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Cover: Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma imberbe*). A regular but scarce summer resident in New Mexico, the former "Beardless Flycatcher" is found annually only in Guadalupe Canyon, Hidalgo County, where it nests in sycamores and other riparian trees. Territories tend to be near the few water pools in the otherwise dry canyon; numbers have declined in recent years, coincident with a general drying trend experienced in the canyon. The small and localized population is vulnerable to loss of required low-elevation riparian habitat from burning, clearing, reduced water table, or overgrazing. Art by Dale A. Zimmerman.

SPRING SEASON 2008

Spring 2008 was characterized by dry conditions plus seemingly relentless winds that continued into May. Numerous migrants occurred in unusually large numbers, including record numbers of some shorebirds and “eastern” warblers, notably Yellow-throated, Blackpoll, Prothonotary, Worm-eating, and Hooded warblers. Several surprising rarities were reported, including Ruddy Turnstone, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Arctic Tern, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Couch’s Kingbird, Black-capped Vireo, and Long-billed Thrasher as well as four Baltimore Orioles. After an absence of nearly a century, Buff-breasted Flycatcher returned to the state to nest.

Localities and Counties

Abiquiu, <i>Rio Arriba</i>	Farmington, <i>San Juan</i>
Alameda, <i>Bernalillo</i>	Folsom, <i>Union</i>
Albuquerque, <i>Bernalillo</i>	Fort Sumner, <i>De Baca</i>
Angel Fire, <i>Colfax</i>	Galisteo, Creek, <i>Santa Fe</i>
Animas, Mts., Valley, <i>Hidalgo</i>	Gila, Gila Bird Area, <i>Grant</i>
Bayard, <i>Grant</i>	Guadalupe Canyon, <i>Hidalgo</i>
Belen, <i>Valencia</i>	Guadalupe Mts., <i>Eddy</i>
Bernardo, <i>Socorro</i>	Heron Lake, <i>Rio Arriba</i>
Bitter Lake NWR, <i>Chaves</i>	Hobbs, <i>Lea</i>
Bluewater, <i>Cibola</i>	Holloman Lake, <i>Otero</i>
Boone’s Draw, <i>Roosevelt</i>	Hope, <i>Eddy</i>
Bosque del Apache NWR, <i>Socorro</i>	Jal, Lake, <i>Lea</i>
Bosque Redondo, <i>De Baca</i>	Laguna Grande, <i>Eddy</i>
Brantley Lake, <i>Eddy</i>	Lake Avalon, <i>Eddy</i>
Burro Mts., <i>Grant</i>	Las Animas Creek, <i>Sierra</i>
Caballo Lake, Dam <i>Sierra</i>	Las Cruces, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Capitan, <i>Lincoln</i>	Las Vegas, NWR, <i>San Miguel</i>
Carlsbad, <i>Eddy</i>	Lingo, <i>Roosevelt</i>
Cedar Crest, <i>Bernalillo</i>	Lordsburg, Playa, <i>Hidalgo</i>
Cedar Hill, <i>San Juan</i>	Loving, <i>Eddy</i>
Cerrillos, <i>Santa Fe</i>	Los Pinos Mts., <i>Socorro</i>
Chama, <i>Rio Arriba</i>	Luis Lopez, <i>Socorro</i>
Cherry Lake, <i>Mora</i>	Maljamar, <i>Lea</i>
Clayton, Lake, <i>Union</i>	Maxwell, NWR, <i>Colfax</i>
Cliff, Cliff-Gila Valley, <i>Grant</i>	Mesa Rest Area, <i>Chaves</i>
Clovis, <i>Curry</i>	Mesilla, Park, Dam, Valley, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Cochiti, Lake, Dam, <i>Sandoval</i>	Milnesand, <i>Roosevelt</i>
Columbus, <i>Luna</i>	Morgan Lake, <i>San Juan</i>
Conchas Lake, Dam, <i>San Miguel</i>	Moriarty, <i>Torrance</i>
Corrales, <i>Sandoval</i>	Mountainair, <i>Torrance</i>
Deming, <i>Luna</i>	north <i>Roosevelt</i> trap [NRT], <i>Roosevelt</i>
Dixon, <i>Rio Arriba</i>	Organ Mts., <i>Doña Ana</i>
Double Adobe, <i>Hidalgo</i>	Orogrande, <i>Otero</i>
Dripping Springs, <i>Doña Ana</i>	Peloncillo Mts., <i>Hidalgo</i>
Elephant Butte Lake, Dam, <i>Sierra</i>	Peña Blanca, <i>Sandoval</i>
El Morro, <i>Cibola</i>	Petroglyph NM, <i>Bernalillo</i>
Emory Pass, <i>Grant/Sierra</i>	Percha SP, <i>Sierra</i>
Escondida, <i>Socorro</i>	Pinos Altos Mts., <i>Grant</i>

Playas, *Hidalgo*
 Post Office Canyon, *Hidalgo*
 Quarai, *Torrance*
 Quemado Lake, *Catron*
 Radium Springs, *Doña Ana*
 Ramah Lake, *McKinley*
 Rattlesnake Springs, *Eddy*
 Rio Grande Nature Center, *Bernalillo*
 Roswell, *Chaves*
 Sabinoso, Canyon, *San Miguel*
 Sandia Crest, Peak, *Bernalillo*
 Sandia Mts., *Bernalillo/Sandoval*
 San Jon, *Quay*
 San Mateo Mts., *Socorro*
 Santa Fe, Canyon, *Santa Fe*
 Santa Rosa, Lake, *Guadalupe*
 Santa Teresa, *Doña Ana*
 Silver City, *Grant*

Six Mile Dam, *Eddy*
 Skeleton Canyon, *Hidalgo*
 Socorro, *Socorro*
 Springer, Lake, *Colfax*
 Stubblefield Lake, *Colfax*
 Sumner Lake, Dam, *De Baca*
 Sunland Park, *Doña Ana*
 Tatum, *Lea*
 Tijeras, *Bernalillo*
 Tome, *Valencia*
 Trigg Ranch, *San Miguel*
 Tucumcari, Lake, *Quay*
 Tyrone, *Grant*
 Virden, *Hidalgo*
 Water Canyon, *Socorro*
 Watrous, *Mora*
 Zuni, *McKinley*
 Zuni Mts., *McKinley/Cibola*

Standard Abbreviations

AFB	Air Force Base	SP	State Park
Bosque NWR	Bosque del Apache NWR	UNM	Univ. of New Mexico
BLNWR	Bitter Lake NWR	USFWS	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
BBS	Breeding Bird Survey	WMA	Wildlife Management Area
CBC	Christmas Bird Count	WSMR	White Sands Missile Range
CCNP	Carlsbad Caverns NP	♂	male (represents sword & shield of Mars)
CG	Camp Ground	♀	female (represents mirror of Venus)
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		
RGNC	Rio Grande Nature Center		
RGV	Rio Grande Valley		

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SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Greater White-fronted Goose—Up to 12 lingered at Bosque NWR through Apr (m.ob.); last seen were 9 there on 2 May (MJB, NDP).

[**Mute Swan**]—An escapee flew over Berg-Animas Park, Farmington 20 May (TR).

Tundra Swan—Last were 2 at Maxwell NWR 14 Mar (B. K. Percival) and 5 at LVNWR 22 Mar (J. & M. Hirth).

Wood Duck—A ♂-♀ pair was at Bosque Redondo 26 May (JEP). Elsewhere, 2 were near Watrous 22 May (MDM) and one was in the Cliff-Gila Valley 19 May (RSS).

Eurasian Wigeon—An ad. ♂ at Hayden L. 10 May (DWS**) provided a *Rio Arriba* first and the latest ever for New Mexico.

Surf Scoter—A busy season produced a ♂ at Santa Rosa 16 May (RLV*), a ♀ at BLNWR 13-14 May (JEP*, WFWi, JRO**), and a ♂ at Holloman L. 9 Apr (JN).

White-winged Scoter—An imm. ♀ was on the Rio Grande s. of Truth or Consequences, *Sierra* 17 Mar (KS**).

Barrow's Goldeneye—A ♂ was at Stubblefield L. 3-20 Mar (DJC**).

Lesser Prairie-Chicken—Noteworthy for n. *Curry* were 3 near Broadview 25 Apr-13 May (JRO, JEP, WFWi); another was in s. *Lea* near Eunice 24-25 Mar (P. McConnell).

Scaled Quail x Gambel's Quail—One of these hybrids was in northeast Albuquerque 8 May (KAG**).

Montezuma Quail—Near the northern edge of their distribution, 2 were in Water Canyon 25 May (MMR); in the San Mateo Mts. were 2 each in Little Monica Canyon 10 May (SM) and Bear Trap Canyon 19 May (ABJ).

Common Loon—Lingering were singles at EBL 8 May (JL), Heron L. 10 May (WHH), Quemado L. 27 May (WFWi), and Cherry L. 30 May (WFWi).

Horned Grebe—One was at RGNC 1-13 Apr (m.ob., CJW**). High count was 6 at Stubblefield L. 25 Mar (DJC**). Late was one at Heron L. 10 May (WHH).

American White Pelican—Over 500 at EBL 22 Mar (CMR) was a large number for so early in the season.

Brown Pelican—Another strong season produced an ad. at L. Van, *Chaves* 15 Apr (TM), and single imms. at Sumner L. 16 Mar (JRO**), EBL 22 May (JL), and Quemado L. 27-31 May (WFWi*, S. Guilinger**).

Neotropic Cormorant—Small numbers were noted at Bosque NWR Mar-May, high was 14 on 10 May (GKF).

American Bittern—Rare in the west, one was at Zuni's Ojo Caliente, *Cibola* 23 May (JAT); elsewhere, up to 3 were at BLNWR 3 Mar-21 May (m.ob., MOH**, JRO**) and one was at Bosque NWR 8 Apr (DJC**).

Least Bittern—Two were at Fort Sumner 20 May (JPB) and one was at Bosque NWR 25 May (CMR).

Great Blue Heron—Twelve active nests were at Watrous 20 May (DWS); at least 3 active nests were in the Cliff-Gila Valley 27 May (RSS).

Great Egret—Continued to increase in numbers and distribution, including a high 56 at Bosque NWR 29 Apr (CMR); among the reports were 4 at Playas 4 May (WPC) and singles at Zuni's Eustace L. 23 May (JAT) and on Ute Cr., *Harding* 22 Apr (WFWi).

Little Blue Heron—An ad. was at Bosque NWR 10-14 May (m.ob., many photos).

Green Heron—One along Las Animas Cr., *Sierra* 1 Mar (JEP, CJW) may have wintered locally; one at Quarai 9-17 May (N. Vaughn, CJW) provided a local first.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron—An ad. was at Bosque NWR 29 Apr (MOH**)-14 May (m.ob, many photos).

Glossy Ibis—Increasingly regular in spring in New Mexico; this season found ads. at L. Avalon 14 Apr (SW*), Bosque NWR on multiple dates 19 Apr-11 May (m.ob., many photos), and BLNWR 26 Apr (JEP*, WFWi, JRO**) & 19 May (LKM*).

Glossy Ibis x White-faced Ibis—Possible hybrids were at BLNWR 19 Apr (MOH**) & 26 Apr (JEP*), and Bosque NWR 2 May (CJW*).

White-faced Ibis—High counts were 1500 each at Bosque NWR 10 May (GKF) and Radium Springs 27 Apr (MTS, JEZ).

Turkey Vulture—Earliest presumed spring migrants were singles at Carlsbad 3 Mar (SW) and Caballo L. 8 Mar (JRO, MOH).

Osprey—A nest below Navajo Dam in May (*fide* DWS) provided a first for *San Juan*; elsewhere, a pair reoccupied a territory at Cochiti L. in May (DWS) and 17 territories were occupied in *Rio Arriba* (DWS).

White-tailed Kite—One was north to Albuquerque 4-25 Apr (NDP*, CJW**, GKF**, m.ob.) and another was at Bosque NWR 7-16 Mar (JNS**, NDP**, m.ob.). In the south, singles were in the Animas Valley in Apr (WPC), s. *Grant* west of Separ 9 May (LKM), west of Deming 4 May (KBO), and at Mesilla Dam 1 Apr (N. G. Stotz).

Mississippi Kite—West to the RGV were 2 at Alameda 25 May (JEP) and singles at Corrales 31 May (DJK), Los Chaves, *Valencia* 29 May (DLH), Bosque NWR 10 May (GKF), and near Las Cruces 25 May (CMR). Earliest were 5 at Clovis 26 Apr (JEP).

Bald Eagle—The state's known active territories increased to four with discovery of a 2nd nesting pair in *Rio Arriba*; two pairs nested in traditional *Colfax* territories (DWS). Late was an imm. on Seco Cr., *Sierra* 10 May (JBV*).

Northern Harrier—An ad. was flushed from a nest with 5 eggs near Casa Blanca, *Cibola* 23 Apr (D. L. Bleakly**). Late or summering singles were in grasslands at Zuni's Blackrock L. 21 May (JAT), Plains of San Agustin, *Socorro* 31 May (BRZ), Columbus 28 May (SOW), and n. of Carlsbad from 20 May into Jun (DJG).

Common Black-Hawk—Continued in evidence north to the Canadian R., where there was a nest in Sabinoso Canyon 10 May (SB*, SN**), and the upper Pecos R., where there was a nest near Santa Rosa Apr-May (WFWi, JEP). In the middle RGV, singles were at RGNC 9 Apr (K. Herzenberg*), Escondida 26 Apr (TM), and Percha SP 10 May (JPB).

Broad-winged Hawk—Migrants have increased in New Mexico in recent years; this season, 7 were counted in the Sandia Mts. 19-26 Apr (HawkWatch Intl.) and singles were at seven additional sites from the RGV eastward 11 Apr-17 May, including dark morphs at Mesilla Park 20 Apr (J. Groves**) and Bosque Redondo 16-17 May (JEP*, WFWi).

Gray Hawk—The species returned in force, with up to 4 in Guadalupe Canyon 5 Apr (JEP, WFWi, CJW**, MJB**) & 10 May (ASM), an ad. at Mesilla Park 18 May (JN), and one to 2 at Rattlesnake Springs from 8 Apr through May (m.ob., JRO**). Noteworthy was an ad. in foothill oak woodland near Cloverdale, *Hidalgo* 30 Apr (SOW*, HAW**).

Swainson's Hawk—Earliest was one north of Roswell 21 Mar (SW).

Zone-tailed Hawk—Widely reported, including northeast to NRT 11 May (LAS*), and another was a Alameda 12 Apr (MOH*). Earliest were 2 in the Pinos Altos Mts. 22 Mar (JLB) and singles in the Gila Lower Box, *Hidalgo* 26 Mar (SOW) and at Virden 28 Mar (JEP, WFWi).

Merlin—An ad. ♂ *columbarius* was late at Chama 10 May (DJK*).

Black-bellied Plover—High counts were 5 at Caballo L. 10 May (JBV*) and 2 at EBL 10 May (DJC**, JPB*); singles were at Morgan L. 20 May (WFWi*) and Loving 21 Apr (SW*).

Semipalmated Plover—Occurred statewide 19 Apr-10 May; high counts were 12 at Bosque NWR 23 Apr (DJC) and 6 at Weatherly L., *Union* 30 Apr (DWS).

Spotted Sandpiper—Providing a local first were one or 2 at NRT 13-16 May (JEP, DJK); unusual was one walking down a residential street at Playas 4 May (WPC).

Solitary Sandpiper—Typically scarce in spring, but this season found a high 6 at Bosque NWR 3 May (CMR) and singles west to GBA 17 Apr (RSS) and the Cliff-Gila Valley 23 Apr (RSS).

Willet—High counts included 80 at Lordsburg 25 Apr (SW), 43 at Caballo L. 13 May (DJC), 24 at Bosque NWR 27 Apr (CMR), 20 at Brantley L. 19 Apr (MOH), and 17 at Mountainair 20 Apr (JRO).

Upland Sandpiper—One was at the Jal golf course 15 Apr (WFWi).

Whimbrel—Another good season produced an early one at Davies Tank, *Doña Ana* 2 Apr (DJG**) plus singles at Peña Blanca 25 Apr (P. Franklin**), Bosque NWR 10 May (m.ob.), and BLNWR 3 May (JEP*, JRO**, CJW**, MJB**).

Long-billed Curlew—Seven were in a recently burned area near Hobbs 26 May (DLH) and 50 were in a flooded field at Tome 24 Mar (CMB); late for the southwest were singles at Katfish Kove, *Luna* 10 May (CMR) and one at Columbus 28 May (SOW).

Marbled Godwit—Latest were singles at Zuni's Ojo Caliente 23 May (JAT) and Santa Rosa 26 May (JEP).

Ruddy Turnstone—A bright ad. was at Bosque NWR 25 Apr (R. S. Merkel*).

Sanderling—Four at EBL 6 May (DJC**) and one at Brantley L. 13 May (JEP) were the only reports.

White-rumped Sandpiper—Earliest were 3 at BLNWR 15 May (DJK); west were 5 at Moriarty 30 May (CMR*, BDN) and one to 2 at Holloman L. 19 & 21 May (LKM*, DJG**).

Pectoral Sandpiper—Singles at Belen 5 Apr (DLH) and BLNWR 16 & 19 Apr (JIS, MOH) were the only reports.

Dunlin—Six were at Laguna Grande 12 Mar (SW) and 2 each were at Brantley L. 18 Mar (JRO**) and EBL 22 Mar (CMR); late were 2 at Morgan L. 2 May (WFWi*).

Long-billed Dowitcher—Some 2500 were estimated at Bosque NWR 2 May (CJW).

Wilson's Snipe—At least 9 were winnowing south of Chama 10 May (WHH); it was estimated the Chama Valley could hold 50-100 pairs.

Wilson's Phalarope—Surprising numbers, including over 1500 at Bosque NWR 30 Apr-3 May (DJC, CJW, DLH), over 1600 at BLNWR 28 Apr (JIS), 1000 at Clovis 28 Apr (JPB), and 220 at Tyrone 4 May (ERL).

Red-necked Phalarope—Unusual numbers were in n. *Rio Arriba* 10 May, including 127 on a pond at 2590 m north of Chama (DJK) and 16 at Stinking L. (DWS); others of note were 15 at Clovis 16 May (JEP) and 24 at Bosque NWR 21 May (DJC).

Laughing Gull—An ad. was described at Brantley L. 29 May (SW*).

Franklin's Gull—Earliest were 6 at Clovis 20 Mar (MOH); others arrived 22 Mar at Maxwell NWR, Sumner L., Fort Sumner, Conchas L., Bosque NWR, and Percha SP.

Mew Gull—A first-winter bird at Sunland Park 11 Mar (JNP*) was later photographed in adjacent Texas; another first-winter bird was at Morgan L. 27 Apr (TR**).

Lesser Black-backed Gull—A first-winter bird at Sunland Park 22 Apr (JNP*) was likely the same bird that was photographed there in Feb (*fide* JNP).

Least Tern—Continued to appear at sites away from the lower Pecos Valley, with singles at Clovis 12 & 20 May (JEP, JPB) and Quemado L. 5 May (WFWi); high count at Brantley L. was 5 on 31 May (MOH).

Caspian Tern—Singles were at Cochiti L. 9 May (MLW**) and EBL 10 & 15 May (DJC**, JPB).

Black Tern—An estimated 300-500 were at Clovis 16 May (JEP).

Common Tern—One at Cochiti L. 14 May (MOH**) and 2 at EBL 11 May (CMR*) were the only reports.

Arctic Tern—An ad. at Cochiti L. 13 May (JNS**) provided the 12th well-documented record for the state.

Forster's Tern—Early was one at Six Mile Dam 8 Mar (SW).

White-winged Dove—Reports included 2 north to Cedar Hill 10 & 16 May (TR), at vocal one at 2680 m on Atalaya Mt. near Santa Fe 30 Mar-19 Apr (JPB), and 2 at NRT 17 May (JEP).

Inca Dove—In the Albuquerque area were one singing at RGNC 6 Apr (CJW) and a pair nest building near UNM 9 Apr (J. C. Egbert); in northeast Albuquerque, incubation began at a nest in a cottonwood 4 Apr (HRS) and incubation began at a nest in a fruit tree 21 Apr (HRS).

Common Ground-Dove—Singles were in Post Office Canyon 25-27 May (CDL) and Columbus 28 May (SOW) and 4 were at Double Adobe 10 May (NM-C).

Ruddy Ground-Dove—One was described at Redrock, *Grant* 11 May (E. Rominger*).

Greater Roadrunner—At least one was at Farmington 12 May (TR), where the species has been present since 2006. One at Radium Springs captured a Red-breasted Nuthatch 1 Mar (MTS, JEZ).

Flammulated Owl—Noteworthy for the eastern plains was one at Boone's Draw 20 Apr (MOH**).

Whiskered Screech-Owl—At least six territories were occupied in Skeleton Canyon the evening of 29 Apr (SOW*, HAW).

Elf Owl—In *Eddy*, 2 were vocal in Rocky Arroyo 26 Apr (MJB, NDP, CJW).

Spotted Owl—None noted in the Animas Mts. 10 May (*fide* AMC), where the local population may have suffered from the June 2006 fire.

Short-eared Owl—Singles were at BLNWR 3 Mar (WFWi) and near Orogrande 1 Apr (DJG); the winter roost found in Feb near Coe L., s. *Doña Ana* (RAM) held 5 on 8 Apr (DJG*), where pellet analysis indicated cotton rats were a favored food.

Northern Saw-whet Owl—Young were fledged from low elevation nest boxes near Santa Fe 19 May (L. Jones**, BRF) and near Cerrillos 21 May (LAS*, CMR, JPB**).

Common Poorwill—Earliest were one at La Mesa, *Doña Ana* 5 Mar (K. & W. Lane) and 2 in Dark Canyon, Guadalupe Mts. 18 Mar (ABJ); one was east to NRT 27 Apr (JEP, JPB).

Whip-poor-will—One was vocal at Cedar Crest 24 May (JDL).

Black Swift—The species is unexpected in New Mexico before late May; this season produced unverified sight reports of one at Farmington 7 May (TR) and 2 north of Chama 10 May (DJK*).

Chimney Swift—Far west was a well-studied one at Petroglyph NM 24 May (CCW*); a silent *Chaetura* was at Bosque NWR 2 May (MJB*, NDP*, CJW*).

Broad-billed Hummingbird—Away from Guadalupe Canyon were an ad. ♂ along Sapillo Cr., *Grant* 29 May (BRZ*, J. Blumberg**), a ♂ in Post Office Canyon 17 & 21 May (CDL) and at least 4, including ♂♂ and ♀♀, in Skeleton Canyon 29-30 May (SOW, HAW).

Magnificent Hummingbird—A ♀ was north to Angel Fire 12-20 May (J. Eggert**).

Lucifer Hummingbird—In Post Office Canyon, first ♂♂ arrived 25 Mar and first ♀♀ on 11 Apr (CDL); ♂♂ peaked at 23 on 22 Apr & 13 May while ♀♀ peaked at 6 on 24 May (CDL).

Black-chinned Hummingbird—Early was a ♂ at Las Cruces 9 Mar (J. Douglas).

Anna's Hummingbird—Small numbers passed through Post Office Canyon 21 Mar-24 May, including up to 4 there 2-11 Apr (CDL). The one that wintered at Carlsbad was last seen 9 Mar (SW).

Calliope Hummingbird—Historically unexpected in spring, this season found a ♂ in Post Office Canyon 11 Apr and a ♀ there 29 Apr (CDL), a ♂ at Las Cruces 3 Apr (DJG), and a ♀ at Luis Lopez 6 May (JRO).

Broad-tailed Hummingbird—More in evidence than usual on the eastern plains, including at NRT on various dates 12-23 May (m.ob.) and a ♂ at Boone's Draw 12 May (JEP).

Rufous Hummingbird—Another hummer historically unexpected in spring, this season found birds in Post Office Canyon on 15 days during the period 18 Mar-18 Apr, including a high 6 (3 ♂♂ and 3 ♀♀) on 2 Apr; last there were 2 ♂♂ 18 Apr (CDL).

Belted Kingfisher—One was in waterless Skeleton Canyon 29 Apr (SOW, HAW); another far from suitable habitat was at Playas 22 Apr-4 May (WPC).

Lewis's Woodpecker—Following removal of nesting snags, the Bosque Farms, *Valencia* colony disappeared this season (DLH).

Red-headed Woodpecker—The one that wintered on Las Animas Cr. was last seen 20-23 Mar (JRO**, JEP); others of note were singles at Waldo, *Santa Fe* 10 May (R. Olcott*, T. Seamster**), and Sabinoso Canyon 10 May (SB*, SN**).

Acorn Woodpecker—Unusual in the lower RGV, one was near Santa Teresa 10 May (JNP).

Downy and Hairy woodpeckers—An apparent mixed pair consisting of a ♂ Hairy and a ♀ Downy was discovered at Galisteo 18 May and followed into Jun (JPB** et al.); it was observed copulating, excavating a cavity, and otherwise behaving as a mated pair, but the breeding effort ultimately was disrupted by Cooper's Hawks. Such a mixed pair is unprecedented (*fide* J. A. Jackson).

Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet—At least 2 were vocal in Guadalupe Canyon 5 Apr (JEP, CJW).

Greater Pewee—Singles were singing at two Burro Mts. sites—one on Jack's Peak 26 May (DJG**) and one in Axel Canyon 30 May (BRZ). Unexpected in the Peloncillo Mts. was one singing at Geronimo Seep 1 May (SOW, HAW). Two were heard at Aspen Spring, Animas Mts. 10 May (AMC, CRB).

Western Wood-Pewee—East was one singing near Hobbs 29 May (DLH).

Eastern Wood-Pewee—Identified largely by its "pip" notes, one was extensively detailed at NRT 15 May (JEP*, DJK**).

Western Wood-Pewee—Among the many flycatchers grounded by a late spring snowstorm were 115 at Zuni plus 65 more at Ramah L. 23 May (JAT).

Least Flycatcher—Singles were west to Quarai 24 May (MJB, NDP) and Ramon, *Lincoln* 9 May (SW*).

Hammond's Flycatcher—The one that wintered at Percha SP was last reported 24 Mar (CJW, JL).

Dusky Flycatcher—A pair was nesting in Bell Canyon, San Mateo Mts. 21 May (ABJ*).

Buff-breasted Flycatcher—Increasing presence in the Peloncillo and Animas ranges since 1995 culminated this season with the discovery of a nest at Aspen Spring, Animas Mts. 10 May (AMC, CRB**), the first confirmation of nesting in the state in nearly a century. Another bird was 1.6 km away in Indian Cr. Canyon the same day.

Black Phoebe—Noteworthy were one to 2 on the Mora R. near Watrous 3-4 Apr & 22 May (MDM).

Eastern Phoebe—An ad. was tending fledglings at Clayton L. 24 May (JRO**).

Vermilion Flycatcher—A ♂ north to Ocate 30 May (L. Knutson) provided a *Mora* first; another ♂ was north to the Dry Cimarron R. near Folsom 31 May (CMR, BDN). Noteworthy in the east were a ♀ at NRT 16-20 Mar (JRO, DLH, MOH) and a ♂ at Maljamar 25 Apr (JEP, WFWi).

Dusky-capped Flycatcher—One was north to Gila Cliff Dwelling, *Catron* 27 May (B. Norris). A silent *Myiarchus* at Rattlesnake Springs 22 Apr (SW*) was believed to be this species.

Ash-throated Flycatcher—One was at 2565 m at Angel Fire 13 May (EMW**).

Great Crested Flycatcher—One near Lingo 10 May (LAS) was the lone report.

Couch's Kingbird—A vocal one at NRT 31 May (JEP*) provided the 5th well-documented New Mexico record. A silent kingbird of the **Couch's/Tropical** group at Socorro 10 May (GKF*) furnished the 6th unidentified Couch's/Tropical for the state since 1964; Tropical has yet to be verified.

Thick-billed Kingbird—Only one was found in Guadalupe Canyon 10 May (ASM).

Western Kingbird—A nest at Buckeye, *Lea* 27 May (LAS) was on a moving pumpjack.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher—Continued to appear west and north of usual, with singles at Mesilla 19 Apr (KS**), Bosque NWR 3 & 10 May (MOH, DLH, CMR, BDN), LVNWR 11 May (J. Saunders), near Springer 14 May (EMW**) and Trigg Ranch 10 May (MDM).

White-eyed Vireo—Another good season found one singing at Bosque NWR 12 May (JL), a silent ad. at Boone's Draw 3 May (JEP*, JRO**, NDP*, CJW*), and one singing at Black River Management Area, *Eddy* 22 Apr (JRO*).

Bell's Vireo—In non-traditional locales were one near Hope 29 May (SW), 2 singing at Jal 15 Apr (WFWi), 2 (one singing) near Lingo 10 May (LAS), and one singing north to Sumner Dam 31 May (JEP).

Black-capped Vireo—A possible one was at Dripping Springs 18 May (SM*).

Gray Vireo—Early were 2 singing in Guadalupe Canyon 5 Apr (JEP, MJB, NDP, CJW).

Yellow-throated Vireo—Singles were at NRT 16-18 May (JEP*, JRO**, DJK**, NDP, MJB) and Boone's Draw 10 May (MJB, NDP) & 20 May (JPB). A dead one was at the Mesa Rest Area 28 May (RHD**).

Hutton's Vireo—One in Dark Canyon, Guadalupe Mts. 18 Mar (ABJ*) was the 5th Guadalupe Mts. record. One was at Fillmore Spring, Organ Mts. 2 Apr (SOW).

Philadelphia Vireo—Requiring review by the Bird Records Committee were 2 possible ones, one each at Socorro 23 May (MOH*) and near Bluit, *Roosevelt* 10 May (LAS*).

Red-eyed Vireo—One at Boone's Draw 4 May (JRO) was the lone report.

Steller's Jay—Last of the winter incursion were singles at Socorro 21 Apr (PB) and Corrales 4 May (DJK).

Pinyon Jay—Up to 250 were nest-building in the Zuni Mts. 8 Mar (CCW, ABJ). In the San Mateo Mts., a pair was building at Monica Cabin 4 May (SM) and 120 were counted in Bear Trap Canyon 19 May (ABJ). Noteworthy for e. *San Miguel* were 107 at Trigg Ranch 12 Apr (MDM).

Purple Martin—Rare in the eastern plains, a ♂ and ♀ were at Clovis 16 May (JEP). In the San Mateo Mts., small nesting colonies were in Bear Trap Canyon and West Red Canyon 20 May (ABJ).

Bank Swallow—Surveys found an estimated 700 pairs in 14 colonies in May (HAW, MJB), primarily at nine *Sandoval* and three *Bernalillo* sites but including small colonies on the Rio Ojo Caliente, *Taos* and the Chama R. near Abiquiu 21 May (MJB).

Cave Swallow—One was north to Bosque NWR 20 Apr (R. Laubach*).

Black-capped and Mountain chickadees—Unusual away from the middle RGV, a mixed pair was feeding nestlings at Galisteo 3 May (BRF) & 18 May (JPB).

Mexican Chickadee—None were detected in the Animas Mts. 10 May (AMC).

Red-breasted Nuthatch—Lingering from winter were 2 at NRT 17 May (JEP, DJK) and singles near Bernardo 4 May (DLH), at Socorro 10 May (GKF), Radium Springs 28 Apr (MTS, JEZ), and Tatum 25 Apr (CJW).

Bewick's Wren—Lingering in the east were singles at Clayton L. 23 May (JRO), Conchas L. 27 May (WHH), and NRT 15 May (DJK).

Eastern Bluebird—Eggs were in nest boxes near RGNC by 19 Mar (M. Means).

Veery—One was singing at Chama 9 May (DJK).

Swainson's Thrush—Early was one at Corrales 27 Apr (DJK).

Hermit Thrush—A high 120 were at NRT 4 May (CJW).

Wood Thrush—A singing ♂ was at NRT 20 May (JPB**, LKM*).

Rufous-backed Robin—The wintering one on Las Animas Cr. was well-documented through 25 Mar (m.ob.); undetailed was an internet report for 11 Apr.

Varied Thrush—An ad. ♂ was at EBL Dam 25 Apr (DJC*).

Gray Catbird—One was west to Zuni's Ojo Caliente 23 May (JAT). Late singles were at Fort Sumner 25 May (MOH) and NRT 31 May (CJW).

Brown Thrasher—Late for the RGV was one at Luis Lopez 22 May (JRO**).

Long-billed Thrasher—One at Crossroads, *Lea* 25 Apr (JRO**, JEP, WFWi*) provided the state's 3rd verified and 4th overall record.

Cedar Waxwing—A pair was engaged in courtship feeding at Cerrillos 13 May (LAS); 10 were late at Corrales 25 May (DJK).

Phainopepla—A ♂ was north to Galisteo Cr., *Sandoval* 12 May (DJK).

Olive Warbler—Singles were singing in the Burro Mts. 18 Mar (DJG), Pinos Altos Mts. 22 Mar (JLB), and Emory Pass 28 Mar (JEP); a high 6 were north to Water Canyon 10 May (BDN).

Blue-winged Warbler—A possible one was near Abiquiu 24 Apr (D. Ryen*); another was at Cedar Crest 18 May (S. Ligon*).

Tennessee Warbler—Scarce west to *Grant*, one was at Silver City 15-17 May (DAZ**); others were singles at Rattlesnake Springs 5 May (SW*) and NRT 7 May (WFWi*) & 17 May (JEP*, DJK).

Lucy's Warbler—Far north was one at Zuni's Blackrock Dam 23 May (JAT); 2 returned east to Rattlesnake Springs by 22 Apr (JRO, DJG), where 3 were singing 29 May (RHD).

Northern Parula—A strong showing found singles at seven sites from the RGV eastward: Dixon 13 May (RT**), Cerrillos 13 May (LAS*), Albuquerque 24-25 Apr (NDP**, MJB, CJW), Luis Lopez 22 May (JRO*), NRT 3-5 & 9 May (m.ob., JRO**), Capitan 24 Apr (JRO**), and Tatum 26 Apr (NDP*, CJW*).

Yellow Warbler—Early was a ♂ at Bosque NWR 29 Mar (CMB).

Magnolia Warbler—Reports were a ♂ at Quarai 23 May (CJW*, NEH**), a ♀ at Socorro 23 May (MOH**, NDP), and a ♂ at EBL Dam 12 May (DJC*).

Black-throated Blue Warbler—A ♀ was in Water Canyon 10 May (BDN*).

Black-throated Green Warbler—One was at Albuquerque 11 May (CMB*).

Hermit Warbler—Lowland reports were singles along the Gila R. at Nichol's Canyon, *Grant* 24 May (RAM) and at Clanton Cienega, s. Animas Valley 10 May (NM-C).

Yellow-throated Warbler—A record season produced singles at Caballo Dam 22-24 Mar (CMR, m.ob., NDP**, JRO**, CJW**), Milnesand 12 Apr (LAS, CMR), Bosque NWR 27-28 Apr (P. Paez *fide* D. Paez, JBV*, MOH*), and NRT 3-5 May & 9-10 May (m.ob., JRO**, MOH**).

Grace's Warbler—Early were 3 singing at Emory Pass 4 Apr (JEP) and 2 singing at Cherry Cr., Pinos Altos Mts. 6 Apr (MOH).

Palm Warbler—One was at Bosque NWR 27 Apr (CMB*) & 3 May (MOH*).

Blackpoll Warbler—Single ♂♂ were at Bosque Redondo 16 May (DJK*), NRT 16 May (JEP*, JRO**, DJK**), and BLNWR 5 May (KBO*).

Black-and-white Warbler—One to 2 were at nine sites from the Pecos Valley eastward 17 Apr-18 May (m.ob.); a ♂ was west to Farmington 6 May (TR*).

American Redstart—Noteworthy were 2 at Zuni's Blackrock Dam 23 May (JAT*) and singles at Corrales 27 Apr (DJK*) and the Los Pinos Mts. 17 May (HRS*); farther east, singles were at Sumner Dam 17 May (JEP*) and Carlsbad 16 Apr (*fide* SW), and one to 3 were at NRT 12-28 May (m.ob.).

Prothonotary Warbler—A record 6 were singles at Socorro 10-15 May (m.ob., many photos), Luis Lopez 23 May (NDP, MOH**), Conchas Dam 10 May (SB*), Bosque Redondo 26 May (JEP*, JRO**), Brantley L. 26 Apr (R. Munro), and Rattlesnake Springs 26 Apr (JEP*, JRO**).

Worm-eating Warbler—At least 4 were documented, including one west to Silver City 1 May (JLB**); others were at White Rock, *Los Alamos* 24 Apr (SAK**), NRT 11 May (JEP*), and Rattlesnake Springs 22 Apr (DJG**) & 30 Apr (WFWi*).

Louisiana Waterthrush—Nicely photographed was one in East Red Canyon, San Mateo Mts. 19 Apr (SM*, C. Brown**).

Kentucky Warbler—A male at El Morro 4-18 May (CJG**, MJB**, CJW*, JPB**) was a *Cibola* first. Others were singles at Socorro 9 May (JRO**, JPB**) and Rattlesnake Springs 6 May (JL).

Mourning Warbler—An ad. ♂ was at NRT 15 May (DJK*) & 20 May (LKM*).

Hooded Warbler—Made a spectacular showing, with at least 13 individuals at 12 sites, including singles west to Playas 18-22 Apr (WPC*) and GBA 25 May (JAT*) plus singles at RGNC 12 May (CMR*), in the Sandia Mts. at Doc Long CG 13 May (CMB*), Cedar Crest 27 Apr & 6 May (JDL*), and Tijeras 5 May (L. S. Butler*), at Quarai 18 May (MOH**), Bosque NWR 12 May (JL*), Percha SP 29 Apr & 2 May (D. Paez, DJC*), one at NRT 13 May (JEP*, WFWi, JRO**) and 2 there 22 May (MOH**), and singles at Boone's Draw 10 May (JEP) and Tatum 9 May (JEP, WFWi, MOH).

Red-faced Warbler—Singles strayed to RGNC 4 May (DLH*), Socorro 24 May (HAW), and Deming 25 Apr (DJB).

Painted Redstart—Unusual was one at Percha SP 15-19 Mar (BDN, JL, SS).

Hepatic Tanager—Six were northeast to the Dry Cimarron R. near Folsom 31 May (CMR, BDN).

Summer Tanager—Noteworthy were singles north to Zuni's Blackrock Dam 23 May (JAT*) and Santa Fe 19 May (F. Barnes*); an early one at Cedar Crest 16-20 April (JDL*) was a local first, while a high 3 were at Quarai 10 May (HRS*).

Scarlet Tanager—An ad. ♂ was at the San Marcos store near Cerrillos 17-18 May (JPB**, CJW**, JRO**). A ♀ was at NRT 20 May (JPB**).

Field Sparrow—One was at Jal L. 17 Mar (JRO**).

Black-chinned Sparrow—Noteworthy north to *Santa Fe*, a singing ♂ was in Diablo Canyon near Buckman 27 May (JPB**).

Fox Sparrow—The one that wintered at Luis Lopez was last seen 25 Mar (JRO). Single migrant *schistacea* were in Post Office Canyon 8-10 Apr & 13 Apr (CDL).

Song Sparrow—Remarkable if accurate were an undetailed 3 singing in the Cliff-Gila Valley 29 May (RSS).

Lincoln's Sparrow—Late were singles near Folsom (CMR) and NRT (JEP) 31 May.

Swamp Sparrow—Scarce in *Santa Fe*, one was at La Cienega 11 Apr (JPB).

White-throated Sparrow—West was one at Virden 28 Mar (JEP); late was one at Bosque Redondo 16 May (DJK).

Harris's Sparrow—One was at Abiquiu 10-15 May (K. Bowers**).

White-crowned Sparrow—Very early was a dark-lored one at RGNC 22 Mar (CCW).

Golden-crowned Sparrow—Singles were at Alameda 6 Apr (JEP*, MJB, NDP, CJW) and Tyrone 30 Mar (ERL*).

Yellow-eyed Junco—A partial survey found none in the Animas Mts. 10 May (AMC). In the Burro Mts., up to eight pairs were nesting by May (DJG*), but the picture was complicated by the presence of one or more Yellow-eyed Junco X Gray-headed Junco hybrids (DJG**) plus one or more nesting *dorsalis* Gray-headed pairs.

Northern Cardinal—Continued in evidence in the Canadian basin, with a ♂ in Sabinoso Canyon 10 May (SB), one to 2 ♂♂ in the Pajaro Valley northwest of Tucumcari 16 Mar (JRO) & 27 May (WHH), 2 ♂♂ at Tucumcari 24 May (JRO), and one at San Jon 22 May (MOH).

Pyrrhuloxia—Late for the north were singles at NRT 16-22 May (JEP, MOH) and the Mesa Rest Area 14-15 May (RHD).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak—Flooded the state 2-24 May, with reports from 17 counties, including west to *San Juan* (TR), *Catron* (MJH), *Grant* (JLB), and *Hidalgo* (CDL); early was a ♂ at Luis Lopez 18 Apr (JRO**).

Varied Bunting—A ♂ near Lingo 10 May (LAS*) was a *Roosevelt* first.

Painted Bunting—A male was north to Hayden, *Union* 31 May (JRO); single ♀♀ were at Bosque Redondo 17 May (DJK) and NRT 22 May (MOH).

Dickcissel—Early was one at BLNWR 26 Apr (JEP, JRO).

Bobolink—A ♂ at Montezuma 14 May (J. Arrott*, C. L. Benavidez**) provided the 3rd *San Miguel* report and the first to be confirmed.

Eastern Meadowlark—Three ♂♂ were singing at 2500 m north of Chama 11 May (DJK) and one was singing at White Lakes, *Santa Fe* 25 May (JPB); in the west, singles were near Bluewater 22 May and Zuni's Ojo Caliente 23 May (JAT).

Common Grackle—Three were west to the Datil Mts., *Catron* 24 Apr (MJH).

Bronzed Cowbird—In May, singles were north to Tyrone (ERL), Albuquerque (JBV), Sumner Dam (RLV), NRT (JEP), and Ned Houk Park near Clovis (JEP, WFWi).

Orchard Oriole—Continued to appear west of expected, including single ♂♂ at Farmington 10 May (*fide* A. P. Nelson) and the Mimbres Valley, *Grant* 29-30 May (*fide* DJB); in *Doña Ana*, singles were at Radium Springs 10-14 Apr (MTS, JEZ) & 16 May (MTS) and west of Las Cruces 28 May (JEZ).

Hooded Oriole—A ♂ was north to Luis Lopez 16 Apr (JRO**).

Bullock's Oriole—Early was a ♂ on Las Animas Cr. 30 Mar (JBV).

Baltimore Oriole—Single ad. ♂♂ were at El Morro 13-21 May (CJG**), Escondida 16-17 May (S. LaBrier**), Luis Lopez 22 May (JRO**), and Carlsbad 13 Apr (SW*).

Scott's Oriole—One captured and flew away with a hummingbird at Luis Lopez 5 May (JRO).

rosy-finches—At Sandia Crest, banding operations ended 30 Mar; 462 were banded during the 2007-08 season, 295 **Brown-capped**s, 97 **Gray-crowned**s (including 29 “**Hepburns**”), and 70 **Blacks** (NSC, SWC et al.). Last report was of a flock of about 20 rosy-finches there 2 Apr (*fide* K. C. Schneider).

Cassin's Finch—Unusually conspicuous in lowland areas Mar-Apr, and several, including singing ♂♂, lingered at Albuquerque through May (HRS*, CCW).

Pine Siskin—Conspicuous in non-traditional areas well into May; noteworthy was a nestling at Cochiti 17 May (MLW*) and a female with a brood patch at Albuquerque 25 May (CCW*).

Lawrence's Goldfinch—A good season found 6 at Caballo Dam 2 Mar (GKF**) and 2 there 8 Mar (MOH) plus singles at Las Cruces 21-23 Mar (DJG**), Bayard 6-25 Apr (D. Morehead**), and the Cliff-Gila Valley 26 Apr (*fide* DJB).

ERRATA

NMOSFN 46(2):24 (Spring 2007): The last Mew Gull at EBL was seen 25 March, not 25 May.

NMOSFN 46(2):25 (Spring 2007): No Greater Roadrunner was at Farmington's Berg-Animas Park 18-20 May; that single was at Blanco 15-20 May (all M. Ismay *fide* TR).

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