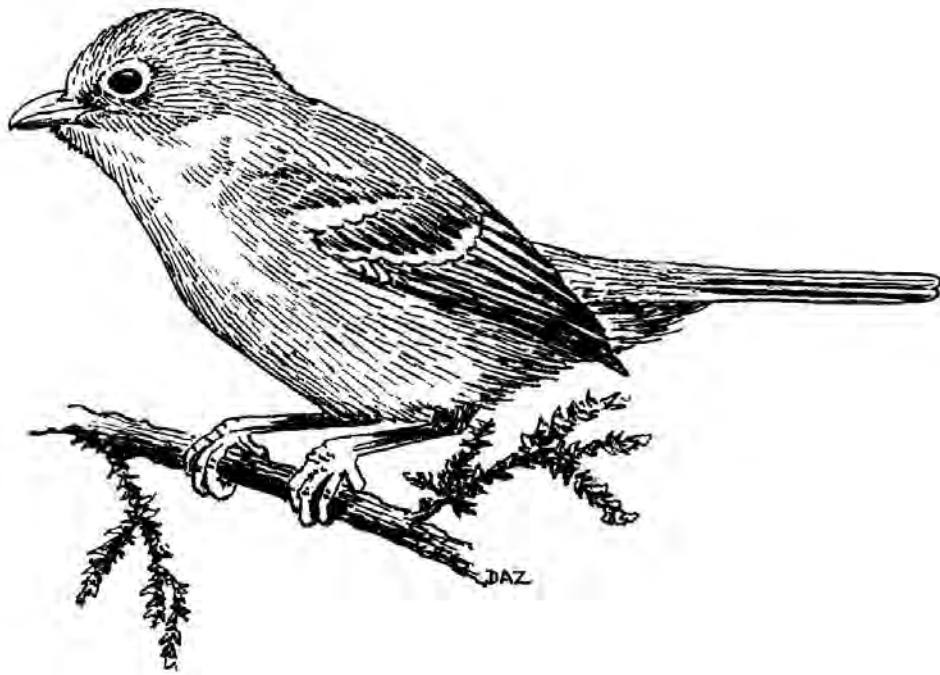


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## SUMMER SEASON 2007

Following a year of relatively generous precipitation, Summer 2007 presented excellent habitat conditions for breeding birds, especially grassland birds, but as the season progressed, drier conditions returned. On the birding front, the season was marked by several outstanding rarities, including Fulvous Whistling-Duck, Ruddy Turnstone, Parasitic Jaeger, summering Short-eared Owls, and Black-capped Gnatcatcher, and Green Kingfisher was added to the list of species confirmed in the state. Meanwhile, for the second consecutive year, all 62 of the state's Breeding Bird Survey routes were covered, so congratulations are in order to all New Mexico BBS volunteers for again achieving 100% coverage.

### Localities and Counties

Albuquerque, *Bernalillo*  
Alma, *Catron*  
Aguirre Springs, *Doña Ana*  
Animas, Cr., Mts., Valley, *Hidalgo*  
Bitter Lake NWR, *Chaves*  
Blackrock Dam, *McKinley*  
Bluewater, Gorge, Lake, *Cibola*  
Bosque del Apache NWR, *Socorro*  
Brantley Lake, *Eddy*  
Burro Mts., *Grant*  
Caballo Lake, *Sierra*  
Cedar Crest, *Bernalillo*  
Cerrillos, *Santa Fe*  
Chama, *Rio Arriba*  
Chuska Mts., *San Juan/McKinley*  
Cimarron, Canyon, River *Colfax*  
Clayton, *Union*  
Cliff, Cliff-Gila Valley, *Grant*  
Cloudcroft, *Otero*  
Cochiti Dam, Lake, Village, *Sandoval*  
Columbus, *Luna*  
Conchas Dam, *San Miguel*  
Corona, *Lincoln*  
Corrales, *Sandoval*  
Datil, Mts., *Catron*  
Delaware River, *Eddy*  
Deming, *Luna*  
Dixon, *Rio Arriba*  
Dripping Springs, *Doña Ana*  
Eagle Nest, Lake, *Colfax*  
Elephant Butte Lake, *Sierra*  
El Rito, Cr., *Rio Arriba*  
Engle, *Sierra*  
Farley, *Colfax*  
Farmington, *San Juan*  
Fort Sumner, *De Baca*  
Gallinas Mts., *Lincoln*  
Gila, Gila Bird Area, *Grant*  
Glenwood, *Catron*  
Grulla NWR, *Roosevelt*  
Guadalupe Canyon, *Hidalgo*  
Hachita, *Grant*  
Hatchet Gap, *Hidalgo*  
Hausner Canyon, *Cibola*  
Hermanas, *Luna*  
Hillsboro, *Sierra*  
Holloman Lake, *Otero*  
Isaack Lake, *Doña Ana*  
Jack's Peak, *Grant*  
Jemez Falls, Springs, *Sandoval*  
Jicarita Peak, *Taos*  
Laguna Grande, *Eddy*  
Lake Avalon, *Eddy*  
Lake Roberts, *Grant*  
Lake Valley, *Sierra*  
Lordsburg, *Hidalgo*  
Madrid, *Santa Fe*  
Manzano Mts., *Torrance*  
Maxwell, NWR, *Colfax*  
Mesilla, Dam, *Doña Ana*  
Mesquite, *Doña Ana*  
Mills, Canyon, *Harding*  
Nambe, *Santa Fe*  
north *Roosevelt* trap (NRT)  
Nutt, *Luna*  
Organ Mts., *Doña Ana*  
Orilla Verde, *Taos*  
Otero Mesa, *Otero*  
Pancho Villa SP, *Luna*  
Pecos, *San Miguel*  
Peloncillo Mts., *Hidalgo*  
Pinos Altos Mts., *Grant*  
Ponil Cr., *Colfax*  
Quates Lake, *Socorro*

Radium Springs, *Doña Ana*  
 Rattlesnake Springs, *Eddy*  
 Rio Grande Nature Center, *Bernalillo*  
 Rio Rancho, *Sandoval*  
 Rodeo, *Hidalgo*  
 Roswell, *Chaves*  
 Sandia Crest, *Bernalillo*  
 Sandia Mts., *Sandoval/Bernalillo*  
 San Acacia, *Socorro*  
 San Andres Mts., NWR, *Doña Ana*  
 San Marcial, *Socorro*  
 Santa Barbara Divide, *RA/MO/TA*  
 Santa Fe, Ski Basin, *Santa Fe*  
 Serpent Lake, *Taos*  
 Sevilleta NWR, *Socorro*

Silver City, *Grant*  
 Springer, Lake, *Colfax*  
 Stubblefield Lake, *Colfax*  
 Sugarite SP, *Colfax*  
 Taos, Ski Valley, *Taos*  
 Texico, *Curry*  
 Tome, *Valencia*  
 Trigg Ranch, *San Miguel*  
 Tyrone, *Grant*  
 Vermejo Ranch, *Colfax*  
 Watrous, *Mora*  
 Whiskey Lake, *McKinley*  
 Zuni, *McKinley*  
 Zuni Mts., *McKinley/Cibola*

### Standard Abbreviations

AFB	Air Force Base	RGNC	Rio Grande Nature Center
Bosque NWR	Bosque del Apache NWR	RGV	Rio Grande Valley
BLNWR	Bitter Lake NWR	SP	State Park
BBS	Breeding Bird Survey	UNM	Univ. of New Mexico
CBC	Christmas Bird Count	USFWS	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
CCNP	Carlsbad Caverns NP	WMA	Wildlife Management Area
CG	Camp Ground	WSMR	White Sands Missile Range
Cr.	Creek	ad(s).	adult(s)
EBL	Elephant Butte Lake	subad(s).	subadult(s)
GBA	Gila Bird Area	imm(s).	immature(s)
L.	Lake, Laguna	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		

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## SPECIES ACCOUNTS

**Fulvous Whistling-Duck**—An apparent subadult was at Lordsburg 29 Jul (CGL\*\*, CRB\*\*). There are fewer than a dozen acceptable records, all from the Apr-May and Jul-Oct periods.

**Trumpeter Swan**—An ad. in *Rio Arriba*, first found at Enbom L. in May, was at Stinking L. 12 Jul (DWS\*\*); origin of this individual is suspect and is under investigation.

**Wood Duck**—Broods included a female with 2 young on the Rio Grande at Rinconada, *Rio Arriba* 20 Jun (RT) and a female with 3 young at Mesilla Dam 14 Jul (CGL\*\*).

**Gadwall**—Two pairs were at Whiskey L., Chuska Mts., *McKinley* 17 Jun (TR); a female was flushed from a nest with 8 eggs near Cimarron 2 Jun (DJC\*\*).

**Mexican Duck**—Nine broods totaling 52 young were at the Deming waste water plant in Jun (LKM).

**Cinnamon Teal**—Unusual for the south was a brood at Deming in Jun (LKM).

**Canvasback**—Unusual for summer were one at Bluewater L. 19 Jun (JAT) and one at French L. e. of Cimarron 21 Jun (DJC), where there were 2 during 2-31 Jul (DJC).

**Redhead**—Three were s. to BLNWR 27 Jun (JMH).

**Ring-necked Duck**—A male was at Whiskey L., Chuska Mts. 17 Jun (TR).

**Lesser Scaup**—Five lingered at French L. e. of Cimarron 7 Jun (DJC).

**Ruddy Duck**—A photo of a brood at a Rio Rancho golf course made the *Albuquerque Journal* 14 Jul.

**White-tailed Ptarmigan**—The female of a pair on the Santa Barbara Divide below Jicarita Peak 28 Jul (JEP, JPB, DE-B\*\*) was in winter (white) plumage, apparently the result of hormonal imbalance (*fide* C. E. Braun).

**Dusky Grouse**—Unusual above treeline, 5 were in stunted willows at Jicarita Peak 28 Jul (JEP, JPB, DE-B\*\*).

**Scaled and Gambel's Quail**—The relatively cool, wet spring season led to improved breeding success for both Gambel's and Scaled Quail nearly statewide. Noteworthy was a female Gambel's herding 50 chicks at Bosque NWR 18 Jun (DLH).

**Montezuma Quail**—North of usual were 2 singing near Horse Springs, *Catron* 3 Jun, one each at TH Canyon and Musick Canyon (DLH).

**Common Loon**—One found injured at Mesquite 3 Jun died the next day (DJG\*\*). Late was one at BLNWR 6 Jun (JMH), last seen flying south; apparently summering was one at Maxwell NWR 30 Jun (CMR) & 21 Jul (DE-B).

**Eared Grebe**—Some 23 were at Whiskey L., Chuska Mts. 17 Jun (TR). Moderate numbers nested in n. *Rio Arriba*, including 200 nests at Horse L. 29 Jun, 100 nests at Stinking L. 12 Jul, and 9 nests at Stone L. (DWS). Eight nests were at Stubblefield L. 7 Jul, where there was an ad. with 3 chicks 24 Jul (DJC).

**Western Grebe**—Two nests were at Stubblefield L. 22 Jun and 5 nests were there 13 Jul (DJC).

**Clark's Grebe**—Pair with 2 chicks at Stubblefield L. 1 Jun, one nest there 22 Jun, and 6 nests there 13 Jul (DJC).

**American White Pelican**—Noteworthy for the sw., one was in the Areans Valley near Silver City 30 Jul (S. Loeffler\*\*).

**Neotropic Cormorant**—Four active nests at Quates L. s. of San Marcial 13 Jun, where there were up to 11 active **Double-crested Cormorant** nests (RHD, DWS). One nest was in a small colony with 19 active **Double-crested Cormorant** nests in EBL s. of the Narrows 13 Jun (DWS). None in a small colony in upper Caballo L. 12 Jun, where there were 6 active **Double-crested Cormorant** nests 12 Jun (DWS).

**American Bittern**—One at Bosque NWR 27-28 Jul (GKF) provided the lone report.

**Least Bittern**—Up to 4 at Bosque NWR 15 Jul (CMR) included ads. and imms., where young were also noted 29 Jun & 7 Jul (JEP). Others in the RGV were singles at Quates L. s. of San Marcial 13 Jun (RHD) and in upper EBL 28 Jun (RHD). One was perched on a fence at Texico 20 Jul (KBO).

**Great Blue Heron**—At least 2 nests with large young were at Watrous 9 Jul (DWS). Some 15 active nests were at Quates L. 13 Jun (RHD, DWS).

**Great Egret**—At least 34 active nests were at Quates L. 13 Jun (RHD, DWS). High count for foraging Greats was 82 at Bosque NWR 7 Jul (JEP).

**Little Blue Heron**—One imm. was at Bosque NWR 15 Jul (DE-B).

**Tricolored Heron**—One was at BLNWR 6 Jun (JMH).

**Cattle Egret**—A small colony near San Acacia had 23 active nests plus 12 **Snowy Egret** nests 12 Jun (DWS).

**Black-crowned Night-Heron**—A pair at Springer L. produced 2 young by 27 Jun (DJC). A noisy nesting colony near Nambe in Jun was considered a nuisance by some local residents (*fide* USFWS). At Quates L., there were 17 nests 13 Jun (RHD, DWS).

**White-faced Ibis**—At Stubblefield L., 3 nests had eggs 16 & 24 Jul, and one of those nests had a nestling 30 Jul (DJC\*\*).

**Osprey**—Had a good year in n. *Rio Arriba*, where 12 of 18 nests fledged a record 24 young (DWS); the *McKinley* nest fledged 2 (DWS). Singles were at Merrick L., *Colfax* 21 Jun (*fide* DJC) and L. Roberts 3 Jun-29 Jul (NDP, JPD, DJB).

**White-tailed Kite**—One was at Isaack L. 1 Jun (RAM), a juv. was ne. of Hermanas 11 Jul (JPB, MJB\*), and 2 were n. of Rodeo 28 Jul (REW\*\*).

**Mississippi Kite**—Noteworthy for the upper RGV was one along the R. Embudo at Dixon 4 Jun (RT\*). Surprising for *Grant* was one at L. Roberts 30 Jun (JPD\*\*).

**Bald Eagle**—One to 2 ads. were in the Stubblefield L. area 1 Jun-30 Jul (DJC\*\*) but no nest was located. The chick in the *Rio Arriba* nest was near fledging 19 Jun (DWS).

**Northern Harrier**—Responding to improved grassland conditions, the species was much in evidence, with summering birds reported in *Colfax*, *Chaves*, *Eddy*, *Valencia*, *Sierra*, *Doña Ana*, *Otero*, *Luna*, and *Hidalgo*, including an ad. with 2 fledglings in the Uvas Valley, *Doña Ana* 4 Jun (MTS, JEZ), two pairs feeding young at Isaack L. 20 Jun (DJG\*), a pair with a fledgling at Hibraltar Tank, *Doña Ana* 27 Jun (CGL\*\*), prey delivery and nest defense near Nutt 13 Jun (SOW\*), and locally produced juvs. at Rodeo 15 & 22 Jul (REW).

**Common Black-Hawk**—An ad. was at L. Roberts on various dates Jun-Jul (JPD), and a juv. was there 14 Jul (*fide* DJB).

**Harris's Hawk**—North were two at Cacklebur L. n. of Roswell 11 Jun (WHH).

**Gray Hawk**—A pair was tending a nest at Rattlesnake Springs 6-8 Jun (SOW\*, RHD\*\*), a first for the Pecos Valley; the nest was abandoned by 11 Jul, although the ads. continued in the area through Jul (RHD). Two territories were active in the New Mexico portion of Guadalupe Canyon Jun-Jul (m.ob., JRO\*\*).

**Ferruginous Hawk**—A nest with one chick was at Farley 18 & 29 Jun (DJC\*\*).

**Golden Eagle**—Surveys in ne. New Mexico 2-3 Jun found 31 successful nests that fledged 38 young (DWS).

**Snowy Plover**—Among 12 at L. Grande 18 Jun were 2 chicks plus 3 ads. on nests (DE-B).

**Semipalmated Plover**—Early returnees were 2 at Orilla Verde 2 Jul (R. C. Weber) and one at BLNWR 11 Jul (JMH).

**Mountain Plover**—Among the bison and prairie dogs on the Vermejo Ranch e. of Cimarron were an ad. with chicks 2 Jun (DJC\*\*), another ad. with chicks 19 Jun (DJC\*\*), and a nest with eggs 4 Jul (DJC\*\*). Small numbers were noted w. to *Taos* 16 Jun (JEP), *Santa Fe* 8 Jun (JPB), *Sandoval* 18 Jul (LAS), and *Cibola* 4 Jun (DJK).

**Solitary Sandpiper**—Early singles were near Gila 6 Jul (JEP) and at Bosque NWR 7 Jul (JEP).

**Greater Yellowlegs**—Reappeared by late Jun, including 5 at BLNWR 22 Jun (JEP) and singles at Brantley L. 22 Jun (JEP) and Bluewater L. 26 Jun (JAT).



**Willet**—Typically scarce in Jun, singles were at Bosque NWR 18 Jun (NDP) and Maxwell NWR 28 Jun (DJC).

**Long-billed Curlew**—About three dozen persisted in the Uvas Valley, *Doña Ana* into mid-Jun (CGL, MTS, JEZ, DJG), including several short-billed birds, apparently juvs. 9 Jun (DJG).

**Marbled Godwit**—Remarkable were 5 lingering at Brantley L. 8 Jun (RHD), where 2 were present 20 Jun (RHD\*\*) and one persisted to 22 Jun (JEP); late were 2 at Maxwell NWR 12 Jun (DJC).

**Ruddy Turnstone**—Rare in spring and previously unreported in Jun, a bright male was at Brantley L. 8 Jun (RHD\*\*).

**Semipalmated Sandpiper**—One was w. to the Uvas Valley, *Doña Ana* 2 Jun (MTS, JEZ\*\*) and another was far w. to Tyrone 29 Jul (ERL\*).

**White-rumped Sandpiper**—Late were 2 at Springer L. 5 Jun (DJC\*\*), 3 at Bosque NWR 13 Jun (JRO), and one at L. Grande 18 Jun (DE-B).

**Pectoral Sandpiper**—Earliest were singles at L. Roberts 8 Jul (RSS) and Bosque NWR 14 Jul (J. & M. Hirth).

**Stilt Sandpiper**—Earliest were 22 at BLNWR 11 Jul (JMH).

**Red-necked Phalarope**—One lingered at Bosque NWR 1-3 Jun (CGL, NDP); unusual was one at BLNWR 11 Jul (JMH).

**Laughing Gull**—An imm. was at Bosque NWR 1 Jun (CGL\*\*).

**Franklin's Gull**—Late were 9 at Maxwell NWR 8 Jun (DJC) and 4 at BLNWR 11 Jun (WHH); 2 were at EBL 7 Jul (JEP).

**California Gull**—Four ads. were at Eagle Nest L. 7 Jul (DJC).

**Least Tern**—Another poor year for New Mexico's breeders: 10 pairs nested at BLNWR, but most failed, and by late Jul only 2 young had fledged, although at least 2 pairs were re-nesting late (JBM). High water flooded all likely nesting flats at Brantley L., where the high count was 6 ads. on 11 Jun (WHH) but only one to 2 lingered into Jul (RHD). Away from known breeding areas were 9 at L. Avalon 21 Jul (SW) and singles at Grulla NWR 20 Jul (KBO\*) and Holloman L. 17 Jun (CGL\*).

**Caspian Tern**—Unexpected in Jun, 2 ads. were at Brantley L. 20 Jun (RHD\*\*) and one ad. was at Radium Springs 25 Jun (MTS, JEZ).

**Parasitic Jaeger**—An ad. light morph at Brantley L. 21 Jun (RHD\*\*) provided the state's 2<sup>nd</sup> confirmed record.

**Band-tailed Pigeon**—One wandered to San Andres Canyon, San Andres NWR 16 Jun (CGL); two were in lowland riparian at GBA 3 Jul (RSS).

**White-winged Dove**—Noteworthy were one at Farmington 26-31 Jul (TR), a nest at Bluewater Village 22 Jun (JAT), and one in the Datil Mts. 9 & 23-25 Jul (MJH).

**Common Ground-Dove**—Made a fair showing, with singles at Gila 23 Jun (JMB, CLB), Rodeo 11 Jul (REW), and the middle Animas Valley 2 Jul (DE-B), and up to 2 vocal in Guadalupe Canyon 27 & 30 Jun (NDP, JEP, JRO).

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo**—Noteworthy for e. *San Miguel* were 5 at Trigg Ranch 5-6 Jul (MDM) and one at Conchas Dam 29 Jun (*fide* PRS). Two were vocal at Selden Canyon near Radium Springs 12 Jun (MTS, JEZ), where an ad. was carrying food 12 Jul (DJG).

**Northern Pygmy-Owl**—In Seep Canyon near Weed, *Otero* were 2 ads. & a juv. 7 Jul (DE-B\*).

**Elf Owl**—One was n. to Mockingbird Gap, WSMR, *Socorro* 10 Jul (CGL).

**Long-eared Owl**—Building on widespread spring reports, additional breeding was reported this season, including a pair with a fledgling at De Na Zin Wilderness, *San Juan* 29 Jun (P. Kinslow\*\*), a nest with nestlings at Gobernador, *Rio Arriba* 6 Jun (DE-B\*\*), two sites with fledglings near Maxwell 4 Jun (DJC\*\*), and a family group of 5 near Hachita 13 Jun (SOW).

**Short-eared Owl**—A remarkable concentration, perhaps involving one or more family groups, was in grasslands e. of Tome, *Valencia*, where there were 12 on 24-25 Jun (JLS\*\*), 9 on 30 Jun (JLS), and 4 on 4 Jul (JLS, SOW); another was summering in the s. Animas Valley 1 Jul (JRO\*\*).

**Common Nighthawk**—A nest scrape with 2 hatchlings was at Lomas de la Bolsa, *Santa Fe*, 23 Jun (LAS).

**[Buff-colored Nightjar]**—None were detected in a 4-mile transect in Guadalupe Canyon the evening of 3 Jul (DE-B); the species was last reported there in 1985.

**Whip-poor-will**—On their n. periphery were 2 in Hausner Canyon, Zuni Mts. 20 Jun (JAT) and 3 in Gallinas Canyon, *San Miguel* 10 Jun (CMR).

**Black Swift**—Noteworthy were 2 along the Coyote Cr. Road about 8.5 mi SSE of Guadalupita, *Mora* 17 Jun (DLH\*). Several nests were noted at Jemez Falls 24 Jun-5 Jul (DE-B, JEP).

**Chimney Swift**—High counts were 12 at Clayton's Eklund Hotel 5 Jul (EGW) and 6 at Texico 20 Jul (KBO).

**Lucifer Hummingbird**—A male n. to L. Roberts 19-26 Jul (RLV, JEP, WFWi, MOH) provided a local first; a female was in upper Cottonwood Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. 28 Jul (T. E. Corman).

**Calliope Hummingbird**—Earliest were single males at Cochiti Village 9 Jul (MLW) and Maxwell 10 Jul (DJC).

**Rufous Hummingbird**—Earliest was a male in upper Cottonwood Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. 27 Jun (NDP); others were not detected until 1 Jul or later.

**Allen's Hummingbird**—A likely ad. male was at L. Roberts 22 Jul (BDN\*).

**Elegant Trogon**—A pair was in the Peloncillo Mts. s. of Skeleton Canyon Jun-Jul (m.ob.), the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year that this newly discovered site has been occupied.

**Green Kingfisher**—Added to the confirmed New Mexico list when the male discovered in May on the Gila R. near Gila was re-found and photographed on multiple dates 3 Jun-6 Jul (m.ob., JRO\*\*, DAZ\*\*, LKM\*\*, MJB\*\*, JMB\*\*). Interestingly, a female was described about 14 km downstream at the GBA 14 Jun (RSS\*).

**Red-headed Woodpecker**—An ad. was at Texico 20 Jul (KBO).

**Acorn Woodpecker**—Noteworthy were 2 at 2405 m in the Chuska Mts. at Foster Spring, *San Juan* 7 Jun (TR), a pair at Sugarite SP 20 Jul & one there 28 Jul (DJC\*\*), and 4 in the Gallinas Mts. near Corona 20 Jul (HRS).

**Williamson's Sapsucker**—Scarce in summer in the Sacramento Mts., a male was s. of Cloudcroft 17 Jun (CGL). An early migrant female reached Cerrillos 12 Jul (LAS).

**Ladder-backed Woodpecker**—Noteworthy for the Zuni Mts. was a nest in lower Bluewater Gorge 22 Jun (JAT).

**American Three-toed Woodpecker**—A good season produced reports from *Taos, Colfax, Santa Fe, Sandoval, San Miguel, Cibola, and Bernalillo*, including an ad. feeding a fledgling below Serpent L. 28 Jul (JEP, JPB), a pair tending nestlings at Big Tesuque Cr., *Santa Fe* 24 Jun (JPB\*\*), an active nest in Hausner Canyon, Zuni Mts. 24 Jun (JAT), and an ad. feeding a fledgling on the Sandia Crest Trail 27 Jul (CMB).

**Northern Beardless Tyrannulet**—Two were reported in Guadalupe Canyon, including one in the ranch house area, 30 Jun (JEP, JRO).

**Olive-sided Flycatcher**—One or 2 were in Tajiue Canyon, Manzano Mts. 14 Jun (HRS), where not known to breed.

**Willow Flycatcher**—It has been decades since the species was found nesting in the San Francisco Valley, but this season produced a nest at Glenwood and 3 nests near Alma 7 Jun (H. A. Walker\*); all had produced fledglings by 11 Jul (DLH\*). Also noteworthy were 2 on Ponil Cr. e. of Cimarron 28 Jun (DJC\*\*) and a vocal one at L. Roberts 8 Jul (RSS).

**Dusky Flycatcher**—South of known breeding range, an apparent pair was seen chasing a Bronzed Cowbird at Aguirre Springs, Organ Mts. 6 Jun (DJG).

**Black Phoebe**—Now well established n. to *Colfax*, 3 active nests were in the Cimarron-Springer area 12 Jun-21 Jul (DJC\*\*).

**Vermilion Flycatcher**—In the ne. were 5 along Trigg Road, e. *San Miguel* 5 Jul (MDM).

**Brown-crested Flycatcher**—A high 10 were in Guadalupe Canyon 30 Jun (JEP). A pair was tending fledglings near Alma 12 Jul (DLH) and a pair was tending fledglings at Glenwood 11 Jul (DLH).

**Couch's/Tropical Kingbird**—One of this group was described at Zuni's Blackrock Dam 18 Jun (JAT\*); Tropical remains unverified in New Mexico.

**Cassin's Kingbird**—A pair was holding its own in the midst of numerous Western's at Pancho Villa SP, Columbus 13 Jun (SOW).

**Thick-billed Kingbird**—Only one was found in Guadalupe Canyon 30 Jun (JEP), where the species has grown scarce in recent years.

**Eastern Kingbird**—Late was an active nest at Stubblefield L. 9 Jul (DJC\*\*).

**Scissor-tailed Flycatcher**—Far from expected range was a male-female pair photographed at a nest in Taos 5 Jul (G. & M. Coniglio\*\*). Others w. of usual were singles at Trigg Ranch, e. *San Miguel* 5 Jul (MDM) and NRT 5 Jun (SOW), and 4 n. of Roswell 11 Jun (WHH).

**White-eyed Vireo**—One was singing at Escondida, *Socorro* 29 Jun (V. Hunter *fide* DLH).

**Bell's Vireo**—One singing e. of Engle 13 Jun (DJG) provided a local first. Two were in mesquite near Hatchet Gap 13 Jun (SOW).

**Gray Vireo**—Surveys documented multiple territories in *San Juan* (DE-B, TR), the Jicarilla Indian Reservation in *Rio Arriba* (DWS), *Santa Fe* (JPB, M. M. Ristow), and in the San Andres, Organ, and Sacramento ranges (m.ob.), including at least 9 territories on the Jicarilla 16-17 Jun (DWS), 17 territories in the Organ Mts. (CGL\*) and 37 territories in the Sacramento Mts. in *Otero* (CGL\*).

**Plumbeous Vireo**—As in 2006, a pair nested in the Rio Grande bosque near Veguita, *Socorro*, fledging young by 16 Jul (DLH\*).

**Hutton's Vireo**—Colonization of the Organ Mts. appears to be continuing, with reports from seven canyons 4 Jun-24 Jul (CGL, DJG, MTS, JEZ), including a pair feeding a fledgling at Fillmore Spring 14 Jun (DJG). One n. to Three Rivers Canyon, *Otero* 30 Jun (WFWi) was a local first.

**Red-eyed Vireo**—A singing one was near Cedar Crest 23 Jun (DJK), but only **Warbling Vireos** were found nesting there that date. One singing along the Delaware R. 10 Jun (RAM) was at the same site as was a male in 2006.

**Clark's Nutcracker**—One was e. of Sugarite SP 22 Jun (CAH).

**American Crow**—Eight were at Whiskey L., Chuska Mts. 17 Jun (TR).

**Chihuahuan Raven**—Continued to spread, including a group of 30 on the North Plains, *Cibola* 4 Jun (DJK). Three active nests were in *Colfax* 14 Jun (DJC\*).

**Common Raven**—Noteworthy were 3 w. of Dunken, *Chaves* 23 Jun (JEP).

**Purple Martin**—Summering birds were found n. to the Chuska and Sangre de Cristo ranges, including at 5 locales in the latter in *Colfax* and *San Miguel*. Ten, including fledglings, were in the recently occupied Gallinas Mts. near Corona 20 Jul (HRS). Unusual was a male at RGNC 2 Jun (SW).

**Tree Swallow**—Now rarely found nesting in the middle RGV, at least 2 active nests were in saltcedar snags at Quates L. s. of San Marcial 13 Jun (RHD, DWS). Ads. were feeding nestlings in 3 aspen cavities e. of Sugarite SP 21 Jun (CAH).

**Cave Swallow**—Found nesting n. to a highway culvert at Champion Cove, Brantley L. (SW). A juv. was well described n. to BLNWR 2 Jul (JMH\*).

**Mountain Chickadee**—Noteworthy s. to the Organ Mts. were 2 inspecting a cavity in Fillmore Canyon 6 Jul (DJG); others in the Organs were 2 each in Indian Hollow 15 Jul (CGL) and Rucker Canyon 24 Jul (CGL).

**Red-breasted Nuthatch**—Early for the lowlands, one was at Albuquerque 4 Jul (JEP).

**Cactus Wren**—A high 24 were counted on the Pastura BBS, *Guadalupe* 5 Jun (WHH); a record 5 were counted on the Magdalena BBS, w. *Socorro* 5 Jun (HRS).

**House Wren**—Surprising for *Harding* was one singing in upper Mills Canyon 27 Jun (HRS). Two were in Indian Hollow, Organ Mts. 15 Jul (CGL), where not known to breed.

**Winter Wren**—Intriguing was one seen and heard singing at Jemez Falls 5 Jul (JEP), where summering birds have been detected in recent years but nesting remains undocumented.

**Golden-crowned Kinglet**—Noteworthy away from major mountain ranges, 2 were at Narbona Pass, Chuska Mts. 17 Jun (TR), 2 family groups were in Hausner Canyon, Zuni Mts. 24 Jun (JAT), and 4 were in the Sandia Mts. 2 Jul (HRS).

**Black-tailed Gnatcatcher**—Three were e. of Engle 13 Jun (DJG).

**Black-capped Gnatcatcher**—For the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year, the species was reported from both the New Mexico and Arizona portions of Guadalupe Canyon; in New Mexico, 2 were just e. of the state line and another was near the old orchard 24 Jun (JMB\*\*, CLB\*); an ad. female was w. of the state line in Arizona 27 Jun (MJB, NDP).

**Eastern Bluebird**—Noteworthy was one n. of El Rito 11 Jun (JRO). In the middle RGV, at least 4 pairs successfully fledged 2<sup>nd</sup> broods in *Bernalillo*, *Valencia*, and *Socorro* in Jun-Jul (DLH).

**Townsend's Solitaire**—Noteworthy for the Manzano Mts. was one in Tajique Canyon 14 Jun (HRS).

**Veery**—One was singing along the Rio Pueblo near Placitas, *Taos* 2 Jun (JEP).

**Gray Catbird**—One was late at NRT 5 Jun (SOW); far w. was one at Glenwood 24 Jul (*fide* DJB).

**Bendire's Thrasher**—Although greatly outnumbered by Curve-billeds, a few Bendire's were in the Caja del Rio area near Santa Fe, including one to 2 ads. 2 Jun (JPB), a pair 18 Jun (W. F. West), and one singing 5 Jul (JEP).

**Curve-billed Thrasher**—Documenting nesting n. to *Colfax*, an ad. was tending fledglings e. of Cimarron 28 Jun & 18 Jul (DJC\*\*). One was w. to Bonita Canyon, Zuni Mts. 20 Jun (JAT).

**Cedar Waxwing**—Had its best breeding season since first discovered nesting in the state in 1995: an ad. feeding a recent fledgling at Ghost Ranch, *Rio Arriba* 23 Jul (G. A. Owings\*), a nest with large nestlings in an apple orchard nw. of Cochiti L. 7 Jul (CMR), a nest in a mulberry at Cochiti Village that fledged young by 22 Jul (MLW\*\*), and an ad. on a nest in a boxelder at Pecos 14 & 17 Jun (K. & G. Schiltz\*\*). Other summering Cedars included 4 at Chama 9 Jun (WHH), singles at Madrid 13-16 Jun (LAS), 2 at Corrales 17 Jun (DJK), and 7 at Cedar Crest 23 Jun (DJK).

**Phainopepla**—Singles were n. in the RGV to *Sandoval* at Algodones 2 Jun (S. O'Neill) and Placitas 29 Jul (M. Milone\*). A pair was nesting along Galisteo Cr. e. of Cerrillos 28 Jul (LAS\*), and a pair was nesting at Bosque NWR 14 Jun (WHH\*), where ads. were feeding fledglings 15 Jul (CMR); in the w., a pair was at Zuni in late Jun (JAT).

**Olive Warbler**—In the recently colonized Organ Mts., 4 were in Indian Hollow in late Jun (CRB) where there were one or 2 on 15 Jul (CGL\*\*), and at least 2 were in Rucker Canyon 24 Jul (CGL\*\*).

**Lucy's Warbler**—Far n. were 3 at Zuni in Jun (JAT); others in non-traditional areas in the w. included one at Lake Valley 14 Jun (SOW), 3 near Hatchet Gap 13 Jun (SOW), and one at Pancho Villa SP 13 Jun (SOW). Up to 4 were e. to Rattlesnake Springs 4 Jun (SW).

**Northern Parula**—One at Bandelier NM in Frijoles Canyon, *Sandoval* in May was still there 3 Jun (JPB\*\*). One was w. to Zuni in late Jun (JAT).

**Chestnut-sided Warbler**—A male was singing at Corrales 5-24 Jun (T. W. Fetz\*\*, DE-B\*\*, DJK\*\*, JEP\*); the species has been found in the state during Jun in four of the past eight years.

**Audubon's Warbler**—One was late at NRT 1 Jun (DJK). Ads. were feeding fledglings in oak habitat at Sugarite SP 22 Jun (CAH).

**Black-throated Gray Warbler**—Up to 7 territories were found in mature pinyon pine habitat on the Vermejo Ranch in the n. Sangre de Cristo Mts. 20 Jun (DJC\*\*), where status is poorly known.

**Townsend's Warbler**—At least 2 had arrived on Jack's Peak, Burro Mts. by 29 Jul (CGL).

**Hermit Warbler**—Earliest were 3 at Jack's Peak 29 Jul (CGL\*).

**Black-and-white Warbler**—Single females were in Little Water Canyon, Zuni Mts. 19 Jun (JAT) and NRT 1 Jun (DJK).

**American Redstart**—Singles were an ad. male at NRT 1 Jun (DJK) and apparent subads. at Corrales 24 Jun (JEP, DJK), s. of Radium Springs 1 Jul (MTS, JEZ\*\*), and along the Pine Tree Trail, Aguirre Springs 6 Jun (DJG).

**Ovenbird**—Singles were singing in Hausner Canyon, Zuni Mts. 20 Jun (JAT) and in lower Peñasco Canyon, Sacramento Mts., *Otero* 13 Jun (WHH).

**Kentucky Warbler**—A male w. to Farmington 5-13 Jun (TR\*\*, DE-B\*\*, WFWi) provided a *San Juan* first.

**MacGillivray's Warbler**—Late were one at NRT 1 Jun (DJK) and one singing in desert scrub on the Jornada site, *Doña Ana* 1 Jun (RAM).

**Common Yellowthroat**—One was singing at L. Avalon 21 Jul (SW).

**Hooded Warbler**—Unusual was an imm. at Hillsboro 22 Jun (BDN\*) described as having downy flanks and a short tail, suggesting it may have been locally produced.

**Wilson's Warbler**—Up to 4 were at the Taos Ski Valley 2 Jun and at least one was there 16 Jun (JEP); late for the prairie was one at NRT 5 Jun (SOW).

**Red-faced Warbler**—Maintaining a Sacramento Mts. presence were 2 s. of Cloudcroft 13 Jun (WHH).

**Summer Tanager**—In the ne., 4 were along the Canadian R. w. of Mills 26 Jun (HRS) and 15 were at Trigg Ranch, e. *San Miguel* 5-6 Jun (MDM).

**Cassin's Sparrow**—Had a banner year in the e. and s., as is typical in wet years; singing singles where rarely encountered were at the Very Large Array, *Socorro* 25 Jun (DLH) and Glenwood 10 Jul (DLH).

**[Rufous-winged Sparrow]**—No New Mexico records, but one singing at the main gate to Guadalupe Canyon in Arizona 29 Jul (T. E. Corman) was the 2<sup>nd</sup> recent report for the Arizona portion of the canyon and suggests the species should be looked for in the New Mexico portion of the canyon.

**Black-chinned Sparrow**—North to *Santa Fe* was one singing in Diablo Canyon, Buckman Mesa 16 Jun (JPB). Noteworthy for *Chaves* was one singing w. of Dunken 23 Jun (JEP).

**Lark Bunting**—Summering far s. of usual were up to 30 e. of Tome 4 Jul (SOW), 4 females including one carrying food at Sevilleta NWR 15 Jun (HRS), and, on Otero Mesa, 5 females including one carrying food to a nest and another feeding a fledgling 8 Jun (RAM).

**Savannah Sparrow**—Had a good year at Bluewater L., where there were 22 mostly singing males 19 Jun and about 40, including stub-tailed juvs. 26 Jun (JAT). Surprising for the e. plains were 2 at Yates, *Harding* 14 Jul (KBO).

**Grasshopper Sparrow**—Detected in areas where not seen in many years, including singles se. of Fort Sumner 5 Jun (SOW), near Caprock, *Lea* 6 Jun (SOW), and nw. of Nutt 14 Jun (SOW).

**Lincoln's Sparrow**—Implying wet conditions, 4 s. of Cloudcroft 13 Jun (WHH) was a good count for the Sacramento Mts.

**Yellow-eyed Junco**—One was noted on Jack's Peak, Burro Mts. 5 Jun (JPB\*\*) & 8 Jun (JEP); and ad. was with a juv. there 28-29 Jul (CGL).

**Northern Cardinal**—Peripheral were singles at Trigg Ranch, e. *San Miguel* 6 Jul (MDM) and n. of Lake Valley 14 Jun (SOW).

**Pyrrhuloxia**—One was singing n. of Roswell 11 Jun (WHH).

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak**—A male at Santa Fe 16-19 Jun (JPB\*\*) was the only report.

**Blue Grosbeak**—Typically places nests low in shrubs, but due to understory clearing in the middle RGV, 4 nests were found 10-15 m high in cottonwoods during the season (DLH).

**Lazuli Bunting**—South of traditional range were a pair in Fillmore Canyon, Organ Mts. 30 Jun (CGL) & 8 Jul (DJG) and a nesting pair at Dripping Springs 14 Jun (DJG); 2 in the Cliff-Gila Valley 14 Jul (DE-B) were in an area where breeding is known.

**Indigo Bunting**—Among several summering in the San Andres and Organ ranges were a nesting pair plus up to 2 singing males in Fillmore Canyon, Organ Mts. 14 Jun-12 Jul (DJG, CGL\*\*, MTS, JEZ).

**Lazuli Bunting X Indigo Bunting**—One hybrid was at Farmington 12-23 Jun (TR).

**Painted Bunting**—Noteworthy for *Doña Ana* was a male singing in Selden Canyon 12 Jun (MTS, JEZ), a male singing at Mesilla Dam 31 Jul (CGL), and 2 males at La Mesa 29 Jul (CGL).

**Dickcissel**—Summering birds were widespread in the e. in *Colfax* (DJC\*\*, DE-B), *San Miguel* (BDN), *De Baca* (SOW), *Chaves* (JMH, WHH), *Roosevelt* (DJK), and *Lea* (SOW); an ad. was feeding 2 begging juvs. at Grulla NWR 20 Jul (KBO).

**Brewer's Blackbird**—Up to 10, including fledglings, were at Whiskey L., Chuska Mts., 17 Jun (TR), and 2 were tending a begging juv. near Sacramento, *Otero* 17 Jun (CGL).

**Common Grackle**—Far w. were 2 at Farmington 2-26 Jun (TR) and one at Animas 28 Jul (JRO).

**Bronzed Cowbird**—Continuing from May, a male was displaying to a female at Albuquerque 2 Jun (BDN).



**Hooded Oriole**—One was n. of Lake Valley 14 Jun (SOW).

**Cassin's Finch**—Noteworthy for summer were singles at Washington Pass, Chuska Mts., *San Juan* 17 Jun (TR), Tyrone 17 Jun (ERL), and in Woods Canyon, Sacramento Mts., *Otero* 8 Jul (DE-B).

**Red Crossbill**—Small numbers were widespread in mountainous regions from the Zuni, Jemez, and Sangre de Cristo ranges s. to the Pinos Altos and Sacramento ranges. Unusual was one at RGNC 10 Jul (M. Stake).

**Lawrence's Goldfinch**—Unexpected in summer, a male was at a feeder in the Datil Mts. 24 km w. of Datil 19 Jul into Aug (MJH\*\*, JRO\*\*, v.o.).

**American Goldfinch**—Several were present along Ponil Cr. e. of Cimarron 3-26 Jul (DJC), where breeding is now well documented. Others suggestive of summering were 3 males at Chama 8-9 Jun (WHH) and one male near Arroyo Hondo, *Taos* 16 Jun (JEP).

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