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Front cover: Adult male **Blackpoll Warbler** (*Setophaga striata*) at Socorro, Socorro County, New Mexico, 19 May 2011, one of five Blackpolls documented this spring (see page 29). Photograph by Gary K. Froehlich.

Back cover: Female **Smith's Longspur** (*Calcarius pictus*) on Otero Mesa, Otero County, New Mexico, 6 May 2011; first verified record for the state (see page 28). Photograph by Raymond A. Meyer.

SPRING SEASON 2011

Spring 2011 was a season of extremes—deepening drought, relentless west winds, elevated temperatures, and wildfires from grasslands to forests plus apparent lingering effects of February's deep freeze. Spring migration, of both departing and arriving species, seemed to extend well beyond May. Some typically rare species were found in unprecedented numbers while breeding bird numbers generally seemed depressed. New Mexico's first confirmed Smith's Longspur brought the state list to 538 species; other highlights included an early Swallow-tailed Kite, record numbers of Magnolia and Yellow-throated warblers, another Yellow Grosbeak, and a yellow male Cassin's Finch.

Localities and Counties

Alameda, *Bernalillo*
Albuquerque, *Bernalillo*
Animas, Mts., Valley, *Hidalgo*
Belen, *Valencia*
Bernardo, WMA, *Socorro*
Bitter Lake NWR, *Chaves*
Black Range, *Grant/Sierra*
Boone's Draw, *Roosevelt*
Bosque del Apache NWR, *Socorro*
Bosque Redondo, *De Baca*
Bottomless Lakes SP, *Chaves*
Brantley Lake, *Eddy*
Caballo Lake, *Sierra*
Cabezon Peak, *Sandoval*
Carlsbad, *Eddy*
Carlsbad Caverns NP, *Eddy*
Cerrillos, *Santa Fe*
Chama, *Rio Arriba*
Cherry Lake, *Mora*
Chloride Canyon, *Sierra*
Clanton Canyon, Cienega, *Hidalgo*
Clayton, Lake, *Union*
Clovis, *Curry*
Cochiti, Lake, *Sandoval*
Corrales, *Sandoval*
Deming, *Luna*
El Prado, *Taos*
Elephant Butte, Lake, Dam, *Sierra*
Escondida Lake, *Socorro*
Farmington, *San Juan*
Galisteo, Creek, *Santa Fe*
Granite Gap Preserve, *Hidalgo*
Guadalupe Canyon, *Hidalgo*
Guadalupe Mts., *Eddy*
Heron Lake, *Rio Arriba*
Hobbs, *Lea*
Isleta, *Bernalillo/Valencia*
Kingston, *Sierra*
La Cieneguilla, *Santa Fe*
La Joya, WMA, *Socorro*
La Union, *Doña Ana*
Lake Valley, *Sierra*
Las Cruces, *Doña Ana*
Las Vegas, NWR, *San Miguel*
Lordsburg, Playa, *Hidalgo*
Los Alamos, *Los Alamos*
Madrid, *Santa Fe*
Magdalena, Mts., *Socorro*
Maljamar, *Lea*
Mesa Rest Area, *Chaves*
Mesilla, Dam, Park, *Doña Ana*
Milnesand, *Roosevelt*
Navajo Dam, *San Juan*
north *Roosevelt* trap [NRT], *Roosevelt*
Ohkay Owingeh, Pueblo, *Rio Arriba*
Organ Mts., *Doña Ana*
Otero Mesa, *Otero*
Peloncillo Mts., *Hidalgo*
Pep, *Roosevelt*
Percha SP, *Sierra*
Portales, *Roosevelt*
Post Office [P.O.] Canyon, *Hidalgo*
Poverty Creek, *Sierra*
Radium Springs, *Doña Ana*
Ramon, *Lincoln*
Rattlesnake Springs, *Eddy*
Redrock, *Grant*
Rio Grande Nature Center, *Bernalillo*
Rio Rancho, *Sandoval*
Rodeo, *Hidalgo*
Roswell, *Chaves*
Sacramento Mts., *Lincoln/Otero*
San Mateo Mts., *Socorro*
Sandia Crest, *Bernalillo*
Sandia Mts., *Bernalillo/Sandoval*
Santa Fe, Canyon, *Santa Fe*

Santa Rosa, Lake, *Guadalupe*
 Santa Teresa, *Doña Ana*
 Selden Canyon, *Doña Ana*
 Silver City, *Grant*
 Skeleton Canyon, *Hidalgo*
 Socorro, *Socorro*
 Sumner Lake, Dam, *De Baca*
 Taos, *Taos*
 Tatum, *Lea*
 Tierra Blanca Creek, *Sierra*

Tijeras, *Bernalillo*
 Tolar, *Roosevelt*
 Trigg Road, *San Miguel*
 Tyrone, *Grant*
 Virden, *Hidalgo*
 Waldrop Rest Area, *Chaves*
 Water Canyon, *Socorro*
 Watrous, *Mora*
 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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SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Tundra Swan—Northbound were 2 at EBL 13-16 Mar (DJC**) and singles at Bosque NWR 1 Mar (G. David**) and La Joya WMA 6 Mar (DLH*).

Eurasian Wigeon—A ♂ was at Bosque NWR 2 Apr (CMR*, RLV*, v.o.).

“Mexican” Duck—Reports included 98 counted in *Hidalgo* 14 May (AMC) and ads. with 3 young at Granite Gap Preserve 31 May (TG); 21 were at Tyrone 29 May (ERL).

Greater Scaup—Latest were single ♀♀ at Bosque NWR 10 Apr (JWS**) and RGNC 16 Apr (CJW**).

Long-tailed Duck—Furnishing a *Luna* first was one at Deming 5 Mar-21 Apr (LKM*, m.ob., JRO**, ACG**).

Wild Turkey—Rare in *Bernalillo*, one was vocal at the Tree Springs trailhead, Sandia Mts., 3 May (JEP); in *Hidalgo*, 39 “Gould’s” were tallied 14 May, including 26 in the middle Animas Valley (AMC).

Red-throated Loon—One was on Lea L., Bottomless Lakes SP 26 Mar-2 Apr (CMR*, JRO**, JEP*).

Pacific Loon—One was at EBL Dam 31 Mar-1 Apr (DJC**).

Common Loon—Late was one in winter plumage at Heron L. 14 May (WHH**).

Pied-billed Grebe—A pair was tending 5 chicks at Granite Gap Preserve 31 May (TG).

Eared Grebe—An impressive 300 were at Cochiti L. 24 Apr (DLH).

Neotropic Cormorant—North in the RGV were up to 4 at Corrales 24 Apr-15 May (DJK, WHH**), up to 11 at the Alameda bridge in Apr (m.ob., CJW**), and others at three additional Albuquerque locales along the Rio Grande Mar-Apr, plus one at Belen 6 Mar (DLH). Elsewhere, 2 were ne. to Clovis 29 Apr (JRO, JEP).

Double-crested Cormorant—A breeding colony on the Mora R. at Watrous contained 10 active nests 5 Apr (WHH).

American Bittern—Singles were at BLNWR 13 Apr (JIS) & 29 Apr (JEP), and one was at Farmington’s Animas Park 24 May (TR).

Great Blue Heron—Nine active nests were on the Mora R. 5 Apr (WHH), four near Watrous and five near Cherry L.; 13 active nests were on the Chama R. at Chama 13 May (WHH**); three small “desert colonies” e. and se. of Carlsbad together had 16 active nests Mar-May (J.A. Chopp), and three nests were active at EBL 25 May (DJC).

Great Egret—A first for *Los Alamos* was one at Ashley Pond in Los Alamos 24-25 Apr (CMR, NEH, SMF**).

Little Blue Heron—A good season, with 2 imms. at Bosque NWR 10 Apr (J&MH), a single ad. there 1 May (RLV), and another ad. n. to Farmington 13-24 May (TR**).

Tricolored Heron—Single ads. were at BLNWR 13-17 Apr (JIS, SMF**, NEH**) and Belen 29 Apr-3 May (CMR*, JEP*, DLH*).

Cattle Egret—Present at Belen Apr-May, with a peak of 212 on 3 May (DLH).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron—An ad. was at Bosque NWR 6 May (L. Leckman).

Glossy Ibis—Among the flocks of migrant White-faced Ibis were single ads. at BLNWR 23 Apr (PMB*), Albuquerque's South Valley 25 Apr (MOH), Clovis 6 & 13 May (JEP*, JRO**), and Bosque NWR 1 May (m.ob.) & 14 May (GKF, DLH).

Swallow-tailed Kite—An unexpected *Santa Fe* first, and the earliest yet for New Mexico, one was at Santa Fe 9 May (C. Clark**, RC); this is the first north-central New Mexico record since one was taken near Taos in Aug 1859.

White-tailed Kite—For the 2nd consecutive year, one was n. to LVNWR 29 May (A. Ruffin**); others were in the s., with a pair near Animas in Mar (CMR*, NEH**, CGL**; copulating 18 Mar), one at Playas, *Hidalgo* 16 Mar (W.P. Cavalier), one to 2 in the Mesilla-Las Cruces area Mar-May (m.ob.), and one at Bosque NWR Mar-May (DLH, NEH**).

Mississippi Kite—North was a nest-building pair along Trigg Road 14 May (MDM).

Sharp-shinned Hawk—Unusual in lowland riparian cottonwoods, a nest was active at Farmington's Animas Park 24 May (TR**); noteworthy for the Animas Mts., one was in Indian Cr. Canyon 14 May (CGL).

Common Black-Hawk—Continued to populate the RGV, with an early imm. near Nambe, *Santa Fe* 18 Mar (E. MacKerrow**), one to 2 ads. at Isleta 7 Apr-May (m.ob., JPJ**), and 2 or more at Bosque NWR 22 Apr-15 May (m.ob., T. Austring**, JWS**). In the e. were one along Trigg Road 22 Apr (MDM); 1 along the Pecos R. at Santa Rosa 14 May (JEP), one in sw. *Chaves* along the Rio Peñasco 23 May (SW), and a pair reportedly nest-building in the Rattlesnake Springs area 16 Apr-May (DZ**, R. Hurd**, m.ob.).

Broad-winged Hawk—A good spring migration found 18 individuals at 13 sites from the RGV e. 10 Apr-23 May, including one in Santa Fe Canyon 4 May (JPB**, BRF**).

Gray Hawk—One had returned to Rattlesnake Springs by 9 Apr (NDP), where there was a pair 21 Apr and later (m.ob.); at least one was in Guadalupe Canyon 14 May (REW, RAR) and one was in the s. Animas Valley at Clanton Cienega May (NM-C).

Zone-tailed Hawk—In the lower RGV, singles were at Mesilla Dam 7 Apr (DJG**) and near Radium Springs 8 Apr (MTS, JEZ**); in *Rio Arriba*, one was in the n. Jemez Mts. at Gallina Cr. 14 May (BRF).

Ferruginous Hawk—Noteworthy for *Santa Fe* was a nest discovered near Stanley 30 Apr (RC), which contained 2 nestlings 28 May (JPB**).

Rough-legged Hawk—One at Santa Fe in Feb was last seen 6 Mar (BRF**).

Merlin—Lingering were singles at Albuquerque 13 Apr (DLH) and Ramon 16 Apr (DLH); very late was an ad. ♂ near Canjilon, *Rio Arriba* 14 May (N. S. Cox *fide* DWS).

Sandhill Crane—Surprising for so late, 1458 were at Belen 19 Mar (CMR).

American Golden-Plover—One visited a Santa Teresa turf farm 7 May (J. Perkins**).

Snowy Plover—Peripheral were singles at Lordsburg Playa 16 Apr (R. Kleinman**) and Clovis 11 May (JEP, WFWi).

Black-necked Stilt—Earliest was one at Deming 12 Mar (LKM); 98 were at BLNWR by 26 Mar (CMR).

Solitary Sandpiper—Typically scarce in spring, one to 2 were at 16 sites from the RGV eastward, including early ones near Roswell 27 Mar (JRO) and Selden Canyon 2 Apr (CMR); w. were singles near San Ysidro, *Sandoval* 7 & 11 May (WHH, DJK) and Mangas Springs, *Grant* 1 May (*fide* RSS).

Willet—High counts were 120 at Granite Gap Preserve 27 Apr (TG) and 62 at EBL 30 Apr (DJC).

Whimbrel—A record season, with up to 18 individuals at six locales, including a *Santa Fe* first near Stanley 30 Apr (JPB**), an impressive high of 11 at Clovis 4 May (WFWi) with smaller numbers there in subsequent days (JEP*, JRO**), 2 each at Bosque NWR 30 Apr-1 May (DJK*) and Brantley L. 2 May (JRO**), one at BLNWR 30 Apr-1 May (m.ob., RLV**), and a late one at EBL 28 May (DJC*).

Hudsonian Godwit—A bright ad. visited BLNWR 7-9 May (JEP*, WFWi).

Marbled Godwit—Much in evidence nearly statewide 9 Apr-3 May, including a flock of 67 at Cochiti L. 24 Apr (DLH).

Sanderling—The only reports were one to 3 at Branley L. 1-21 May (JEP, SW, DLH).

Semipalmated Sandpiper—Among the few reports was one at L. Isabel, *San Miguel* 19 May (WFWe, NEH**).

White-rumped Sandpiper—Scarce, with singles at Ruby Ranch n. of Las Vegas 19 May (WFWe), Clovis 13 May (JEP, JRO, WFWi), and Brantley L. 21 May (SW) and up to 2 at Portales 13-14 May (DJK, JMR) the only reports.

Dunlin—One in breeding plumage was at Bosque NWR 10 Apr (J&MH*), up to 4 were n. of Bottomless Lakes SP 27 Mar-2 Apr (JRO JEP), and another in breeding plumage was at BLNWR 7-10 May (JEP).

Stilt Sandpiper—One at Bosque NWR 2 Apr (JWS**) was early. Rare in *Santa Fe*, one was near Stanley 14 May (JPB).

Red-necked Phalarope—One was w. to Granite Gap Preserve 28 Apr (TG**); one to 5 were at Bosque NWR (DJK), EBL (DJC**), L. Isabel, *San Miguel* (WFWe), Clovis (JEP*, JN-M**, WFWe), and BLNWR (JEP) 1-24 May.

Mew Gull—A first-cycle one was at EBL 13 Mar (CMR*).

Ring-billed Gull—Notable numbers were 18 w. to Lordsburg 10 Mar (AMC), 74 at Deming 2 Apr (CMR), and 1448 at Caballo L. 7 Mar (DJC).

Herring Gull—Late were 2 at Brantley L. 10 May (JEP) and one at EBL 17 May (DJC).

Lesser Black-backed Gull—An ad. continued at EBL 6 Mar (JEP*, WFWi).

Least Tern—One strayed n. to the Las Campanas golf course, *Santa Fe* 7 May (JPB**).

Caspian Tern—An ad. at Bosque NWR 6 Mar (GKF*) represented the state's earliest ever spring record; others were singles at EBL 30 Apr (DJC**) and BLNWR 30 Apr-1 May (RLV**+).

Common Tern—Four at BLNWR 7 May (RC) provided the only report.

Band-tailed Pigeon—Early were 8 at Silver City 14 Mar (KB).

White-winged Dove—Northerly were singles at Clayton 30 Apr (DW) and n. of Taos at El Prado 18 May (A&JT**).

Common Ground-Dove—Relatively conspicuous in *Hidalgo*, with up to 3 at Granite Gap Preserve 10-31 May (TG), 3 in the middle Animas Valley 14 May (NM-C), and singles near Rodeo 18 May (REW) and in P.O. Canyon 22-24 May (CDL); a ♀ that wintered near Radium Springs was last seen 25 Mar (MTS).

[Monk Parakeet]—One was still roosting in a shopping center yucca near the Alameda bridge 16 Mar (CLH) and 23 Apr-31 May (DJK), where first found in 2010.

Black-billed Cuckoo—A heard-only one in *Quay* 26 May (WFWi*) is under review.

Greater Roadrunner—One was nw. to Chaco Canyon NHP, *San Juan* 7 May (B&C de Boer).

Barn Owl—Nests were noted in the Caja del Rio area, *Santa Fe* 31 May (JPB**), Rio Rancho 1 May (WHH), and Tierra Blanca Cr. 28 Apr-14 May (DJC).

Elf Owl—Noteworthy for the Black Range was a vocal one in Chloride Canyon 3 May (DJC).

Spotted Owl—Singles were in Indian Creek Canyon, Animas Mts. 14 May (CGL) and Chloride Canyon, Black Range 26 May (DJC).

Long-eared Owl—An ad. was on a nest at Kirtland AFB, *Bernalillo* 2 Apr (CJW**), in same area where the species nested in 2010.

Northern Saw-whet Owl—The only report was one heard singing 15 Mar at the Haynes Canyon Overlook in the Sacramento Mts., *Otero* (MJB, CJW).

Common Poorwill—Earliest reports were singles in the Black Range 15 Mar (DJC), Peloncillo Mts. 18 Mar (CGL), and Sandia Mts. 21 Mar (MOH).

Chimney Swift—Singles were w. to Galisteo 14 May (JPB), Santa Rosa 16 May (WFWi), and Moriarty, *Torrance* 6 May (MJB).

***Chaetura* sp.**—Identification problems continued in the RGV, including single possible **Vaux's Swifts** at RGNC 24-25 Apr (m.ob., CJW**) and La Cieneguilla 25 Apr (RC**, JPB**); 2 at Bosque NWR Apr (GKF*) and one at RGNC 19 May (DLH) could not be identified to species.

Broad-billed Hummingbird—One strayed e. to near Radium Springs 17-28 Apr (MTS, JEZ**); n. in the Peloncillo Mts. were singles in Pine and Skeleton canyons 24 Apr (CGL, DJG) and up to 2 in P.O. Canyon 14-15 May (CDL).

Blue-throated Hummingbird—Rare anywhere in New Mexico, a ♀ was in Skeleton Canyon 24 Apr (CGL**, DJG**).

Magnificent Hummingbird—Noteworthy for the Black Range was a ♂ n. of Kingston 31 May (DJC**). An apparent ♂ visited a feeder in upper Gallinas Canyon, *San Miguel* 27 May (L. Davis, R. Upton**).

Lucifer Hummingbird—Arrived late to P.O. Canyon, where the first appeared 6 Apr and where there was no evidence of nesting through May, despite high counts of 19 ♂♂ and 4 ♀♀ on 10 May (CDL).

Black-chinned Hummingbird—Arrived later than usual, especially in c and n. areas, including 19 Apr at Farmington (TR) and 17 Apr in Corrales (DJK); 2 were at 2155 m near El Vado L., *Rio Arriba* 14 May (WHH).

Anna's Hummingbird—A ♀ was a surprise at Socorro 14-15 May (GKF); single ♂♂ were in P.O. Canyon 14 Mar & 14 May (CDL).

Costa's Hummingbird—A ♂ was in Guadalupe Canyon 13-14 Apr (WFWe).

Calliope Hummingbird—Now expected in spring, one to 2 were at several *Grant*, *Hidalgo*, *Luna*, and *Doña Ana* sites 22 Mar-1 May (m.ob.).

Broad-tailed Hummingbird—Arrived late statewide; singles occurred e. to Milnesand 29 Apr (LAS), Portales 20 May (JEP), NRT 22 May (DLH), Mesa Rest Area 20 May (JEP), Waldrop Rest Area 11 May (A. Merritt), and Hobbs 3 May (CL*) where 2 were present as late as 30 May (DLH).

Rufous Hummingbird—Migrants passed through *Grant*, *Hidalgo*, and *Doña Ana* 6 Mar-14 May (m.ob.), including a high of 6 in P.O. Canyon 9 Apr (CDL).

Lewis's Woodpecker—One was a surprise at the Alameda bridge 2 May (CMB).

Red-headed Woodpecker—One strayed to the Mesa Rest Area 19 May (HAW**).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker—One was along Trigg Road 17 Mar (MDM). One was late at Milnesand 4 Apr (m.ob., CJW**) and undetailed was one near there 18 Apr (LAS).

Red-naped Sapsucker—Up to 4 were at Milnesand 4 Apr (JEP).

American Three-toed Woodpecker—At least two pairs were in a recent burn in the Black Range near Poverty Creek Mar-May (DJC**). A ♂ was in the Sacramento Mts. s. of Cloudcroft, *Otero* 16 Mar (MJB, CJW**).

“Yellow-shafted” Flicker—An apparently pure ♀ was w. to Albuquerque’s North Valley 12-13 Mar (W.M. Brown**).

Olive-sided Flycatcher—Singles were notably early at Redrock 8 Apr (JEP) and Rattlesnake Springs 10 Apr (MJB, CJW).

Greater Pewee—Earliest was one at Cherry Creek CG, *Grant* 24 Apr (W. Egelhoff); others were 2 on Cistern Saddle, Animas Mts. 14 May (CDL) and a late migrant in P.O. Canyon 23 May (CDL).

Western Wood-Pewee—Seven at Hobbs 30 May (DLH) were likely late migrants.

Eastern Wood-Pewee—Present at NRT 6-9 May, with at least one documented each day and 2 there 7 May (JEP*, m.ob., MJB audio, JRO**, NDP**) plus another singing there 15 May (JRO**); farther w., one was singing at Galisteo 22 May (MOH, JPB*) while a non-singing pewee at the Mesa Rest Area 19 May (HAW**) was possibly this species.

***Empidonax* flycatchers**—Migrant empids were much in evidence statewide, including unusually large numbers of **Dusky Flycatchers**, and this migration was still in progress at the close of the season.

[Alder Flycatcher]—Still unverified in New Mexico, a possible one was on the Mora R. near Watrous 21 May (CMR*, NEH**).

Least Flycatcher—A vocal one was w. to Galisteo 14 May (JPB**).

Pacific-slope Flycatcher—Field identification of Cordilleran-Pacific-slope flycatchers remains a conundrum for New Mexico birders; this season, vocal singles identified as Pacific-slope were in Guadalupe Canyon 13-14 Apr (WFWe, JN-M**) and 14 May (REW*, RAR) while undetailed were singles reported at Granite Gap Preserve 29 Apr & 14 May (TG).

Buff-breasted Flycatcher—At least 2 were in the Animas Mts. near Aspen Spring 14 May (CGL**, RLV), the 4th consecutive year for the species there.

Black Phoebe—Now well established as a breeder across n. New Mexico; new *Rio Arriba* locales this season were singing individuals at river crossings at Tierra Amarilla and Brazos 14 May (WHH); noteworthy for the prairie were singles at Ramon 2 Apr (JEP) and NRT 22 Apr (JEP).

Vermilion Flycatcher—Singles were n. to se. Albuquerque 13 Apr (NDP, MOH, CJW**) and RGNC 18-20 May (CMB, MJO, DLH); noteworthy for NRT were up to 2 during 7-12 May (JEP, JRO); others in the e. were 2 pairs along Trigg Road 18 Mar (MDM), a pair at Waldrop Rest Area 30 May (DLH), and a ♂ w. of Milnesand 16-17 Apr (CMR).

Ash-throated Flycatcher—Earliest was one at Milnesand 3-4 Apr (LAS, m.ob.).

Thick-billed Kingbird—Two were in Guadalupe Canyon 14 May (REW, RAR).

Eastern Kingbird—One was s. to Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo 14 May (BRF).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher—Early was one near Pep 4 Apr (JEP, JRO); 3 were n. to Clayton 26 Apr (DW) and one was w. to Ramon 12 May (SW).

Northern Shrike—An imm. was n. of Abiquiu L., *Rio Arriba* 13 Mar (MOH).

White-eyed Vireo—A silent one at Quarai 7 May (MJO*) furnished a *Torrance* first.

Bell's Vireo—Up to 3 were singing n to Sumner Dam 30 Apr-28 May (JEP, JRO, MJB); peripheral singles were at Boone's Draw 8 May (MJB) and Tatum 13 May (JEP).

Gray Vireo—Providing a *Roosevelt* first was one singing at Boone's Draw 7-8 May (MJB, NDP**); one in Las Huertas Canyon, n. Sandia Mts. 21 May (H. R. Schwarz) was the first there since 1996; others in known areas were in Slaughter Canyon, Guadalupe Mts. 10 May (JEP) and Mullen & Cheama canyons at Zuni 28 May (JAT).

Yellow-throated Vireo—Unexpected along the Continental Divide, one was singing at 2316 m near Poverty Cr. 3 May (DJC**); another was at NRT 21-29 Apr (C. K. Lee, MOH, JEP*, JRO**).

Cassin's Vireo—Likely wintering were singles at Deming 12 Mar (JEP*) and Guadalupe Canyon 20 Mar (CGL).

Hutton's Vireo—One was n. to Water Canyon, Magdalena Mts. 23 Apr (CMR*), where rarely found.

Red-eyed Vireo—One at Boone's Draw 15 May (MJB) provided the lone report.

Blue Jay—The one that wintered at La Union was last seen 17 Apr (DAB**).

American Crow—Two or more were at 2316 m in the n. Black Range, w. *Sierra* 26 Mar (JEP) & 26 May (DJC**), where found in three of the past four breeding seasons.

Chihuahuan Raven—On their n. frontier were 6 at Rio Rancho 1 May (WHH) and a pair nesting in Albuquerque's Paradise Hills area 5 May (WHH); a high count in the Hobbs area was 191 on 30 May (DLH).

Purple Martin—Unusual in n. *Rio Arriba* were 3 near Dulce and 3 more near Canjilon 14 May (*fide* DWS); others of note were 3 e. to Clovis 11 May (JEP) and a ♂ at Lake Valley 31 May (DJG).

Cave Swallow—The population at CCNP was only about half of normal, and no hatching had occurred by 31 May (SW); drought, wind, and heat were likely factors.

Mexican Chickadee—Two were detected in the Animas Mts. 15 May (CGL).

Red-breasted Nuthatch—Scarce in spring in the Peloncillo Mts., one was in Maverick Canyon 12 May (CDL).

White-breasted Nuthatch—A vocal one in the Corrales bosque 6 Mar (WHH*) gave the slow “yank” of the eastern subspecies.

Brown Creeper—Late for the e. plains were singles in s. *Curry* 15 Apr (JL) and Milnesand 16 Apr (CMR).

Cactus Wren—One was e. of Cabezon Peak 11 May (DJK), where first found in 2009.

Canyon Wren—One was e. to Bottomless Lakes SP 2 Apr (JEP).

Winter Wren—Singles continued at Percha SP 10-20 Mar (DJC**, audio), Corrales 6 Mar-3 Apr (WHH**, JEP), and Cienega Canyon, Sandia Mts. 9 Apr (ABJ).

Black-tailed Gnatcatcher—Monthly surveys of five known sites near EBL found none Mar-May (DJC); the area experienced several days of sub-zero temperatures in Feb.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet—Three lingered in the Peloncillo Mts. to 27 May (CDL).

Eastern Bluebird—A pair at Rattlesnake Springs fledged 3 by 3 May (JMB*).

Veery—Rarely documented in migration, an emaciated ♀ was netted at Boone’s Draw 7 May (MJB**).

Swainson’s Thrush—Unusually numerous; early were singles at NRT 1 May (JEP) and Rattlesnake Springs 2 May (JMB); late for the s. was one at La Union 31 May (DAB).

Wood Thrush—One was early at Milnesand 14-16 Apr (LAS, m.ob., NEH**, SMF**, J. N. Stuart**); another was at NRT 6 May (JEP*, WFWi, JRO**).

Varied Thrush—A ♂ was singing in Otero Canyon s. of Tijeras 24 Apr (ACG*); another singing at Boone’s Draw 21-22 May (NDP**, MJB*, JEP*) was the 6th to be found in New Mexico since Oct and the state’s latest ever.

Gray Catbird—Wintering individuals were last seen at Corrales 6 Mar (WHH) and Las Cruces 26 Apr (R. C. Castetter); noteworthy for w. *Sierra* was one along Tierra Blanca Cr. 14 May (DJC**).

Sage Thrasher—Unexpected in the Black Range, 4 were near Hermosa, *Sierra* 15 Mar (DJC**); a high of 58 were along Trigg Road 17-18 Mar (MDM).

Brown Thrasher—One was w. to Burro Cienega Ranch, *Grant* 22 Apr (RW), and another was at Cochiti L. 6 May (WHH**); last in the e. were singles at Sumner Dam 7

May (JEP, JRO) and Boone's Draw 13-14 May (CJW**, DJK) and 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 14 May (SW)..

Bendire's Thrasher—At least 2 were near Cabezon Peak 7 & 11 May (WHH**, DJK).

Crissal Thrasher—Far n. were 2 at Ojo Caliente, *Taos* 7 Apr (C. Bendorf**).

Sprague's Pipit—Two were on Otero Mesa 16 Apr (RAM); late was one at Clovis 12 May (JEP*, JMB, JN-M**).

Phainopepla—A ♂ was n. to Corrales 18 May (J. S. Findley).

Smith's Longspur—New Mexico's first confirmed record was a ♀ in the Prather Ranch area, n. Otero Mesa 6 May (RAM**), which increased the state's verified bird list to 538 species; there are sight reports of varying quality for *Union* in 1963 and 1965 and *Doña Ana* in 1986.

Blue-winged Warbler—A ♂ was at Boone's Draw 7 May (MJB*) and another was there 14 May (DJK, CJW*); one was at NRT 12 May (JMB*).

Tennessee Warbler—One at Milnesand 31 Mar-4 Apr (LAS, m.ob., MJB**) may have wintered nearby; another was at NRT 14 May (JEP*, DJK*).

Nashville Warbler—Several arrived surprisingly early, including singles at Mesilla Dam 15 Mar (CJG*), Selden Canyon 23 Mar (N. G. Stotz*), Las Cruces 29 Mar (CJG), Columbus, *Luna* 31 Mar (R. Zachary*), and Milnesand 4 Apr (m.ob., CJW**).

Lucy's Warbler—Unexpected on the e. plains, one was at NRT 8 Apr (MJO*, S. Santa Anna*); n. in the RGV were 3 singing ♂♂ at Bosque village, *Valencia* 10 Apr (DLH).

Northern Parula—An impressive season produced one to 2 at 17 sites in 13 counties from the RGV eastward 23 Apr-30 May, including noteworthy singles at El Prado 11 May (A&JT**) and the old Ohkay Owingeh bridge 30 Apr (J. Friedman**); others were at Galisteo (JPB, BRF**), Corrales (ACG**, WHH**), Albuquerque at UNM (MOH) and RGNC (CJW), Manzano Lake, *Torrance* (MJO*), Sumner Dam (JEP*), NRT (MOH), Tolar (DJK, JRO), Boone's Draw (MJB*, CJW**, DJK, JRO**), Socorro (CMR*, E. Greisen), Mesa Rest Area (DLH), EBL at Catfish Camp and Dam (DJC**), Rattlesnake Springs (JWS**), and Maljamar (CLB*).

Yellow Warbler—A ♀ was gathering nest material at Percha SP 18 Apr (DJC).

Chestnut-sided Warbler—One at Quarai 14 May (K. Schneider) provided a *Torrance* first; other singles were in Albuquerque's North Valley 22 May (MOH), Sumner Dam 19-20 May (MJB*, JRO**, JEP*, WFWi), NRT 28 May (JRO), Boone's Draw 22 May (MJB*), and Hobbs 2-10 May (CL*).

Magnolia Warbler—A record 12 were documented from the RGV eastward 1-21 May, with individuals at Corrales (DJK*), San Acacia, *Socorro* (T. Archdeacon*), Socorro (DJK**), Sumner Dam (JRO**), NRT (JRO**, JEP*), up to 3 at Boone's Draw (MJB*, NDP**, CJW**, JEP*), and singles at BLNWR (C. Powell**), Roswell (KBO*), Black R. near Rattlesnake Springs (RN**), and Maljamar (CLB*).

Black-throated Gray Warbler—One was early at P.O. Canyon 21 Mar (CDL); far e. were singles at NRT on several dates 22 Apr-9 May (JEP, JRO) and one at Portales 30 Apr (JEP).

Black-throated Green Warbler—One was singing w. to Corrales 8 May (WHH*), and a ♀ was in Embudito Canyon, Sandia Mts. 10 May (RLV); farther e., singles were at NRT 1 May (JEP*, JRO**) and Boone's Draw 7 May (MJB*).

Townsend's Warbler—Much in evidence after 13 Apr, including in the e. in *De Baca*, *Roosevelt*, *Eddy*, and *Lea*; the species was still moving through the state 31 May.

Hermit Warbler—Lowland singles were at EBL Dam 29 Apr (DJC**), EBL 20 May (DJC**), and Granite Gap Preserve 28 Apr (TG); other singles were e. to Springtime CG, San Mateo Mts. 14 May (JMB*, JN-M*) & 23 May (WFWe).

Blackburnian Warbler—A ♂ (CJW**) and a ♀ (CJW**, MJB**) were at Boone's Draw 15 May; a ♂ at Galisteo 22 May (BRF**) provided a *Santa Fe* first.

Yellow-throated Warbler—A record season for the species produced singles at Galisteo 13 May (R. Munro*), Water Canyon 23 Apr (CMR*), NRT 17 Apr (DZ**), and Boone's Draw 1 May (S. Collins**); one at Alto 11 May (D. L. Tremblay**) furnished a *Lincoln* first.

Grace's Warbler—One far e. to Boone's Draw 13 May (MJB, CJW**) provided a *Roosevelt* first, and another even farther e. to the Cannon AFB area 21 Apr (D. Whitecotton*) provided a *Curry* first; others in unlikely habitats included 3 at EBL 26 Apr (DJC) and singles in Albuquerque's South Valley 2 May (MJB), near Radium Springs 31 May (MTS, JEZ**), Granite Gap Preserve 27 Apr (TG), Spring Canyon SP, *Luna* 14 May (LKM), and Rattlesnake Springs 14 May (SW).

Palm Warbler—An early one was at Percha SP 14-15 Mar (S. Sermay, J. Groves**); singles were on the Black R. near Rattlesnake Springs 6 May (JWS**) and at Edgewood, *Santa Fe* 15 May (JDL*); all were identified as the western subspecies.

Blackpoll Warbler—A surprising 5 were found during one week in mid-May—singles near La Mesa, *Doña Ana* (JEZ) and Boone's Draw (CJW**) 14 May, NRT 15 May (JRO**), Socorro 19 May (GKF**), and Galisteo 20 May (BRF*, JPB**, SB**).

Black-and-white Warbler—At least 16 were found in seven counties from the RGV e. 23 Apr-25 May.

American Redstart—Conspicuous from the RGV eastward 23 Apr-28 May; individuals were seen almost daily at some prairie groves (e.g., NRT, Boone's Draw); w. were singles near P.O. Canyon 14 Apr (CDL) and Clanton Cienega 14 May (NM-C).

Prothonotary Warbler—Singles were near RGNC 2 May (D. Paez, MJB*), Santa Rosa 28 Apr (WFWi), Bosque Redondo 17 Apr (CMR*), Black R. near Rattlesnake Springs 2 May (JMB*), Milnesand 4 May (LAS*), and Tatum 22-23 Apr (JEP*, PMB, WFWi).

Worm-eating Warbler—Four were found—one at Galisteo 24 Apr (RC) and another there 19-23 May (m.ob., SB**, JPB**) plus singles at Boone's Draw 22 Apr (MJB*) and Corrales 24-25 Apr (MOH).

Swainson's Warbler—One was singing at Corrales 24 Apr (DJK*).

Louisiana Waterthrush—Nicely documented were singles at NRT 4 Apr (CMB*, NEH**) and Washington Ranch near Rattlesnake Springs 9 Apr (NDP**).

Kentucky Warbler—Documented singles were at NRT 6 May (J. Parks**) and Sumner Dam 7 May (JEP*, JRO, WFWi).

Hooded Warbler—One was w. to Los Alamos 28 Apr (SMF**); others were a ♂ near Stubblefield Lake, *Colfax* 26 Apr (CLH*), a ♂ at Madrid 17 May (JPB**, LAS**), a ♂ at Galisteo 27 Apr-1 May (JPB**), a ♂ & a ♀ at Socorro 27 Apr-1 May (DJK**, DLH, GAO), a ♂ & a ♀ at Sumner Dam 7 May with the ♂ continuing to 11 May (JEP*), 3 ♂♂ at Boone's Draw 23 Apr-8 May (MJB*, NDP**, JEP), and one at Milnesand 16-29 Apr (LAS).

Wilson's Warbler—One was early at CCNP 28 Mar (R. Belding*); another reached Deming 1 Apr (LKM).

Red-faced Warbler—Far from suitable habitat, a ♂ was at EBL 19-21 May (DJC**) and a ♀ was there 28 May (DJC**); in *Doña Ana*, singles were at San Andres Spring 31 May (MEW**) and in Fillmore Canyon, Organ Mts. 8 May (DJG); a nest was being built in the Magdalena Mts. 18 May and 2 were being built in upper Nogal Canyon, San Mateo Mts. 23 May (JH).

Painted Redstart—Singles appeared in the RGV at Albuquerque 7-11 Apr (m.ob., CJW**), Socorro 27 Apr (GAO), Williamsburg, *Sierra* 11 Apr (M. Powey*), and Mesilla 7 May (H. Cobos**), and one wandered to San Andres Spring, *Doña Ana* 16 Apr (MEW**).

Eastern Towhee—The ♀ that wintered at Madrid was still present 6 Mar (SMF, TFH**) and 15 Mar (WFWi).

Abert's Towhee—At predictable locations were up to 4 at Virden 11 Mar (JEP, JRO) & 8 Apr (JEP), 3 at Redrock 11 Mar & 8 Apr (JEP), and 3 pairs in the Gila Lower Box, *Hidalgo* 19 Apr (DJG).

Rufous-winged Sparrow—Only recently discovered in Guadalupe Canyon, one to 2 were singing 6 Mar (CMR*), 20 Mar (CGL) and 14 May (REW* audio, RAR).

Botteri's Sparrow—Providing a *Sierra* first were one to 2 at Lake Valley 31 May (DJG**).

Chipping Sparrow—A group of 6 at Deitz Farm in Albuquerque's North Valley 13 Mar (WHH) were sufficiently early that they may have over-wintered.

Field Sparrow—Latest were one at NRT 7-8 May (JEP, JRO) and 3 at Rattlesnake Springs 14 May (SW).

Black-chinned Sparrow—Wandered e. to *Roosevelt*, with singles at Boone's Draw 23 Apr (MJB, NDP) & 8 May (MJB), and NRT 7 May (JEP, JRO**); at Zuni, 3 singing ♂♂ were in Mullen and Cheama canyons 28 May (JAT).

Lark Sparrow—Four on the Gila R. at Virden 11 Mar (JEP, JRO) may have wintered.

Black-throated Sparrow—One wandered n. to Los Alamos 7 May (SMF**).

Grasshopper Sparrow—Noteworthy for *Santa Fe* was one singing at Eldorado 9-12 May (L. Kellogg, JPB*).

Baird's Sparrow—Grassland surveys on n. Otero Mesa found singles in the vicinity of El Paso Draw on eight days 1 Mar-16 Apr, with 2 there on 18 Mar and up to 6 on 15-16 Apr (RAM**).

Fox Sparrow—Rare in *Santa Fe*, a slate one was at Cerrillos 28 Apr (JPB**); a red one was at Bernardo WMA 3-4 Mar (GKF**).

Song Sparrow—One was late at EBL's Catfish Camp 25 May (DJC).

Lincoln's Sparrow—One was late at P.O. Canyon 30 May (CDL).

Swamp Sparrows—Migrants where seldom seen were singles in s. *Curry* 15 Apr (JL), Boone's Draw 22 May (NDP**), and Galisteo 24 May (JPB**).

Harris's Sparrow—An ad. that wintered at EBL was singing 30 Apr (DJC**); another ad. was at Separ, *Grant* 13 May (LKM*).

Golden-crowned Sparrow—Last of the wintering Sandia Mts. ones were 2 in Embudito Canyon 28 Mar (DJK**); far s. at La Union, one lingered to 3 May (DAB**).

"Gray-headed" Junco—Unusual on the e. plains, one was at NRT 4 May (JWS**).

Yellow-eyed Junco—At least 3 were on Cistern Saddle, Animas Mts. 15 May (CGL)

Hepatic Tanager—An early one reached P.O. Canyon 5 Apr (CDL).

Northern Cardinal—Two ♀♀ were in the n. Peloncillo Mts. through 19 May (CDL), where last seen in 2008; others of interest included a ♂ on Tierra Blanca Cr., Black Range 31 Mar (DJC) and a ♂ in the Little Hatchet Mts., *Hidalgo* 25 May (SOW).

Pyrrhuloxia—One to 2 were n. to Bosque NWR 3-6 Mar (GKF); one n. to Belen 10 Apr had probably wintered locally (DLH).

Yellow Grosbeak—Providing a Pecos Valley first—and the 6th for New Mexico—was one at Roswell 7-9 May (RL*); described as a ♂, it frequented a fruiting mulberry with other grosbeaks, tanagers, and orioles.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak—One to 2 were at 17 sites in 12 counties from the RGV east 29 Apr-31 May; in the w., singles were in *Grant* at Hanover 2 May (J. Rogers), Silver
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City 8 May (KB), and the Pitch Fork Ranch sw. of Silver City 19 May (C. Cole**), and one was in P.O. Canyon 14 May (CDL).

Lazuli Bunting—An early ♂ was near Radium Springs 2 Apr (MTS, JEZ).

Lazuli Bunting x Indigo Bunting—One of these hybrids was at Farmington 7 May (CMR*); another was “battling” a ♂ Lazuli in the Corrales bosque 22 May (WHH*).

Indigo Bunting—A ♂ reached Albuquerque 19 Apr (CJW**).

Painted Bunting—One was n. of Taos 14 May (JH) and another was at Galisteo 24 May (JPB*).

Dickcissel—An early one was at the Mesa Rest Area 23 Apr (JEP) and another was at NRT 5 May (JWS**); one was w. to Silver City 10 May (RW**).

Bronzed Cowbird—One or more were n. to NRT 7-15 May (JEP, JRO) and a ♂ was at Boone’s Draw 13 May (CJW**).

Hooded Oriole—A ♂ reached the Radium Springs area 30 Mar (MTS, JEZ) and another was at EBL 2 Apr (DJC); an imm. ♂ was n. to Bosque NWR 14 May (GKF, DLH).

Bullock’s Oriole x Baltimore Oriole—A hybrid ♂ was at NRT 15 May (JRO**).

Baltimore Oriole—Four were reported: an ad. ♂ at Galisteo 18 May (SB**), one at Escondida L. 22 Apr (S. LaBrier **), an ad. ♂ near Radium Springs 4 May (MTS, JEZ**), and an undetailed ♂ at Rattlesnake Springs 14 May (SW).

Scott’s Oriole—Surprising for n. *Rio Arriba*, one was singing at 2210 m near the Chain Lakes e. of Heron L. 14 May (WHH); rare on the e. plains, single males were at NRT 22 Apr (JEP), 7 May (JEP), and 19 May (JRO).

rosy-finch—A three-species flock (**Brown-cappeds**, **Gray-crowned**s, and **Blacks**) of 75 lingered at Sandia Crest 28 Mar (DJK), where about 30 persisted to 6 Apr (WFWe).

Red Crossbill—A very few straggled to lowland areas, including 6 in se Albuquerque 17 Mar (JEP), 3 at the RGNC 2 May (DLH), 2 each at EBL 9 Apr (DJC) and Roswell 14 May (RL), and one at Santa Teresa 28 Apr (JNP).

Cassin’s Finch—A **yellow** ♂ was at Los Alamos 10-12 Apr (M. McKay**); apparently very rare, this variant has not been previously reported in New Mexico.

Evening Grosbeaks—A significant flight occurred in Apr, including a local first near Radium Springs 10 Apr (MTS, JEZ**), “hundreds” in the Sandia Mts. in late Apr (DJK), and 175 at Los Alamos 24 Apr (CMR); the species nested at the town of Cochiti Lake for the first time, where two nests produced fledglings 14 & 17 May (M. L. Watson).

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