana*  
Nutt, *Luna*  
Ohkay Owingeh, *Rio Arriba*  
Peloncillo Mts., *Hidalgo*  
Pep, *Roosevelt*  
Percha SP, *Sierra*  
Pojoaque, *Santa Fe*  
Portales, *Roosevelt*  
Radium Springs, *Doña Ana*  
Ramah, *McKinley*  
Ramon, *Lincoln*  
Rattlesnake Springs, *Eddy*  
Rio Grande Nature Center, *Bernalillo*  
Rodeo, *Hidalgo*  
Roswell, *Chaves*  
Ruby Ranch, *San Miguel*

Ruidoso, *Lincoln*  
 San Simon Cienega, Valley, *Hidalgo*  
 Santa Fe, Canyon, Ski Area, *Santa Fe*  
 Santa Rosa, Lake, *Guadalupe*  
 Santa Teresa, *Doña Ana*  
 Silver City, *Grant*  
 Six Mile Dam, *Eddy*  
 Springer Lake, *Colfax*  
 Stubblefield Lake, *Colfax*  
 Sumner Lake, Dam, *De Baca*  
 Taos, *Taos*

Tatum, *Lea*  
 Texico, *Curry*  
 Ute Lake, *Quay*  
 Valle de Oro NWR, *Bernalillo*  
 Vaughn, *Guadalupe*  
 Wagon Mound, *Mora*  
 Waldrop Rest Area, *Chaves*  
 Washington Ranch, *Eddy*  
 White Rock, *Los Alamos*  
 Zuni, *McKinley*

### 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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## SPECIES ACCOUNTS

**Greater White-fronted Goose**—Early arrivals included one at Clovis 15-16 Sep (BLM, GMB) and 2 at EBL 26 Sep (DJC). Noteworthy for the upper RGV were singles at the Ohkay Owingeh lakes 19 Nov (BRF) and Pojoaque 20 Nov (BRF).

**Cackling Goose**—Typically scarce south to *Doña Ana*, 2 were at a Santa Teresa turf farm 11 Nov (JMG\*\*).

**Tundra Swan**—Six at an I-25 pond north of the Las Vegas airport 12 Nov (R. Beauchamp\*\*) and 5 (possibly the same?) at nearby LVNWR 18 Nov (WJ-W) were the only reports.

**[Egyptian Goose]**—Two were at Ned Houk Park north of Clovis 15 Sep (BLM\*\*), where the species has been present since early 2016.

**Wood Duck**—In unexpected locales were singles at Ruby Ranch's L. David 17 Oct (WFW\*), Wall L., *Catron* 6 Aug (JPJ\*), and Rocky Canyon east of L. Roberts 16-23 Sep (K. Dayer).

**Mexican Duck**—Noteworthy northwest to *McKinley*, 2 were east of Thoreau at the Prewitt WTP 23 Nov (DLH\*\*).

**Surf Scoter**—Up to 7 ♀/imm.-types were at Bluewater L., *Cibola* 19-28 Nov (NEH\*\*, CMR\*\*, JRO\*\*, JPB\*, JEP\*, v.o.). Elsewhere, one ♀/imm. was at Monte Verde L. near Angel Fire 10 Nov (MJB\*\*, NDP\*\*), another was at the Santa Fe Community College ponds 12 Nov (JL\*\*), and 3 were southeast to Stephens L. near Eunice 26 Oct (DK\*\*).

**White-winged Scoter**—Up to 2 ♀/imm.-types at Bluewater L., *Cibola* 19-28 Nov (CMR\*\*, MS\*, NEH\*\*, WTE\*, DLH\*, JRO\*\*, JPB\*, JS\*, BLM\*, v.o.) continued there to 9 Dec (NDP\*\*, NEH\*\*, JEP\*). Elsewhere, one was at BLNWR 11-13 Nov (PDC\*\*, RN\*\*, B. Shine\*\*, DK\*).

**Black Scoter**—Up to 2 ♀/imm.-types were at Bluewater L., *Cibola* 19-28 Nov (NEH\*\*, WTE\*\*, DLH\*, JS\*, JPB\*\*, JEP\*, BLM\*\*, JP\*, v.o.), where one continued to 9 Dec (NDP\*\*, NEH\*\*, JEP\*) and was last reported 13 Dec (JAT).

**Long-tailed Duck**—A 1<sup>st</sup>-fall individual at Maxwell NWR 24 Nov (JEP\*) provided the lone report.

**Ruddy Duck**—Two ♀♀, each with small broods, were at the Nutria Diversion Dam 7 Sep (JAT).

**Lesser Prairie-Chicken**—South of expected, 2 were seen along NM 18 about 13 km north of Jal 6 Oct (SW).

**Wild Turkey**—The population in the Rattlesnake Springs-Washington Ranch area was estimated at 250 birds this season (SW).

**Inca Dove**—Well-documented were 2 north to Portales 25 Aug (TDW\*\*) and one below Caballo Dam 6 Nov (DJC\*\*), the latter the only one seen by that observer in *Sierra* all

season. The species has become increasingly scarce in New Mexico in recent years, and observers should try to document sightings with photos or at least brief details.

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo**—Few reports from anywhere in its New Mexico range. High count was 5 at GBA 10 & 15 Aug (R.S. Shook). Late was one at NRT 29 Sep (JEP).

**Whip-poor-will sp.**—A Whip-poor-will was at Ned Houk Park north of Clovis 19 Oct (JRO\*). The timing and eastern location are good for an Eastern, but no species determination could be made.

**Black Swift**—Seldom documented away from nesting areas, a migrant was seen flying with swallows at Albuquerque's RGNC 23 Sep (CMR\*, JF\*\*, M.Such\*, v.o.). At Jemez Falls, 11 were counted leaving the cave at 06:10 on Aug 9 (WTE).

**Vaux's Swift**—One was described at San Simon Cienega 16 Sep (REW\*), where it was forced down to creosote bush levels by inclement weather, and 4 were reported from Bluewater L., *McKinley* also on 16 Sep (NEH\*\*); both reports are under review by the NMBRC.

**Rivoli's Hummingbird**—North of expected range, one was described at Santa Fe 25 Sep (S. Woolbright\*). One was late at Silver City 6 Nov (BRD\*).

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird**—The species made an impressive showing on the eastern plains, especially at NRT, beginning with up to 2 there 29 Sep (JEP\*, JRO\*) and 4 on 30 Sep (JRO\*\*, NEH\*\*, GMB\*) and up to 7 on 1 Oct (NEH\*\*, GMB\*\*, WTE\*\*, CMR\*\*, MJB\*, NDP\*) with smaller numbers recorded through 9 Oct (JPB\*\*, JRO\*\*, JEP\*, BRF\*\*, P. Rudman\*\*). At a feeding station in Texico, 6 were present 30 Sep-1 Oct (GMB\*\*), decreasing to 4 on 4 Oct and one on 7 Oct (GMB). At the town of Melrose, 8 individuals were counted at three feeding stations 2 Oct (JRO\*\*) where at least one lingered to 8 Oct (JEP). One was at Boone's Draw near Portales 1 Oct (MJB\*\*, NDP). In the lower Pecos Valley at Carlsbad, a juv. ♂ was photographed 1 Oct (RN\*\*) and an ad. ♂ was described 22-23 Oct (SW\*).

**Anna's Hummingbird**—Earliest fall migrants were one north to a Ramah feeder 7 Sep (JAT) and another in Silver City also on 7 Sep (BRD). Fall migration was well underway in Oct, with singles at Deming by 14 Oct (WTE), Silver City by 18 Oct (BRD), Las Cruces 28 Oct (JD), and the Florida Mts. 9 Nov and later (D. Gauss\*\*). One was north to Albuquerque 19 Nov (CCW\*\*) and another was east to Carlsbad 25-26 Nov (SW\*).

**Rufous Hummingbird**—Lingering were singles at Silver City 18 Nov (BRD) and Las Cruces 23 Nov (JD).

**Broad-billed Hummingbird**—Maintaining its status as the "southwestern" hummer most likely to stray beyond *Hidalgo*, this season an ad. ♂ was north to the Mt. Taylor area in Lobo Canyon, *Cibola* 6 Oct (C. Roberts\*\*). Others included an imm. ♀ near Radium Springs on several dates 7-18 Sep (MTS, JEZ) and one at Las Cruces 20 Nov (R. Castetter).

**Violet-crowned Hummingbird**—Five were counted in Guadalupe Canyon 6 Aug (NEH\*\*, CMR\*\*).

**American Coot**—An abundant Oct migrant; this season, aerial surveys counted 8090 in the northwest 4 Oct and 18,990 in the northeast 18 Oct (MLW).

**Sandhill Crane**—Notably early were 5 at Maxwell NWR 6 Sep (L. Wilson\*).

**Black-bellied Plover**—Reports from 6 counties, including one west to the Zuni wetlands 12 Sep (JAT), 2 at Los Alamos 3 Oct (M. Smith\*), one seen by many at Valle de Oro 22-25 Sep (m.ob., m.ph.), one at playas in *Colfax* west of Capulin 21 Sep (L. Kirpatrick), one at the Clovis WTP 19 Aug (JEP), and up to 4 at BLNWR 11-18 Nov (PDC\*\* et al.).

**Mountain Plover**—Very few reports. Of interest was one seen from the frontage road at the turf farm east of Moriarty, *Torrance* 8 Sep (C. Osburne).

**Upland Sandpiper**—Fall migrants began to arrive in the southeast in early Aug, including singles at BLNWR 2 Aug (PDC\*), Artesia 2 Aug (DK\*) and L. Avalon 5 Aug (RN); most passed through from mid- to late Aug, including highs of 14 along US 285 in *DeBaca* south of Ramon 19 Aug (CMR\*) and 12 at Rattlesnake Springs 13 Aug (RN); latest was one near Bluit, *Roosevelt* 12 Sep (GMB) while the only western report was one at the Nutt-Hatch playa 4 Sep (JEP).

**Long-billed Curlew**—A flock of 540 found 6 km north of Duran 19 Aug (DLH\*\*) was a large concentration for *Torrance*. Large numbers for late Nov were 57 in the Uvas Valley at the Nutt-Hatch playa 23 Nov (CMR\*\*) and 160 seen 16 km north of Columbus 23 Nov (CMR).

**Marbled Godwit**—Up to 3 lingered at BLNWR 8-11 Nov (PDC\*).

**Red Knot**—One was well-documented at Red Lake Tank east of Roswell 24 Sep (CMR\*, NEH\*\*).

**Dunlin**—Early, and noteworthy for *McKinley*, was one at Bluewater L. 16 Sep (NEH\*\*). The species typically arrives late in New Mexico, where there are few confirmed records as early as mid-Sep; all Aug and early Sep reports require supporting details or (preferably) photo documentation.

**Semipalmated Sandpiper**—Photo records west to the RGV were singles at Pojoaque 19 Aug (G.A. Freidman\*\*, BRF\*) and Albuquerque's Alameda flats 18-23 Aug (DLH\*\*, R. Johnson\*\*, JPJ\*\*).

**American Woodcock**—One was photographed in a residential yard at Albuquerque 14-17 Nov (P. McGrath\*\*). In accord with NMBRC, which has recently reviewed most earlier reports of this species, this represented New Mexico 14<sup>th</sup> acceptable record and the 6<sup>th</sup> for the Albuquerque-Corrales area.

**Solitary Sandpiper**—In the Jemez Mts., one was along the East Fork Jemez R. in the Valles Caldera NP, *Sandoval* 1 Sep (CLH\*).

**Wilson's Phalarope**—Some 1400 flew over Valle de Oro NWR during the solar eclipse 21 Aug (DLH).



**Red-necked Phalarope**—Providing a *Taos* first, one was photographed at Talpa L. 23 Sep (T. Jackman\*\*). Noteworthy for the high elevation, one was in *Mora* in the Pecos Wilderness at a pond along the Skyline Trail 24 Sep (WJ-W).

**Sabine's Gull**—A generally average season found 14 individuals (including 3 ads.) in 8 counties from the RGV eastward, arriving in the period 5 Sep-7 Oct: one at Wagon Mound 3 Oct (WJ-W), one at Sumner L. 23 Sep (JEP\*) and another there 7 Oct (BRF\*\*), one in Albuquerque along the Rio Grande south of the Alameda bridge 7-9 Oct (BLM\*\*, D. Johnston\*\*, NEH\*\*), 2 at EBL 10 Sep (CCW\* et al.) and one there 1 Oct (RLV\*, A. Neel\*\*), one at Las Cruces 5-6 Sep (JW\*\*, WTE\*\*, JD\*\*), one at Holloman L. 27 Sep (WFW\*), 2 at Brantley L. 23 Sep (RN\*\*), and 2 at L. Avalon 19 Sep (TJH\*\*).

**Bonaparte's Gull**—Earliest fall migrants were 4 at the Clovis WTP 27 Oct (JEP, JRO); all other reports were in Nov.

**Franklin's Gull**—Earliest report was of one at EBL 7 Sep (JEP).

**Mew Gull**—Under review was an ad. reported south of Albuquerque's Alameda bridge 16 Nov (BLM\*).

**dark-backed gull sp.**—Another gull report under review was a probable ad. Western Gull at EBL's Long Point 7-9 Sep (DJC\*\*, JEP\*, JRO\*\*, MJB\*), although some suggested other species could not be eliminated.

**Iceland Gull**—Providing the lone report, a first-cycle "Thayer's" was photographed at Stubblefield L. 10 Nov (NDP\*\*, MJB).

**Lesser Black-backed Gull**—An imm. was at the Clovis WTP 19 Aug (JEP\*, JRO\*\*), and an ad. was at EBL's Long Point 12 Sep (DJC\*\*).

**Caspian Tern**—A quiet season, with one at Maxwell NWR 18 Aug (BLM\*\*) and up to 3 at EBL during the period 26 Aug-9 Sep (DLH\*, DJC\*\*, MJB, NDP).

**Black Tern**—High count at EBL was 106 on 24 Aug (DJC).

**Common Tern**—In the RGV, singles were photographed at the Ohkay Owingeh lakes 24 Sep (BRF\*\*) and RGNC 14 Oct (T. & M. Toth\*\*). Noteworthy for *Lincoln* was one described at the Carrizozo WTP 27 Sep (WFW\*). In the Pecos Valley, 2 were at Sumner L. 15-16 Sep (MJB\*, JEP\*) where one continued to 23 Sep (JEP), and up to 6 were at Brantley L. 7 Oct (RN\*\*) where one continued to 12 Oct (BLM\*).

**Red-throated Loon**—A juv. was well-described at Springer L. 24 Nov (JEP\*).

**Pacific Loon**—The few reports were restricted to east of the mountains, with one at Stubblefield L. 10-12 Nov (MJB, NDP, CMR, NEH), one at Santa Rosa L. 26 Nov (CMR\*) that provided a *Guadalupe* first, and one at Brantley L. 7 Nov (R. Bunn\*\*).

**Common Loon**—Earliest fall migrant was one Ruby Ranch north of Las Vegas 30 Aug (WFW\*). Noteworthy for *Santa Fe*, one at Santa Cruz L. 21 Oct (RC\*\*) continued into Dec (JPB).

**Neotropic Cormorant**—In the Albuquerque area, stayed later and in larger numbers than expected, including 19 at Tingley Beach on 9 Aug (DLH); among the last were singles below the Alameda bridge 24 Sep (BLM\*\*) and at Tingley Beach 29 Sep (DLH).

**Anhinga**—One of the highlights of the season was a juv. discovered in Hobbs at the Rockwind golf course 17 Oct (CEL\*) which continued there until 27 Oct (m.ob., JRO\*\*, PDC\*\*, WTE\*\*, GMB\*\*, NEH\*\*, MJB\*\*, NDP\*\*, DLH\*\*, RN\*\*, DK\*\*, JPB\*\*, NSC, SWC\*\*). Of interest is that Carol Levine, who discovered this individual, also established the state's first modern record, also at Hobbs, 25 April 1981! Through 2017, there have been 7 New Mexico records since the first, a *Doña Ana* specimen in Sep 1854; of those, 5 have been accepted by NMBRC and 2 are in circulation. The present record is the first to have been photographed in the state.

**American White Pelican**—An impressive 800 were concentrated at EBL 12-19 Sep (DJC\*\*).

**American Bittern**—One was enjoying a meal of crawfish at Bosque NWR 11 Nov (A. Holtz\*\*). Non-native crawfish, now widespread in the state, are a favorite food item of many species of New Mexico birds, from ducks to hawks to kingfishers.

**Little Blue Heron**—Under review is an imm. at Six Mile Dam 20 Aug (SW\*).

**Tricolored Heron**—An imm. at Lovington 22 Sep (RN\*\*) furnished only the 2<sup>nd</sup> *Lea* record; the first was in 1985.

**Reddish Egret**—Up to 2 juvs. were at EBL 13 Aug-14 Sep (DJC\*\*, TBG\*\*, JRO\*\*, JEP\*).

**Cattle Egret**—An impressive 269 were counted at Valle de Oro NWR 24 Aug (DLH).

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron**—An ad. and 3 juvs. were at the Clovis WTP 18-19 Aug (JRO\*\*, JEP\*), where 2 juvs. continued 15 Sep (JEP, JRO, BLM\*\*), and one juv. was still present 13 Oct (GMB\*).

**Roseate Spoonbill**—Certainly unexpected was a well-described one seen in flight south of Los Alamos, heading in the general direction of Cochiti L., 4 Oct (MB\*, RBW\*). Through 2017, there have been 17 New Mexico records, the present one a first for *Los Alamos* and the most northerly yet for the state.

**Black Vulture**—One was discovered among Turkey Vultures roosting and feeding in the vicinities of Shady Lakes, *Bernalillo* and adjacent Sandia Lakes, *Sandoval* 26-31 Aug (DGB\*\*, J. B. Vaughn, J. Mosley, NSC, SWC). This represents the 4<sup>th</sup> photo-documented New Mexico record since the first in 1996, and also the most northerly.

**White-tailed Kite**—One was on the New Mexico side of Stateline Road west of Rodeo 16 Oct (P. Rudman\*\*). Two were at the Nutt-Hatch playa 19 Nov (PC) and one was in *Luna* grasslands 6.5 km east of Nutt 25 Nov (CMR\*).

**Mississippi Kite**—An ad. was feeding a juv. in Mosquero Canyon, *Harding* 20 Aug (SOW\*\*). Late was one at Stephens L. near Eunice 2 Oct (SW).

**Common Black Hawk**—One at Percha SP lingered to 28 Oct-1 Nov (MJB\*\*, DJC).

**Harris's Hawk**—North of expected, singles were seen east of Roswell in the vicinity of Red Lake Tank 24 Sep (CMR\*, NEH\*), 5 Oct (PDC), and 15 Oct (CMR\*\*, NEH\*\*). Also northerly was one at Tatum 16 Nov (GMB). Reports from *Luna* included one south of Deming near Waterloo 14 Oct (T. Loomis), one at Deming's Mountain View Cemetery 7 & 14 Oct (DLH, WTE), and one east of Deming near Akela 27 Nov (R. Gallucci, C. Meyers). Another was north to the Nutt-Hatch playa 19 Nov (PC).

**Geranoaetus sp.**—A hawk, originally reported as a **White-tailed Hawk** (*G. albicaudatus*) but subsequently changed to **Variable Hawk** (*G. polysoma* (a South American species not known to occur north of that continent), passed by the Manzano Mts. hawkwatch site 2 Oct (TD\*\*). The record was supported by 6 photos of a hawk in flight, flying away from the observer. The record has since been reviewed by the NMBRC; it was not accepted by the committee. In evaluating the record, NMBRC obtained extensive comments from raptor identification experts and from ornithologists with extensive South American experience, concerning the photos as well as other thoughts regarding Variable Hawks. The committee also conducted I.S.I.S. and C.I.T.E.S. searches (including a FOIA request to USFWS). A major question for the committee was—do the available photos absolutely confirm that the bird was a Variable Hawk. Our raptor experts and ornithologists were not 100% in agreement as to the identity of the hawk in the photos, and this was a major factor in the committee's non-acceptance of the record. It was concluded that a better understanding of variation in White-tailed Hawk plumages (including its South American subspecies) would be desirable. Another important question was "origin." At least one committee member (who accepted the identification) believed that human transport could not be ruled out, which is a question that can seldom be resolved conclusively. Importantly, no member expressed any doubts that a Variable Hawk could make the journey from South American to New Mexico under its own power. This New Mexico event revived interest in an earlier event involving a "Red-backed Hawk" (as the Variable Hawk was then known) found in Colorado during the years 1987-1994; for various reasons, including questions of human transport, that record was not accepted by a Colorado bird committee at that time.

**Red-shouldered Hawk**—An ad. of the western subspecies *elegans* was discovered in the Albuquerque bosque south of the Alameda bridge 5 Sep (BLM\*\*), in the same location where one had been photographed 4 Jul; it remained there until 25 Sep (JPJ\*, JEP\*, CMB\*\*, DL\*\*, MJB\*\*, m.ob.\*). Meanwhile, far to the southeast, an imm. was discovered at Rattlesnake Springs 9 Sep by the UNM Ornithology class (CCW et al., P. Handley\*\*, B. Zergenly\*\*, Danica Simmons\*\*). Almost 2 months later, another individual was found there, this one apparently an ad., 31 Oct-22 Nov (D. Lawrence\*\*, RN\*, R. Bunn, SW\*).

**Gray Hawk**—Continued to thrive in Guadalupe Canyon, where 7 individuals, representing 2 family groups, were present 6 Aug (CMR\*\*, NEH\*\*).

**Broad-winged Hawk**—Nine were counted at the Manzano Mts. hawkwatch site 9 Sep-2 Oct (TD). Farther east came reports of 13 birds at 11 sites in 9 counties, from Raton, *Colfax* south to Rattlesnake Springs, 9 Sep-8 Oct (m.ob.); including one south of Yates, *Harding* 7 Oct (CMR\*\*).

**Zone-tailed Hawk**—Migrants included 3 over the Manzano Mts. hawkwatch site on 3 dates 6 Sep-1 Oct (TD), and one over Clines Corners 9 Oct (CMR\*). Noteworthy for the remote southwest corner of *Chaves* were 3, including a fledgling, along the Mule Canyon Road south of Elk 27 Aug (WTE\*\*) and one along Collins Canyon Road at Pinyon Well 2 Aug (J. Montoya).

**Rough-legged Hawk**—Two were at 2600 m at Black L., *Colfax* 6 Nov (JC\*, LW\*). Earliest reports with details were singles at Milnesand 25 Oct (GMB\*) and Ocate, *Mora* 29 Oct (WJ-W\*).

**Western Screech-Owl**—At the eastern edge of the range, a pair was vocalizing in *Harding* south of Yates 7 Oct (CMR\*).

**Long-eared Owl**—A migrant stopped at NRT 7 Oct (JEP, JRO\*\*).

**Northern Saw-whet Owl**—Another migrant species on the eastern prairies, one was at NRT 7 Oct (JEP, JRO\*\*) and a late one was at Boone's Draw 23 Nov (MJB, ABJ).

**Belted Kingfisher**—Singles were on the prairie at NRT 2 Sep (JEP) and 30 Sep (JRO), where the sole "water body" is a small metal stock tank.

**Lewis's Woodpecker**—Moderate numbers invaded the middle RGV, with progressively fewer noted south to the lower RGV, from *Sandoval* south to *Doña Ana*. Noteworthy were 12 in the Albuquerque bosque south of the Alameda bridge 9 Sep (BLM\*) and 20 there 24 Sep (DLH); singles at Luis Lopez 7-15 Nov (JRO\*\*) and Percha SP 28 Oct (MJB\*\*, WTE\*\*), and 2 at the La Cueva PA east of Las Cruces 16 Oct (JW\*\*). One east to Vaughn 11 Oct (BLM\*) was the only eastern plains report.

**Red-headed Woodpecker**—Few reports. Westerly were an imm. at Los Alamos 22 Sep (J. Fitzgibbon\*\*) and an ad. at the Manzano Mts. hawkwatch site 6 Sep (TD\*).

**Acorn Woodpecker**—Far east to *Curry*, one was at Ned Houk Park 29 Sep (JEP, JRO\*\*).

**Red-naped Sapsucker x Red-breasted Sapsucker**—Single hybrids were at Luis Lopez 24 Oct (JRO\*\*) and Paseo del Rio below EBL Dam 23 Nov (CMR\*\*).

**Downy Woodpecker**—One was south to Deming 29 Oct (J.N. Paton\*\*).

**Hairy Woodpecker**—Noteworthy for *Roosevelt* and providing a local first, one was at NRT 23 Sep-21 Oct (JEP\*, JRO\*\*, NEH\*\*).

**"Yellow-shafted" Flicker**—An apparently "pure" ♂ was west to the middle Animas Valley at Dunagan's Crossing 22 Oct (CMR\*).

**Merlin**—Confirmed with photos, early singles were at Holloman L. 28 Aug (CJG\*\*) and a Santa Teresa turf farm 3 Sep (JMG\*\*, J. Kiseda\*\*).

**[Monk Parakeet]**—Six birds, including 2 building a nest on a power pole, were along the Borderline Spur Drain near Westside Drive in El Paso, about 1 km from the New

Mexico line, 5 Aug (JMG\*\*); birders in the Santa Teresa area should be on the lookout for this species.

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher**—This species is an irregular fall transient through NM's southeastern plains, present in some years but undetected in most. This fall produced birds at five sites: one to 3 at NRT on all dates 29 Sep-3 Oct (JEP\*, m.ob., m.ph.) plus a late one there 6 Oct (JD\*\*); up to 7 at Boone's Draw 30 Sep-1 Oct (MJB\*\*, NDP\*\*), and singles at Milnesand 1 Oct (WTE\*\*), Carlsbad 1 Oct (RN\*\*), and Rattlesnake Springs 1 Oct (audio RN). This fallout, especially evident on 1 Oct, followed the passage of a strong cold front accompanied by 15 cm of rain.

**Least Flycatcher**—Impressive numbers were counted at Boone's Draw, with 18 on 30 Sep and 22 on 1 Oct (MJB\*, NDP\*). Recorded at NRT 8/29-10/8, including a high count of 4 on 1 Oct (MJB\*, NDP\*).

**Black Phoebe**—One was at NRT 8 Oct (JEP, JRO), where this is the scarcest of the three phoebe species.

**Vermilion Flycatcher**—An ad. ♂ was north to Valle de Oro NWR from 29 Oct (C. Ritz\*\*) to 11 Nov (m.ob., m.ph.). One was north to Fort Sumner 2 Sep (CMR\*).

**Great Crested Flycatcher**—Noteworthy so far west, one was at the WSMR golf course, *Doña Ana* 13 Sep (R. Wu\*\*). In the east, one was at NRT 2 Sep (JEP\*, JRO\*\*) and presumably a different one was there 11 Sep (RG\*\*); much later, 2 were there 1-2 Oct (m.ob., m.ph.) and one lingered 3-4 Oct (JRO, P. Rudman\*\*). Farther south, singles were at Pep 1 Oct (WTE\*\*) and Milnesand 3-4 Oct (GMB\*); in the Washington Ranch-Rattlesnake Springs area, one was present 30 Sep (RN\*\*) & 1 Oct (RN\*, JRO).

**Great Kiskadee**—One present at Percha SP 4 Sep-13 Nov proved much more secretive than the one present there 12 Nov 2016-1 May 2017. This one was "heard only" 4 Sep (JRO) and 15 Sep (DJC), photographed 21 Sep (DJC\*\*), described 7 Oct (RG\*), heard 23 Oct (DJC), photographed 28 Oct (MJB\*\*), last seen 2 Nov (DJC), and last heard 13 Nov (DJC).

**Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher**—See addendum (p. 64) for a Summer 2017 report, received late.

**Eastern Kingbird**—Fall migrants were conspicuous in the Albuquerque area, with reports from six sites 21 Aug-14 Sep (m.ob., m.ph.), including 2 at RGNC 27 Aug (JF\*\*) and 3 together at Valle de Oro 2 Sep (DLH\*\*); one was south to Contreras, *Socorro* 2 Sep (H. Taliaferro\*) while east of the mountains, one was in *Santa Fe* south of Stanley 24 Aug (K. Haller\*\*) and one was near Chilili, *Torrance* 26 Aug (v.o., PDC\*\*). West of expected was one near the Narrows Picnic Area, *Cibola* 24 Aug (S. P. Larch).

**Scissor-tailed Flycatcher**—One was reported along NM 80 north of Rodeo 13 Oct (R. Welch\*); all other reports were from the Pecos Valley eastward.

**Northern Shrike**—Remarkably early was an ad. described at Ruby Ranch 17 Oct (WFW\*). One was south to Bernardo, *Socorro* 11-12 Nov (S. Bauernfeind\*, MJA\*\*).

**White-eyed Vireo**—An imm. was at Boone's Draw 1 Oct (MJB\*, NDP).

**Hutton's Vireo**—Noteworthy for the Sacramento Mts. was one along the Grand View Trail near High Rolls, *Otero* 28 Sep (WFW\*).

**Blue-headed Vireo:** Participated in the eastern plains fallout, with up to 3 at NRT 1 Oct (NEH\*\*, CMR\*\*, WTE\*\*) and 3 at Boone's Draw 1 Oct (MJB\*, NDP).

**Red-eyed Vireo:** Noteworthy for *Taos* was one at Ranchos de Taos 31 Aug (R.E. Friedrichs\*\*).

**Pinyon Jay:** Spreading east to the High Plains were 70 at Capulin NM 17 Sep (D. Akers), 40 east of Clines Corners 23 Sep (JEP), and 12 at Vaughn 11 Oct (BLM\*).

**Steller's Jay:** Beginning in Sep and continuing into Oct-Nov, Steller's staged a stellar incursion into lowland areas nearly statewide, and were especially conspicuous in the middle and lower RGV south to *Doña Ana* (favoring pecan orchards), in southwest desert areas around Deming, and east to Clines Corners, Santa Rosa, Vaughn, Sumner L. and Ramon (m.ob.); notable were some 200 counted in one hour "streaming south" along the Rio Grande in Albuquerque's North Valley 7 Oct (BLM\*\*, PM\*).

**Blue Jay:** Made a strong showing west to the RGV, with reports from *Taos* south to *Doña Ana* Oct-Nov, including singles near Taos and in the Okhay Owingeh and Española areas, 4 or more at White Rock, singles at seven Albuquerque sites, and singles at Belen, Percha SP, and Las Cruces (m.ob., m.ph.).

**Clark's Nutcracker:** Another corvid that wandered beyond normal range and habitat, several nutcrackers were reported in the middle RGV, including 2 at Sandia Lakes, *Sandoval* 29 Aug (NEH\*) and 12 in Albuquerque's South Valley 2 Sep (DLH). Small numbers were repeatedly seen in pinyon-juniper habitats at several sites in and around Clines Corners Sep-Nov (JEP, MLW, CMR). Far east, one at NRT 22 Oct (DLH\*\*) was the only one reported on the easternmost plains. Unusual were dozens at the Manzano Mts. hawkwatch site 27 Aug-15 Oct, including 38 on 1 Sep, 20 on 16 Sep, and 63 on 15 Oct (TD); whether they were passing through or remaining in the Manzanos was not clear, but no such numbers were reported anywhere south of there.

**Cave Swallow:** Up to 8, including ads. and juvs., were on wires along canals between Arrey and Derry, *Sierra* 31 Aug, suggesting local breeding (MJB\*, NDP\*\*). Some 48 migrants were counted on wires at Maljamar 24 Sep (CMR\*, NEH\*\*).

**Mountain Chickadee:** Conspicuous in lowlands, including widespread in the Zuni lowlands by early Sep (JAT) and common in the middle RGV mid-Sep through Nov (DLH). Two were east to NRT 19-21 Oct (JRO); one was south to Las Cruces 5 Nov (MTS, JEZ\*\*).

**Red-breasted Nuthatch**—Began to spread into lowland areas by mid-Aug and by mid-Sep was widespread and conspicuous, eventually reaching *all 33 counties* in New Mexico, including on the eastern plains and across the southern deserts. Conspicuous at Mesilla Park after mid-Sep (m.ob.), with a high 30 there 5 Nov (MTS, JEZ\*\*).

**Pygmy Nuthatch**—Rarely disperses to lowland areas, so noteworthy were several in such areas this season. Singles reached Carlsbad by 7 Aug (TJH\*\*), Albuquerque's South

Valley 13 Aug (CMR), and Percha SP 28 Aug (DJC\*\*), and a small flock was near Radium Springs 18-20 Sep (MTS, JEZ). One was in *Harding* on the east rim of Mills Canyon 2 Sep (WJ-W). Singles were at Fort Sumner 15 Sep (MJB\*\*), Boone's Draw 1 Oct (MJB), and Portales 28 Nov (TDW\*\*). Eight were at Mesilla Park 29 Oct (JMG\*\*), and 5 were at a Belen golf course 26 Nov (NEH\*\*).

**Pacific Wren**—Identified by voice at two Los Alamos sites: one bird at the confluence of Pueblo and Acid canyons 10 Nov (RG\*, RBW\*\*audio, J. Creel\*\*), and one to 2 birds in upper Water Canyon 16-25 Nov (CM\*, DS\*, RBW\*\*audio, WTE\*\*audio, MB\*, JS\*, RG\*, JF, J. Leon\*, NEH\*). Under review was one seen and heard at Rattlesnake Springs 22 Nov (SW\*, TJH), where the same observers also had a Winter Wren.

**Winter Wren**—Singles were seen and heard at eight locales in eight counties: Sumner Dam 20 Oct (JEP\*), NRT 29 Sep & 6 Oct (JRO), Albuquerque 25 Oct (MOH\*), Cherry Creek CG 11 Nov (BRD\*), Three Rivers Trail in s. *Lincoln* 7 Nov (WFW\*), Oliver Lee SP, *Otero* 8 Nov (WFW\*), and Rattlesnake Springs 19-22 Nov (RN\*\*audio, SW\*, TJH).

**Carolina Wren**—One was singing along the Pecos River at Santa Rosa 19 Aug (WJ-W\*) and 11 Sep (RG\*\*, JN-M\*). In the RGV, singles were singing at Los Lunas 6 Nov (DLH\*) and Belen 27 Aug (DLH\*), one or more noted at Bosque NWR Aug-Nov (v.o.), and singles were at Percha SP 4 Aug (JMG\*) and Leasburg SP 14 Nov (WTE\*).

**Cactus Wren**—Noteworthy for *Mora*, 2 were on the west side of Mills Canyon 2 Sep and a nest structure was observed (WJ-W\*\*).

**Golden-crowned Kinglet**—Spread east to NRT by 7 Oct, with 3 there 8 Oct (JEP et al.). Noteworthy for *Harding* was one south of Yates 7 Oct (CMR). One was on the prairie at Ramon 11 Oct (BLM\*\*, PM), and 2 were at Boone's Draw 22 Nov (MJB).

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet**—Early for the lowlands was one at Rodeo 1 Sep (REW).

**Eastern Bluebird**—Present in every county in the RGV, from *Rio Arriba* south to *Doña Ana*; 8 including juvs. were at Valle de Oro NWR 12 Aug (JEP). Four were west to Acomita L., *Cibola* 26 Nov (BLM).

**Rufous-backed Robin**—One in Guadalupe Canyon 21 Oct (NEH\*audio, WTE\*audio, CMR\*) provided the state's 19<sup>th</sup> record.

**Gray Catbird**—Lingering late were singles at Pilar, *Taos* 11 Nov (CMR) and Los Alamos 14-22 Nov (CM et al.).

**Brown Thrasher**—One was west to Gila Hot Springs 21-23 Oct (WM\*\*). In the RGV, one was at Albuquerque's Knob Hill 25-26 Oct (H.A. Walker\*\*) and 2 were at Las Palomas marsh, *Sierra* 11 Nov (W. Treers\*). Noteworthy for *Mora* was one at Golondrinas 15-16 Oct (R. Plange\*). Multiple reports from farther east late Sep-Nov, including at Ute L., Sumner Dam, NRT, Boone's Draw, and Rattlesnake Springs (m.ob.)

**Crissal Thrasher**—In the northwest, one was vocal at the Zuni wetlands 12 Sep (JAT). In the upper Pecos Valley, one was at Santa Rose L. 19 Aug (WJ-W\*). In the far southeast, singles were noted at three *Lea* locales Sep-Oct (SW) and 2 were at the Conoco Pond south of Maljamar 31 Aug (JRO).

**Sprague's Pipit**—A late arriving species; earliest this season were one near Lovington 21 Oct (DLH), 3 at Grulla NWR 22 Oct (DLH), and 3 at Two Rivers Dam, *Chaves* 24 Oct (WFW\*).

**Evening Grosbeak**—A ♂ was a surprise east to Hobbs 15 Oct (CMR\*, NEH\*, BLM).

**Pine Grosbeak**—Surprising was a ♀ was in eastern *McKinley* 12 Nov (ABJ\*) in pinyon-juniper just north of the Cibola NF boundary; only the second county record.

**Cassin's Finch**—Spreading east from the mountains were 10 at Vaughn 11 Oct (BLM\*), 2 at Roswell 12 Oct (BLM), 2 south of Yates, *Harding* 7-8 Oct (CMR), 4 at NRT 8 Oct (JEP\*, JRO\*\*), one at Portales 15 Oct-4 Nov (TDW\*\*), one at Waldrop Rest Area 2-21 Oct (PDC\*, JEP), and one at Maljamar 15-21 Oct (CMR\*, PDC\*\*, JEP\*).

**Red Crossbill**—Generally small numbers dispersed east across the plains to *Union*, *Guadalupe*, *Curry*, *Roosevelt*, *Chaves*, and *Lea*, including 20 at Portales 4 Nov (GMB\*\*) and 12 at Hobbs 29 Oct (CMR).

**Lapland Longspur**—The few reports were largely restricted to *Colfax* and *Union*, including high counts of 10 at Springer L. 26 Nov (CMB\*\*) and 13 near Amistad 25 Nov (DLH). Two were vocal over Mason Draw grasslands west of Las Cruces 4 Nov (WTE\*).

**Rufous-winged Sparrow**—Continued in residence in Guadalupe Canyon, with 4 on 6 Aug (NEH\*\* et al.), at least one on 27 Aug (JS\*), and at least 6 on 21 Oct (NEH\*\*, WTE\*\*audio, CMR\*\*).

**Botteri's Sparrow**—One was singing in *Sierra* north of Nutt 19 Aug-4 Sep (DJC\*\*audio, JEP\*). Noteworthy for *Doña Ana*, one was singing at La Cueva PA east of Las Cruces 1 Sep (JW\*\*).

**Field Sparrow**—Early was one in the Antelope Ridge area, *Lea* 15 Sep (SW). Singles were west to BLNWR 22 Oct (J.L. Yellon\*\*) and Sumner Dam 24 Nov (GMB). High count was 6 at Boone's Draw 22 Nov (MJB, ABJ).

**LeConte's Sparrow**—One was documented at Boone's Draw 22 Nov (MJB\*\*, ABJ).

**Harris's Sparrow**—First to arrive was one in Albuquerque 29 Oct (M. Zmuda\*\*).

**Golden-crowned Sparrow**—An ad. was banded at Bosque NWR 19 Nov (JF\*\*). An imm. was at Rattlesnake Springs 22-26 Nov (SW\*, TJH).

**Yellow-eyed Junco**—Three were in the Burro Mts., *Grant* 13 Aug (MJB\*audio).

**Baltimore Oriole**—A young ♂ at NRT 1 Oct (GMB\*\*) provided the only report.

**Rusty Blackbird**—Single ♀♀ were in the Corrales bosque 4 Nov (DL\*\*) and at Leasburg SP 26 Nov (S.E. Mendoza\*\*).

**Common Grackle**—Late for *Socorro* were 2 at Luis Lopez 26 Nov (JRO).



**Blue-winged Warbler**—Under review is a ♂ seen upstream from the GBA in Pancho Canyon, *Grant* 23 Sep (BRD\*).

**Black-and-white Warbler**—Singles reported from 10 locales in 7 counties from the RGV eastward 17 Aug-7 Oct, plus 1-2 at NRT on multiple dates 2 Sep-4 Oct (m.ob.).

**Tennessee Warbler**—One was west to Big Water Canyon, Zuni Mts., *Cibola* 10 Sep (JAT\*). One was at Percha SP 28 Oct (MJB\*\*, WTE\*).

**American Redstart**—Often multiple reports from 17 locales in 11 counties from the RGV eastward during 19 Aug-27 Oct (m.ob.).

**Northern Parula**—Only two reports: singles at Percha SP 28 Oct (MJB\*\*) and Albuquerque 6 Nov (DLH\*).

**Magnolia Warbler**—One was at NRT 9 Oct (BRF\*\*) and another was there 22 Oct (DLH\*\*).

**Blackburnian Warbler**—A young ♀ at White Rock 3 Oct (R.Walker\*\*) provided a first for *Los Alamos*. Under review is one described at Carlsbad 30 Sep (SW\*).

**Chestnut-sided Warbler**—A fair season produced four reports: one banded at Los Alamos National Lab 11 Oct (CDH\*\*) and another seen in Los Alamos 14 Oct (G. Reeves\*), one in the Albuquerque bosque south of Alameda 23-24 Sep (DGB\*\*, DLH\*, MJB\*\*, BLM\*\*, DL\*\*), and one west of Floyd, *Roosevelt* 1 Oct (WTE\*\*).

**Blackpoll Warbler**—One was at NRT 8 Oct (JEP\*, JRO, GMB\*\*, BRF\*).

**Black-throated Blue Warbler**—Two reports of single females: one at NRT 22-23 Sep (JRO\*\*, JEP\*, NEH\*\*) and another at the Tatum WTP 22 Sep (RN\*).

**Palm Warbler**—One of the western subspecies was at NRT 25-26 Oct (JRO\*\*).

**Pine Warbler**—A first-fall ♀ was at NRT 7 Oct (JEP\*, JRO, GMB\*, BRF\*\*).

**Yellow-throated Warbler**—One was at Alamogordo, *Otero* 9 Nov (DLH\*\*).

**Hermit Warbler**—Earliest was one in Clanton Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. 5 Aug (JEP\*); high count was 8 in the Burro Mts. 12 Aug (MJB).

**Black-throated Green Warbler**—A surprisingly strong season, assisted by the early Oct fallout, with reports from nine locales in six counties from the RGV eastward 15 Sep-1 Nov. In the east were one at Ned Houk Park 27 Oct (JEP\*, JRO\*\*), up to 4 NRT 29 Sep-4 Oct (JEP\*, JRO\*\*, GMB\*, WTE\*, P.Rudman\*\*) plus one there 14 Oct (RN\*), singles at Boone's Draw 30 Sep (NDP, MJB), Pep 1 Oct (WTE\*), Hobbs 1 Oct (CEL\*), and Antelope Ridge, *Lea* 15 Sep (SW\*), and 3 at Rattlesnake Springs 1 Oct (RN\*\*, JRO\*\*, A. Sample\*\*). In the RGV, singles were at Bernalillo, *Sandoval* 28 Oct (J. Follett\*\*) and Albuquerque 1 Nov (JEP\*, MJB\*).

**Canada Warbler**—One was on the prairie at Ramon 21 Sep (SW\*) and another was at NRT 1 Oct (CMR\*\*, NEH\*\*, WTE\*\*, MJB\*\*).

**Painted Redstart**—Noteworthy for the Sacramento Mts. was one at Ruidoso 15-17 Aug (B. Marcom, JRO\*\*). One was in Spring Canyon SP, Florida Mts. 7 Aug (CMR\*).

**Scarlet Tanager**—A fall ♂ was at NRT 8 Oct (JEP\*, JRO\*\*, BRF\*\*, D. M. Foy\*, GMB\*\*). Under review was one at Hobbs 24 Sep (CMR\*, NEH\*).

**Northern Cardinal**—A ♀ was at Sumner Dam 23 Sep (JEP). A ♂ was at the Albuquerque BioPark 30 Sep (S. Vender\*\*).

**Pyrrhuloxia**—Noteworthy for *Curry*, one was north to Ned Houk Park 27 Oct (JEP).

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak**—An unusually good fall, with singles at Angel Fire 4 Aug (C. Shackelford\*), near Cimarron 12 Nov (CMR\*, NEH\*\*), NRT 9 Sep (JRO) and again 3-5 Oct (P. Rudman, JN-M\*), Boone's Draw 1 Oct (MJB\*), Maljamar 25 Aug (JRO), White Rock 3-4 Nov (J. & C. Heikoop\*\*), and Mesilla Park 20 Sep (WTE\*, JW\*).

**Painted Bunting**—An ad. ♂ was at Albuquerque 13 Aug (J.F. Ortega\*\*).

#### ADDENDUM

*NMOSFN* 56(3), Summer 2017—Received late was a report of several **Sulphur-bellied Flycatchers** at three sites along the Gila R. in the general vicinity of Water Canyon, in the Gila Wilderness between Sapillo and Turkey creeks, *Grant* on 21 July 2017 (M. Fugagli\*\*). This provided the first evidence that the species may summer in New Mexico.

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