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Cover: White-tailed Ptarmigan (*Lagopus leucura*). This alpine tundra-inhabiting grouse reaches its southernmost limit in New Mexico's Sangre de Cristo Mts., where it is listed as endangered by New Mexico. Historically found on all the higher peaks of the range, it was nearly extirpated by unrestricted killing and habitat degradation from grazing. A 1981 transplant of Colorado birds to the southern peaks was successful, and the species now occurs in most of the historic range. Art by Dale A. Zimmerman.

AUTUMN SEASON 2006

Autumn 2006 began wet, with August and September among the wettest ever recorded in New Mexico, and widespread and generous rains continued into early October, resulting in lush vegetation and plentiful water nearly statewide, and leading to a busy but generally dispersed migration season. Highlights included the state's third certain Black Scoter, two Ruddy Turnstones, a Black-legged Kittiwake, a Long-tailed Jaeger specimen, another photographed Ruby-throated Hummingbird, confirmation of successful nesting by Black-capped Gnatcatcher, yet another Carolina Wren, and the state's fourth certain Canada Warbler.

Localities and Counties

Albuquerque, *Bernalillo*
Animas, Cr., Mts., Valley, *Hidalgo*
Belen, *Valencia*
Bernardo, *Socorro*
Bill Evans Lake, *Grant*
Bitter Lake NWR, *Chaves*
Boone's Draw, *Roosevelt*
Bosque del Apache NWR, *Socorro*
Brantley Lake, *Eddy*
Burro Mts., *Grant*
Caballo Lake, Dam, *Sierra*
Capilla Peak, *Torrance*
Carlsbad, Lake, *Eddy*
Carlsbad Caverns NP, *Eddy*
Cedar Crest, *Bernalillo*
Cimarron, Canyon, *Colfax*
Clanton Canyon, Cienega, *Hidalgo*
Clayton, Lake, *Union*
Cloverdale, *Hidalgo*
Clovis, *Curry*
Cochiti, Lake, *Sandoval*
Columbus, *Luna*
Conchas Lake, Dam, *San Miguel*
Corona, *Lincoln*
Corrales, *Sandoval*
Datil, *Catron*
Deming, *Luna*
Eagle Nest, Lake, *Colfax*
Elephant Butte Lake, Dam, *Sierra*
Elida, *Roosevelt*
Engle, *Sierra*
Estancia, *Torrance*
Eunice, *Lea*
Farmington, *San Juan*
Fort Sumner, *DeBaca*
Gila Bird Area, *Grant*
Grulla NWR, *Roosevelt*
Guadalupe Canyon, *Hidalgo*
Hermanas, *Luna*
Holloman Lake, *Otero*
La Joya, WMA *Socorro*
Lake Avalon, *Eddy*
Lake Roberts, *Grant*
Las Cruces, *Doña Ana*
Las Vegas, NWR, *San Miguel*
Little Hatchet Mts., *Grant/Hidalgo*
Logan, *Quay*
Lordsburg, Playa, *Hidalgo*
Los Lunas, *Valencia*
Luis Lopez, *Socorro*
Madrid, *Santa Fe*
Manzano, Mts., *Torrance*
Maxwell, NWR, *Colfax*
Mesilla, Park, Dam, Valley, *Doña Ana*
Milnesand, *Roosevelt*
Morgan Lake, *San Juan*
Moriarty, *Torrance*
Mountainair, *Torrance*
Ned Houk Park, *Curry*
north *Roosevelt* trap [NRT], *Roosevelt*
Nutria Lake, *McKinley*
Otero Mesa, *Otero*
Peloncillo Mts., *Hidalgo*
Pep, *Roosevelt*
Percha SP, *Sierra*
Portales, *Roosevelt*
Post Office Canyon, *Hidalgo*
Radium Springs, *Doña Ana*
Ramah Lake, *McKinley*
Rattlesnake Springs, *Eddy*
Redrock, *Hidalgo*
Rio Grande Nature Center, *Bernalillo*
Rodeo, *Hidalgo*
Sandia Crest, Park, *Bernalillo*

Sandia Mts., *Bernalillo/Sandoval*
 San Jon, *Quay*
 San Juan, *Rio Arriba*
 Santa Fe, *Santa Fe*
 Santa Rosa, Lake, *Guadalupe*
 Seneca, *Union*
 Silver City, *Grant*
 Skeleton Canyon, *Hidalgo*
 Socorro, *Socorro*
 Springer, Lake, *Colfax*
 Stinking Lake, *Rio Arriba*
 Stubblefield Lake, *Colfax*

Sugarite SP, *Colfax*
 Sumner Lake, Dam, *De Baca*
 Sunland Park, *Doña Ana*
 Taiban, *DeBaca*
 Tatum, *Lea*
 Truth or Consequences, *Sierra*
 Tyrone, *Grant*
 Ute Lake, *Quay*
 Vaughn, *Guadalupe*
 Weatherly Lake, *Union*
 Yeso, *DeBaca*
 Zuni Mts, *McKinley/Cibola*

Standard Abbreviations

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

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SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Greater White-fronted Goose—Earliest to arrive were 4 each at Bosque NWR 24 Sep (DLH) and Lordsburg Playa 25 Sep (JRO**).

Greylag Goose—Six escapees were lurking about Truth or Consequences 21 Oct (BDN).

Ross's Goose—Blue morph is scarce in this species, so noteworthy were 2 at Bosque NWR 28 Oct (JEP*) and one there 29 Oct (MOH, CGL).

Cackling Goose—Earliest were up to 4 at Bosque NWR 29 Oct (MOH, WHH).

Tundra Swan—Singles where rarely encountered were near Farmington 19 Nov (JR*) and Los Ojos, *Rio Arriba* 30 Nov (S. Lederman *vide* CLH). Elsewhere, 2 were at Maxwell NWR 9-20 Nov (DJC, P. Hoban, MLW) and 5 were briefly at Springer L. 11 Nov (DJC**); one swan, possibly a Tundra, was at LVNWR 20 Nov (MLW).

Wood Duck—Two in the c. Oscura Mts., WSMR, *Socorro* 12 Oct (CGL) provided a first for that range.

Eurasian Wigeon X American Wigeon—An apparent hybrid male was at RGNC 14-29 Oct (MOH**, JEP*, C. J. Wolf, v.o.)

American Wigeon—High counts from aerial surveys were 3350 at Stinking L. 10 Oct (MLW) and 6590 in the Maxwell NWR-Stubblefield L. area 11 Oct (MLW).

Northern Pintail—High counts included 3500+ at Bosque NWR 29 Oct (WHH) and about 4000 at BLNWR 1 Nov (JMH).

Greater Scaup—A female at Stubblefield L. 11 Nov (JEP, JRO) and a male at Conchas L. the same day (MOH) provided the only reports.

Surf Scoter—A good season found an imm. at Springer L. 27 Oct (JEP*), 4 imm/females at Bill Evans L. 13 Oct (RSS**) & 2 still there 10 Nov (RSS), and an imm/female at Deming 30 Nov (LKM**), the latter a *Luna* first.

Black Scoter—A female at Cochiti L. 3 Nov (NDP*, MJB**) provided only the 3rd certain New Mexico record and the first since 1993.

Long-tailed Duck—One was at Stubblefield L. 9 Nov (DJC**) & 11 Nov (JEP*, JRO).

Hooded Merganser—Noteworthy was a female on Alto L., *Lincoln* 25 Nov (SW) and a female near Davies Tank, *Doña Ana* 7 Nov (CGL), the latter perhaps a WSMR first.

Pacific Loon—Singles reached Mescalero L., *Otero* 23 Oct (JRO**) and Cochiti L. 24 Oct (WFW).

Pied-billed Grebe—An ad. with a striped chick was at Nutria L. 9 Sep (BDN).

Horned Grebe—Noteworthy were 6 west to Bill Evans L. 29 Sep (RSS**) with 3 still there 27 Oct (RSS). High count was 10 at Conchas L. 11 Nov (MOH).

Eared Grebe—Four ads. were on nests at Clovis 28 Aug (WFW). In *Colfax*, 13 nests were at Maxwell NWR 3 Aug (DJC) and 9 nests were at Stubblefield L. 3 Aug where there were 9 additional nests plus 16 chicks 7 Aug (DJC).

Aechmophorus grebes—High migration counts were 3300 at Morgan L. 19 Nov (APN) and 3850 in the EBL-Caballo L. area 22 Nov (MLW); 56 believed to be primarily **Westerns** were on nests at EBL 24 Sep (CMR). Both **Western** and **Clark's** were nesting and/or tending chicks at Stubblefield L. in Aug (DJC). A **Clark's** pair with 4 chicks was at Bosque NWR 1 Aug (CGL).

American White Pelican—Noteworthy for the southwest were 5 at Lordsburg 22-25 Sep (JRO).

American Bittern—Noteworthy were singles in *Grant* near Riverside 7 Oct (RSS, CLH) and near Mesilla 19 Oct (JD) & 18 Nov (DJG, LKM).

Great Egret—For the second consecutive year, one was north to Navajo Dam, *San Juan* 28 Oct (B. Wegener *fide* TR) & 5 Nov (JR). Other singles were north to Santa Rosa L. 9 Sep (JEP) and near Taiban 19 Sep (WFW); 40 at EBL 12 Aug (JEP) was the high count.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron—An imm. was north to Tramperos Cr., s. *Union* 16 Oct (WFW). An ad. and an imm. were at Tatum 8 Sep (JEP*).

White Ibis—An ad. was north to French L near Cimarron 29 Aug-5 Sep (DJC**).

White-faced Ibis—Last reported were 3 at Sunland Park 24 Nov (JEP) and 2 at BLNWR 29 Nov (JMH).

Turkey Vulture—Peak roost counts were 160 at Percha SP 6 Oct (DLH) and 402 on three communication towers at Carlsbad 3 Oct (SW).

Swallow-tailed Kite—One was with 3 Mississippi Kites at Portales 28 Aug (GSK*).

White-tailed Kite—Two were at Cloverdale 18 Aug (JRO**) and singles were at Rodeo 4 Aug (JEP, JRO), near Hermanas 8 Nov (RAM), and at Las Cruces 13 Nov (JD).

Bald Eagle—Noteworthy for *Roosevelt* was an imm. at NRT 21 Oct (JEP*, JRO).

Cooper's Hawk—One entered the entrance to Carlsbad Cavern 18 Oct, where it chased and caught a Cave Swallow (SW).

Northern Goshawk—An ad. was in the Burro Mts. 9 Sep (DJG), where seldom reported recently.

Common Black-Hawk—Wandering singles were in the Animas Valley 24 Sep (JRO) and at Rattlesnake Springs 8 Oct (MJB).

Red-shouldered Hawk—An ad. was at Rattlesnake Springs on various dates 24 Aug-1 Oct (RHD*, CGL*, SW*, J. A. Burns*, JPB**); subspecific determination is under review.

Gray Hawk—One to 2 were at three Animas Valley sites 11-18 Aug & 23 Sep (JRO**) and, continuing from summer, one was at Rodeo 2 Aug-1 Oct (REW*, WFW*); 2 or more were in the New Mexico portion of Guadalupe Canyon 2-8 Aug (WFW, DJK, NSC, SWC).

Broad-winged Hawk—Nine passed the Capilla Peak, Manzano Mts. hawkwatch site 23 Sep-5 Oct (HWI). Elsewhere, singles were at LVNWR 2 Sep (CMR*), Portales 7 Oct (GSK), L. Avalon 7 Oct (SW*), and Rodeo 15 Oct (REW**).

Zone-tailed Hawk—One was near Radium Springs 27-30 Aug (MTS, JEZ**).

Merlin—Some 23 were counted at Capilla Peak 16 Sep-5 Nov (HWI). One to 2 were reported at 20 additional locales nearly statewide 14 Sep-24 Nov (m.ob.).

Aplomado Falcon—Eleven captive-bred Aplomados were released at the Armendaris Ranch, *Sierra* 3 Aug (USFWS), these the vanguard of some 1500 slated for release in s. New Mexico over the next decade. All Aplomados in New Mexico, including resident (native) nesting birds and birds dispersing naturally from Mexico, were reclassified as “experimental, non-essential” under the federal Endangered Species Act, effectively removing habitat and other protections for natives.

Sandhill Crane—Unusually early were singles at San Antonio, *Socorro* 3 Sep (CMB) and Grulla NWR 10 Sep (DLH).

Whooping Crane—Five ads. were seen at Grulla NWR on the morning of 24 Oct (USFWS*); this group, on the edge of a flock of about 10,000 Sandhills, was seen on the ground and later in flight, as they left the area. Still unverified in New Mexico, this observation, together with another from the same locale in Dec 2004, suggests migrants may be expected to reoccur there in the future, as the wild flock that migrates between Canada and Texas continues to recover.

Black-bellied Plover—Surprisingly early were 2 at BLNWR 18 Aug (JEP*).

Semipalmated Plover—Late was one at Luis Lopez 27-28 Nov (JRO).

Mountain Plover—At least one was at the Moriarty turf farm 13 Sep (MJB, NDP).

Black-necked Stilt—A pair with 2 chicks at Maxwell NWR 7-12 Aug (DJC**) established a breeding first for *Colfax*.

American Avocet—Noteworthy were 2 at La Jara L., *Rio Arriba* 10 Sep (CMR). Caught by a snowstorm, a late one was swimming in an ice-choked pond at Mountainair 30 Nov (WHH**).

Willet—High counts were 9 at Stubblefield L. 14 Aug (DJC) and 11 at Sumner Dam 2 Sep (JEP). Late was one at Bosque NWR 22 Oct (BDN).

Lesser Yellowlegs—Peaked with 37 at Belen’s Taco Bell marsh 21 Sep (DLH); 17 were there 8 Oct (JEP).

Upland Sandpiper—Migrants were detected in *Harding, DeBaca, Roosevelt, Chaves, Eddy, Sierra,* and *Otero* 9 Aug-19 Sep (m.ob.). High counts were 21 in cropland near Fort Sumner 12 Aug (CMR) and 12 southwest of Orogrande, *Otero* 20 Aug (RAM); 2 were west to EBL 12 Aug (JEP).

Long-billed Curlew—Some 174 flew over Ned Houk Park 15 Oct (CMR).

Marbled Godwit—Late was one at EBL 5 Nov (CGL**).

Ruddy Turnstone—One at Morgan L. 20-21 Aug (JR, APN*) provided a *San Juan* first. Another was at Ruby Ranch north of Las Vegas 18 Sep (WFW).

Sanderling—Seldom seen in *Curry*, 3 were at Clovis 4 Sep (JEP). One was at Laguna del Perro, *Torrance* 28 Sep (JRO).

Semipalmated Sandpiper—Noteworthy west of the plains, 1-2 were at Sunland Park 26-31 Aug (JNP**) and one was at Holloman L. 24 Aug (CGL*).

Pectoral Sandpiper—High counts were 4 each at Belen 5-21 Sep (JRO, DLH) and Sunland Park 30 Sep (JNP); latest was one at Bosque NWR 29 Oct (CGL, WHH).

Dunlin—Earliest were singles at BLNWR 23 Oct (JRO) and Deming 27 Oct (LKM*); one was at Holloman L. 26-29 Nov (SW, CGL).

Short-billed Dowitcher—Rarely well documented in New Mexico, singles were at Clovis 12 Sep (JRO**) and Sunland Park 26 Aug (JNP**).

Red Phalarope—One was on a desert playa west of Santa Teresa, *Doña Ana* 24 Nov (JEP*, MTS*, JEZ*).

Franklin's Gull—A concentration of some 35 was in the Maxwell area 22 Oct (MJB, JPB, DJC).

Bonaparte's Gull—High count was 104 at Stubblefield L. 9 Nov (DJC). Noteworthy for WSMR were six at Davies Tank, *Doña Ana* 16 Nov (CGL).

California Gull—Late for the north were 4 at Farmington 18 Nov (TR), 8 at Eagle Nest L. 21 Nov (DJC), and 2 at Cochiti L. 29 Nov (NDP).

Sabine's Gull—An active season produced imms. at 10 sites in seven counties 6 Sep-17 Oct (m.ob.), including a high-elevation one at Eagle Nest L. 13 Sep (EMW**), one flying along I-25 at San Acacia, *Socorro* 6 Sep (MJB), 2 each at Stubblefield L. 25 Sep (DJC), Cochiti L. 8-9 Sep (MJB, NDP, JPB**), Santa Rosa L. 8 Sep (JRO), and Brantley L. 1 Oct (JRO**), and 3 at Deming 9 Sep (LKM**).

Black-legged Kittiwake—An imm. at Bluewater L., *Cibola* 25-27 Nov (CMR, JEP*, MOH**, CMB*, JPB**) provided the 2nd record there.

Least Tern—Late were 2 migrants at Santa Rosa L. 8 Sep (JRO).

Caspian Tern—A fair season brought singles to Sumner L. 30 Sep (JEP*) and EBL's Lion Point 25 Sep (JRO**).

Black Tern—Much in evidence nearly statewide, including highs in the east of some 300 in the Stubblefield L-Maxwell NWR area 13 Aug (JPB), 53 at Bosque NWR 20 Aug (DLH), and 32 at Weatherly L. 3 Sep (CMR). In the west were 50 at Morgan L. 10 Sep (BDN, CMR), 4 at Tyrone 5 Sep (ERL), 17 near Lordsburg 4 Aug (JPB), and 12 at Deming 8 Aug (LKM). Last was one at Bosque NWR 9 Oct (RHD).

Common Tern—One was at Stubblefield L. 4 Sep (CMR*) and singles were at Sumner L. 26 Aug-24 Sep (JEP*, CGL*, JRO, CMB*); 4 each were at EBL 25 Sep (JRO) and Brantley L. 29 Sep (JRO).

Forster's Tern—Noteworthy for *Cibola* was one at the Sky City casino 9 Sep (BDN, CMR).

Long-tailed Jaeger—A dark morph imm. at Sumner L. 25 Aug (JPB**) was found dead there 26 Aug (JPB, JEP; *** to MSB).

Band-tailed Pigeon—Nested in the Burro Mts. in Aug (DJG). Last in Post Office Canyon was one 23 Oct (CDL).

Eurasian Collared-Dove—Noteworthy at 2500 m were 20 at Eagle Nest 25 Nov (DJC).

White-winged Dove—Three were north to Clayton 30 Sep (BDN, CMR).

Inca Dove—North of usual were 2 at Logan 12 Aug (CMR) and singles at Santa Rosa 19 Sep (WFW) and San Lorenzo, *Grant* 20 Aug (DJB).

Common Ground-Dove—A pair was in Guadalupe Canyon 6 Aug (DJK). Singles were at Rattlesnake Springs 27 Aug (WFW) & 10 Sep (SW) and La Huerta near Carlsbad 27 Aug (SW).

Ruddy Ground-Dove—A female was 3 mi south of Radium Springs 4-25 Nov (MTS**, JEZ).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo—Suggestive of local summering were 2 at Velarde, *Rio Arriba* 2 Aug (RT), where the species was detected in Jun.

Greater Roadrunner—One was northwest to Farmington from 30 Aug into mid-Nov (APN) and another was at Chaco Canyon, *San Juan* in late Nov (B. Shattuck *fide* APN); singles were at Ramah L. 9 Sep (BDN, CMR) & 13 Nov (JRO).

Flammulated Owl—Noteworthy for the Peloncillo Mts. was a vocal one in Post Office Canyon 11 Oct (CDL).

Eastern Screech-Owl—One was seen and heard at Eastern New Mexico University, Portales 14 Oct (G. Bundy), but there were no additional reports from there (*fide* GSK).

Long-eared Owl—Singles where seldom reported were in the Burro Mts. 31 Aug (DJG) and the Little Hatchet Mts. 4 Nov (LKM).

Short-eared Owl—One was flushed from a grassy field near Cutter south of Engle 10 Nov (JEP, JRO).

Northern Saw-whet Owl—One was vocal in Clanton Canyon 25-26 Nov (JMB).

Lesser Nighthawk—Last was one at Las Cruces 29 Oct (DJG).

Common Poorwill—One was vocal in Clanton Canyon 13-14 Oct (JRO).

Broad-billed Hummingbird—A female/imm. was east to Carlsbad 17 Aug-28 Sep (E. Pierce *fide* SW).

Violet-crowned Hummingbird—Three were at two Guadalupe Canyon sites 2-5 Aug (MOH*, CMR, WFW).

Lucifer Hummingbird—Two or more were in Cottonwood Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. 5-18 Aug (CGL*, JRO*). High count in Post Office Canyon was 35 on 5 Sep (CDL); last was one there 11 Oct (CDL).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird—At least one imm. was at NRT 12-15 Sep (JRO**, JLD, MJB*, NDP*, CGL*), the first for that popular site.

Black-chinned Hummingbird—Late was one in the Little Hatchet Mts. 5 Nov (LKM).

Anna's Hummingbird—For the 2nd consecutive year, Anna's staged a conspicuous invasion of Post Office Canyon, increasing from 1-7 there 1 Aug-24 Sep and 13 on 27 Sep, to 39 on 30 Sep and eventually a peak of 80 on 11 Oct, then declining to 13 on 29 Oct and the last 2 on 16 Nov (CDL). Others were reported in *Grant*, *Luna*, and *Doña Ana*. Farther east, one reached Carlsbad 14 Oct (SW) and 2 were there by 30 Nov (SW); another provided a *Lea* first at Eunice 18 Nov-4 Dec (PM**).

Calliope Hummingbird—Rare in the e. plains, one was at NRT 12 Aug (CMR) and 1-2 were there 9-13 Sep (JEP, JRO).

Rufous Hummingbird—Late birds included 2 in Embudito Canyon, Sandia Mts. 29 Oct (RHD) and singles at Post Office Canyon 30 Oct (CDL) and Eunice 12 Nov (PM**), and an ad. male at Silver City 14 Nov (E. Halbedel *fide* DJB).

Elegant Trogon—A male was in the c. Peloncillo Mts. south of Skeleton Canyon 3 Aug (SOW*), where first discovered in Aug.

Acorn Woodpecker—Two persisted at Sugarite SP 1 Aug-22 Nov (DJC**, C. A. Hundertmark), and at least one was in the Gallinas Mts. near Corona 24 Aug (HRS, JDL), where first discovered in Jun.

Red-bellied Woodpecker—Found annually in New Mexico in recent years, this season a male was Conchas L. 12 Oct (NDP*, MJB**) and female/imm. was at Yeso 28-29 Sep (JRO**, JEP*).

Williamson's Sapsucker—Singles were east to Vaughn 29 Sep (JEP), Gallinas Mts. near Corona 24 Aug (HRS), and BLNWR 27 Aug (WFW). An “invasion” was evident in lower elevations and southern mountains beginning in Sep (CGL).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker—An imm. was west to Albuquerque's Kirtland AFB 17 Nov (JEP); in e. *San Miguel*, single imms. were at Conchas L. 12 Oct (MJB, NDP) and Bell Ranch 31 Oct (WFW) and an ad. male was at Trigg Ranch 10 Nov (MDM**).

Red-naped Sapsucker—In the east were 2 each at Clayton L. 30 Sep (CMR) and NRT 15 Oct (CMR).

Downy Woodpecker—One was south to WSMR headquarters, *Doña Ana* 5 Oct (CGL).

Greater Pewee—Rarely documented satisfactorily in migration, one was singing east to Radium Springs 1 Aug (MTS*, JEZ**); a silent one was in Guadalupe Canyon 5 Aug (CMR*, MOH).

Eastern Wood-Pewee—A probable one was seen and heard at Bosque Farms, *Valencia* 23 Aug (T. W. Fetz*); its vocals reportedly matched the second part of a compact disk recording of the Eastern song, and it was attacked by a Western Wood-Pewee.

Empidonax species—One at Milnesand 2-4 Sep (JRO**audio, MOH**, CGL**, JPB**, v.o.), originally thought to be another species, was ultimately suspected of being an **Acadian**; details are under review.

Least Flycatcher—Undetailed was one west to Maxwell NWR 4 Sep (CMR); farther east, 2 were reported at Seneca 3 Sep (CMR), one at Clayton L. 3 Sep (CMR), 2 or more occasionally vocal at NRT 26 Aug-10 Sep (JEP*, JPB, JRO, DLH), one calling at Boone's Draw 26 Aug (JPB), and singles at Elida 28 Aug (WFW) and Pep 8-9 Sep (JEP, JRO). Observers are requested to provide at least sketch details for this and similar species.

Dusky Flycatcher—Late singles believed to be this species were vocal individuals at Redrock 22 Oct (CGL), south of Mesilla 4 Nov (CGL), and at Bosque NWR 10 Nov (DLH*), the latter where one wintered last year.

Black Phoebe—One at the Navajo agricultural area south of Farmington 9 Sep (JR) provided a new *San Juan* locale. Present at three *Colfax* locales, including a pair with 2 fledglings on the Cimarron R. near Cimarron 9 Aug (DJC). One was northeast to Clayton L. 3 Sep (CMR).

Eastern Phoebe—Early for the southwest was one at GBA 25 Aug (RSS); one reached Post Office Canyon 5 Oct (CDL). Scarce on WSMR, one was at Davies Tank, *Doña Ana* 16 Nov (CGL).

Vermilion Flycatcher—Noteworthy were ads. with 2 fledglings at the WSMR golf course, *Doña Ana* 11 Sep (CGL, MTS, JEZ). Six were northeast to Trigg Ranch, e. *San Miguel* 14-15 Sep (MDM).

Dusky-capped Flycatcher—Late was a vocal one in Guadalupe Canyon 26 Sep (SOW, CLH).

Ash-throated Flycatcher—One was below EBL Dam 24 Sep (CMR) & 8 Oct (JRO), where one wintered last year.

Great Crested Flycatcher—One was west to Socorro 28 Aug-1 Sep (CGL**, MJB, CMR, JRO**, JPB, JWS). In the east, up to 2 were at NRT 28 Aug-15 Sep (v.o., JEP*, JRO**) and singles were at Sumner Dam 15 Sep (JRO**), Clovis 8 Sep (JEP), Boone's Draw 2 Sep (CGL), Pep 8 Sep (JEP), and Rattlesnake Springs 4 Sep (CGL).

Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher—A possible one was “heard clearly” at the Heart Bar Ranch's Little Cr.-Gila R. junction, s. *Catron* 10 Aug (JP*). Of interest was one in the Arizona portion of Guadalupe Canyon 5 Aug (MOH).

Cassin's Kingbird—An abundance of grasshoppers encouraged several to linger at Tyrone, where there were 8 on 22 Oct and 2 on 29 Oct (ERL).

Thick-billed Kingbird—One was in upper Guadalupe Canyon 5-6 Aug (MOH*, CMR, DJK), where scarce in recent years.

Western Kingbird—Unusual for the elevation was one at Eagle Nest 2 Sep (DJC).

Eastern Kingbird—Noteworthy was one at Abo, *Torrance* 27 Aug (DLH).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher—Far west was one 3.3 mi south of Mangas Springs, *Grant* 22 Aug (E. G. Wootten*).

[Rose-throated Becard]—Tantalizing was one heard in the Arizona portion of Guadalupe Canyon within 230 m of the state line 5 Aug (MOH, CMR) and 6 Aug (DJK); the species is unconfirmed in New Mexico.

Loggerhead Shrike—Extended breeding was evidenced by an ad. feeding a recent fledgling at Clayton 30 Sep (CMR).

Northern Shrike—Earliest were in e. *San Miguel* with an ad. and an imm. at Bell Ranch 31 Oct (WFW) and a imm. at Trigg Ranch 10 Nov (MDM); singles were at Maxwell NWR 13 & 26 Nov (DJC) and Pilar, *Taos* 17 Nov (RT).

White-eyed Vireo—One was singing below EBL Dam 30 Oct-1 Nov (DJC).

Bell's Vireo—A bright one at NRT 26 Aug (JPB, JEP*) was believed to be the eastern subspecies *V. b. bellii*. Singing individuals were at four Guadalupe Canyon sites on the late date of 26 Sep (SOW, CLH).

Gray Vireo—Noteworthy were one seen and heard at Sandia Park 5 Aug (R. L. Floyd*) and one singing on Jack's Peak, Burro Mts. 1 Sep (DJG).

Blue-headed Vireo—Confusion between Blue-headed and bright Cassin's vireos remains a field identification problem, with few Blue-headed reports supported by adequate details. This season, an early Blue-headed was detailed at Pep 2-3 Sep (JRO, JEP*); possible others (with marginal details) were singles at Sumner Dam 15 Oct (JPB*), RGNC 12 Sep (D. Paez*), and Deming 30 Sep (CGL*).

Philadelphia Vireo—A bright ad. was nicely documented at Ute L. 7 Sep (DJC**); a “drab ad.” was at NRT 15 Oct (JPB*).

Red-eyed Vireo—Singles were at Vaughn 31 Aug & 4 Sep (JRO), NRT 7 & 14 Sep (MJB, NDP, JRO), Boone’s Draw 2 Sep (CGL), Pep 12 Sep (JRO), and Tatum 7 Sep (MJB, NDP).

Blue Jay—Much in evidence in the Cimarron-Maxwell area, including one at Cimarron 30 Sep (EMW**), 4 at Maxwell 3 Oct (DJC**), and 7 in one tree on Ponil Cr. 11 Nov (DJC**). One was in downtown Albuquerque 24 Oct (DLH).

Pinyon Jay—Unusually prevalent in the Gila Valley, including some 200 at GBA 3 & 17 Nov (RSS).

Clark’s Nutcracker—Far beyond expected range were 2 on Jack’s Peak, Burro Mts. 12 Oct (DJG).

American Crow—Invaded the Mesilla Valley in Oct, with some 1500 estimated there by 4 Nov (CGL) and over 4000 reported 7 Nov (JD).

Common Raven—Ten near Queen, *Eddy* 21 Oct (*fide* SW) was considered a large number for the Guadalupe Mts.

Purple Martin—Migrants were a male at San Juan bridge 30 Aug (MDM) and a female/imm. near Radium Springs 4 Aug (MTS, JEZ).

Bank Swallow—Noteworthy was one near Post Office Canyon 10 Aug (CDL).

Cave Swallow—Lingering late were some 500 at CCNP 26 Oct (SW); last were about 100 there 31 Oct (SW).

Black-capped Chickadee—South in the RGV were singles at Bernardo 9 Oct (DLH) and La Joya WMA 5 Nov (DLH).

Juniper Titmouse—Rare away from preferred pinyon-juniper habitat, 1-2 were at Socorro’s New Mexico Tech University 8 Oct (JWS) & 3-8 Nov (*fide* HRS).

Cactus Wren—In the e. Albuquerque foothills were one in Embudo Canyon 27 Aug (CMR) and 2 at the Copper St. trailhead 6 Oct (CMB).

Carolina Wren—One was singing at Sulphur Canyon Picnic Area, Sandia Mts. 18-29 Aug (CMB*, JEP*, JPB).

Winter Wren—A good season found singles in Cimarron Canyon 11 Nov-1 Dec (DJC**) and north of San Jon 3 Nov (CMR) and 1-2 at NRT 14-15 Oct (JEP*, JPB*, JRO, MOH, CMR).

American Dipper—Out of place in the lower RGV was one at Percha SP 21 Oct (CMR, BDN) through Nov (CGL, JRO**, JEP).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher—Late were 2 in the upper RGV at Orilla Verde CG, *Taos* 17 Nov (RT).

Black-tailed Gnatcatcher—Two were banded at Bosque NWR 18 Nov (NSC, SWC).

Black-capped Gnatcatcher—The state-first pair in Guadalupe Canyon in Jul nested successfully, with the ads. tending up to 3 fledglings 5-8 Aug (MOH*, CMR**, DJK*, NSC*, SWC*).

Eastern Bluebird—Two strayed to Columbus 25 Nov (JRO).

Western Bluebird—East were 4 at Clovis 15 Oct (JRO) and one at NRT 21 Oct (JEP*, JRO).

Varied Thrush—Undetailed was one at Corrales 7 Nov (T. Brownell *fide* PRS).

Gray Catbird—Single migrants were at Ned Houk Park 15 Oct (CMR) and Tatum 13 Oct (JEP).

Brown Thrasher—Singles where seldom reported were 5 mi southwest of Estancia 21 Oct (DLH) and at Cedar Crest 24 Nov-1 Dec (JDL).

Curve-billed Thrasher—Beyond historic range were a pair—one carrying food—in lower Bluewater Gorge, *Cibola* 12 Aug (JAT) and a pair at French L., *Colfax* 16 Nov (DJC**).

Crissal Thrasher—One was east to BLNWR 18 Oct (JMH).

Sprague's Pipit—“Flyovers” heard in the east were one at Sumner Dam 14 Oct (JEP), singles at NRT 5 & 7 Oct (DLH, JEP*) and 2 there 21 Oct (JEP). Farther west, 1-2 were south of Engle 28-29 Oct (JEP, CGL*), up to 5 were in the w. Uvas Valley, *Doña Ana* 21 Oct (CMR, BDN), and 3 were near Hermanas 24 Nov (LKM*).

Cedar Waxwing—Suggestive of local nesting were 11, including at least 2 young, at San Juan bridge 4 Aug (MDM).

Phainopepla—A successful nest near Galisteo established breeding in *Santa Fe*, with a pair feeding 2 nestlings 8 Aug (LAS) & 13 Aug (CMR) and tending 2 fledglings 24 Aug (LAS).

Olive Warbler—In the Peloncillo Mts. were one in upper Clanton Canyon 5 Aug (JRO), one heard at Geronimo Tank 12 Nov (CGL) and a male seen near Blackwater Hole 12 Nov (CGL).

Tennessee Warbler—Scarce in New Mexico, one was at Tatum 8 Sep (JEP).

Lucy's Warbler—Far north was one at Ramah L. 15 Aug (JAT), apparently a first for *McKinley*. Late were singles at Radium Springs 1 Oct (MTS, JEZ), Deming 7 Oct (CGL), and Percha SP 21 Oct (CMR*).

Northern Parula—Singles were a young male at Santa Fe 10 Oct (JPB**), an ad. male at Bosque NWR 1 Sep (JPB), a male at NRT 30 Sep-7 Oct (JEP*, MJB, NDP), and one at Pep 8-9 Sep (JEP*, JRO**).

Chestnut-sided Warbler—Single likely females were at NRT 2-3 Sep (JEP*, JRO**, CGL) and 7 Oct (JEP*, MDM); an imm. was at Ute L. 14 Sep (DJC).

Magnolia Warbler—Singles were at Cochiti village 16-17 Oct (MLW*, WFW*), Madrid 21-25 Oct (LAS**), and Tatum 1 Oct (MJB*, NDP).

Black-throated Blue Warbler—Single males were at Cedar Hill, *San Juan* 25 Oct (J. Wells* *fide* TR) and Cochiti village 1-8 Oct (MLW*) and a female was 6 mi north of San Jon 12 Oct (MJB, NDP); a male was at NRT 5-7 Oct (DLH, JEP*, MDM) and a female was there 14 Oct (JEP*).

Black-throated Gray Warbler—One strayed east to Pep 12 Sep (JRO); late was one below Caballo Dam 22 Nov (NDP).

Hermit Warbler—Relatively plentiful in the Burro Mts., including single males 10 & 11 Aug, 2 females 12 Aug, about 6 on 25 Aug, and 3 on 1 Sep (DJG). In the Peloncillo Mts., 11 were counted in the Post Office Canyon area 13 Aug-22 Sep, including 3 on 16 Aug (CDL), one was in Skeleton Canyon and 2 were in Pine Canyon 20 Aug (CGL*) and 2 were in Clanton Canyon 12 Aug (JRO**) where 3 were found 26 Aug (JRO**).

Blackburnian Warbler—A young female was at NRT 13 Oct (JEP*, MJB*, NDP).

Palm Warbler—One of the western race was at L. Roberts 26 Oct (ERL*).

Blackpoll Warbler—A young female was at NRT 10 Sep (MJH*).

Black-and-white Warbler—Singles were at Clayton L. 3 Sep (CMR), Ute L. 7 Sep (DJC), and Elida 28 Aug (WFW) and one or more were at NRT 7-23 Sep (m.ob.).

American Redstart—Made an impressive showing, with numerous reports from 13 sites in 11 counties (*Rio Arriba, Sandoval, Sierra, Santa Fe, Torrance, Colfax, DeBaca, Roosevelt, Chaves, Eddy, and Lea*) from the RGV eastward 26 Aug-12 Oct (m.ob.). Early and west was an ad. male at Gila Cliff Dwellings, *Catron* 10 Aug (JP*). Late was one near Cimarron 18 Nov (DJC**).

Prothonotary Warbler—Single males were at Madrid 28 Sep-7 Oct (LAS**) and Sumner Dam 3 Sep (JPB*, MJB*).

Ovenbird—Singles were at NRT on various dates 1 Sep-7 Oct (v.o., CGL**).

Wilson's Warbler—Late was a male at Radium Springs 18 Nov (MTS, JEZ).

Canada Warbler—One photographed at Socorro 30 Aug (G. J. Parker, JRO**, CMR**, BDN*, MOH*, MJB*, NDP*) provided New Mexico's 4th certain record.

Red-faced Warbler—North were singles in upper Diener Canyon, Zuni Mts. 12 Aug (JAT) and in the Datil Mts. west of Datil 8 Aug (JLD *fide* MJH).

Summer Tanager—Single orange-tinged females at Percha SP 9 Sep (CGL*) and Carlsbad 8-9 Oct (SW*) may have been the eastern subspecies.

Scarlet Tanager—A female was at the Conchas L. golf course 3 Oct (WFW).

Western Tanager—Some 41 were counted in one linear mile at Corrales 3 Sep (DJK).

Canyon Towhee—Late was an ad. with begging young in Post Office Canyon 6 Nov (CDL).

Abert's Towhee—Four were at San Simon Cienega, *Hidalgo* 30 Nov (JPB).

Cassin's Sparrow—Generous rains encouraged late breeding on Otero Mesa, where one was carrying food 25 Sep (DJG).

Botteri's Sparrow—Away from the Animas Valley were one singing north of Rodeo 11 Aug (DJK) and 2 singing along Stateline Road west of Rodeo 4-5 Aug (CGL).

Clay-colored Sparrow—Unusually prevalent in the east, including 58 at Mt. Dora, *Union* plus 21 at Clayton L. 3 Sep (CMR). Several were w. to Rodeo 2 Sep-31 Oct, including a high 12 on 8 Oct (REW**).

Field Sparrow—One was at Clayton L. 30 Sep (BDN, CMR).

Black-chinned Sparrow—Singing in the Peloncillo Mts. was last heard 3 Nov (CDL).

Lark Bunting—Migrants included 1200 near Arch, *Roosevelt* 9 Sep (DLH).

Baird's Sparrow—One at Wimberly Ranch, Otero Mesa 20 Sep (DJG) provided the lone report.

Fox Sparrow—One “likely slate” reached Los Lunas 1 Oct (CMR).

Harris's Sparrow—One at Post Office Canyon 23 Nov+ (CDL) was a local first.

Yellow-eyed Junco—A minimum of 4 or 5 pairs were in the Burro Mts. in Aug, and breeding was documented (DJG*); *dorsalis* “**Gray-headed**” **Junco** pairs were also present and nesting there (DJG).

McCown's Longspur—Earliest were 2 in *Union* 30 Sep (BDN, CMR).

Lapland Longspur—Historically scarce in New Mexico, Laplands were reported at six *Colfax* sites (DJC, JEP), including a remarkable 200 at Springer L. 23 Nov (DJC**).

Northern Cardinal—Maintaining their Santa Rosa presence, 2 were at the Pecos R. bridge and another was 5 mi south of town 19 Sep (WFW).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak—A male was west to Clanton Canyon 11 Aug (JRO**); in the east, singles were at Clayton L. 3 Sep (CMR) and BLNWR 8 Oct (MJB, NDP).

Lazuli Bunting—An impressive 25 were at Rodeo 14 Aug (JRO); very late was an ad. male at GBA 3 Nov (RSS).

Painted Bunting—Passed through Rodeo 4-26 Aug (REW, JRO, JEP), including a high 6 on 12 Aug (REW*). Noteworthy in the east were singles at Mesa Rest Area, n. *Chaves* 19 Aug (JEP), Milnesand 7 Sep (NDP), and Pep 9 Sep (JRO), 2 at Bosque NWR 3 Aug (CGL) and 3 at Percha SP 9 Sep (CGL).

Rusty Blackbird—Two were at Ute L 18 Nov (DJC**), where also present last year.

Common Grackle—Late for the north was a male at Maxwell 16-30 Nov (DJC); west were 5 west of Datil 19 Oct (MJH).

Orchard Oriole—Noteworthy for the lower RGV were an ad. male at Radium Springs 4 Aug (MTS, JEZ) and a female there 7 Sep (MTS, JEZ**).

Baltimore Oriole—An ad. male was at Milnesand 3 Sep (JEP*, JRO**) and another was 5 mi south of Portales 12 Sep (JRO**).

Scott's Oriole—Late was a male in the Peloncillo Mts. 13 Nov (CDL).

Rosy-Finch—Five returned to Sandia Crest 2 Nov (*fide* NSC, SWC), where up to 90 mostly **Blacks** were present 26 Nov (NSC, SWC).

Cassin's Finch—Among the few reports were 7 in the Burro Mts. 12 Oct (DJG) and 3 there 29 Nov (JPB).

Red Crossbill—Few were reported; noteworthy were 6 in the Gallinas Mts. near Corona 24 Aug (HRS) and a pair with nesting material in the Burro Mts. 12 Aug (DJG).

American Goldfinch—Additional evidence of New Mexico breeding was provided by 2 ads. feeding 2 begging juvs. at San Juan Pueblo bridge 4 Aug (MDM), ads. with dependent young at three Vermejo Ranch sites near Cimarron 28 Aug-19 Sep (DJC), and apparently at Sugarite SP, where a territorial male was present 1 & 18 Aug and a male was followed by 2 begging juvs. 16 Sep (DJC).

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NMOSFN 44(4):60 (Autumn 2005): The reports of Blue Jays seen at Spring Canyon SP 19 Sep 2005 and Trigg Ranch 15 Sep 2005 are in error and actually refer to Pinyon Jays in both instances.

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