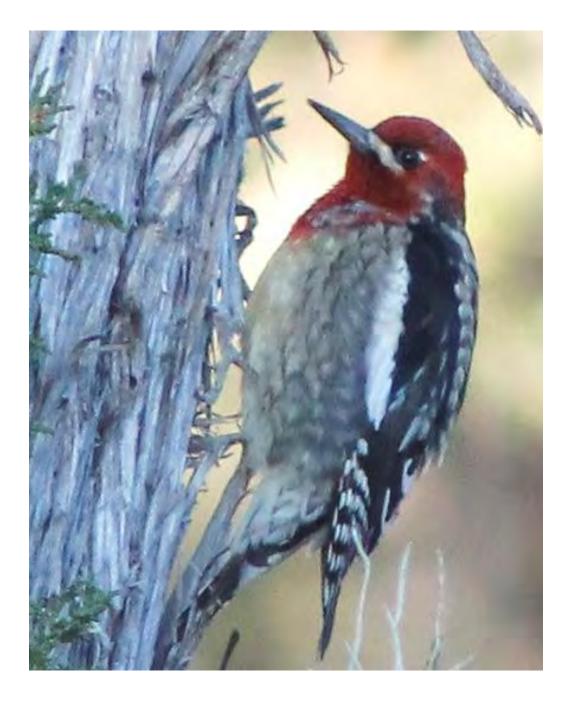
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Front Cover: Red-breasted Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus ruber*) in the Zuni Mountains north of Ramah Lake, McKinley County, New Mexico, 4 November 2012; first verified state record (see page 57). Photograph by Matthew J. Baumann.

Back Cover: Piratic Flycatcher (*Legatus leucophaius*) at Rattlesnake Springs, Eddy County, New Mexico, 12 September 2012; third state record (see page 58). Photograph by Deb Vogt.

AUTUMN SEASON 2012

Autumn 2012 saw scattered rains across much of New Mexico, but they did little to alleviate the ongoing drought; news reports of "driest ever" and "hottest ever" continued to be familiar fare. Resident birds likely suffered, but there were few data to document that. Nevertheless, an unusual number of traditionally rare vagrants were found, including the state's first confirmed Red-breasted Sapsucker and third Piratic Flycatcher, plus a Sedge Wren, a Canada Warbler, a Common Redpoll, and four Louisiana Waterthrushes. The inaugural NMOS "pelagic cruise" was held on Elephant Butte Lake 6 October, and produced Sabine's Gull and Lesser Black-backed Gull among many other waterbirds.

Localities and Counties

Aguirre Springs, Doña Ana

Alameda, *Bernalillo*Albuquerque, *Bernalillo*

Belen, Valencia

Bitter Lake NWR, Chaves Black Range, Grant/Sierra

Bluewater Lake, McKinley/Cibola

Boone's Draw, Roosevelt

Bosque del Apache NWR, Socorro

Bosque Redondo, De Baca

Brantley Lake, *Eddy*Caballo Lake, Dam, *Sierra*Cabezon Peak, *Sandoval*

Carlsbad, *Eddy*Carrizozo, *Lincoln*Cerrillos, *Santa Fe*Charette Lake, *Mora*Cherry Creek CG, *Grant*

Chuska Mts., San Juan/McKinley

Clayton, Lake, *Union* Cloudcroft, *Otero* Clovis, *Curry*

Conchas Lake, Dam, San Miguel

Corrales, *Sandoval*Cowles, *San Miguel*Crownpoint, *McKinley*

Deming, Luna

Edgewood, Santa Fe

Elephant Butte, Lake, Dam, Sierra

Elk Mt., *San Miguel* Escondida, *Socorro* Galisteo, *Santa Fe*

Gila, *Grant*

Granite Gap Preserve, *Hidalgo*

Guadalupe Mts., *Eddy* Heron Lake, *Rio Arriba*

Hobbs, Lea

Kirtland AFB, Bernalillo

La Cienega, *Santa Fe*La Cieneguilla, *Santa Fe*Lake Avalon, *Eddy*

Las Cruces, Dam, Doña Ana

La Union, *Doña Ana*Leasburg SP, *Doña Ana*Lordsburg, Playa, *Hidalgo*Los Alamos, *Los Alamos*Luis Lopez, *Socorro*Maxwell, NWR, *Colfax*

Mesilla, Dam, Park, *Doña Ana* Mesilla Bosque SP, *Doña Ana*

Mills Canyon, *Harding*Milnesand, *Roosevelt*Morgan Lake, *San Juan*Mountainair, *Torrance*Narbona Pass, *San Juan*

Navajo Agri. Prod. Industry, San Juan

Ned Houk Park, Curry

north Roosevelt trap, Roosevelt

Oasis SP, Roosevelt

Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo, Rio Arriba

Oliver Lee SP, *Otero* Organ Mts., *Doña Ana* Otero Mesa, *Otero* Otto. *Santa Fe*

Peloncillo Mts., *Hidalgo*

Pep, Roosevelt Percha SP, Sierra Pinos Altos Mts., Grant

Post Office (P.O.) Canyon, *Hidalgo*

Quemado Lake, *Catron*Radium Springs, *Doña Ana*Ramah Lake, *McKinley*Rattlesnake Springs, *Eddy*

Rio Grande Nature Center, Bernalillo

Rodeo, *Hidalgo* Roswell, *Chaves*

Ruby Ranch, San Miguel Sunland Park, Doña Ana Sandia Crest, Park, Bernalillo Tatum, Lea Sandia Mts., Sandoval/Bernalillo Thoreau, McKinley San Mateo Mts., Socorro Trigg Ranch, San Miguel Truth or Consequences, Sierra Santa Fe, Canyon, Santa Fe Santa Rosa, Lake, Guadalupe Tyrone, Grant Serpent Lake, Taos Ute Lake, Quay Sevilleta NWR, Socorro Valmora, Mora Silver City, Grant Watrous, Mora Six Mile Dam, Eddy Williamsburg, Sierra

Sumner Lake, Dam, De Baca Zuni Mts, McKinley/Cibola

Standard Abbreviations

Zuni, McKinley

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
CBC	Christmas Bird Count		Service
CCNP	Carlsbad Caverns NP	WMA	Wildlife Management
CG	Camp Ground		Area
Cr.	Creek	WSMR	White Sands Missile
EBL	Elephant Butte Lake		Range
GBA	Gila Bird Area	8	male (represents sword &
GGP	Granite Gap Preserve		shield of Mars)
L.	Lake, Laguna	9	female (represents mirror
LVNWR	Las Vegas NWR		of Venus)
MSB	Museum of Southwestern	ad(s).	adult(s)
	Biology	subad(s).	subadult(s)
Mt(s).	Mountain(s)	imm(s).	immature(s)
NAPI	Navajo Agricultural	juv(s).	juvenile(s)
	Products Industry	sp.	species
NM	National Monument	m.ob	many observers
NMSU	New Mexico State Univ.	m.ph	many photographs
NP	National Park	V.O.	various observers
NRT	north Roosevelt trap	+	others; et al.
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge	*	written details provided
R.	River	**	photo or tape provided
RGNC	Rio Grande Nature	***	specimen obtained
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SPECIES ACCOUNTS

<u>Black-bellied Whistling-Duck</u>—One was at L. Avalon 1 Sep (RN**, SW) and 2 were reported there 12 Sep (SW). The species, which is increasing farther east, has turned up in e. New Mexico annually since 2010.

"Mexican" Duck—North of usual, 2 were near Thoreau 23 Sep (CMR*) and singles were at Crownpoint and Quemado L. 23 Oct (LKM).

Surf Scoter—Singles were at Ruby Ranch north of Las Vegas 10 Oct (WFWe*), Bluewater L., *Cibola* 3 Nov (MJB**, NDP*), and Quemado L. 8 Nov (WFWi*).

Black Scoter—An ad. ♂ at EBL 27 Oct (DJC**) furnished a Sierra first.

Barrow's Goldeneve—What was described as a \mathcal{P} with a "mostly yellow bill" was at Charette L. 29 Nov (WFWi*).

Common Merganser—Providing a first breeding record for the Zuni region, a \bigcirc with 2 chicks on her back was at Ramah L. 5 Nov (JAT*).

Ruddy Duck—Some 1500 were at L. Avalon 3 Oct (SW).

Northern Bobwhite—One was at Santa Rosa's Power Dam Park 3 Sep (JEP), which is beyond known native range.

White-tailed Ptarmigan—A \circlearrowleft with a chick was on the Santa Barbara Ridge below Jicarita Peak, *Taos* 4 Aug (JEP, CJW**, NEH**).

Dusky Grouse—Noted at two Chuska Mts. sites in the Narbona Pass area east of Toadlena, *San Juan* 1 Aug (CLB). Two broods were seen along the Dockwiller Trail north of Cowles 4 Aug (PLN), a flock of 6 was seen on Elk Mt. 30 Aug (JRO), and 28 were along the trail to Serpent Lake 1 Oct (JAT).

Wild Turkey—In the Sandia Mts., a \mathcal{P} with 7 young was in Sulphur Canyon 11 Aug (CMR) and 8 were seen at the 10K trailhead 14 Aug (RLV).

Pacific Loon—A juv. was at Sumner L. 27 Nov (WFWi*).

Common Loon—Earliest were 3 at Bluewater L. 27 Oct (JEP, JRO), 2 at EBL 28 Oct (DJC), and one at Maxwell NWR 29 Oct (WTE).

Horned Grebe—One was early at Bluewater L., Cibola 23 Sep (CMR*).

Red-necked Grebe—Providing a *Rio Arriba* first was an ad. at Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo 21 Oct-10 Nov (BRF**, CLA**, JRO**, WFWi**, JEP*, A. Warner, J. Friedman).

Aechmophorus grebes—Of 1400 seen at EBL 6 Oct, 85% were Westerns and 15% were Clark's (DJK). An aerial survey counted 3050 there 9 Nov (MLW).

Neotropic Cormorant—One at Deming 3 Sep (LKM) may represent a *Luna* first. Others beyond usual range included singles at Clovis 10-24 Aug (JRO), Brantley L. 10 Aug (RN**), and Six Mile Dam 22 Aug (SW).

Brown Pelican—The imm. from summer at EBL was last seen 12 Aug (DJC).

American Bittern—Up to 2 were at BLNWR 29 Oct-28 Nov (m.ob.). In the RGV, singles were at Albuquerque's Tingley bosque 16 Oct (GAO) and Mesilla Bosque SP 13-14 Oct (CJG**, B. Rodriguez).

Little Blue Heron—A juv. was at Brantley L. 2 Aug (SW*) and an ad. was at Six Mile Dam 5 Aug (RN*).

Tricolored Heron—Continuing from summer, one to 3 imms. lingered at L. Avalon to 1 Sep (m.ob., RN**, CJW**). An imm. was north to Ute L. 22 Sep (NDP, JEP*, JRO, WFWi) and an ad. was in the Socorro-Escondida area 8-10 Aug (CJW, T. P. Archdeacon).

Reddish Egret—Another strong season, with singles at Ute L. 28-29 Aug (WFWi**), BLNWR 30 Aug-31 Oct (FA, m.ob., JIS**, CLA**, JRO**) and Caballo L. 15 Aug-8 Oct (DJC**, JEP*, LKM*, WFWe).

<u>Yellow-crowned Night-Heron</u>—Records continued to proliferate, with an imm. at Ned Houk Park 16-26 Aug (JRO**, SDC), up to 5 imms. at the Clovis treatment ponds 10 Aug-28 Sep (JEP*, WFWi, JRO**), an ad. at Roswell's Spring River Park 2 Sep (JEP, JRO**) and an imm. there 7 Sep (JNS**), up to 2 imms. at Tatum 1-7 Sep (JEP*, JRO**), 2 imms. at Six Mile Dam 5 Aug (RN**), and an ad. at Caballo L. 28 Aug (LKM*).

Roseate Spoonbill—Continuing from Jul, an imm. was in s. *Bernalillo* 3 Aug (CJW**). Another imm. was in the Seco Point area of Caballo L. 25-27 Aug (DJC**, WFWi**, JEP*).

Turkey Vulture—In Albuquerque, a migrant roost of 60 was in the northeast heights 27 Sep (JNS) and 340 were leaving an Altura Park roost 29 Sep (CMB).

<u>Swallow-tailed Kite</u>—One over Mountainair's Shaffer Hotel 19 Aug (R. P. Grimshaw**) provided a *Torrance* first, and marked the 4th consecutive year for the species in the state.

Bald Eagle—An ad. was early at Ruby Ranch 27 Sep (WFWe). Taking advantage of spawning kokanee salmon, 68 were concentrated at Heron L. 6 Nov (MLW).

Common Black-Hawk—On 26 Aug, a juv. was at Santa Rosa and an ad. with a juv. was 8 km south of Santa Rosa (WFWe). An ad. lingered at Percha SP 8 Sep-10 Oct (DJC**, MJB**, NDP, NGS).

Harris's Hawk—A pair was tending young in the Deming area 12 Aug (LKM), the first productivity recorded there in several years. One was in the lower Hachita Valley, *Hidalgo* 3 Aug (JAT).

Broad-winged Hawk—Noteworthy were 2 juvs. at NRT 30 Sep (JEP*, JWS**), where at least one had been present since 22 Sep (m.ob).

Swainson's Hawk—Remarkably late was an ad. at Sunland Park 21 Nov (JNP**).

Zone-tailed Hawk—The species is more widespread in New Mexico than is generally recognized. Noteworthy this season were one at Monica Cabin, San Mateo Mts. 3 Sep (SEM**), 2 in McKnight Canyon, Black Range, *Grant* 23 Aug (WFWe), one at Aguirre Springs, Organ Mts. 2 Aug (NGS**), one at Rattlesnake Springs 7 & 16 Sep (SW, CMR), and singles in both Turkey and Dark canyons, Guadalupe Mts. 15 Sep (SW). Two passed over Deming 2 Sep (LKM).

"Harlan's" Hawk—One arrived at La Cieneguilla 3 Nov (BRF**), where one wintered in each of the past two years.

Sandhill Crane—First arrivals reached Maxwell NWR 6 Sep (L. Wilkins). A record 32,005 were at BLNWR and vicinity 24 Oct (JIS); 5000 were at Caballo L. 25 Oct (DJC).

Black-bellied Plover—One was west to Bluewater L., *Cibola* 4 Oct (JAT). Noteworthy for *Mora*, one was at Cherry L. 27 Sep (WFWe).

Snowy Plover—An ad. was tending 2 chicks at EBL 7 Aug (DJC).

Semipalmated Plover—High count was 9 at EBL 29 Sep (DJC**). Late was one at Brantley L. 16 Nov (RN**).

Mountain Plover—Late were 9 in the Jornado del Muerto about 20 km northeast of Engle, *Sierra* 30 Nov (BF).

American Avocet—The 181 in the Upper Nutria area 4 Oct (JAT) was an unusually high count for the Zuni region. A high 981 were reported at EBL 18 Aug (DJC). Late for the north were 26 at Conchas L. and 42 at Ute L. 23 Nov (MJB, NDP).

Upland Sandpiper—Unusually conspicuous west to the RGV, including up to 35 in Albuquerque's South Valley 12-19 Aug (ACG**, m.ob., m.ph.) and a high 9 at La Union 5 Aug (DAB**). In *Santa Fe*, 24 were near Otto 11 Aug (JPB**); 12 were on Otero Mesa 16 Aug (RAM). Farther east, high counts included 23 at Bosque Redondo 11 Aug (JEP), 22 in e. Roswell 12 Aug (NDP), 35 flying over the desert south of Carlsbad 5 Aug (SW), and 18 at Six Mile Dam 5 Aug (RN).

Long-billed Curlew—Some 350 were at a playa near Tatum 9 Aug (CLA**).

Marbled Godwit—Last were 2 at EBL 8 Nov (DJC).

Red Knot—Two ads. in breeding plumage were at Brantley L. 16 Sep (JEP*).

Sanderling—High counts included 12 west to Lordsburg Playa 15 Sep (WHH**), 8 at Conchas L. 22 Sep (MJB), and 5 at EBL 13 Oct (DJC**).

Semipalmated Sandpiper—West to the RGV were singles at Belen 3 & 10 Sep (JRO, WHH*) and EBL 23 Sep (DJC**).

Western Sandpiper—Late were 2 each at Bosque NWR 3 Nov (JEP) and EBL 11 Nov (DJC**).

Least Sandpiper—Noteworthy for *Los Alamos* was one at the Bandelier NM treatment ponds 9 Sep (SMF**).

Pectoral Sandpiper—Scarce west of the RGV, one was near Yah-ta-hey, *McKinley* 23 Sep (CMR). High count was 15 at EBL 1 Oct (DJC**).

Dunlin—Two at Brantley L. 15 Sep (SW) were unusually early. Next to arrive was one at EBL 5-7 Oct (DJC**, MJB, NDP).

<u>Short-billed Dowitcher</u>—A juv. was at the Clovis treatment ponds 24 Aug (JEP*, JRO**, CLA**).

<u>American Woodcock</u>—At least one was at Rattlesnake Springs 11-17 Oct (SW*, T. J. Hines*), providing the earliest fall record yet for New Mexico.

Red-necked Phalarope—A good season found up to 13 west to Tyrone 7 Sep-5 Oct (ERL). Farther east, high counts included 14 at Clovis 21 Sep (JEP), 34 at Ruby Ranch 27 Sep (WFWe), and 21 at EBL 27 Sep (DJC).

Red Phalarope—Two were at Ruby Ranch 10 Oct (WFWe) and singles were at EBL 13 Oct (DJC*) and Caballo L. 8-13 Oct (DJC**, CLA, WFWi**).

Sabine's Gull—Made an impressive showing, with at least 20 individuals—all juvs.—reported from nine locales 5 Sep-27 Oct, including a *Valencia* first 2 at Belen 13-17 Sep (J. Schelling**, m.ob., m.ph.), a *Torrance* first one at Mountainair 17 Sep (DLH*), one west to Bluewater L., *Cibola* 4 Oct (JAT), and a high 7 at Ruby Ranch 27 Sep (WFWe*).

Bonaparte's Gull—Where rarely reported were 3 at Mountainair 12-13 Nov (WFWi**), 2 at Carrizozo 16 Nov (JEP, WFWi), and 4 west to Lordsburg 23 Nov (JEP).

<u>Little Gull</u>—Unreported since 2006, a juv. was at Sumner L. 12 Sep (CLA**), providing the 5th credible New Mexico record.

Franklin's Gull—One was late at Sunland Park 29 Nov (JNP, DAB).

California Gull—Seldom reported in *Lincoln*, one was at Carrizozo 16 Nov (JEP*).

Herring Gull—One was early at Sumner L. 22 Sep (JEP). An ad. and 2 first-cycles were west to Lordsburg 23 Nov (JEP*).

<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>—An early ad. at EBL 25 Aug (DJC**) was not seen again. Later in the season, a third-cycle one was at EBL 29 Sep-29 Nov (DJC**, m.ob., DJK**, JRO**, NDP**, CLA**, ACG**), an ad. was at Morgan L. 9-10 Nov (CLA**, TR**), and a first-cycle was at Albuquerque's Alameda bridge from 20 Nov into Dec (HT, WTE*, AB**, MOH).

Caspian Tern—Three ads. were at Ute L. 8 Sep (MJB, NDP, JEP*, CLA**).

Common Tern—Those with documentation were singles at Brantley L. 2 Aug (SW*) and 7 Sep (RN**) and Clovis 27 Sep (JRO, CLA**).

<u>Long-tailed Jaeger</u>—A light morph juv. was at Sumner L. 12 Sep (CLA**). Under review is a dark juv. seen flying up Santa Fe Canyon 26 Sep (JPB*).

Eurasian Collared-Dove—Has found its way to most all corners of New Mexico, including 15 at Piñon, *Otero* 26 Sep (SW).

Inca Dove—Continued scarce; the 13 at Deming 24 Sep (LKM) were the most there in five years. Other high counts amounted to only 5 at Rodeo 23 Nov (JEP) and 4 at Carlsbad 19 Sep (SW).

Common Ground-Dove—One was seen and heard at Rattlesnake Springs 5 Aug (SW). An unidentified ground-dove was at Bosque NWR 3 Nov (JEP).

<u>Black-billed Cuckoo</u>—A juv. was at NRT 8 Sep (JEP*, JRO**, CLA**), the 2nd consecutive year for the species there.

Flammulated Owl—Now an expected migrant on the eastern plains, one was day-roosting at NRT 6-7 Oct (JEP, JRO) and 12 Oct (JRO).

Short-eared Owl—Eight were in the Two Rivers Dam area southwest of Roswell 27-29 Oct (J. M. Black*, MLW). One was in the Bitter Cr. area of BLNWR 7 Nov (FA*).

Boreal Owl—Surveys in n. New Mexico conducted from 29 Jul to mid-Oct found six of seven historical breeding locations occupied in the San Juan, Sangre de Cristo, and Jemez ranges; in addition, birds were detected in two new locations, including the first record for *Sandoval* (*fide* D. W. Stahlecker).

Northern Saw-whet Owl—One was roosting at NRT 19 Oct (JEP, JRO**, WFWi**). A family group was in the Narbona Pass area, Chuska Mts., *San Juan* 1 Aug (CLB).

Common Poorwill—Late in the north were singles at Los Alamos 10-16 Oct (SMF**) and Trigg Ranch 11 Oct (MDM).

whip-poor-will sp.—One was day-roosting at NRT 8 Sep (WFWi, JEP, JRO**, MJB, NDP**, CLA**); the eastern location and recent weather patterns suggested Eastern Whip-poor-will (*fide* NDP). The site hosted New Mexico's only confirmed Eastern in Oct 2010, and another unidentified one was photographed there Sept 2011.

Mexican Whip-poor-will—One was vocal in Clanton Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. on the late date of 27 Sep (JAT).

Black Swift—Nine nests, each with one nestling, were at Jemez Falls, Sandoval 16-17 Aug (K. Potter, J. Beason, C. Gunn); 2 ads. and 3 nestlings were banded and a geolocator was placed on an ad. ♀. Two ads. were in the Apache Cr. area, n. Rio Arriba 11 Aug (NDP, MJB**).

Blue-throated Hummingbird—A ♀ was in P.O. Canyon 24 & 27 Sep (CDL).

Lucifer Hummingbird—Peaked at 22 birds in P.O. Canyon 29 Aug, where hatch-year birds were seen until 10 Sep, 99 to 30 Sep, and 30 to 5 Oct (CDL).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird—An ad. ♂ was at Carlsbad 4-6 Sep (R. Hurd**, SW**).

Anna's Hummingbird—Followed the usual autumn pattern, with one to 3 in P.O. Canyon daily 3 Aug-11 Sep, increasing to 16 on 9 Oct, and with the last there 22 Nov (CDL), and gradually spreading east to the RGV, with singles at Elephant Butte 7 Oct-16 Nov (DJC**), Las Cruces 3 Nov (R. Hodgson), and Escondida 8-24 Nov (SL**, NEH**). One was farther east to the Guadalupe Mts. 5 Nov (J. Lewis**).

Broad-tailed Hummingbird—An ad. ♂ was at Las Cruces 19 Nov (DMS).

Rufous Hummingbird—Lingering were an ad. ♂ at Elephant Butte 11-30 Nov (DJC**) and one to 2 at Carlsbad 8-30 Nov (SW).

Calliope Hummingbird—Very late was a juv. ♂ in Embudito Canyon, Sandia Mts. 4 Nov (ACG*).

Broad-billed Hummingbird—An ad. ♂ that strayed north to Eldorado 3 Nov-6 Dec (G. & S. Vreeland**, JPB**, BRF**, ACF) provided a *Santa Fe* first. A ♀ was in Fillmore Canyon, Organ Mts. 8 Oct (M. Brooks**).

Lewis's Woodpecker—One was at the Alameda wetlands 10 Sep (JPJ). One was south to La Union 28 Oct (DAB**).

Red-headed Woodpecker—Singles were west to the Sandia Mts. at Sandia Park and Doc Long Picnic Area 1 Sep (CMB).

Williamson's Sapsucker—Scarce in Eddy, a \bigcirc was at Rattlesnake Springs 16 Sep (m.ob.).

Red-breasted Sapsucker—Providing New Mexico's first confirmed record, a juv. of the *daggetti* subspecies was in *McKinley* 5 km north of Ramah L. 19 Oct-4 Nov (R. Hammond**, JEP*, JRO**, WFWi**, CLA**, NDP*, MJB**, JPB**). The numerous photographs were circulated to persons familiar with the species, including its molt sequence; Peter Pyle compared the photos with numerous specimens and concluded the New Mexico bird was consistent with juv. *daggetti*, a view shared by Kimball L. Garrett and others.

Ladder-backed Woodpecker—A \circlearrowleft with 2 juvs. was in lower Bluewater Gorge, *Cibola* 5 Aug (JAT), providing a 2nd local breeding record.

Downy Woodpecker—Individuals identified as the eastern subspecies *medianus* were near Clayton 24 Nov (MJB**, NDP) and Galisteo 27 Oct (JPB**).

American Three-toed Woodpecker—Detected at two sites in the Chuska Mts. near Narbona Pass 1 Aug (CLB). Noteworthy for the Sacramento Mts. was one along the Rim Trail near Cloudcroft 24 Aug (JG).

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Merlin—One was very early at Bosque NWR 5 Aug (DLH*).

[Cockatiel]—One escapee was enjoying weed seeds at La Union 5 Aug (DAB**).

Western Wood-Pewee—Very late was one below EBL Dam 9 Oct (DJC).

<u>Eastern Wood-Pewee</u>—One was singing at NRT 8 Sep (JEP*, WFWi*, CLA*).

<u>Yellow-bellied Flycatcher</u>—Singles were documented at NRT 8 Sep (JEP*, JRO**, MJB**, NDP**, CLA**) and Rattlesnake Springs 29 Sep (SW**, RN*), the latter an *Eddy* first.

Hammond's Flycatcher—A vocal one was late at Albuquerque 28 Nov (MJB**).

Eastern Phoebe—An ad. was feeding a fledgling at Mills Canyon CG 12 Aug (DLH). In the southwest, early migrants reached Radium Springs 14 Sep (MTS, JEZ) and the lower Mimbres R., nw. *Luna* 26 Sep (MLW**).

Great Crested Flycatcher—Singles were at Oasis SP 20 Aug (DW**) and Tatum 24 Aug (JEP*, JRO**), and up to 4 were at NRT: singles on 28 Aug (CMB*), 3 Sep (JEP*, JRO**), 8-10 Sep (JEP*, NDP**, MJB*, JRO**, CLA**), and 29 Sep (JEP, JRO**, CLA**).

<u>Piratic Flycatcher</u>—One discovered at Rattlesnake Springs 12 Sep (D. Vogt**) was documented by many through 25 Sep (m.ob., m.ph.). Apparently a juv. of the northern subspecies (*fide* S. N. G. Howell), it provided the 2nd record for Rattlesnake Springs and the 3rd overall for the state, all in Sep in the Pecos Valley.

Eastern Kingbird—Three fledglings were together at the Kirtland AFB golf course 29 Aug (GKF**); there have been few Albuquerque area breeding records in recent years.

Northern Shrike—An early one was at San Marcos, *Santa Fe* 22 Oct (R. B. Olcott*). By Nov, singles had reached *San Juan* (JEP), *Rio Arriba* (C. Mangeng), *Union* (NDP), *Mora* (DLH), and *Bernalillo* (JPJ**), and one was south to Bosque NWR 25 Nov (JWS**).

<u>White-eyed Vireo</u>—Continuing from Jul, one was at Bosque NWR 5 Aug (DLH). One was at NRT 7 Oct (CMR*, JRO).

Gray Vireo—Late for the north, one was at El Vado Ranch, *Rio Arriba* 2 Sep (L. Pierce*).

Yellow-throated Vireo—Singles were at Rattlesnake Springs 2-3 Sep (RN, SW*), Galisteo 9-16 Sep (BRF**, JPB**, WTE*), NRT 6-7 Oct (JEP*, NEH**, CMR*), and below Caballo Dam 10 Oct (NGS**).

Cassin's Vireo—One was late at Percha SP 2 Nov (NGS).

Blue-headed Vireo—Singles were west to NAPI 16 Sep (TR**) and Galisteo 30 Sep (JPB*, WTE*). Several were reported farther east; those with useful documentation were singles at Ute L. 22 Sep (NEH**), Ned Houk Park 3 Sep (CLA**), NRT 28-29 Sep

(JEP*), Boone's Draw 2 Sep (JWS**), Pep 6 Oct (NEH**), Milnesand 15 Sep (JEP*, JRO**), Tatum 21 Sep (JEP*), and Rattlesnake Springs 5 Oct (SW*).

<u>Philadelphia Vireo</u>—Early singles were at Cherry Creek CG 24 Aug (LKM*) and near Mesilla 3 Sep (CJG**). Two were at Spirithaven Ranch south of Santa Rosa 10 Oct (WFWe*) and singles were at NRT 2 Oct (CLA**), Bosque NWR 10 Oct (CLA**), and below EBL Dam 4-9 Oct (DJC**, JRO**, DJK**, MJB**, ACG**).

Red-eyed Vireo—Singles were at NRT 17-18 Aug (JRO, JEP*, JWS**) and 6-7 Sep (JRO, JEP*), Ned Houk Park 22 Sep (NDP) and another or the same there 28 Sep (JEP, JRO), Rattlesnake Springs 14 Sep (SW), and below EBL Dam 25 Sep (DJC**).

Gray Jay—Recently scarce in the Jemez Mts., one in *Sandoval* was on the slope above Camp May 2 Sep (WHH). In the s. Sangre de Cristo Mts., 5 were on Elk Mt. 30 Aug (JRO).

Steller's Jay—Several wandered to the RGV, including singles at Luis Lopez 31 Oct (JRO) and near Radium Springs 3 Oct (MTS, JEZ) and 2 at Mesilla Bosque SP 3 Nov (CJG).

Blue Jay—Singles were west to Galisteo 18 Oct (WFWe), Cedar Crest, *Bernalillo* 30 Oct (J. D. Ligon), and Albuquerque's Botanical Gardens 29-30 Nov (R. E. Charlton).

Western Scrub-Jay—Dispersing were one to 2 at NRT 7 Sep-14 Oct (JEP), one to 2 at Luis Lopez 27 Aug-30 Nov (JRO), up to 10 near Radium Springs 15 Sep-30 Nov (MTS, JEZ), and one to 3 at Rattlesnake Springs 7 Sep-30 Nov (SW, JEP).

Clark's Nutcracker—Generally scarce in the Black Range, so noteworthy in w. *Sierra* were 2 on Lookout Mt. 6 Aug (WFWe) and 2 at Poverty Creek 19 Sep & 10 Oct (DJC).

Purple Martin—Two ads. at a nest cavity in an aspen along the Dockwiller Trail north of Cowles 4 Aug (PLN) furnished a new Sangre de Cristo Mts. breeding locale. Lowland migrants included 2 at Rodeo 9 Sep (REW**) and one near Radium Springs 17 Sep (JEZ).

Cave Swallow—Three juvs. were north to BLNWR 20 Aug (SW).

Barn Swallow—One was late at Six Mile Dam 12 Nov (SW).

White-breasted Nuthatch—Singles identified by voice and plumage as the eastern subspecies *carolinensis* were at Conchas Dam 13 Oct (MJB, NDP, CJW**) and Santa Rosa 7 Oct (CJW**).

<u>Pacific Wren</u>—One seen and heard at Galisteo 18 Oct (WFWe*) provided the only detailed report.

Winter Wren—Singles were at eight sites in seven counties from the RGV eastward 6 Oct-25 Nov: Santa Fe Canyon Preserve 23 Oct-25 Nov (WTE*, BRF*, JPB**), Valmora 14 Oct (CMR*), NRT 6-7 Oct (JEP*, NEH*, CMR*) & 19 Oct (JRO), Albuquerque's South Valley 10 Oct (DLH), Bosque NWR 18 Nov (DLH), below EBL Dam 23-24 Nov

(DJC**), Rio Grande south of Williamsburg 24 Dec (DJC**), and Tatum 6 & 19 Oct (NEH, JEP*, JRO).

<u>Sedge Wren</u>—One at Blue Hole Cienega near Santa Rosa 7-15 Oct (NDP**, MJB**, JEP*, JRO**, m.ob.) was the first confirmed by photo or specimen in nearly two decades.



Sedge Wren at Blue Hole Cienega near Santa Rosa, 7 October 2012. Photograph by Nicholas D. Pederson.

<u>Carolina Wren</u>—Up to 2 at Bosque NWR Aug-Nov (DLH*, NEH*, GKF*, JEP*), where present since Summer 2011; both were heard singing this season (DLH).

Black-tailed Gnatcatcher—Slowly recovering from population lows, a few were reported in the south, including one at Oliver Lee SP 7 Aug (CLA**); one was north to EBL 23 Nov (DJC).

American Dipper—One wandered down to Rotary Park, Truth or Consequences 10-26 Oct (A. Morrison**, DJC**).

<u>Veery</u>—Single migrants were well documented at NRT 14 Sep (JEP*, JRO**, CLA**) and 28 Sep (WFWi, JEP*. JRO**).

Wood Thrush—One was at Galisteo 8-9 Oct (BRF*, CLA**, RC).

Brown Thrasher—Reported from 10 counties from the RGV eastward, including one at Alamo Tank, Otero Mesa 19 Oct (SW).

Bendire's Thrasher—One in the Five Points area, Sevilleta NWR 11 Oct (DJK) was thought to be a migrant.

Crissal Thrasher—Still noteworthy north to *Santa Fe*, 2 were along the Galisteo R. at Cerrillos 23 Nov (JPB).

Sprague's Pipit—Surveys at Sevilleta NWR found only 5 during the period 4 Oct-8 Nov (DJK, KAG, CMR, WHH). Elsewhere, an early one was near Brantley L. 15 Sep (SW*) and one was near Toy Tank, Otero Mesa 12 Oct (RAM).

Lapland Longspur—Singles south to EBL at Lost Canyon 28 Oct (JEP, CLA) and South Highlands 3 Nov (JEP) provided the only reports.

Ovenbird—Scarce west to *Grant*, one struck a window at Silver City 11 Sep (D. & V. Johnson**).

Worm-eating Warbler—Rare in fall, one was at Las Cruces 22 Aug (L. Hinesley*).

<u>Louisiana Waterthrush</u>—Following one in the Organ Mts. in late Jul, up to 4 more were photographically documented in Aug: one in *Quay* 10 km north of San Jon 6 Aug (WFWi**), one at Oasis SP 6 Aug (DW**) and presumably another there 17 Aug (JL**), and one at Rattlesnake Springs on multiple dates 8-19 Aug (CLA*, RN*, MJB**, CJW**, SW*, JWS**).

Golden-winged Warbler—An ad. ♂ was at NRT 29 Sep (CLA*).

Black-and-white Warbler—One was west to Cherry Creek CG 31 Aug (RG**).

Prothonotary Warbler—One was west to Gila 28 Aug (RG*); farther east, singles were in *Bernalillo* 3 km east of Yrisarri 30 Aug (M. G. Martin**), Albuquerque's Botanical Gardens 6 Sep (WFWe), and Galisteo 7 Oct (BRF*).

<u>Tennessee Warbler</u>—Carefully described were one at NRT 29 Sep (JEP*, WFWi) and another there 5-6 Oct (JEP*, CLA**, NEH**, CMR*) and a late one at Deming 6 Nov (LKM*).

Hooded Warbler—At the Santa Fe Canyon Preserve, the ♂ of the summering pair lingered through Aug (JPB**) and was last reported 23 Sep (BRF). One was seen and heard at Escondida 9 Aug (J. Smith).

American Redstart—Reported from 12 counties from the RGV eastward; last was one near Radium Springs 20 Oct (MTS, JEZ).

Northern Parula—Singles where seldom reported were in s. *Curry* 4 Oct (DW), the Diamond A Ranch in w. *Chaves* 31 Oct (WFWe*), Pep 6 Oct (NEH**), Tierra Blanca Cr. in w. *Sierra* 3 Oct (DJC*), Leasburg SP 25 Aug (CJG**), and near Radium Springs 12 Oct-6 Nov (MTS, JEZ). Singles were at NRT on multiple dates 22 Sep-14 Oct (m.ob., m.ph.).

Magnolia Warbler—An imm. was at Tatum 21 Sep (JEP*, JRO**). At NRT, an imm. was present 25 Sep (CLA**) & 29 Sep (JEP*, JRO**) and another was there 19 Oct (JEP*, JRO**).

Blackburnian Warbler—An ad. ♂ was at Oasis SP 21 Aug (CLA**). An imm. was at NRT 9 Sep (MOH*) and a fall ad. was there 29 Sep (JEP*, JRO**). An imm. was at Rattlesnake Springs 20 Sep (SW*).

Chestnut-sided Warbler—A busy season found one west to NAPI 27 Sep (CLB*) plus one to 3 at seven sites from the RGV eastward: one banded on Capilla Peak, *Torrance* 3 Sep (MOH), one at Aguirre Springs 19 Sep (CJG**), singles at NRT 8 Sep (JEP*, JRO**, MJB**, NDP**, CLA**) and again 23 Sep (JEP*, JRO**), BLNWR 8-9 Sep (SW*), Tatum 21 Sep (JEP*, JRO), Hobbs 29 Sep (JWS*), and Rattlesnake Springs 10 Sep (SW*), 21-22 Sep (MA, JG**), and 5 Oct (SW*).

<u>Blackpoll Warbler</u>—One was at Santa Fe 22 Sep (T. Treece**). Singles were netted at RGNC 15 Sep (CMR*, ACG**, N. S. Cox**) and 29 Sep (CMR*, ACG**). Singles were at NRT 21 Sep (JEP*, JRO**, CLA**) and 29 Sep (JEP*, JRO).

Black-throated Blue Warbler—A \circlearrowleft was west to NAPI 21-24 Sep (TR**, CLB). Farther east, a \circlearrowleft struck a window at Galisteo 8 Oct (J. Tuwaletstiwa**, specimen to MSB); single \circlearrowleft were at Oasis SP 22 Sep (DW**) and Milnesand 5-6 Oct (JEP*, NEH**) and a \circlearrowleft was at Percha SP 10 Oct (CLA**). Up to 4, including 3 \circlearrowleft and one \hookrightarrow , were at NRT 4-7 Oct (JRO**, JEP*, CLA**, NEH**).

<u>Palm Warbler</u>—At NRT, singles—some possibly repeats—were there 20 Sep (JRO**), 29 Sep (JEP*, JRO**), 2 Oct (SDC**), and 7 Oct (JRO**, NEH**, CLA**, CMR*). Elsewhere, singles were near Otto 7 Oct (BRF**), at Las Cruces 2 Oct (NGS**), on Otero Mesa at Johnson Well 27 Sep (SW**), and at Rattlesnake Springs 21-22 Sep (MA, JG**). All were identified as the nominate, western subspecies.

<u>Pine Warbler</u>—At least 3 reached Albuquerque in late Nov: singles at Aztec Park 27-29 Nov (CLA**, NEH**, ACG**, CMB*, JEP*), Sunset Memorial Park 27-28 Nov (AB, CJW**), and Roosevelt Park 28 Nov (CJW *fide* MJB). Other reports with details were singles below EBL Dam 21 Sep (DJC*) and Rattlesnake Springs 21 Nov (SW*).

<u>Yellow-throated Warbler</u>—Nicely documented were singles at EBL 10 & 14 Aug (DJC**) and NRT 8 Sep (JEP*, JRO**, CLA**).

Black-throated Gray Warbler—Late in the east were singles at NRT 5-8 Oct (JEP, JRO) and Rattlesnake Springs 11 Oct (SW).

Hermit Warbler—East of expected was one on the e. slope of the Sangre de Cristo Mts. on the trail to Serpent L., *Taos* 4 Aug (JAT*) and another at La Union 7 Sep (DAB**). Small numbers passed through the Pinos Altos and Peloncillo ranges 2 Aug-22 Sep (JAT*, C. G. Lundblad, CDL*, LKM*).

<u>Black-throated Green Warbler</u>—A good season, with singles at NRT 20 Aug (CLA**), 29-30 Sep (JEP*, JRO**), 4 Oct (JRO**), and 14 Oct (JEP*, DLH) and one at Galisteo 13 Oct (WTE*, BRF**).

<u>Canada Warbler</u>—One below EBL Dam 4 Oct (DJC**) provided only the 11th credible New Mexico record.

Eastern Towhee x Spotted Towhee—A hybrid ♀ was at Milnesand 5-6 Oct (G. W. Beauprez*, JEP*, JRO**, CLA**, NEH**).

American Tree Sparrow—Earliest arrivals were singles near Sandia Park 6 Nov (HT), Eagle Nest L., *Colfax* 7 Nov (CLA**), and Edgewood 8 Nov (PLN) and 2 at La Cienega 10 Nov (JPB).

Clay-colored Sparrow—West of usual were one at GGP 9 Sep (TBG) and one to 3 at Rodeo 9-13 Sep (REW**)

Field Sparrow—Earliest were singles at Rattlesnake Springs 7 Sep (SW) and NRT 5 Oct (JRO) and 2 at Oasis SP 7 Oct (CMR).

Grasshopper Sparrow—Often overlooked in migration, reports this season included 4 at Blue Hole Cienega near Santa Rosa 13 Oct (NDP) and singles at Ghost Ranch, *Rio Arriba* 8 Sep (CMR*), near Cabezon Peak 20 Oct (WHH*), Sevilleta NWR 17 Oct (DJK), and the Las Cruces Dam 22 Sep-2 Oct (NGS, C. I. Sandell**).

Fox Sparrow—Singles were at 11 sites in nine counties from the RGV eastward 1 Oct and later. Noteworthy for *Lincoln* was a red one at Ramon 1 Nov (CLH*).

Swamp Sparrow—Two were early at Rattlesnake Springs 10 Sep (SW).

Harris's Sparrow—Singles were found at Clayton L. 24 Nov (MJB**, NDP**) and Bosque NWR 18 Nov (DLH).

White-crowned Sparrow—Notably early was one south to La Union 28 Aug (DAB); 10 were at Percha SP by 15 Sep (NDP).

Golden-crowned Sparrow—A juv. was early at Corrales 27 Oct (J. M. Ruth*, DJK**). One was at a Santa Fe golf course 10 Nov (JPB*) and another was at the Santa Fe Canyon Preserve 22 Nov (W. Schackwitz **).

"White-winged" Junco—Singles were documented at Cerrillos 28-29 Oct (S. Noseworthy**, ACF*) and 16 Nov (ACF*) and at Edgewood 10 Nov (ABJ).

Summer Tanager—Late for the north, an ad. ♂ was at the White Rock treatment ponds, *Los Alamos* 13 Oct (SMF**).

<u>Scarlet Tanager</u>—Single winter-plumaged ♂♂ were at NRT 18 Sep (CLA**) and 6-8 Oct (JEP*, NEH**, JRO**, CLA*).

Northern Cardinal—In the northeast, singles were at Conchas L. 28 Sep (JEP) and Ute L. 13 Oct (JEP), in w. *Sierra*, singles were at two Hillsboro sites 17 Nov (DJC**) and on Tierra Blanca Cr. 20 Nov (DJC**); one was at Rodeo 20 Nov (CLA**).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak—West of usual were one to 3 at NAPI 3 Oct (TR**) and one in P.O. Canyon 16-17 Sep (CDL). Latest were singles near Radium Springs 10 Oct (MTS, JEZ) and Mesilla Park 10 Oct (CJG**).

Black-headed Grosbeak—One was late at Jacona, *Santa Fe* 4 Oct (CMR).

Varied Bunting—An ad. ♂ was north to P.O. Canyon 1 Sep (CDL).

Painted Bunting—A ♀ was tending 2 fledglings at Broad Canyon Ranch north of Radium Springs 16 Aug (MTS). Migrants spread across the southwest, including singles at GGP 9 Sep (TBG), Rodeo 31 Aug (REW), P.O. Canyon 5 Aug & 1 Sep (CDL), and Big Hatchet Mts., *Hidalgo* 26 Sep (JAT).

Dickcissel—Small numbers of migrants were in evidence from the RGV eastward 11 Aug-29 Sep, including one at Pojoaque, *Santa Fe* 16 Aug (E. MacKerrow*). West were one at GGP 9 Sep (TBG) and one to 2 at Rodeo 31 Aug & 7-9 Sep (REW**).

Bobolink—One was west to Rodeo 31 Aug (REW*). Another was at Truth or Consequences 4 Oct (WFWe*).

Rusty Blackbird—Three were at L. Avalon 16 Nov (RN**).

<u>Baltimore Oriole</u>—An apparent imm. \circlearrowleft was at NRT 28 Aug-1 Sep (CMB*, CLA**, JRO, JEP*) and a \circlearrowleft was there 15 Sep (JEP*, JRO**). Farther south, a \circlearrowleft /imm. \circlearrowleft was at Tatum 1 Sep (JEP*, JRO) and another was near Radium springs 28-31 Aug (MTS*, JEZ**).

Pine Grosbeak—Up to 3 were south to Sandia Crest 21-22 Nov (MJB, ACG).

Cassin's Finch—Dispersing birds included singles at NRT 20 Oct (JRO**) and Rattlesnake Springs 5 Oct (SW), 2 at Edgewood 14 Nov (ABJ), and 20 in the Los Pinos Mts., Sevilleta NWR 16 Nov (KAG).

Red Crossbill—Continued notably widespread and conspicuous, especially during Aug in the Chuska ("large numbers"), Zuni, Sangre de Cristo ("many"), Jemez, Sandia ("hundreds"), and Black ranges (m.ob.). Dispersing birds included 12 east to Watrous 14 Oct (CMR) and 15 east to Clayton 5 Nov (WFWi); others were south in the RGV, with 10 at Leasburg SP 3 Nov (NGS), 20 near Radium Springs 15 Nov (MTS, JEZ), and 10 at La Union 19 Nov (DAB); 12 were over the desert at Deming 24 Nov (LKM).

White-winged Crossbill—Continuing from summer, small numbers were at three Sandia Crest sites 3-25 Aug, including 5 at the Crest House 3 Aug (GAO*), 3 at the 10K trailhead 8 Aug (CMB*), and 3 at the top of the aerial tram 14 Aug (PLN). In the Sangre de Cristo Mts., 3 were on Elk Mt. 27 Aug (WFWe*) where 20 were found 20 Nov (MJB*, ABJ); farther north, 12 were near Serpent L. 1 Oct (JAT*).

<u>Common Redpoll</u>—An imm. ♂ was nicely documented in the Dry Cimarron Valley, *Union* 24 Nov (MJB**, NDP**).

<u>Lawrence's Goldfinch</u>—Three were photographed at GGP 17 Oct (TBG**). Six were reported below EBL Dam 18 Nov (BF).

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