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## SUMMARY OF THE 1964-65 WINTER AND SPRING SEASONS

THE WEATHER PATTERN FOR THE WINTER AND SPRING PERIODS IS HARD TO CHARACTERIZE IN A GENERAL WAY AS A MOSAIC OF LOCALLY VARIABLE CONDITIONS PREVAILED OVER MUCH OF THE STATE.

THE EXTREMELY DRY SOUTHEASTERN PLAINS MAINTAINED "CRITICAL" DROUGHT CONDITIONS WITH LITTLE SNOW OR SPRING RAIN AND RANGES IN POOR SHAPE. GOOD RUN-OFF FROM THE ADJACENT SACRAMENTOS AND MORE NORTHERN MONTANE AREAS, HOWEVER, SHOULD KEEP WATER UP IN THE PECOS AND IRRIGATED AREAS. MONTGOMERY MENTIONED THE MAINTENANCE OF HIGH WATER LEVELS IN IMPOUNDMENTS IN THE AREA (PARTIALLY TO OFFSET EXPECTED HIGH SUMMER DEMANDS FOR IRRIGATION WATER) AS THE FACTOR MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR A POOR SHOREBIRD MIGRATION THERE; VERY FEW MUDFLATS WERE LEFT UNCOVERED.

THE TULAROSA BASIN (ALAMOGORDO AREA) WAS ALSO EXPECTED TO BENEFIT

SOMEWHAT FROM THE GOOD SNOWS IN THE SACRAMENTOS; IT ALSO RECEIVED SOME PRECIPITATION OF ITS OWN, NOTABLY IN MARCH, AND, DESPITE A DRY, WINDY APRIL AND MAY, THE OUTLOOK SEEMED GOOD FOR FOOD CONDITIONS IN THE AREA.

TO THE NORTH, THE CENTRAL RIO GRANDE VALLEY RECEIVED BELOW AVERAGE AMOUNTS OF WINTER AND SPRING PRECIPITATION; BUT, THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE REPORTED SATISFACTORY FOOD SUPPLIES AND 165% OF NORMAL SPRING FLOW FORECAST FOR ITS DITCHES, WITH THE "WATER PICTURE BETTER THAN FOR SEVERAL YEARS". WINTERING WATER FOWL OCCURRED ON THE REFUGE IN SLIGHTLY SMALLER NUMBERS THAN LAST YEARS THOUGH THE FIGURES FOR GEESE WERE ABOVE THE PAST FIVE YEARS' AVERAGE.

CEDAR CREST, IN THE MOUNTAINS NEAR ALBUQUERQUE, HAD A RATHER MILD, WET WINTERS AS DID FARMINGTON, IN THE SAN JUAN BASIN; THE FORMER LOCALE, AFTER A BRIEF WARM, DRY SPELL IN APRIL, EXPERIENCED A COLD, WET MAY.

THE REMAINING NORTHERN STATIONS (LOS ALAMOS, ESPANOLA, SANTA FE, LAS VEGAS) ALL REPORTED A COLD, WET WINTER WHICH CONTINUED INTO SPRING.

IN GENERAL, THE ABOVE VARIATION WAS NOT REFLECTED IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BIRDS THEMSELVES. THERE WAS APPARENTLY A UNIFORM PAUCITY OF WINTERING BOREAL PASSERINES (NOTABLY: CASSIN'S FINCHES, RED-BREASTED NUTHATCHES, EVENING GROSBEAKS, AND WAXWINGS, WITH SISKINS, BLUEBIRDS AND SOLITAIRES SCARCE IN MANY LOWLAND AREAS) AND A LATE AND GENERALLY UNSPECTACULAR SPRING MIGRATION (THOUGH HERE SOME STATIONS DID DIFFER A BIT, CEDAR CREST REPORTING ABOUT NORMAL ARRIVAL DATES FOR MOST SPECIES, WHILE SANTA FE, NOT FAR TO THE NORTH, SAW NOTHING OF MANY KINDS, NOTABLY WARBLERS, UNTIL MUCH LATER THAN USUAL.

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#### A WORD ABOUT RECORDS:

SUBSCRIBERS TO AUDUBON FIELD NOTES PROBABLY HAVE SEEN AN ARTICLE IN THE JUNE, 1965, ISSUE (VOL. 19, NO. 3) TITLED "WHAT CONSTITUTE SCIENTIFIC DATA FOR THE STUDY OF BIRD DISTRIBUTION?" THIS ARTICLE POINTS UP THE PROBLEMS OF

ACCEPTING SIGHT RECORDS WITHOUT ADEQUATE SUBSTANTIATION.

NEW MEXICO HAS NO COMPLETE, UP-TO-DATE, ANNOTATED CHECK-LIST OF SPECIES. THE VARIOUS EDITORS WHO HAVE WORKED ON THE SEASONAL REPORTS ARE HANDICAPPED IN HAVING NO PUBLISHED AUTHORITY TO WHICH THEY CAN REFER FOR CURRENT INFORMATION. MANY OF THE SIGHT RECORDS SUBMITTED TO THE N.M.O.S. FIELD NOTES ARE DOUBTLESS GOOD SOUND ONES, AND SURELY ALL ARE SINCERE. BUT WHEN A RECORD IS A FIRST FOR THE STATE, OR THE AREAS IT MUST BE JUDGED WITH CARE IF THE N.M.O.S. WORK IS TO HAVE TRUE SCIENTIFIC VALUE. MANY OBSERVERS ARE NOT PERSONALLY KNOWN TO THE EDITORS, A CONFINING FACTOR IN DETERMINING VALIDITY. IF FEW OR NO DETAILS ARE LISTED WITH THE REPORTS IT IS OFTEN IMPOSSIBLE TO ASSESS IT, AND SO IT MUST BE LEFT OUT. READ AGAIN WHAT ROGER TORY PETERSON SAYS ON SIGHT RECORDS IN "HOW TO USE THIS BOOK", PREFACING THE FIELD GUIDE TO WESTERN BIRDS. THEN KEEP IN MIND THE FOLLOWING POINTS WHEN SUBMITTING UNUSUAL DATA:

GIVE FULL AND COMPLETE DETAILS ON WHERE AND WHEN; WHO SAW THE BIRDS AND WAS IT SEEN MORE THAN ONCE? DESCRIBE ALL FIELD MARKS NOTED; WERE THERE PHOTOGRAPHS, OR WAS A SPECIMEN TAKEN? ARE OTHER AREA RECORDS OF THE BIRD KNOWN TO THE OBSERVER?

REMEMBER: IT IS FAR BETTER TO REPORT TOO MUCH THAN TOO LITTLE!!

COMMON LOON

1 REPORTED AT BITTER LAKES REFUGE 5/15 (BOGGS); A FIRST YEAR PLUMAGE BIRD FOUND DEAD AT THE GOLF COURSE PONDS IN SANTA FE 5/29 WAS TURNED OVER TO U.N.M. AS A SPECIMEN (PRS).

HORNED GREBE

AT LEAST 7 WERE SEEN AT ELEPHANT BUTTE RESERVOIR 2/18 AMONG HUNDREDS OF EARED GREBES; 1 WAS COLLECTED AT ELEPHANT BUTTE 2/21 (BH, HAYWARD); THIS IS APPARENTLY THE FIRST SPECIMEN FOR THE STATE; 1 FOUND DEAD SOME YEARS AGO WAS NOT PRESERVED(BH).

EARED GREBE

ARRIVAL DATES: BITTER LAKES REFUGE 3/4 (ANC); CLAYTON 3/21 (AK); ROSWELL 3/22 (VM). 1 SEEN AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 4/20 REMAINED UNTIL 5/21 (WG).

WESTERN GREBE

200 WERE SEEN AT ONE TIME 4/25 IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA WHERE PREVIOUSLY THE MOST SEEN AT ONE TIME HAD BEEN 4 (ES).

WHITE PELICAN

USUALLY SEEN IN HUNDREDS AT BITTER LAKES REFUGE IN THE SPRING, BUT THIS YEAR WERE SEEN ONLY TWICE: 1 AT LOVING 1/10 (SW), AND 1 AT BITTER LAKES REFUGE 5/1 (VM); 42 WERE COUNTED AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 4/13 (WG).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT

3 WERE SEEN 3/16 AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE AND 8 WERE PRESENT 5/21 (WG).

GREEN HERON

1 SEEN NEAR ALAMEDA 5/2 (LL); 1 AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 5/7 (PRS); 1 SEEN ON SILVER CITY BIG-DAY COUNT 5/8; 2 NOTED AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 5/21 (WG).

COMMON EGRET

2 WERE NOTED AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 4/20 (WG).

SNOWY EGRET

4 WERE COUNTED 4/13 AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE, AND A PEAK OF 18 WERE IN ON 5/28 (WG); THE EARLIEST SANTA FE DATE WAS 4/21 (PRS).

LOUISIANA HERON

1 WAS IDENTIFIED AT HARROUN LAKE NEAR CARLSBAD 12/6 (SW); THIS IS ONE OF THE FEW SIGHT RECORDS FOR THE STATE.

LEAST BITTERN

1 WAS SEEN 5/28 AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (WG).

AMERICAN BITTERN

1 WAS SEEN AT BITTER LAKES REFUGE 2/15 (ANC).

WHITE-FACED IBIS

35 WERE SEEN AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 4/28 (BH); 1 WAS SEEN AT REDROCK, GRANT CO., 5/8 ON THE SILVER CITY BIG-DAY COUNT; 27 WERE SEEN AT ELEPHANT BUTTE 5/15 (BH); SEEN IN ISLETA SWAMP 5/16 (FIDE MCK).

WHISTLING SWAN

1 IMMATURE BIRD WAS AT ROBERTS LAKE, GRANT CO., FROM 1/23 UNTIL AT LEAST 3/21 (BH); THE 2 BIRDS THAT HAVE WINTERED AT BITTER LAKES REFUGE FOR SEVERAL YEARS DID NOT APPEAR THIS YEAR (VM).

ROSS' GOOSE

2 WERE SEEN ON LAKE MCALISTER IN A LARGE FLOCK OF CANADA GEESE 1/17 (JRT), AND WERE NOTED THERE THROUGH MARCH (ES).

NEW MEXICAN DUCK

4 WERE SEEN AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 3/12 (OLVER); 2 BIRDS SEEN AT REDROCK, GRANT CO., 5/8 WERE ALSO SEEN 5/9 (BH, ET AL.); 2 WERE SEEN AT A TANK ON THE NORTH END OF THE ANIMAS MTS., HIDALGO CO., 5/22 (BH, ROY JOHNSON).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL

A VERY LARGE CONCENTRATION WAS AT ELEPHANT BUTTE 1/9 WHERE AN ESTIMATED 2000 BIRDS IN 3 FLOCKS WERE OBSERVED AT THE NORTH END OF THE LAKE (BH).

WOOD DUCK

6 BIRDS, INCLUDING AT LEAST 2 MALES, WERE SEEN 4/7 ON THE MIMBRES RIVER 5 MILES NW OF SANTA RITA, NEAR BEAR CANYON RESERVOIR, GRANT CO., (BH, REYNOLDS); 1 WAS SEEN 4/20 AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (DUKE).

REDHEAD

3 WERE SEEN AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 4/20 AND 5 WERE THERE 5/5 (WG).

RING-NECKED DUCK

APPROXIMATELY 50 WERE AT STORRIE LAKE, SAN MIGUEL CO., 3/7 (PRS).

CANVASBACK

4 WERE SEEN AT STORRIE LAKE, SAN MIGUEL CO., 3/7 (PRS).

HOODED MERGANSER

1 WAS SEEN 5/28 AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (WG).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER

1 IMMATURE FEMALE WAS TAKEN 1/9 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE FROM GILL NET PUT OUT BY

N.M.S.U. FISHERIES BIOLOGISTS; THIS IS APPARENTLY THE SECOND SPECIMEN FOR THE STATE, THOUGH THERE WERE OTHERS NOT PRESERVED; ON 2/18, 3 MALES AND 5 FEMALES WERE OBSERVED AT ELEPHANT BUTTE, AND IT IS LIKELY MORE WERE PRESENT AMONG THE THOUSANDS OF COMMON MERGANSERS THERE (BH).

TURKEY VULTURE

ARRIVAL DATES: ROSWELL 3/15 (VM); SILVER CITY 3/22 (BH); GRAN QUIVIRA NATIONAL MONUMENT, TORRANCE CO., 3/28 (LL); LAS VEGAS 3/31 (ES); SANTA FE 4/11 (PRS); CLAYTON 4/15 (AK); PENASCO, TAOS CO., 5/5 (AS).

MISSISSIPPI KITE

RETURNED TO ROSWELL, WHERE THE SPECIES HAS NESTED THE PAST THREE YEARS, 5/1 (SIKES); NO NESTS SEEN YET.

GOSHAWK

1 WAS AT TESUQUE ALL WINTER (HUEY); THREE RECORDS, ALL ADULTS, FOR THE SILVER CITY AREA ON 12/11, 3/19, 3/29 (BH); 1 WAS SEEN ON THE SILVER CITY BIG-DAY COUNT 5/8.

RED-TAILED HAWK

3 NESTS WERE LOCATED IN TORRANCE COUNTY IN APRIL: TWO IN JUNIPERS, AND ONE ON A SANDSTONE CLIFF; EGGS WERE SEEN IN TWO; PARENT BIRD WAS FLUSHED FROM THE NEST IN ONE (JMC).

HARLAN'S HAWK

WHAT IS APPARENTLY THE THIRD STATE RECORD FOR THIS HAWK WAS REPORTED FROM ESPANOLA 12/27 BY PATRICIA SNIDER AS FOLLOWS: "ALL DARK HAWK, BUT TAIL WAS MOTTLED, NOT BANDED, WHITE ABOVE; NO WHITE TAIL COVERTS AS IN ROUGH-LEG; NOT BLACK PHASE OF FERRUGINOUS OR ROUGH-LEG: WRONG SHAPE NOT BLACK SWAINSON'S, WHICH IS EVEN MORE UNLIKELY; WING WITH LIGHTER FLIGHT FEATHERS AS IN TURKEY VULTURE OR ZONE-TAILED HAWK; NOT BLACK RED-TAIL: IT WAS ALL DARK BELOW, SOMEWHAT SMALLER".

SWAINSON'S HAWK

1 WAS SEEN SOUTH OF LOVING 1/31 (WHERE IT HAS BEEN REPORTED AS WINTERING PREVIOUSLY) (SW, ET AL.); FIRST OF THE YEAR IN THE SW SECTION WAS NOTED 10 MILES NORTH OF LORDSBURG 3/28 (BH); 1 WAS SEEN AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 4/18 (JND).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK

FIRST OF THE YEAR WAS NOTED 3/21 ON THE GILA RIVER NEAR GILA (BH); 1 ADULT WAS SEEN 5/2 AT LOS ALAMOS CANYON (WBL).

HARRIS' HAWK

NOTED NEAR ROSWELL ON 12/9, 1/19, 2/5, 2/27 (VM).

BLACK HAWK

SINGLE BIRD ONE MILE WEST OF GILA 5/1 AND 5/8 SECOND BIRD OBSERVED 5/8 (HARRIS, TRAVIS, ET AL.) FIVE MILES SE OF CLIFF, APPARENTLY NESTING. PAIR OF BIRDS OBSERVED AT THIS LOCATION BY ROY JOHNSON AND HARRIS 5/26 GAVE ALL EVIDENCE OF NESTING, THOUGH BIRD WAS NOT FLUSHED FROM NEST IN COTTONWOOD TREE. A FOURTH BIRD IN SECOND YEAR PLUMAGE WAS OBSERVED BY JOHNSON AND HARRIS ONE MILE NORTH OF THIS LOCATION 5/26. IN SUMMARY, THERE ARE EVIDENTLY 5 BLACK HAWKS ALONG THE GILA RIVER THIS SUMMER IN A STRETCH RUNNING FROM REDROCK TO CLIFF, INCLUDING ONE NESTING PAIR AND A SECOND YEAR BIRD. HARRIS OBSERVED AN ADULT AND (FLEDGLING?) YOUNG FIVE MILES SE OF CLIFF DURING THE FALL OF 1964 (8/26). A BLACK HAWK (SAME AS ABOVE?) WAS SEEN BY ZIMMERMAN ET AL. NEAR CLIFF-GILA 4/1 (BH).

GOLDEN EAGLE

2 WERE SEEN IN THE EMBUDITO CANYON AREA, BERNALILLO CO., FROM 12/7 THROUGH 4/4 (JLT); AN IMMATURE WAS SEEN AT ESPANOLA 12/27 (PRS); 5 WERE SEEN AT CARLSBAD CAVERNS NATIONAL PARK 2/14 (SW), AND A NEST IN THE PARK PRODUCED 1 YOUNG WHICH WAS BANDED (SANCHEZ); 2 WERE SEEN IN TRIGO CANYON EAST OF BELEN 4/1 (JLS); A NEST FOUND IN TORRANCE COUNTY 4/10 ON A LIMESTONE CLIFF EDGE CONTAINED 1 DEAD EGG AND 1 DEAD DOWNY YOUNG (JMC); 3 WERE SEEN 4/14 NEAR MT. TAYLOR, ONE OF WHICH WAS AN IMMATURE BIRD (JLS).

BALD EAGLE

1 WAS SEEN 12/20 ON THE GILA RIVER NEAR THE GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS, WHERE AN ADULT HAD BEEN REPORTED SINCE THE FIRST OF DECEMBER BY A PARK SERVICE EMPLOYEE (BH); AN IMMATURE BIRD WITH HEAD AND TAIL STILL SHOWING SOME DARK COLORING WAS SEEN 12/30 AT CABALLO RESERVOIR, SIERRA CO. (BH); 2 ADULTS AND 1 IMMATURE WERE SEEN 1/11 NEAR LA CUEVA, MORA CO. (HIBBEN); AT LEAST 2 WINTERED IN THE ANIMAS RIVER VALLEY ON THE COLORADO-NEW MEXICO BORDER (AN); 1 WAS SEEN IN APRIL NEAR HUERFANO BUTTE, SAN JUAN CO. (AN).

OSPREY

1 WAS SEEN 4/1 NEAR CLIFF-GILA BY ZIMMERMAN ORNITHOLOGY CLASS.

PRAIRIE FALCON

2 NESTS WERE LOCATED IN TORRANCE CO. IN APRIL, BOTH CONTAINING 5 EGGS (JMC).

PEREGRINE FALCON

1 WAS SEEN AT ESPANOLA 12/27 (PRS); 1 WAS SEEN IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA IN EARLY JANUARY, 3/15, 4/23, AND 5/4 (ES); SINGLES WERE SEEN AT BITTER LAKES REFUGE 2/5 AND 4/4 (VM); A PAIR WAS SEEN NEAR NAVAJO DAM, SAN JUAN RIVER, IN MAY (AN).

PIGEON HAWK

1 WAS SEEN IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA 1/30 (ES), AND IN SANTA FE 3/4 (PRS).

SANDHILL CRANE

2 WERE SEEN IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA 2/28; 22 AND 28 WERE SEEN ON TWO OCCASIONS IN THE SAME AREA IN MARCH (ES).

VIRGINIA RAIL

A SINGLE AT REDROCK, GRANT CO., 5/8 WAS CAREFULLY OBSERVED BY HAYWARD, NILES, AND SANDS; 1 WAS CAPTURED ON A TENNIS COURT AT HOBBS AND BROUGHT TO BITTER LAKES REFUGE ABOUT 5/10; IT WAS REPORTED IN THE PRESS AS RARE, THOUGH THERE ARE RECORDS THERE FOR DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND JUNE (VM).

SORA

SEEN AND HEARD MORE FREQUENTLY THAN USUAL THROUGH THE WINTER AT BITTER LAKES REFUGE, THE LAST SIGHTING 5/15 (VM, SIKES).

PURPLE GALLINULE

1 WAS FOUND DEAD AT THE NORTH UNIT OF BITTER LAKES REFUGE 3/13 (BOGGS); THIS IS THE FOURTH RECORD FOR THE SPECIES AT ROSWELL IN RECENT YEARS; ALL HAVE BEEN DEAD OR IN DISTRESS.

COMMON GALLINULE

1 SEEN AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 4/18 (JND).

AMERICAN COOT

ABOUT 2500 WERE ON MORGAN LAKE, NEAR FRUITLAND, SAN JUAN CO., 1/10 (AN); AT

GLENWOOD 5/9 YOUNG WERE SEEN (PRS).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER

SEEN IN THE SE SECTION ONLY INFREQUENTLY, NOTED 3/20 AT HARROUN LAKE, EDDY CO., (SW), AND AT ROSWELL 3/21 (VM, ANC); 2 WERE SEEN 4/1 ABOUT 12 MILES EAST OF BELEN (JLS).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW

A TOTAL OF 15 WERE NOTED IN THE ROSWELL AREA 3/21 AND 3/22 (ANC); ARRIVED IN CLAYTON 4/4 (AK); NOTED AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 4/20 (WG).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS

4 WERE AT SANTA FE 4/14 (PRS); 1 WAS SEEN AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 5/14 (WG).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS

IN SANTA FE FROM 4/29 TO 5/4 (PRS); SEEN ON THE SILVER CITY BIG-DAY COUNT 5/8.

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER

NOTED IN SANTA FE 4/14, 4/17 AND 5/2 WHEN 7 WERE SEEN (PRS).

LEAST SANDPIPER

A FLOCK OF 50-75 BIRDS WAS SEEN 1/9 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE (BH); SEEN ON THE SILVER CITY BIG-DAY COUNT 5/8.

DOWITCHER

NOTED IN SANTA FE 3/21 AND 5/16 (PRS); 7 WERE AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 4/20, AND 3 WERE THERE 5/5 (WG).

STILT SANDPIPER

A BIRD IN BREEDING PLUMAGE WAS SEEN AT THREE DIFFERENT TIMES IN ONE DAY BY THREE OBSERVERS NEAR THE SANTA FE GOLF COURSE ON 5/22; ALL FIELD MARKS WERE CLEARLY SEEN USING A 30X SCOPE AT 40 FEET (PRS, WBL, KNICKERBOCKER).

WESTERN SANDPIPER

SMALL FLOCK WAS SEEN ON THE SILVER CITY BIG-DAY COUNT 5/8.

MARbled GODWIT

A SINGLE WAS AT KENNECOTT PONDS NEAR HURLEY, GRANT CO., 4/22; THERE ARE FEW RECORDS FOR THIS SPECIES IN SW NEW MEXICO (BH).

AMERICAN AVOCET

3 WERE NOTED AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 4/13 (WG).

BLACK-NECKED STILT

1 WAS SEEN AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE 3/24 (ANC), AND 1 WAS AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 4/13 (WG).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE

ARRIVAL DATES: ROSWELL 4/4 (VM); ISLETA SWAMP 4/18 (JND); SANTA FE 4/24, WITH A PEAK NUMBER OF 50 FROM 5/2 TO 5/5 (PRS).

HERRING GULL

AT LEAST 3 IMMATURES AND 1 ADULT WERE OBSERVED 1/9 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE, AND 1 BIRD WAS COLLECTED (BH).

FRANKLIN'S GULL



NOTED AT HARROUN LAKE 1/31 (SW), AND IN SANTA FE 4/24 (PRS).

BONAPARTE'S GULL

15 TO 20 WERE SEEN 1/9 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE, AND 3 WERE COLLECTED (BH).

CASPIAN TERN

25 GOING NORTH OVER NE ALBUQUERQUE 3/21 WERE CLEARLY SEEN FROM ABOUT 50 FEET AS THEY FLEW LOW OVERHEAD (OAKLEY).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE

1 SEEN IN ROSWELL 4/28 IS THE FIRST CERTAIN RECORD FOR THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY; 1 WAS SEEN LAST YEAR, 6/4, 25 MILES NORTH OF ROSWELL (VM).

MOURNING DOVE

1 WAS SEEN IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA 12/15 (ES); ARRIVED IN SANTA FE 3/28 (PRS).

GROUND DOVE

SINGLE BIRD SEEN 12/12 ON THE GILA RIVER SEVEN MILES SE OF CLIFF; IT IS AN UNCOMMON BIRD IN THIS SECTION PARTICULARLY DURING WINTER (BH).

BARN OWL

4 BIRDS WERE SEEN SE OF SILVER CITY ON THE BIG-DAY COUNT 5/8 BY BOETTCHER AND FRANCIS; SINGLE WAS SEEN NEAR GILA 4/18 (FISHER). HARRIS HAD ANOTHER RELIABLE REPORT OF ONE ROOSTING AT FT. BAYARD HOSPITAL THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD, AND HAS FOUND FEATHERS BUT HAS NOT SEEN THE BIRD.

GREAT HORNED OWL

FIVE NESTS WERE LOCATED IN TORRANCE CO. THE END OF MARCH, THREE OF WHICH HELD 2 EGGS EACH, ONE HELD 3 EGGS, AND ONE WAS EMPTY (JMC); ONE NEST WAS FOUND IN EMBUDO CANYON, BERNALILLO CO., WITH 2 EGGS, 3/28 (JLT).

ELF OWL

SINGLE BIRD CALLING AFTER DARK 3/27 AT REDROCK, GRANT CO., MAY BE AN EARLY ARRIVAL DATE FOR THE SPECIES HERE (BH); SEVERAL WERE HEARD CALLING ON THE GILA RIVER THE EVENING OF THE SILVER CITY BIG-DAY COUNT 5/8.

BURROWING OWL

RETURNED TO SANTA FE 14/14 (PRS); SEEN AT MORGAN LAKE, SAN JUAN CO., IN MAY (AN).

LONG-EARED OWL

THERE WERE 18 BIRDS 12/11 IN THE WINTERING COLONY LOCATED LAST YEAR AT FT. BAYARD; 7 WERE STILL PRESENT ON 3/15; 1 WAS FOUND DEAD ON THE ROAD FIVE MILES SOUTH OF DEMING 12/26 (BH); 1 WAS SEEN AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE 1/30 (ANC); SEEN NEAR SILVER CITY 5/9 (DAZ).

SHORT-EARED OWL

1 WAS SEEN SOUTH OF BELEN NEAR THE RIO GRANDE 4/24 (JMC).

WHIP-POOR-WILL

HEARD CALLING IN THE SAN MATEO MTS., SOCORRO CO., 5/21 (JR); CALLING IN THE PINOS ALTOS MTS., SILVER CITY BIG-DAY COUNT 5/8.

POORWILL

FIRST OF THE YEAR NOTED IN THE BURRO MTS., 20 MILES SW OF SILVER CITY, 3/27 (BH); ARRIVED AT CEDAR CREST, SANDIA MTS., 4/18 (MCK); HEARD AT SITTING BULL FALLS, NEAR CARLSBAD, 4/25 (PHILLIPS), AND NEAR EL PASO GAP 4/29 (SW).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK

1 FOUND ON THE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT AT CARLSBAD CAVERNS IS AN UNUSUAL WINTER RECORD (PHILLIPS); ARRIVAL DATES: ROSWELL 4/17 (VM); CLAYTON 5/15 (AK); LAS VEGAS 5/27 (ES); LATE IN ARRIVING IN THE SANDIA MTS. AND IN SANTA FE WHERE THEY HAD NOT BEEN NOTED BY THE END OF THIS PERIOD (MCK, PRS).

LESSER NIGHTHAWK

A LARGE CONCENTRATION (AT LEAST 100 BIRDS ALONG A 50-MILE STRETCH) NOTED ALONG THE HIGHWAY FROM COTTON CITY TO LORDSBURG 5/23; PROBABLY MANY MORE BIRDS THAN THIS CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE; IT WAS NOT UNUSUAL TO SEE SEVERAL DOZEN BIRDS HAWKING OVER AND ON THE HIGHWAY AND ADJACENT GRAINFIELDS WITHIN A 200-YARD AREA (BH, ROY JOHNSON).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT

ARRIVAL DATES: SILVER CITY 3/7 (BH); CORRALES (SANDOVAL CO.) 3/17 (FINDLEY); FARMINGTON 3/28 (AN); 30 WERE SEEN IN RED RIVER CANYON, TAOS CO., 4/15 (PRS).

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD

ARRIVAL DATES: ROSWELL 4/10 (VM); SANTA FE 4/21 (ND); CEDAR CREST 4/23 (MCK); CLAYTON 4/29 (AK); LAS VEGAS 5/7 (ES).

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD

ARRIVAL DATES: ROSWELL 3/14 (ANC); SILVER CITY 3/30 (BH); CEDAR CREST 4/17 (MCK); SANTA FE 4/22 (PRS); LAS VEGAS 4/22 (ES); CLAYTON 4/29 (AK); PENASCO, TAOS CO., 5/16 (AS). SEEN CARRYING NESTING MATERIAL IN LAS HUERTAS CANYON, SANDOVAL CO., 5/28 (JLT).

RIVOLI'S HUMMINGBIRD

A MALE WAS CAREFULLY IDENTIFIED AT LITTLE WALNUT GREEK NORTH OF PINOS ALTOS, GRANT CO., ON 4/26 (ROY JOHNSON, CAMPBELL).

BELTED KINGFISHER

1 APPEARED AROUND THE WHITE SANDS NATIONAL MONUMENT HEADQUARTERS 4/13 AND REMAINED IN THE AREA FOR SEVERAL DAYS; 1 SEEN AT EMBUDO, SANTA FE CO., 4/15 (PRS); ARRIVED AT PENASCO, TAOS CO., 5/6 (AS); 1 SEEN AT SAN SIMON CIENEGA, HIDALGO CO., 5/10 (PRS).

YELLOW-SHAFTED FLICKER

SEEN IN A YARD IN NE ALBUQUERQUE DURING EARLY DECEMBER AND AGAIN 2/2 (LL).

RED-SHAFTED FLICKER

2 NESTS SEEN IN LAS HUERTAS CANYON, SANDOVAL CO., 5/28 (JLT).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER

FIRST OF THE YEAR NOTED IN LAS HUERTAS CANYON, SANDOVAL CO., 3/30 (JLT).

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER

1 SEEN IN ROSWELL DAILY FROM 3/18 TO 3/22 IS THE SECOND RECORD FOR THAT REGION (ANC, VM, ET AL.) FIRST OF THE YEAR IN THE SANDIA MTS. WAS A MALE NOTED AT LA MADERA SKI AREA 4/4 (JLT), AND A FEMALE WAS NOTED AT CEDAR CREST 4/20 (MCK).

DOWNY WOODPECKER

6 RECORDS AT FT. BAYARD AND PINOS ALTOS AREA FROM 12/7; 1 OF 2 MALES WAS COLLECTED AT FT. BAYARD 12/7 (BH); THE SPECIES WAS REPORTED AS COMMON AT FARMINGTON DURING THE WINTER (AN).

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD

ARRIVAL DATES: SILVER CITY 4/22 (BH); CLAYTON 4/22 (AK); SANTA FE 5/1 (PRS); CEDAR CREST 5/6 (MCK). AN INTERESTING REPORT IS OF A BIRD DISCOVERED 5/14 LURKING IN AN ABANDONED MINE SHAFT AT SAN PEDRO, SANTA FE CO. THE BIRD FLEW OUT REPEATEDLY WHEN ROCKS WERE THROWN DOWN THE SHAFT, WHICH IS OF UNDETERMINED DEPTH. SUSPICION WAS THAT IT MIGHT BE NESTING PERHAPS 20 FEET OR SO DOWN (JLT).

WESTERN KINGBIRD

ARRIVAL DATES: ROSWELL 4/15 (VM); ALAMOGORDO 4/18 (JO); SILVER CITY 4/19 (BH); CLAYTON 4/30 (AK); LAS VEGAS 5/2 (WH); SANTA FE, BETWEEN 5/7 AND 5/12 (PRS).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER

1 WAS SEEN AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 4/18 (LL) AND 4/24 (DAY); A SINGLE WAS OBSERVED 4/24 AT REDROCK, GRANT CO. (BOETTCHER, FRANCIS, HAYWARD); 1 REPORTED FROM GILA-CLIFF AREA ABOUT THE SAME DATE (BH); SINGLE COLLECTED 5/20 10 MILES EAST OF HATCHET RANCH IN HIDALGO CO. NEAR ANIMAS MT. (BH).

WIED'S CRESTED FLYCATCHER

2 OR 3 SEEN ON THE SILVER CITY BIG-DAY COUNT AT REDROCK, GRANT CO., WERE IDENTIFIED MOSTLY BY CALL (PRS).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER

ARRIVED 3/27 IN THE FARMINGTON AREA (AN).

EASTERN PHOEBE

1 CLEARLY IDENTIFIED SW OF LOVING 3/28 (SW, FISCHERS).

SAY'S PHOEBE

1 SEEN IN LAS VEGAS 1/15 (ES); SOME REMAIN IN ROSWELL ALL WINTER; ARRIVAL DATES: LAS VEGAS 3/16 (WH); SANTA FE 3/17 (PRS); CLAYTON 3/19 (AK); CEDAR CREST 3/30, WHICH IS LATE (MCK).

DUSKY FLYCATCHER

2 WERE BANDED AT CEDAR CREST 4/25 (MCK).

GRAY FLYCATCHER

1 SEEN AT SILVER CITY 5/8 (DAZ).

WESTERN FLYCATCHER

NESTING IN LAS HUERTAS CANYON, SANDOVAL CO., 5/28 (JLT).

COUES' FLYCATCHER

SEEN AND HEARD AT CHERRY CREEK IN THE PINOS ALTOS MTS. ON THE SILVER CITY BIG-DAY COUNT 5/8.

EMPIDONAX Sp.

A SINGLE BIRD WAS OBSERVED AT REDROCK, GRANT CO., 1/24 (HAYWARD).

WESTERN WOOD PEWEE

ARRIVAL DATES: ROSWELL 5/5 (VM); BOSQUE 5/7 (PRS); CLAYTON 5/11 (AK); LAS VEGAS 5/15 (ES); CEDAR CREST 5/16; SANTA FE 5/19 (PRS); PENASCO LATE MAY (AS).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER

REPORTED AS UNUSUALLY COMMON IN SILVER CITY THIS SPRING (DAZ); 1 SEEN IN NE ALBUQUERQUE 5/12 (LL).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER

AN IMMATURE WAS SEEN SOUTH OF CLIFF ON THE GILA RIVER 12/4 (BH); 1 SEEN ON THE CHRISTMAS COUNT AT CARLSBAD CAVERNS (SEX OR AGE NOT INDICATED — ED.) IS AN UNUSUAL WINTER RECORD; 1 OR POSSIBLY 2 IMMATURES OR FEMALES WERE SEEN AT REDROCK, GRANT CO., 1/24 (BH); A PAIR WERE NOTED AT THE ABOVE CLIFF LOCATION ON 3/21 (BH), 1 MALE WAS SEEN NEAR ROSWELL 4/14 (ANC).

HORNED LARK

NUMBERS WERE DOWN ON THE SANDIA MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS COUNT (MCK ET AL.); A NEST WITH EGGS WAS FOUND IN EMBUDO CANYON, BERNALILLO CO., IN LATE APRIL (FIDE JLT).

VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW

ARRIVAL DATES: NORTH OF SILVER CITY 3/19 (BH); EMBUDO CANYON, BERNALILLO CO., 4/4 (JLT); LAS VEGAS 4/4 (ES); SANTA FE 4/15 (PRS); CLAYTON 4/28 (AK); PENASCO, TAOS CO., 5/7 (AS); HUNDREDS WERE SEEN NEAR THE RIO GRANDE IN THE SOUTH VALLEY OF ALBUQUERQUE 5/6 (JR).

TREE SWALLOW

AT LEAST 4 WERE AT ELEPHANT BUTTE AND 1 AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 2/28 (BH, HAYWARD, ROY JOHNSON); STARTED ARRIVING AT LOVING 3/28 (SW); FIRST SEEN IN SANTA FE 5/4 (PRS).

BANK SWALLOW

SEEN IN SANTA FE 4/25 (PRS); ABOUT 25 WERE NOTED AT ROBERTS LAKE, GRANT CO., 5/9 (ROY JOHNSON); AT LEAST 6 WERE OBSERVED IN SOUTHERN HIDALGO CO. 5/17 (BH).

ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW

FIRST OF THE YEAR SEEN 3/21 ON THE GILA RIVER NEAR GILA (BH); FIRST NOTED IN SANTA FE 5/4 (PRS).

BARN SWALLOW

ARRIVAL DATES: ROSWELL 3/12 (VM); LOVING 3/30 (SW); SANTA FE 4/14 (PRS); LAS VEGAS 4/15 (ES); CABALLO RESERVOIR, SIERRA CO., 4/23 (BH); ALBUQUERQUE 4/25 (JND); CLAYTON 4/25 (AK).

CLIFF SWALLOW

FIRST NOTED 3/7 AT LOVING (SW); NOTED IN SANTA FE 5/13 (PRS).

WHITE-NECKED RAVEN

ARRIVED IN ROSWELL 3/22 (VM).

CROW

1 OF 3 SEEN 12/5 ON THE GILA RIVER SIX MILES SE OF CLIFF WAS COLLECTED; A SINGLE WAS TAKEN 12/11 AT THE SAME LOCATION; AT LEAST 100 BIRDS WERE SEEN HERE WITH RAVENS 12/20; THE CROW IS AN UNCOMMON WINTER VISITOR TO SW NEW MEXICO, AND FEW IF ANY SPECIMENS HAVE BEEN TAKEN (BH).

PINYON JAY

SEEN 5/9 IN SILVER CITY, WHICH IS VERY LATE (DAZ).

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER

A SINGLE WAS SEEN AT EMORY PASS, GRANT CO., 25 MILES NE OF SILVER CITY 5/2 (ROY JOHNSON); SEEN IN THE SAN MATEO MTS., SOCORRO CO., 5/21 (JR).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE

SEEN IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA 12/3 (ES); 1 WAS SEEN ON THE ALBUQUERQUE CHRISTMAS

COUNT 12/27 (FINDLEY, ET AL.); 4 WERE SEEN AT ESPANOLA 12/27 (PRS).

COMMON BUSHTIT

THE NEST OF A COMMON BUSHTIT, FOUND BY STEVE WEST IN SALT CEDAR ALONG THE PECOS SIX MILES SOUTH OF LOVING AND IDENTIFIED BY V. MONTGOMERY, IS REMARKABLE FOR TWO REASONS: IT IS A NEW LOW ELEVATION (3000 FEET) AND THE EXTERIOR IS MADE ENTIRELY OF SALT CEDAR NEEDLES.

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH

1 WAS SEEN IN LAS HUERTAS CANYON, SANDOVAL CO., 2/2 (JLT).

PYGMY NUTHATCH

A NEST UNDER CONSTRUCTION WAS LOCATED ON PICURIS MT., TAOS CO., 4/24 (AS).

HOUSE WREN

ARRIVAL DATES: CLAYTON 4/6 (AK); ROSWELL 4/17 (VM); CEDAR CREST 4/25 (MCK); LAS VEGAS 4/28 (WH); SANTA FE 5/2 (PRS).

BEWICK'S WREN

AT LEAST 3 WERE AT FLORA VISTA, SAN JUAN CO., 1/16 (AN).

MOCKINGBIRD

1 WAS SEEN 12/22 IN FARMINGTON (AN); SOME WINTER IN ROSWELL (VM, ANC); ARRIVAL DATES: CLAYTON 4/17 (AK); SANTA FE 4/24 (PRS); EMBUDO CANYON BERNALILLO CO., 4/29 (JLT); LAS VEGAS 5/1 (ES); PENASCO, TAOS CO., 5/13 (AS).

BROWN THRASHER

1 WAS AT ROSWELL 5/10 TO 5/13 WHERE IT IS SEEN INFREQUENTLY (VM).

BENDIRE'S THRASHER

SEEN AT SAN SIMON CIENEGA 5/10 (PRS); 1 WAS AT SAN LUIS PASS, HIDALGO CO., 5/17 (BH).

CRISSAL THRASHER

AT LEAST 5 WERE SEEN ALONG THE GILA RIVER AT REDROCK, GRANT CO., 1/24, AND 2 MORE WERE SEEN AT A TANK SOME SEVEN MILES EAST (BH); FIRST RETURN TO EMBUDO CANYON, BERNALILLO CO., (WHERE IT WAS FOUND THE SPRING OF 1964) WAS NOTED 5/19 WHEN A NEST, CONTAINING 2 EGGS AND 1 NAKED YOUNG, WAS FOUND AND PHOTOGRAPHED; A SUBSEQUENT VISIT 5/28 SHOWED THE NEST EMPTY, ALTHOUGH UNDAMAGED (JLT).

ROBIN

VERY LOW NUMBERS OF WINTERING BIRDS WERE NOTED IN SANTA FE, LOS ALAMOS, AND FARMINGTON (PRS, JRT, AN).

HERMIT THRUSH

1 WAS SEEN IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA 1/10 (ES); ARRIVAL DATES: ROSWELL 4/6 (VM); CLAYTON 4/11 (AK); ALBUQUERQUE 4/25 (JND); LAS VEGAS 4/27 (ES, WH).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD

3 WERE SEEN ON THE SANDIA MT. CHRISTMAS COUNT 1/3 (DN, FINDLEY); 4 WERE SEEN IN THE NORTH ALBUQUERQUE VALLEY 2/28 ON AN N.M.O.S. FIELD TRIP.

WESTERN BLUEBIRD

PRESENT SOME WINTERS IN LARGE NUMBERS IN THE SOUTHEAST REGION, THE SPECIES WAS NOT SEEN THIS WINTER (SW, VM).

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD

NUMBERS REPORTED AS NORMAL IN SANTA FE (PRS), BUT NOTICEABLY ABSENT IN THE FARMINGTON AREA (AN) AND IN THE SOUTHEAST REGION (SW, VM).

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE

REMAINED AT HIGHER ELEVATIONS THAN USUAL IN THE SANTA FE AREA, WHERE THEY WERE LAST SEEN 4/11 (PRS).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER

FIRST RETURN NOTED IN JUAN TABO CANYON, BERNALILLO CO., 4/24 (JLT) AND AT CEDAR CREST 4/25 (MCK); 1 WAS PRESENT IN LOS ALAMOS CANYON AS EARLY AS 4/25 AND ON 5/30 A NEST HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND AN ADULT BIRD WAS SEEN IN IT, BUT NO EGGS HAD BEEN LAID (WBL).

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER

A SINGLE MALE WAS OBSERVED SINGING IN THE HATCHET MTS. 5/20 (BH).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET

LAST NOTED ON U.N.M. CAMPUS 4/8 (JND); LAST NOTED IN NE ALBUQUERQUE 5/2 (JR).

CEDAR WAXWING

RECORDED ONLY IN DECEMBER IN THE FARMINGTON AREA (AN); ABOUT 30 ARRIVED IN LOVING 2/20 AND REMAINED THROUGH APRIL (SW, ET AL.); NOT REPORTED IN THE ROSWELL AREA (VM); AFTER FEW WINTER SIGHTINGS AT CEDAR CREST, FLOCKS APPEARED IN MID-MARCH AND REMAINED THROUGH THE MONTH OF APRIL, FEEDING ON WILLOW AND RUSSIAN OLIVE BUDS AND BERRIES; EARLY MORNING 4/20 OVER 100 BIRDS WERE COUNTED AT ONE TIME IN FRONT OF THE MCKNIGHT RESIDENCE (MCK).

PHAINOPEPLA

2 MALES WERE ALONG THE GILA RIVER AT REDROCK, GRANT CO., 1/24, AND 1 MALE WAS SEEN ABOUT SEVEN MILES EAST OF THERE (BH); 1 WAS SEEN IN THE BURRO MTS., GRANT CO., 5/9 (PRS).

STARLING

WINTERING FLOCKS — ONE OF OVER 1000 BIRDS — LEFT SANTA FE 2/20 (PRS); 1 WAS SEEN FEEDING YOUNG IN NE ALBUQUERQUE 5/13 (LL).

HUTTON'S VIREO

SEEN IN THE PINOS ALTOS MTS., GRANT CO., 5/8 (PRS).

GRAY VIREO

1 WAS SEEN AT SAN SIMON CIENEGA, HIDALGO CO., 5/10 (PRS).

SOLITARY VIREO

ARRIVAL DATES: ROSWELL 4/10 (VM); EMBUDO CANYON, BERNALILLO CO., 4/17 (MCK); CEDAR CREST 4/22 (MCK); LAS VEGAS 5/1 (ES); LOS ALAMOS 5/2, WHERE A NEST WAS COMPLETED BY 5/30 BUT NO EGGS PRESENT (WBL); CLAYTON 5/19 (AK).

WARBLING VIREO

ARRIVAL DATES: CEDAR CREST 5/2 (MCK); SILVER CITY 5/11 (BH); SANTA FE 5/15 (ND); NESTING IN LAS HUERTAS CANYON, SANDOVAL CO., 5/28 (JLT).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER

FIRST RETURN NOTED AT CEDAR CREST 4/25 (MCK).

NASHVILLE WARBLER

1 WAS SEEN AT LOVING 4/28 (SW); 1 WAS SEEN AT SAN SIMON CIENEGA, HIDALGO CO., 5/10 (PRS).

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER

ARRIVAL DATES: SILVER CITY 4/20 (BH); ROSWELL 4/21 (VM); CEDAR CREST 4/21 (MCK); SANTA FE 5/2 (PRS); LAS VEGAS 5/5 (ES); PENASCO 5/14 (AS).

LUCY'S WARBLER

FIRST OF THE YEAR, SINGING LOUDLY, NOTED 3/28 AT REDROCK, GRANT CO., (BH).

OLIVE WARBLER

SEEN IN THE PINOS ALTOS MTS. ON THE SILVER CITY BIG-DAY COUNT 5/8.

YELLOW WARBLER

ARRIVAL DATES: CLAYTON 4/25 (AK); SILVER CITY 5/1 (BH); PENASCO 5/10 (AS); LAS VEGAS 5/12 (ES); ROSWELL 5/20 (VM); 1 WAS PRESENT FOR THREE DAYS, 5/25 TO 5/27, IN LOS ALAMOS COMMUNITY CENTER AT 7300 FEET ELEVATION WHICH IS WELL ABOVE THEIR NORMAL HABITAT (WBL).

AUDUBON'S WARBLER

1 REMAINED IN ROSWELL ALL WINTER (ANC); 1 WAS RECORDED IN FARMINGTON 2/4, 2/27, AND SEVERAL TIMES IN MARCH (AN); ARRIVAL DATES: ROSWELL 3/29 (VM); CEDAR CREST 4/6 (MCK); LAS VEGAS 4/8 (WH); CLAYTON 4/14 (AK); PENASCO, TAOS CO., 5/11 (AS).

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER

1 WAS SEEN AT LOVING 4/18 (SW); THE SPECIES IS A RARE MIGRANT IN THE STATE.

GRACE'S WARBLER

ARRIVAL DATES: CEDAR CREST, WHERE IT HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN SEEN, 4/13 (MCK); LOS ALAMOS CANYON 4/25 (WBL); SILVER CITY 4/28 (BH); LAS VEGAS 5/21 (ES).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER

1 COLLECTED IN SILVER CITY 5/13 IS APPARENTLY THE FIRST SPECIMEN FOR THE STATE (DAZ).

OVENBIRD

1 SEEN 4/27 IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA IS APPARENTLY A FIRST REPORT FOR THIS AREA (ES); 1 WAS SEEN AT ROSWELL 5/19 WHERE IS HAS BEEN RFCORDED BEFORE (VM).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH

1 SEEN 12/27 AT RIVERSIDE (HAWKINS) IS THE SECOND TO BE RECORDED ON AN ESPANOLA CHRISTMAS COUNT; 1 NOTED IN ROSWELL 5/7 IS THE FIRST SEEN THERE RECENTLY (VM); A SINGLE WAS SEEN ONE MILE WEST OF GILA 5/8 (BH).

MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER

FIRST RETURN TO CEDAR CREST NOTED 5/2 (MCK).

YELLOWTHROAT

FIRST RETURN NOTED AT WHITE SANDS 4/15 (JD); RETURNED 5/1 TO SANTA FE (PRS) AND CLAYTON (AK); SINGING LOUDLY AT GLENWOOD 5/9 (MCK).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT

FIRST OF THE YEAR AT CEDAR CREST 5/11 (MCK).

HOODED WARBLER

1 MALE (IMMATURE?) WAS TAKEN AT A STOCK TANK 12 MILES EAST OF ANIMAS 5/20; THIS IS APPARENTLY THE FIRST SPECIMEN FOR THE STATE (BH).

WILSON'S WARBLER

ARRIVAL DATES: ROSWELL 4/14 (ANC); ALAMOGORDO 4/21 (JD); CEDAR CREST 4/21 (MCK); ALBUQUERQUE 4/23 (JND) LAS VEGAS 4/25 (WH).

AMERICAN REDSTART

1 IMMATURE MALE WAS SEEN AT A STOCK TANK 12 MILES EAST OF ANIMAS 5/20 (BH); ON 5/28, 1 IMMATURE MALE WAS SEEN AT SAN SIMON CIENEGA, HIDALGO CO. (SUFFEL).

PAINTED REDSTART

1 (POSSIBLY 2) SEEN 3/26 AT FT. BAYARD SEEMS TO BE THE EARLIEST RECORDED DATE OF ARRIVAL IN NEW MEXICO(BH); COMMON IN SAWMILL CANYON, SAN MATEO MTS., SOCORRO CO., 4/3 (JND).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD

ABOUT 25 WERE SEEN ALONG U.S. HIGHWAY 66 NEAR LAGUNA PUEBLO, VALENCIA CO., 4/23 (JLS).

HOODED ORIOLE

1 WAS REPORTED AT LOVING 5/19 (SW).

BULLOCK'S ORIOLE

ARRIVAL DATES: ROSWELL 4/25 (VM); SILVER CITY 4/28 (BH); ALBUQUERQUE 5/2 (JR); CEDAR CREST 5/2 (MCK); SANTA FE 5/2 (PRS); CLAYTON 5/5 (AK); LAS VEGAS 5/8 (WH); 1 WAS SEEN NEAR LOS ALAMOS AIRPORT, 7200 FOOT ELEVATION, 5/17 (MCCREARY).

BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE

APPROXIMATELY 300 WERE SEEN IN ROSWELL 1/2 AND 1/3 (ANC); 3 WERE SEEN AT RIVERSIDE NEAR ESPANOLA 3/14 (JRT); 2 MALES WERE SINGING IN A YARD IN THE NE ALBUQUERQUE AREA 3/20 (JND); 1 WAS OBSERVED 5/2 AT RIVERSIDE BUILDING A NEST; BY 5/16 TWO NESTS WERE OCCUPIED IN THIS AREA BUT IT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED WHETHER EGGS WERE PRESENT AS THE NESTS WERE OVER DEEP WATER IN DEAD RUSSIAN OLIVE TREES. (WBL).

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD

3, INCLUDING 1 ADULT MALE, WERE REPORTED NEAR SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO, SANTA FE CO., 12/27 (BJORKLUND); FIRST RETURN TO SANTA FE NOTED 4/12 (PRS).

WESTERN Tanager

ARRIVAL DATES: SILVER CITY 4/28 (BH); CEDAR CREST 4/30 (MCK); PENASCO 4/30 (AS); LAS VEGAS 5/9 (ES); ROSWELL 5/10 (VM); SANTA FE 5/13 (ND); ALBUQUERQUE 5/14 (JR); CLAYTON 5/14 (AK); FARMINGTON 5/15 (AN).

CARDINAL

THE BIRD REPORTED FROM ALBUQUERQUE FOR SEVERAL YEARS HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE 12/25 (JLS).

PYRRHULOXIA

1 SEEN 12/13 AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE WAS THE FIRST SIGHTING NEAR ROSWELL FOR SEVERAL YEARS (ANC); A PAIR WAS OBSERVED 5/20 IN THE HATCHET MTS., HIDALGO CO.; THERE ARE FEW RECORDS FOR THE SPECIES WEST OF THE RIO GRANDE RIVER (BH).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK

1 MALE WAS FIRST NOTED IN EARLY MORNING 5/5 AT A FEEDER IN SANDIA PARK, SANDIA MTS., WHERE IT REMAINED, SINGING FROM 5/19, UNTIL 5/31 (BA); 1 ADULT MALE WAS CLEARLY OBSERVED 5/16 IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA (ES).

BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK



ARRIVAL DATES: SILVER CITY 4/28 (BH); CEDAR CREST 4/30 (MCK); LAS VEGAS 5/1 (ES); SANTA FE 5/5 (ND); ALBUQUERQUE 5/10 (LL); CLAYTON 5/10 (AK); ROSWELL 5/11 (VM); PENASCO, TAOS CO., 6/1 (AS).

BLUE GROSBEAK

1 SEEN AT SANDIA PARK, SANDIA MTS., 5/20 (BL) AND 1 SEEN SAME DATE IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA (WH).

INDIGO BUNTING

A SINGLE MALE WAS SEEN AT REDROCK, GRANT CO., 5/9 (BH).

LAZULI BUNTING

BETWEEN 5/9 AND 5/19 THERE WERE 4 RECORDS FOR THE SPECIES, AT GILA, FT. BAYARD, AND 12 MILES EAST OF ANIMAS (BH); ARRIVAL DATES: CEDAR CREST 4/22 (MCK); CLAYTON 5/8 (AK); LAS VEGAS 5/15 (WH).

PAINTED BUNTING

1 WAS SEEN AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE 5/15 WHERE IT IS SEEN INFREQUENTLY (BOGGS).

EVENING GROSBEAK

ONLY WINTER RECORD FROM FARMINGTON WAS IN DECEMBER THOUGH THEY WERE REPORTED COMMON THERE IN MAY (AN); A FEW SCATTERED FLOCKS WERE REPORTED FROM LOS ALAMOS DURING THE WINTER (JRT); VERY FEW WERE SEEN IN THE SANTA FE AREAS AND SELDOM BELOW 7500 FEET (PRS).

CXSSIN'S FINCH

NONE WERE SEEN AT CEDAR CREST DURING THE WINTER OR SPRING PERIOD (MCK); NONE WERE REPORTED FROM THE VALLEY OR LOS ALAMOS FOR THE ENTIRE WINTER PERIOD, BUT A PAIR SHOWED UP IN THE NORTHERN AREA 4/4 (JRT); 36 WERE SEEN ON THE ESPANOLA CHRISTMAS COUNT 12/27, AND A FEW WERE NOTED IN MIGRATION FROM 3/26 TO 3/30 IN THE SANTA FE AREA (PRS).

PINE GROSBEAK

UNUSUALLY COMMON AROUND 10,000 FEET NEAR THE SANTA FE BASIN SKI AREA DURING THE WINTER PERIOD (WBL); A MALE AND FEMALE WERE CLEARLY SEEN 3/24, SANDIA MTS., IN ASPEN AREA JUST BELOW SANDIA CREST (JLT); 4 WERE SEEN NEAR LOWER ROCIADA, SAN MIGUEL CO., 3/28 (WH).

ROSY FINCHES

A SMALL FLOCK WAS SEEN IN EARLY DECEMBER NEAR THE BASE OF THE SANDIA MTS., WEST SIDE (FITZSIMMONS); SMALL FLOCK WAS SEEN IN KIWANIS MEADOWS BELOW SANDIA CREST, ON THE SANDIA MTS. CHRISTMAS COUNT 1/3 (FINDLEY, ET AL.); A FLOCK WAS SEEN IN EMBUDO CANYON, BERNALILLO CO., 2/9 (JLT).

PINE SISKIN

UNUSUALLY ABUNDANT ON THE ESPANOLA CHRISTMAS COUNT (WBL); NOTED AT KIRTLAND, SAN JUAN CO., ONLY ONCE, 3/13 (AN); NOT REPORTED THIS SPRING FROM THE ROSWELL AREA WHERE THEY ARE USUALLY COMMON MIGRANTS (VM).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH

RECORDED ALL DURING THE WINTER AND SPRING FROM FARMINGTON; ABOUT 75 WERE SEEN IN ONE GROUP AT FLORA VISTA, SAN JUAN CO., 1/16 (AN).

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE

1 SEEN 12/4 IN EMBUDO CANYON, BERNALILLO CO., WHERE IT IS UNCOMMON IN WINTER, MAY HAVE BEEN A LATE MIGRANT (JLT); ARRIVAL DATES: BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 4/18 (JND); CEDAR CREST 4/18 (MCK); CLAYTON 4/18 (AK); SANTA FE 4/19 (PRS); ROSWELL 4/25 (VM); ALBUQUERQUE 4/25 (JND).

BROWN TOWHEE

ESPECIALLY HIGH WINTER NUMBERS WERE REPORTED IN SANTA FE (PRS).

LARK BUNTING

ARRIVED IN ROSWELL 4/1 (VM); A LARGE FLOCK WAS SEEN ALONG THE HIGHWAY NEAR LEMITAR, SOCORRO CO., 5/2 (JND); AN EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD FLIGHT WAS NOTED AT SANTA FE FROM 5/2 TO 5/5 (PRS).

SAVANNAH SPARROW

A SMALL FLOCK WAS NOTED ON THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE CHRISTMAS COUNT 12/29 (DN, ET AL.); 5 WERE SEEN 3/28 AT SAN ILDEFONSO, SANTA FE CO., (JRT, WBL, ET AL.); ARRIVED IN SANTA FE 5/2 (PRS).

RUFOUS-CROWNED SPARROW

SEEN IN EMBUDITO CANYON, BERNALILLO CO., FROM 12/7 TO 4/29 (JLT).

BLACK-THROATED SPARROW

FIRST RETURN NOTED 4/4 IN EMBUDO CANYON, BERNALILLO CO., AND SEVERAL PAIR WERE NESTING THERE IN MAY (JLT); 1 WAS SEEN AT SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO 5/16 (WBL).

SAGE SPARROW

1 WAS SEEN IN EMBUDO CANYON, BERNALILLO CO., 2/9 (JLT).

SLATE-COLORED JUNCO

1 WAS SEEN 12/14 AT FT. BAYARD (BH); 1 WAS NOTED IN SANTA FE THROUGH A SNOWSTORM 1/9 TO 1/12 (PRS); 1 WAS SEEN 1/24 AT A TANK 25 MILES SE OF REDROCK, GRANT CO., (HAYWARD).

OREGON JUNCO

AT LEAST 100 WERE SEEN IN WITH GRAY-HEADED JUNCOS 12/4 IN EMBUDO CANYON, BERNALILLO CO. (JLT); NOTED IN SANTA FE TILL 3/30 (PRS); LAST SEEN AT CEDAR CREST 5/2 (MCK).

GRAY-HEADED JUNCO

FEWER NOTED IN THE SANTA FE LOWLANDS AREAS THIS WINTER (PRS); LAST NOTED AT CEDAR CREST 4/25 (MCK), AND AT A U.N.M. FEEDER 5/7 (JND).

TREE SPARROW

1 WAS SEEN IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA 12/6 (ES).

CHIPPING SPARROW

ARRIVAL DATES: ROSWELL 4/3 (VM); SANTA FE 4/3 (PRS); LOS VEGAS 4/12 (ES); CEDAR CREST 4/19 (MCK); ALBUQUERQUE 4/24 (JND); CLAYTON 4/25 (AK); PENASCO 5/11 (AS).

FIELD SPARROW

2 WERE SEEN EAST OF MALAGA, EDDY CO., 1/30, AND 2 WERE SEEN EAST OF CARLSBAD 3/6 (SW, FISCHER).

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW

FIRST RETURN TO EMBUDO CANYON, BERNALILLO CO., NOTED 4/29 (JLT).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW

SPRING FLIGHT THROUGH SANTA FE BEGAN 3/8 (PRS); LAST SEEN IN NE ALBUQUERQUE 5/28 (LL).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW

SEEN IN SANTA FE AT THE NATT DODGE RESIDENCE FROM 12/14 TO 12/18 (HM).

FOX SPARROW

A SINGLE BIRD APPEARED AT A CEDAR CREST FEEDING STATION WITH JUNCOS 2/13, FOLLOWING THE FIRST HEAVY SNOWS ON THE LOWER ELEVATIONS OF THE SANDIA MTS.; BIRD WAS IDENTIFIED FROM 10 FEET AND PHOTOGRAPHED; REAPPEARED AT THE SAME STATION THE FOLLOWING TWO WEEKS WITH SUBSEQUENT SNOWFALLS (MCK); AT LEAST ONE PREVIOUS RECORD EXISTS FOR CENTRAL NEW MEXICO WHEN 1 OF THE SPECIES WAS SEEN 1/21/51 NEAR HAGAN, NE END OF THE SANDIA MTS. (JND, ET AL.)

LINCOLN'S SPARROW

ARRIVAL DATES: LAS VEGAS 4/27 (WH); CEDAR CREST 4/29 (MCK); CLAYTON 5/13 (AK).

SWAMP SPARROW

2 OR 3 WERE COUNTED AS ESPANOLA 12/27 (PRS); 1 IMMATURE WAS SEEN AT RIVERSIDE, NEAR ESPANOLA, 1/10 (JRT, WBL).