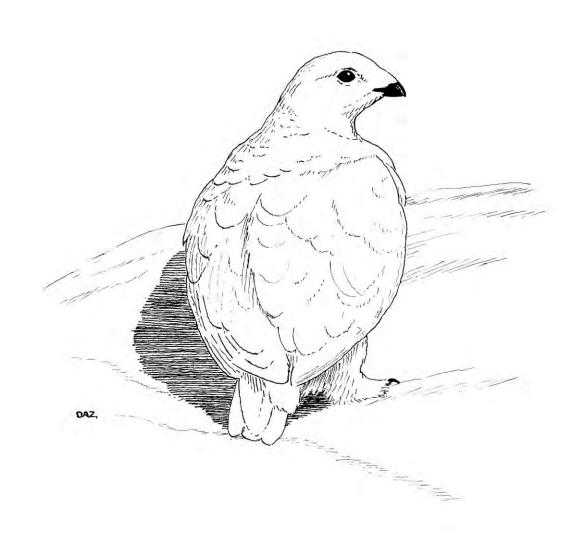
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Cover: White-tailed Ptarmigan (*Lagopus leucura*). This alpine tundra-inhabiting grouse reaches its southernmost limit in New Mexico's Sangre de Cristo Mts., where it is listed as endangered by New Mexico. Historically found on all the higher peaks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

SPRING SEASON 2006

The statewide drought deepened to historic proportions during Spring 2006, while climatologists proclaimed the recent period the warmest on record; whatever the long-term consequences of these events may be for birds, the short-term impacts appeared negligible this season. Meanwhile, birds and birders were active, and numerous rarities were documented, including two potentially new species for the state: Black Rail and Vaux's Swift.

Localities and Counties

Abeytas, Socorro

Aguirre Springs, *Doña Ana* Albuquerque, *Bernalillo* Algodones, *Sandoval* Angel Fire, *Colfax*

Animas, Mts., Valley, Hidalgo

Aztec, San Juan

Bandelier NM, Sandoval

Belen, Valencia

Bill Evans Lake, *Grant*Bitter Lake NWR, *Chaves*

Black Lake, Colfax

Bluewater Lake, McKinley/Cibola

Boone's Draw, Roosevelt

Bosque del Apache NWR, Socorro

Bosque Redondo, *De Baca* Bosque Village, *Valencia* Brantley Lake, *Eddy* Caballo Lake, Dam *Sierra*

Carlsbad, Eddy

Carlsbad Caverns NP, Eddy

Carrizozo, *Lincoln*Cedar Crest, *Bernalillo*Cerrillos, *Santa Fe*Cherry Creek CG, *Grant*Cimarron, Canyon, *Colfax*Clabber Hill Ranch, *San Miguel*Clanton Canyon, Cienega, *Hidalgo*Cliff, Cliff-Gila Valley, *Grant*

Clovis, Curry

Cochiti, Lake, Dam, Sandoval

Columbus, Luna

Conchas Lake, Dam, San Miguel

Corrales, Sandoval Datil, Catron Deming, Luna Dulce, Rio Arriba

Eagle Nest, Lake, Dam *Colfax* Elephant Butte Lake, Dam, *Sierra*

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Emory Pass, Grant/Sierra

Escondida, Socorro
Farmington, San Juan
Fort Sumner, DeBaca
French Lake, Colfax
Galisteo, Creek, Santa Fe
Gila Bird Area, Grant

Gila Cliff Dwellings, Catron

Glenwood, Catron

Guadalupe Canyon, Hidalgo

Hachita, *Grant* Hermanas, *Luna* Hope, *Eddy*

Iron Creek CG, Grant

Jal, Lake, Lea

Jemez Falls, Sandoval
Katfish Kove, Luna
La Joya, Socorro
Lake Avalon, Eddy
Lake David, San Miguel
Lake Roberts, Grant
Lake Valley, Sierra
Las Cruces, Doña Ana

Las Vegas, NWR, San Miguel

Lincoln, Lincoln

Lordsburg, Playa, *Hidalgo* Los Lunas, *Valencia*

Lower Gila Box, *Hidalgo/Grant*

Luis Lopez, *Socorro* Mangas Springs, *Grant* Maxwell, NWR, *Colfax*

Mayhill, Otero

Mesilla, Park, Dam, Valley, Doña Ana

Mills, Canyon, *Harding*Milnesand, *Roosevelt*Morgan Lake, *San Juan*Ned Houk Park, *Curry*

north Roosevelt trap [NRT], Roosevelt

Oscura Mts., Socorro

Otero Mesa, *Otero* Otis, *Eddy*

Peloncillo Mts., Hidalgo

Pep, Roosevelt

Petroglyph NM, Bernalillo

Percha SP, Sierra Portales, Roosevelt

Post Office Canyon, Hidalgo

Quarai, Torrance

Radium Springs, Doña Ana

Rattlesnake Springs, *Eddy* Redrock, *Grant*

Rio Grande Nature Center, Bernalillo

Roswell, Chaves

Sandia Heights, Park, Bernalillo Sandia Mts., Bernalillo/Sandoval

San Acacia, Socorro

San Andres NWR, Doña Ana

San Antonio, *Socorro* San Marcial, *Socorro*

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Santa Fe, Canyon, *Santa Fe* Santa Rosa, Lake, *Guadalupe*

Silver City, Grant

Skeleton Canyon, Hidalgo

Socorro, *Socorro* Springer, Lake, *Colfax* Stubblefield Lake, *Colfax*

Sugarite SP, Colfax

Sumner Lake, Dam, De Baca

Tatum, Lea

Tesuque, Santa Fe Tres Piedras, Taos

Trigg Ranch, San Miguel Tucumcari, Lake, Quay

Tularosa, *Otero* Tyrone, *Grant*

Ute Lake, Dam, *Quay* Vermejo Ranch, *Colfax* White's City, *Eddy*

Standard Abbreviations

DOM

AFB	Air Force Base	RGNC	Rio Grande Nature
Bosque NWR	Bosque del Apache NWR		Center
BLNWR	Bitter Lake NWR	RGV	Rio Grande Valley
BBS	Breeding Bird Survey	SP	State Park
CBC	Christmas Bird Count	UNM	Univ. of New Mexico
CCNP	Carlsbad Caverns NP	USFWS	U.S. Fish & Wildlife
CG	Camp Ground		Service
Cr.	Creek	WMA	Wildlife Management
EBL	Elephant Butte Lake		Area
GBA	Gila Bird Area	WSMR	White Sands Missile
L.	Lake		Range
LVNWR	Las Vegas NWR	ad(s).	adult(s)
MSB	Museum of Southwestern	subad(s).	subadult(s)
	Biology	imm(s).	immature(s)
Mt(s).	Mountain(s)	juv(s).	juvenile(s)
NM	National Monument	sp.	species
NMSU	New Mexico State Univ.	m.ob	many observers
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
		***	specimen obtained

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SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Greater White-fronted Goose—Late was one at Bosque NWR 7-10 May (JEP, JRO).

Snow Goose—A free-flying one was with Canada Geese at Black L. 31 May (DJC**).

Tundra Swan—One lingered at French L. near Cimarron until 17 Apr (DJC**); farther s. were an ad. at La Joya 15 Mar (DLH) and 2 imms. near Socorro 25 Mar (JEP, JRO).

Wood Duck—Unexpected was a male-female pair in a tree at Boone's Draw 5 May (CGL). A pair was nesting in a cottonwood at Socorro 7 May (PB).

Eurasian Wigeon—The well-documented male at Albuquerque was last seen at Mariposa Park 12 Mar (JRO**).

Cinnamon Teal—Scarce in the Sandia Mts., 5 were at Sandia Park 23 May (CMB).

Bufflehead—Late were 2 at Socorro 22 May (JRO) and one at Algodones 27 May (BV).

Barrow's Goldeneye—Last of the "east slope" birds were a male in the Stubblefield L. area 18 Mar (DJC*) and an undetailed female at L. David 19 Mar (WFW).

Gambel's Quail—Noteworthy were 2 at Petroglyph NM 23 Apr (RHD); in the Sandia Mts., singles were in the Monticello subdivision 15 Apr (JBV) and Tres Pistoles Canyon 16 Apr (CMR).

Common Loon—Last were one at Cochiti L. 13 May (WHH**) and 2 at Conchas L. 26 May (JRO).

Horned Grebe—West of usual was one at Acomita L., *Cibola* 5 Mar (BDN*, CMR*); late were 4 at Stubblefield L. 9 May (EMW**).

Eared Grebe—High counts included 950 at Stinking L., *Rio Arriba* 13 May (DWS) and 400 at Stubblefield L. 1 May (DJC).

American White Pelican—Early for the nw. were 49 at Bluewater L. 5 Mar (CMR). In the sw., 38 were near Cliff 13 Apr (*fide* DJB) and one was at Lordsburg 19 Apr (AMC, NM-C). Persecution continued in *Eddy*, including one found shot at L. Avalon 5 Mar (SW).

Double-crested Cormorant—Unexpected were 2 on nests on concrete walls at the Clovis lagoons 27 May (CMR*). There were 12 active nests at Quates Canyon L. near San Marcial 2 May (RHD**), but no **Neotropic Cormorant** nests were found there.

American Bittern—Up to 3 at BLNWR 1 Mar-29 Apr (GLW, WFW, JEP, CMR).

Least Bittern—Early were singles at Bosque NWR 22 Apr (DLH) and BLNWR 29 Apr (JEP, CMR); in May, vocal Leasts were heard at those two sites plus at Clabber Hill Ranch and the Fort Sumner area (m.ob.).

Great Blue Heron—Four nests—3 under incubation—along the Navajo R. n. of Dulce (DWS) established a new breeding locale. Two active nests were at Mule Creek, *Grant* 13 May (ERL), where not reported in recent years. Several nests were in the waterbird colony near San Marcial 2 May (RHD).

Great Egret—North to *Colfax* were 2 on the Vermejo Ranch near Cimarron 27 Mar (DJC), one at Stubblefield L. 18 Apr & 8 May (DJC), and 3 at French L. 23 May (DJC**). One was northeast to Tucumcari L. 6 May (CMR). West were singles at Bill Evans L. 15 Apr & 3 May (RSS), Tyrone 28 May (ERL), and Lordsburg 13 May (*fide* AMC).

Tricolored Heron—One was at Bosque NWR 2 May (GKF).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron—Single ads. were at Tatum 11 May (JEP*) and Luis Lopez 30 May (JRO**) and an imm. was at BLNWR 24 May (JBM*, GLW*).

White Ibis—An ad. was at BLNWR 26 Apr-11 May (CGL**, JRO**, m.ob.).

Glossy Ibis—Now an expected spring migrant, reports this season were single ads. at Ute L. 26-27 Apr (DJC**), Clovis 10-11 May (JEP*, NDP), Portales 11 May (JEP*), Socorro 5 Apr (JRO**), and Belen 22-25 Apr (JRO**, PEL*, JEP*) plus an apparent hybrid at Belen 24 Apr (PEL*, JRO**), and one or more ads. at Bosque NWR 2-18 Apr (NDP, BDN, CMR, JEP*, JRO**).

Osprey—New Mexico's breeding population number 18 pairs by Apr, with 17 in *Rio Arriba* and one in *McKinley* (DWS). Seventy migrants were counted at the Sandia Mts. hawkwatch site 24 Mar-5 May (HWI).

White-tailed Kite—Continued at two *Hidalgo* locales, with 3 s. of Hachita 3 Mar (CGL**) and one there 31 Mar (JEP*), plus one in the s. Animas Valley 13 May (AMC).

Mississippi Kite—Very early was one near Clovis 15 Apr (KBO). May produced multiple reports from nine counties from the RGV eastward, including 6 diving on phalaropes at Tucumcari L. 15 May (WFW) and a high 15 at BLNWR 6 May (CGL).

Bald Eagle—A pair was nesting in n. *Rio Arriba* 7-12 May, but the nest was abandoned by 29 May (DWS).

Northern Harrier—Late (if non-breeders) were singles at Stubblefield L. 11 May (DJC) and San Marcial 13 May (JRO), 3 in the Animas Valley 13 May (AMC), and 3 at BLNWR 13 May and one there 24 May (GLW).

Gray Hawk—Well-described was an ad. at Rattlesnake Springs 24 Apr (DJG*), 8 May (JEP*), and 28 May (SW*). In the RGV, one was reported 3 mi south of San Marcial 13 May (JRO*), an ad. was on Las Animas Cr., *Sierra* 22 Apr (R. Ketchum*), and an undetailed possible one was at Mesilla 13 Apr (JN). In the southwest, singles were in the Lower Gila Box 29 May (RLF*, MLW*) and Guadalupe Canyon 13 May (NM-C, RAR).

Common Black-Hawk—Returned north to Cochiti, where singles were seen 9 Apr (WHH), 1 May (MLW), & 13 May (WHH) and a pair was along the Pecos R. at Santa *NMOSFN* 45:2 (Spring 2006) - 21 - 1 March – 31 May 2006

Rosa 27 Apr (RLF*). In the east, one was on the R. Peñasco near Mayhill 29 Apr (CMR) and a nest was along the R. Bonito near Lincoln 1 May (WFW).

Harris's Hawk—Two were west of Tularosa 29 Apr (CGL).

Broad-winged Hawk—Singles were in the Sandia Mts. at Doc Long CG (CMB*) and near Cedar Crest (CMB*) 30 Apr, and at Rattlesnake Springs 30 Apr-1 May (CMR, JPB). At the Sandia Mts. hawkwatch site, singles were noted 21 Apr, 23 Apr, and 2 May (HWI), but unusually early reports there on 8 & 11 Mar (HWI) require verification.

Short-tailed Hawk—A light morph ad. was described at Rattlesnake Springs 24 Apr (DJG*); the species was first found in New Mexico in 2005.

White-tailed Hawk—Unverified in New Mexico, a possible one seen near Otis 22 Apr was described as a juv. (SW*).

Zone-tailed Hawk—In unusual locales were singles at Mesilla 11 & 16 Mar (CGL, J. Douglas), Percha SP 28 May (BRZ**), Bosque NWR 6 Apr (WHH**), and Rattlesnake Springs 7-10 May (CGL, JEP, JRO**). A pair was nesting n. to Mills Canyon 17 May (HRS).

Harlan's Hawk—Well documented was one near Mesilla 4-7 Mar (MTS, JEZ**, CGL).

Golden Eagle—An aerial survey for Golden Eagles in ne. New Mexico located 41 active nests plus nine additional occupied territories 13-18 Mar (DWS*).

<u>Crested Caracara</u>—Singles were e. of Hermanas 25 Mar (RAM*) and at San Acacia 14-15 Apr (JEP*, JRO**, CMR*, WHH**, v.o.).

<u>Aplomado Falcon</u>—Single unbanded subads. were on Otero Mesa 12 Apr (RR**) and w. of Columbus 25 May (SOW*).

<u>Black Rail</u>—A vocal one was at Clabber Hill Ranch below Conchas Dam 12-26 May, and definitive tape recordings were obtained, which should provide the state's first verified record (audio CMR*, audio JRO*, JEP*, JN-M*, MJB*, JPB*, WFW*).

Sora—Surprising was one perched in a tree at Ned Houk Park 10 May (JEP).

Common Moorhen—One was n. to Isleta, *Bernalillo* 7 May (JBV).

Black-bellied Plover—Made a good showing in the east 29 Apr-27 May, including 6 each at Stubblefield L.13 May (DJC) and Brantley L. 10 May (JRO).

American Golden-Plover—Two in winter plumage were at Deming 5 May (LKM*).

Snowy Plover—Peaked at 279 at BLNWR 24 May (GLW). High count at Brantley L. was 16 ads., including one pair mating, 25 May (RHD).

Semipalmated Plover—A high 23 were at Stubblefield L. 26 Apr (DJC).

Black-necked Stilt—Ten, including an ad. on a nest, were at Lordsburg 22 May (AMC, NM-C). Peaked with 381 at BLNWR 4 May (GLW).

American Avocet—Six, including an ad. on a nest, were at Lordsburg 22 May (AMC, NM-C). Noteworthy were 37 in the Farmington area 13 May (APN) and 17 at Bill Evans L. 14 Apr (RSS). Peaked with 344 at BLNWR 3 May (GLW).

Solitary Sandpiper—Where seldom reported were one at Carrizozo 20 Apr (JRO) and 2 near Hope 12 Apr (WFW).

Willet—Made a strong showing nearly statewide; high counts were 32 at EBL 24 Apr (PEL), 31 at Stubblefield L. 1 May (DJC), and 20 at Bosque NWR 2 Apr (MJB).

Upland Sandpiper—Seldom detected in spring, singles were heard at BLNWR 26 Apr (GLW) and Boone's Draw 30 Apr (JEP).

Whimbrel—Singles were at Stubblefield L. 26 Apr (DJC), Vermejo Ranch 13-14 May (DJC**), near San Antonio 6 May (S. Santa Ana, M. L. Arthur), and BLNWR 25 Apr (GLW, JEP*).

<u>Hudsonian Godwit</u>—A male and a female were photographed together at Stubblefield L. 22 May (DJC**). A male was at Bosque NWR 30 Apr-3 May (JRO**, MJB**, NDP*, MTS, JEZ**, JPB**, RHD**).

Sanderling—A remarkable 51 were at Stubblefield L. 13 May (DJC**); elsewhere, singles were at BLNWR 26 Apr & 3 May (GLW) and Brantley L. 30 Apr (CMR*).

Semipalmated Sandpiper—Small numbers were in the east 20 Apr-19 May (v.o.); west was one at Bosque NWR 25 & 29 Apr (MJB*, JRO).

White-rumped Sandpiper—First arrivals were 2 at Stubblefield L. 15 May (DJC) and 8 at Tucumcari L. 15 May (JPB, WFW), where 8 were also seen 27 May (JEP, JRO). Others were 8 at Springer L. (DJC) and 2 at Clovis (NDP, MJB) 19 May and 2 at Bosque Redondo on various dates 23-28 May (JPB, JRO, NDP, MJB**, JEP, CMR).

Dunlin—A bright one was at BLNWR 29 Apr (JEP*).

Stilt Sandpiper—Noteworthy for the Jemez Mts. were 4 at Bandelier NM 15 May (SMF, S. King**).

Red-necked Phalarope—Noteworthy were 6 at Farmington 13 May (APN).

<u>Laughing Gull</u>—A first-year bird was at Clovis 11 May (JEP*); 2 apparent second-year birds were there 23 May (JPB**) and 27 May (CMR*).

<u>Little Gull</u>—An ad. at Bosque NWR 1 Apr (JRO**) was the 3rd verified state record.

<u>Herrmann's Gull</u>—One at the eastbound rest area on I-10 in s. *Grant* (J. W. Toll**) was the 6th to be verified in the state.

Least Tern—High count at the new Brantley L. colony was 20 on 24 May (RHD). Singles wandered to Springer L. 18 May (CMB*), Bosque Redondo 27 May (JEP), and Jal L. 27 May (JRO).

Black Tern—High count was 80 at Sumner L. 12 May (JEP).

Rock Pigeon—A nest with an egg was at Sugarite SP 13 Mar (CAH).

Band-tailed Pigeon—Earliest were 5 at Emory Pass 31 Mar (JEP). Noteworthy was one at a Farmington feeder 6 May (J. Wilson *fide* APN).

Eurasian Collared-Dove—Conspicuous statewide; nests were in saltcedar at Radium Springs in Apr (MTS, JEZ) and in cottonwood at Rattlesnake Springs 24 Apr (DJG).

White-winged Dove—One was at 8000 ft. 13 mi w. of Datil 27 Apr (MJH**).

Inca Dove—Noteworthy was one at 8000 ft. 13 mi w. of Datil 9-13 May (MJH**). A chick at Radium Springs had fledged by 8 Mar (MTS, JEZ).

Common Ground-Dove—A vocal one was at Bosque NWR 17 May (JPB), one was banded at Clanton Cienega 19 May (AMC, NM-C), and one was at Mesilla Park 14-15 May (CGL); a female present in ne. Las Cruces since Dec laid (but abandoned) single eggs 27 Apr & 13 May (DJG**).

<u>Ruddy Ground-Dove</u>—A male-female pair was at the Plant Science Research Center south of Mesilla 2-5 Mar (CGL*, MTS, JEZ**, JRO**).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo—Early were singles at Cerrillos 7 May (LAS) and Bosque NWR 9 May (DLH) and 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 15 May (SW). Noteworthy were one in Canadian R. saltcedar at Mills Canyon 18 May (HRS), 2 south of Santa Rosa 21 May (WFW), and one at Sumner Dam 26 May (JRO).

<u>Eastern Screech-Owl</u>—One was reportedly vocalizing at Portales in early Mar, but the exact date, along with the observer's name, are unknown (*fide* G. S. Keller).

Whiskered Screech-Owl—One was heard at the Indian Ck Canyon trailhead 12 May (CGL) and 2 were there 13 May (DSU *fide* AMC), marking the 2nd consecutive year at that Animas Mts. site. Nine territories were in Skeleton Canyon 2-3 May (SOW, CLH).

Long-eared Owl—A nest with eggs was at Morgan L. 30 Mar (*fide* APN) and an active nest was at the Navajo agricultural area s. of Farmington 13 May (APN).

Short-eared Owl—Late was one at Vermejo Ranch 13 May (DJC*).

Northern Saw-whet Owl—Up to 3 responded to tapes at Sugarite SP 13-14 Mar (CAH).

Lesser Nighthawk—Several were n. to the Conchas Dam area 15 Apr (WFW).

Common Poorwill—Early were 2 found injured on a road in Walnut Canyon, CCNP 14-15 Mar (MLW*). One was singing in Post Office Canyon 25 Mar (CDL). One was at NRT 13 May (JEP), where rarely encountered.

Whip-poor-will—Far n., one was singing 3 miles w. of Dulce 13 May (DWS). Others in the n. included singles in upper Frijoles Canyon 4 May (audio SMF) and upper Alamo Canyon 11 May (SMF), both in Bandelier NM, and one at Doc Long CG, Sandia Mts. 29 Apr (JBV).

Chimney Swift—One was w. to Clines Corners, *Torrance* 5 May (CMR); others were 8 at Tucumcari 6 May (CMR), one at Fort Sumner 6 May (JEP), and 2 at Roswell 29 Apr (JEP).

<u>Vaux's Swift</u>—Unverified in New Mexico, one-two swifts believed to be this species were extensively detailed at Percha SP 24-25 Apr (JRO**, PEL*, MTS*, JEZ**, JEP*, MJB*); details, including videotape, are under review.

Broad-billed Hummingbird—North of their Guadalupe Canyon stronghold were up to 6 in Skeleton Canyon 3 May (SOW, CLH) and singles at Post Office Canyon 13 May (CDL), Cliff 16 Apr (SW), and L. Roberts 2 May (JD-M *fide* DJB); one that wintered at Carlsbad was still present Mar-May (SW).

Blue-throated Hummingbird—One was in Guadalupe Canyon 13 May (NM-C, RAR).

Magnificent Hummingbird—One-two were at five *Grant* locales (Cliff, Silver City, Cherry Creek CG, Greyfeathers Lodge, and L. Roberts) 8 Apr-29 May (m.ob.).

Lucifer Hummingbird—Returned to Post Office Canyon by 31 Mar (R. T. Scholes), where up to 15 were counted 22 & 30 May (CDL).

Anna's Hummingbird—A male was at Santa Fe 7-31 May (L. C. Herrmann).

Costa's Hummingbird—A male was in ne. Las Cruces 16 May (DJG*).

Calliope Hummingbird—Previously unexpected anywhere in New Mexico in spring, this season found a male and female at Post Office Canyon 15 Apr and a female there 7 May (CDL), one at L. Roberts 14 Apr (JD-M *fide* DJB), a male at Silver City 30 Apr (*fide* DJB), a male at Socorro 24-25 Apr (PB), and one at Deming 7 May (LKM).

Broad-tailed Hummingbird—Early were a male at Post Office Canyon 1 Mar (CDL) and 2 males at L. Roberts 2 Mar (JD-M *fide* DJB).

Rufous Hummingbird—Another species previously unexpected anywhere in New Mexico in spring, Rufous hummers were much in evidence this season: multiple individuals (especially ad. males) passed through Post Office Canyon 2 Mar-21 Apr (CDL) and Radium Springs 16 Mar-23 Apr (MTS, JEZ), singles were noted at Luis Lopez 6-7 Apr (JRO), Las Cruces 2 Apr (DJG), and the L. Roberts area 6 & 30 Mar (*fide* DJB), and 2 were at Silver City 12 Apr (*fide* DJB).

Lewis's Woodpecker—A colony of 7 or more was in pine snags at L. Alice, Sugarite SP 16 Mar & 20-21 May (CAH), including ads. entering cavities.

Gila Woodpecker—A pair was at GBA 15 Apr-29 May (RSS), where scarce.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker—One was at Trigg Ranch, e. San Miguel 16 Mar (MDM**).

Red-naped Sapsucker—One at NRT 10-12 May (JEP) was late.

Arizona Woodpecker—A nest in an agave stalk in Post Office Canyon had nestlings until 10 May, when they apparently fell prey to a Sonoran Whipsnake (CDL).

Olive-sided Flycatcher—Very early was one at NRT 20 Apr (WHH); singles were near Ancho, *Lincoln* 28 Apr (CMR), GBA 29 Apr (RSS), and Corrales 30 Apr (JBV).

Greater Pewee—Far e. was an apparent one at Rattlesnake Springs 17 May (DJG*). Within expected range, singles were singing at Cherry Creek CG 30 Apr (DMZ, MAZ) & 29 May (BRZ), and 3 were in the Animas Mts. 13 May (CGL).

<u>Buff-breasted Flycatcher</u>—One at Mesilla Park 7 May (JN**) provided an unexpected *Doña Ana* first.

Black Phoebe—Early and at a new locale was one n. to Stubblefield L. 18 & 23 Mar (DJC). One returned to Farmington by 16 Mar (APN).

Eastern Phoebe—A pair was nest-building at Tucumcari 16 Apr (KBO*); one on Pajarito Cr. near Tucumcari 6 May (CMR) was believed to be breeding.

Vermilion Flycatcher—North in the RGV were one at San Acacia 13 May (DLH), 2 at Bosque NWR 16 Apr (CGL), and one at San Marcial 29 May (JEP). In the e. were one at Conchas Dam 13 May (CMR), 2-4 at Trigg Ranch 21 Apr & 12-13 May (MDM), one at Boone's Draw 20 Apr (JEP), and an active nest at BLNWR 6 May (CGL).

Ash-throated Flycatcher—The one that wintered at Caballo Dam was last seen 18 Mar (JEP). Earliest spring migrant was one at Redrock 31 Mar (JEP).

Eastern Kingbird—Unexpected in spring in the se., one was at Cass Draw, *Eddy* 14 Apr (KBO).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher—Very early was one at Carlsbad 27 Mar (T. J. Hines). Beyond normal range were singles near Sumner L. 6 May (JEP), Galisteo 22 May (L. Howard), and Rodeo, *Hidalgo* 2 May (S. Kennedy).

Northern Shrike—An imm. at Sugarite SP 14 Mar (CAH) provided the lone report.

<u>White-eved Vireo</u>—One was singing at NRT 5-6 May (CGL**, JEP*, JPB) and another was singing along the Pine Tree Trail, Aguirre Springs 21 Apr (M. A. Powell).

Bell's Vireo—Far n. was one singing at Conchas Dam 10-22 May (NDP, MJB, JEP, CMR, WFW). Another was singing on Otero Mesa near Alamo Mt. 21 Apr (DJG).

Gray Vireo—A probable one was heard in Piñon Canyon, Los Pinos Mts., *Socorro* 20 May (HRS), a new locality for the species. Up to 5 were in Helm's Valley, s. Oscura Mts., *Socorro* 9 May (CGL), where also present in 2005.

Yellow-throated Vireo—Singles were at NRT 30 Apr (DLH*) and 12-13 May (JEP*).

Cassin's Vireo—One at Mesilla Park 8 Mar (CGL) likely wintered locally. Earliest migrants arrived at multiple locales 10-15 Apr (m.ob.).

Hutton's Vireo—Remarkable if accurate was a report of one "heard only" 20 mi s. of Tres Piedras 24 May (K. Behrens *fide* JB); the bird reportedly sang numerous times at close range. Two-three were singing at Aguirre Springs 9 Apr (DJG) & 21 May (CGL).

Warbling Vireo—Early was one in Post Office Canyon 8 Apr (CDL); peak migration there occurred 11-14 May (CDL).

Philadelphia Vireo—A possible one was calling and seen briefly at Rattlesnake Springs 20 May (SW*).

Red-eyed Vireo—Made a good showing, with singles at Trigg Ranch 12-13 May (MDM*), 5 mi s. of Santa Rosa 21 May (WFW), NRT 7 & 17 May (NDP, MJB, JEP*, LPG), singing near Cedar Crest 16-23 May (CMB*, JEP*), San Andres Spring on San Andres NWR 18 May (MEW), and banded at Ropes Spring on San Andres NWR 26 May (DJG*, MEW**).

Pinyon Jay—Three were e. to Ragland Hill, *Quay* 28 May (CMR).

Black-billed Magpie—One was s. to Galisteo Cr. e. of Cerrillos 15 May (LAS).

Purple Martin—Migrants included 3 over the Pecos R. at Ribera, *San Miguel* 24 Apr (WFW) and 2 ne. of Las Cruces 30 Apr (DJG).

Cave Swallow—Nesting beside Cliff Swallows on a hotel portal at White's City 29 Apr (BRF); also in *Eddy*, 45 were nesting at Thomason Road bridge 30 Mar (SW), where first found in 2005. In the RGV, one was n. to Radium Springs 16 & 29 May (MTS, JEZ).

Black-capped Chickadee—Two were s. to Galisteo Cr. 30-31 May and into Jun (JPB).

Mexican Chickadee—A vagrant strayed to Clanton Canyon 2 Apr (CRB*); the species is casual in the Peloncillo Mts.

Red-breasted Nuthatch—Late for the lowlands was one at Percha SP 22 Apr (JEP) & 7 May (JNP). Others where seldom reported included 2 in the Oscura Mts. 29 Apr (CGL) and, in the San Andres Mts., *Doña Ana* one in San Nicholas Canyon 20 Apr (CGL) and 2 in San Andres Canyon 18 May (MEW).

Cactus Wren—A pair in the Sandia Mts. foothills at Embudo Canyon 19 Mar (JBV) was nest-building 19 May (CMB).

Winter Wren—A vocal one present in Cimarron Canyon since Dec was last seen 1 Mar (DJC). One was at GBA 17 Mar (RSS).

American Dipper—Breeding birds included a pair (male singing) at Sugarite SP 16 Mar (CAH) and active nests at Eagle Nest Dam 13 May (EMW**), near Jemez Falls 25 May (M. Turner), and the Catwalk near Glenwood 4 May (*fide* DJB).

Eastern Bluebird—Fire, and the understory clearing resulting from threat of fire, together have obviously benefited breeding Eastern Bluebirds in the middle RGV; this season produced nesting pairs at Albuquerque 3 May, where a male was feeding a fledgling 17 May (DLH), at Los Lunas 27 Apr, where ads. were feeding 3 fledglings 2 Jun (DLH), and near Abeytas 16 May, where 2 fledglings were fed 24 May (DLH, J. Galloway). Others in the Albuquerque bosque were a male singing at the Montaño bridge 23 Apr (WHH), and a male at RGNC 21 May (RHD).

<u>Veery</u>—Seldom identified in migration, one was at NRT 16 May (NDP*, MJB*).

Swainson's Thrush—Early were singles at Pep 29 Apr (JPB), Rattlesnake Springs 29-30 Apr (DJK), and Corrales 30 Apr (JBV).

<u>Wood Thrush</u>—Singles were at the Conchas L. golf course ponds 13 May (JEP*, NDP, CMR) and NRT 19 & 21 May (MJB**, NDP, JPB).

Gray Catbird—Scarce in the w., singles were at Mangas Springs 11 Apr (*fide* DJB) and Deming 12 May (CGL). One was banded at Ropes Spring, San Andres NWR 26 May (MEW**, DJG).

Sage Thrasher—South for the season was one at Lake Valley 27 May (SOW).

Brown Thrasher—Singles where seldom noted were at Cerrillos 29 Apr (LAS) and at Stone Well on Otero Mesa near Hat Ranch 30 May (DJG).

Curve-billed Thrasher—Far n., and a *San Juan* first, was one 4 mi ne. of Aztec 25 Mar-May (W. McNall, J. Rees**). Unusual was an active nest in a nest box at Rio Rancho, *Sandoval* 2 Apr (M. W. Frentzel**).

Crissal Thrasher—Two persisted at Tesuque through 17 Mar (S. Tanner*).

Sprague's Pipit—At least one was still in n. Jornado del Muerto grasslands 16 miles e. of San Antonio 25 Mar (JEP); another was in grasslands ne. of Hope 12 Apr (WFW).

Olive Warbler—Reports included 2 at Emory Pass and one at Iron Creek CG 31 Mar (JEP), 2 at Cherry Creek CG 12 Apr (LKM), and 4 in the Animas Mts. 13 May (CGL).

Blue-winged Warbler—A male was described and sketched at Socorro 14 May (PB*).

Orange-crowned Warbler—Two at Mesilla Park 8 Mar (CGL) likely wintered locally; earliest apparent spring arrivals were a male in Skull Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. 26 Mar (CDL) and one in the Cliff-Gila Valley 31 Mar (LKM).

Lucy's Warbler—Up to 5 were singing at recently-colonized Rattlesnake Springs 24 Apr (DJG), where there were 1-3 on various dates 14 Apr-28 May (m.ob.).

Northern Parula—A good season found 1-2 at seven sites from the RGV eastward: a singing male at UNM in Albuquerque 24-25 May (BDN, CMR); a female at NRT 20 Apr (WHH**) and a male there 23 May (JPB); a male singing at Percha SP 15 May (JEP*) and a female there 22 Apr (JEP); a female at Radium Springs 25 Apr (JEZ); a male in Three Rivers Canyon, *Lincoln* 28 Apr (CMR*); one at Carlsbad 28 Apr (*fide* SW); and a singing male at Rattlesnake Springs 1 & 7 May 9 (JPB, BRF, CGL) and a female there 1 May (JPB). A female was w. to Deming 26 Apr (LKM*).

Yellow Warbler—A male was singing at Percha SP 18 Mar (JEP).

Chestnut-sided Warbler—A male was at Rattlesnake Springs 7 May (DR).

Black-throated Blue Warbler—An undetailed one was at Sumner L. 30 Apr (J. G. Osterhouse), a female was at NRT 15 May (JPB, WFW), and a male was singing in Albuquerque's South Valley 3 May (DLH*).

Black-throated Gray Warbler—Earliest were 2 at Little Walnut Picnic Area near Silver City 31 Mar (LKM) and one in Clanton Canyon 1-2 Apr (JEP, CRB). East were singles at NRT 20 Apr (WHH) and Boone's Draw 29 Apr (NDP).

Hermit Warbler—A male was e. to Percha SP 22 Apr (CGL). Four were in the Animas Mts. 13 May (CGL).

Blackburnian Warbler—A female was at NRT 23-25 May (NDP*, GKF, JPB*).

<u>Yellow-throated Warbler</u>—Singles were at NRT 15 May (JPB*, WFW*) and Katfish Kove 15 Apr (DJB+*).

Grace's Warbler—Earliest was one in Clanton Canyon 2 Apr (CRB).

<u>Pine Warbler</u>—One that wintered at Socorro was last seen 14 Mar (J. Dunn *fide JRO*).

<u>Bay-breasted Warbler</u>—A "beautiful male in full breeding plumage" along the Animas R. at Farmington 16 May (D. Thatcher, H. Richard, K. Kauffman *fide* APN) provided a first for *San Juan*.

<u>Blackpoll Warbler</u>—An ad. male was at NRT 2 May (BRF*). A female was watched for 10 mins at Rattlesnake Springs 14 Apr (SW*).

Black-and-white Warbler—One to 2 were at nine sites from the RGV eastward (Algodones, Bosque Village, Escondida, Socorro, Ute L., Tucumcari, NRT, Boone's Draw, and Rattlesnake Springs) 16 Apr-28 May (m.ob.). West was one at Aspen Spring, Animas Mts. 13 May (DSU *fide* AMC).

American Redstart—Singles were at Quarai 13 May (*fide* HRS), Socorro 10-13 May (GKF, BDN), and Percha SP 26 May (CGL), and 2 were at Galisteo 29 May (JPB); at NRT, one or more were present 3-28 May (m.ob.).

<u>Worm-eating Warbler</u>—One was at Rattlesnake Springs 6 May (GKF, DR); undetailed was one at NRT 17 May (LPG).

Ovenbird—Singles were at NRT 19, 21, & 25 May (NDP, JPB) and Boone's Draw 29 Apr (JPB) & 4-5 May (CGL**).

<u>Louisiana Waterthrush</u>—An apparent one was described at Rattlesnake Springs 7 May (CRB*); up to 3 **Northerns** were there 10 May (JRO).

<u>Kentucky Warbler</u>—One was at NRT 7 May (RLV, JEP*, NDP). Noteworthy at 8415 ft, one frequented a beaver pond at Angel Fire 10-16 May (EMW**, P. Monk**, DJC).

Common Yellowthroat—Apparently early was a male at Caballo Dam 18 Mar (JEP). Six were at Rattlesnake Springs on the late date of 28 May (SW).

Hooded Warbler—Singles were at Albuquerque's Kirtland AFB 5 May (JEP*), Socorro 12-13 May (BDN, JRO**), Bosque NWR 28-30 Apr (NDP, MJB, JRO**, MTS*, JEZ*), and Roswell 3 May (window-killed, GLW***). A male was w. to the Animas Mts. 13 May (DSU *fide* AMC), the 2nd consecutive year at that locale.

Wilson's Warbler—Earliest was one at Deming 10 Apr (LKM). Some 80 were at Clanton Cienega 19 May, and 12 were banded (AMC, NM-C).

Painted Redstart—An active nest was at Cherry Creek CG 28 May (BRZ).

Hepatic Tanager—Two were n. to Crow Canyon, Vermejo Ranch 30 May (DJC**).

Summer Tanager—Far n. was a male at Farmington 21 Apr (S. Wilson**). Others were north to the Canadian R. basin, including 3 at Mills Canyon 18 May (HRS), 10 at Trigg Ranch, e. *San Miguel* 12-13 May (MDM), and a male at NRT 20 Apr (WHH).

<u>Scarlet Tanager</u>—A female was at Socorro 10 May (GKF), where both Summer and Western tanagers were available for comparison. An imm. male was at Luis Lopez 22 May (JRO*).

Eastern Towhee—A female was at NRT 4-6 May (CGL**, JEP*, JPB).

Field Sparrow—Two were at Milnesand 9 Apr (CMR), where probably regular in winter. One at Rattlesnake Springs 6 May (GKF) was the only additional report.

Black-chinned Sparrow—Noteworthy for *Rio Arriba* was one in La Jara Canyon 20 May (C. Brown *fide* JB), the same general area where the species was found in the previous two summers. One was singing on Corazon Hill, *San Miguel* 23 May (WFW).

Black-throated Sparrow—Invaded the Caja del Rio area w. of Santa Fe, where 11 were singing 6 May (MMR) and 3 were singing at the base of Tetilla Peak, *Santa Fe* 13 May (WHH). One was n. to Maxwell 8 May (DJC**).

Lark Bunting—Early for the northern tier were singles s. of Farmington 9 Mar (J. Rees *fide* APN) and at Maxwell 20-27 Mar (DJC**).

Grasshopper Sparrow—Up to 5 were singing in alfalfa near Cliff 23 May (MF).

Baird's Sparrow—One was in Bullis Canyon grasslands sw. of Hope 12 Apr (WFW).

Fox Sparrow—Single red ones were in the Santa Fe Canyon Preserve 1 Apr (D. LaCoss*) and RGNC (JBV); a gray/slate one was at GBA 24 & 31 Mar (RSS*).

Lincoln's Sparrow—Lingering were 4 at Clanton Cienega 19 May (AMC, NM-C), and 2 at NRT 28 May (CMR).

White-throated Sparrow—One was w. to Kirtland, San Juan 9 & 11 Apr (C. Shryock fide APN). Late were 2 at Percha SP 7 May (JNP) and singles at Conchas Dam 13 May (JEP, CMR, NDP) and Tucumcari 15 May (WFW).

Harris's Sparrow—The wintering one at Luis Lopez was last seen 30 Apr (JRO); the wintering one at Bosque NWR attained breeding plumage and was singing 1-2 May (GKF*); another ad. was at Albuquerque 30 Apr-3 May (BDN*).

White-crowned Sparrow—Early was a dark-lored bird at Silver City 3 Mar (DAZ**, MAZ).

Golden-crowned Sparrow—Singles were at Escondida 26 Apr (DLH), near Gila Cliff Dwellings 4 May (*fide* DJB), n. of Cliff 30 Apr & 10 May (MF, DAZ), and at Silver City 22 Apr (DAZ**).

Lapland Longspur—Eight were at Ruby Ranch n. of Las Vegas 19 Mar (WFW).

Chestnut-collared Longspur—Some 400 were at Ruby Ranch n. of Las Vegas 19 Mar (WFW); late were 6 at Milnesand 9 Apr (CMR).

Northern Cardinal—Beyond historic range were single males at Silver City 7 May (DAZ**), Albuquerque's South Valley 4 May (DLH), and Corrales 7 May (CMR); singles were at Tucumcari 17 Apr (KBO) & 28 May (CMR) and 2 were on Pajarito Cr. near Tucumcari 6 May (CMR).

Pyrrhuloxia—Singles were n. to NRT 11 Apr (SOW*) and Milnesand 9 Apr (CMR); in the RGV, a pair was at Los Lunas 12-14 Mar (T. Hill) and 1-3 were at Bosque NWR Mar-May (v.o.).

<u>Yellow Grosbeak</u>—Continuing from winter, the male originally found in Albuquerque's North Valley was present in the University area through Mar-Apr (JRO*, P. Howard**, m.ob.); it began singing 26 Mar (JEP*) and was last seen 1 May (E. Bratton).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak—Reported from 13 sites in 10 counties from the RGV eastward 25 Apr-24 May; w. were one at 8000 ft in *Catron* 6-13 May (MJH**) plus singles in *Grant* 8 & 13 May and 2 or more in *Hidalgo* 7-20 May (v.o.).

Black-headed Grosbeak—Unusual was a female-plumaged one in the Peloncillo Mts. 3 Mar, where the first migrants did not arrive until 21 Apr (CDL).

Varied Bunting—Singles at CCNP in Slaughter Canyon 7 May (CGL) and Walnut Canyon 17 May (DJG) were the only reports.

Painted Bunting—A male was at Alamogordo, *Otero* 7-8 May (H. Reiser); a female was w. to Guadalupe Canyon 13 May (RAR).

Dickcissel—Singles in obscure locales were e. of Coyote, *Rio Arriba* 23 Apr (J. Wright) on US 60 1 mi E of the Arizona line in w. *Catron* 22 May (W. Thurber).

Bobolink—Singles were at Ghost Ranch, *Rio Arriba* 13 May (W. Picaro*), near NRT 15 May (A. Fenner *fide* WFW), and BLNWR 17 May (GLW*).

Eastern Meadowlark—North and high was one singing at Black L. 20 May (DJC).

Rusty Blackbird—Persisting from winter, 4 were at Ute L. 15 Mar and one was there 25 Mar (DJC**); another was s. of Mesilla 3 Mar (CGL**).

Common Grackle—West to *Catron* was one was w. of Datil 13 Apr (MJH**).

Bronzed Cowbird—Continued to increase in range and numbers, including 4 n. to Carrizozo 29 May (JRO**) and one at Three Rivers, *Otero* 10 & 19 May (CGL); in the e. were one near Tucumcari 15 May (WFW), 3 at Ned Houk Park 10 May (JEP), and one at Boone's Draw 10 May (JEP, NDP).

Bullock's Oriole—Unseasonal was a male found dead at Carlsbad 6 Mar (SW***).

<u>Baltimore Oriole</u>—A male was at BLNWR 6-7 May (CGL**, GKF); a young female was in Guadalupe Canyon 13 May (NM-C*).

Rosy-Finch—Last at Sandia Crest were a small three-species flock 13 Apr and a lone **Black** 19-20 Apr (*fide* KCS); at the close of the 2005-06 banding season 25 Mar, 221 **Blacks**, 44 **Brown-cappeds**, and 33 **Gray-crowneds** had been banded (NSC et al.*).

Cassin's Finch—Three were near Alamo Spring, Otero Mesa 29 Apr (DJG).

Pine Siskin—Late were 2 at NRT 28 May (CMR), one at Rattlesnake Springs 28 May (SW), one banded at San Andres NWR 26 May (MEW, DJG), and 5 at Katfish Kove 31 May (LKM).

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