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SUMMARY

THE SUMMER SEASON WAS MOSTLY WET, WITH RAINFALL AMOUNTS MEASURING

FROM ABOUT NORMAL TO WELL ABOVE. TEMPERATURES WERE REPORTED COOLER THAN USUAL IN SOME AREAS, BUT REMAINING HIGHER LATE INTO THE FALL. POPULATIONS TENDED TO SCATTER WIDELY INSTEAD OF CONCENTRATING NEAR WATER AREAS. PERHAPS BECAUSE OF THIS, FALL MIGRATION GENERALLY WAS VIEWED AS SPARSE AND RATHER LATE.

WATERFOWL MIGRATION WAS REPORTED SLOW. BUTEOS WERE SCARCE IN THE ROSWELL AREA, WITH ACCIPITERS AND SPARROW HAWKS ABOUT NORMAL AT ROSWELL AND CARLSBAD. IN SPIKE OF MILD FALL WEATHER, THERE WERE SEVERAL REPORTS OF MONTANE SPECIES COMING TO THE LOWLANDS: MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE, RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH, MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD, AND BROWN CREEPER WERE REPORTED FROM ROSWELL THE END OF OCTOBER, AND MOUNTAIN CHICKADEES SEEMED OUT OF PLACE AT WHITE SANDS DURING THE MILD WEATHER. CONVERSELY, MANY MONTANE SPECIES APPARENTLY STAYED HIGHER ALL SUMMER AND FALL, AND WERE SEEN IN THE LOWLANDS EITHER INFREQUENTLY OR NOT AT ALL (E.G., CEDAR WAXWING, EVENING GROSBEAK, CASSIN'S FINCH). NUMBERS WERE REPORTED LOWER ON FALL SPARROW FLIGHTS.

THE INCREASE IN WATER AREAS IN SAN JUAN COUNTY, AS A RESULT OF NAVAJO DAM, SEEMS ALREADY TO BE ATTRACTING SPECIES NOT PREVIOUSLY RECORDED FROM THE LOCALITY, AND FUTURE REPORTS WILL BE AWAITED WITH INTEREST.

IT IS NOTED THAT THE RANGE OF SEVERAL SPECIES EITHER IS BROADENING, OR MORE OBSERVERS ARE SEEING MORE! EASTERN BLUEBIRDS HAVE NOW BEEN REPORTED FROM CENTRAL, SOUTHWEST, AND SOUTHEAST POINTS IN THE STATE. SCOTT'S ORIOLE NESTS ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE SANDIA MOUNTAINS, PLUS INCREASED SIGHTINGS OF THE SPECIES IN THIS SECTION, ARE OF INTEREST. EACH SUMMER IS BRINGING MORE REPORTS OF INDIGO BUNTINGS IN THE STATE. TWO BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW NESTS IN A LOWER CANYON OF THE SANDIA MOUNTAINS ARE NOTEWORTHY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE BLACK-EARED BUSHTITS COLLECTED THIS SUMMER IN THE SANDIA MOUNTAINS, IT IS INTERESTING TO READ THE DISCUSSION ON BUSHTITS IN "BIRDS OF ARIZONA" BY PHILLIPS, MARSHALL, AND MONSON.

NESTING RECORDS

NESTING RECORDS SUBMITTED ON THE NORTH AMERICAN NEST-RECORD CARD SCHEME WERE SUMMARIZED FOR THE N.M.O.S. BY J. L. SANDS, AND ALL HAVE BEEN NOTED IN THIS ISSUE OF THE FIELD NOTES. ANYONE DESIRING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON A SPECIFIC NESTING RECORD IS INVITED TO CORRESPOND WITH THE SECRETARY.

COMMON LOON

2 WERE SEEN AT BITTER LAKES REFUGE 10/18 (ANC), AND AGAIN 10/20 (ANC, VM).

HORNED GREBE

1 WAS AT LAKE AVALON, EDDY CO., 11/26 (SW).

WHITE PELICAN

1 SEEN AT THE DOCK ON NAVAJO LAKE 10/12 MAY BE THE FIRST RECORD FOR THAT AREA (AN); 10 AT BITTER LAKES REFUGE THE FIRST PART OF OCTOBER IS A VERY LOW COUNT FOR THE SPECIES THERE (VM).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT

REPORTED NESTING IN THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (WEG).

GREAT BLUE HERON

NESTS REPORTED FROM THE HEART BAR RANCH, CATRON CO. (BH).

GREEN HERON

1 SEEN ON THE OUTLET CANAL AT MORGAN (SAN JUAN CO.) 9/23 MAY BE THE FIRST RECORD THERE (AN); REPORTED NESTING IN THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (WEG).

SNOWY EGRET

NOTED BY THEIR ABSENCE AT SIX-MILE DAM, NEAR CARLSBAD, WHERE THEY HAD NESTED IN THE SUMMER OF 1964 (SW); REPORTED NESTING IN THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (WEG).

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

1 WAS OBSERVED AND COLLECTED 10/20 ON THE GILA RIVER ONE MILE WEST OF GILA IN THE SAME PLACE WHERE A SPECIMEN WAS COLLECTED IN AUGUST, 1964 (BH).

LEAST BITTERN

1 WAS SEEN AT WILLOW LAKE, SOUTH OF MALAGA, EDDY CO., 7/25 (SW).

WHITE IBIS

WHAT IS APPARENTLY THE FIRST STATE RECORD FOR THIS SPECIES WAS FIRST SEEN 11/6 AT BITTER LAKES REFUGE BY VESTER MONTGOMERY, WHO OBTAINED TWO GOOD 35MM. COLOR SLIDES OF THE BIRD (COPIES OF WHICH ARE ON FILE AT THE MUSEUM OF SOUTHWESTERN NATURAL HISTORY, U.N.M.). MONTGOMERY'S REPORT IS QUOTED:

"GENERAL APPEARANCE: IBIS; BILL AND LEGS: RED, SLIGHTLY PINKISH; HEAD AND NECK: LIGHT BROWN; WINGS AND BACK: DARK BROWN WITH WHITE PATCHES ON WING; BELLY: WHITE; RUMP AND UPPER TAIL COVERTS: WHITE (CONSPICUOUS AS THE BIRD FLEW STRAIGHT AWAY); ACTION: ASSOCIATED WITH BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS. FLEW ALONG SLOUGH FOR A HUNDRED YARDS AND ALIGHTED ON A DEAD SNAG OVER WATER WHERE IT SAT TO ALLOW LEISURELY OBSERVATION AT 100 FEET IN GOOD LIGHT."

LATER THE BIRD WAS SEEN BY SEVERAL OTHER OBSERVERS, INCLUDING THE REFUGE MANAGER AND ONE OF HIS STAFF, AND WAS STILL PRESENT ON THE CHRISTMAS COUNT.

GEESE

500 CANADA GEESE WERE NOTED IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA 11/28 (ES). MIGRATION IN THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE WAS ABOUT EQUAL TO LAST YEAR UP TO 11/22; AFTER THAT DATE THE POPULATION STARTED AT 3040 AND INCREASED TO 4750 BY 11/30, COMPARING WITH 3335 TO 5589 LAST YEAR; OF THIS TOTAL THERE WERE 1400 SNOW AND BLUE GEESE, 13 ROSS' GEESE, AND 2 WHITE-FRONTED GEESE (LO).

MALLARD

11 NOTED AT SAN ILDEFONSO POND 9/19 (PRS); 200 WERE SEEN IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA 11/28 (ES). NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM ROSWELL (VM), CLAYTON (AK), FT. BAYARD (BH).

GADWALL

7 ON 6/11 AND 1 ON 6/13 IN SANTA FE WERE PROBABLY LATE MIGRANTS (PRS); 200 WERE SEEN IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA 11/28 (ES).

PINTAIL

100 WERE SEEN IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA 11/28 (ES).

AMERICAN WIDGEON

1000 WERE SEEN IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA 11/28 (ES).

SHOVELER

8 WERE SEEN AT GARTON LAKE, WHITE SANDS NATIONAL MONUMENT, 11/1 (JRD); 30 WERE NOTED IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA 11/28 (ES); BOTH SUMMER AND FALL NUMBERS

WERE DOWN IN SANTA FE (PRS).

WOOD DUCK

1 PAIR WAS SEEN 10/15 IN UNIT 24C, BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (LO).

REDHEAD

A SMALL FLOCK WAS SEEN 8/3 ON THE NEW FARMINGTON RESERVOIR (AN); 100 WERE SEEN IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA 11/28 (ES).

CANVASBACK

1 WAS SEEN AT GARTON LAKE, WHITE SANDS NATIONAL MONUMENT, 11/20 (JRD); 20 WERE SEEN IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA 11/28 (ES).

LESSER SCAUP

A MALE IN SANTA FE ON 7/2 WAS UNUSUAL (PRS).

COMMON GOLDENEYE

1 WAS SEEN IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA 11/28 (ES).

BUFFLEHEAD

150 WERE COUNTED IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA 11/28 (ES).

RUDDY DUCK

10 WERE SEEN IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA 11/28 (ES); NOTED FOR ITS ABSENCE FROM SANTA FE WHERE NONE WERE NOTED DURING THE PERIOD (PRS).

HOODED MERGANSER

4 WERE AT BITTER LAKES REFUGE FROM 11/5 TO 11/10, WHERE THEY OCCUR FAIRLY REGULARLY (VM).

COMMON MERGANSER

A FEMALE AT THE JUNCTION OF THE PECOS AND BLACK RIVERS NEAR LOVING 6/13 IS A LATE DATE (JF, SW).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER

A SINGLE FEMALE WAS OBSERVED 10/27 AT THE KENNECOT WATER TANK NEAR HURLEY (BH).

TURKEY VULTURE

60 WERE ROOSTING IN A COLONY SOUTH OF FARMINGTON IN CLIFFS, 9/24 (AN); PEAK MIGRATION NUMBERS AND DATES NOTED IN SANTA FE WERE 57 ON 9/11 AND 28 ON 9/21 (PRS).

MISSISSIPPI KITE

PRESENT IN THE ROSWELL AREA AT LEAST FROM 6/14 TO 9/3; 11 WERE SEEN AT ONE TIME; A NEST OBSERVED IN CAHOON PARK WAS ABANDONED WITHOUT APPARENT SUCCESS NO OTHER NESTS WERE FOUND (VM).

GOSHAWK

A NEST WITH 2 IMMATURE BIRDS STILL AT THE NEST TREE IN LOWER TRANSITION ZONE 8 MILES NORTHWEST OF SILVER CITY ON 7/14 WAS IN UNUSUAL HABITAT FOR GOSHAWK NESTING (BH, ROY JOHNSON); 1 WAS SEEN BRIEFLY ON A LOW BRANCH NEAR CAMPING AREA AT SAN GREGORIO LAKE, JEMEZ MTS., 7/25 (JR); A MALE WAS SEEN 9/10 AT SULPHUR SPRINGS, SANDIA MTS. (JLT); A SINGLE IMMATURE WAS OBSERVED 10/30 ON GLORIETTA BALDY, EAST OF SANTA FE (BH).

RED-TAILED HAWK

3 RECORDS OF NESTS WERE SUBMITTED FROM TORRANCE CO. (JMC); 2 WERE FOUND AT

FT. BAYARD (BH).

SWAINSON'S HAWK

AN ADULT AND AN IMMATURE IN SPRUCES JUST ABOVE HOPEWELL LAKE AT 10,500' ON 8/22 IS FAIRLY HIGH (PRS); 1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM UNION CO. (GRAY) AND 2 FROM DEBACA CO. (HILL).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK

A NEST WITH 1 WELL-FLEDGED YOUNG WAS FOUND 7/17 IN THE PELONCILLO MTS., HIDALGO CO.; BOTH ADULTS WERE DEFENDING THE NEST WHICH IS THE SAME NEST USED BY A PAIR FOR SUCCESSFUL (?) BREEDING IN 1964 (BH).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK

SINGLE BIRDS WERE NOTED 10/16 AT FT. BAYARD AND 11/28 AT ROSWELL (BH).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK

1 WAS IN THE VOLCANO HILLS REGION ON THE MESA WEST OF ALBUQUERQUE 11/7 (PRS).

BLACK HAWK

WAS SEEN NEAR THE HEART BAR RANCH (JUNCTION OF THE WEST FORK OF THE GILA AND LITTLE CREEK) 6/26; A NEST LOCATED NEAR CLIFF 5/8 HAD 1 YOUNG VISIBLE ON 6/27 AND 2 YOUNG (1 IN NEST) ON 7/11; 2 ADULTS WERE IN THE AREA (BH).

GOLDEN EAGLE

1 SEEN WITH SOME REGULARITY ALL FALL IN LAS HUERTAS CANYON, SANDOVAL CO., FROM 9/26 (JLT); 4 WERE OBSERVED NORTHWEST OF ROSWELL 10/26 (VM); 3 WERE REPORTED 11/26 IN THE HUERFANO AREA SOUTHEAST OF FARMINGTON (AN); 3 WERE SEEN CIRCLING THE THUMB ON THE WEST FACE OF THE SANDIA MTS., 11/28 (JLS); 1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM UNION CO. (COOK).

BALD EAGLE

NOTED 10/30 IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA (ES); REPORTED IN NOVEMBER FROM SAN JUAN CO. (AN).

OSPREY

1 WAS SEEN 6/26 AT GILA HOT SPRINGS (BH); 1 WAS SEEN SOARING OVER LAS HUERTAS CANYON 9/26 FROM WHERE IT WAS DRIVEN OFF BY A GOLDEN EAGLE (JLT); 2 (1 EATING A TROUT) WERE SEEN 10/3 AT CLAYTON LAKE (AK); 1 WAS SEEN 10/9 NEAR LOVING, CARRYING A COTTONTAIL AND BEING CHASED BY A WHITE-NECKED RAVEN (SB, SW); 1 NOTED 10/20 ON THE GILA RIVER FIVE MILES SOUTHEAST OF CLIFF (BH).

PRAIRIE FALCON

3 TORRANCE CO. NESTING RECORDS WERE REPORTED (JMC,HILL).

PIGEON HAWK

1 WAS SEEN NEAR SANTA FE 11/25 (PRS).

SPARROW HAWK

1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM SANTA FE (PRS) AND 1 FROM ALBUQUERQUE (HILL).

BLUE GROUSE

A NEST WITH EIGHT EGGS WAS FOUND 6/1 IN CONIFEROUS FOREST ON THE TRAMPAS RIVER, RIO ARRIBA CO. (AS).

GAMBEL'S QUAIL

4 NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (BH, SLEZNICK); THE SPECIES WAS REPORTED NESTING AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (WEG).

HARLEQUIN QUAIL

2 NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (BH), RAUGHT).

PHEASANT

BOTH RING-NECKED AND AFGHAN WHITE-WINGED WERE REPORTED NESTING IN THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (WEG); 1 NEST (SPECIES UNDETERMINED) WAS REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (STEIN).

TURKEY

2 NEST RECORDS WERE REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (BH, GREEN).

WHOOPIING CRANE

THE REPORT RECEIVED BY THE EDITORS IS QUOTED IN FULL:

"PAUL SNOEBERGER, A COMPETENT OBSERVER, IS QUITE CERTAIN HE SAW 18 OF THESE BIRDS AT AND OVER CLAYTON LAKE OCT. 3 (FIDE MRS. SNOEBERGER). W. W. COOK, DR. NELAND GRAY, AND ADOLF KREHBIEL ARRIVED AT THE LAKE AFTER BIRDS HAD FLOWN SOUTH BUT IN TIME TO SEE THE FLOCK AT A GREAT DISTANCE BUT TOO FAR TO MAKE IDENTIFICATION POSSIBLE, EVEN WITH TELESCOPES. SNOEBERGER SAYS THE BIRDS WERE BIG, WHITE, HAD BLACK WING TIPS, AND FLEW WITH LONG OUT-STRETCHED NECKS."

(AK)

VIRGINIA RAIL

AN IMMATURE WAS FOUND DEAD AT OTIS 8/27 (SB, SW), AND WAS IDENTIFIED BY PATRICIA SNIDER.

SORA

AN UNUSUAL NUMBER APPEARED AT BITTER LAKES REFUGE LATE IN SEPTEMBER WHERE 8 WERE COUNTED ON 9/20 (VM).

AMERICAN COOT

AT MORGAN, SAN JUAN CO., 700 WERE COUNTED ON 10/3, 1400 ON 10/16, AND 4100 ON 11/20 FOR THE HIGHEST NUMBER SEEN THERE TO DATE (AN).

SNOWY PLOVER

6 NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM CHAVES CO. (VM).

KILLDEER

MIGRATION THROUGH SANTA FE BEGAN ABOUT 8/13 AND A PEAK NUMBER OF 35 BIRDS ON 8/18 WAS EARLIER BY TWO WEEKS THAN THE 1964 RECORD (PRS); 1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM CHAVES CO. (VM), 1 FROM HIDALGO CO. (BH), AND THE SPECIES WAS REPORTED NESTING AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (WEG).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER

AT LEAST 75 BIRDS IN TWO FLOCKS, ABOUT 1/4 MILE APART, WERE SEEN 7/12 BETWEEN ENCINO AND WILLARD (HARDY RANCH, NEAR PEDERNAL) (JMC).

RUDDY TURNSTONE

SINGLE BIRD CAREFULLY IDENTIFIED 10/18 AT LAKE AVALON (EDDY CO.) BY MR. AND MRS. O. R. LETSON, VACATIONING FROM FLORIDA, THE SAME COUPLE WHO REPORTED THE FIRST RECORD OF THIS SPECIES IN THE STATE (FIDE BH).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW

NESTS REGULARLY IN UNION CO.; 19 IN ONE FLOCK SEEN 8/8 SOUTHEAST OF CLAYTON WERE EVIDENTLY BEGINNING TO MIGRATE; ONLY 1 WAS SEEN AFTER THIS DATE, THAT ON 9/26 (AK).

UPLAND PLOVER

OBSERVED IN THE FIELDS NEAR ROSWELL FROM 8/8 (A NORMAL ARRIVAL DATE) TO 9/10 (VM); 1 WAS SEEN 8/2 AT HARROUN LAKE, EDDY CO. (SB, JF, SW).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER

2 IN SANTA FE ON 6/5 WERE PROBABLY LATE MIGRANTS; THE FIRST FALL MIGRANTS WERE NOTED 8/18, WHICH WAS LATE (PRS).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER

VERY GOOD FALL FLIGHT THROUGH THE SANTA FE AREA, BEGINNING 8/13 AND LASTING THROUGH 10/1, WHICH WAS A LATE DATE (PRS).

WILLET

1 AT MORGAN LAKE, SAN JUAN CO., 8/1 WAS EARLY (AN).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS

FIRST MIGRANTS THROUGH SANTA FE WERE 5 NOTED ON 8/18; PEAK OF 7 COUNTED ON 9/23 (PRS).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS

FIRST NOTED WERE 7 ON 8/17 IN SANTA FE; MOST WERE GONE BY 9/2 BUT 3 ON 10/1 IS THE LATEST DATE FOR THE LOCALITY (PRS).

PECTORAL SANDPIPERS

5 SEEN AT BITTER LAKES REFUGE 7/31 WERE EARLY (VM), 2 WERE SEEN IN SANTA FE 8/18 AND THE UNUSUAL NUMBER OF 8 WERE THERE AT THE GOLF COURSE PONDS FROM 9/23 TO 9/25 (PRS).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER

FIRST MIGRANTS IN SANTA FE WERE 5 ON 8/17, A LATE DATE; LAST DATE WAS 4 ON 9/2 (PRS); 3 WERE AT BITTER LAKES REFUGE 9/1 AND 9/9 (VM).

DOWITCHER

2 IN IRRIGATION WATER 7/11 AT ROSWELL WERE EARLY MIGRANTS OR WANDERERS (VM); 3 WERE AT MORGAN, SAN JUAN CO., 10/3 (AN).

MARbled GODWIT

1 WAS AT BITTER LAKES REFUGE 7/4 WHERE IT APPEARS IRREGULARLY (VM); THE SPECIES WAS REPORTED FROM HARROUN LAKE 8/20 (SW); A SINGLE AT MORGAN, SAN JUAN CO., 9/23 AND 10/16 IS THE FIRST RECORD THERE (AN).

AMERICAN AVOCET

5 WERE SEEN AT A SMALL LAKE NEAR CLAYTON 7/22 WHERE NONE HAVE BEEN SEEN THE LAST THREE YEARS, APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF DROUTH (AK); THE SPECIES WAS REPORTED NESTING IN THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (WEG).

BLACK-NECKED STILT

30 WERE SEEN 7/25 AT WILLOW LAKE, SOUTH OF MALAGA, OF WHICH NUMBER 6 WERE ADULTS AND THE REMAINDER IMMATURES (JP, SW); THE SPECIES NESTED IN THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (WEG).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE

LATE (8/4) IN ARRIVING IN SANTA FE, AND NUMBERS WERE LOW (PRS).

NORTHERN PHALAROPE

9 BIRDS WERE SEEN AT CABALLO RESERVOIR AND 1 WAS COLLECTED 9/25 (BH).

FRANKLIN'S GULL

1 IMMATURE WAS AT LAKE AVALON ON 11/26 (Sw).

FORSTER'S TERN

2 WERE SEEN AT WILLOW LAKE, EDDY CO., 7/25 (JP, SW); 1 ADULT WAS AT LAKE MCMILLAN AND 2 ADULTS AT HARROUN LAKE 8/29 (PRS).

LEAST TERN

12 OR MORE PRESENT AT BITTER LAKES FROM EARLY JUNE SHOWED SIGNS OF NESTING (ATTACHMENT TO SINGLE LOCALITY, DIVING AT INTRUDERS) BUT NO EGGS WERE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED; TERNS HAVE RAISED YOUNG HERE IN FORMER YEARS (VMI).

BLACK TERN

A SINGLE BIRD IN MOTTLED PLUMAGE WAS SEEN 7/5 HAWKING OVER A DIRT STOCK POND FIVE MILES SOUTHEAST OF PINON, SACRAMENTO MTS., OTERO CO. (BH).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON

1 SEEN 6/6 NEAR THE SANDIA MTS. SKI AREA (HC); A FLOCK OF AT LEAST 25 WAS SEEN EAST OF TAOS IN TAOS CANYON 6/20 (PRS); 2 WERE SEEN AT BEARTRAP CANYON, SAN MATEO MTS., 6/20 (JR); NOTED DURING JUNE AND JULY ABOVE 8500' IN THE MOUNTAINS NEAR PENASCO (AS); SEVERAL WERE SEEN 8/10-11 IN THE SAN JUAN MTS. NORTHEAST OF CHAMA AT 9500' (HC); 3 WERE NOTED IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA 8/21-23 (ES); 1 BIRD APPEARED AT CEDAR CREST 8/25 (MCK) ALTHOUGH THEY WERE REPORTED ALL SUMMER AND FALL FARTHER UP THE SANDIA MTS. (JLT, MCK, JLS); 1 WAS SEEN ABOVE PACHECO CANYON BELOW THE SANTA FE SKI BASIN 10/5 (PRS), A PAIR WAS OBSERVED BUILDING A NEST 7/27 IN THE SANDIA MTS. (JLT).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE

1 WAS SEEN AT HARROUN LAKE 9/19 (GE).

MOURNING DOVE

ALMOST 1100 WERE BANDED ON THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE DURING THE SUMMER PERIOD; IMMATURES MADE UP 75% OF THE POPULATION (WEG); 13 NEST RECORDS WERE RECEIVED AS FOLLOWS: UNION CO. 1 (AK); CHAVEZ CO. 2 (VM); GRANT CO. 5 (BH, HILL); HIDALGO CO. 1 (BH); VALENCIA CO. 1 (JLS); SOCORRO CO. 2 (MCK); BERNALILLO CO. 1 (JLT). OF PARTICULAR INTEREST FOR THE LATE DATE WAS A NEST NEAR CLIFF CONTAINING 1 EGG AND 1 NEWLY HATCHED YOUNG ON 10/5 (HILL).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO

UNREPORTED AT ROSWELL FOR THE FIRST YEAR IN SEVERAL (VM) BUT SEEN IN INCREASED NUMBERS AT CARLSBAD (SW); 1 SEEN 7/21 IN PARADISE CANYON, THREE MILES NORTHWEST OF CLAYTON WHERE THE SPECIES HAS NESTED OCCASIONALLY (AK).

ROADRUNNER

REPORTED AS BEING SCARCER IN CLAYTON THAN IT WAS SEVERAL YEARS AGO (AK); 1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (BH).

BARN OWL

1 FOUND DEAD ON THE ROAD 15 MILES EAST OF DEMING 7/20, AND ANOTHER THE SAME DAY DEAD ON THE ROAD 10 MILES EAST OF HURLEY (BH).

SCREECH OWL

A SINGLE BIRD CALLING AT FT. BAYARD 7/2 WAS THE FIRST RECORD FOR THE AREA DURING THE PAST THREE SUMMERS (BH).

GREAT HORNED OWL

1 BADLY EATEN BIRD WAS FOUND DEAD ALONG HIGHWAY 42 NEAR CORONA 8/28 (PRS); 1 FOUND DEAD ON THE ROAD NORTH OF ABIQUIU 10/31 (MCK); 9 NESTS WERE REPORTED: 6 FROM TORRANCE CO. (JMC, HILL); 1 FROM BERNALILLO CO. (JLT); 2 FROM GRANT CO.

(BH).

PYGMY OWL

1 BIRD NEAR GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS 11/8 (BH).

BURROWING OWL

LAST SEEN IN SANTA FE ON 9/15 AT SAME BURROW AS LAST YEAR (PRS); 1 SEEN 11/28 15 MILES NORTH OF ROSWELL (BH).

LONG-EARED OWL

AT LEAST 8 BIRDS WERE COUNTED 11/15 AT FT. BAYARD ROOST AREA (BH).

SHORT-EARED OWL

1 FOUND DEAD ON THE ROAD ON THE PECOS RIVER NEAR HAGERMAN 11/26 (BH).

WHIP-POOR-WILL

HEARD CALLING IN BEARTRAP CANYON, SAN MATEO MTS., 6/19 (JR).

POORWILL

2 NESTS WERE REPORTED: 1 FROM GRANT CO. (BH); 1 FROM TAOS CO. (HILL).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK

FIRST ONES WERE NOT SEEN IN SANTA FE TILL 6/12, WHICH IS LATE₁ AND THE LAST ON 10/7 WERE ALSO LATE (PRS); A FLIGHT OF ABOUT 1000 WAS NOTED IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA 8/20 (ES); 1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (BH).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT

ASOUT 50 NESTS ON HIGH SANDSTONE CLIFFS WERE NOTED 7/14 AT ECHO AMPHITHEATRE, RIO ARRIBA CO; YOUNG WERE BEING FED (JLS); LAST SEEN WERE 2 MIGRANTS AT SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO POND 9/19 (PRS).

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD

A NEST WITH 2 EGGS WAS FIRST NOTED 5/24 IN THE FRONT YARD OF A HOME IN NORTHEAST ALBUQUERQUE; READILY VISIBLE₁ IT WAS BEING WATCHED BY SEVERAL PEOPLE IN THE AREA; 2 YOUNG WERE HATCHED BY 6/14; ON 6/20, YOUNGSTERS WERE FOUND TO HAVE TAKEN DOWN THE NEST, REMOVED ONE OF THE YOUNG TO A SMALL BOX, AND WERE CARRYING THE OTHER AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE NEST; UPSET NEIGHBOR RETRIEVED THE NEST AND BOTH YOUNG, AND FASTENED THE NEST BACK ON THE BRANCH WITH NYLON FISHING LINE; THE FEMALE HUMMINGBIRD RETURNED AND CONTINUED TO FEED THE YOUNG WHO WERE SEEN TO LEAVE THE NEST (UNDER THEIR OWN POWER) 6/29 (MCK, ET AL.); 1 OTHER NEST WAS REPORTED FROM CHAVEZ CO. (VM); LAST ONE OF THE SPECIES SEEN IN SANTA FE WAS ON 9/11 (PRS).

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD

LAST NOTED IN SANTA FE 10/4 (HM); 1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM BERNALILLO CO. (JLT); ABOUT 50, INCLUDING SOME RUFOUS, WERE NEAR MONJEAU PEAK IN THE WHITE MTS. 8/12 WHERE IN PREVIOUS YEARS THEY HAVE BEEN SEEN IN HUNDREDS; ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHURCH CAMP HAS REDUCED THE AREA OF GILIA AND OTHER FLOWERS (VM).

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD

1 MALE BANDED AT ASPEN SPRING, SOUTHERN HIDALGO CO., 7/3 IS AN OUT-OF-SEASON RECORD (MCK, ON); SEEN IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA FROM 7/5 TO 8/15 (ES); FIRST NOTED IN SANTA FE 8/2 AND LAST ON 9/19 (HM); NUMBERS SEEMED MUCH LESS THIS YEAR (PRS).

RIVOLI'S HUMMINGBIRD

1 MALE WAS BANDED 7/3 AT A SPRING IN UPPER INDIAN CREEK CANYON, ANIMAS MTS.

HIDALGO CO. (MCK, DN).

BELTED KINGFISHER

1 SEEN 6/13 AT THE JUNCTION OF THE PECOS AND BLACK RIVERS WAS UNUSUAL AT THAT DATE (JF, SW).

YELLOW-SHAFTED FLICKER

AN OCCASIONAL BIRD OF THIS SPECIES, AS WELL AS ONE OR TWO HYBRIDS (WITH RED-SHAFTED) WERE SEEN DURING THE SUMMER AND FALL AT CLAYTON (AK); 1 WAS SEEN AT LOVING, EDDY CO., 11/20 (SW); 1 WAS AT CEDAR CREST 11/30 (MCK).

RED-SHAFTED FLICKER

BEGAN ARRIVING 9/28 IN THE FARMINGTON AREA BUT NEVER COMMON (AN); RETURN TO NORTHEAST HEIGHTS OF ALBUQUERQUE 9/30 (LL); BEGAN TO APPEAR AROUND SANTA FE 10/20 (PRS). 6 NESTS WERE REPORTED: 1 FROM TAOS CO. (AS); 2 FROM SANDOVAL CO. (JLT); 2 FROM BERNALILLO CO. (JLT); 1 FROM RIO ARRIBA CO. (JLT).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER

SEEN IN THE SANDIA PUEBLO, SANDOVAL CO., AREA 6/13, WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN OBSERVED NESTING IN PREVIOUS SUMMERS (DO, MCK, ET AL.); AN IMMATURE WAS SEEN 10/2 NEAR ASPEN RANCH (NEAR SANTA FE SKI BASIN) (WBL). 1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM UNION CO. (COOK).

LEWIS' WOODPECKER

5 RECORDS FROM GRANT CO. WERE THE FIRST FOR THIS OBSERVER₁ AND IT IS BELIEVED THERE ARE FEW OTHERS FOR THE COUNTY: 9/22 8 FLEW OVER FT. BAYARD; 9/23, 1 COLLECTED AT FT. BAYARD; 10/1, 1 ALONG MIMBRES RIVER NORTH OF SILVER CITY; 10/3, 1 SEEN 10 MILES SOUTHWEST OF RESERVE (WHERE THEY ARE PROBABLY FOUND REGULARLY); 10/24, 1 SEEN 3 MILES WEST OF LAKE ROBERTS (BH). 2 NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM CATRON CO. (MCK).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER

2 NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM BERNALILLO CO. (JLT).

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER

2 FEMALES WERE SEEN 9/9 AT FT. BAYARD AND HAVE BEEN SEEN AGAIN, ALONG WITH MALES, SINCE THAT DATE (BH); 1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM RIO ARRIBA CO. (JIT).

HAIRY WOODPECKER

5 NESTS WERE REPORTED: 4 IN BERNALILLO CO. AND 1 IN SANDOVAL CO. (JLT).

DOWNY WOODPECKER

A MALE AND FEMALE WERE SEEN 7/23 IN THE SANDIA MTS. SKI AREA, AND THE MALE WAS COLLECTED (JLT); FIRST NOTED 10/3 IN FARMINGTON (AN).

NORTHERN THREE-TOED WOODPECKER

3 WERE SEEN AND 1 IMMATURE COLLECTED 7/12 ON SANDIA CREST; IN THE SAME AREA 7/27 BOTH MALE AND FEMALE WERE OBSERVED FEEDING YOUNG (JLT); 1 WAS SEEN 8/11 IN THE SAN JUAN MTS. NORTHEAST OF CHAMA, AT 9500' (HC).

EASTERN KINGBIRD

SEEN IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA 6/13 (ES).

WESTERN KINGBIRD

MIGRATING NUMBERS THROUGH SANTA FE WERE LOW (PRS); 5 NESTS WERE REPORTED: 2 FROM UNION CO. (AK); 1 FROM HIDALGO CO. (MCK); 1 FROM CHAVEZ CO. (VM); 1 FROM GRANT CO. (BH).

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD

FIRST LOCAL NESTING RECORD OF THIS SPECIES WAS ESTABLISHED 6/12 ON A RANCH 30 MILES SOUTHWEST OF CLAYTON (COOK, FIDE AK); 4 OTHER NESTS WERE REPORTED: 2 FROM GRANT CO. (BH, MOSELEYS); 1 FROM SOCORRO CO. AND 1 FROM CATRON CO. (MCK).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER

PRESENT IN PINON-JUNIPER IN SANDIA MTS. ALL SUMMER, BUT NO EVIDENCE OF NESTING COULD BE FOUND (JLT); A NEST WITH YOUNG BEING FED 6/29 WAS REPORTED NEAR FT. BAYARD (BH).

OLIVACEOUS FLYCATCHER

1 WAS CALLING IN THE PELONCILLO MTS., SOUTHERN HIDALGO CO. 7/17 (BH).

SAY'S PHOEBE

4 NESTS WERE REPORTED: 2 FROM GRANT CO. (BH, SNYDER); 1 FROM BERNALILLO CO. (MCK); 1 FROM RIO ARRIBA CO. (JLT); ALSO REPORTED NESTING AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (WEG).

TRAILL'S FLYCATCHER

1 IN SANTA FE ON 6/1 AND 1 ON 6/5 WERE PROBABLY LATE SPRING MIGRANTS (PRS).

WESTERN FLYCATCHER

10 NESTS WERE REPORTED: 3 FROM GRANT CO. (BH); 1 FROM EDDY CO. (BH); 5 FROM BERNALILLO CO. (JLT); 1 FROM SANDOVAL CO. (JLT).

WESTERN WOOD PEWEE

5 NESTS WERE REPORTED: 3 FROM SOCORRO CO. (MCK); 1 FROM BERNALILLO CO. (JLT); 1 FROM GRANT CO. (MOSELEYS).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER

POPULATION DOWN IN THE SANDIA MTS. DURING SUMMER OF 1965 (JLT); NONE NOTED IN MIGRATION AT CEDAR CREST IN THE FALL (MCK) ARRIVED AT LOVING, EDDY CO., 8/19 (RM, SW).

VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW

5 NESTS WERE REPORTED: 1 FROM TAOS CO. (PRS); 1 FROM SOCORRO CO. (MCK); 2 FROM BERNALILLO CO. (JLT); 1 FROM RIO ARRIBA CO. (JLT).

TREE SWALLOW

2 ON 9/2 WAS THE ONLY SANTA FE RECORD (PRS).

BANK SWALLOW

LAST SEEN IN SANTA FE ON 9/19 (PRS).

ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW

LATE SPRING MIGRANTS WERE SEEN IN SANTA FE THROUGH 6/11; LAST FALL BIRDS WERE SEEN 9/8 (PRS).

BARN SWALLOW

ABOUT 300 WERE SEEN AT MORGAN, SAN JUAN CO., 10/16 (AN); 2 NESTS WERE REPORTED: 1 FROM CHAVEZ CO. (VM) AND 1 FROM UNION CO. (AK).

CLIFF SWALLOW

APPROXIMATELY 20 ACTIVE NESTS WERE COUNTED ON A SANDSTONE BLUFF OVERHANGING A SPRING SOUTH AND WEST OF CUBA, SANDOVAL CO. 7/20 (JLS); 27 NESTS COUNTED AT MANGUS SPRINGS, GRANT CO. 7/3 (BH); "HUNDREDS OF BIRDS FLYING AROUND NESTS" 6/20 AT CLAYTON, UNION CO. (AK); APPROXIMATELY 2000 WERE NOTED IN THE BOSQUE

DEL APACHE REFUGE 8/10-12 (WEG).

PURPLE MARTIN

FLOCK OF A DOZEN NESTING IN A PONDEROSA PINE 7/6, CATRON CO. (MCK, DN); SEEN ENTERING APPARENT NESTING HOLE IN ASPEN TREE, SAN GREGORIO LAKE, JEMEZ MTS. 7/25 (JR); 2 SEEN NEAR SAN ANTONIO PEAK NORTH OF TRES PIEDRAS, TAOS CO., 8/22 (PRS).

GRAY JAY

NOTED IN THE MOUNTAINS NEAR PENASCO, ABOVE 8500', DURING JUNE, JULY (AS); AT LEAST 3 SEEN AT THE SANTA FE SKI BASIN 11/14 (PRS).

BLUE JAY

1 IDENTIFIED BY CALL AND BRIEFLY SEEN AT CEDAR CREST EARLY MORNING 10/7 (MCK); 1 PRESENT AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE FROM 11/7 FOR SEVERAL DAYS WAS A NEW RECORD FOR THE REFUGE (LO).

SCRUB JAY

1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM BERNALILLO CO. (HILL).

COMMON RAVEN

REPORTED BECOMING MORE COMMON IN THE CLAYTON AREA THE LAST FEW YEARS (AK); 40 TO 50 BIRDS WERE OBSERVED REGULARLY AT FT. BAYARD DURING THE DEER SEASON, OFTEN IN ONE FLOCK (11/20; BH); 1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (BH).

WHITE-NECKED RAVEN

REPORTED AS NESTING REGULARLY IN THE CLAYTON AREA (AK).

PINON JAY

NOTED IN SANTA FE FROM JULY THROUGH NOVEMBER (HM); FIRST ONES HEARD AT CEDAR CREST 8/17 (MCK); A LARGE FLOCK WAS SEEN RAVING THE AREA BETWEEN COYOTE AND GALLINA 10/30-31 (MCK); FLOCK OF 175 WAS COUNTED GOING OVER LAS HUERTAS CANYON, NORTH SIDE OF SANDIA MTS., END OF NOVEMBER (JLT).

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER

FIRST TIME NOTED IN THE SANDIA MTS. IN TWO YEARS BY THIS OBSERVER WAS AT JUAN TABO CANYON 10/4 (JLT); STAYED VERY HIGH IN THE MOUNTAINS ABOVE SANTA FE (PRS).

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE

1 SEEN 10/26 IN ROSWELL WAS LOW (VM); REMAINED HIGHER IN THE MOUNTAINS AROUND SANTA FE TILL AFTER 10/5 WHEN THEY WERE SEEN LOWER THAN USUAL (PRS); 1 WAS SEEN IN BRUSH AT THE MARGIN OF THE WHITE SANDS, ALAMOGORDO (JRD); 2 NESTS WERE REPORTED, 1 FROM BERNALILLO CO., 1 FROM SANDOVAL CO. (JLT).

PLAIN TITMOUSE

2 NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM BERNALILLO CO. (MCK, JLT).

COMMON BUSHTIT

1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM SOCORRO CO. (MCK).

BLACK-EARED BUSHTIT

1 SEEN AND COLLECTED FROM A FLOCK OF ABOUT 25 COMMON BUSHTITS IN PINON JUNIPER AREA NEAR CEDAR CREST 7/17; 1 NOTED SAME AREA IN MID-SEPTEMBER IN FLOCK OF 30 COMMON BUSHTITS (JLT).

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH

1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM SOCORRO CO. (MCK).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH

FIRST NOTED IN LAS VEGAS AREA 9/30 (ES); HIGHER NUMBERS THAN USUAL IN THE SANDIA MTS. BUT NOT OF INVASION PROPORTIONS (JLT, MCK).

DIPPER

1 SEEN AND COLLECTED 10/29 IN LAS HUERTAS CANYON, SANDIA MTS., WAS THE FIRST OF THIS SPECIES NOTED THERE IN TWO YEARS OF CAREFUL CENSUSING, AND NO OTHER RECORDS ARE KNOWN FOR THIS LOCATION (JLT); 1 WAS SEEN NEAR GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS 11/8 WHERE IT IS UNCOMMON (BH); 1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM RIO ARRIBA CO. (JR).

HOUSE WREN

6 NESTS WERE REPORTED, 1 FROM SANTA FE CO. (PRS), AND 5 FROM BERNALILLO CO. (JLT).

WINTER WREN

1 WAS OBSERVED AT FT. BAYARD 10/25 (BH); 1 WAS SEEN IN LAS HUERTAS CANYON 10/28 (JLT); THERE IS NO KNOWN SPECIMEN FOR THE STATE, AND FEW RECORDS.

BEWICK'S WREN

1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM UNION CO. (AK).

CACTUS WREN

1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM HIDALGO CO. (BH).

CANON WREN

1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (BH).

ROCK WREN

1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM UNION CO. (AK).

MOCKINGBIRD

10 NESTS WERE REPORTED: 3 FROM UNION CO. (AK); 2 FROM CHAVEZ CO. (VM); 1 FROM HIDALGO CO. (BH); 2 FROM GRANT CO. (BH); 2 FROM BERNALILLO CO. (JLT).

CATBIRD

A SINGING MALE WAS COLLECTED IN CEDRO CANYON, MANZANO MTS., 6/17 (DN); 1 WAS AT ROSWELL 10/1 WHERE THE SPECIES IS NOT ALWAYS SEEN (VM).

BROWN THRASHER

1 WAS SEEN AT ROSWELL 11/28 WHERE IT IS UNUSUAL (ANC, BH); 1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM UNION CO. (AK).

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER

3 NESTS WERE REPORTED: 1 FROM HIDALGO CO. (BH); 2 FROM GRANT CO. (BH, SNYDER).

CRISSAL THRASHER

1 WAS SEEN IN JUAN TABO CANYON 6/11 AND AGAIN 6/30; 1 WAS SINGING IN EMBUDO CANYON 8/3 (JLT); 2 NESTS WERE REPORTED: 1 FROM GRANT CO. (BH); 1 FROM BERNALILLO CO. (JLT).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD

AT LEAST 6 AND AS MANY AS 15 WERE AT RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS, EDDY CO., 11/27 (RMI, SW); 5 WERE AT FT. BAYARD 11/19 (BH).

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE

1 SPOTTED IMMATURE WAS SEEN ON SANDIA CREST 7/12 (JLT); WINTERING BIRDS FIRST NOTED AT CEDAR CREST 9/22 (MCK), AND AT CLAYTON 9/30 (AK).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER

3 NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM BERNALILLO CO. (JLT).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET

3 OR 4 WERE WITH A RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET AND A MT. CHICKADEE FORAGING IN PINON-JUNIPER, GALLINAS MTS. SOUTH OF CORONA, 11/7 (MCK).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET

RETURN TO NORTHEAST ALBUQUERQUE NOTED 10/19 (LL).

WATER PIPIT

3 WERE SEEN AND HEARD JUST BELOW SANDIA CREST IN KIWANIS MEADOW 6/27 (JLT); UP TO 30 ON 10/16 AND LATER WERE THE FIRST RECORD AT MORGAN LAKE, SAN JUAN CO. (AN); LAST NOTED IN SANTA FE WERE 3 ON 11/16 (PRS).

CEDAR WAXWING

NOTED MOSTLY FOR THEIR ABSENCE (PRS, MCK, ET AL.); NOTED 9/19 AT LOVING, EDDY CO. (SW).

PHAINOPEPLA

5 MALES AND 2 FEMALES WERE SEEN 7/11 FIVE MILES SOUTHEAST OF CLIFF ON THE GILA RIVER, WHERE THE SPECIES WINTERS REGULARLY BUT IS NOT USUALLY RECORDED DURING THE SUMMER (BH).

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE

REPORTED AS NESTING IN THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (WEG).

STARLING

NOW A COMMON RESIDENT, AND NESTING IN SANTA FE, WHERE LARGE WINTERING FLOCKS BEGAN APPEARING IN OCTOBER (PRS); RETURNED TO NORTHEAST ALBUQUERQUE AREA 11/13 (LL); 1 NEST REPORTED FROM UNION CO. (AK).

BELL'S VIREO

1 WAS IDENTIFIED BY VOICE AND HABITAT AT HARROUN LAKE 8/2 (JF, SW); 1 WAS SINGING AT REDROCK 8/20 (BH).

GRAY VIREO

SEVERAL WERE SINGING 7/4 IN THE GUADALUPE MTS., EDDY CO. (BH, ROY JOHNSON).

SOLITARY VIREO

3 NESTS WERE REPORTED: 1 FROM SOCORRO CO. (MCK); 1 FROM BERNALILLO CO. (JLT); 1 FROM LOS ALAMOS CO. (TRAVIS).

WARBLING VIREO

NUMBERS WERE DOWN AT CEDAR CREST (MCK) AND SANTA FE (PRS); 4 NESTS WERE REPORTED: 2 FROM SANDOVAL CO. AND 2 FROM BERNALILLO CO. (JLT).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER

1 IN LAS HUERTAS CANYON, SANDOVAL CO., SINGING, ON 6/12, WAS SEEN IN GOOD LIGHT AND OBSERVED FOR FULLY FIVE MINUTES (JLT); 1 WAS AT LOVING, EDDY CO. 9/15 WHERE 1 HAD BEEN SEEN IN AUGUST, 1964 (SW).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER

SEEN 9/8 AT ROSWELL WHERE IT IS SELDOM SEEN IN THE FALL (VM).

NASHVILLE WARBLER

1 ADULT AND 2 IMMATURES WERE BANDED IN THE SANDIA MTS. IN SEPTEMBER (MCK); 1 WAS SEEN AT ROSWELL 9/25 (VM).

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER

1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM SANDOVAL CO. (JLT).

YELLOW WARBLER

LAST FALL BIRD NOTED IN SANTA FE 9/8 (PRS); IN FARMINGTON 10/3 (AN).

MYRTLE WARBLER

1 WAS BANDED AT CEDAR CREST 9/25 (MCK); 1 WAS SEEN IN ROSWELL 9/29 (VM).

AUDUBON'S WARBLER

FALL FLIGHT TO THE LOWLANDS BEGAN THROUGH SANTA FE 9/19 WITH PEAK ON 9/26 (PRS); FIRST NOTED 9/25 IN FARMINGTON AREA AND COMMON UNTIL 10/15 (AN); FIRST NOTED IN NORTHEAST ALBUQUERQUE 10/26 (LL); 1 AT CEDAR CREST 11/29 IS LATE (MCK); 3 NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM BERNALILLO CO. (JLT).

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER

NOT ALWAYS SEEN AT CEDAR CREST DURING MIGRATION, 9 WERE BANDED THERE AND AT CAPULIN SPRINGS BETWEEN 8/27 AND 10/9 (MCK).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH

1 WAS SEEN AT FT. BAYARD 8/25 AND 9/9 (BH); RETURNED THROUGH CEDAR CREST 8/28 (MCK); 1 WAS NOTED IN SANTA FE 9/1-3 AND 9/10 (PRS); 1 WAS NEAR ROSWELL 9/5 (VM).

MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER

NOTED IN SANTA FE FROM 8/23 TO 9/14 WITH PEAK OF 15 ON 9/8 (PRS).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT

1 AT DELAWARE RIVER, EDDY CO., ABOUT A MILE FROM THE TEXAS BORDER, ON 11/14 WAS VERY LATE (SW).

RED-FACED WARBLER

1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM HIDALGO CO. (BH).

WILSON'S WARBLER

FALL FLIGHT THROUGH SANTA FE FROM 8/22 TO 10/4 WITH PEAK OF 20 ON 9/7 (PRS); SEEN IN NORTHEAST ALBUQUERQUE FROM 8/27 TO 10/29 (LL); 20, THE FIRST OF THE SEASON, WERE COUNTED IN ROSWELL 9/17-19 (VM).

AMERICAN REDSTART

1 FEMALE WAS SEEN 6/6 AT LOVING, EDDY CO. (JP, SW); 1 FEMALE WAS AT ROSWELL 9/1 (VM); IN SANTA FE, 3 IMMATURE MALES WERE SEEN 9/7 AND 1 FEMALE 9/8 (PRS); 1 FEMALE WAS AT FT. BAYARD 9/9 (BH).

PAINTED REDSTART

1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (BH).

BOBOLINK

1 WAS SEEN AT PARKYIEW FISH HATCHERY, RIO ARRIBA CO., 6/12-13 (WIK).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD

4 IN SANTA FE 7/16 WERE QUITE EARLY; MAIN FLIGHT THERE WAS FROM 9/1 TO 9/25

(PRS); A FLOCK WAS NEAR ISLETA PUEBLO 9/25 (LL); NOTED AT KIRTLAND, SAN JUAN CO. 10/9 AND 11/20 (UP TO 40 WITH RED-WINGED BLACKBIRDS)(AN).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK

1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (BH).

WESTERN MEADOWLARK

REPORTED NESTING AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (WEG).

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD

REPORTED NESTING AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (WEG); 2 NESTS REPORTED: FROM CHAVEZ CO. (VM); 1 FROM SANTA FE CO. (PRS).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE

A PAIR WAS SEEN IN EMBUDO CANYON 6/10, AND A MALE IN JUAN TABO CANYON 9/4 (BOTH IN BERNALILLO CO.) (JLT); 2 NESTS WERE REPORTED: 1 FROM GRANT CO. (MOSELEYS); 1 FROM BERNALILLO CO. (JLT).

BULLOCK'S ORIOLE

YOUNG WERE BEING FED IN A BACKYARD IN NORTHEAST ALBUQUERQUE 7/6 (LL); THE SPECIES WAS REPORTED NESTING IN THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (WEG); 2 NESTS WERE REPORTED: 1 IN BERNALILLO CO. (JR); 1 IN UNION CO. (AK).

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD

1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM TAOS CO. (AS).

BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE

A FLOCK WAS NEAR ISLETA PUEBLO 9/25 (LL); 1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM RIO ARRIBA CO. (WBL, TRAVIS).

COMMON GRACKLE

2 NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM UNION CO. (AK, AND STONE).

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD

THE LAST ONE SEEN IN SANTA FE ON 9/25 WAS A NEW LATE DATE THERE BY A WEEK OR MORE (PRS).

WESTERN Tanager

FEWER NUMBERS IN THE MOUNTAINS ABOVE SANTA FE THIS SUMMER (PRS); RETURN TO NORTHEAST ALBUQUERQUE NOTED 9/25 (LL); 6 NESTS WERE REPORTED: 5 FROM BERNALILLO CO. AND 1 FROM SANDOVAL CO. (JLT).

HEPATIC Tanager

1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM SOCORRO CO. (MCK).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK

THE ONE REPORTED FROM SANDIA PARK 5/6 REMAINED UNTIL 6/5 (BA).

BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK

FEWER NOTED THIS SUMMER IN SANTA FE (PRS) AND CEDAR CREST (MCK); 2 NESTS WERE REPORTED: 1 FROM GRANT CO. (BH); 1 FROM BERNALILLO CO. (JLT).

BLUE GROSBEAK

A PAIR WITH 5 YOUNG (1 COLLECTED) WERE IN CIENAGA CANYON, SANDIA MTS., 7/19; 1 SEEN IN THE SAME PLACE WITH 2 YOUNG JUST ABLE TO FLY 9/9 IS A VERY LATE RECORD (JLT); 1 FEMALE SEEN 10/20 FIVE MILES SOUTHEAST OF CLIFF WAS A LATE MIGRANT (BH).

INDIGO BUNTING

A MALE WAS SINGING FROM 6/9 THROUGH 7/30 AT CEDAR CREST; 1 MALE WAS BANDED ON 7/11 AND ANOTHER ON 7/17 ALTHOUGH THE 2 BIRDS WERE NEVER SEEN AT THE SAME TIME (MCK); A SINGING MALE WAS SEEN NEAR GILA HOT SPRINGS, GRANT CO., 6/26 (BH); A SINGING MALE IN BIG CANYON, GUADALUPE MTS., EDDY CO., 7/4, WAS COLLECTED (BH, R. JOHNSON); THERE WERE THREE RECORDS AT FT. BAYARD DURING AUGUST (BH); 1 MALE WAS SEEN NEAR MALAGA, EDDY CO., 9/19 (JP, SW).

LAZULI BUNTING

SINGLE MALES WERE SEEN 8/10 AND 8/11 AT FT. BAYARD (BH); ONLY ONE SEEN ALL SUMMER IN SANTA FE WAS 9/11 (PRS).

VARIED BUNTING

2 MALES WERE AT WALNUT CANYON, CARLSBAD CAVERNS NATIONAL PARK, 7/18 (SB, JF, SW)

EVENING GROSBEAK

MISSED ALL SUMMER IN THE SANTA FE AREA (PRS); SOME NOTED IN SANTA FE FROM 11/22 INTO DECEMBER (HM); A FLOCK OF 12 WERE SEEN JUST ONE DAY IN PENASCO, TAOS CO. (AS).

CASSIN'S FINCH

2 SEEN AT FT. BAYARD 10/17 (BH); SEEN IN SANTA FE FROM 11/6 TO 11/22 (PRS).

HOUSE FINCH

8 NESTS WERE REPORTED: 3 FROM GRANT CO. (BH, MCCORMICK, SNYDER); 2 FROM BERNALILLO CO. (JLT); 3 FROM CHAVEZ CO. (VM).

PINE GROSBEAK

NOTED IN THE MOUNTAINS NEAR PENASCO, TAOS CO., ABOVE 8500' IN JUNE, JULY; 2 MALES SEEN IN LA JUNTA CREEK AREA OF TAOS CO. IN EARLY OCTOBER, AT 10,000' IN SPRUCE HABITAT WHERE MUCH OF THE AREA HAS BEEN BURNED OVER AS A PART OF THE BARK BEETLE ERADICATION PROGRAM (AS).

ROSY FINCHES

3 GRAY-CROWNED WERE SEEN 11/27 IN TEJANO CANYON, 8,000', SANDIA MTS. (JLT); LATER THE SAME DAY, 12 WERE SEEN ON SANDIA CREST (JLS).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH

1 MALE WAS AT LOVING, EDDY CO., 6/12 (SW).

LESSER GOLDFINCH

2 ADULTS WERE FEEDING 3 YOUNG NOT ASSOCIATED WITH A NEST IN ROSWELL 8/15; THIS SEEMS THE NEAREST TO AN ACTUAL NESTING RECORD IN THE PECOS VALLEY (VM); THE SPECIES WAS REPORTED NESTING IN THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (WEG).

RED CROSSBILL

14 WERE SEEN 7/9 AT THE LA MADERA SKI AREA, SANDIA MTS. (JLT).

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE

1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM BERNALILLO CO. (JLT).

RUFIOUS-SIDED TOWHEE

2 NESTS WERE REPORTED: 1 FROM GRANT CO. (BH); 1 FROM BERNALILLO CO. (JLT).

BROWN TOWHEE

1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (BH).

LARK BUNTING

NEARLY 400 WERE NOTED IN THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 8/11-13 (WEG); 1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM UNION CO. (COOK).

LARK SPARROW

1 SINGING IN JUAN TABO CANYON 6/11 AND 12 WAS NOT SEEN THERE AGAIN DURING THE SEASON (JLT); 1 NEST WAS REPORTED FROM UNION CO. (AK).

RUFUS-CROWNED SPARROW

A NEST WITH 3 YOUNG (EYES NOT OPENED) ON 9/6 IN EMBUDO CANYON IS A LATE BREEDING RECORD (JLT); 2 NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM GRANT CO. (BH).

BLACK-THROATED SPARROW

2 NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM BERNALILLO CO. (JLT).

OREGON JUNCO

FIRST FALL RETURNS: CAPULIN SPRINGS, SANDIA MTS., 9/29 (MCK); SANTA FE 10/11 (PRS); NORTHEAST ALBUQUERQUE 10/17 (DD).

GRAY-HEADED JUNCO

BEGAN MOVING DOWN THE MOUNTAIN SLOPES TOWARD THE END OF AUGUST, WHERE A FLOCK OF 50 WAS NOTED AT SANDIA MTS. SKI AREA 8/27 (JLT); 3 NOTED IN LAS VEGAS AREA 10/1 (ES); FIRST SEEN IN LOWLANDS IN SANTA FE AREA 10/11 (PRS); APPEARED IN LARGE NUMBERS AT PENASCO, TAOS CO., SECOND WEEK OF OCTOBER AFTER A HEAVY SNOWFALL (AS); 5 NESTS WERE REPORTED: 3 FROM RIO ARRIBA CO. (JR AND JLT); 1 FROM BERNALILLO CO. (JLT); 1 FROM GRANT CO. (BH).

CHIPPING SPARROW

SEEN 10/7 IN NORTHEAST ALBUQUERQUE (LL); LAST SEEN IN SANTA FE 11/6 BUT MOST WERE GONE BY 10/12 (PRS).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW

SEEN AT ROSWELL 9/12 AND 10/2 (VM) AND AT LOVING 9/22 (SW).

BREWER'S SPARROW

FLIGHT THROUGH SANTA FE BEGAN 9/7 (PRS); FIRST RETURNS TO EMBUDO CANYON NOTED 9/6 WHEN 2 WERE COLLECTED (JLT).

FIELD SPARROW

AT LEAST 1 WAS FEEDING WITH WHITE-CROWNED SPARROWS AT WALNUT CANYON, CARLSBAD NATIONAL PARK, 11/27 (RM, SW).

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW

2 NESTS WERE REPORTED FROM BERNALILLO CO. (JLT).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW

AN IMMATURE AT LOVING 8/22 WAS VERY EARLY (JF, SW); FLIGHT THROUGH SANTA FE BEGAN 9/23 (PRS); FIRST RETURN TO CEDAR CREST NOTED 10/2 (MCK); FIRST NOTED AT ROSWELL 10/2 AND PEAK NUMBERS NOTED 10/24 (VM); FIRST SEEN NORTHEAST ALBUQUERQUE 11/10 (LL).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW

1 WAS SEEN IN CLAYTON 10/11 (AK).

FOX SPARROW

1 OF THE GRAY-HEADED FORM WAS SEEN 10/14 AT FT. BAYARD (BH).

LINCOLN'S SPARROW

SEEN IN SANTA FE FROM 9/10 UNTIL 9/21 WITH A PEAK OF AT LEAST 5 ON 9/11 (PRS).

SONG SPARROW

1 SEEN IN SANTA FE 9/2 WAS EARLY; NUMBERS APPEARED ABOUT 11/3 (PRS); FI~ST FALL BIRD AT CEDAR CREST WAS NOTED 10/10 (MCK).

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UNCONFIRMED SIGHTINGS

REPORTS OF SPECIES LISTED BELOW COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE EDITORS FOR VARIOUS REASONS (NO STATE SPECIMEN OR PHOTOGRAPH KNOWN, NO PREVIOUS REPORTS FROM THE AREA, INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE PRESENTED, ETC.).

AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER

REPORTED FROM MORGAN LAKE, SAN JUAN CO., IN SMALL FLOCKS, 9/23, 10/3, AND 10/16 (AN).

THERE SEEM TO BE VALID RECORDS FROM THE ROSWELL AREA, BUT NO STATE SPECIMEN OR PHOTOGRAPH IS KNOWN; THERE IS NO STATE RECORD IN THE A.O.U. CHECK-LIST.

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER

REPORTED IN COMPANY WITH AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER AT MORGAN LAKE, SAN JUAN CO., 9/23, 10/3, 10/16 (AN).

INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE PRESENTED FOR NEW LOCALITY RECORD.

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER

REPORTED FROM LAKE AVALON 8/15 AND FROM HARROUN LAKE 8/22 (BOTH EDDY CO.) (SW).

INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE FOR RECORD OF BIRD IN FALL PLUMAGE.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT

6 WERE REPORTED AT HARROUN LAKE, EDDY CO., 8/22 (JF, SW).

INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE PRESENTED FOR RECORD OF BIRDS IN FALL PLUMAGE IN AN AREA WHERE THEY WOULD BE CONSIDERED RARE.

NORTHERN PHALAROPE

10 WERE REPORTED FEEDING WITH WILSON'S PHALAROPE NEAR MALAGA, EDDY CO., 9/28 (LP, SW).

INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE FOR NEW AREA RECORD; THE SPECIES HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED FROM THE SOUTHEAST REGION OF THE STATE.

SABINE'S GULL

REPORTED AS A FIRST RECORD AT MORGAN LAKE, SAN JUAN CO., 10/2, "VERY CLOSE VIEW (20 FEET) FOR SEVERAL MINUTES" (AN).

INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE PRESENTED FOR NEW LOCALITY RECORD.

CAVE SWALLOW

REPORTED NEAR MALAGA, EDDY CO., 9/19 (UP, SW).

INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE PRESENTED FOR NEW LOCALITY RECORD.

PALM WARBLER

1 ADULT WAS REPORTED AT LOVING, EDDY CO., 10/1 (SW).

INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE PRESENTED FOR FALL PLUMAGE BIRD; LISTED AS "ACCIDENTAL IN NEW MEXICO (ALAMOGORDO)" IN THE A.O.U. CHECK-LIST.

SMITH'S LONGSPUR

25 BIRDS REPORTED SEEN 5 MILES EAST OF CLAYTON 10/23 (AK, COOK).

INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE PRESENTED FOR WHAT IS APPARENTLY A NEW STATE RECORD.