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Front Cover: Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (*Empidonax flaviventris*) southwest of Portales at Boone's Draw, Roosevelt County, New Mexico, 9 September 2011; one of five netted there this September (see page 59). Photograph by Nicholas D. Pederson.

Back Cover: Juvenile Black-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*) west of Melrose at the "north Roosevelt trap," Roosevelt County, New Mexico, 30 September 2011 (see page 57). Photograph by Jerry R. Oldenettel.

AUTUMN SEASON 2011

Environmental conditions throughout New Mexico, already grim through the summer, continued so into autumn 2011, with record or near record dry conditions statewide. The drought centered in the southern Great Plains may have been responsible for forcing many migrants west into New Mexico, where numbers and diversity of typically scarce vagrants were extraordinary. Some 38 species of warblers were found, and record numbers of such species as Black-billed Cuckoo and Yellow-bellied Flycatcher were documented. A banding program southwest of Portales at Boone's Draw, conducted by Matt Baumann and Nick Pederson, added much to our understanding of migration through the state's eastern plains.

Localities and Counties

Acomita Lake, <i>Cibola</i>	Guadalupe Canyon, <i>Hidalgo</i>
Alameda, <i>Bernalillo</i>	Hachita, <i>Grant</i>
Albuquerque, <i>Bernalillo</i>	Hermanas, <i>Luna</i>
Animas, Valley, <i>Hidalgo</i>	Hobbs, <i>Lea</i>
Belen, <i>Valencia</i>	Isleta Pueblo, <i>Bernalillo/Valencia</i>
Bernalillo, <i>Sandoval</i>	Jal Lake, <i>Lea</i>
Bitter Lake NWR, <i>Chaves</i>	La Joya WMA, <i>Socorro</i>
Bluewater Lake, <i>McKinley/Cibola</i>	Lake Avalon, <i>Eddy</i>
Boone's Draw, <i>Roosevelt</i>	Las Cruces, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Bosque del Apache NWR, <i>Socorro</i>	Las Vegas, NWR, <i>San Miguel</i>
Bosque Redondo, <i>De Baca</i>	La Union, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Bottomless Lakes SP, <i>Chaves</i>	Lordsburg, Playa, <i>Hidalgo</i>
Brantley Lake, <i>Eddy</i>	Los Alamos, <i>Los Alamos</i>
Burro Mts., <i>Grant</i>	Lovington, <i>Lea</i>
Caballo Lake, Dam, <i>Sierra</i>	Maljamar, <i>Lea</i>
Carlsbad Caverns NP, <i>Eddy</i>	Maxwell, NWR, <i>Colfax</i>
Carrizozo, <i>Lincoln</i>	Mesa Rest Area, <i>Chaves</i>
Cerrillos, <i>Santa Fe</i>	Mesilla, Dam, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Cherry Lake, <i>Mora</i>	Mesilla Valley SP, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Clayton, Lake, <i>Union</i>	Milnesand, <i>Roosevelt</i>
Clovis, <i>Curry</i>	Mountainair, <i>Torrance</i>
Cochiti, Lake, Dam, Town, <i>Sandoval</i>	Ned Houk Park, <i>Curry</i>
Conchas Lake, Dam, <i>San Miguel</i>	north <i>Roosevelt</i> trap, <i>Roosevelt</i>
Corona, <i>Lincoln</i>	Oasis SP, <i>Roosevelt</i>
Corrales, <i>Sandoval</i>	Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo, <i>Rio Arriba</i>
Deming, <i>Luna</i>	Otto, <i>Santa Fe</i>
Elephant Butte, Lake, Dam, <i>Sierra</i>	Peloncillo Mts., <i>Hidalgo</i>
El Rito, <i>Rio Arriba</i>	Percha SP, <i>Sierra</i>
Embudito Canyon, <i>Bernalillo</i>	Portales, <i>Roosevelt</i>
Encino, <i>Torrance</i>	Post Office (P.O.) Canyon, <i>Hidalgo</i>
Española, <i>Rio Arriba</i>	Quemado Lake, <i>Catron</i>
Eunice, <i>Lea</i>	Radium Springs, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Florida Mts., <i>Luna</i>	Rattlesnake Springs, <i>Eddy</i>
Fort Stanton, <i>Lincoln</i>	Red Lake, <i>Lincoln</i>
Galisteo, <i>Santa Fe</i>	Rio Grande Nature Center, <i>Bernalillo</i>
Gila Bird Area, <i>Grant</i>	Road Forks, <i>Hidalgo</i>
Granite Gap Preserve, <i>Hidalgo</i>	Rodeo, <i>Hidalgo</i>

Roswell, *Chaves*
 Ruidoso, *Lincoln*
 San Antonio, *Socorro*
 Sandia Crest, Park, *Bernalillo*
 Sandia Mts., *Sandoval/Bernalillo*
 Sandia Pueblo, *Sandoval*
 San Ildefonso Pueblo, *Santa Fe*
 San Patricio, *Lincoln*
 San Simon Cienega, *Hidalgo*
 San Ysidro, *Sandoval*
 Santa Fe, *Santa Fe*
 Santa Rosa, Lake, *Guadalupe*
 Santa Teresa, *Doña Ana*
 Sevilleta NWR, *Socorro*
 Silver City, *Grant*
 Six Mile Dam, *Eddy*
 Socorro, *Socorro*

Springer Lake, *Colfax*
 Stanley, *Santa Fe*
 Stubblefield Lake, *Colfax*
 Sumner Lake, Dam, *De Baca*
 Sunland Park, *Doña Ana*
 Tatum, *Lea*
 Texico, *Curry*
 Tinaja, *Colfax*
 Tolar, *Roosevelt*
 Truth or Consequences, *Sierra*
 Tucumcari, *Quay*
 Tyrone, *Grant*
 Ute Lake, *Quay*
 Vaughn, *Guadalupe*
 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	♂	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)	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		
RGNC	Rio Grande Nature Center		

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SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck—Two ads. were at the Clovis treatment ponds 29 Aug (SDC**) through 21 Nov (m.ob., JRO**, NEH**, JPB**, CJW**, LL**).

Greater White-fronted Goose—Where seldom reported were 8 at Sumner L. 27 Nov (CMR), one at Mountainair 14-17 Nov (WFWi), and 12 at Clovis 28 Oct (JRO).

Trumpeter Swan—Reports are on the rise in New Mexico; this season found an ad. and imm. at Clayton L. 23 Nov (DEW**) and 5 imms. at BLNWR 20-21 Nov (JIS**).

Tundra Swan—One at LVNWR's Crane L. 10 Nov (CR) provided the only report.

Gadwall—Noteworthy for *Cibola* were two broods at Acomita L. 13 Aug (CMR).

“Mexican” Duck—Dispersing into the mountains with the summer rains, 2 were at a P.O. Canyon rain pool 15 Aug (CDL).

Greater Scaup—A ♀ was w. to Bluewater L., *Cibola* 19-20 Nov (JEP, MJB, NDP, CMR, JRO**); a ♂ was at Bosque NWR 24 Nov (WHH*).

Surf Scoter—A record season began with a ♀ at Bosque NWR 22-30 Oct (J. Henley, SMF**), one at Clovis 28 Oct (WFWi, JRO**), and 3 at Red L. n. of Carrizozo 30 Oct (JRO**), followed by 2 at Maxwell NWR 5 Nov (JEP*, JRO**), 3 each at LVNWR 6 Nov (SMF**) and Quemado L. 16 Nov (WFWi), and an ad. ♂ at Bosque NWR 17-19 Nov (RLV**, m.ob., MLW**, BRF**).

White-winged Scoter—Two reached Ohkay Owingeh ponds 22 Oct (L. Seth**) and one was at Clayton L. 28-29 Nov (WFWi**, DLW).

Black Scoter—A ♀ at Brantley L. 24-26 Nov (JRO**, JEP*, CMR*, RLV**) provided the 3rd recent *Eddy* record and the 14th overall for New Mexico.

Long-tailed Duck—A “flock” of 3 was at Cochiti L. 5-6 Nov (WHH*, DJK). One was at EBL 24 Nov (DJC**).

Common Goldeneye—One was early at Cochiti L. 20 Aug (WHH**).

Barrow's Goldeneye—A ♀ at Maxwell NWR 12 Nov (PMB) provided the lone report.

Hooded Merganser—A flock of 57 was at Sumner L. 27 Nov (CMR); one was at Clovis 18 Nov (JEP).

Red-breasted Merganser—Three reached Stubblefield L. by 29 Oct (JEP); 2 were w. to Bluewater L., *Cibola* 19 Nov (JEP, MJB, NDP), 3 were at Red L., *Lincoln* 12 Nov (JRO, NDP), and a high 34 were at Brantley L. 26 Nov (JEP).

Ruddy Duck—An impressive 3000 were at L. Avalon 1 Oct (BRF).

Scaled Quail—Late breeders, likely owing to spring-early summer drought, were a pair with 4 small chicks at Elephant Butte 27 Aug (DJC) and a ♀ with 2 small chicks at San Luis, *Sandoval* 5 Sep (WHH).

Northern Bobwhite—Up to 15 at La Union 5 Aug-2 Oct (JG, DAB) were far beyond native range and judged to be released/escaped birds.

[**Chukar**]—Three escapees were near Mountainair 27 Nov (MJB, NDP, CJW**); there are no known self-sustaining populations in New Mexico.

Lesser Prairie-Chicken—A survey near drought-stricken Milnesand found only 71 birds 15 Oct, down from 288 counted in the same area last Oct (P. McDaniel).

Common Loon—Unseasonal were singles at Bottomless Lakes SP 20-21 Aug (TBG) and Stubblefield L. 27 Aug (CMR*).

Pied-billed Grebe—Scarce in *Los Alamos*, one was at Bandelier NM 19 Oct (SMF**).

Horned Grebe—Earliest was one at Española 23 Oct (BRF**); high counts were 7 at Sumner L. (CMR) and 5 at Brantley L. (MJB, NDP) 27 Nov.

Red-necked Grebe—One at Bluewater L. 19-20 Nov (MJB**, NDP*, JEP*, JRO**, NEH**) provided the 2nd report and 1st verified for *Cibola*.

Clark's Grebe—An ad. was on a nest at LVNWR's Crane L. 27 Aug (CMR).

Neotropic Cormorant—Single ads. were ne. to Clovis 9 Sep-7 Oct (JEP, MJB, NDP, DLH, CMR*) and nw. to Acomita L. 13 Aug (CMR*).

Double-crested Cormorant—Two flying over NRT 6 Aug (LKM) were a local first.

American White Pelican—Scarce in *Lincoln*, 72 were at Red L. 14 Oct (WFWi**). Late for the n. were 17 at San Ildefonso 8 Nov (E. MacKerrow**).

Brown Pelican—Absent from EBL since the Feb 2011 freeze, at least one ad. was there 4-20 Aug (DJC**, JEP, CJW) and 2 ads. were there 27 Aug (JEP, MJB, NDP); presumably another ad. was at Caballo L. 25 Aug (DJC) and again on 9 Nov (DJC**). Noteworthy for *Grant* was an ad. on Bill Evans L. 12-13 Oct (K. Muller, RSS**).

American Bittern—One was at BLNWR 20 Nov (WFWe).

Least Bittern—Rare in *Doña Ana*, one was at Mesilla Dam 3 Aug (KBO).

Great Egret—One was n. to Cherry L. 30 Oct (JPB). A high 180 were at Caballo L. 5 Sep (DJC).

Little Blue Heron—An ad. at EBL 20 Aug (CJW) provided the only report.

Tricolored Heron—Singles were at three Pecos Valley sites: an imm. at Bosque Redondo 20 Aug-5 Sep (JEP*, m.ob., JRO**, NDP**), an imm. at BLNWR 6 Aug (JEP*), and one at L. Avalon 24 Aug (SW).

Reddish Egret—Nicely documented was an imm. at Ute L. 9 Aug (WFWi**).

Cattle Egret—High count at Belen was 327 on 24 Sep (DLH), where 130 persisted 5 Oct (ERL). Late were up to 2 near Bernalillo 20-24 Nov (WHH**, CMR).

Green Heron—One was below EBL Dam 23 Nov (DJC).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron—Another strong season, with single imms. along the Gallinas R. at Las Vegas 13 Aug (L. Dominguez, D. Obelkevich**), Bosque NWR 15 Aug (NEH**), and Ute Cr. arm of Ute L., *Harding* 10 Oct (DLH*).

White Ibis—Unreported since 2006, a late ad. was at BLNWR 4-30 Nov (RH**, JIS**, JEP*, JRO**, WFWi**, MJB**, NDP*, CJW**).

White-faced Ibis—Up to 2 lingered at BLNWR 23-24 Nov (JIS, JRO).

[Black Vulture]—One was in the Arizona portion of Guadalupe Canyon, 2 km from the state line, 7 Aug (REW); there is but one confirmed New Mexico record.

Swallow-tailed Kite—Providing a *Bernalillo* 1st, the 2nd for New Mexico in 2011, and the 4th state record in the past three years, one in Albuquerque's South Valley 31 Aug (J. Hartzen*, D. Landau*) was relocated and seen by many 14-16 Sep (R. Purvis, CMB, m.ob., NDP**, MJB**, CJW**, RLV**, JPB**).

White-tailed Kite—One was near the Truth or Consequences airport 25 Oct (L. Halsey); singles in more regular areas were at Mesilla Valley SP 3-21 Aug (KBO*, CJG) and Rodeo 25 Sep (REW).

Mississippi Kite—An ad. was feeding a fledgling at Corrales 28 Aug (CLH). Up to 2 were n. to Clayton 2-14 Aug (DLH, DLW) and one was w. to the Gila R. below Riverside, *Grant* 13 Sep (R. Greenspun).

Common Black-Hawk—Single migrants were at Quemado L. 11 Sep (CLH*), Percha SP 15-18 Sep (CJG**, SW), and GGP 28 Sep (TBG*). Lingering summering birds were 2 s. of Santa Rosa 5 Oct (WFWe), Isleta bridge 3 Oct (DLH), and GBA 13 Oct (RSS).

Red-shouldered Hawk—An imm. was at the Texico marsh 11 Sep (DLH*); this bird roosted at adjacent Farwell, Texas, where photographed 29 Aug (SDC**). Another imm. was at Prairie Haven Cemetery, Hobbs 30 Sep (JRO**).

Broad-winged Hawk—One was w. to Zuni's Blackrock bosque 28 Sep (JAT*). A juv. was at Boone's Draw 7 Oct (JEP*).

Gray Hawk—Continuing reports from Guadalupe Canyon 12 Aug (JEP) and the Rattlesnake Springs area 4-6 Sep (CJW, JWS).

Swainson's Hawk—A flock of 120 was in a plowed field near Texico 11 Sep (CMR); other migrant flocks included 89 at Encino 2 Oct (DLH) and 52 at Hachita 3 Sep (DLH).

Zone-tailed Hawk—Singles were in the Sacramento Mts. at San Patricio and Monjeau Lookout, *Lincoln* 1 Sep (WFWe) and near Elk, *Chaves* 11 Sep (SW). Noteworthy was one over Deming 8 Sep (LKM).

Rough-legged Hawk—Singles were s. to Brantley L. (JEP, WFWi, CMR) and Jal L. (CMR*) 26 Nov.

Merlin—Earliest was one at NRT 23 Sep (JEP).

Virginia Rail—Migrants where seldom reported were singles at Tyrone 18 Sep (ERL) and near Ruidoso 9 Oct (CMR).

Sora—High counts for migrants were 30 at Six Mile Dam 22 Sep (SW) and 10 or more at Tatum 2 Oct (CMR); one was downed by a rainstorm in grassland on Albuquerque's West Mesa 6 Aug (J. Egbert).

American Coot—An aerial survey counted 24,980 in ne. New Mexico 11 Oct, including 10,000 at Stubblefield L. (MLW).

Sandhill Crane—Three reached BLNWR by 21 Sep (JIS), where a record 30,020 were counted 27 Oct (JIS); some 5000 were at Caballo L. 26 Oct (DJC).

Black-bellied Plover—Providing a first for *Santa Fe* was a bright ad. near Otto 15 Sep (WFWi*, RC, JPB**). One to 3 were at EBL's Monticello Point on various dates 13 Aug-21 Nov (DJC). Three were at a Santa Teresa turf farm 3 Nov (DAB**).

American Golden-Plover—A good season found a bright ad. at EBL 4 Aug (DJC*), a molting ad. at BLNWR 31 Aug (WFWe*), and a single heard at Cochiti L. 7 Oct (WHH*); 3 juvs were at the Clovis treatment ponds 14 Oct (MJB*, CJW**).

Snowy Plover—An ad. with 3 small chicks was at EBL's Monticello Point 27 Aug (MJB*, NDP*).

Killdeer—A flock of 213 was roosting on a sandbar at Bosque Redondo 11 Sep (DLH).

Black-necked Stilt—Noteworthy for *Harding* were 3 on Ute Cr. 16 Aug (WFWi).

American Avocet—A pair with 3 chicks was at EBL 7 Aug (DJC**). Late for the n. were singles at Cochiti L. 30 Oct (WHH**) and at Maxwell NWR 23 Nov (DJK, JMR); 12 were still at EBL 28 Nov (DJC).

Greater Yellowlegs—Lingering in the n. was one at Maxwell NWR 23 Nov (DJK, JMR). The 15 at BLNWR 25 Nov (JEP) provided a high count for late Nov.

Lesser Yellowlegs—Late were up to 2 at EBL 19-21 Nov (JEP, DJC).

Upland Sandpiper—West of usual were 2 at LVNWR 27 Aug (CMR*) and one at La Joya WMA 1 Sep (HT*). Earliest were 2 near Clayton 4 Aug (DLH); high count was 6 at Bosque Redondo 5 Sep (DJK).

Whimbrel—A good season, with one near Otto 21 Aug (RC), 2 at the Lordsburg Playa 21 Aug (DJG) & 27 Aug (KBO), 3 at BLNWR 31 Aug (WFWe), and 2 at Bosque Redondo 5 Sep (DJK).

Long-billed Curlew—One at Santa Teresa was feasting on tadpoles 27 Aug (JNP). Late were 19 at Clovis 18 Nov (JEP) and one at Oasis SP 26 Nov (JL).

Ruddy Turnstone—A juv. at the Alameda wetland 4-8 Sep (RLV**, m.ob., WHH**, DJK**, JRO**, MJB**, NDP**, NEH**) attracted much attention, including a feature article in the *Albuquerque Journal*; the record was a 1st for *Bernalillo*.

Red Knot—Up to 4 were at EBL's Monticello Pt. 4-26 Sep (DJC**, WFWe, NEH**).

Sanderling—One was w. to Lordsburg Playa 1 Sep (KBO); others were at eight sites from the RGV eastward, including highs of 19 at EBL 21 Sep (DJC**) and 8 at Sumner L. 23 Sep (JRO); where seldom reported were singles at Cherry L. 29 Sep (WFWi) and Corona 13-14 Sep (WFWi, JRO).

Semipalmated Sandpiper—Those with useful details were 2 winter ads. at BLNWR 6 Aug (JEP*) and one at EBL 11 Aug (DJC**).

Baird's Sandpiper—One photographed at the Bandelier NM treatment ponds 4 Sep (SMF**) provided a *Los Alamos* first.

Pectoral Sandpiper—Seldom reported from *Lincoln*, one was at Corona 14 Sep (JRO) and 6 were at Red L. 14 Oct (JRO).

Dunlin—Noteworthy for *Curry* was one at the Clovis treatment ponds 21 Oct (JEP).

Stilt Sandpiper—A high 77 were w. to EBL 21 Sep (DJC, WFWe); 77 were also counted at BLNWR 3 Aug (JIS). One was at Carrizozo 1 Sep (WFWe).

Short-billed Dowitcher—Often reported but seldom adequately documented, its status remains vague in New Mexico. Reports with useful details this season were a juv. at Springer L. 27 Aug (RLV**, CMR*), a juv. at Clovis 3-4 Sep (JEP*, JRO, MJB*, NDP), and 2 juvs. at Caballo L. 22 Sep (WFWe*).

Red-necked Phalarope—Present at six locales from the RGV eastward 29 Aug-7 Oct (m.ob.), with up to 23 at EBL 17 Sep (DJC, NEH); 2 were w. to Deming 20 Sep (LKM).

Red Phalarope—An early one was at Santa Rosa 31 Aug (WFWe*), up to 2 were at EBL's Monticello Pt. 11-14 Oct (DJC**), and one was at Clovis 4 Nov (WFWi, JEP*, JRO**).

Sabine's Gull—Unusually scarce this season, with single juvs. at Stanley 15 Sep (RC) and Conchas L. 2 Oct (NDP) and 3 juvs at Caballo L. 22 Sep (WFWe).

Laughing Gull—One at Ute L. 28 Oct 2011 (JRO**) provided a local 1st.

Franklin's Gull—Notably late were single ads. at Sunland Park 16-18 Nov (JNP) and EBL 27 Nov (DJC**).

California Gull—Two ads. were at Sunland Park 16 Nov (JNP), where the species is more common in fall migration than in winter; others in the s. included singles at Deming 8 Nov (LKM) and L. Avalon 27 Nov (CJW).

Lesser Black-backed Gull—An apparent 3rd cycle that reached EBL 24 Sep was early; it continued to at least 24 Nov (DJC**); this marked the 6th consecutive year for the species in the state.

Least Tern—New Mexico's breeding population suffered a major setback in 2011: BLNWR had only five nesting pairs with but one successful nest which fledged only one young; one nesting pair at Brantley L. failed owing to rising waters (*vide* BLNWR).

Caspian Tern—A remarkable 5 were at EBL 25 Sep (DJC**, JEP*), where 2 lingered to 15-16 Oct (NEH**, DJC**); elsewhere, singles were at Ute L. 27 Aug (JRO**) and Sumner L. 27 Oct (JRO**).

Pomarine Jaeger—A well-documented juv. split its time between Brantley L. and L. Avalon 26-27 Nov (RLV, JEP*, JRO**, MJB*, JPB*, CJW**, v.o.).

Band-tailed Pigeon—Noteworthy for the eastern prairie was one at Eunice 22 & 30 Oct (PWM**); one visited a San Antonio feeder 20 & 30 Oct (A. Brockway); one was late at Socorro 24 Nov (JEP).

White-winged Dove—An impressive 102 were at the town of Cochiti Lake 20 Aug (WHH); 8 were still in P.O. Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. 30 Nov (CDL).

Inca Dove—Unexpected were 2 at a Los Alamos feeder in aspen habitat at 2240 m 19 Oct-4 Nov (C. & Y. Keller**). One was ne. to NRT 30 Sep (JEP, NDP, CMR).

Common Ground-Dove—Two were vocal in Guadalupe Canyon 12 Aug (JEP). Singles were at San Antonio 23 Sep (CMB*), La Union 27 Aug (DAB), San Simon Cienega 1 Sep (REW), and P.O. Canyon 5 Oct (CDL).

Ruddy Ground-Dove—One was at La Union 4 & 18 Aug (DAB**), in the same area where a Common Ground-Dove was seen. Two were n. to Tierra Blanca Cr, w. *Sierra* 27 Aug (DJC**).

[Monk Parakeet]—The continuing one near the Alameda bridge was adding materials to its roost/nest structure in a large yucca 13 Oct (CLH).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo—A fledgling was in the Broad Canyon area n. of Radium Springs 4 Aug (MTS).

Black-billed Cuckoo—A record season brought four records, with single juvs. at Hobbs 28 Sep (S. Severs*), NRT 30 Sep (MJB*, NDP**, JEP*, JRO**, NEH*, CMR*, JPB*), one banded at Boone's Draw 8-9 Oct (NDP**), and another netted there 16 Oct (MJB*).

Flammulated Owl—A substantial migration across the e. plains was evidenced by 8 birds netted on four nights at Boone's Draw 1-22 Oct (MJB*, NDP*). Assuming similar turnover, 6-8 individuals passed through NRT 1-14 Oct (JPB, JEP, JRO**, CJW**).

Long-eared Owl—On the e. plains were singles at Boone's Draw 15 Oct (CJW**) and NRT 22 Oct (JEP).

Short-eared Owl—One was hunting grasslands along I-25 near Tinaja 17 Oct (CLB*).

Common Nighthawk—Two were late at Taiban, *De Baca* 5 Oct (WFWe).

Common Poorwill—A late one was roosting at Corrales 29 Oct (JMR, DJK).

Whip-poor-will sp.—One, believed to be a ♀, was at NRT 30 Sep (JRO**, JEP*, MJB*, NDP*), where New Mexico's only Eastern was documented 8 Oct 2010.

Chimney Swift—Up to 5 were at Clovis 3-16 Sep (JEP, JRO) and one was there 10 Oct (MJB**). Others were singles at Portales 9 Sep (JEP) and Roswell 29 Aug (CMR).

Broad-billed Hummingbird—Continued fairly abundant in P.O. Canyon, including hatch-year birds, 5 Aug-15 Sep, with a peak of 10 on 5 Aug (CDL).

Magnificent Hummingbird—The summer invasion into P.O. Canyon continued, with 18 records during the period 5-28 Aug (CDL), these likely refugees from the nearby burned Chiricahua Mts. Late was a ♂ at Silver City 25 Nov (K. Beckenbach).

Plain-capped Starthroat—One was nicely described at GGP 21 Aug (C. Noble*); this provided the state's 3rd sight record, all in Aug in *Hidalgo*.

Lucifer Hummingbird—In P.O. Canyon, peaked at 36, including 12 ♀♀, 5 Aug; last was an ad. ♂ on 15 Oct (CDL).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird—Close study at NRT documented an imm. ♂ there 30 Sep-1 Oct (MJB*, NDP, JEP*, JRO**, NEH**, JPB*) and 2 apparent ♀♀ (probably imms.) there 9-13 Oct (JRO**) with one lingering 14-15 Oct (CJW**, JEP*, JRO).

Anna's Hummingbird—Much in evidence in P.O. Canyon, reaching a peak of 18 on 5 Oct, and where on 13 Oct a ♀ was building a nest (which ultimately failed) on a hanging boat hook in a garage (CDL). Farther e., singles reached EBL 4 Oct (DJC), Florida Mts. 29 Oct (HT*), Radium Springs area 4 Nov (MTS, JEZ), and Las Cruces 6 Nov (DJG). One was n. to Escondida, *Socorro* from late Oct into Dec (S. LaBrier**).

Broad-tailed Hummingbird—In the e., singles were at Santa Rosa 26 Aug (JEP), Ute L. 16 Sep (JEP), Clovis 2 Sep (JRO), Boone's Draw 5 Sep (NDP), and NRT 7-9 Oct (JEP, JRO). Late were singles at EBL to 15 Nov (DJC**) and Las Cruces 14 Nov (NGS**).

Lewis's Woodpecker—Dispersed s. into *Grant*, with singles at Pinos Altos 23 Sep (*vide* RSS), Silver City 11-12 Oct (P. Boucher), up to 5 at Tyrone 25 Sep-27 Nov (ERL), and one in the Burro Mts. 20 Nov (R. Shantz**). In *Doña Ana*, one was in Broad Canyon n. of Radium Springs 14 Oct (NGS).

Williamson's Sapsucker—East to *Roosevelt* were a ♂ at Boone's Draw 21 Oct (JEP) and 2 at NRT 28 Oct (JRO**, WFWi).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker—An ad. ♂ was w. to Mimbres, *Grant* 5 Oct (LKM*).

American Three-toed Woodpecker—An ad. was feeding a fledgling at Sandia Crest 1 Sep (B. Zachman).

“Yellow-shafted” Flicker—Apparently pure individuals were a ♂ at NRT 6 Oct-27 Nov (JEP*, CJW**, CMR*) and a ♀ at Rattlesnake Springs 16 Oct (CMR*).

Eastern Wood-Pewee—One was netted at Boone’s Draw 9 Sep (MJB*, NDP*).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher—The 7 documented in *Roosevelt* more than doubled the number of accepted state records. Netted and photographed were 3 at Boone’s Draw 4 Sep and singles there 9 & 18 Sep (MJB**, NDP**); one was at NRT 4-5 & 9 Sep (JEP*, JRO**, NEH**, DJK**, JPB**) and another was at Milnesand 24 Sep (MJB**, NDP*).

Willow Flycatcher—The 2nd most common *Empidonax* at Boone’s Draw, where 16 were netted 3-18 Sep (NDP, MJB).

Least Flycatcher—Earliest was one at NRT 20 Aug (JEP). The most numerous “empid” on the e. plains in early Sep, including a “fallout” of about 100 at Boone’s Draw 4 Sep, where 45 were netted 3 Sep-8 Oct (NDP, MJB). Others included 2 at Ned Houk Park 4 Sep (JEP), 8 at NRT 5 Sep (JEP+), and one in sw. *De Baca* 29 Aug (CMR*).

Hammond’s Flycatcher—Eight netted at Boone’s Draw 10 Sep-8 Oct (NDP, MJB).

Gray Flycatcher—The least frequently encountered *Empidonax* on the e. plains; 3 netted at Boone’s Draw, 2 on 4 Sep & one on 11 Sep (NDP, MJB).

Dusky Flycatcher—Third in numbers at Boone’s Draw, with 13 netted 9 Sep-8 Oct (NDP, MJB); one reported at Glen Rio, *Quay* 13 Sep (CMR).

“Western” Flycatcher—Five were netted at Boone’s Draw 3-18 Sep (NDP, MJB); available criteria are not sufficient to distinguish Pacific-slope from Cordilleran.

Black Phoebe—One was n. to El Rito 6 Aug (JP). One was at NRT 6 Oct (JRO**).

Eastern Phoebe—One was w. to Acomita L. 20 Nov (CMR).

Vermilion Flycatcher—Singles were in the ne. at Conchas Dam 18 Sep (MJB, NDP), Trigg Ranch, e. *San Miguel* 22 Sep (MDM), Tucumcari 8 Aug (WFWi), and Boone’s Draw 10 Sep (MJB*, NDP).

Dusky-capped Flycatcher—One was at GGP 10 Aug (REW*); few lowland records.

Great Crested Flycatcher—An impressive season, with at least 8 individuals at Boone’s Draw during the period 3-24 Sep (MJB*, NDP*, v.o.) plus singles at Ned Houk Park 4 Sep (JEP*, JRO**), NRT 10-11 Sep (JEP*, JRO, DLH, CMR, WHH**) & 16 Sep (JEP*, JRO), Mesa Rest Area 3 Sep (CJW), and Tatum 9 Sep (JEP*).

Couch's Kingbird—One was nicely documented at Broad Canyon Ranch n. of Radium Springs 14-15 Oct (NGS*, DMS** audio); credible records of Couch's now outnumber those of Tropical Kingbird by six to one in New Mexico.

Tropical/Couch's kingbird sp.—A silent kingbird, definitely representative of this species pair, was at Tatum 9 Sep (JEP*, JRO**, WFWi).

Cassin's Kingbird—Very late was one at Cannon AFB, *Curry* 17 Nov (DW**).

Thick-billed Kingbird—Three were in Guadalupe Canyon 12 Aug (JEP).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher—One was w. to Albuquerque's South Valley 15 Sep-11 Oct (m.ob., JRO**); another was at Yeso, w. *De Baca* 2 Oct (JRO).

Northern Shrike—Singles reached Clayton L. (DLW) and LVNWR (CR) 23 Oct, Maxwell NWR 29 Oct (BRF), Ohkay Owingeh 9 Nov (C. Mangeng), and Santa Fe 21 Nov (JPB**); by 20 Nov, 8 were counted in *Union* (DLW).

White-eyed Vireo—One at Ruby Ranch 29 Sep (WFWe, W. Munro**) provided a *San Miguel* first. An ad. and an imm. were at NRT 30 Sep-2 Oct (JEP*, m.ob., MJB**, JRO**, NEH**) and another imm. was there 7-8 Oct (JEP*, JRO).

Bell's Vireo—Singles at Tolar 5 Sep (DJK*) and NRT 23 Sep (JEP*, JRO*) & 10 Oct (MJO*, J. Schelling**) were probably the nominate subspecies.

Gray Vireo—At least 2 were at Albuquerque's Manzano Open Space 14 & 27 Aug (DLH, JPJ**). One was singing in Guadalupe Canyon 7 Aug (REW).

Yellow-throated Vireo—A late one at Maljamar 2 Oct (CLB) was the lone report.

Blue-headed Vireo—Much in evidence in the e., with well-detailed birds including singles at Ned Houk Park 4 Sep (JEP*, JRO**) & 1 Oct (CMR*, NEH**) and Boone's Draw 8 Oct (MJB*, NDP*) and 2 at Lovington 2 Oct (CMR*, NEH**). Singles were reported at NRT 31 Aug (RC), 5 Sep (JEP*, JRO, NEH**), 9 Sep (JEP*, JRO), 30 Sep-2 Oct (JEP*, JRO, NEH*), and 7-8 Oct (JEP*, JRO).

Warbling Vireo—An early migrant was at Vaughn 6 Aug (JEP); late singles were at Galisteo 16 Oct (JPB) and Albuquerque's Montessa Park 24 Oct (NDP).

Philadelphia Vireo—Singles were described at Sile, *Sandoval* 10 Sep (WHH*), Sumner Dam 2 Oct (JMB*, JN-M), and Fort Stanton 9 Oct (CMR*).

Red-eyed Vireo—Singles were netted at Boone's Draw 18 Sep & 23 Sep (MJB*, NDP*) and one was on Trigg Ranch, e. *San Miguel* 23 Sep (MDM*); farther w., singles were at Galisteo 11 Sep (JPB**) and Los Alamos 21-25 Oct (SMF**).

Black-billed Magpie—A high 12 were s. to Sandia Pueblo 23 Nov (DJK, JMR).

American Crow—Attracted to the garbage cans, not the view, 4 were at 2990 m at the Brazos Summit Rest Area, *Rio Arriba* 10 Aug (JP**). Over 700 had moved into the

Radium Springs area 23 Oct (MTS, JEZ); by 26 Nov, over 2000 were at Mesilla Park (DJG) and about 3000 were at Las Cruces (K. Stinnett).

Purple Martin—One was e. to BLNWR 6 Aug (LKM).

Violet-greend Swallow—Singles were e. to NRT 4 Sep (JEP, JRO) & 9 Sep (JEP).

Cave Swallow—Extreme environmental conditions in 2011—Feb deep freeze, hot, dry and windy spring, large fires in Jun, lack of summer rain—led to massive breeding failure of the Carlsbad Cavern population, where number of birds netted was about half of normal, and juvs. amounted to less than 5 % of birds handled (SW*).

White-breasted Nuthatch—One of the nominate (eastern) subspecies group was netted at Boone's Draw 15 Oct (MJB*, NDP*).

Cactus Wren—Continued its spread to the nw., with vocal individuals at two new sites w. of Rio Rancho, *Sandoval* 2 Aug (WHH*).

Carolina Wren—Continuing from Jul, up to 2 were at Bosque NWR through 24 Sep (m.ob., NEH**). Singles were at NRT 25 Sep (JRO**) and Sumner Dam 30 Oct (JRO).

Pacific Wren—The only report was of a vocal one in Diener Canyon, Zuni Mts., *Cibola* 30 Sep (JAT*).

Winter Wren—One was vocal in Diener Canyon, Zuni Mts. 26 Nov (MJB*, NDP*). Others with details were at five locales from the RGV east: up to 2 at NRT on various dates 14 Oct-4 Nov (JEP*, JRO*, MJB, CJW**), 2 at Boone's Draw 14-15 Oct (MJB, NDP*), and singles in Sulphur Canyon, Sandia Mts. 26 Nov (ABJ), Albuquerque's South Valley 17 Nov (DLH*), and Rattlesnake Springs 25 Nov (JEP*, JRO).

Black-tailed Gnatcatcher—Singles at two EBL sites 30 Sep-20 Nov (DJC) were the first detections there since the Feb freeze. One was in Guadalupe Canyon 12 Aug (JEP).

Eastern Bluebird—Noteworthy for *Harding* was one on Ute Cr. 4 Nov (JEP).

Veery—Rarely detected in migration, one was vocal at Milnesand 9 Sep (JEP*, JRO**).

Swainson's Thrush—Late were singles at NRT 2 Oct (JEP, NDP) and Rattlesnake Springs 16 Oct (CMR*).

Hermit Thrush—A rufous one of the e. subspecies *faxoni* was netted at Boone's Draw 16 Oct (MJB*, NDP*).

Wood Thrush—An early one was at NRT 16 Sep (JEP*, JRO**), and another was there 30 Sep-7 Oct (m.ob., JRO**). Singles were at Sumner Dam 23 Sep (JEP*, JRO) and Boone's Draw 30 Sep-2 Oct (NDP**, CLB*).

Varied Thrush—Single ♂♂ were photographed at Rattlesnake Springs 18 Oct (J. Hatfield**) and BLNWR 26 Oct (J. Truetken**).

Gray Catbird—Migrants were noted in the e. in *De Baca, Curry, Roosevelt, Eddy*, and *Lea* 9 Sep-25 Nov (m.ob.).

Brown Thrasher—Yet another strong season produced one to 2 at nine locales in seven counties from the RGV eastward 4 Sep and later; w. were singles at GGP 24 Sep (J. Holloway) and P.O. Canyon 18 Oct (CDL).

Crissal Thrasher—Spreading in *Santa Fe*, one was n. of Cerrillos 30 Oct (SN**).

European Starling—Some 4000 were roosting in reeds at Belen 19 Nov (CMR).

Sprague's Pipit—One at BLNWR 15 Oct (CMR*) furnished the only report.

Lapland Longspur—Singles at Springer L. 29 Oct (JEP) and Clayton L. 6 Nov (DLW).

Worm-eating Warbler—Singles were at Boone's Draw 23 Sep (MJB*, NDP) and Galisteo 21-23 Oct (JPB**, BRF*, NEH**).

Louisiana Waterthrush—Singles were described at Eunice 11 Aug (WFWi*) and NRT 29 Aug (SDC*).

Golden-winged Warbler—Single ♂♂ were photographed at Boone's Draw 18 Sep (SDC**) and Sumner Dam 21-22 Sep (M. Hilchey, SB**).

Blue-winged Warbler—One was at NRT 25 Sep (JRO*).

Prothonotary Warbler—Five reports of singles: two in the e., at NRT 31 Aug (RC*, WFWe) and Tatum 9 Sep (JEP*), and three in the RGV, at Bosque NWR 21 Sep (SAK**), below EBL Dam 29 Sep-13 Oct (DJC**), and at Percha SP 5 Sep (JG).

Tennessee Warbler—Those with useful documentation were singles at Conchas Dam 18 Sep (MJB*, NDP**), Boone's Draw 23 Oct (MJB*, NDP**), and w. to Zuni's Nutria Canyon 26 Sep (JAT*).

Hooded Warbler—Single ♀♀ were at Galisteo 30 Aug (RC*) and the Alameda bridge 11 Sep (PMB*).

American Redstart—Inundated the state 13 Aug-9 Oct, with often multiple reports from 14 counties, including w. to *McKinley, Grant*, and *Hidalgo*.

Northern Parula—Two were at Albuquerque's Tingley bosque 23 Oct (NEH*); others were singles near Radium Springs 22 Aug (MTS), NRT 15 Oct (JEP*), and Las Cruces 4 Nov (RCC).

Magnolia Warbler—One at NRT 18-20 Nov (JEP*, SDC**) provided a late record.

Blackburnian Warbler—One was at NRT 30 Sep-1 Oct (MJB*, JPB*, NEH*).

Yellow Warbler—Lingering were singles at Boone's Draw 23 Oct (MJB, NDP) and Sunland Park 20 Nov (JNP).

Chestnut-sided Warbler—Singles were at Ned Houk Park 16 Sep (JEP*), EBL Dam 28 Sep (LKM*), NRT 7-9 Oct (JEP*, JRO**, MJB*), and again at NRT 15-16 Oct (JEP*).

Blackpoll Warbler—Singles were at NRT 4 Sep (JEP*, JRO**, NEH**) and 14-15 Oct (MJB*, CJW**, JEP*).

Black-throated Blue Warbler—An early ♂ was at NRT 18 Aug-4 Sep (RH*, JEP*, JRO**, SDC**, m.ob.) and a ♀ was there 5 Sep (DJK*). A ♀ was w. to Los Alamos 15 Oct (BL*, KS*) and a ♂ was at Bosque NWR 22 Oct (A. & L. Gorbet).

Palm Warbler—A “western” individual was at NRT 24 Sep (JEP*, JRO*).

Pine Warbler—A possible one at Rattlesnake Springs 22 Sep (SW*) is under review.

Prairie Warbler—Recently annual in the state, singles were at Santa Rosa 26 Aug (JEP*, JRO**) and Tolar 5 Sep (DJK*).

Black-throated Gray Warbler—Very late was an ad. ♂ at Las Cruces 6 Nov (NGS*).

Hermit Warbler—Unusually scarce, with one on lower Blue Cr., *Grant* 4 Sep (JPJ) and 3 in Clanton Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. 4 Sep (DLH) the only reports.

Black-throated Green Warbler—Showed an affinity for NRT, with up to 2 there 26-31 Aug (JEP*, JRO**, RC*), none 1-3 Sep, but then up to 3 on 4-5 Sep (JEP*, JRO**, NEH**, DJK**), followed by singles 9 Sep (JMB*) and 30 Sep (MJB*) and a very late one 18 Nov (JEP*). Elsewhere, a ♂ was w. to Cerrillos 7-8 Oct (JPB**, BRF*).

Wilson’s Warbler—One was late at Albuquerque’s Montessa Park 3 Nov (NDP).

Eastern Towhee—A ♀ was at NRT 28 Oct-27 Nov (JRO**, LL**, CMR*).

Rufous-winged Sparrow—One was singing in Guadalupe Canyon 12 Aug (CLB*, JEP).

Botteri’s Sparrow—Singles were singing s. of Road Forks and n. of Rodeo 11 Aug (CMB), in the Animas Valley 4 Sep (DLH), and ne. of Hermanas 12 Aug (DJG).

American Tree Sparrow—Far s. were 2 at Brantley L. 27 Nov (MJB, NDP, CJW**).

Field Sparrow—A strong season, with one in *Curry* s. of Cannon AFB 14 Nov (DW**), 10 at NRT 15 Oct-27 Nov (m.ob), one to 2 at Boone’s Draw 21-23 Oct (JEP, MJB, NDP), 4 near Milnesand 11 Nov (JRO), and one at Rattlesnake Springs 16 Oct (CMR).

Le Conte’s Sparrow—One at Santa Rosa’s Bluehole Cienega 22-23 Oct (NDP**, MJB*, JEP*, JRO**) provided a *Guadalupe* first.

Fox Sparrow—Noteworthy were 6 red ones at NRT 18 Nov (JEP*); others included single reds at Tatum 17 Nov (CLB**) and Las Cruces 29 Nov (AT**), a gray one at Eunice 30 Oct (PWM**), and an undetailed one at Sumner Dam 5 Oct (WFWe).

White-throated Sparrow—Remarkably early were singles at Boone’s Draw 23 Sep (MJB, NDP) and Corrales 25 Sep (CMR*, DJK).

Harris's Sparrow—One was early at Eunice 22 Oct (PWM**); others were one to 2 at NRT 3-27 Nov (JRO**, CLB**, CMR*) and one at Albuquerque 17-18 Nov (NDP**).

Golden-crowned Sparrow—An ad. reached Embudito Canyon 12 Nov (MJB*).

Scarlet Tanager—Very early was a ♀ at San Ysidro 14 Aug (CMR*). Others were single winter ♂♂ at Socorro 23-28 Sep (GKF*, JEP*, CLB**, JRO**, DJK, DLH*), Milk Ranch Canyon, Zuni Mts. 30 Sep (JAT*), and Boone's Draw 1 Oct (CLB, JRO**).

Pyrrhuloxia—One was n. to Albuquerque's West Mesa 7 Nov (HT*). Earliest n. to NRT was one 22 Sep (SB), where up to 4 were found 7 Oct-27 Nov (m.ob.).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak—Typically scarce in fall, singles were at Los Alamos 2-5 Nov (BL, KS, SMF, T. Hodapp**), Bosque NWR 24 Sep (DLH) & 10 Nov (M. Winks**), and Rattlesnake Springs 29 Sep (T. Hines).

Varied Bunting—A high 10 were in Guadalupe Canyon 12 Aug (JEP).

Painted Bunting—Conspicuous in Jul, migrants continued much in evidence throughout the e. and across the s.; peripheral singles were at Ruidoso 5 Aug (R. Webb**), Albuquerque's Tingley bosque 28 Aug (CMR*), RGNC 9-10 Sep (D. Paez, N. Cox), and Tyrone 21 Aug (ERL).

Dickcissel—Widespread from the RGV eastward 27 Aug-16 Oct, including one at Sevilleta NWR 7-8 Sep (K. Granillo**); w. were singles at Los Alamos 14-15 Oct (SMF**) and GGP 15 Sep (TBG), and 4 at San Simon Cienega 5 Sep (DLH*).

Bobolink—One was at Las Cruces 15-17 Sep (NGS*, DJG*, MTS, JEZ**).

Rusty Blackbird—An early one was at Conchas Dam 23 Oct (MJB*); others were at Maxwell NWR 23 Nov (DJK, JMR) and Clayton 28 Nov (WFWi).

Bronzed Cowbird—One was at San Patricio 1 Sep (WFWe).

Orchard Oriole—One was n. to Albuquerque 22 Sep (NDP**, CJW**, MJB, JEP); noteworthy for *Lincoln* was one near Glencoe 1 Sep (WFWe).

Bullock's Oriole—An ad. ♂ at Portales in Oct continued through Nov (D. Batten**).

Baltimore Oriole—Singles were at Bosque Redondo 31 Aug (WFWe*) and Ned Houk Park 4 Sep (JEP*, JRO**) and 2 were at NRT 4 Sep (JEP*, NEH**, JRO); farther w. were singles at Cerrillos 9 Oct (JPB*, BRF*) and near Radium Springs 8 Sep (MTS*, JEZ**).

Cassin's Finch—Far s. were one in P.O. Canyon 17-22 Nov (CDL*) and 8 in nearby Owl Canyon 20 Nov (CDL).

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