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**Front cover:** Northern Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) at Bosque Redondo, De Baca County, New Mexico, 9 April 2014, first state record (see page 28). Photograph by Jonathan P. Batkin.

**Back cover:** Part of a flock of 150 Whimbrels (*Numenius phaeopus*) at Ute Lake, Quay County, New Mexico, 17 May 2014 (see page 22). Photograph by Jerry R. Oldenettel.

## SPRING SEASON 2014

Spring 2014 saw a continuation of persistent drought and unusually warm conditions over much of New Mexico, although scattered rains in both March and May provided temporary relief. Birders reported a disappointing spring migration, although a number of rarities were documented, including New Mexico's first Northern Wheatear, a Canada Warbler, and the largest flock of Whimbrels yet recorded in the state. A banding station was established by Mara Weisenberger on the San Andres National Wildlife Refuge in the San Andres Mountains at the remote San Andres Spring, the only significant riparian area between the Sacramento Mountains and the Rio Grande, and many important local first were obtained.

### Localities and Counties

Abiquiu, <i>Rio Arriba</i>	Hatchet Gap, <i>Hidalgo</i>
Alameda, <i>Bernalillo</i>	Hermanas, <i>Luna</i>
Albuquerque, <i>Bernalillo</i>	Hillsboro, <i>Sierra</i>
Angostura, <i>Sandoval</i>	Hobbs, <i>Lea</i>
Animas, Mts., Valley, <i>Hidalgo</i>	Holloman Lake, <i>Otero</i>
Bitter Lake NWR, <i>Chaves</i>	Jack's Peak, <i>Grant</i>
Black Range, <i>Grant/Sierra</i>	Kingston, <i>Sierra</i>
Black River, <i>Eddy</i>	Lake Avalon, <i>Eddy</i>
Boone's Draw, <i>Roosevelt</i>	Lake Carlsbad, <i>Eddy</i>
Bosque del Apache NWR, <i>Socorro</i>	Lakewood, <i>Eddy</i>
Bosque Redondo, <i>De Baca</i>	Las Campanas, <i>Santa Fe</i>
Bottomless Lakes SP, <i>Chaves</i>	Las Cruces, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Brantley Lake, <i>Eddy</i>	Las Vegas, <i>San Miguel</i>
Broad Canyon Ranch, <i>Doña Ana</i>	La Union, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Burro Mts., <i>Grant</i>	Leasburg SP, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Caballo Lake, Dam, <i>Sierra</i>	Lordsburg, <i>Hidalgo</i>
Carlsbad, <i>Eddy</i>	Luis Lopez, <i>Socorro</i>
Caprock, <i>Lea</i>	Magdalena, Mts., <i>Socorro</i>
Chicosa Lake, <i>Harding</i>	Melrose, <i>Curry</i>
Chloride Canyon, <i>Sierra</i>	Mesilla Bosque SP, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Clanton Canyon, Cienega, <i>Hidalgo</i>	Milnesand, <i>Roosevelt</i>
Clayton, Lake, <i>Union</i>	Mosquero Canyon, <i>Harding</i>
Cliff-Gila Valley, <i>Grant</i>	Nambe, <i>Santa Fe</i>
Clovis, <i>Curry</i>	Ned Houk Park, <i>Curry</i>
Corrales, <i>Sandoval</i>	north <i>Roosevelt</i> trap [NRT], <i>Roosevelt</i>
Deming, <i>Luna</i>	Nutt, <i>Luna</i>
Elephant Butte, Lake, Dam, <i>Sierra</i>	Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo, <i>Rio Arriba</i>
Engle, <i>Sierra</i>	Organ Mts., <i>Doña Ana</i>
Eunice, <i>Lea</i>	Orilla Verde, <i>Taos</i>
Farmington, <i>San Juan</i>	Otero Mesa, <i>Otero</i>
Fort Sumner, <i>De Baca</i>	Peloncillo Mts., <i>Hidalgo</i>
Frijoles Canyon, <i>Sandoval</i>	Percha SP, <i>Sierra</i>
Galisteo, <i>Santa Fe</i>	Placitas, <i>Sandoval</i>
Garfield, <i>Doña Ana</i>	Post Office Canyon, <i>Hidalgo</i>
Guadalupe Canyon, <i>Hidalgo</i>	Radium Springs, <i>Doña Ana</i>
Guadalupe Mts., <i>Eddy</i>	Rattlesnake Springs, <i>Eddy</i>
Hachita, <i>Grant</i>	Rio Grande Nature Center, <i>Bernalillo</i>

Rio Rancho, *Sandoval*  
 Riverside, *Grant*  
 Rodeo, *Hidalgo*  
 Roswell, *Chaves*  
 San Andres NWR, *Doña Ana*  
 San Andres Spring, *Doña Ana*  
 San Antonio, *Socorro*  
 Sandia Crest, *Bernalillo*  
 Sandia Mts., *Bernalillo/Sandoval*  
 San Jon, *Quay*  
 San Simon Cienega, *Hidalgo*  
 Santa Fe, Canyon, *Santa Fe*  
 Santa Rosa, *Guadalupe*

Silver City, *Grant*  
 Six Mile Dam, *Eddy*  
 Slaughter Canyon, *Eddy*  
 Socorro, *Socorro*  
 Sumner Lake, Dam, *De Baca*  
 Tatum, *Lea*  
 Texico, *Curry*  
 Tierra Blanca Cr., *Sierra*  
 Ute Lake, *Quay*  
 Valle de Oro NWR, *Bernalillo*  
 Waldrop Rest Area, *Chaves*  
 Washington Ranch, *Eddy*  
 Water Canyon, *Socorro*

### Standard Abbreviations

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

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## SPECIES ACCOUNTS

**Canada Goose**—A pair with three young was on the Rio Grande at the Buckman Diversion, *Santa Fe* 10 May (WTE\*\*), where an ad. was on a nest 13 Apr (WTE\*\*); there are now breeding records for at least 16 of New Mexico's 33 counties, including in all quadrants of the state.

**Cygnus swan**—Seven apparent imms. seen flying from a field at Garfield 10 May (MTS\*) could not be identified with certainty but were thought to be Trumpeters.

**Eurasian Wigeon**—The ♂ first found in the vicinity of the Santa Fe Country Club 10 Jan continued into Mar (BRF\*\*, JEP\*, CLH\*) and was last seen 18 Mar (WTE\*\*).

**Greater Scaup**—Two ♂♂ lingered at Brantley L. to 21 Mar (JEP\*) and a ♀ was at the Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo lakes 16 Mar (BRF\*\*).

**Barrow's Goldeneye**—Continued in evidence in the upper RGV, with 2 near Orilla Verde 1-2 Mar (NEH\*\*, WTE) and up to 3 lingering in the Ohkay Owingeh area 7-16 Mar (JEP\*, BRF\*); farther south, one was at Angostura Dam 1-3 Mar (DLH\*) and another was in the lower Pecos Valley at Brantley L. 3 Mar (CMR\*).

**Red-breasted Merganser**—Lingering were singles at Ohkay Owingeh 18 Mar (BRF\*\*), RGNC 21-22 May (VD, CMR\*), and Six Mile Dam 29 Apr (SW).

**Scaled Quail**—Were reported as much more in evidence in *Eddy* (SW), likely reflecting last year's relatively abundant Sep rains.

**Gambel's Quail**—An ad. ♂ successfully incubated a clutch of 13 eggs in a flower pot at Elephant Butte, with the chicks hatching 27 May (DJC\*\*).

**Northern Bobwhite**—Reported as scarce or absent throughout traditional range in eastern New Mexico.

[**Chukar**]—One was in the vicinity of Placitas in Apr (JM); such escapes are frequently seen in New Mexico, where the species is popular with dog-trainers.

**Lesser Prairie-Chicken**—According to reports, the species continued to decline; a traditional lek near the Waldrop Rest Area had but 2 ♂♂ 22 Mar (JEP) and another north of Milnesand visited 12-13 Apr had no displaying birds at all (W. Robertson).

**Pied-billed Grebe**—A pair was tending 4 chicks at a pond on the west side of Santa Fe 20 Apr (BRF\*\*).

**Red-necked Grebe**—An ad. in breeding plumage was at Sumner L. 16 Apr (J. C. Mittermeier\*).

**Aechmophorus grebe**—An apparent Western x Clark's hybrid was at Las Campanas 25 Apr-25 May (BRF\*\*, JPB, WTE\*).

**Neotropic Cormorant**—Up to 24 were at Albuquerque's Tingley ponds area Mar-May (JEP, DLH) and singles were at the Alameda bridge 2 Mar (JEP, CMR) and RGNC 6 Apr

(JEP), but no nesting was detected in the Albuquerque area. In the east, singles were at Clovis 18 Apr-9 May (JEP, JRO) and L. Avalon 24 Mar (LKM).

**Brown Pelican**—Continuing from Feb, 2 ads. were at EBL 4-11 Mar (DJC\*\*, JRO\*\*, JEP\*).

**American Bittern**—Up to 3 were at BLNWR on various dates 9 Mar-9 May (CMR, FA, JEP, WFWe, ACF); in recent years, this refuge has been the only reliable locale for the species in the state.

**Least Bittern**—One was vocal at Bosque Redondo 30 May (MJB); another was at Six Mile Dam 4 May (RN\*\*).

**Great Blue Heron**—Two nests at Six Mile Dam 10 Mar, constructed on towers built by Bureau of Land Management, provided a local first (SW).

**Great Egret**—Where seldom reported were 2 north to Nambe 26 May (JPB) and singles at RGNC 1 & 22 Mar (CMR\*, ARB\*\*), in the Cliff-Gila Valley near Riverside 26 Apr (BD), and at Lordsburg 10 May (*fide* AMC).

**Glossy Ibis**—Found among flocks of White-faced Ibis were one south of San Antonio 25 Apr (JEP\*) and singles at Bosque NWR as follows: along the seasonal road 19 Apr (CMR\*), at the south end of the South Loop 20 Apr (CMR\*), just south of the entrance booth 27 Apr (CMR\*, NEH\*\*), and at unspecified locales 10 & 31 May (GKF). One was at L. Avalon 23 Apr (SW\*).

**White-tailed Kite**—One was hunting over grasslands east of Hermanas 28 May (SOW), where the species has nested in past years.

**Mississippi Kite**—West of usual as well as somewhat early, one was in the Cliff-Gila Valley 26 Apr (BD).

**Bald Eagle**—Rare in *Chaves*, an imm. was near Roswell 21 Mar (JEP).

**Northern Harrier**—A ♂ and ♀ were interacting together in a marshy area along the Black R. 22 May (SW\*), where the species has nested in past years.

**Common Black Hawk**—Again in evidence in the upper and middle RGV, with one or more at Ohkay Owingeh 5 Apr (G. A. Friedman\*\*), Albuquerque's North Valley 22 Apr (A. Warner), and Albuquerque's South Valley on multiple dates 13 Apr-23 May (JEP, VD); an ad. was at Bosque NWR 9-10 May (GKF\*\*) where there was a juv. 31 May (SM\*\*). In the middle Pecos Valley, an active nest was south of Santa Rosa 27 May (WFWe).

**Harris's Hawk**—One was north to the Jornada del Muerto east of Engle 30 May (NGS\*\*). Several were reported in and near Las Cruces, including an active nest in the Las Alturas area 9 Apr (DJG).

**Gray Hawk**—One had returned to the Rattlesnake Springs area by 21 Mar (RN\*\*). In the southwest, 4 were in Guadalupe Canyon 9 May (MJB, NDP), and one was at Clanton

Cienega 10 May (NM-C). Noteworthy for the lower RGV was an apparent imm. soaring over La Union 15 May (DAB\*\*).

**Swainson's Hawk**—Earliest reported were singles at Waldrop Rest Area 21 Mar (JEP) and Bosque NWR 23 Mar (WHH).

**Zone-tailed Hawk**—One was early at Leasburg SP 22 Mar (J. M. Groves\*\*). Noteworthy for the Magdalena Mts. was one in Water Canyon 31 May (JWS). In the Guadalupe Mts., an active nest was at the Kenagy Ranch south of Queen 17 Apr & 10 May (SW) and another pair was in Turkey Canyon northeast of Queen 10 May (TJH).

**Black-necked Stilt**—Nine ads. and a nest with eggs were at Engle 19 May (DJC\*\*). Spring peak at BLNWR was 252 on 19 Mar (FA).

**American Avocet**—Fifteen ads. and a nest with eggs were at Engle 19 May (DJC\*\*). High counts included 301 at BLNWR 30 Apr (FA), 184 at Holloman L. 24 Mar (LKM), and 129 at L. Avalon 11 Apr (SW).

**Black-bellied Plover**—Remarkably early was one at Engle 28 Mar (DJC\*).

**Snowy Plover**—Where seldom reported were up to 4 at Ute L. 16-17 May (JRO, JEP, CMR), 2 at Clovis 24 Apr (JRO), and 5 at Bottomless Lakes SP 22 Mar (JEP).

**Mountain Plover**—Two were on the Kiowa National Grasslands northeast of Clayton 22 Apr (DLH).

**Solitary Sandpiper**—The wintering one at Leasburg SP, first reported 18 Nov, was last documented 29 Mar (CJG\*\*). An early migrant reached RGNC 5 Apr (ARB\*\*).

**Whimbrel**—An impressive 150 at Ute L. 17 May (JRO\*\*) was by far the largest flock ever seen in New Mexico and nearly doubled the number ever reported in the state. Early were 2 at Bosque Redondo 12 Apr (DLH, JM). Singles were at BLNWR 3-4 May (JEP\*, WFWe, ACF), Brantley L. 12 May (JEP\*), EBL 7 May (DJC\*\*), and Engle 12-26 May (DJC\*\*).

**Long-billed Curlew**—Noteworthy for *Curry*, 4 pairs were in residence north of Broadview 6 Apr (CMR\*).

**Hudsonian Godwit**—A strong season, with an early one at BLNWR 20 Apr (MJB\*\*, NDP), a *Harding* first one at Chicosa L. 11 May (RC\*\*, JRO\*\*, WTE\*\*, JEP\*), and a late one at EBL 29 May (DJC\*\*).

**Marbled Godwit**—Earliest were 3 at Valle de Oro NWR 14 Apr (ARB\*\*). High count was 142 at EBL 1 May (DJC). Late were 2 at Engle 26 May (DJC\*\*).

**Sanderling**—High counts were 6 each at Ute L. 16 May (JRO\*\*) and EBL 16 May (DJC\*\*).

**Dunlin**—An early one at BLNWR 21 Mar (JEP\*) may have wintered nearby; high count was 8 there 20 Apr (MJB, NDP).



**White-rumped Sandpiper**—Generally scarce; with one at Brantley L. 12 May (JEP), up to 4 at Ute L. 17 May (JEP, JRO, CMR), one at Chicosa L. 18 May (RC, WTE), and one west to Caballo L. 27 May (DJC\*\*) the only reports.

**Pectoral Sandpiper**—An early one was at Valle de Oro NWR 30 Mar (ARB\*\*); another was at Deming 9 Apr (LKM).

**Semipalmated Sandpiper**—Small numbers were noted during Apr-May in the east at Ute L., Chicosa L., BLNWR, and Brantley L. and in the RGV and vicinity at Bosque NWR, EBL, Engle, and Caballo L., including an early 2 at BLNWR 18 Apr (JEP), highs of 7 at Brantley L. 2-3 May (JEP) and 6 at Ute L. 16-17 May (JRO), and a late one at Bosque NWR 31 May (SM\*\*).

**Western Sandpiper**—An early one was at Brantley L. 21 Mar (JEP, RN\*\*).

**Wilson's Phalarope**—Some 577 were counted at Engle 5 May (DJC).

**Red-necked Phalarope**—Noteworthy for *Santa Fe*, 15 were at Las Campanas 16 May (BRF\*\*).

**Ring-billed Gull**—Conspicuous northward movement noted in mid-Mar, including 750 near Lake Arthur, *Chaves* 8 Mar (CMR), 600 at BLNWR 19 Mar (FA), and “many hundreds” at Bosque NWR 18 Mar (GKF).

**California Gull**—Peripheral reports included 2 southwest to Lordsburg 10 Mar (DJG\*\*) and singles in the east at L. Carlsbad 21 Mar (JEP) and Ute L. 15 May (JEP).

**Lesser Black-backed Gull**—A second-cycle individual was at Luis Lopez 19 Mar (JRO\*\*) and an apparent third-cycle one was at Valle de Oro NWR 24 Mar (ARB\*\*).

**Least Tern**—A very early one strayed to RGNC 4-6 Apr (DLH, NDP\*\*, NEH\*\*, m.ob.) and another was there 5-10 May (S. Jordan, C. Pasterczyk\*, m.ob.). One was north to Ute L. 17 May (CMR\*). One was on eggs at Brantley L. 18 May (SW), but success at that badly disturbed site was deemed unlikely.

**Caspian Tern**—Four were together at EBL 4 May (DJC\*\*).

**Forster's Tern**—One was at Lordsburg 12 May (AMC), where rarely reported.

**Inca Dove**—Few reports this season, among them were one at Carlsbad 6 Mar (SW), 2 each at Roswell 18 Apr (JEP) and Hillsboro 12 Apr (JEP), and up to 6 at Elephant Butte all season (DJC\*\*).

**Common Ground-Dove**—A strong season, with one along the Gila R. below Riverside 6 Apr (L. Moore\*\*) and one singing at Leasburg SP 5 Mar (B. Miller\*). On 10 May in *Hidalgo*, 4 were in Guadalupe Canyon (SOW, NM-C), 3 were at Clanton Cienega (NM-C), and 2 were at Double Adobe (AMC).

**Barn Owl**—An ad. and 3 young were at a nest in a storage shed at Rattlesnake Springs 3 May (SW).

**Great Horned Owl**—An ad. was on a nest on a low mound surrounded by water on the Black R. 9 Mar (RN). A nest on the old McMillan Dam, *Eddy* had 3 nestlings on 2 May (R. Hurd). A nest with a nestling was in *Guadalupe* beside US 84 southeast of Santa Rosa 12 Apr (WHH), and another active nest was in *De Baca* at the US 84 Alamogordo Cr. crossing 12 Apr (WHH).

**Elf Owl**—Maintaining a *Sierra* presence, 2 were on Las Animas Cr. 12 Apr (JEP) and one was in Chloride Canyon 8 May (DJC), while in *Eddy*, 2 were vocal in Last Chance Canyon 13 Mar (SW, TJH).

**Short-eared Owl**—Continuing from winter, 2 were in the Uvas Valley south of Nutt 1 Mar (JEP, JRO\*\*). By late May, up to three pairs were in grasslands on Otero Mesa (R. A. Meyer\*), a pair was west of Nutt (D. Meliopoulos\*), and a single was seen on a BBS route southwest of Floyd, *Roosevelt* 29 May (L. F. Neely\*).

**Common Poorwill**—One was vocal in Post Office Canyon 5 Mar (CDL). Others on the early side were one in Clanton Canyon 15 Mar (JEP) and 3 in Last Chance Canyon, *Eddy* 14 Mar (SW).

**Chimney Swift**—Early were 2 at the Clovis treatment ponds 18 Apr (JEP). One was west to the Las Cruces Dam 8 May (NGS).

**Lucifer Hummingbird**—An early ♂ was in Post Office Canyon 11 Mar; high count there was 27 ♂♂ and 8 ♀♀ on 27 May (CDL).

**Black-chinned Hummingbird**—First ♂ reached Post Office Canyon 20 Mar; first ♀ was there 6 Apr (CDL).

**Anna's Hummingbird**—An ad. ♀ was in Post Office Canyon 22 Apr, where an apparent juv. ♀ was seen 24 May (CDL).

**Broad-tailed Hummingbird**—Unusually early was a ♂ in Post Office Canyon 24 Feb, where the first ♀ was not seen until 20 Mar (CDL). Noteworthy east to *Lea*, a ♂ was at Tatum 9 May (JEP).

**Rufous Hummingbird**—The species is now regular in spring in the southwest; this season, 24 passed through Post Office Canyon 14 Mar-26 Apr (CDL). Others in *Hidalgo* were single ♂♂ at Granite Gap Preserve 1 Apr (L. Andree), Animas 3 May (DJG) and Rodeo 10 May (AMC). In the Silver City area, a ♂ was north of Silver City 2 Apr (D. Johnson) and at least 3 passed through Silver City in the spring (KB). In the RGV, single ♂♂ were at Las Cruces 22 Mar (NGS), Luis Lopez 20 Apr (JRO), and Nambe 30 Apr (E. MacKerrow). Noteworthy for the east was a ♂ near Las Vegas 27 Apr (C. Ruge).

**Broad-billed Hummingbird**—An ad. ♂ was at a north Silver City feeder from late May into the summer (KB).

**Violet-crowned Hummingbird**—An ad. ♂ was in Post Office Canyon 11 May (CDL), the first spring record for that locale.

**Red-headed Woodpecker**—Up to 9 were counted in *Harding* along NM 39 between Solano and Logan 18 May (RC). One was at Cherry L., *Mora* 20 May (WTE\*).

**Acorn Woodpecker**—Unusual was one in mesquite grassland northwest of Deming 28 May (MJB\*\*).

**Red-bellied Woodpecker**—A ♂ west to Costilla 28-30 May (R. Friedrichs\*\*) provided a *Taos* first and, at 2382 m, providing a high elevation record for the state.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker**—Those with details were an ad. west to Hillsboro 29 Mar (JEP\*), a ♀ in a pecan orchard south of Radium Springs 17 Mar (JEZ\*\*), an imm. molting into ad. plumage at the Roswell airport 3 Mar (RN\*\*), and an imm. at Washington Ranch 16 & 21 Mar (WTE\*, RN\*\*).

**Downy Woodpecker**—A nest with large young was in the Corrales bosque 26 May (WHH\*).

**Hairy Woodpecker**—A family group of 3 was in the Corrales bosque 31 May (WHH\*).

**Arizona Woodpecker**—In *Hidalgo*, 3 were in the Animas Mts., a high 13 were in Clanton Canyon, and singles were north to Skeleton and Post Office canyons 10 May (AMC+).

**American Three-toed Woodpecker**—A ♂ and ♀ were at Sandia Crest 23 Mar (JEP).

**American Kestrel**—A pair at Deming fledged 4 young about 15 Mar; the ♂ alone tended the fledglings while the ♀ incubated a second clutch, from which 2 fledged about 15 May (LKM\*). This may be the first known instance of double-brooding in the state.

**Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet**—At least 2 were in Guadalupe Canyon 10 May (SOW, NM-C), the only reliable locale for the species in the state.

**Greater Pewee**—One was singing on Jack's Peak, Burro Mts., 14-15 May (DJG). One was detected in the Animas Mts. 10 May (NDP).

**Western Wood-Pewee**—Surprisingly early was one at La Union 13 Apr (DAB).

**Eastern Wood-Pewee**—A vocal one was at NRT 17-18 May (JEP\*, JRO\*\*, CMR\*), the third spring record there since 2008.

**Least Flycatcher**—One west to San Andres Spring 21 May (MEW\*\*) was measured and banded and provided a San Andres NWR first. In the east, singles were at NRT 9 May (CMR\*) & 17 May (CMR\*) and Ned Houk Park 10 May (JEP\*) and 2 were at Boone's Draw 17 May (MJB\*).

**Dusky Flycatcher**—Apparently lingering from winter, singles were at Percha SP 8 Mar (JEP, JRO), Broad Canyon Ranch north of Radium Springs 17 Mar (MTS), and south of Radium Springs 14 & 17 Mar (MTS, JEZ).

**Buff-breasted Flycatcher**—Three were singing on the steep slope below Cistern Saddle in the Animas Mts. 10 May (MJB\*\*, NDP\*).

**Black Phoebe**—Scarce on the southeastern plains, one was at the Tatum treatment ponds 5 Apr (NEH\*\*, CMR\*, WTE\*).

**Eastern Phoebe**—One banded at San Andres Spring 18 Mar (MEW\*\*) provided another San Andres NWR first. One was singing at the Alameda bridge 15-31 May (DJK, WHH), where the species nested the past two years.

**Vermilion Flycatcher**—Continued to spread into the eastern plains, including a ♀ at Ned Houk Park 6 Apr (NEH\*\*, CMR\*, WTE\*) and a singing ♂ there 9-17 May (JEP\*), one at Tolar, *Roosevelt* 12 Apr (DLH), and singles at Caprock 5 Apr (CMR, WTE) and Tatum 5 Apr (NEH\*\*, CMR, WTE).

**Dusky-capped Flycatcher**—A recent arrival north to *Grant*, this season, one was singing at Cherry Creek CG 10 May (D. A. Zimmerman\*, KB) and 5, including a pair at a nest, were in the vicinity of Jack's Peak, Burro Mts. 14-15 May (DJG).

**Ash-throated Flycatcher**—An early one was in Post Office Canyon 29 Mar (CDL). Eight pairs were breeding along a 0.8 km transect in the northern Peloncillo Mts. 31 May (CDL).

**Great Crested Flycatcher**—Rare in spring, one was at NRT 27 May (WFWe, ACF).

**Tropical/Couch's Kingbird**—A silent kingbird of this species pair was at the Lordsburg treatment ponds 10 May (DRJ\*, C. Williams\*\*); bill measurements from the photographs may eventually identify which species was involved.

**Eastern Kingbird**—One was south to Albuquerque's South Valley 27 May (DLH).

**Scissor-tailed Flycatcher**—One was west to Bosque NWR 31 May (SM\*\*). One in Mosquero Canyon 18 May (WTE\*, RC) furnished a new *Harding* locale.

**Loggerhead Shrike**—A pair was nest building near Engle on the early date of 17 Mar, and was tending 4 or more fledglings by 28 Apr (DJC\*\*).

**White-eyed Vireo**—One was singing at Galisteo 1-3 May (C. Ferguson, JPB\*\*, BRF\*\*, WTE\*). Another was at Socorro 4 May (J. B. Vaughn).

**Bell's Vireo**—Continued to spread northward in the RGV, with one singing in the Corrales bosque 30-31 May (G. Garber, WHH\*). In the east, one was singing at Sumner Dam 19 Apr (JEP) and 2 were singing there 14-17 May (JEP, CMR). A dull plumaged (i.e., non-eastern) one was singing at NRT 15 May (JEP\*). On the east slope of the Black Range, one was along Tierra Blanca Cr. 17 May (DJC). One was singing at La Union by 5 Mar (DAB). Where seldom reported, 2—one singing—were at San Simon Cienega 14 Apr (DJG\*).

**Yellow-throated Vireo**—Singles were at Leasburg SP 2 May (CJG\*\*, NGS\*\*) and in the Corrales bosque 18 May (JMR, DJC\*\*).

**Plumbeous Vireo**—The one that wintered at Deming's Mountain View Cemetery was last seen 13 Mar (LKM). East to near the Texas line were one at Eunice's Brunson

Cemetery 21 Mar (DLH), which may have wintered locally, and singles at Texico 4 May (CMR) and Tatum 4 May (CMR).

**Hutton's Vireo**—Among several in the Burro Mts. in the vicinity of Jack's Peak 14-15 May was a pair building a nest (DJG).

**Warbling Vireo**—Earliest were singles at Bosque NWR 25 Apr (JEP) and Socorro 27 Apr (CMR).

**Red-eyed Vireo**—Singles were in the east at Clayton L. 16 May (JRO), near San Jon 17 May (JEP\*), and at NRT 31 May (JRO\*\*, MJB\*\*).

**Pinyon Jay**—One was west of Albuquerque at Tohajiilee 11 Mar (ARB\*\*). Some 11 were east of Engle in the foothills of the San Andres Mts. 31 May (DJC\*\*).

**Steller's Jay**—Continued in evidence in lowland areas, and were especially evident in the middle and lower RGV, including a late one at Corrales 25 May (WHH), a high 18 at Albuquerque's Mount Calvary Cemetery 22 May (DLH), 2 at Percha SP to 11 Apr (JEP), and 4 at La Union 20 Apr (DAB). Elsewhere, one was in Post Office Canyon 5 Apr (CDL), 8 were in desert scrub on San Andres NWR 22 Apr (MEW), and up to 2 were at Rattlesnake Springs 8 Mar-5 Apr (m.ob.).

**Blue Jay**—One to 2 lingered at Luis Lopez to 13 May (JRO); noteworthy for *Harding* was one near Solano 18 May (WTE\*\*, RC).

**Clark's Nutcracker**—Unexpected near the Mexican border, one was in the Animas Mts. 10 May (NDP\*). One at Ruidoso, *Lincoln* 16 Apr (E. Greenlee\*) provided one of the few records for the Sacramento Mts.

**American Crow**—Unusual was one at Virden, *Hidalgo* 10 May (*fide* AMC).

**Chihuahuan Raven**—Maintaining an Albuquerque breeding presence, a nest on a cell tower at Paradise Hills fledged 3 young 29 May (WHH).

**Common Raven**—Noteworthy for the southeast, singles were noted at Milnesand 5 Apr (CMR) and 2 May (JEP).

**Horned Lark**—Numbers have been declining in the Lakewood area in recent years; this year, on 25 May, none were detected on the Lakewood BBS (SW), the first time that has happened in 31 years of coverage.

**Purple Martin**—Having successfully colonized Eunice in recent years, the species now appears to be colonizing Clovis, most likely from adjacent West Texas, with up to 3 at the Clovis treatment ponds 9 & 14 May (JEP\*, JRO), one at Green Acres Park 10 May (JEP\*), and at least 3 about bird houses in the Sandzen subdivision 4 May (CMR\*) & 31 May (G. W. Beauprez\*\*). Farther south, a ♂ was at Green Meadow Lake in Hobbs 25 May (DLH\*), where also seen in 2013.

**Bank Swallow**—Up to 10 were at Rio Rancho's Iris Road Arroyo 18 May (CLH), where suitable nesting habitat exists.

**Cave Swallow**—A new colony was discovered in eastern *Chaves*, under a bridge near the Waldrop Rest Area, which contained 27 active nests 31 May (SW\*); this established the northernmost known breeding site in New Mexico.

**Mexican Chickadee**—Only 4 were detected in the Animas Mts. 10 May (MJB\*\*, NDP\*\*); windy conditions may have suppressed the count.

**Red-breasted Nuthatch**—One that arrived at Clovis in Nov was still there 4 May (P. McDaniel).

**Canyon Wren**—Noteworthy for *Curry*, one was singing from the caprock northeast of Broadview 6 Apr (CMR, WTE).

**Pacific Wren**—The one that wintered at Rattlesnake Springs continued 8 Mar (NEH\*\*) and was last reported 30 Mar (S. D. Collins).

**Pacific/Winter Wren**—Stub-tailed wrens suspected of being Pacifics were in the Black Range at Iron Creek CG 29 Mar (JEP\*), at Dripping Springs, Organ Mts. 16 Mar (NGS\*\*), and in Last Chance Canyon, Guadalupe Mts. 14 Mar (SW\*).

**Winter Wren**—Singles were identified in Frijoles Canyon, Jemez Mts. 28 Mar (BRF\*), the Corrales bosque 6 Mar (J. Liddell), and Bosque NWR 19 Apr (DLH).

**Marsh Wren**—One at NRT 18 Apr (JEP) represented only the second record for that well-studied site.

**Carolina Wren**—Up to 4 were singing at two Bosque NWR locales (seasonal road/Chupadera Deck area; the Rio Viejo trailhead at the east end of the two-way road) from 29 Mar into May (GKF, MJB, NDP, DLH, CMR, JEP); the species has been resident there since 2011.

**Cactus Wren**—A pair tending a new nest structure in the Caja del Rio area along Arroyo de las Calabazas, west of Santa Fe 7-13 Apr (J. E. Walters, JPB\*\*, BRF\*\*, WTE\*\*) provided the first firm *Santa Fe* breeding evidence for this expanding species. A pair was along Pipeline Road in northwestern *Sandoval* 19 May (MJB).

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**—An early one in Post Office Canyon 29 Mar (CDL) may have wintered somewhere nearby.

**Black-tailed Gnatcatcher**—A ♂ and ♀ were at Granite Gap Preserve near Cotton City, *Hidalgo* 4 Apr (JEP), one of the more dependable locales for the species in recent years.

**Northern Wheatear**—The species was added to the state list when Brenda Wright and Coen Dexter photographed one at Bosque Redondo near Fort Sumner 7 Apr, where it was documented by many 9-12 Apr (JRO\*\*, MJB\*\*, NDP\*\*, NEH\*\*, JPB\*\*, WTE\*\*, WHH\*\*, m.ob.) and last reported 14-15 Apr (*vide* N. S. Cox).

**Western Bluebird**—A pair with 3 spotted young in the Corrales bosque 26 May (WHH\*) provided another confirmation of this species breeding in the Rio Grande bosque. At least one pair was present in Albuquerque's Tingley bosque through the

season, where the species nested in 2012 and 2013, but the cavity tree used for nesting in those years was felled in a storm, and no breeding was detected this season (DLH).

**Townsend's Solitaire**—Lingering late in the south were singles at San Andres Spring 22 May (MEW) and Post Office Canyon 24 May (CDL).

**Varied Thrush**—An ad. ♂ was at San Andres Spring 22-23 Apr (MEW\*), the second local record for that remote site.

**Gray Catbird**—Noteworthy for *Doña Ana*, singles were at Organ 10 May (A. & H. Mendoza\*\*) and San Andres Spring 29 May (MEW\*\*). One in Mosquero Canyon 18 May (RC) provided a new *Harding* locale.

**Curve-billed Thrasher**—A nest with eggs was at 1920 m along the Arroyo de las Calabasas in the Caja del Rio area, *Santa Fe* 13 Apr (BRF\*).

**Bendire's Thrasher**—Among several reports were singles north of Lordsburg 4 Apr (JEP), in the Animas Valley 10 May (AMC), near Abiquiu 10 May (DJK), and south of Hatchet Gap 26 May (MJB\*\*).

**Crissal Thrasher**—Increasing presence north to *Santa Fe* was evidenced by a pair at Santa Fe 29-30 Mar (C. Grindle) and one at the Stanley cemetery 14 May (JPB).

**Sprague's Pipit**—Continuing from Feb, 2 were in the Uvas Valley near Nutt 1 Mar (JEP, JRO). One was along Separ Road, southern *Grant*, 25 Mar (BD).

**Phainopepla**—Single active nests were in *Sierra* below EBL Dam and at Truth or Consequences on 2 May (DJC).

**Olive Warbler**—Two or more ♂♂ were singing in the Jack's Peak area, Burro Mts., 14-15 May (DJG).

**Lapland Longspur**—Surprisingly late for so far south, one was at Holloman Lake 4 Apr (B. Duman\*\*); perhaps even more surprising was that another had been photographed at the same site almost exactly one year earlier, on 6 Apr 2013.

**Ovenbird**—One banded at San Andres Spring 22 May (MEW\*\*) provided a local first.

**Golden-winged Warbler**—A ♀ was banded in upper Sandia Canyon, *Los Alamos* 8 May (C. D. Hathcock\*\*); the species is rare and irregular in the state, with fewer than 40 credible records to date.

**Black-and-white Warbler**—An early one was at Carlsbad 24 Mar (TJH\*\*). Singles were reported at eight additional sites in *Santa Fe*, *Bernalillo*, *Doña Ana*, *Roosevelt*, *Chaves*, and *Eddy* 18 Apr-18 May (m.ob.).

**Lucy's Warbler**—Returned north to the Albuquerque area again this season, with up to 3 at Valle de Oro NWR 8-26 Apr (ARB\*\*, JEP, CMR) and 2 in the Tingley bosque 14-20 Apr (ARB\*\*, NEH\*\*, DJK, JMR), and 2 were singing at nearby Los Lunas, *Valencia* 12 Apr (CMR\*). Three were along Tierra Blanca Cr, west *Sierra* 5 Apr (DJC). Away from riparian areas in the southwest, 2 were at Hachita 29 May (SOW), 5 were in dense

mesquite in the vicinity of Hatchet Gap 29 May (SOW), and 3 were in dense mesquite near Playas Siding, *Hidalgo* 31 May (SOW).

**Nashville Warbler**—An ad. ♂ banded at San Andres Spring 16 Apr (MEW\*\*) provided a local first.

**Mourning Warbler**—An ad. ♂ at Ned Houk Park 23 May (D. J. Cuellar\*, R. E. Kreitinger\*\*) provided a *Curry* first.

**Kentucky Warbler**—Single ♂♂ were 5 km south of Radium Springs 27-28 Apr (MTS\*, JEZ\*) and at Boone's Draw 16 May (MJB\*\*).

**Common Yellowthroat**—Singing ♂♂ at Rattlesnake Springs, Washington Ranch, and the nearby Black River area 31 May (SW) suggested local breeding.

**Hooded Warbler**—Singles were west to Hillsboro 30 Apr (DJC\*\*) and Chloride Canyon 8 May (DJC). At least 9 were at eight sites in five counties from the RGV eastward 15 Apr-23 May (m.ob.).

**Northern Parula**—Singles were at Albuquerque's Montessa Park 8 Apr (NDP, ARB\*\*), RGNC 20 May (ARB\*), and Socorro 27 Apr (WTE). A ♀ banded at San Andres Spring 22 May (MEW\*\*) furnished a local first. Singles were at NRT 9 Apr (WTE) and 14 May (JEP\*). A ♂ was at Milnesand 16 May (WTE\*\*). A ♂ was singing at Rattlesnake Springs (VD) and a ♀ was there 6 May (SW\*).

**Magnolia Warbler**—An ad. ♂ was at NRT 27 May (WFWe, ACF), a ♀ was at Boone's Draw 17 May (MJB\*\*), and singles of uncertain sex/age were at Milnesand 25 May (L. Jenkins\*) and Tatum 4 May (CMR\*).

**Blackburnian Warbler**—An ad. ♂ at Clayton L. 16 May (JRO\*\*) furnished the first confirmed *Union* record.

**Yellow Warbler**—Three singing in the Corrales bosque 26-31 May (WHH) were in potential nesting habitat.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler**—Singles were near San Jon 15-17 May (JEP\*, JRO\*\*), at Ned Houk Park 14 May (JEP\*), Melrose City Park 10-11 May (JEP\*, JRO\*\*), and Boone's Draw 17 May (MJB\*\*).

**Black-throated Blue Warbler**—Scarce in spring, a ♂ was at NRT 17 May (JEP\*, JRO, CMR\*).

**Palm Warbler**—The "Yellow" one at San Antonio since Nov 29 continued 18 Mar (JEP\*, JRO) and 20 Mar (VD\*\*). Singles of the paler nominate subspecies were at Valle de Oro NWR 11 Apr (ARB\*\*) and Silver City 10 May (J. C. Lee\*).

**Pine Warbler**—The one at Albuquerque's Journal Center since 15 Dec continued 1 Mar (NEH\*\*) and was last reported 5 Mar (S. B. Fishburn).

**Black-throated Gray Warbler**—Earliest were singles in Post Office Canyon 28 Mar (CDL), Clanton Canyon 4 Apr (JEP), and Kingston 5 Apr (DJC).



**Hermit Warbler**—One was east to the Texico marsh 4 May (CMR\*\*). In the southwest, singles were in Clanton Canyon 10 May (NM-C) and the Animas Mts. 10 May (MJB).

**Black-throated Green Warbler**—One was at Rattlesnake Springs 19 Apr (RN\*\*).

**Canada Warbler**—A ♀ was at Rattlesnake Springs 30 May (RN\*\*); there are now about a dozen credible state records.

**Red-faced Warbler**—One was north to Bill Spring Trail, Sandia Mts. 4 May (J. P. Joseph\*).

**Painted Redstart**—Singles beyond normal range were in the San Andres Mts. at San Andres Spring 21 Apr (MEW\*\*), in the Sacramento Mts. at Three Rivers CG, *Lincoln* 9 May (M. Bradford\*\*), and NRT 8-9 May (JRO\*\*, JEP, CMR\*).

**Rufous-winged Sparrow**—At least one responded to playback in Guadalupe Canyon 10 May (SOW\*).

**Field Sparrow**—Latest were singles at NRT 19 Apr (JEP), Carlsbad 22 Apr (WFWe, ACF), and near Slaughter Canyon 23 Apr (WFWe, ACF).

**Black-chinned Sparrow**—Noteworthy was one singing north to the Santa Fe Canyon Preserve 18 May (JPB).

**Baird's Sparrow**—One was on the Las Cruces West Mesa 10 Apr (NGS\*\*).

**Harris's Sparrow**—Last were singles at NRT 10 May (JEP, JRO\*\*), Albuquerque 6 May (NDP), and Leasburg SP 8 May (CJG) plus one at Bosque NWR to 9 May (GKF) and another there to 11 May (NDP).

**Golden-crowned Sparrow**—A strong season, with singles at Corrales 1 Mar (DJK, JMR), Placitas 25 Apr (JM), Albuquerque 12 May (NDP), Luis Lopez into May (JRO), San Antonio 18 Apr (JWS), and at Bosque NWR to 19 April (CLH).

**Yellow-eyed Junco**—Several were reported on Jack's Peak 26 Apr (BD), 10 May (R. Wilcox), and 14-15 May (DJG), with 2 pairs (one with a fledgling) on the latter date. At least 2 were in the Animas Mts. 10 May (MJB, NDP).

**Northern Cardinal**—Noteworthy for *Doña Ana*, one was singing at La Union 20 Apr (DAB).

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak**—In the western tier of counties were 2 at Farmington 23 May (A. P. Nelson\*\*) and one in the Burro Mts. 21 Apr (K. Muller\*\*) plus different singles in Post Office Canyon 10 May & 18-22 May (CDL\*).

**Varied Bunting**—The species is regular in southeast, south-central, and southwest New Mexico; this season, an early ♂ was near Slaughter Canyon 23 Apr (WFWe, ACF), a pair was at San Andres Spring 21-29 May (MEW\*\*), and 3 were in Guadalupe Canyon 11 May (NM-C); noteworthy was a ♂ north to Post Office Canyon 29 May (CDL).

**Dickcissel**—A vocal one was at NRT 17 May (JEP).

**Bobolink**—As in 2013, several were found at Valle de Oro NWR, with up to 3 there 18-26 May (m.ob., WTE\*\*).

**Bronzed Cowbird**—A ♀ north to the Fort Sumner area 31 May (MJB\*) was of the blackish eastern subspecies, while a ♀ at Washington Ranch 3 May (JEP\*) and 2 ♀♀ north to NRT 15-26 May (JEP\*, JRO\*\*) were of the grayish western subspecies.

**Orchard Oriole**—An ad. ♂ was west to Silver City 10 May (KB\*), and another ♂ was at Mesilla Bosque SP 16 May (CJG).

**Hooded Oriole**—Very early were singles at Carlsbad 25 Mar (R. Hurd) and Post Office Canyon 26 Mar (CDL\*); noteworthy north to *Roosevelt* was a ♂ at Milnesand 2 May (JEP, JRO).

**Streak-backed Oriole**—The ad. ♂ that wintered in the Rattlesnake Springs-Washington Ranch area continued through Mar and Apr (m.ob., m.ph.) and was last documented 3 May (JEP\*, JRO\*\*).

**Lawrence's Goldfinch**—A ♂ was a surprise visitor at a Hillsboro feeder 10-12 Mar (R. A. Barnes\*\*).

**Evening Grosbeak**—Unusual was one lingering at a Rodeo feeder 10 May (*fide* AMC).

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