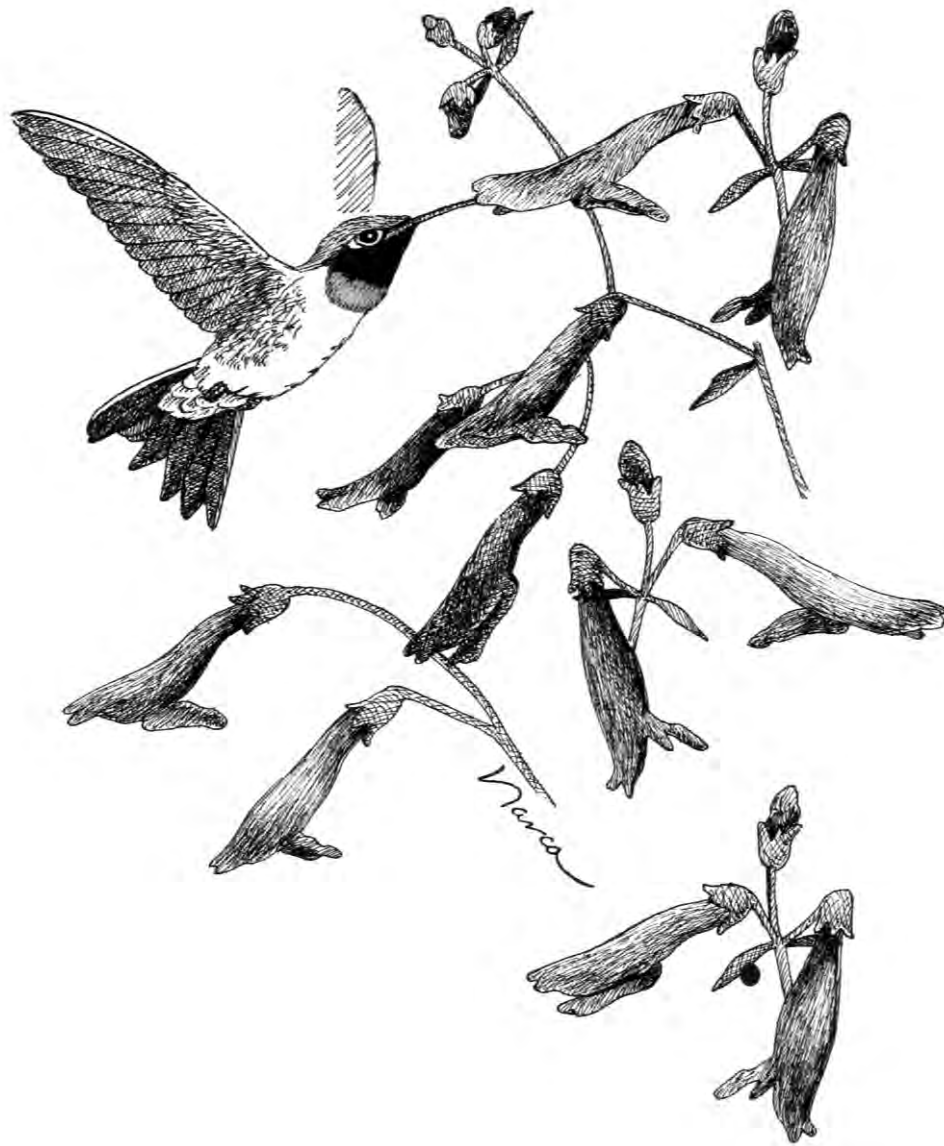


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SPRING SEASON 2010

Spring 2010 began cooler and wetter than usual, and intermittent cold snaps continued into early May, including with freezing temperatures south to the Mexican border. Observers noted that migrants were both late and scarce. Strong and persistent westerly winds in April and May might have been responsible for depositing several unusual species, including two Ruffs, an Elegant Tern, and New Mexico's first Black Turnstone. Other highlights included a spring Swallow-tailed Kite, the state's second Clapper Rail, an adult Sabine's Gull, another singing Black-capped Vireo, and three Yellow-throated Warblers.

Localities and Counties

Abiquiu Lake, <i>Rio Arriba</i>	Guadalupe Canyon, <i>Hidalgo</i>
Alameda, <i>Bernalillo</i>	Guadalupe Mts., <i>Eddy</i>
Albuquerque, <i>Bernalillo</i>	Heron Lake, <i>Rio Arriba</i>
Animas, Mts., Valley, <i>Hidalgo</i>	Hillsboro, <i>Sierra</i>
Apache Creek, <i>Catron</i>	Hobbs, <i>Lea</i>
Belen, <i>Valencia</i>	Kingston, <i>Sierra</i>
Bitter Lake NWR, <i>Chaves</i>	Lake Avalon, <i>Eddy</i>
Black Range, <i>Grant/Sierra</i>	Lake Roberts, <i>Grant</i>
Boone's Draw, <i>Roosevelt</i>	Las Cruces, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Bosque del Apache NWR, <i>Socorro</i>	Las Vegas, NWR, <i>San Miguel</i>
Bosque Redondo, <i>De Baca</i>	Lingo, <i>Roosevelt</i>
Burro Mts., <i>Grant</i>	Lordsburg, Playa, <i>Hidalgo</i>
Caballo Lake, Dam, <i>Sierra</i>	Los Alamos, <i>Los Alamos</i>
Capitan, Mts., <i>Lincoln</i>	Magdalena, Mts., <i>Socorro</i>
Carlsbad Caverns NP, <i>Eddy</i>	Manzano Lake, <i>Torrance</i>
Cedar Crest, <i>Bernalillo</i>	McGaffey Lake, <i>McKinley</i>
Cerrillos, <i>Santa Fe</i>	Mesa Rest Area, <i>Chaves</i>
Chama, <i>Rio Arriba</i>	Milnesand, <i>Roosevelt</i>
Chloride Canyon, <i>Sierra</i>	Morgan Lake, <i>San Juan</i>
Clanton Canyon, Cienega, <i>Hidalgo</i>	Mule Creek, <i>Grant</i>
Clayton, Lake, <i>Union</i>	Navajo Dam, <i>San Juan</i>
Cliff, Cliff-Gila Valley, <i>Grant</i>	Ned Houk Park, <i>Curry</i>
Clovis, <i>Curry</i>	north <i>Roosevelt</i> trap [NRT], <i>Roosevelt</i>
Columbus, <i>Luna</i>	Organ Mts., <i>Doña Ana</i>
Conchas Lake, Dam, <i>San Miguel</i>	Peloncillo Mts., <i>Hidalgo</i>
Corona, <i>Lincoln</i>	Pep, <i>Roosevelt</i>
Corrales, <i>Sandoval</i>	Percha SP, <i>Sierra</i>
Datil, Mts., <i>Catron</i>	Pinos Altos, Mts., <i>Grant</i>
Deming, <i>Luna</i>	Pleasanton, <i>Catron</i>
Elephant Butte, Lake, Dam, <i>Sierra</i>	Playas, Siding, <i>Hidalgo</i>
El Vado Lake, <i>Rio Arriba</i>	Portales, <i>Roosevelt</i>
Encino, <i>Torrance</i>	Post Office [P.O.] Canyon, <i>Hidalgo</i>
Española, <i>Rio Arriba</i>	Quarai, <i>Torrance</i>
Eunice, <i>Lea</i>	Quemado, Lake, <i>Catron</i>
Farmington, <i>San Juan</i>	Radium Springs, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Fort Sumner, <i>De Baca</i>	Ramah, Lake, <i>McKinley</i>
Galisteo, Creek, <i>Santa Fe</i>	Ramon, <i>Lincoln</i>
Gila Hot Springs, <i>Grant</i>	Rattlesnake Springs, <i>Eddy</i>

Rio Grande Nature Center, *Bernalillo*
 Roswell, *Chaves*
 Sandia Crest, *Bernalillo*
 Sandia Mts., *Bernalillo/Sandoval*
 San Simon Cienega, *Hidalgo*
 Santa Fe, Canyon, *Santa Fe*
 Santa Rosa, Lake, *Guadalupe*
 Santa Teresa, *Doña Ana*
 Santo Domingo, *Sandoval*
 Shalem Colony, *Doña Ana*
 Silver City, *Grant*
 Snow Lake, *Catron*
 Socorro, *Socorro*
 Stubblefield Lake, *Colfax*

Sumner Lake, Dam, *De Baca*
 Tatum, *Lea*
 Texico, *Curry*
 Trigg Road, *San Miguel*
 Truth or Consequences, *Sierra*
 Tucumcari, Lake, *Quay*
 Tyrone, *Grant*
 Univ. of New Mexico, *Bernalillo*
 Waldrop Rest Area, *Chaves*
 Water Canyon, *Socorro*
 Watrous, *Mora*
 Williamsburg, *Sierra*
 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

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck—An ad. made a brief stop at Sumner L. 14 May (JEP*, WFWi**, JRO**, MJB**, NDP**); it was not found 15 May or later.

Tundra Swan—One was at BLNWR 17 Mar (JIS**, SW).

“Mexican” Duck—Continued to outnumber Mallards along the s. border; on 8 May, Mexicans outnumbered Mallards 157 to 31 in *Hidalgo* (AMC), 44 to 2 in *Luna* (LKM), and 47 to 18 in *Doña Ana* (MTS).

Canvasback—Noteworthy for *Los Alamos* were 2 at Bandelier NM 29-30 Mar (SMF**).

Greater Scaup—Lingering in the RGV were a ♀ at RGNC 9 Apr (NEH**), a pair at Socorro 5-21 Mar (JWS**, CMB*, NEH*), a ♀ at Bosque NWR 4 Apr (WHH*) & a pair there 11 Apr (JWS**), and a ♀ at Truth or Consequences 4 May (DJC**).

Ruddy Duck—An impressive 265 were at Clovis 27 Apr (WHH).

[**Chukar**]—Two reported at Roswell 8 May (*fide* JIS); no established populations are known in New Mexico.

Wild Turkey—A ♂ “Gould’s” was n. to P.O. Canyon 13 May (CDL).

Montezuma Quail—Unexpected were 6 at San Simon Cienega 8 May (MSM *fide* AMC).

Red-throated Loon—The one wintering at EBL Dam continued 10-28 Mar (DJC**, JEP*, NEH**). A briefly detailed one was at Conchas L. 20 Mar (JRO*).

Common Loon—Late were 2 in near breeding plumage at Heron L. 8 May (WHH**).

Red-necked Grebe—One in breeding plumage at EBL Dam 23-30 Mar (DJC**) may have been the individual last seen in winter plumage at Long Point 16 Feb.

Eared Grebe—At least 300 were at Clovis 27 Apr (WHH).

Brown Pelican—Another busy season, with 2 at Morgan L. 23 Apr (TR**) where one lingered through 15 May (C. J. Braun**, TR**), one at L. Roberts 28 May (LKM*), and at least 2 at EBL 6-12 May (m.ob., JPJ**, NDP**, DJC**).

Neotropic Cormorant—Beyond usual range were an ad. n. to Albuquerque’s Alameda bridge 5-11 Mar (WHH**, JEP*, NDP) and an imm. at Clovis 27 Apr (WHH).

Double-crested Cormorant—Breeding colonies contained 13 active nests at Abiquiu L. 24 May (MLW), 39 active nests at Santa Rosa L. 31 May (WHH), and 16 active nests at Clovis 27 Apr (WHH).

American Bittern—Up to 2 at BLNWR 31 Mar-2 May (m.ob.) and singles at Bosque NWR on various dates 10 Apr-3 May (CMB, JEP, WFWi, CIS).

Least Bittern—One was singing at Bosque Redondo 29 May (JEP, WFWi) and one was vocal at EBL 8 May (DJK) where there were 2 on 14 May (DJC**).

Great Blue Heron—Surveys for colonies in the sw. found 13 active nests at Quemado L. 20 May, single nests at Apache Creek 20 May and Snow L. 21 May, two nests at Mule Creek 22 May, and seven nests at Gila Hot Springs 22 May (SOW*, PM); none were found at historical *Catron* sites at Alma or Glenwood (SOW, PM). Elsewhere, three nests were at Morgan L. 30 Apr (TR), 11 nests were at Chama in May (DWS), and 4 pairs were nesting at EBL 25 Mar-21 May (DJC**).

Snowy Egret—Noteworthy for *Catron* were singles at Apache Creek 20 May and Snow L. 21 May (SOW, PM).

Cattle Egret—Noteworthy for *Hidalgo* was one e. of the San Luis Mts. at Been Tank 8 May (NM-C).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron—An ad. was at Las Cruces 5 May (V. Crane**).

Glossy Ibis—Among the thousands of White-faced Ibis flooding through the state were single ads. at Bosque Redondo 30 Apr (WFWi) and Bosque NWR 25 Apr (CJW**), 30 Apr (CMR*), 2-3 May (JEP*, CIS), and 17 May (CLB*, CJW**, MJB**).

Glossy Ibis x White-faced Ibis—An apparent hybrid was at Bosque Redondo 22 May (JEP*).

White-faced Ibis—Where seldom reported were 12 at NRT 19 May (DJK) and one at Capitan 11 Apr (CMR).

Osprey—A new breeding locale at Fenton L., *Sandoval* had a pair at a nest 18 Apr (R. K. Murphy). Some 20 pairs were holding territories in n. *Rio Arriba* (DWS) and pairs returned to Navajo Dam (TR), McGaffey L. (DWS), and Ramah L. (DWS).

Swallow-tailed Kite—One seen flying over the prairie along US 285 about 40 km n. of Roswell 31 May (CMR*) furnished the state's 8th credible record and the first in spring.

White-tailed Kite—One wandered n. to LVNWR 15 Apr (B. Gillock, P. C. Garcia**). Farther s., one to 2 were at Bosque NWR Mar-May (CIS, CMR*, CMB, NEH**) and singles s. of Columbus 16 Apr (LKM), w. of Columbus 26 May (SOW), and at Animas 28 May (SOW).

Mississippi Kite—Migrant concentrations numbered 30 at BLNWR 15 May (JEP) and 42 at Tucumcari 19 May (WFWe). Noteworthy were 3 n. to Clayton 21 May (DW) and one at Encino 31 May (CMR).

Bald Eagle—Five nests were active in traditional territories in n. New Mexico by Apr, two in *Rio Arriba* and three in *Colfax* (m.ob.). Late was an ad. at Zuni's Nutria L. 8 Apr (T. H. Johnson).

Common Black-Hawk—Continued to appear beyond historical range, including one e. to Texico 4 Apr (DLH*), others at two Santa Rosa sites in May (DLH, JEP, WHH), and one at Rattlesnake Springs 7 May (E. Harper**). Unusually conspicuous in the RGV n. to

Santo Domingo 19 May (CKL**), Algodones, *Sandoval* 16 May (JM), Albuquerque's South Valley 21 May (DLH), Belen 9 May (DLH), and Bosque NWR 12 May (JEP).

Harris's Hawk—Noteworthy was one at Santa Teresa 31 May (JNP).

Broad-winged Hawk—One was w. to Kingston 1 May (JNP**). Singles were at nine sites from the RGV eastward 15 Apr-7 May: Corrales 2-3 May (JBV*, G. Garber), Socorro 23 Apr (GKF**), Bosque NWR 18 Apr (CIS), Percha SP 1 May (NDP), Cedar Crest 27 Apr (JDL), Portales 7 May (JEP*), Milnesand 15 & 22 Apr (LAS), Tatum 7 May (JEP*), and Rattlesnake Springs 6 May (SW).

Gray Hawk—A pair returned to the Black R. area, *Eddy* 17 Apr (SW), where present through the season (m.ob., GKF**). Two territories were occupied in Guadalupe Canyon 8 May (REW, RAR, SOW).

Swainson's Hawk—Early was one along I-10 in w. *Doña Ana* 2 Mar (LKM).

Zone-tailed Hawk—Noteworthy was one at Bosque NWR 15 May (CMB*).

Merlin—Last reported was a ♀ at Percha SP 3 Apr (CMR).

Clapper Rail—For the 2nd consecutive spring, one of the Gulf Coast subspecies was documented at Bosque NWR: first heard the evening of 1 May (JRO**audio), it was seen and heard on multiple dates through 12 May (JEP*, NDP**, MJB*, CJW, CMR*, CIS). The photographs are so similar to last year's bird as to cause speculation that it was the same individual.

Common Moorhen—Conspicuous in the RGV from Bosque NWR to Percha SP (m.ob.). The one that wintered at Deming was last seen 27 Mar (LKM).

Black-bellied Plover—One in breeding plumage was at Bosque NWR 17 Apr (CLB*).

Semipalmated Plover—One at Playas 8 May (AMC) provided a local first.

Black-necked Stilt—Earliest migrants were 3 at Lordsburg Playa 3 Mar (KB) and one at Belen 8 Mar (J. N. Stuart). Several were on nests at Clovis 27 Apr (WHH). An ad. was tending small chicks at "Swan Pond" n. of Radium Springs 8 May (MTS).

Solitary Sandpiper—Scarce in spring, singles were at RGNC 14 Apr (GAO), Lordsburg 16 Apr (JEP, WFWi), and the middle Animas Valley 7 May (MJB).

Willet—One was early at Bosque NWR 3 Mar (JDL). High count was 54 at Deming 30 Apr (LKM).

Whimbrel—A good season produced singles at Morgan L. 20 May (WFWi**), Sumner L. 14 May (JEP*, JRO**), and Clovis 18 May (JPB**). One was at Bosque NWR 1-2 May (CMR*, JEP*, JRO**, MJB*, v.o.) and presumably a different one was there 15-16 May (CMR*, J. & M. Hirth*).

Hudsonian Godwit—One was at BLNWR 15-16 May (JEP*, JRO**, CMR*).

Ruddy Turnstone—One was at Bosque NWR 1 May (CMR*, MJB**, NDP**).

Black Turnstone—Providing a first verified New Mexico record was an ad. at EBL's Rock Canyon Marina-Long Point area 11-15 May (DJC**, JEP*, m.ob., JRO**, WFWi**, MJB**, NDP**, JEZ**).

Sanderling—One was early at Morgan L. 18 Apr (TR**). The species made a major push through the state in mid-May, with report from *Socorro, Sierra, Otero, De Baca,* and *Eddy*, including a flock of 25 at Sumner L. 19 May (DJK**).

Semipalmated Sandpiper—Reports with details were singles at Sumner L. and BLNWR 15 May (JEP*); reports of dozens at the latter locale remain unconfirmed.

White-rumped Sandpiper—Earliest were singles at Bosque NWR 9 May (MJB, NDP) and at L. Avalon 11 May (SW); high count was 11 at Texico 19 May (DJK); others were 2 at Santa Rosa's Power Dam Park 15 May (DLH) and singles at Sumner L. 14-16 May (m.ob.), Clovis 13 May (JEP, JRO), and BLNWR 15 May (JEP).

Pectoral Sandpiper—Rare in spring, 3 were at BLNWR 11 Apr (CMR) where there were singles 28 Apr (JIS) and 8 May (JEP).

Dunlin—Increased at Bosque NWR from 2 on 12-13 Mar (JEP, WFWi, DLH) to 7 by 10-18 Apr (CMB, NEH, MJB, NDP). Others were 5 at Caballo L. 18 Mar (CMB*) and 2 at EBL 4 Apr (NEH**).

Ruff—Two ♀♀ were at Bosque NWR 1 May (CMR*, m.ob., MJB**, NDP**) and, although only rarely seen together, they differed in leg color, one with greenish legs and one with yellowish legs; the green-legged one lingered until 2 May (m.ob., NEH**, GKF**, JRO**). These lifted the state's Ruff total to seven credible records.

Wilson's Snipe—Some 17 were winnowing at dawn s. of Chama 8 May (WHH).

Laughing Gull—A first-winter individual was at Morgan L. 29 May (TR**).

Franklin's Gull—Earliest was one at Tucumcari L. 20 Mar (JRO). High counts were 91 at RGNC 3 May (CMR) and 82 at BLNWR 27 Apr (JIS).

California Gull—Where seldom reported were singles near Santa Fe 17 May (JPB**) and Clovis 21 May (JEP, WFWi).

Sabine's Gull—An ad. was at Stubblefield L. 22 Apr (JPB*); there are but three previous spring records for the state.

Least Tern—An early one was at BLNWR 14 Apr (JIS). One wandered w. to EBL 16 May (JPB**).

Caspian Tern—Singles were at Morgan L. 15 May (TR) and the Santa Fe Canyon Preserve 29 Apr (JPB*).

Common Tern—Twelve at Clovis 6 May (JRO) provided the only report.

Forster's Tern—Perhaps a first for CCNP, 13 were flying along the escarpment at the main cave 17 Apr (SW).

Elegant Tern—During a period of strong west winds, one at Bosque NWR 2 May (WFWe*, NEH**, GKF**, JRO**) furnished the state's 3rd record.

Band-tailed Pigeon—Noteworthy were 20 at Tyrone 30 May (ERL).

Eurasian Collared-Dove—A float trip on the upper Gila R. found one in the middle of the Gila Wilderness below Sapillo Cr., *Grant* 5 Apr (MB).

White-winged Dove—One was n to Clayton 21 May (DW).

Inca Dove—Two were at the Albuquerque Academy 25 Apr (JBV).

Common Ground-Dove—One was singing from heavy mesquite near the Playas Siding marker 28 May (SOW).

[**Monk Parakeet**]—One was building a nest in a shopping center yucca near the Alameda bridge 14-15 May (JMR, DJK**). Although a population exists in El Paso, Texas, the species was last reported in New Mexico (at Albuquerque) in 1986.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo—Among the few reports was an early one at Percha SP 1 May (NDP) and one at Hillsboro 29 May (DJC**).

Greater Roadrunner—One of the pioneering Farmington birds was killed by a cat 12 Mar (*fide* TR).

Northern Pygmy-Owl—One in Clanton Canyon 17 Apr (JEP, WFWi) was giving only single-note calls.

Elf Owl—Noteworthy for the Organ Mts. was one in Bar Canyon 12 May (DJG).

Spotted Owl—Two were in the Animas Mts. 8 May (MJB**, JPB**, NDP).

Long-eared Owl—A nest at Kirtland AFB, *Bernalillo* had 3 nestlings 19 May (MJB, CJW**).

Northern Saw-whet Owl—A migrant was in riparian habitat along the Rio Grande at Embudo, *Rio Arriba* 23 Mar (B. Runyon**).

Lesser Nighthawk—Three were seen and heard n. to Sumner Dam 14 May (MJB*, NDP) and at least one was there 15 May (JEP*). A swarm of 184 was over the Rio Grande s. of Williamsburg 22 May (DJC**).

Whip-poor-will—A “Mexican” was singing at the Tree Spring trailhead, Sandia Mts. 19 May (JEP).

Chaetura sp.—In the nw. were singles of uncertain species at Farmington 18 May (TR) and near El Vado L. 8 May (N. Cox, M. Ristow); in the e., one to 4 **Chimneys** were at Clovis 9-13 May (JEP, JRO) and one was at Tucumcari 19 May (WFWe).

Magnificent Hummingbird—A ♂ was at Rattlesnake Springs 23 Apr (B. Nieman).

Lucifer Hummingbird—A ♂ returned to P.O. Canyon 29 Mar, where a ♀ was gathering nest material 26 Apr (CDL).

Costa's Hummingbird—An ad. ♂ was in Guadalupe Canyon 8 May (REW*, RAR, SOW*).

Calliope Hummingbird—Noteworthy was one near Pinos Altos 5 Apr (K. Blizard).

Rufous Hummingbird—First spring migrant at P.O. Canyon was a ♂ 22 Mar (CDL); peak of passage there was 9-13 Apr, with up to 7 birds per day (CDL).

Elegant Trogon—A ♀ in Indian Cr. Canyon 7 May (MJB, NDP, JPJ) provided the first Animas Mts. report since 2004. None was found in upper Owl Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. this season (CDL), where one had been detected last year.

Belted Kingfisher—Noteworthy for the prairie was one at the NRT stock tank 9 Apr (GKF) and 13 May (JEP).

Lewis's Woodpecker—Singles were e. to Boone's Draw 5 May (JMB*, CLB), Milnesand 5 May (LAS*), and Trigg Road, e. *San Miguel* 7 May (MDM). Unusual were singles in Albuquerque's North Valley 24 Mar (K. Herzenberg), at EBL 7-8 May (JPB, DJK), Magdalena 9 May (SW), and near Riverside, *Grant* 6 Mar (*fide* RSS) & 1 May (LKM).

Red-headed Woodpecker—An ad. was at Española in late May (*fide* J. Friedman).

Acorn Woodpecker—Noteworthy were up to 8 on Borrego Mesa, *Santa Fe* in May (JPB**), one at UNM 26 May (CJW*), and one at Santa Teresa 31 May (JNP)

Gila Woodpecker—One to 2 were at San Simon Cienega 8-27 May (MSM, SOW).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker—A ♂ was at Socorro 21 Mar (NEH**) and a late ♀ was near Radium Springs 8 May (MTS*).

Downy Woodpecker—Late for the plains was one at Mesa Rest Area 16 May (CMR); one was s. to Deming 30 Apr (LKM).

“Yellow-shafted” Flicker—An apparently pure ♀ was at Portales 17 Apr (ZPJ).

Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet—Singles were vocal at four sites in Guadalupe Canyon 8 May (REW, RAR, SOW).

Alder Flycatcher—Still unverified in New Mexico, one was seen and heard at Galisteo 23 May (JPB* et al.); its song was immediately identified by A. C. Fenner*, who was familiar with both Alders and Willows from breeding bird surveys in upstate New York.

Gray Flycatcher—Passed through P.O. Canyon 10 Apr-25 May (CDL); one reached Corrales 11 Apr (WHH).

Buff-breasted Flycatcher—Found breeding in the Animas Mts. for the 3rd consecutive year, with three pairs and one nest found 7-8 May (MJB**, JPJ**, NDP*).

Black Phoebe—In the n. were 3 at Farmington 25 May (TR), one on the Chama R. near Heron L. 8 May (WHH), and 2 in *Taos* where the Rio Hondo enters the Rio Grande 28 Mar (C. A. Bylsma). In the e., 2 were near Watrous 19 May (MDM) and one was along Atarque Cr., e. *San Miguel* 23 Apr & 7 May (MDM). One was catching and eating mosquitofish near Radium Springs 8 Mar (MTS, JEZ).

Vermilion Flycatcher—Unexpected in the Black Range, a ♂ was near Kingston 12 Mar (DJC**). A ♂ was displaying in the Little Hatchet Mts., *Hidalgo* 26 May (SOW). Now expected most anywhere in the e., this season found singles at Sumner Dam 15-29 May (JEP), Fort Sumner 30 May (CJW**), two pairs along Trigg Rd, e. *San Miguel* 23-24 Apr (MDM), one at Roswell 8 May (*fide* JIS), and one at Waldrop Rest Area 15 Apr (AMC, NM-C).

Dusky-capped Flycatcher—One was vocal in pines along the Redrock Rd., n. Burro Mts. 7 May (BRZ), a new local for this expanding species.

Ash-throated Flycatcher—Earliest was one at NRT 9 Apr (GKF).

Thick-billed Kingbird—A pair was in Guadalupe Canyon 8 May (REW, RAR, SOW), where scarce in recent years.

Eastern Kingbird—One was very early at Milnesand 17 Apr (CMR). One at Cerrillos 17 May (JPB**) was noteworthy.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher—One was nest-building at Ramon 29-31 May (CMR, JEP, DLH). Far w. were singles at Silver City 28 Apr (*fide* RSS) and Santo Domingo 13 May (*fide* CKL).

Northern Shrike—Two ads. lingered at two sites along Trigg Rd. 12-13 Mar (MDM**).

White-eyed Vireo—Another good season produced singing singles at NRT 8 May (CLB*) and RGNC 16 May (m.ob.); another was along the Rio Grande below Williamsburg 31 May (DJC**).

Bell's Vireo—One to 2 were singing below Sumner Dam on various dates 29 Apr-29 May (JRO, CLB, JEP, NDP, CMR). Singles were at NRT 16 May (JEP, JRO) & 29 May (JEP). One singing at Playas Siding 28 May (SOW) provided a new *Hidalgo* locale.

Black-capped Vireo—A ♂ singing below the Sitting Bull Falls Picnic Area 31 May (CMR*) marked the 2nd consecutive year the species has appeared in the Guadalupe Mts.

Yellow-throated Vireo—A record season produced singles at Santa Rosa 19-22 May (JEP*), Sumner Dam 14 May (JRO), NRT 7-10 May (JRO**, JEP*), Boone's Draw 8 May (CLB), Pep 1 May (JRO**, JEP*, WFWi), and Tatum 27 Apr (JRO**).

Hutton's Vireo—One lingered at Percha SP 6 Mar (JEP). One was in Fillmore Canyon, Organ Mts. 10 Apr (DJG).

Philadelphia Vireo—A probable one was at NRT 9 May (JRO*).

Red-eyed Vireo—Singles were w. to EBL Dam 18 May (DJC**) and Caballo Dam 14 May (CLB). In the e., singles were at NRT 6 & 8 May (JRO, JEP*) and 2 were at Rattlesnake Springs 13 & 20 May (SW).

Steller's Jay—Unexpected were singles at Percha SP 12 Mar (JEP, WFWi), Deming 1 Mar (LKM), and s. of Deming 8 May (D. Williams *fide* LKM).

Western Scrub-Jay—Late were 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 24 Apr (SW). Unusual in the desert was one at Playas Siding 28 May (SOW).

Black-billed Magpie—Two or more at Dixon, *Rio Arriba* 8 May were stained a shocking reddish-pink color (R. Templeton**).

American Crow—Two were at Snow L. 21 May (SOW, PM).

Chihuahuan Raven—Two were vocal s. of Datil 9 May (SW).

Horned Lark—Up to 13 were at Los Alamos 27-30 Mar (SMF**), where seldom noted.

Cave Swallow—Returned to CCNP 4 Mar, several weeks later than usual (SW).

Mexican Chickadee—Only one was found in the Animas Mts. 7-8 May (MJB).

Bridled Titmouse—One lingered at Percha SP 9-10 Apr (JEP, CJW); another wandered across the desert to Deming 12 Mar (LKM).

Bushtit—The subfreezing night of 1 May caused early clutches to fail in the n. Peloncillo Mts., but most pairs were thought to have renested (CDL).

Red-breasted Nuthatch—Late was one at NRT 15-16 May (JEP, CMR*).

Cactus Wren—Two pairs were nest-building in the Sandia Mts. foothills at the Copper Ave. trailhead 18 Mar (LFN), where one was carrying nest material 30 May (CMB).

Rock Wren—Reportedly numerous among wind “blowouts” in the sand dunes near Milnesand, where nesting under exposed oak roots Apr-May (LAS).

Carolina Wren—One was singing in the Cliff-Gila Valley near Riverside 1 May (LKM*).

Winter Wren—Late was one on the Vermejo R. near Stubblefield L. 10 May (CLH*).

Marsh Wren—One was among high rise buildings in downtown Albuquerque 16 Apr (WHH); another was at UNM's Duck Pond 3-7 Mar (CJW).

Eastern Bluebird—Noteworthy for w. *San Miguel* were 4 on the Pritzlaff Ranch near San Ignacio 28 Mar, where 2 lingered 28 May (R. Hunt). In *Santa Fe*, 3 were at La Cieneguilla 14 Mar (JPB) and one was at Pojoaque 4 Apr (JPB).

Townsend's Solitaire—Five were in upper Water Canyon, Magdalena Mts. 23 May, including a nest-building pair (DLH).

Gray Catbird—The one that wintered at Socorro continued through 10 Apr (m.ob., CJW**); the same or another was there 24-25 Apr & 1-2 May (NDP, CJW, CMR, JEP). One was w. to the Gila R. near Alum Camp, *Grant* 3 May (MB). Late or summering were 2 at Bosque Redondo 29 May (JEP).

Brown Thrasher—Single wintering birds were last seen at Santa Fe 19 Apr (JPB**), Galisteo 21 Apr (*fide* JPB), and Corrales 25 Apr (DJK). Noteworthy for *Mora* was one near Watrous 19 May (MDM). Singles in the e. were at Boone's Draw 8 May (JEP, JRO), singing at Rattlesnake Springs 11 May (JEP), and Bosque Redondo 22 May (JEP).

Bendire's Thrasher—An ad. was feeding a fledgling at Deming 19 May (LKM).

Curve-billed Thrasher—One was n. to the Mills Canyon area, *Harding* 2 May (SW).

Crissal Thrasher—Providing a first breeding record for *Roosevelt*, a pair was at a nest with eggs 22 km nw. of Milnesand 25 Apr (LAS**).

Cedar Waxwing—A pair was building a nest on the UNM campus 25 May (CJW), a new nesting locale for this expanding species.

Olive Warbler—Surprising for *Lincoln* was one at Red Cloud CG in the Gallinas Mts. near Corona 11 Apr (CMR*, MOH**).

Tennessee Warbler—Singles with details were at NRT 9 May (JEP*) and EBL Dam 15 May (CMR*).

Northern Parula—A ♀ was w. to Chloride Canyon, Black Range 8 May (JMB). Some 15 individuals were at 11 sites in seven counties from the RGV eastward 3 Apr-25 May: ♂ at Corrales 15 May (DJK**), ♂ at RGNC 22-25 Apr (m.ob.), ♂ at Socorro 4-18 Apr (WHH**, m.ob.), single ♂♂ at different Bosque NWR sites 24 Apr (DLH, NDP) & 1 May (MJB), ♂ at EBL Dam 25 May (DJC*), ♀ Sumner Dam 4 May (JMB*), ♀ at NRT 8 May (JEP*), ♀ at Boone's Draw 1 May (JRO**), single ♀♀ at Milnesand 21 Apr, 30 Apr, & 3 May (LAS), ♀ near Lingo 2 May & a ♂ there 8 May (LAS), and a ♂ at Rattlesnake Springs 18 Apr (GKF).

Yellow Warbler—Noteworthy for the Sangre de Cristo Mts. was one at 2195 m in Van Bremmer Canyon, *Colfax* 22 May (CLH).

Chestnut-sided Warbler—Singles were at Rattlesnake Springs 9-11 May (JEP*) and Edgewood, *Santa Fe* 29 May (C. Cook*).

Magnolia Warbler—One was w. to Acoma Pueblo, *Cibola* 17 May (M. E. Brooks*); farther e. singles were at Galisteo 20 May (JPB**) and NRT 8 May (JEP*, JRO**).

Black-throated Blue Warbler—The ♂ that wintered at Las Cruces was last reported 18 Apr (L. Mosley *fide* DJG).

Black-throated Green Warbler—A ♀ was at Rattlesnake Springs 24 Apr (CLB*) and a ♂ was in *Curry* s. of Cannon AFB 18-19 May (JL**).

Hermit Warbler—An early ♂ was e. to Fillmore Canyon, Organ Mts. 11 Apr (DJG*); farther w., 2 were in Clanton Canyon 8 May (*vide* AMC) and one was in Guadalupe Canyon 8 May (REW, RAR, SOW).

Yellow-throated Warbler—Single white-lored ads. were found at EBL 15 Apr (DJC**), Manzano L., *Torrance* 22-25 Apr (GAO*, P. Trine**, JEP*, NDP**, CJW), and Socorro 29 Apr (GAO*, v.o.).

Blackpoll Warbler—Single ♂♂ were at NRT 8 May (JEP*), the Alameda bridge 13 May (MOH), and UNM 13 May (CJW, MJB*, NDP).

Black-and-white Warbler—One to 2 were at seven sites in *Bernalillo*, *Socorro*, *De Baca*, *Roosevelt*, and *Curry* 18 Apr-23 May (m.ob.).

American Redstart—Where seldom reported were an early one at the Shalem Colony bridge 16 Apr (JLD) and one at Yeso, *De Baca* 15 May (CJW). Present almost daily at NRT 2-22 May (m.ob.), with apparently rapid turnover of individuals.

Prothonotary Warbler—One was at the Shalem Colony bridge 15-16 Apr (R. Castetter, JLD, MTS, JEZ**, K. Stinnett**). Undetailed was one “heard singing” at Socorro 4 May (JRO).

Worm-eating Warbler—One was at 2145 m at Tijeras, *Bernalillo* 23 Apr (L. Metheny*).

Swainson’s Warbler—One in roadside elms at a windmill in s. *De Baca* ca. 55 km s. of Fort Sumner (NM 20, mm 11) 30 Apr (SW*) could not be relocated.

Ovenbird—Among several reports was one at Crossroads, *Lea* 7 May (JEP, JRO).

Northern Waterthrush—Among many reports was one at Quarai 8 May (HRS).

Kentucky Warbler—Singles were w. to Pleasanton 8 May (EGW*) and along Percha Cr. w. of Hillsboro 13 May (DJC**). Farther e., singles were at Ned Houk Park n. of Clovis 6 May (WFWi*), NRT 6 May (JRO**), and EBL 8 May (DJK**).

MacGillivray’s Warbler—One was early at RGNC 11 Apr (K. Herzenberg).

Hooded Warbler—As in recent years, the species was much in evidence this season. Noteworthy was one 13 km ne. of Quemado 16 May (E. & T. Benz). Others were 2 singing at Corrales 23 May (WHH**) and singles in Pueblo Canyon, *Los Alamos* 1 May (SMF*, T. F. Hodapp**), Galisteo 24-25 Apr (JPB**, BRF**) through 8 May (R. Tucker*), a ♀ at Sumner Dam 14-16 May (NDP, CJW, MJB*, CMR*) and a ♂ there 22 May (JEP*, WFWi*), and a ♂ at Tatum 7 May (JEP*, JRO**).

Painted Redstart—Providing county firsts were singles in Paradise Canyon near Clayton 3 May (T. Buhl*) and at Eunice 4 Apr (PWM**). Noteworthy for *Lincoln* was

one e. of Capitan at Salazar Canyon 11 Apr (CMR*). In the RGV, one was at Percha SP 14 Mar (DLH).

Hepatic Tanager—Active in the Manzanita Mts. in *Bernalillo* near Albuquerque, with two pairs in Madera Canyon 20 May (CJW) and a pair nest-building in Otero Canyon 23 May (A. C. Gorbet*). One was at UNM 19 May (CJW, MJB).

Summer Tanager—On the e. plains were singles at Ned Houk Park 13 May (JEP), Boone's Draw 1 May (JRO), and Milnesand 30 Apr (LAS).

Scarlet Tanager—Single ad. ♂♂ were at Bosque NWR 29 Apr (J. Arnold*) and NRT 9 May (JEP*, JRO**).

Western Tanager—A massive migrant wave inundated the middle RGV and adjacent mountains 12-16 May; the spectacle was noted by the general public, with the “tremendous abundance” of birds variously described as a “huge wave,” a “fallout,” and a “barrage,” and with the birds described as “dripping from the trees.” Judging by the birds' numbers and behavior at feeders, observers felt that many appeared to be food-stressed.

Green-tailed Towhee—One was e. to Portales 11 May (ZFJ). Late was one at the Mesa Rest Area 31 May (CMR).

Spotted Towhee—Ads. were tending two grown juvs. at Corrales 16 May (WHH).

Rufous-crowned Sparrow—Rarely noted on the plains, one was at NRT 14 May (JEP).

Chipping Sparrow—Providing additional evidence of breeding in the Corrales bosque were 6 singing ♂♂ in Apr and up to 3 ♂♂ on territory into mid-May (DJK).

Field Sparrow—Migrants were 2 at Glenrio, *Quay* 22 Apr (WHH*) and singles at NRT 9 May (JEP*) and Waldrop Rest Area 18 Apr (DLH*).

Grasshopper Sparrow—A pair was feeding nestlings near Hobbs 31 May (DLH*).

Fox Sparrow—A slate-colored one was at P.O. Canyon 8 & 15 Mar (CDL*). Intriguing was a slate-colored one singing at Chama 8 May (WHH*).

Song Sparrow—One was late at Rattlesnake Springs 20 May (SW). Two along Bluewater Cr., Zuni Mts. 21 May (HRS) were at the s. edge of the New Mexico breeding range.

Harris's Sparrow—Singles were at Farmington 12 Mar (TR*) and Corrales 14 Mar (DJK*).

White-crowned Sparrow—Early dark-lore ones were singles at Farmington 12 Mar (TR) and Albuquerque's Paradise Hills 14 Apr (WHH).

Golden-crowned Sparrow—The ad. that wintered at Bosque NWR was last seen 15 Apr (CIS).

Yellow-eyed Junco—Up to 10 were on Cistern Saddle, Animas Mts. 7-8 May (NDP, MJB, JPJ). One wandered to upper Brushy Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. 7 May (CDL). The ad. at a feeder n. of Silver City in Feb continued there through Mar (KB).

Yellow-eyed Junco x Dark-eyed Junco—Single possible hybrids were at Mogollon, *Catron* 8 May (EGW*) and on Jack's Peak, Burro Mts., 16 Apr (JEP*).

Northern Cardinal—A ♂ was singing at Santa Rosa 29 Apr-31 May (JRO, JEP, WHH).

Pyrrhuloxia—A ♂ was n. to Albuquerque's South Valley 4 Mar-17 Apr (DLH, MJB**, CJW**, NDP, WHH) and another was at Belen 11 Apr (DLH), where reportedly present since Mar. Surprising was a ♂ singing se. of Fort Sumner 30 May (CJW).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak—Reported from 14 counties from *San Juan* e. to *Union* and s. to *Grant*, *Doña Ana*, and *Roosevelt* 4-22 May; noteworthy was one in the Black Range n. of Kingston 8 May (CJW**).

Indigo Bunting—Five were singing at Rattlesnake Springs 30 May (JEP).

Varied Bunting—One was in Guadalupe Canyon 8 May (RAR, SOW, REW).

Painted Bunting—A singing ♂ was n. to Santa Rosa 31 May (WHH); a ♀ was at Sumner Dam 29 May (JEP).

Dickcissel—A ♂ at Silver City 18 Apr (E. Halbedel) was very early. A ♂ was singing at Galisteo 27 May (JPB).

Bobolink—A ♂ was in w. Santa Fe 27 May (JPB**).

Brewer's Blackbird—pairs were fairly common, and breeding, in the Mogollon Mts. in the Snow L. and Willow Cr. areas 21 May (SOW, PM).

Shiny Cowbird—Providing a first New Mexico report was a ♂ described at Rattlesnake Springs 29 May (SW*); unfortunately, photo-documentation could not be obtained, and the bird could not be relocated.

Bronzed Cowbird—Continued to spread over the state, with reports from 12 counties including one n. to Placitas, *Sandoval* 15 May (J. McPhee**). Others on their n. frontier were singles at Sumner Dam 16 May (CMR) and in *Curry* s. of Cannon AFB 15 May (JL) plus a ♂ at NRT 15 May (DLH) and a ♀ there 14-22 May (JEP, CMR).

Baltimore Oriole—Single ad. ♂♂ were photographed at Ranchos de Taos, *Taos* 18 May (S. Seth**) and near Escondida L., *Socorro* 14 May (S. E. LaBrier**). Undetailed was one reported in *Roosevelt* 8 May (LAS).

Baltimore Oriole x Bullock's Oriole—A hybrid ♂ was at Bosque NWR 11-16 May (D. Perry**, m.ob., CJW**, JRO**, NEH**).

rosy-finch—Last at Sandia Crest was a three-species flock containing 20 **Brown-capped**, 10 **Blacks**, and one **Gray-crowned** 4 Apr (JEP).

Cassin's Finch—Up to 4 lingered in P.O. Canyon until 24 May (CDL).

Pine Siskin—Late were 27 in P.O. Canyon 18 May (CDL) and 82 at Deming 19 May (LKM); up to 4 near Radium Springs 16-31 May (MTS, JEZ) were suspected of nesting locally.

Lesser Goldfinch—Getting an early start on the breeding season, a ♀ was gathering nest material at Percha SP 3 Apr (CMR). Ads. were feeding begging fledglings near Radium Springs 7 May (MTS, JEZ) and an ad. was feeding one begging fledgling in P.O. Canyon 31 May (CDL).

Lawrence's Goldfinch—After going unreported in sw. New Mexico during the winter, the species began to reappear at sites it had visited in the fall, with 4 at Columbus 14 Mar (DLH*) and 2 near Radium Springs 1-7 Apr, where one lingered to 14 Apr (MTS, JEZ**). In addition, a ♂ visited a thistle feeder in P.O. Canyon 2 Mar (CDL).

American Goldfinch—Far s. for the season, one was along the Gila R. above Mogollon Cr., *Grant* 7 May (MB).

[Orange Bishop]—The apparently lone ♂, first noted at Las Cruces in Nov, persisted there into the spring, where it was molting into bright, breeding plumage by 18 Apr (C. Martens**, DJG).

[Zebra Finch]—A ♀ was at Eldorado, *Santa Fe* 9 Apr (DWS) and for about two weeks thereafter; these Australian cagebirds, readily available for sale at Jackalope and similar stores, are occasionally seen in populated areas, but with no evidence of establishment.

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