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Front Cover: Adult male Lawrence's Goldfinch (*Spinus lawrencei*) at Tellbrook Park, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 26 October 2018 was one of four present there that day; see page 62. Photo by Jay Wilbur.

Back Cover: Pacific Wren (*Troglodytes pacificus*) at Ute Lake, Quay County, New Mexico, 25 November 2018 provided the easternmost confirmed New Mexico record; see page 60. Photo by Nicholas D. Pederson.

AUTUMN SEASON 2018

The summer rains continued into Autumn 2018, with scattered precipitation around the state through August and September and into early October; nevertheless, reservoirs remained at critically low levels statewide. Mid-October saw a shift from tropical storms to winter weather, which continued from late-October through November. Some highlights of the birding season included several Ruby-throated Hummingbirds west to the Rio Grande Valley in Socorro and Doña Ana counties, the state's second Short-tailed Hawk photographed in the Mogollon Mountains in August, two Tropical Kingbirds at Carlsbad in September and a Couch's Kingbird at Bosque del Apache NWR in October, and a Lawrence's Goldfinch incursion across southwestern New Mexico in October and November.

Localities and Counties

Abiquiu Lake, <i>Rio Arriba</i>	Guadalupe Canyon, <i>Hidalgo</i>
Alamogordo, <i>Otero</i>	Guadalupe Mts., <i>Eddy</i>
Albuquerque, <i>Bernalillo</i>	Heron Lake, <i>Rio Arriba</i>
Animas, Valley, <i>Hidalgo</i>	High Rolls, <i>Otero</i>
Aztec, <i>San Juan</i>	Hobbs, <i>Lea</i>
Belen, <i>Valencia</i>	Kingston, <i>Sierra</i>
Bill Evans Lake, <i>Grant</i>	Lake Avalon, <i>Eddy</i>
Bitter Lake NWR, <i>Chaves</i>	Lakewood, <i>Eddy</i>
Bluewater Lake, Dam, Gorge, <i>Cibola</i>	Las Cruces, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Boone's Draw, <i>Roosevelt</i>	Las Vegas, NWR, <i>San Miguel</i>
Bosque del Apache NWR, <i>Socorro</i>	Leasburg Dam SP, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Brantley Lake, Dam, <i>Eddy</i>	Lordsburg Playa, <i>Hidalgo</i>
Caballo Lake, Dam, <i>Sierra</i>	Los Alamos, <i>Los Alamos</i>
Carlsbad, Lake, <i>Eddy</i>	Los Lunas, <i>Valencia</i>
Clanton Canyon, <i>Hidalgo</i>	Luis Lopez, <i>Socorro</i>
Clayton Lake, <i>Union</i>	Maljamar, <i>Lea</i>
Cliff, <i>Grant</i>	Manzano Mts. hawkwatch site, <i>Torrance</i>
Cloudcroft, <i>Otero</i>	Maxwell, NWR, <i>Colfax</i>
Clovis, WTP, <i>Curry</i>	Mesilla Bosque SP, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Cochiti Lake, <i>Sandoval</i>	Mesilla, Park, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Columbus, <i>Luna</i>	Milnesand, <i>Roosevelt</i>
Conchas Lake, <i>San Miguel</i>	Mogollon Mts, <i>Catron/Grant</i>
Conoco Pond, <i>Lea</i>	Morgan Lake, <i>San Juan</i>
Corrales, <i>Sandoval</i>	Navajo Dam, <i>San Juan</i>
Costilla, <i>Taos</i>	Ned Houk Park, <i>Curry</i>
Deming, <i>Luna</i>	north <i>Roosevelt</i> trap (NRT), <i>Roosevelt</i>
Dexter, <i>Chaves</i>	Nutria Diversion Dam, <i>McKinley</i>
Elephant Butte, Lake, Dam, <i>Sierra</i>	Nutt-Hatch playa, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Eagle Nest Lake, <i>Colfax</i>	Ohkay Owingeh, <i>Rio Arriba</i>
Encino, <i>Torrance</i>	Oliver Lee SP, <i>Otero</i>
Eunice, <i>Lea</i>	Organ Mts., <i>Doña Ana</i>
Fort Sumner, <i>DeBaca</i>	Otis, <i>Eddy</i>
Galisteo, <i>Santa Fe</i>	Peloncillo Mts., <i>Hidalgo</i>
Gallup, <i>Cibola</i>	Percha Dam SP, <i>Sierra</i>
Gila Bird Area, <i>Grant</i>	Pinos Altos Mts., <i>Grant</i>
Glenwood, <i>Catron</i>	Pojoaque, <i>Santa Fe</i>

Portales, *Roosevelt*
 Quemado, Lake, *Catron*
 Radium Springs, *Doña Ana*
 Ramah Lake, Dam, *McKinley*
 Rattlesnake Springs, *Eddy*
 Rio Grande Nature Center, *Bernalillo*
 Rodeo, *Hidalgo*
 Roswell, *Chaves*
 Ruby Ranch, *San Miguel*
 Sandia Mts., *Sandoval/Bernalillo*
 San Mateo Mts., *Socorro*
 Santa Fe, Canyon, *Santa Fe*
 Santa Rosa, Lake, *Guadalupe*
 Santa Teresa, *Doña Ana*
 Silver City, *Grant*
 Springer Lake, *Colfax*
 Storrie Lake, *San Miguel*

Stubblefield Lake, *Colfax*
 Sumner Lake, Dam, *De Baca*
 Truth or Consequences, *Sierra*
 Taos, *Taos*
 Tatum, *Lea*
 Texico, *Curry*
 Tularosa, *Otero*
 Ute Lake, *Quay*
 Valle de Oro NWR, *Bernalillo*
 Vaughn, *Guadalupe*
 Villanueva SP, *San Miguel*
 Virden, *Hidalgo*
 Washington Ranch, *Eddy*
 Water Canyon, *Socorro*
 Zuni, *McKinley*
 Zuni Mts., *McKinley/Cibola*

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	WTP	Water Treatment Plant
Cr.	Creek	♂	male (represents sword & shield of Mars)
EBL	Elephant Butte Lake	♀	female (represents mirror of Venus)
GBA	Gila Bird Area	ad(s).	adult(s)
GGP	Granite Gap Preserve	subad(s).	subadult(s)
L.	Lake, Laguna	imm(s).	immature(s)
LVNWR	Las Vegas NWR	juv(s).	juvenile(s)
MSB	Museum of Southwestern Biology	sp.	species
Mt(s).	Mountain(s)	m.ob	many observers
NAPI	Navajo Agricultural Products Industry	m.ph	many photos
NM	National Monument	v.o.	various observers
NMSU	New Mexico State Univ.	+	others; et al.
NP	National Park	*	written details
NRT	north <i>Roosevelt</i> trap	**	all photo materials
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge	♪	all audio materials
PA	Picnic Area		
R.	River		
RGNC	Rio Grande Nature Center		

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SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Greater White-fronted Goose—Earliest arrivals were a flock of 11 at Bosque NWR 12 Sep (L. Ewing*) and 4 at Bitter Lake NWR 29 Sep (PDC**).

Tundra Swan—Earliest reported was an imm. at Abiquiu Lake 18 Nov (WTE*). Undetailed was one at Stubblefield Lake 24 Nov (A. Fontenot).

Wood Duck—A ♀ with one young was at Fred Baca Park near Taos 10 Aug (RD'A**).

Eurasian Wigeon x American Wigeon—An apparent hybrid ♂ was described at Bosque NWR 14 Oct (CMR*, JF*).

Mexican Duck—A ♂ was north to Las Vegas NWR 18 Sep (R. Wheat*). Another was in *Torrance* at Estancia 18 Nov (DLH**). Noteworthy in the west-central region were 2 at Ramah Lake 28 Oct (JAT*) and one at the Quemado WTP 24 Sep (BLM).

Surf Scoter—First to arrive were 3 at Storrie Lake 15 Oct (WJ-W*). Two were at Heron Lake 26 Oct (AP**). One at Santa Cruz Lake 17-18 Nov (AP**, JPB**, m.ob, m.ph) provided the second *Santa Fe* record.

Hooded Merganser—A ♂ was enjoying a crawfish meal at Bosque NWR 17 Nov (C. Harris**). A ♀ found her way to the Vaughn WTP 13 Nov (SW).

Ruddy Duck—A ♀ with 4 small young was at the Zuni WTP 20 Sep (JAT*).

Montezuma Quail—In the southern Guadalupe Mts., a covey of 6 was seen along the Dog Canyon Road 24 Nov (B.Pancratz*, K.Kocab*). Two were seen east of Quemado Lake 10 Aug (D. & J. Hailey*).

Wild Turkey—a ♀ with 4 young was at Ned Houk Park 16 Sep (NEH**), where the species is now well-established.

Pied-billed Grebe—A pair was tending 5 two-thirds grown young at the Nutria Diversion Dam 20 Sep (JAT). The 110 counted at Ramah Lake 28 Oct (JAT) was a high number for that area.

Horned Grebe—Early and noteworthy for the southwest were 5 at Bill Evans Lake 2 Sep (DLH**).

Clark's Grebe—Among 5 at Stubblefield Lake 1 Sep was an ad. on a nest (RC**).

Band-tailed Pigeon—Lingering late were 3 in Little Water Canyon, Zuni Mts., 27 Oct (JAT), 14 in the Black Range above Kingston 28 Oct (CBC*), one in the Sandia Mts. at Sulphur Canyon 29 Oct (JL**), and one in Water Canyon, Magdalena Mts. 4 Nov (EFG*, AB*).

Inca Dove—Three were north to Portales in the City Park area 19 Oct-8 Nov (TDW**) and 2 were elsewhere in Portales near Eastern New Mexico University 9 Oct (S. Pitts).

Common Ground Dove—Reports were confined to *Hidalgo*, including one along NM 9 west of Animas 24 Aug (N. Dorian) and 2 in Guadalupe Canyon 4 Aug (MJB, NDP**).

Greater Roadrunner—Most popular field guides show a large void in the distribution of roadrunners in northwestern New Mexico, but records of this non-migratory species continue to fill that void. This season found singles at Morgan L. 3 Nov (C. Foreback), Aztec 6 Oct (S. McNall), Navajo Dam 3 Nov (K. Reeder), and Gallup 10 Sep (I. Hearn) and 2 each at El Morro, *Cibola* 12 Aug (T. Herwood) and below Bluewater Dam 10 Aug (JMR, DJK). Noteworthy for n. *Sandoval* was one at La Jara 3 Sep (T.H. Johnson). In the north-central region, one was on the Taos plains near the Carson store, *Taos* 1 Sep (T. Liguori) and another was at 2440 m near Truchas, *Rio Arriba* 2 Nov (Z.H. Dohner**).

Common Poorwill—Singles lingered in *Grant* along Little Dry Creek 27 Oct (JAG*) and in the Pinos Altos Mts. 29 Oct (JPG). Very late was one in the road at Villanueva SP 20 Nov (D. Horton*).

Black Swift—One was described in n. *Rio Arriba* 5 Aug (NEH*); the location was in the Osier Mesa area just west of the FS87/FS74 junction. Very far from any known or suspected breeding site, one was described at the La Cueva PA east of Las Cruces 12 Aug (D. Ohl*).

Rivoli's Hummingbird—The few reports were largely restricted to the Mogollon and Pinos Altos mts. Latest were singles at Silver City 20 & 27 Oct (BRD).

Lucifer Hummingbird—A ♀ was in upper Cottonwood Canyon, Peloncillo Mts., 3 Aug (MJB, NDP**) and the same or another ♀ was there 26 Aug (NEH**).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird—Made an impressive showing in the middle and lower RGV, including a ♀ at Luis Lopez 21-24 Sep (JRO**). Providing first records for *Doña Ana* were a young ♂ banded at Aguirre Springs 9 Sep (N&GB**), a young ♀ banded at Aguirre Springs 30 Sep (N&GB**), and another young ♀ banded there 2 Oct (N&GB**), and an ad. ♂ in the Talavera neighborhood east of Las Cruces 11-14 Sep (T. Lawton**, WTE**, JW**, AL**). In the east, a young ♂ was near Texico 10 Sep (GMB*), 2 different young ♂♂ were there 20-22 Sep (GMB**), and single ♀♀ were there 1 Oct (GMB*) and 9-12 Oct (GMB**). A young ♂ was at Portales 13-15 Oct (TDW**) and an ad. ♂ was at Lakewood 10-11 Sep (DK**, RSN**).

Anna's Hummingbird—Fall migrants were spreading eastward into New Mexico by early Aug, with singles near Rodeo 4-11 Aug (v.o.), in the middle Animas Valley 12 Aug (AS), and Glenwood 18 Aug (J. Conway*, R. Modica*). One was at the Las Cruces Dam by 8 Sep (WTE*) and 2 were at Tellbrook Park in Las Cruces 22 Oct (JD). One north to Truth or Consequences 12 Nov (A. Morrison*) continued into Dec.

Calliope Hummingbird—Latest report was one at Santa Fe 7 Oct (P. Ryan**).

Rufous Hummingbird—Lingering were singles at Carlsbad to 9 Nov (TJH**) and Silver City to 17 Nov (BRD).

Broad-billed Hummingbird—Among 7 seen in Guadalupe Canyon 25 Aug was an ad. feeding a fledgling (NEH*, WTE*). An imm. was east to the RGV near Radium Springs 30 Sep-5 Oct and a different imm. was there 2-7 Nov (MTS*, JEZ*).

Virginia Rail—An ad. was with a dark young at the Belen marsh 3 Aug (CMR*).

Sora—Scarce in *Luna*, 8 migrants were at a flooded playa near Columbus 22 Sep (DLH).

American Coot—Some 51,985 were counted on an aerial waterfowl survey from Las Vegas north to Maxwell and east to Ute and Conchas lakes 12 Oct (MLW), including 12,640 at Lake Isabel, *San Miguel* and 14,640 at Stubblefield Lake. Noteworthy for *Los Alamos* was one on Ashley Pond at Los Alamos 1 Sep (CMR).

Sandhill Crane—Earliest were one at Caballo Lake 24 Sep (DJC**) and 6 at Valle de Oro NWR 29 Sep (JL). The species began to arrive in numbers in early Oct.

American Avocet—Lingering late were 28 at EBL 20 Nov (DJC**), 3 at Bitter Lake NWR 26 Nov (DK), and one at Brantley Lake 30 Nov (RSN**).

Black-bellied Plover—Earliest reported were singles at EBL 9 Aug (DJC**) and Clayton Lake 11 Aug (K. McDowell). High count, and last to be reported, were 4 at EBL 27 Oct (DJC**).

Semipalmated Plover—Late was one at EBL 13-16 Nov (DJC**).

Upland Sandpiper—One was west to Valle de Oro NWR 31 Aug-1 Sep (S. Griffith**, JH**). The few additional reports were limited to the southeast 1 Aug-8 Sep; high counts were 4 each at Bitter Lake NWR 1 Aug (PDC*), and Otis 16 Aug (SW) and 3 at the Conoco Pond 7 Sep (RSN).

Long-billed Curlew—Late flocks, all seen in agricultural fields, included 120 at Otis 23 Oct (SW), 80 near Hobbs 29 Oct (SW), and 45 west of Columbus 27 Nov (N. & A. MacLeod).

Red Knot—A juv. at EBL's Long Point 21-28 Sep (DJC**, WTE**) provided the season's lone report.

Stilt Sandpiper—The 54 at EBL 11 Sep (DJC) was a large number for the RGV.

Dunlin—A typically late arriving species. This season, earliest reports were at Bitter Lake NWR 1 Oct (DK) and 2 at EBL 12 Oct (WTE).

Least Sandpiper—High count was 1110 at EBL 20 Nov (DJC*).

Pectoral Sandpiper—Noteworthy were up to 36 counted at EBL 14-17 Sep (DJC**, NDP).

Semipalmated Sandpiper—West of the RGV were 2 at the "Nutt-Hatch" playa, *Doña Ana* 5 Aug (NDP, MJB) and one at the Lordsburg Playa 1 Sep (NEH**).

Short-billed Dowitcher—Two at EBL's South Highlands area 20 Aug-5 Sep (DJC**, NDP*, MJB*, NEH**) furnished the season's only report.

Solitary Sandpiper—Last to be reported were 2 at Albuquerque's Alameda Diversion flats 13-14 Oct (R. Johnson**, JPJ).

Willet—Seldom reported in *Lea*, 2 were near Tatum 8 Sep (JEP).

Greater Yellowlegs—Late for the Zuni region, one was at Bluewater Lake 23 Nov (CMR, JF**).

Red-necked Phalarope—Two were at the Pojoaque WTP 24 Aug (BRF**).

Long-tailed Jaeger—A juv. was found alive at one of the salt lakes east of Carlsbad 21 Aug (*fide* MJB), but soon died; specimen to MSB (MJB**).

jaeger sp.—A jaeger was at Storrie Lake 9 Sep (TBG**) but it could not be identified to species.

Sabine's Gull—A relatively quiet season: single juvs. were at Bluewater Lake 15 Sep (KSS**, BLM**) and EBL 1 Oct (DJC**) and single ads. were at Springer Lake 25 Sep (CMB**) and Ute Lake 8 Oct (DLH**).

Bonaparte's Gull—Noteworthy for *Los Alamos*, 2 were at Ashley Pond in Los Alamos 15 Oct (M. Smith**).

Lesser Black-backed Gull—An apparent winter ad. at Brantley Lake 30 Nov (RSN**) continued into Dec.

Caspian Tern—One at Caballo Lake 6 Sep (DJC**) furnished the lone report.

Black Tern—Last to be reported were 4 at Bitter Lake NWR 7 Oct (JPB**).

Common Tern—A juv. was at Sumner Lake 6 Oct (JEP*, MJB). Undetailed were singles reported at Eagle Nest Lake 20 Sep (REF+) and Brantley Lake 6 Oct (RSN) and 2 at Caballo Lake 6 Oct (AL+).

Forster's Tern—Latest report was of one at Dexter's Lake Van 25 Oct (PDC**).

Pacific Loon—Singles were at Maxwell NWR 3 Nov (CMR*) and Mims Lake near Truth or Consequences 13 Nov (J. Corcoran**).

Common Loon—Earliest this season were up to 3 at Stubblefield Lake 25 Aug-1 Sep (RC**).

Neotropic Cormorant—In the east, singles were at the Clovis WTP 31 Aug (JEP*, JRO) and Lake Avalon 25 Aug-29 Sep (RSN**, DK**).

American White Pelican—Some 800 were on an isolated pool north of EBL's Monticello Point 12 Sep (DJC**).

American Bittern—A relatively good season, compared to recent years. In the east, singles were at Ruby Ranch, n. *San Miguel* 19 Sep (WFW*), Ute Lake 28 Oct (RBW**), and Bitter Lake NWR 14 Oct-25 Nov (PDC, v.o., K. Martinez**, L. Buck**). In the

RGV, singles were at RGNC 21-28 Nov (VDD**, JF**), Albuquerque's Tingley bosque ponds 12 Sep (A. Warner*, N. Ukens**), Bosque NWR 21 Oct-15 Nov (m.ob.), and Percha Dam SP 26 Oct (MJB**, NEH**); 2 were at Mesilla Bosque SP 9 Sep (WTE*) and one was there 2 Nov (WTE*).

Little Blue Heron—An ad. at EBL's Monticello Point 5-14 Aug (DJC**, JEP*, NEH**) provided the lone report.

Tricolored Heron—An imm. was at Bitter Lake NWR 10 Aug-9 Sep (E. Landi**, PDC**, JEP*, NEH**, NDP*).

Reddish Egret—A white morph individual split its time between Lake Avalon and Brantley Lake 25 Aug-4 Oct (RSN**, SW*, TJH); this represents the fifth white morph Reddish Egret documented in New Mexico.

Cattle Egret—High counts of early fall concentrations in the middle RGV were 268 at Valle de Oro NWR 4 Aug (DLH*) and an estimated 300 at the Belen marsh 8 Aug (DL).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron—Had a good season in the east, with reports from 6 locales. An ad. was along the Gallinas Riverwalk at Las Vegas 14 Aug (WJ-W*). Continuing from July, an ad. and a juv. were at Hillcrest Park in Clovis 17 Aug (JEP*) and the juv. continued there 17 Sep (CMR**). Up to 2 ads. and 3 juvs. were at the Clovis WTP 17 Aug-26 Sep (JEP*, NEH**, MJB**). Single juvs. were at Bitter Lake NWR 15-17 Aug (PDC**), Carlsbad 23 Sep (R. Salness**), and Rattlesnake Springs 26 Aug-22 Sep (RSN**, DGB**, SW*). West to the RGV, a juv. was at Percha Dam SP 4 Aug (W. Treers*, CJG**).

White-faced Ibis—Migrant flocks included 340 at Valle de Oro NWR 29 Aug (DLH), 263 at Bosque NWR 6 Oct (CMR**), and 125 near Columbus 22 Sep (DLH).

Turkey Vulture—A roost of 330 was at Goodwin Playa near Clovis 2 Sep (CMR).

White-tailed Kite—One was at the Hachita WTP, *Grant* 26 Oct (RM*).

Northern Goshawk—An ad. was in the Peloncillo Mts. in Clanton Canyon 31 Aug (DLH**, MS**). In the southeast, a juv. was at Rattlesnake Springs 4 Nov (RSN**).

Mississippi Kite—An ad. was with a juv. at Corrales 2 Aug (MW**). Five were circling over the RGNC 11 Aug (CMR). One was late at Carlsbad 24 Sep (SW).

Common Black Hawk—A recent fledgling was at Bosque NWR 9 Aug (CIS, C. Christoffson**). An ad. lingered at Percha Dam SP 13-28 Oct (MJB**) and nearby Riverside CG 31 Oct (W. Lackey).

Harris's Hawk—Reported across the southern tier of counties in *Hidalgo, Luna, Doña Ana, Otero, Eddy, and Lea*. One was very far north of expected in the Orilla Verde Recreation Area, *Taos* 15 Nov (RD'A**); the popularity of this species with falconers makes such far-flung extralimital sightings difficult to evaluate.

Gray Hawk—Two ads. in *Sierra* on the Ladder Ranch along Las Animas Creek 20 Aug (K. Stinnett**) provided additional evidence of this species' spread into the RGV. In the

southwest in Guadalupe Canyon, where regular in summer, four including one juv. were present 25 Aug (NEH**).

Red-shouldered Hawk—An ad. was at the Tatum WTP 31 Aug-22 Sep (RSN**, NDP**, MJB). One at Rattlesnake Springs 3 & 26 Aug was convincingly audio-recorded (RSN^J) and was likely continuing from summer.

Broad-winged Hawk—Reported from 10 locales in eight counties from the RGV eastward, including 5 that passed the Manzano Mts. hawkwatch site on three days 17-26 Sep (C. Ruge, T. Davidson). High count was 3 at the Tatum WTP 28 Sep (WTE*). Last was a handsome dark morph individual at NRT 13 Oct (JEP*, NEH**, GMB**).

Short-tailed Hawk—A light morph ad. was documented east of Mogollon along the Bursum Road near Sandy Pt., *Catron* 24 Aug (EGW*, J. Zummach**). This represents the second confirmed record of the species in the state, following a light morph ad. photographed in the Animas Mts. 24 May-28 Jun 2005 (Western Birds 38:2-10, 2007).

Zone-tailed Hawk—Noteworthy in the northwest, one was at Bluewater Lake 18 Aug (H. Karr*). On the west side of the Sacramento Mts., one was west of High Rolls 2 Sep (MJA**) and one was over High Rolls 22 Sep (MP*).

Rough-legged Hawk—Early was one on the prairie in *Santa Fe* north of Moriarty 21 Oct (M. Peterson*) and 2 on the plains along US 285 in *Rio Arriba* south of San Antonio Mt. 24 Oct (E. MacKerrow). One was south to the middle Animas Valley 28 Nov (J. Yerger*).

Ferruginous Hawk—An ad. rufous morph was hunting pocket gophers at Nambe, *Santa Fe* 15 Nov (E. MacKerrow).

Flammulated Owl—One was 10 km south of Texico 22 Sep (GMB**); the species is a regular fall migrant on the eastern plains.

Elf Owl—Noteworthy for the Tularosa Basin was one found injured at Tularosa in early fall (Aug or Sep) (G. Garber**).

Northern Saw-whet Owl—Noteworthy for Sugarite SP, *Colfax*, one was heard in New Mexico at Lake Maloya 2 Nov (CMR*, RLV) and later photographed just across the border in Colorado (CMR**).

Lewis's Woodpecker—One was south in the RGV to Percha Dam SP 28 Oct (NDP**, CBC*). One in the Alamosa Valley near Dusty, w. *Socorro* 5 Aug (JPJ*) was in an area of several reports in recent years.

Gila Woodpecker—Relatively scarce in the Cliff-Gila Valley in recent years, so encouraging were 3 at the NM 211 bridge east of Cliff 23 Sep (DLH).

Golden-fronted Woodpecker X Red-bellied Woodpecker—A ♀ hybrid between these two species at Portales 25 Oct (TDW**) marked the fourth fall-winter occurrence of this hybrid combination there.

Williamson's Sapsucker—An imm. was southeast to the Maljamar rest area 19 Oct-24 Nov (RSN**).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker—Noteworthy so far west, an ad. ♂ was at the Ramah Lake Dam 21 Sep (JAT*).

American Three-toed Woodpecker—A family group of 3 was in *Catron* along the Bursum Road east of Mogollon 31 Aug (MJB*). Two were in the San Mateo Mts. in a burned area on Mt. Withington 9 Aug (JRO). Up to 4 were in the Zuni Mts., including in a recent Diener Canyon burn area 22-25 Oct (JAT). Two along the Rim Trail south of Cloudcroft, *Otero* 15 Sep (JAG**) provided the only Sacramento Mts. report.

Merlin—One photographed south of Costilla along NM 522 on 27 Aug (REF**) provided the earliest confirmed (photo or specimen) New Mexico fall record ever.

[Monk Parakeet]—A flock of 13 was in s. *Doña Ana* at Santa Teresa 6 Sep (T. Barron*). The species nested (again) in nearby El Paso, Texas this year.

[Yellow-chevroned Parakeet]—An apparent escape from the cage bird trade, one was at Las Cruces 21 Aug (CJG**). Nearest established populations of this South American species are in California and Florida.

Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet—Six, including a family group of 4 plus 2 singles, were in Guadalupe Canyon 4 Aug (MJB, NDP).

Dusky-capped Flycatcher—One in Clanton Canyon 26 Aug (WTE, NEH) was the latest report this season.

Great Crested Flycatcher—Singles were near Texico 22 Sep (JEP*), at Portales 8 Sep (TDW**), and at the Conoco Pond south of Maljamar 31 Aug (RSN**), the latter the only Aug report this season. The species was present at NRT on seven days in Sep (Sep 2, 8, 11, 15, 21, 26, and 30) (m.ob., m.ph.), including 3 together on 8 Sep (JEP*) and 2 birds there 21 Sep (NDP); last was one there 1 Oct (NEH**, KSS**, GMB**).

Brown-crested Flycatcher—One at the GBA 30 Aug (R.S. Shook) was the state's latest report this season.

Tropical Kingbird—Two were present at Lake Carlsbad 3-7 Sep (RSN**, DK**, WTE**), but there was no evidence of nesting; this represents the third confirmed New Mexico record and the second for *Eddy* this year, following one to 2 present at Rattlesnake Springs 27 May-22 July this summer.

Couch's Kingbird—A vocal one was at Bosque NWR 11-22 Oct (KZ*, J. Schelling**, m.ob., m.ph., m.♂). To date, Couch's is the most frequently encountered of the Tropical/Couch's species pair in the state.

Cassin's Kingbird—Latest reports were singles at Virden 27 Oct (DLH**) and Deming 28 Oct (DLH**).

Thick-billed Kingbird—In the RGV, one was photographed at Riverside CG below Caballo Dam 9 Aug (iNaturalist**). This follows closely on the heels of a vocal one seen

and heard south of Radium Springs earlier this summer 29-30 Jun (MTS*, JEZ*; NMOSFN 57:3) and another well-documented one in the Rio Grande watershed along Tierra Blanca Creek, w. *Sierra* 13 June 2015 (DJC**, ♀; NMOSFN 54:3).

Western Kingbird—Very late was one near Carlsbad 24 Oct (TJH**).

Eastern Kingbird—Scarce in *Eddy* at any season, singles were at Lake Avalon 25 Aug (TJH**) and 10 Sep (DK**) and at Rattlesnake Springs 26-28 Aug (DGB**, CMB*, D.Leifheit*).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher—Far off-course was one at Maxwell NWR 1 Oct (A. Hilf**). Last of the fall season were 3 at Lakewood 22 Oct (DK*) and 7 at Carlsbad 24 Oct (SW).

Eastern Wood-Pewee—Under review is one seen and heard at NRT 3 Sep (CMR**, ♀, GMB*).

Least Flycatcher—A late one was at NRT 13 Oct (JEP*).

Hammond's Flycatcher—Late or wintering was one at Oliver Lee SP 25 Nov (CMR*).

Dusky Flycatcher—One lingered at Leasburg Dam SP 11-25 Nov (WTE*, RG**, J. Turin♂).

Black Phoebe—Singles were east of the Pecos Valley at Ned Houk Park 12 Oct (JEP) and the Ute Creek Arm of Ute Lake, *Harding* 22 Sep (NEH).

Vermilion Flycatcher—A pair was tending a fledgling at Santa Rosa's Power Dam Park 19 Aug (NEH**). On the southeastern plains, a ♂ was at Milnesand 22 Sep (MJB, NDP). North in the RGV to Albuquerque, a ♀ was at Los Poblanos 22-23 Nov (CLH*, DGB**) and a ♂ was at Valle de Oro NWR 20 Nov (J. Igo*).

Bell's Vireo—Providing a *Los Alamos* first, one was netted and banded at Los Alamos 26 Sep (CDH**).

Hutton's Vireo—In the Sacramento Mts., one was near High Rolls 22 Sep (MP*) and another was southeast of Cloudcroft 22 Sep (MP*). In the Organ Mts., one was in Fillmore Canyon 30 Sep (AS).

Yellow-throated Vireo—One was in the Albuquerque bosque south of the Montaña bridge 23 Sep (CMR, JF**).

Cassin's Vireo—Two together at Percha Dam SP 4 Nov (DL**) furnished the latest report.

Blue-headed Vireo—One was west to Albuquerque's Alameda Diversion flats 25 Sep (JPJ*). Two were at Ned Houk Park 26 Sep (NDP**). One was at Rattlesnake Springs 3 Sep (SW*) and another was there 4 Nov (RSN**).

Philadelphia Vireo—One was at Ned Houk Park 26 Sep (MJB**, NDP**) and another was at NRT 28 Sep (JEP*).

Red-eyed Vireo—A fairly active season, with 2 west to the RGV, one in the Sangre de Cristo Mts., and 2 in the east. One was in the Corrales bosque 8 Sep (BLM*) and one was at Albuquerque's UNM Duck Pond 6 Sep (AB*). One was near Buena Vista, *Mora* 24 Sep (WFW+*). One was at Boone's Draw 22 Sep (NDP**). One was at Rattlesnake Springs 26 Aug (DGB**, CMB*).

Northern Shrike—Earliest was one at Maxwell NWR 3 Nov (CMR**) followed by singles at Las Vegas NWR 11 Nov (RBW**) and in Embudito Canyon, Sandia Mts. 14-15 Nov (CBC*, BLM**).

Steller's Jay—In contrast to 2017, there was no noticeable lowland incursion this fall.

Clark's Nutcracker—Noteworthy for the Sacramento Mts. was one at the Three Rivers CG, *Lincoln* 22 Aug (WFW*).

Verdin—Now well-established in the RGV north to Belen, this season at least one was north to the Agricultural Science Center on the south edge of Los Lunas 19 Sep & 2 Nov (DLH*). In the easternmost plains, one was north to Tatum 9 Sep (NDP).

Purple Martin—Two adults and a fledgling were at Eunice 8-10 Aug (P.W. McCasland).

Barn Swallow—One was late at Belen 9 Nov (MJB).

Cave Swallow—Some 420 were counted going to roost at Carlsbad Cavern (the main cave) 1 Nov (D. Roberson**, R. Carratello*), where the last to arrive had to wait for the stream of bats to exit the cave.

Bushtit—Noteworthy for the southeastern plains was a flock of 12 at NRT 22 Oct (NEH**).

Golden-crowned Kinglet—Little evidence of dispersal this season, although one to 2 were at NRT 13-22 Oct (JEP) and one was at the Vaughn WTP 22 Oct (NEH*).

Phainopepla—Two were west to Zuni's Blackrock Dam 18-20 Sep (JAT). One was north to the Corrales bosque 16-26 Aug (W. Kuehn*, A. Rodgers**) and one was south of Albuquerque's Montaño bridge 22 Aug (C. Murphy*).

Pygmy Nuthatch—Unusual along the Rio Grande, singles were in the Corrales bosque 30 Sep (CMR*), Albuquerque's Tingley bosque 13 Sep (MOH*), and Rio Communities, *Valencia* 11 Nov (CMR**).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher—Perhaps mild conditions induced several singles to linger late into Nov, including at Leasburg Dam SP 11 Nov (WTE*), the Las Cruces Dam 30 Nov (WTE*), Oliver Lee SP 25 Nov (CMR*, where there were also 2 **Black-taileds**), se. *Otero* n. of Dell City, Texas 25 Nov (JPJ*), and Brantley Lake 29 Nov (N. Robertson**).

Pacific Wren—Far east of expected, one was well-documented at Ute Lake 25 Nov (NPD**♪). One was at Rattlesnake Springs 4-18 Nov (RSN**♪). In the Jemez Mts., one was seen and heard in upper Water Canyon, *Los Alamos* 18 Nov (M. Brown*).

Winter Wren—A strong season, with reports from 11 locales in ten counties from the RGV eastward. Singles were at Galisteo 25 Oct (RL**), Cienega Canyon, Sandia Mts. 17 Nov (W.E. Maley*), Albuquerque's South Valley bosque 22 Nov (DLH*♪), Water Canyon, Magdalena Mts. 14-16 Nov (M. Retter*, CBC*, P. Bell**), Leasburg Dam SP 25 Nov (MTS*, JEZ*, WTE♪), Las Cruces 10 Nov (WTE**♪), and Oliver Lee SP 25 Nov (CMR*♪). In the east, singles were at NRT 20 Oct (JEP*) and 3 Nov (GMB♪), and at the Conoco Pond 9 Nov (RSN**). A high 4 were in dense saltcedar along the Pecos River below Brantley Dam 16 Nov (RSN*). In the Rattlesnake Springs-Washington Ranch area, one was present 21 Oct (RSN) and at least 2 were there 4-18 Nov (RSN**♪).

Carolina Wren—One was in the n. Sandia Mts. at the Las Huertas Canyon PA, *Sandoval* 16 Aug (JL**, BLM**, MW**, KZ*). Two were singing at Bosque NWR 27 Aug (NEH♪).

Cactus Wren—Providing evidence of spreading into *Torrance* were 3 along NM highway 3 north of Encino 15 Sep (DLH♪) and one near MacIntosh 18 Aug (CMR**, NEH).

Brown Thrasher—One to 2 were reported from eight locales in six counties from the RGV and environs eastward, including singles west to Carson Outpost, *Taos* 1 Sep (T. Liguori*) and the Bandelier NM Visitor Center, *Sandoval* 20 Oct (M. Bowen**).

Crissal Thrasher—Two pairs were west to Zuni's Blackrock bosque 20 Oct (CMR*, JAT*); the species was unknown there a decade ago. Northerly was one in nw. *Taos* southeast of Tres Piedras, between US highways 285 & 64, 29 Oct (M. DeYoung*).

American Dipper—Unexpected was one in Zuni's Blackrock bosque 25 Sep (JAT).

Eastern Bluebird—The species was reported from 20 counties from the RGV eastward during the season, including in all counties in the RGV. Three were west to the Gila Valley near Cliff 10 Nov (K. Dayer**).

Wood Thrush—One at NRT 21 Oct (JEP*, GMB**) provided the lone report.

Varied Thrush—One was at Milnesand 18 Nov (A. Wilson**)

Sprague's Pipit—The species "arrived" on a broad front 20 Oct, with reports that day including singles at NRT (JEP*) and Bitter Lake NWR (PDC*), 2 at Sevilleta NWR, *Socorro* (DLH), and one at Zuni's Blackrock lakebed (CMR, JAT).

Rosy-Finch—Earliest documented sightings were 2 **Gray-crowneds** and 20 **Blacks** at Sandia Crest 17 Nov (V. Baker**) and one to 2 **Brown-cappeds** there the same day (P. Bell**).

Purple Finch—A brown-plumaged individual was at the Bosque NWR Visitor Center 21 Oct (NDP**, WTE**, JRO*).

Cassin's Finch—Little evidence of movement this season; one at the Maljamar rest area 19 Oct (RSN**) was the only eastern plains report.

Lesser Goldfinch—Evidence of late breeding included young begging from adults at Carlsbad 2 Oct (SW) and a ♀ with a begging fledgling at Albuquerque 4 Nov (DLH).

Lawrence's Goldfinch—Made a good showing in the southwest, including 4 at Silver City 8 Oct (J. Szabo*) and up to 4 near Cliff 9-27 Nov (EGW*), one at Columbus 26 Oct (WTE*), up to 3 at Leasburg Dam SP 21 Oct-11 Nov (WTE*, NDP**, JW**), one at Mesilla Bosque SP 14 Oct (WTE), and up to 4 at Tellbrook Park in Las Cruces 24 Oct-26 Nov (H. Hutchens*, WTE**, CMR**, JW**, m.ob., m.ph.). One was north in the RGV to Bosque NWR 3 Nov (S. Mlodinow*).

Lapland Longspur—Two were west of Encino 28 Nov (KSS**), where there were also about 100 **Chestnut-collareds** (KSS**) and 20 **Thick-billeds** (KSS**).

Rufous-winged Sparrow—Continued in residence in Guadalupe Canyon, where there were 4 on 4 Aug (MJB♂, NDP) and 8 on 25 Aug (NEH**♂, WTE**).

Botteri's Sparrow—Thirteen heard singing in the middle Animas Valley in the vicinity of MM 13 on 24 Aug (NEH*♂, WTE♂) was a good roadside count, and another was heard farther south at MM 26 the same day (NEH). Undetailed were four group reports of one to 3 along Stateline Road near Rodeo 5-23 Aug (m.ob.).

Grasshopper Sparrow—Five in one field at Zuni 26 Sep (JAT) was the observer's first record for the area.

Clay-colored Sparrow—Earliest reports were singles at Valle de Oro NWR 14 Aug (DGB**) and near McIntosh, *Torrance* 18 Aug (CMR**). Unusual were an estimated 200 at Roswell's Kenneth Smith Sanctuary 7 Oct (JPB**).

Black-chinned Sparrow—One at NRT 20 Oct (JEP) was the first ever fall record there.

Field Sparrow—An early one was at Rattlesnake Springs 24 Sep (DK*); there are no confirmed (photo or specimen) September New Mexico records.

Fox Sparrow—Reported from 14 locales in nine counties from the RGV eastward. Earliest were singles at the Conoco Pond 25 Oct (PDC) and below EBL Dam also on 25 Oct (RM). Two (one red and one gray) were at the Vaughn WTP 13 Nov (SW*).

American Tree Sparrow—Singles were south to Eldorado, *Santa Fe* 20 Nov (RL**) and Vaughn 19 Nov (JD).

Harris's Sparrow—Earliest was one at Wagon Mound, *Mora* 28 Oct (D. Stoker**). Reported in Nov from eight locales in the middle RGV, from Corrales south to Bosque NWR.

Bobolink—Single fall-plumaged birds were at Albuquerque's Alameda Diversion wetlands 16 Oct (MOH**) and at Valle de Oro NWR 2 Oct (MS**).

Orchard Oriole—Three were west to Albuquerque's Alameda Diversion wetlands 15 Sep (EFG*, AB**). All other reports were confined to the east; high counts were 4 at Bitter Lake NWR 9 Aug (R.C. Turner**) and 6 at NRT 17 Aug (JEP).

Baltimore Oriole—An ad. ♂ at Portales 1 Oct (TDW**) provided the lone report.

Rusty Blackbird—A small flock of 7 was at Washington Ranch 21 Nov (RSN**).

Common Grackle—Late for the upper RGV was a ♂ at the Ohkay Owingeh lakes 10 Nov (AP*). Another ♂ was at Mesilla Park 14 Nov (CJG**).

Black-and-white Warbler—One to 2 were reported from Albuquerque, Las Cruces, NRT, Clovis, and Tatum 31 Aug-7 Oct (v.o.).

Prothonotary Warbler—One was at Santa Fe 8 Oct (Julie Leutzelschwab**) and another was in *Socorro* just northeast of the junction of I-25 and NM 107 at Milligan Gulch 7 Oct (L. Gillard**).

Tennessee Warbler—One was near Texico 21-22 Sep (GMB**, NDP**, JEP*). One was netted and banded at the RGNC 7 Oct (JK**, CMR**).

MacGillivray's Warbler—Usually gone by the first week in Oct, this season found singles lingering at Carlsbad 19-20 Oct (SW) and Zuni 20 Oct (CMR, JAT) and 2 in lower Bluewater Gorge 19 Oct (JAT).

Hooded Warbler—Presumably continuing from Jul, a ♂ was at the Santa Fe Canyon Preserve 10-26 Aug (BRF**), 17 Sep (CLH*), and 22 Sep (E. Conrad*, K. Tranquillo*). An ad ♀ was below Albuquerque's Montañño bridge 17 Aug (BLM**), where a ♂ had been present Jun-Jul.

American Redstart—Much in evidence, with one to 2 at 18 sites in 10 counties from the RGV eastward 19 Aug-29 Sep.

Magnolia Warbler—Singles were at Ned Houk Park 26 Sep (MJB*, NDP) and 5 km south of Radium Springs 15 Oct (MTS*, JEZ**, WTE**).

Blackburnian Warbler—An imm. was at NRT 13-14 Oct (JEP*, GMB*, NEH**).

Chestnut-sided Warbler—Four reports: singles at Ned Houk Park 3 Sep (CMR**, GMB*), the Tatum WTP 5 Oct (RSN**), RGNC 29-30 Aug (JH**), and a late one at Albuquerque's Los Poblanos 15-18 Nov (DWM*, m.ob., m.ph.).

Blackpoll Warbler—One was in *Bernalillo* "east mountains" east of Sedillo 6-13 Oct (C. Smith**, JEP*, NEH**, KSS**). One was at Albuquerque's Los Poblanos 20 Sep (MOH**, CMB*). One was at Luis Lopez 25 Oct (SF**).

Black-throated Blue Warbler—A ♂ was at NRT 5-7 Oct (NEH**, JEP*, TDW**).

Palm Warbler—Singles were at Cochiti Lake 4 Oct (CBC*) and NRT 13 Oct (JEP*).

Yellow-throated Warbler—One at Alamogordo 24 Nov (CMR**) marked the third year the species has been there during the cool season over the past four years.

Hermit Warbler—One was east to Bosque NWR 18 Sep (A. Walker**). Other reports (5 singles) were restricted to the southwest in *Catron*, *Grant*, and *Hidalgo* 3 Aug-2 Sep.

Black-throated Green Warbler—Singles were at NRT 21-22 Oct (JEP*, GMB**, NEH**), Ned Houk Park 26 Sep (MJB**, NDP**), and Los Alamos 2 Oct (R. Walker**).

Painted Redstart—One was at Three Rivers CG, *Lincoln* 22 Aug (WFW*), where the species likely breeds.

Hepatic Tanager—Late, and noteworthy for *Lea*, 2 were at the Maljamar rest area 19 Oct (RSN**).

Northern Cardinal—Now resident in the Ute Lake area, 2 were on the north shore there 6 Oct (NEH) and 25 Nov (NDP).

Pyrrhuloxia—One was north to Fort Sumner's Bosque Redondo Park 6 Oct (MJB).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak—Singles were at seven sites in seven counties from the RGV eastward 13 Aug-22 Oct (m.ob.).

Varied Bunting—A high count of 8, consisting primarily of singing ♂♂, was in Guadalupe Canyon 25 Aug (NEH*, WTE*).

Dickcissel—Unusual northwest to Zuni, one was there 21 Sep (JAT*). A ♂ was still singing in a Fort Sumner field 17 Aug (JEP).

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