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Cover: American Three-toed Woodpecker (*Picoides dorsalis*). This quiet and inconspicuous woodpecker reaches its southernmost distribution in New Mexico, where it inhabits mature spruce-fir forests of the higher mountains south to the Mogollon and Sacramento ranges. Its preference for bark beetles makes it quick to invade forests recently damaged by fire or insect infestation, but overall populations are likely limited by extent of old growth forests with dependable supplies of dead and dying trees through time. It is vulnerable to practices that fragment forests, such as clearcutting, or that remove dead and dying trees, such as salvage logging. Art by Dale A. Zimmerman.

SPRING SEASON 2009

Dry conditions, made worse by strong winds, continued well into Spring 2009, but an early onset of summer rains by late May suggested some relief was in store. A remarkable season for eastern and Mexican vagrants brought two new species to the state, a Fan-tailed Warbler that found its way to the high plains of eastern New Mexico, and a Clapper Rail, apparently of the Gulf Coast subspecies, that visited Bosque del Apache NWR.

Localities and Counties

Alameda, <i>Bernalillo</i>	Galisteo, Creek, <i>Santa Fe</i>
Albuquerque, <i>Bernalillo</i>	Gila, Gila Bird Area, <i>Grant</i>
Animas, Mts., Valley, <i>Hidalgo</i>	Guadalupe Canyon, <i>Hidalgo</i>
Aztec, <i>San Juan</i>	Hachita, <i>Grant</i>
Belen, <i>Valencia</i>	Hermanas, <i>Luna</i>
Bernardo, <i>Socorro</i>	Heron Lake, <i>Rio Arriba</i>
Bitter Lake NWR, <i>Chaves</i>	Hobbs, <i>Lea</i>
Black Range, <i>Grant/Sierra</i>	Holloman Lake, <i>Otero</i>
Boone's Draw, <i>Roosevelt</i>	Isleta, <i>Bernalillo/Valencia</i>
Bosque del Apache NWR, <i>Socorro</i>	Kingston, <i>Sierra</i>
Bosque Redondo, <i>De Baca</i>	La Cieneguilla, <i>Santa Fe</i>
Brantley Lake, <i>Eddy</i>	Ladder Ranch, <i>Sierra</i>
Buckhorn, <i>Grant</i>	Lake Avalon, <i>Eddy</i>
Burro Mts., <i>Grant</i>	Lake Roberts, <i>Grant</i>
Cabazon Peak, <i>Sandoval</i>	Las Animas Creek, <i>Sierra</i>
Capitan, Mts., <i>Lincoln</i>	Las Cruces, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Carlsbad, <i>Eddy</i>	Las Palomas, <i>Sierra</i>
Carrizozo, <i>Lincoln</i>	Las Vegas, NWR, <i>San Miguel</i>
Cedar Crest, <i>Bernalillo</i>	Lordsburg, Playa, <i>Hidalgo</i>
Cedar Hill, <i>San Juan</i>	Los Alamos, <i>Los Alamos</i>
Cerrillos, <i>Santa Fe</i>	Los Pinos Mts., <i>Socorro</i>
Chama, <i>Rio Arriba</i>	Luis Lopez, <i>Socorro</i>
Clanton Canyon, Cienega, <i>Hidalgo</i>	Mangas Springs, <i>Grant</i>
Clayton, Lake, <i>Union</i>	Manzano, <i>Torrance</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>
Columbus, <i>Luna</i>	Milnesand, <i>Roosevelt</i>
Corona, <i>Lincoln</i>	Morgan Lake, <i>San Juan</i>
Corrales, <i>Sandoval</i>	Mountainair, <i>Torrance</i>
Datil, Mts., <i>Catron</i>	Navajo Dam, <i>San Juan</i>
Deming, <i>Luna</i>	Ned Houk Park, <i>Curry</i>
Dexter, <i>Chaves</i>	Nichol's Canyon, <i>Grant</i>
Elephant Butte, Lake, Dam, <i>Sierra</i>	north <i>Roosevelt</i> trap [NRT], <i>Roosevelt</i>
Elida, <i>Roosevelt</i>	Oasis SP, <i>Roosevelt</i>
El Vado Lake, <i>Rio Arriba</i>	Peloncillo Mts., <i>Hidalgo</i>
Encino, <i>Torrance</i>	Percha SP, <i>Sierra</i>
Española, <i>Rio Arriba</i>	Pinos Altos Mts., <i>Grant</i>
Eunice, <i>Lea</i>	Placitas, <i>Sandoval</i>
Farmington, <i>San Juan</i>	Playas, <i>Hidalgo</i>
Fort Sumner, <i>De Baca</i>	Portales, <i>Roosevelt</i>

Post Office [P.O.] Canyon, *Hidalgo*
 Quemado Lake, *Catron*
 Radium Springs, *Doña Ana*
 Ramah, Lake, *McKinley*
 Ramon, *Lincoln*
 Rattlesnake Springs, *Eddy*
 Redrock, *Grant*
 Rio Grande Nature Center, *Bernalillo*
 Rodeo, *Hidalgo*
 Roswell, *Chaves*
 San Andres Mts., *Doña Ana/Sierra*
 San Antonio, *Socorro*
 Sandia Mts., *Bernalillo/Sandoval*
 San Marcial, *Socorro*
 San Mateo Mts., *Socorro*
 Santa Fe, Canyon, *Santa Fe*
 Santa Rosa, Lake, *Guadalupe*
 Santo Domingo, *Sandoval*
 Selden Canyon, *Doña Ana*

Signal Peak, *Grant*
 Silver City, *Grant*
 Six Mile Dam, *Eddy*
 Slaughter Canyon, *Eddy*
 Socorro, *Socorro*
 Spring Canyon SP, *Luna*
 Sumner Lake, Dam, *De Baca*
 Taos, *Taos*
 Tatum, *Lea*
 Texico, *Curry*
 Trigg Ranch, *San Miguel*
 Tyrone, *Grant*
 Virden, *Hidalgo*
 Waldrop Rest Area, *Chaves*
 Water Canyon, *Socorro*
 Watrous, *Mora*
 Whites City, *Eddy*
 Zuni, *McKinley*

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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LKM	Larry K. Malone		
CAM	Curtis A. Marantz		

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Canada Goose—Nesting records included a pair with 5 young at Morgan L. 1 May (TR**), young at EBL in May (DJC), an ad. with young at Redrock 22 May (K. Little *vide* RSS), and a pair with young along the Gila R. at Nichols Canyon, *Grant* 28 Apr (RSS).

Eurasian Wigeon—A ♂ at Holloman L. 26 May (BRZ**) was the latest ever for the state.

“Mexican” Duck—Up to 12 were engaged in courtship at Columbus 28 May (SOW).

Greater Scaup—Late and west was a ♂ at Zuni’s Nutria L. 26-27 Apr (JAT).

Long-tailed Duck—One wintering at Bosque NWR was last seen 19 Mar (C. K. Lee**).

Hooded Merganser—Late were a ♀ at Bluewater L., *Cibola* 28 Apr (JAT) and a ♂ at RGNC 3 May (CJW).

[Chukar]—One was at Bernardo 9 Apr (LFN); there are no known self-sustaining populations in New Mexico.

Dusky Grouse—Five or more entertained many on the NMOS field trip to the Pajarito Ski Area near Los Alamos 26 Apr (DJK+). South of expected was an apparent one along the Tadpole Ridge trail in the Pinos Altos Mts. 26 Apr (JLDo*).

Lesser Prairie-Chicken—Reports included several heard south of Broadview, *Curry* 9 May (JEP, MJB), birds at four lek sites near Milnesand 18-19 Apr (CMR), and 39 counted at a lek near the Waldrop Rest Area 12 Apr (WHH).

Horned Grebe—One was west to Lordsburg 20-26 Mar (LKM*, SW*).

***Aechmophorus* grebes**—Some 300 were nesting at EBL’s North Monticello Point 8 May and later (DJC). Six **Western** nests and one **Clark’s** were being incubated at Stone L., *Rio Arriba* 9 May (DWS).

Brown Pelican—A busy season found one at Morgan L. from 21 May into the summer (TR**), one downed by a snowstorm in *Sandoval* near Cuba 11 Apr (C. Henderson*), and at least 4 at Brantley L. 11 May (LKM*, JEP*).

Neotropic Cormorant—One was north to Morgan L. 21 May and later (TR**) and one was west to Lordsburg 8 May (CMR*); noteworthy for the Pecos Valley were 2 ads. at Brantley L. 7 May (RHD*).

Anhinga—A ♂ was sunning at Holloman L. 1 Apr (C. Fredricks*); there are but five previous credible records for New Mexico.

American Bittern—Detected at BLNWR 25 Mar-24 Apr, with a high count of 6 on 8 Apr (JIS+).

Least Bittern—Vocal in May, with at least 2 at Bosque Redondo 3-23 May (JEP, JMB, DJK), 3 at Bosque NWR 31 May (BRZ), and singles at Six Mile Dam 4 May (BRF), 10 May (JEP), and 25-28 May (SW).

Great Blue Heron—Breeding reports included 7 active nests at Morgan L. in May (TR**), 5 nests on the Canadian R. below Ute Dam, *Quay* 30 May (DWS), and 4 nests at Quates Marsh south of San Marcial 5 May (RHD).

Great Egret—Beyond usual range were 2 at Morgan L. 26 Apr (TR) and singles at Clovis and Tatum 8 May (JEP, JRO, WFWi). Impressive were 55 nests at Quates Marsh near San Marcial 5 May (RHD), where there were only 4 **Snowy Egret** nests.

Tricolored Heron—One at BLNWR 1-2 May (JEP*, JRO**) provided the lone report.

Cattle Egret—Early were 3 at Bosque NWR 20 Mar (SW) and one at Belen 22 Mar (JEP); lingering in the west were 3 at Columbus 28 May (SOW).

Black-crowned Night-Heron—Noteworthy for the plains was one at NRT 3-4 May (NDP, JRO); 32 nests were in the Quates Marsh colony near San Marcial 5 May (RHD).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron—An ad. was at Six Mile Dam 4 May (BRF*).

Glossy Ibis—An increasingly regular spring migrant, with single ads. at Zuni 26 Apr (JAT), Socorro 21 Apr (JRO**), Fort Sumner 8 May (JEP*, MJB*), and BLNWR 12-14 Apr (WHH**, JMB*) and 2-16 May (JRO**, MOH). Up to 2 ads. were at Bosque NWR 16-21 Apr (JRO**, JEP*) and at least one ad. was at L. Avalon 27 Apr (SW*).

White-faced Ibis—Early or overwintering were 25 at BLNWR 14 Mar (JEP) and one at Belen 22 Mar (JEP).

Turkey Vulture—Earliest reports were singles at Carlsbad 2 Mar (SW), EBL Dam 3 Mar (DJC), and near Oscura, *Lincoln* 7 Mar (CMR).

Osprey—Eighteen pairs were in n. *Rio Arriba*, where at least 16 had nests in May (DWS), a nest was documented below Navajo Dam Mar-May (DWS, TR**), and two nests were in *McKinley*, including a newly discovered one at McGaffey L. (DWS).

White-tailed Kite—Reports from *Hidalgo*, *Grant*, *Luna*, and *Doña Ana*, with 2 in the middle Animas Valley 9 May (AMC), one in *Hidalgo* 9.5 mi south of Hachita 30 May (SOW*), singles in *Grant* 5 mi north of Hachita 13 Mar (LFN*) and 5 mi east of Hachita 17 May (J. Groves), a pair copulating east of Hermanas 19 Mar (HAW, CLH), where one or more were seen on multiple dates through Apr (HAW, M. M. Rogers), and one at Mesilla Valley SP 3 & 16 May (C. J. Goin).

Mississippi Kite—One was far north to Aztec 13 May (S. Landon**) and 3 were west to Cliff 26 May (*fide* RSS); on the Pecos R., 3 were north to Santa Rosa 8 May (JN-M). Seven at Alameda 30 May (JPJ**) was a large number for that area; others of note were one at Isleta 14 May (DLH), 13 at Texico 30 May (DLH), and 10 at Elida 2 May (JEP).

Bald Eagle—Four nests were active in n. New Mexico, 2 each in *Rio Arriba* and *Colfax* (DWS). Late was a subad. at L. Isabel, *San Miguel* 20 May (WFWe).

Northern Harrier—A pair was courting at B.L.N.W.R. 2 May (JRO). Late or summering singles were at Santo Domingo 21 May (LAS), the Animas Valley 9 May (AMC), and west of Columbus 28 May (SOW).

Sharp-shinned Hawk—Late for the east was one at Tatum 8 May (JEP).

Common Black-Hawk—Migrants in non-breeding areas were one at Lordsburg 26 Mar (SW) and singles at two Animas Valley sites 27 Mar (B. Carlson) and 10 Apr (MJB, NDP). One to 2 were north to two Pecos R. sites at and near Santa Rosa Apr-May (CMR, WFWi, JEP, JN-M), and one was east to Trigg Ranch, e. *San Miguel* 10 Apr (MDM).

Harris's Hawk—One was in the middle Animas Valley 9 May (AMC).

Broad-winged Hawk—Migrants in the east included singles at Santa Rosa 13 May (JEP), Ned Houk Park n. of Clovis 26 Apr (MOH, CMR), and in *Curry* sw. of Clovis 20 Apr (J. Lofton**), 2 at Boone's Draw 3 May (CJW*, MOH), and single imms. at Rattlesnake Springs 25 Apr (JEP*) & 4 May (BRF). West of the RGV was one in Water Canyon 2 May (CMB*, NEH*, CMR).

Gray Hawk—A pair returned to the Black R. area, s. *Eddy* by 22 Mar (CMB*), where nest-building was observed 28 Mar (CJW**); an imm., perhaps from the 2008 nest, was also in the area 27 May (JRO**). In Guadalupe Canyon, single ads. were noted 11 Apr (JEP) & 17 Apr (DJC**), and two pairs were there 8-9 May (SOW*, NM-C, CMR). Remarkable if accurate was one seen over the prairie 80 km north of Roswell 25 Apr (D. M. Bruce*, M. Bruce); details included “solid gray body, banded tail, wing shape different from Broad-winged.”

Zone-tailed Hawk—Again widely reported, including in the Capitan, Black, Pinos Altos, Burro, Peloncillo, and Animas mts. as well as the Pecos, Rio Grande, San Francisco, Gila, Animas, and Playas valleys. Noteworthy was a pair in the Capitan Mts. near Arabela 15 Apr (JMB*) and one roosting with Turkey Vultures at Playas 1-6 Apr (WPC).

Ferruginous Hawk—Active nests were two near Encino 19 Apr-21 May (JRO), and singles south of Datil 30 May (BRZ**), near Sumner L. 20 May (JPB**), and near Elida 22 Apr (CMR). Noteworthy for the late date was one bird at L. Avalon 9 May (SW).

Golden Eagle—Aerial surveys in the northeast in Mar found nest attempts considerably reduced, and the number of fledglings counted 30-31 May was only half of recent annual averages (DWS); reduced prey owing to drought may be involved.

Plomado Falcon—An unbanded ad. south of Deming Mar-Apr (m.ob., J. F. Green**, J. R. Arnold**) was believed by some to be a wild bird, but owing to massive releases since 2006 (the progeny of which are not banded), its true provenance is not known; a banded subad. was south of Deming 20 Mar-28 Apr (HAW**, CLH).

Clapper Rail—One detected at Bosque NWR 10 May (C. West) was relocated, photographed, and audio-recorded by many 11-12 May (JEP*, MJB*, JRO**, CJW**),

NEH**, JPB**, NDP**); analysis of documentation, including by rail experts at L.S.U. (J. Maley et al.), determined it to be typical of Gulf Coast Clapper Rails.

Sandhill Crane—Late was one or more heard at Luis Lopez 16-18 Apr (JRO).

Black-bellied Plover—One was at Holloman L. 26 May (BRZ**, MTS*, JEZ**).

American Golden-Plover—A strong season found at least one at BLNWR 28 Mar-2 May (m.ob., JPB**) and 2 there 11 & 14 Apr (WHH**, JMB), plus singles at Brantley L. 28-29 Mar (CJW**, RLV, CMR, JPB**) and Bosque NWR 2-3 May (CMB*, NEH*, CMR, MJB*, NDP).

Snowy Plover—One to 2 were north to Morgan L. 14-23 May (TR**); one was west to Lordsburg Playa 10 May (NDP).

Semipalmated Plover—High count was 16 at Bosque NWR 2 May (CMR).

Mountain Plover—Two were among prairie dogs east of Roswell 29 Mar (RCH).

Black-necked Stilt—West were one at Zuni's Nutria L. 21 Apr (WFWi) and 2 at Acomita L., *Cibola* 29 May (WFWi).

Spotted Sandpiper—One was at NRT 8 May (LAS), the 2nd spring for the species there.

Solitary Sandpiper—Earliest was one at Luis Lopez 9 Apr (JRO).

Willet—High counts included 131 at Lordsburg Playa 3 May (MTS, JEZ), about 80 at Holloman L. 23-27 Apr (DJG, JRO), 38 at L. Avalon 27 Apr (SW), 35 at Mangas Springs 6 May (*fide* RSS), 34 at Alameda 5 May (MOH), and 18 at El Vado L. 9 May (WHH).

Whimbrel—An impressive season found a high 10 at Brantley L. 5 May (WFWi) & 10 May (JEP*) and up to 2 at Bosque NWR 30 Apr-17 May (m.ob., m.ph.) plus singles at Zuni 26 Apr (JAT), and L. Avalon 27 Apr (SW).

Long-billed Curlew—Some 580 were counted in a field near Dexter 28 Mar (CJW, RLV, CMR). Late but in suitable breeding habitat were 2 near Encino and 24 near Hobbs 31 May (DLH).

Ruddy Turnstone—Two bright ads. were at Sumner L. 6 May (B. Long**).

Red Knot—One in breeding plumage lingered at Holloman L. 23 Apr (DJG**) through 13 May (MTS*, JEZ**, JRO**, MJB**).

Semipalmated Sandpiper—Rare in w. New Mexico, up to 3 were at Morgan L. 14 May (TR**); others with details west of the plains were singles at Bosque NWR 10 May (MOH*) and Holloman L. 26 May (BRZ, MTS*, JEZ*).

Western Sandpiper—Earliest credible report was of 2 at Bosque NWR 5 Apr (DLH); undetailed “flocks” at Bosque NWR and BLNWR in Mar require verification.

White-rumped Sandpiper—Earliest were 2 at BLNWR 15 May (DJK). The species continued in evidence in e. New Mexico through 31 May, including singles at Ruby Ranch, *San Miguel* 19 May (WFWe) and Portales 22-23 May (JEP, JRO), 9 at Clovis 21 May (JPB**), and a high 29 at Brantley L. 23 May (CJW, JPB) where up to 19 were still present 28 May (RHD, MOH).

Pectoral Sandpiper—Scarce in spring, one was near Socorro 5 Apr (JWS**).

Dunlin—Very late was one in breeding plumage at Holloman L. 26 May (BRZ**, MTS*, JEZ**). One found at Morgan L. 14 Feb was last seen 7 Mar (TR**). One was at Bosque NWR 14 Mar (DLH).

Short-billed Dowitcher—Casual in spring, one was at Las Palomas 29 May (DJC**).

Long-billed Dowitcher—A high 556 were at Bosque NWR 12 Apr (DLH).

Wilson's Snipe—Singing/winnowing birds in *Rio Arriba* were 5 south of Chama and 3 near Heron L. 9 May (WHH).

Red-necked Phalarope—Late was a female at BLNWR 25 May (JEP) and 3 at Holloman L. 26 May (BRZ).

Ring-billed Gull—Far from water, one was with cattle at an Encino corral 29 Mar (JPB).

Thayer's Gull—A “first summer” one was reported at Brantley L. 4 May (BRF).

Lesser Black-backed Gull—A subad. was at Brantley L. 3 May (MOH**, RLV, BRF), a notably late date for the species in the state.

Glaucous Gull—The imm. found at Brantley L. in Feb was still there 14 Mar (JEP*).

Least Tern—Away from the lower Pecos Valley were an early one at EBL 3 Apr (LKM*), one at Morgan L. 14-31 May and 2 there 26 May (TR**), one at Española 24 May (JPB**), one at Ned Houk Park 12 May (JEP), and 2 at Holloman L. 13 May (MJB**).

Caspian Tern—An ad. at Morgan L. 9 Apr (TR**) furnished the lone report.

Black Tern—Widespread after 4 May, including singles at Otto, *Santa Fe* 23 May (JPB), Tinnie, *Lincoln* 16 May (SW) and Deming 26 May (LKM); high counts were 68 at BLNWR 15 May (JEP) and 100 at Brantley L. 25 May (SW).

Band-tailed Pigeon—Early or wintering were 15 at Hughes Mill CG, San Mateo Mts. 16 Mar (SOW) and 2 in the Sandia Mts. in the Doc Long area 22 Mar (DJK); local firsts were singles at Luis Lopez 27 May (JRO**) and Spring Canyon SP 9 May (LKM).

White-winged Dove—North were 2 at Cedar Hill 1 May (TR) and one near Watrous 22 Apr (MDM).

Common Ground-Dove—In evidence across the south, with singles at Redrock 29 May (BRZ), middle Animas Valley 9 May (REW), Percha SP 4 May (DJG), Rattlesnake
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Springs 9 May (SW), and Eunice through 12 Apr (PWM), plus 3 at Rodeo 24 May (REW).

Ruddy Ground-Dove—A male was at Percha SP 28 Mar (RCH, MC**, NEH**).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo—Earliest were singles at Waldrop Rest Area 9 May (R. Larsen*) and NRT 11 May (MOH); noteworthy was a vocal one at Galisteo 30 May (JPB**).

Barn Owl—Active nests were at Brown's Playa, *Roosevelt* 19 Apr (CMR*) and the middle Animas Valley 12 Apr (WPC**).

Long-eared Owl—A nest near Hermanas had 3 nestlings 19 Apr (HAW).

Lesser Nighthawk—A silent one was reported north to NRT 26 Apr (MOH, CMR*); also north was an undetailed one at Ramon 15 May (SW).

Common Nighthawk—Earliest was one at Whites City 22 Apr (SW); otherwise, not reported until 1 May or later.

Common Poorwill—One was vocal in Juan Tabo Canyon, Sandia Mts. 18 Mar (RLV).

Whip-poor-will—Surprising for the east was one seen and heard calling (not singing) while fluttering in headlights near Lingo, *Roosevelt* 17 Apr (LAS*).

Chimney Swift—Earliest were 3 at Clovis 28 Apr (JMB); May brought reports of singles at Melrose, *Curry* (DLH) and Rattlesnake Springs (SW), 2 at Clayton (CMR) and Roswell (JEP), and 3 at Carlsbad (SW).

Broad-billed Hummingbird—Away from the Peloncillo Mts., a ♂ that wintered near Radium Springs was last seen 7 Apr (MTS, JEZ); another ♂ was at Elephant Butte 18 Apr (WFWi).

[**Amethyst-throated Hummingbird**—One thought possibly to be a ♂ of this Mexican species was seen under unusual circumstances (lying in grass after hitting window, then flying off) near LVNWR 12 May (L. Weigant*); details are suggestive but not conclusive; there are no accepted U.S. records.]

Magnificent Hummingbird—Singles noted at Signal Peak 21 May (LKM), Silver City 29 Apr (*fide* RSS), P. O. Canyon 24 Apr (*fide* CDL) and the Animas Mts. 9 May (AMC).

Lucifer Hummingbird—First ♂ reached P.O. Canyon 21 Mar, where numbers peaked at 28 birds (25 ♂♂ and 3 ♀♀) 15 Apr (CDL).

Anna's Hummingbird—Singles were in P.O. Canyon 11 Apr & 20 May (CDL).

Costa's Hummingbird—A ♀ was in Guadalupe Canyon 16 Apr (DJC) and 2 ad. ♂♂ were at the same site 17 Apr (DJC**). Another ad. ♂ was at Las Cruces 26 Mar (DJG*, MTS*, JEZ**).

Calliope Hummingbird—Single ♀♀ were at Albuquerque 3 May (CMR*) and Socorro 2 May (CMR*) and a male was near Radium Springs 2 Apr (MTS, JEZ); as records continue to accumulate, it appears this species may now be expected in spring.

Rufous Hummingbird—Another species now apparently regular in spring, this season brought a ♂ to Carlsbad 29 Mar (SW), a ♂ to Radium Springs 5-6 Apr and a ♀ there 9-10 Apr (MTS, JEZ), and 3 ♂♂ to L. Roberts 12 Apr (*fide* DJB); in P.O. Canyon, a ♂ arrived 21 Mar, 3 ♂♂ were there 24 Mar, 4 ♀♀ on 4 Apr, and the last ♀ was seen 22 Apr (CDL).

Elegant Trogon—Providing a new Peloncillo Mts. locale, a vocal ♂ was in upper Owl Canyon 9 May (CDL).

Red-headed Woodpecker—Noteworthy for the Gallinas Mts. near Corona, one was interacting with Acorn Woodpeckers at Red Cloud CG 19 May (*fide* HRS).

Williamson's Sapsucker—Unusual on the plains in spring, a ♀ was at Ramon 3 May (JEP). Late and low in elevation was one at Clanton Cienega 9 May (REW).

Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet—One was vocal in Guadalupe Canyon 14 Mar (CAM**), where a pair was nest-building and two additional individuals were present 9 May (SOW**, NM-C, CMR). One singing at a water pool in the middle Animas Valley 9 May (REW) provided a new locality.

Greater Pewee—One on the east slope of the Black Range at Poverty Creek, *Sierra* 30 May (DJC**) furnished a new locale. One was in the Animas Mts. 9 May (NDP).

Least Flycatcher—Rare but regular in spring in the east, singles with details were at Sumner Dam 16 May (DJK*), Ramon 15 May (SW*), NRT 8-9 May (JEP*, MJB, JRO) & 13-14 May (JEP), and Boone's Draw 9 May (DJK*).

Gray Flycatcher—One likely breeding was on N. Oscura Peak, *Socorro* 22 Apr (CJW).

Dusky Flycatcher—One was at Percha SP 26 Mar (CJW), where at least one wintered. Four apparently territorial ♂♂ were singing along the river at Chama 9 May (WHH).

Buff-breasted Flycatcher—Nested in the Animas Mts. for the 2nd consecutive year, with a pair at a nest at Aspen Spring 8 May (NDP**) and singles in Indian Creek Canyon 8 May (NDP**) and on Cistern Saddle 9 May (NDP**).

Black Phoebe—Now regular across the northern tier of counties, this season found 2 along the Chama R. near Heron L. 9 May (WHH) and others at Taos 15 May (HAW).

Eastern Phoebe—Singles lingered in the lower RGV until 6 Apr at EBL (DJC**) and 15 May at Las Palomas (DJC). Among 5 at Trigg Ranch, e. *San Miguel* 8-9 May was a nest-building pair (MDM).

Vermilion Flycatcher—A nest at Percha SP fledged young by 11 May (DJC).

Dusky-capped Flycatcher—Two pairs were on the Ladder Ranch along Las Animas Cr. 9 May, where regular (WFWe, MLW). At least one returned Cherry Creek CG, Pinos Altos Mts. 28 May (BRZ**). First detected in the n. Peloncillo Mts. only in 2008, this

season the species arrived 7 Apr and was eventually found in P. O. Canyon, Skull Canyon, Lee's Canyon, and on Black Mt. (CDL).

Great Crested Flycatcher—Casual in spring, one was vocal at NRT 19 May (DJK*).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher—Conspicuous west to US 285 north of Roswell, including at least one at Ramon 4 May (WFWi) & 25-31 May (DLH) and a pair at the Mesa Rest Area 18 May (JRO). Another pair was 52 km by road sw. of Fort Sumner 18 May (JRO).

White-eyed Vireo—Yet another strong showing, with one at NRT 27-28 Apr (JMB) and up to 2 there 16-22 May (m.ob., JEZ**, NEH**, JRO**, JPB**) and singles at Boone's Draw 1 May (MOH**), Socorro 4 May (JRO*) & 12 May (NDP), and Bosque NWR 13 May (RLV*).

Bell's Vireo—Two were singing in Guadalupe Canyon by 14 Mar (CAM). Pushing north were singles at Sumner Dam 3-18 May (JEP, JRO, NDP, DJK), NRT 3 May (NDP) & 19 May (DJK), and BLNWR 24 Apr (JEP); another was e. to Eunice 9 May (PWM).

Black-capped Vireo—A male singing in Slaughter Canyon, CCNP 20 May (JCL*) was relocated 23 May (CJW**) where it continued to be found singing through the period (m.ob., m.ph.), providing the 2nd verified and 3rd overall New Mexico record.

Gray Vireo—Surveys continued to locate impressive numbers at new locales, e.g., in the San Andres Mts., where work through 31 May found 83 individuals in 62 territories in eight canyons (D. Burkett et al.). Noteworthy elsewhere were singles near Encinal, Cibola 23 May (CMR), in the s. Manzano Mts. in Priest Canyon, e. Valencia 31 May (CMR), and on the outskirts of Socorro 9 May (JWS**), 2 in Piñon Canyon, Los Pinos Mts. in May (J. Erz), and 10 in Slaughter Canyon 23 May (SW).

Yellow-throated Vireo—Made a strong showing, with singles at Cerrillos 2 May (JPB**), Boone's Draw 2 May (m.ob., JRO**), and Carrizozo 3 May (JRO**, MJB, NDP); one was at Rattlesnake Springs 23-25 May (CJW**, JPB**, SW, DLH*, JEP*) and 2 or more were there 28 May (JRO**).

Red-eyed Vireo—One was west to Gila 2 May (LKM*); farther east, singles were at Las Palomas 9 May (JPB), and NRT 24 Apr (SW) & 2-3 May (JEP*, JRO, MJB, NDP), and 2 were at Trigg Ranch 9 May (MDM).

Blue Jay—Noteworthy for *Harding* was one near Yates 16 May (CMR).

Purple Martin—Two ♂♂ were east to Clovis 28 Apr (JMB*). A pair was at Datil 30 May (BRZ) and others arrived in the Datil Mts. 23 Apr (MJH).

Violet-green Swallow—Late for the east were 3 at Sumner Dam 16 May (JEP) and one at Brantley L. 25 May (JEP).

Cave Swallow—Some 63 were at three *Doña Ana* sites 9 May (JNP, MTS, JEZ).

Mexican Chickadee—Two were on Cistern Saddle, Animas Mts. 9 May (NDP**), the first reported there since the 2006 fire.

Cactus Wren—One to 2 birds, a fresh nest, and three old nests near Cabezon Peak 16 May (WHH**) extended the breeding range about 80 km to the northwest. Also north of usual were 3 or more southwest of Duran, *Torrance* 25 May (JRO).

Canyon Wren—Going for the soft life, a pair was nesting in a mattress at White Creek Cabin, *Catron* in May (C. L. Wolf**).

Carolina Wren—One was singing in the Luis Lopez bosque 8 Apr (JRO).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher—A ♂ was singing in Guadalupe Canyon 14 Mar (CAM).

Black-tailed Gnatcatcher—A pair was in Guadalupe Canyon 14 Mar (CAM).

Black-capped Gnatcatcher—Continued in residence in New Mexico's Guadalupe Canyon, with a pair at a down-canyon locale 14 Mar (CAM**), 16 Mar (CGL), and 9 May (CMR, NM-C, SOW), and another pair farther up canyon 5 Mar (DJC**) & 16 Apr (DJC**).

Eastern Bluebird—A pair was nesting in a large willow at Playas 5 Apr (WPC), where photographs taken 10 Apr (J. R. Morgan**, SOW*, WPC) indicated the birds were of the nominate subspecies *S. s. sialis* (now established as a breeder in the RGV from *Santa Fe* south to *Doña Ana*); the nest site is in view of the Chiricahua Mts. in Arizona, where the southwestern subspecies *S. s. fulva* is the local breeder.

Veery—Rarely encountered in migration in New Mexico, one was at NRT 19 May (MTS*) & 23 May (JEP*, JRO**).

Gray-cheeked Thrush—A possible one was seen briefly at Ramon 15 May (SW*).

Wood Thrush—One was at Boone's Draw 1-2 May (MOH**, JEP*, JRO**, CJW*, MJB*).

Varied Thrush—A ♀ was in Cienega Canyon, Sandia Mts. 8 Mar (CMB*, JEP*) and a ♂ was in Water Canyon ca. 5 km above the campground 2 May (NEH*, CMB* et al.).

Brown Thrasher—Lingered in the lower RGV, with singles in Selden Canyon 28 Apr (HAW) and Mesilla Valley SP 9 May (JLDo*). A high 5 were at Rattlesnake Springs 28 Mar (CJW, RLV, CMR) and singles were at Ned Houk Park 12 May (JEP), NRT 10 & 19 May (m.ob.), and Boone's Draw 1 May (MOH).

Bendire's Thrasher—Noteworthy was one near Zuni's Tekapo 27 Apr (JAT).

Curve-billed Thrasher—One was north to Aztec 10 May (TR).

Crissal Thrasher—One was east to BLNWR, where it was banded 14 May (JIS).

American Pipit—Late for the east were singles at the Mesa Rest Area (DLH) and BLNWR (JEP) 25 May.

Cedar Waxwing—An active nest was below Navajo Dam at Simon Point from 23 May into Jun (TR). Five were lingering in the Corrales bosque 17 May (DJK).

Olive Warbler—A singing ♂ was north to Slaughter Mesa near Quemado L. 20 Mar (*fide* DJB).

Blue-winged Warbler—Making brief visits were single ♂♂ at NRT 1 May (JEP*, MOH**) and Bosque NWR 30 Apr (CMB*, NEH*).

Golden-winged Warbler—A ♂ was at the Pecos R. bridge in Santa Rosa 26 Apr (JRO**, MOH**, CMR*).

Tennessee Warbler—Singles were identified at Cedar Crest 4 May (JDL) and NRT 9 May (DJK*).

Orange-crowned Warbler—Likely wintering birds were singles at Bosque NWR 14 Mar (CMR), Guadalupe Canyon 14 Mar (JLDu), and Eunice 13 Mar (JEP).

Virginia's Warbler—Noteworthy east to *Curry* was one at Clovis 26 Apr (CMR).

Northern Parula—Early was a ♂ in Selden Canyon 13 Mar (MTS). A good season brought one to 2 to 11 locales from the RGV eastward 26 Apr-25 May: Albuquerque (NDP**, CJW, JEP), Luis Lopez (MOH), Percha SP (NEH), Selden Canyon (DJG), Cedar Crest (JDL), Santa Rosa (MOH, CMR), Sumner Dam (JEP), Fort Sumner (JPB), NRT (m.ob., JRO**), Boone's Draw (NEH), and Eunice (PWM**). Farther west, singles were in the Datil Mts. 24-29 Apr (MJH**), Kingston 9 May (DJC**), and near Cliff 26 May (RSS).

Chestnut-sided Warbler—A ♂ was at the Anton Chico Rest Area, w. *Guadalupe* 7 May (CMB, NEH**).

Magnolia Warbler—One to 2 were at NRT on multiple dates 9-23 May, and at least 3 and probably 4 birds were involved over that period, including a ♂ and bright ♀ on 9 May (JEP*, MJB*, DJK*, JRO**), a bright ♀ on various dates 10-14 May (JEP*, JRO, MOH**, LKM*), 2 ♀♀ on 17 May (DLH), and a dull ♀ 22-23 May (JEP*, JRO**, JPB**).

Black-throated Blue Warbler—Single ♂♂ were at Sumner Dam 17 May (WFWi) and Rattlesnake Springs 11 May (LKM*).

Black-throated Gray Warbler—Singles in P.O. Canyon 4 Mar (CDL) and Guadalupe Canyon 14 Mar (CAM, JLDu) probably wintered locally.

Hermit Warbler—Reports were one in the GBA 2 May (RSS*), one in Clanton Canyon 25 Apr (C. Crowley, V. Dern), 4 in the Animas Valley 9 May (*fide* AMC), and 2 in the Animas Mts. 8-9 May (NDP).

Blackburnian Warbler—An impressive season found a ♂ at Cedar Crest 28-30 Apr (JDL**, SL), a ♂ at BLNWR 15 May (DJK*), and an apparent ♀ at NRT 19 May (m.ob., JRO**, CJW**, NEH**, DJK**, JEZ**).

Prairie Warbler—One at the Mesa Rest Area 2 May (CJW*, JEP*, JRO**, MJB**, NDP*, MOH**) provided a *Chaves* first and about the 13th credible state record.

Palm Warbler—The yellow (eastern) one that wintered at Percha SP continued there until 12 Apr (m.ob., CJW**, NEH**, JRO**, MOH**). Single western ♂♂ were at Tyrone 28 Apr (JCL) and Socorro 13 May (RLV).

Blackpoll Warbler—Singles were at Socorro 5-9 May (JRO**, CJW*, DLH*, JWS**) and NRT 13-14 May (JMB*, JEP*, JRO**).

Black-and-white Warbler—One to 2 were at 11 locales in eight counties from the RGV eastward 25 Apr-25 May, including one to 2 at Santa Rosa 26-27 Apr (MOH, CMR, JRO**, WFWi), perhaps the first for *Guadalupe*.

American Redstart—An ad. ♂ was west to the R. Puerco near Cabezon 16 May (WHH**); one to 3 were at eight sites from the RGV eastward 1-24 May, including on 9 days at NRT (m.ob.).

Prothonotary Warbler—One was on the Williamson Ranch near Milnesand 28 Apr (W. Kuehn) and another was at NRT 29-30 May (JEP*, WFWi, DLH*).

Worm-eating Warbler—A record season brought one west to The Catwalk near Glenwood 15 May (D. A. Muschalek**), apparently a first for *Catron*. Other singles were at Cerrillos 2 May (JPB**), Socorro 3 May (GKF) & 9-10 May (RHD**, JRO**), EBL 14 Apr (DJC**), and BLNWR 2 May (CJW* et al., JRO**).

Louisiana Waterthrush—A late date for New Mexico, one was along Las Animas Creek, Ladder Ranch 12 May (A. Fenner, WFWe, NEH**); there are fewer than 20 credible reports for the state.

Kentucky Warbler—A strong season produced singles at five locales: Sumner Dam 2-3 May (MJB*, NDP*, JEP*, JRO**, JPB**), NRT 9 May (DJK*, JEP*) and another there 29 May (JRO**), Socorro 7-9 May (NDP*, CJW**, DLH*, JWS**), Water Canyon 2 May (CMR*), and Silver City 15-16 May (*vide* RSS); there are now about 70 state records.

Mourning Warbler—A ♂ at RGNC 12 May (CMR*) could not be relocated.

Hooded Warbler—Regular in spring in New Mexico, this season produced reports from 10 counties 15 Apr-31 May. Local firsts were singles in the Datil Mts. 12-13 May (MJH**), R. Puerco near Cabezon 16 May (WHH**), Santa Fe Canyon 31 May (JPB**), and Eunice 30 Apr (PWM**).

Red-faced Warbler—A surprise in the RGV was one at Percha SP 14 May (MJB**).

Painted Redstart—Overshooting individuals were conspicuous at lowland sites north and east of expected, including one far east to NRT 17-19 Apr (MLW**, CMR, DLH, JRO**); others were singles at Socorro 12-19 Apr (J. Bair, JRO**, NEH**), San Antonio 9 Apr (*vide* WHH), EBL 24 Mar (DJC**), Las Palomas 12 Apr (MOH**, RLV), and Selden Canyon 9 May (MTS).

Fan-tailed Warbler—Unexpected on the high plains, one at NRT 18-19 May (GKF**, m.ob., m.ph.) provided a long-awaited state first; 11 observers submitted photos, and an additional 5 observers provided details.

Hepatic Tanager—Noteworthy for the n. Sandia Mts., one was singing at Tunnel Spring near Placitas 31 May (JEP).

Scarlet Tanager—A strong season produced a ♂ at Cedar Crest 4 May (JDL**, SL) and, at NRT, a ♀ on 1 May (MOH), a ♂ on 9 May (JRO*, DJK*), and another ♀ on 19 May (DLH*, WHH*, SOW*).

Abert's Towhee—On the lower Gila R., 10 were at Redrock 9 & 16 Apr (RSS), 6 plus a nest with eggs were at Nichol's Canyon 31 Mar, and 2 were at Virden 27 Mar (JEP); farther upstream, only 2 were found near Cliff 18-29 May (TSS).

Chipping Sparrow—In the Corrales bosque, 8 ♂♂ were singing by 30 Apr, and a pair was nest-building 3 May (DJK).

Clay-colored Sparrow—One was west to Zuni's Tekapo 26 Apr (JAT).

Field Sparrow—One was west to Line Tank near Alamo Mt., *Otero* 21 Mar (SW); other singles were at BLNWR 28 Mar (CJW, RLV), Eunice 24-26 Apr (PWM**), and a late one at Boone's Draw 9 May (JEP*, JRO).

Black-chinned Sparrow—A local first was one singing nw. of Datil in the Datil Mts. 25 May, still present in Jun (MJH).

Baird's Sparrow—One near Hermanas 14 Mar (CGL**) provided the lone report.

Fox Sparrow—Single red ones were at Corrales 5 Apr (DJK) and Cienega Canyon, Sandia Mts. 8 Mar (JEP).

Song Sparrow—In the Zuni Mts., one was at a beaver pond along Bluewater Creek 22 May (HRS).

Swamp Sparrow—West and late was one south to Guadalupe Canyon 9 May (CMR*, NM-C, SOW); another was singing at Zuni's Blackrock Dam 12 May (JAT).

Harris's Sparrow—One at Farmington in Mar was last seen 2 May (TR**); one that wintered at Eunice was last seen 24 Apr (PWM**).

Golden-crowned Sparrow—An ad. was at La Cieneguilla 25 Apr (JPB*).

Yellow-eyed Junco—One was on Jack's Peak, Burro Mts. 27 Mar (JEP); an encouraging 9 were on Cistern Saddle, Animas Mts. 9 May (NDP).

Chestnut-collared Longspur—One was late at Brantley L. 24 Apr (JEP).

Northern Cardinal—A ♂ Cardinal and a ♂ **Pyrrhuloxia** were singing at a tank in the Little Hatchet Mts., *Hidalgo* 29 May (SOW); both species were historically absent from that range. Other noteworthy Cardinals were one at Santa Rosa 26 Apr (JRO, CMR) & 8

May (DJK, JMR) and one in the Burro Mts. 29 May (BRZ). Ten Pyrrhuloxias were on the Hatchet Gap BBS, *Grant/Hidalgo* 30 May (SOW).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak—Inundated the state 24 Apr-29 May, with often multiple reports from some three dozen sites in 19 counties, including west to *McKinley*, *Cibola*, *Grant*, and *Hidalgo*; remarkably early was an imm. ♂ at the Waldrop Rest Area 28-29 Mar (RCH, MC**).

Lazuli Bunting—Early was a ♂ at Silver City 30 Mar (E. Halbedel *fide* DJB). Both Lazuli and **Indigo Buntings** were widespread and numerous from late Apr through May.

Varied Bunting—Four were in Guadalupe Canyon 9 May (CMR, NM-C, SOW) and at least 2 were in Slaughter Canyon, CCNP 23-29 May (m.ob.).

Painted Bunting—A ♂ was north to Los Alamos 4-5 May (J. K. Pyle*).

Dickcissel—Singles were at Oasis SP 9 May (DJK) and NRT 15 May (DJK).

Bobolink—Noteworthy migrants were single ♂♂ at Ramah 11 May (JAT), La Cieneguilla 7 May (JPB*), Manzano 10 May (CJW** et al.), Santa Rosa's Power Dam Park 8 May (DJK*), and NRT 14 May (JEP*, JRO**).

Common Grackle—Two were west to the Datil Mts. 4-10 May (MJH).

Bronzed Cowbird—Found at multiple locales in 11 counties north to Buckhorn, Albuquerque, Fort Sumner, and Portales from mid-Apr through May.

Hooded Oriole—An ad. ♂ was early at Silver City 19 Mar (C. Adler**); noteworthy for *Torrance* was one near Mountainair 8-10 May (D. Jones**), and another was north to Bosque NWR 24 Apr (DLH).

Bullock's Oriole—A ♀ was early at a Carlsbad nectar feeder 29 Mar (SW).

Baltimore Oriole—Early was a singing ♂ at Radium Springs 22 Mar (MTS* JEZ*); another ♂ was singing at Rattlesnake Springs 25 May (JEP*, WFWi), while undetailed was a ♂ near Cliff 16 May (M. Fugagli *fide* RSS).

Purple Finch—An imm. ♂ was singing at Glorieta, *Santa Fe* 9 Mar (JPB**); an ad. ♂ was singing at the Waldrop Rest Area 28 Mar (RCH*, MC* et al.).

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NMOSFN 20(1):16 (Winter/Spring 1980-81): The report of Least Terns at BLNWR 25 March-29 May 1981 is an error; the observers reported the period as 25 April-29 May. There is no credible March record for Least Tern from New Mexico.

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