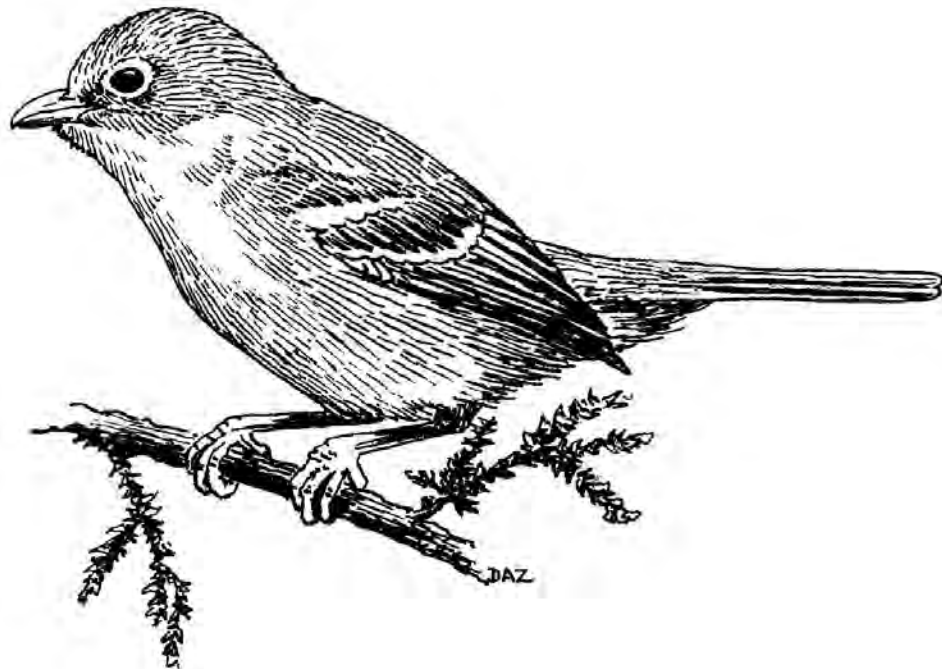


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Cover: Gray Vireo (*Vireo vicinior*). This short-distance migrant occurs in New Mexico April-September, in arid juniper woodlands of foothills and mesas and in desert arroyo-riparian habitats. Although some historic populations have disappeared, recent surveys have found the species in new areas and in unexpected numbers. An estimated 400 territories are now known from 20 counties. Listed as Threatened by New Mexico, it is vulnerable to loss or degradation of quality juniper-grassland habitat from burning, clearing, overgrazing, and energy development. Art by Dale A. Zimmerman.

SPRING SEASON 2007

Removal of livestock from much of New Mexico's parched rangelands, followed by a year of surprisingly generous precipitation, combined to present an unusual landscape in spring 2007: widespread, relatively healthy grasslands and shrublands. One consequence was booming small mammal populations, leading to excellent conditions for many birds of prey, including breeding White-tailed Kites, Northern Harriers, and Long-eared Owls. Other grassland species, including Short-eared Owl, Sprague's Pipit, Grasshopper Sparrow, and Baird's Sparrow were much in evidence. Meanwhile, several interesting rarities were found, including a Trumpeter Swan in the Jicarilla Lakes region, a high elevation Black Skimmer, reappearance of Green Kingfisher in the Cliff-Gila Valley and Buff-breasted Flycatcher in the Animas Mountains, singing Carolina Wrens at two locales, the second Aztec Thrush report within the past year, and the first spring season Streak-backed Oriole report.

Localities and Counties

Aguirre Springs, <i>Doña Ana</i>	Edgewood, <i>Santa Fe</i>
Albuquerque, <i>Bernalillo</i>	Eldorado, <i>Santa Fe</i>
Animas, Mts., Valley, <i>Hidalgo</i>	Elephant Butte Lake, Dam, <i>Sierra</i>
Antelope Wells, <i>Hidalgo</i>	Escondida, <i>Socorro</i>
Anthony, <i>Doña Ana</i>	Farmington, <i>San Juan</i>
Aztec, <i>San Juan</i>	French Lake, <i>Colfax</i>
Bandelier NM, <i>Sandoval</i>	Galisteo, Creek, <i>Santa Fe</i>
Belen, <i>Valencia</i>	Gila, Gila Bird Area, <i>Grant</i>
Bitter Lake NWR, <i>Chaves</i>	Grulla NWR, <i>Roosevelt</i>
Boone's Draw, <i>Roosevelt</i>	Guadalupe Canyon, <i>Hidalgo</i>
Bosque del Apache NWR, <i>Socorro</i>	Hachita, <i>Grant</i>
Brantley Lake, <i>Eddy</i>	Hatch, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Caballo Lake, Dam <i>Sierra</i>	Hermanas, <i>Luna</i>
Carlsbad, <i>Eddy</i>	Heron Lake, <i>Rio Arriba</i>
Carlsbad Caverns NP, <i>Eddy</i>	Holloman Lake, <i>Otero</i>
Carrizozo, <i>Lincoln</i>	Hope, <i>Eddy</i>
Cedar Crest, <i>Bernalillo</i>	Jornada Range, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Cerrillos, <i>Santa Fe</i>	Lake Avalon, <i>Eddy</i>
Chama, <i>Rio Arriba</i>	Lake Lucero, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Cherry Creek CG, <i>Grant</i>	Lake Roberts, <i>Grant</i>
Cimarron, Canyon, <i>Colfax</i>	Las Cruces, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Clanton Canyon, Cienega, <i>Hidalgo</i>	Las Vegas, NWR, <i>San Miguel</i>
Clayton, <i>Union</i>	Lingo, <i>Roosevelt</i>
Cliff, Cliff-Gila Valley, <i>Grant</i>	Lordsburg, Playa, <i>Hidalgo</i>
Clovis, <i>Curry</i>	Luis Lopez, <i>Socorro</i>
Cochiti, Lake, Dam, <i>Sandoval</i>	Mangas Springs, <i>Grant</i>
Columbus, <i>Luna</i>	Maxwell, NWR, <i>Colfax</i>
Conchas Lake, Dam, <i>San Miguel</i>	Mesilla, Park, Dam, Valley, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Corrales, <i>Sandoval</i>	Milnesand, <i>Roosevelt</i>
Cumbres Pass, <i>Rio Arriba</i>	Morgan Lake, <i>San Juan</i>
Davies Tank, <i>Doña Ana</i>	north <i>Roosevelt</i> trap [NRT], <i>Roosevelt</i>
Deming, <i>Luna</i>	Oscuro Mts., <i>Socorro</i>
Dulce, <i>Rio Arriba</i>	Organ Mts., <i>Doña Ana</i>

Orogrande, *Otero*
 Otero Mesa, *Otero*
 Peloncillo Mts., *Hidalgo*
 Percha SP, *Sierra*
 Quarai, *Torrance*
 Radium Springs, *Doña Ana*
 Raton, Pass, *Colfax*
 Rattlesnake Springs, *Eddy*
 Redrock, *Grant*
 Rio Grande Nature Center, *Bernalillo*
 Rincon, *Doña Ana*
 Rodeo, *Hidalgo*
 Roswell, *Chaves*
 Sandia Crest, *Bernalillo*
 Sandia Mts., *Bernalillo/Sandoval*
 San Acacia, *Socorro*
 San Andres NWR, *Doña Ana*
 San Antonio, *Socorro*
 San Jon, *Quay*
 San Juan Pueblo, *Rio Arriba*

San Marcial, *Socorro*
 Santa Fe, Canyon, *Santa Fe*
 Santa Rosa, Lake, *Guadalupe*
 Santa Teresa, *Doña Ana*
 Sevilleta NWR, *Socorro*
 Silver City, *Grant*
 Six Mile Dam, *Eddy*
 Socorro, *Socorro*
 Springer, Lake, *Colfax*
 Stubblefield Lake, *Colfax*
 Sugarite SP, *Colfax*
 Sumner Lake, Dam, *De Baca*
 Tijeras, *Bernalillo*
 Trigg Ranch, *San Miguel*
 Tucumcari, Lake, *Quay*
 Tularosa, *Otero*
 Ute Lake, Dam, *Quay*
 Vermejo Ranch, *Colfax*
 Virden, *Hidalgo*
 Yeso, *De Baca*

Standard Abbreviations

AFB	Air Force Base	RGNC	Rio Grande Nature Center
Bosque NWR	Bosque del Apache NWR	RGV	Rio Grande Valley
BLNWR	Bitter Lake NWR	SP	State Park
BBS	Breeding Bird Survey	UNM	Univ. of New Mexico
CBC	Christmas Bird Count	USFWS	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
CCNP	Carlsbad Caverns NP	WMA	Wildlife Management Area
CG	Camp Ground	WSMR	White Sands Missile Range
Cr.	Creek	ad(s).	adult(s)
EBL	Elephant Butte Lake	subad(s).	subadult(s)
GBA	Gila Bird Area	imm(s).	immature(s)
L.	Lake	juv(s).	juvenile(s)
LVNWR	Las Vegas NWR	sp.	species
MSB	Museum of Southwestern Biology	m.ob	many observers
Mt(s).	Mountain(s)	v.o.	various observers
NM	National Monument	+	others; et al.
NMSU	New Mexico State Univ.	*	written details provided
NP	National Park	**	photo or tape provided
NRT	north <i>Roosevelt</i> trap	***	specimen obtained
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge		
R.	River		

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SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Greater White-fronted Goose—The 4 that wintered at Bosque NWR were last reported 23 Mar (CGL). Late were 2 at BLNWR 3 May (JMH).

Cackling Goose—Last to be reported were about 20 at RGNC 18 Mar (JEP).

Canada Goose—Ever adaptable, an ad. was on a stick nest 200 ft (60 m) up on a cliff, 250 yd (228 m) from the Animas R. near Cedar Hill, *San Juan* 20 Apr (T. H. Johnson).

Trumpeter Swan—Surprising was an unbanded, free-flying ad. at Enbom L., *Rio Arriba* 12 May (DWS*).

Tundra Swan—Last were 3 near Cherry L., *Mora* 2 Mar (WFWi) and one at Stubblefield L. 2-4 Mar (DJC**, CMB).

Greater Scaup—Last were a male at BLNWR 20 Mar (JMH*), a male at Cochiti L. 1 Apr (JBV*, WHH), and 2 at Bosque NWR 7 Apr (JRO).

Lesser Scaup—A male and female at BLNWR 15-17 May (DJK) were suspected of breeding; the female feigned injury when flushed from vegetation.

Long-tailed Duck—Continuing from Feb, at least one female was at Stubblefield L. on multiple dates 2 Mar-20 Apr (DJC**), and 2 females were there 14 Apr (DJC**).

Common Goldeneye—Two were on the Rio Grande south of Hatch 22-23 Mar (MTS, JEZ**, CGL**, DJG).

[Chukar]—Four along the Mimbres R., nw. *Luna* 27 Mar (LKM) provided additional evidence of extralegal game bird releases in sw. New Mexico. Four **Northern Bobwhites** there the same day (LKM) likewise were obvious releases.

Pacific Loon—Singles at Six Mile Dam 10-16 Mar (SW, JEP*, WFWi) and Ute L. 26 Apr (RLV) provided the only reports.

Western Grebe—Scarce in the northeast, one was near Clayton 25 May (LAS).

Clark's Grebe—Noteworthy for *Curry*, 2 were at Clovis 25 May (JEP, JRO). Two pairs, each with at least 2 chicks, were at Stubblefield L. 21 May (DJC**).

***Aechmophorus* grebes**—Some 40 active nests were in upper EBL 21 May (DWS); both Western and Clark's were seen.

American White Pelican—One was at the Clovis sewage ponds 4 May (JEP).

Brown Pelican—An active season: an ad. was found recently dead at L. Lucero, *Doña Ana* 5 Mar (D. Bustos**), an ad. was at Bonito L., *Lincoln* 19 Apr (ERL*), and an imm. was downed by a storm in the Black Range near Upper Gallinas CG, *Grant* 18 May (JRO**).

Double-crested Cormorant—Again nested at Clovis, where there were five active nests 25 May (JRO). Some 14 Double-crested nests, but no Neotropical nests, were at Quates Canyon L. south of San Marcial 9 May (RHD).

Anhinga—What was described as an ad. male was at Bosque NWR 24 Mar (G. C. Loos*); if accepted, this would represent New Mexico's 5th record.

American Bittern—Up to 3 were seen at BLNWR 18 & 22 Apr (JMH, MJB), where one was seen 6 May (SOW). One was at Mesilla 31 Mar-12 Apr (CGL, MTS, JEZ, DJG).

Great Blue Heron—Several small colonies were reported: one nest at Morgan L. 11 May (TR) and two nests each on the Navajo R. near Dulce 9 May (DWS), Chama R. south of Chama 4 Apr (DWS), Apache Cr., *Catron* 1 May (ERL), and Mule Cr., *Grant* 12 May (ERL).

Little Blue Heron—A white one was at Brantley L. 30 May (SW).

Tricolored Heron—Single ads. were at Stubblefield L. 12 May (DJC**) and BLNWR 23-29 May (JMH, JEP*, JRO**, WFWi).

Reddish Egret—An ad. wandered north to Sumner L. 4 May (CGL**).

Cattle Egret—High counts were 158 at Belen 15 Apr (DLH) and 400 in s. *Doña Ana* 20 Apr (DJG); 4 were at Carrizozo 28 May (JRO).

Green Heron—Earliest was one at Six Mile Dam 24 Mar (SW); unusual for the locale was one at NRT 11 May (JEP).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron—An ad. on a nest along the Gallinas R. at Las Vegas 20 May and later (WFWe, L. Betlach**, JEP*, WFWi, JRO**) provided the 2nd documented instance of New Mexico nesting.

Glossy Ibis—Migrants were much in evidence, with reports of ads. from eight locales in five counties: one at Bosque NWR 8-13 Apr (CMB*, JPB**, MJB**), 2 there 14 Apr (JRO**), and a late one there 26 May (JRO**, CGL**); one near Vado, *Doña Ana* 12 April (MTS*, JEZ**); an ad. at BLNWR 15-17 May (MJB, DJK*) and an imm. there 29 May (DE-B**); singles at two Vermejo Ranch sites 4 May (DJC**), French L. 8 May (DJC**), and Stubblefield L. 7 & 12 May (DJC**) and a late one there 31 May (DJC**); and one at Heron L. 12-13 May (WHH, DJK**, m.ob.).

Turkey Vulture—Six were roosting on a Carlsbad tower 1 Mar (SW).

White-tailed Kite—Much in evidence in the southwest, with one in the Hatch Valley, *Doña Ana* 3 May (MTS*, JEZ**), 2 on Otero Mesa 8 May (RAM), and others in *Luna* (DLH, SOW) and *Hidalgo* (NM-C, AMC) Apr-May, including a nest with eggs in s. *Luna* 19 Apr (RAM) and a nest with 3 young in s. *Hidalgo* 13 May (CGL**, CRB**).

Mississippi Kite—For the 2nd consecutive year, one was north in the RGV to San Juan Pueblo 19 May (BRF*).

Bald Eagle—Only one territory was active in *Colfax* (*fide* C. L. Hayes), down from three there in recent years. A nest in n. *Rio Arriba* had one large young by 31 May (DWS).

Northern Harrier—A grassland species that benefited from ample prey availability, with evidence of local nesting in *Hidalgo*, *Luna*, *Socorro*, *Sierra*, *Doña Ana*, *Otero*, *Colfax*, *Chaves*, and *Eddy*, including prey delivery and territorial defense at BLNWR 17 May (DJK), a nest with eggs on Otero Mesa 6 May (RAM), an ad. with 2-3 fledglings at Corralitos Ranch, w. *Doña Ana* 12 May (MTS, JEZ), and prey exchange west of Columbus 27 May (SOW).

Common Black-Hawk—Where seldom reported were single ads. at L. Roberts 12 May (DJB) & 25 May (J. P. DeLong), an ad. at Mesilla 12 Apr (DJG**), and an imm. near Anthony 27 Apr (MTS, JEZ**); north in the RGV were singles at Santa Clara Pueblo, *Rio Arriba* 16 May (V. LaPolla**) and Cochiti Dam 20 Apr (DJK).

Harris's Hawk—Small numbers were noted across the southwest in *Hidalgo* (NM-C, AMC, JEP), *Luna* (LKM, JPB), *Doña Ana* (DJG, CGL, MTS, JEZ), and *Otero* (WFWi, CGL). Unusual were one to 2 at Rattlesnake Springs Apr-May (m.ob.).

Broad-winged Hawk—One to 2 were at eight locales from the RGV eastward during the narrow 20 Apr-12 May period (m.ob.).

Gray Hawk—Continued its spread into New Mexico, with singles in Guadalupe Canyon 8 & 14 Apr (JPB, JEP) and two active nests there 8 May (NM-C et al.), 2 ads. at Clanton Cienega 12 May (NM-C), and a well documented pair at Rattlesnake Springs 22 April through May (m.ob., JRO**).

Swainson's Hawk—Earliest were one near Radium Springs 21 Mar (MTS) and a roost of 12 at Luis Lopez 25 Mar (JRO). Surprising in spruce-fir habitat at 10,022 ft (3055 m) was one at Cumbres Pass 11 May (DJK, JMR).

Zone-tailed Hawk—Scarce in the lower RGV, one was south of Radium Springs 28-29 Apr (CGL, MTS, JEZ).

Ferruginous Hawk—Noteworthy for *De Baca* was an active nest on an old windmill near Sumner L. 7 & 19 May (JPB).

Golden Eagle—A 2nd year of aerial surveys in northeast New Mexico documented 46 active nests in Mar (DWS), bringing the two year total there to 68 nests active in one or both years.

Merlin—Very late was one at Cumbres Pass 12 May (DJK).

American Golden Plover—A good season found 2 in winter plumage at L. Avalon 12 Apr (SW*) and one in winter plumage at Bosque NWR 27 Apr (JRO**); singles in breeding plumage were at BLNWR 5-6 May (JEP*, WFWi, CGL**, JRO**) & 11-12 May (JEP) and at Maxwell NWR 28-30 May (DJC**).

Snowy Plover—Organized survey efforts were hampered by high water that flooded shorelines and mud flats, greatly reducing detections at BLNWR and other locales (DJK);

notable discoveries included 20 at Grulla NWR 31 May (DJK), 4 at Lane Salt L., *Lea* 30 May (DJK), 7 at Williams Sink northeast of Carlsbad 23 May (DJK), one at Big Salt L., e. *Sierra* 8 May (WHH), and an ad. with 2 chicks at L. Lucero 22 May (MEW *vide* WHH).

Semipalmated Plover—Small numbers were at seven sites from the RGV eastward 22 Apr-17 May; high count was 6 at Bosque NWR 22 Apr (JBV).

Black-necked Stilt—Earliest were 10 at Belen 10 Mar (JBV) and 2 at Isleta, *Bernalillo* 16 Mar (SW). A pair was at a nest at L. Lucero 9 May (WHH).

American Avocet—A pair with 2 downy chicks was at Davies Tank, WSMR 30 Apr (CGL, MTS, JEZ).

Spotted Sandpiper—Late for the e. plains was one at Hudson L., *Quay* 24 May (WHH).

Solitary Sandpiper—Earliest were singles at BLNWR 6 Apr (JMH), Animas Valley 13 Apr (JEP), and Corralitos Ranch, w. *Doña Ana* 16 Apr (CGL, MTS, JEZ**).

Willet—High counts were 75 at Lordsburg 27 Apr (LKM), 68 west of Las Cruces 3 May (MTS, JEZ), and 45 at Cochiti L. 26 Apr (WFWe); noteworthy for *Catron* was one at Quemado L. 28 Apr (DJB).

Whimbrel—A good season found an early one at L. Avalon 12 Apr (SW), a high 5 at Holloman L. 3 May (LKM**), one at BLNWR 22 May (JBM), and 3 at Brantley L. 22 May (RHD**).

Long-billed Curlew—Noteworthy were 26 at the Uvas Valley playa, *Doña Ana* 31 May (MTS, JEZ).

Hudsonian Godwit—A male was at BLNWR 26-27 May (N. Gaines**, P. McConnell).

Marbled Godwit—Scarce in sw. New Mexico, one was at Lordsburg 13 Apr (JEP, WFWi); late was one at Brazel L. near Tularosa 25 May (CGL).

Sanderling—Early was one at Lordsburg 13 Apr (JEP); one was west to Morgan L. 11 May (TR).

Semipalmated Sandpiper—Breeding-plumaged ads. west of the plains were one at Bosque NWR 21 Apr (JEP*) and 3 at Holloman L. 3 May (LKM*).

Least Sandpiper—Late were 5 at Williams Sink northeast of Carlsbad 23 May (DJK).

White-rumped Sandpiper—Arrived on schedule with 2 at BLNWR 15 May (DJK). West of usual were 8-10 at Bosque NWR 17-18 May (MJB*, NDP, JRO), one in the Uvas Valley, *Doña Ana* 20 May (CGL**, MTS, JEZ) & 3 there 31 May (MTS, JEZ**), and up to 7 at Holloman L. 25-28 May (CGL**, JRO**). High counts were 26 at BLNWR 29 May (DE-B) and 16 at Maxwell NWR 30 May (DJC).

Pectoral Sandpiper—One was at Casa Colorado, *Valencia* 12 May (CMB*).

Dunlin—Late was one at BLNWR 5 May (JEP).

Stilt Sandpiper—Impressive for the RGV were 120 at Bosque NWR 17 May (MJB, NDP). One was in Albuquerque's North Valley 29 Apr (JEP, JBV).

Wilson's Snipe—Up to 3 were vocal east of Heron L. 12-13 May (WHH, DJK) and 4 were vocal at Springer L. 3 May (DJC); high count was 32 at Maxwell NWR 30 May (DJC).

Wilson's Phalarope—Migrants numbered 1180 at BLNWR 4 May (JMH) and over 1000 in the Laguna Grande area, *Eddy* 6 May (DJK).

Red-necked Phalarope—Where seldom seen were 6 at Heron L. 23 May (DE-B) and, in *Doña Ana*, 2 in the Uvas Valley 29 May (JRO) and 2 at Corralitos Ranch 6 May (MTS, JEZ**).

Bonaparte's Gull—Late was one at Brazel L. west of Tularosa 25 May (CGL).

Mew Gull—Last of the wintering ones was one at EBL 10 May (JEP*, WFWi).

California Gull—South were 2 at the "Border Patrol playa" west of Las Cruces 13 Apr (CGL) and one at Deming 23 Apr (LKM*).

Iceland Gull—A first-winter bird at EBL's Rock Canyon Marina 6-10 Mar (DJC**, GKF**, JEP*) was believed to be the same one photographed at Caballo L. in Feb.

Least Tern—An ad. was west to Holloman L. 28 May (CGL). High counts at Brantley L. amounted to only 5 ads. 22 & 28 May (RHD, SW), where high water was a problem.

Caspian Tern—A good season found 2 at Cochiti L. 26 Apr (WFWe*) and singles at L. Avalon 27 Apr (SW*), Holloman L. 3 May (LKM**), and Clovis 15 May (MJB*).

Black Tern—High counts were 75 at Bosque NWR 17 May (NDP), 40 at Stubblefield L. 15 May (DJC), and 35 at BLNWR 18 May (JWS).

Forster's Tern—Very early was one at BLNWR 4 Apr (JMH); high count was 50 at Cochiti L. 1 May (MLW).

Black Skimmer—An ad. at Heron L. 12 May (WHH*, MDH**) provided New Mexico's 6th record.

Eurasian Collared-Dove—A vocal 2 were at 7875 ft (2400 m) near Chama 12 May (DJK).

Common Ground-Dove—One was with 2 Inca Doves at Rodeo 14 Apr (JEP*).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo—Earliest were singles at Rattlesnake Springs (SOW, JRO) and Boone's Draw (CGL) 5 May. In the north were singles at San Juan Pueblo 12 May

(BRF), Cerrillos 12 May (JPB), Galisteo Cr. east of Cerrillos 6 May (LAS), and Conchas Dam 24 May (WHH), and 2 at Trigg Ranch 11-12 May (MDM).

Greater Roadrunner—Continued in evidence northwest to *San Juan*, where one that wintered in n. Farmington was seen again 8 Apr (E. Bickford**) and where a pair was present 28 May (TR); others in Farmington were singles at San Juan College 11 May (*fide* TR) and Berg-Animas Park 18-20 May (*fide* TR), and one at Blanco 15 May (M. Ismay *fide* TR).

Elf Owl—Early was a vocal one in Clanton Canyon 31 Mar (JEP). Noteworthy for *Doña Ana* was one east of the Organ Mts. at Davies Tank 6 May (DJG). In *Eddy*, 7 were in Last Chance Canyon 12 May (SW) and 8 were in Dark Canyon 14 May (ABJ).

Long-eared Owl—Found nearly statewide, with active nests documented in nine counties: two nests along the Vermejo R., *Colfax* (DJC**) and single nests at or near Cerrillos (LAS), Corrales (GG), Albuquerque (GG), Tijeras (D. Dane), Rodeo (REW), Hachita (RAM), Hermanas (RAM), Jornada Range, *Doña Ana* (CRB, CGL), Hackberry Well on WSMR, *Otero* (CGL**, DB**), and Otero Mesa (RAM).

Short-eared Owl—Good grassland conditions provided for a good season, including one or more in the Animas Valley 12 May (NM-C), one at McKinney Tank west of Antelope Wells 3 Mar (DJG), at least one near Hermanas 1-28 Apr (DLH, RAM) and 2 there 27 Apr (DLH), 2 on WSMR, e. *Socorro* 10 May (DB**), and singles at two Milnesand sites 13 & 14 Apr (T. Mitchusson*).

Whip-poor-will—One was at the Doc Long area, Sandia Mts. 12 May (JBV). Noteworthy for the Organ Mts. were 2 singing along the Pine Tree Trail, Aguirre Springs 27-28 Apr (CGL) and up to 4 there 12 May (MTS, JEZ). On the e. plains, one was well seen in flight at Boone's Draw 12 May (JEP).

Chimney Swift—One to 3 were at Tucumcari L. (WHH), Clovis (JRO), Roswell (JEP), and Carlsbad (v.o.) 23 Apr-30 May.

Costa's Hummingbird—Two males were singing in Guadalupe Canyon 8 Apr (JPB).

Rufous Hummingbird—Single males were reported at two L. Roberts sites 19 Mar & 13 Apr (*fide* DJB).

Green Kingfisher—For the 2nd consecutive year, a male was seen on the Gila R. near Gila, where discovered 15 May (HDW*) and seen again 19 May (JEP*, WFWi*) and 29 May (HDW).

Lewis's Woodpecker—In unexpected locales were singles at Edgewood 19-24 Apr (CAC) and on Jim Peak, Oscura Mts., e. *Socorro* 21 Mar (CGL). One that wintered at Virden was still there 30 Mar (JEP).

Acorn Woodpecker—Where seldom reported were a nesting pair in San Mateo Canyon, San Mateo Mts., *Socorro* 28 May (MLW) and 2 at Aguirre Springs 15 Apr (DJG).

Gila Woodpecker—Increased along Deer Cr. west of Antelope Wells, where 10 were found 3-4 Mar (CGL).

Red-naped Sapsucker—One was east to NRT 6 May (JEP), where rare in spring.

Ladder-backed Woodpecker—One was near Cimarron 1 Mar (DJC**), where rare.

Downy Woodpecker—South in the RGV were singles at San Acacia 20 May (JBV), Luis Lopez 14 Mar (JRO), and Las Palomas, *Sierra* 7 Apr (CGL). One at Quarai 4 May (HRS) was a local first.

American Three-toed Woodpecker—A male persisted in the Sandia Crest area, *Sandoval/Bernalillo* 4 Mar (WHH) & 25 Mar (JEP).

Least Flycatcher—Singles were at NRT 11-13 May (JEP*), 17 May (MJB, NDP), & 31 May (DJK*) and Boone's Draw 12 May (JEP*).

Hammond's Flycatcher—One that wintered at Percha SP was still there 24 Mar (JEP). Noteworthy was one singing at Sugarite SP 19 May (CAH), where Dusky is the common breeder.

Dusky Flycatcher—One that wintered at Bosque NWR was singing 18 Mar (DLH).

Buff-breasted Flycatcher—One was in burned forest near Aspen Spring, Animas Mts. 12 May (CGL**, CRB**). Since its reappearance in New Mexico in 1995, the species has been reported in 10 of 13 years.

Black Phoebe—At the northern edge of the range were 4 pairs in the Cimarron-Springer area in May (DJC), a pair at Sumner Dam 26 May (JEP), and 2 at Trigg Ranch 11 May (MDM).

Eastern Phoebe—A nest with eggs was in nw. *Union* south of Branson, Colorado 25 May (DWS) and another nest was at Trigg Ranch 11 May (MDM**).

Dusky-capped Flycatcher—Returned north to Cherry Creek CG, where there were 2 on 25 May (M. Fugagli).

Ash-throated Flycatcher—Earliest were singles at Orogrande 29 Mar (CGL) and Redrock 30 Mar (JEP).

Great Kiskadee—One at BLNWR 13 May (JMH**) was a *Chaves* first and the 7th to be photo-documented in New Mexico.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher—West of expected were singles at Mesilla 14-15 Apr (CGL**, MTS, JEZ**) and Yeso 28 Apr (JRO); north to *Quay* were singles at San Jon and Glenrio 20 May (WHH).

White-eyed Vireo—Surprisingly plentiful, especially in the Cliff-Gila Valley, where singing singles were at Fort West Ditch 21 May (RSS), the Nature Conservancy's farm 18 May (JEP*, WFWi, JRO**), the highway 211 bridge over the Gila R. 18 & 20 May
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(JRO**), and GBA 28 May (RSS) and at nearby Mangas Springs 18 May (JRO**). Others were singles at Corrales 25 May (TWF*), RGNC 3 May (banded, MM**), and NRT 26 Apr (RLV).

Bell's Vireo—Noteworthy for the e. plains was one at NRT 15-17 May (MJB, NDP).

Gray Vireo—One singing in Piñon Canyon 19 May (HRS*) confirmed presence in the Los Pinos Mts., *Socorro* and a pair on the McGregor Range in West McAfee Canyon, s. Sacramento Mts., *Otero* 18 May (CGL, CRB) was a local first. Surveys in the Organ Mts. Apr-May documented seven territories in Soledad Canyon, one in North Canyon, and one at Aguirre Springs (CGL, CRB, DJG, MTS, JEZ).

Yellow-throated Vireo—Made a strong showing, with singles at Corrales 22 Apr (S. Drilling, CMR), Sumner Dam 26 May (JEP*, WFWi), NRT 29 Apr (JRO*, DWM*) & 11-14 May (JEP*, DLH, RLV), and Elida, *Roosevelt* 6 May (MJB).

Plumbeous Vireo—For the 2nd consecutive year, a pair nested in the middle RGV in s. *Valencia* 31 May (DLH).

Blue-headed Vireo—The only report with details was one at NRT 13 May (JEP*); especially rare in New Mexico in spring.

Hutton's Vireo—A first for the eastern plains was one seen and heard at NRT 27 Apr (JEP, WFWi). In the Organ Mts., two pairs—including one feeding nestlings—were at Aguirre Springs 28 Apr (CGL**) and singles were at Dripping Springs 20 Apr (DJG) and Fillmore Canyon 27 May (CGL).

Red-eyed Vireo—A male was near Cedar Crest (where also detected in 2005 and 2006) 28 Apr through May (CMB*, JEP*, JBV*, DE-B**, JPB*), but rumors of possible nesting there were not confirmed. Singles were at Sugarite SP 11 May (DJC), NRT 12 May (JEP*), and BLNWR 12 May (JEP*).

Blue Jay—Singles were west to Santa Fe 16 Apr (JPB) and Albuquerque's North Valley 24 Mar-22 Apr (DWM).

Black-billed Magpie—Unexpected in *Torrance*, one was south of Manzano 5 Mar (WFWi).

American Crow—At least one pair was nesting in pinyon-juniper habitat at Edgewood 23 Apr (CAC); another was nesting at Farmington's Berg-Animas Park 28 May (TR).

Chihuahuan Raven—Far north in the RGV, 2 were east of Cochiti L. 1 Apr (WHH*). A pair feeding nestlings northeast of Raton 16 May (CAH) was the most northerly yet for *Colfax*.

Purple Martin—Early were 3 males in Dillon Canyon west of Raton 1 May (DJC**).

Tree Swallow—Up to 34 were nesting at Chama 12 May (WHH*).

Cliff Swallow—Unusually early was one at Bosque NWR 10 Mar (DLH); early for the north were up to 16 at Cochiti L. 1 Apr (WHH, JBV).

Cave Swallow—Expanded north in *Eddy*, with 2 at a new breeding site near Rocky Arroyo 3 & 13 Mar (banded, SW). In *Doña Ana*, 12 were at the La Union colony 19 May (CGL) and smaller numbers were at three sites north to Radium Springs Apr-May (MTS, JEZ).

Bushtit—Far east was one near Causey, *Roosevelt* 15 Apr (CMR).

Red-breasted Nuthatch—One was on Organ Peak, Organ Mts. 11 May (CGL, CRB).

Pygmy Nuthatch—One was in the Ortiz Mts., *Santa Fe* 21 Apr (LAS).

Carolina Wren—One was singing near the State Capitol building, Santa Fe 29 Mar-27 Apr (WFWe, JPB**, m.ob.); another was singing in Albuquerque's North Valley 29 April through May (R. Thomson*, WHH*).

Winter Wren—One was 6 mi west of Milnesand 14 Apr (DWM); one in San Andres Canyon, San Andres NWR 14 Apr (CGL) was believed to be the western subspecies.

Golden-crowned Kinglet—Four, including one singing, were at Sugarite SP 2 May (CAH).

Eastern Bluebird—Continued to increase in numbers and range in the middle RGV, with nests and/or fledglings at seven sites in *Bernalillo*, *Valencia*, and *Socorro* (DLH*, WHH*); three sites that had only single pairs in 2006 had two or three pairs this year (DLH*). A male was at Los Alamos, *Los Alamos* 3-15 Apr (SMF**).

Western Bluebird—Four were east to Milnesand 15 Apr (CMR).

Veery—At least one was singing at Chama 12-13 May (WHH, DJK, JMR).

Swainson's Thrush—Several unusually early ones, including one at Mesilla Park 21 Apr (DJG*) and one at Rattlesnake Springs 22 Apr (MJB*) and the same or another there 29 Apr (MJB) plus one at NRT 26 Apr (RLV) & 29 Apr (JRO, MJB). A high 15 was at NRT 11 May (JEP).

Aztec Thrush—Still unverified in New Mexico, a male was described and sketched in *Grant* along Sapillo Cr. near its junction with the Gila R. 27 Apr (D. Doland*).

Brown Thrasher—One that wintered at Eldorado was last seen 31 Mar (JN-M). Late were singles at Rattlesnake Springs 28 Apr (singing, JEP), Quarai 12 May (*vide* HRS), near Rincon 12 May (singing, MTS, JEZ), and NRT 17 May (singing, NDP, JWS).

Curve-billed Thrasher—One was north to French L. 28 Apr (DJC**).

Sprague's Pipit—Wintered near Hermanas, where 3 lingered 9 Mar (LKM) and 5 were present 1 Apr (DLH); apparent migrants were singles on Otero Mesa on four dates 3-25

Apr (DJG); late were 4 in the Animas Valley 12 May (NM-C*) and one near L. Avalon 19 May (SW).

Cedar Waxwing—A pair was engaged in courtship feeding at Chama 13 May (WHH).

Phainopepla—A pair was nesting at Mesilla 30 Apr (DJG).

Olive Warbler—Surprising was a vocal ad. male north to Tree Spring Trail, Sandia Mts. 12 May (S. Stubbe*).

Tennessee Warbler—Singles were at Camp Robledo, *Doña Ana* 22 Apr (MTS*, JEZ*) and at NRT 28 Apr (JRO).

Nashville Warbler—Made a good showing in the RGV and environs, where generally scarce, with singles at Cerrillos 28 Apr (JPB), Luis Lopez 1 May (JRO), Percha SP 21 Apr (JEP), near Rincon 23 Apr (JEZ), Radium Springs 14 & 16 Apr (MTS, JEZ), and Randal's Pool near Santa Teresa 20 Apr (CGL).

Lucy's Warbler—Returned to Rattlesnake Springs in force, with up to 7 singing 5-6 May (m.ob.) and a pair gathering nest material 7 May (CGL). Noteworthy for *Otero* was one at the historic Bill McNew homesite near Orogrande 21 Apr & 16 May (CGL).

Northern Parula—Singles were found at five sites: a singing male in Frijoles Canyon, Bandelier NM 31 May (E. DeFonso*), a male at Cochiti 29 Apr (MLW*), one at Sumner Dam 26 Apr (RLV), a female at NRT 4-11 May (JEP*, WFWi, CGL, JPB), and a female at Milnesand 14 Apr (CMR).

Yellow Warbler—Earliest were a male at Redrock 30 Mar (JEP) and 2 males in the Animas Valley 31 Mar (JEP).

Chestnut-sided Warbler—A young male was at NRT 7 May (JPB**).

Magnolia Warbler—A male was near Lingo 12 May (LAS).

Black-throated Gray Warbler—A male was east to NRT 28 Apr (JRO).

Black-throated Green Warbler—A male was at NRT 11 May (JEP*).

Hermit Warbler—Unexpected so far east was a female at NRT 28-29 Apr (JRO**, MJB), the 2nd record for that prairie locale.

Palm Warbler—Singles were along the Rio Grande 3 mi south of Rincon 22 Apr (MTS*, JEZ**, CGL**) and at BLNWR 26 Apr (JMH*).

Black-and-white Warbler—A male was at NRT 29 Apr (MJB, JRO) and a female was there 26 May-1 Jun (JEP, JRO, DJK); one was at Mesilla Park 17 Apr (CGL).

American Redstart—Singles west of the plains were at Galisteo 21 May (JPB**) and Albuquerque 29 May (BDN). Present at NRT 5 May-1 Jun (m.ob.), including 2 there 14 May (RLV).

Worm-eating Warbler—One was west to the Animas Valley at Clanton Cienega 12 May (NM-C*, D. B. Johnson).

Kentucky Warbler—One was at NRT 28 Apr (JRO**); undetailed was another west to Heart Bar WMA, *Catron* 24 May (*fide* DJB).

Hooded Warbler—A good season, with single males at Corrales 17 May (TWF**), Piedra Lisa Trail, Sandia Mts. 27-28 May (CMB*), east of Yrisarri, se. *Bernalillo* 24 Apr (M. G. Martin**), near Escondida 23 May (DLH*), NRT 11-12 May (JEP*, J. M. Black*), and Boone's Draw 12 May (JEP*).

Hepatic Tanager—A male was north to the Cimarron area 31 May (DJC). A male was singing at GBA 19 & 25 May (RSS), where a rare breeder.

Summer Tanager—Far north was a female at Chama 11-13 May (DJK, JMR, WHH, MDH); single males were east to NRT 4 May (CGL) and Boone's Draw 5 May (CGL). A high 16 were in the Trigg Ranch area 11-12 May (MDM).

Western Tanager X Flame-colored Tanager—A male showing traits of a Western x Flame-colored hybrid was in the Animas Mts. 12 May (CGL**).

Cassin's Sparrow—Early singing was noted at Carlsbad 13 Mar (SW), Las Cruces 18 Mar (DJG), and Jornada Range 19 Mar (MTS, JEZ).

Clay-colored Sparrow—Among the last reported were one at Sugarite SP 11 May (DJC), 2 at BLNWR 12 May (JEP), and 2 at NRT 13 May (JEP).

Brewer's Sparrow—A nest with nestlings was at Stubblefield L. 25 May (DJC**).

Black-chinned Sparrow—Noteworthy were 8 in Goat Canyon south of Mountainair, *Torrance* 30 May (HRS).

Vesper Sparrow—A high 47 were on Bartlett Mesa east of Raton Pass 22 May (CAH); farther east, 2 were on Horse Mesa 16 May (CAH).

Lark Bunting—Good grass conditions allowed many to remain far south of regular nesting areas, including 40 singing males and a female carrying nest material at Sevilleta NWR 12 May (DLH), several pairs on Otero Mesa 10-11 May, including singing males and a female carrying nest material (RAM), and several pairs apparently nesting south of Hope in May (RAM).

Grasshopper Sparrow—Responding to healthy grasslands, found singing in the east and south in May, including 10 at Grulla NWR 31 May (DJK), one near Boone's Draw 12 May (JEP), 5 near Hobbs, *Lea* 28 May (DLH), one near Rattlesnake Springs 5 May (JMR, DJK), one on WSMR southwest of Bingham, *Socorro* 11 May (DB), and 2 on Otero Mesa 7 May (DJG).

Baird's Sparrow—Reportedly outnumbered migrant Grasshopper Sparrows on Otero Mesa (primarily McGregor Range) transects, where there were 9 Baird's on 3 Apr, 3 on 4
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Apr, 5 on 23-24 Apr, 9 on 25 Apr, and 2 on 7 May (DJG, RAM). One was east of Three Rivers, n. *Otero* 30 Apr (L. F. Neely*).

Fox Sparrow—Single gray (slate) ones were at RGNC 10 Mar (JBV), Bosque NWR 7 Mar (DJC) & 15 Apr (singing, JEP), and Percha SP 7 Mar (GKF); a red one was at Silver City 21 Mar (E. Limmer**).

Harris's Sparrow—The ad. that wintered at Luis Lopez was last seen 11 Apr (JRO) but an imm. appeared there 19 Apr (JRO); an ad. was at Cimarron 12 May (J. L. Duke**).

Golden-crowned Sparrow—One was near Cliff 27 Apr (EGW *vide* DJB).

Yellow-eyed Junco—At least 4 were in the Burro Mts., *Grant* 30 May (MJB) but none was seen in the charred Animas Mts. 12 May (CGL). One strayed to Clanton Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. 27 Apr (LKM*).

Northern Cardinal—A female at NRT 15-26 May (MJB**, NDP+) provided a local first, and a male was singing at Santa Rosa 14 May (RLV); in the southwest, 3 were along Separ Road south of White Signal, *Grant* 21 Apr (LKM).

Pyrrhuloxia—A male was singing at Waldrop Park, e. *Chaves* 25 May (JEP); one was at Spring Canyon SP, *Luna* 12 May (LKM).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak—One to 3 were at 15 locales in 10 counties from the RGV eastward 26 Apr-31 May (m.ob.), including 2 at the McNew homesite near Orogrande 16 May (CGL); single males were west to Silver City 18 May (DAZ**) and the Animas Valley 12 May (NM-C).

Black-headed Grosbeak—Remarkably early was an ad. male singing at Albuquerque 18 Mar (J. W. Haskins).

Lazuli Bunting—Earliest was a male at Luis Lopez 19 Apr (JRO); a high 40 were counted at Nambe, *Santa Fe* 12 May (M. M. Ristow).

Indigo Bunting—Unusual was one at Quarai 12 May (HRS).

Varied Bunting—Early was one in Walnut Canyon, CCNP 4 May (BRF).

Painted Bunting—North was a female banded at RGNC 14 May (MM**), as was a male singing at Sumner Dam 17 May (MJB, NDP).

Dickcissel—Early was one singing at Maxwell 1 May (DJC); others were singles at NRT 25 May (JEP, JRO) and Grulla NWR 31 May (DJK).

Eastern Meadowlark—Three were singing at 8500 ft (2590 m) 5 mi (8 km) north of Chama 12 May (DJK, JMR).

Common Grackle—In the northwest were 2 at Aztec 30 Apr (TR) and 5 at Farmington 29 May (TR).

Bronzed Cowbird—North of historic range were up to 3 in ne. Albuquerque 22-30 May (DE-B, J. N. Stuart*, JBV, MJB, JRO**) and a male at Grulla NWR 31 May (DJK).

Orchard Oriole—North of expected were single ad. males at San Antonio 12 May (A. Kerr**) and Bosque NWR 25 May (C. Lee*), a young male at Maxwell 26 May (DJC**) and an ad. male there 27 May (DJC**), and single ad. males at NRT 11 May (JEP) and Ute L. 27 Apr (DJC**); an apparent female was at Farmington 16 May (TR*).

Hooded Oriole—Early were singles at Silver City 19 Mar (*fide* DJB) & 26-28 Mar (D. Friedrich**), Las Cruces 29 Mar (L. Schulte), and Virden 30 Mar (JEP).

Streak-backed Oriole—A likely one was described at Socorro 2 May (PB*); previous credible reports, all from the RGV, were from the winter season.

Rosy-Finch—Last of the Sandia Crest flock were about 25, mainly **Blacks**, 18 Mar (NSC).

Cassin's Finch—Noteworthy were one at Deming 19 Mar (LKM), 2 at Silver City 23 Apr (C. Adler**), and 4 or more singing in conifers at Chama 11-13 May (WHH).

Red Crossbill—Among the few reports were 2 at Klondike Gap, Guadalupe Mts., *Eddy* 14 May (ABJ).

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