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BELEN-VALENCIA	LA CUEVA-MORA	
BERNARDO—SOCORRO	LAS TRAMPAS—TAOS	
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BITTER LAKE NWR-CHAVES	LAKE ROBERTS-GRANT	
BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR-SOCORRO	LAS VEGAS—SAN MIGUEL	
BOTTOMLESS LAKES STATE PARK-CHAVES	LORDSBURG—HIDALGO	
BUCKHORN MARSH-GRANT	LOS ALAMOS—LOS ALAMOS	
BURRO MTS.—GRANT	MAGDALENA—SOCORRO	
CARLSBAD—EDDY	MAGDALENA MTS.—SOCORRO	
CEDAR CREST-BERNALILLO	MESILLA PARK-DONA ANA	
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CLIFF-GRANT	MORGAN LAKE—SAN JUAN	
COLUMBUS-LUNA	NAVAJO RESERVATION—SAN JUAN	
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ESPANOLA—RIO ARRIBA	PORTALES-ROOSEVELT	
FARMINGTON—SAN JUAN	QUESTA-TAOS	
FENTON LAKE—SANDOVAL	RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS-EDDY	

FLORA VISTA—SAN JUAN REDROCK-GRANT FT. BAYARD—GRANT RESERVE—CATRON GILA-GRANT ROSWELL—CHAVES GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS—CATRON SAN AUGUSTIN PLAINS-CATRON, SOCORRO

GILA HOT SPRINGS-GRANT SAN CRISTOBAL—TAOS SANDIA MTS.—BERNALILLO GILA VALLEY- CATRON, GRANT, HIDALGO GLENWOOD—CATRON SAN MATEO MTS.—SOCORRO GUADALUPE CANON—HIDALGO SAN SIMON CIENEGA-HIDALGO

SAPELLO CREEK-GRANT HACHITA—GRANT HARROUN LAKE-EDDY SILVER CITY-GRANT HEART BAR RANCH—CATRON S.U. CANON—CATRON HURLEY-GRANT TESUQUE—SANTA FE

TULAROSA MTS.—CATRON
TYRONE—GRANT
VALMORA—MORA
VIRDEN—HIDALGO

WALL LAKE—CATRON
WASHINGTON RANCH—EDDY
WHITE ROCK—LOS ALAMOS
WILLOW LAKE—EDDY

## COMMON LOON

WINTER REPORTS: 3 AT LAKE MCMILLAN ON 12/22 (LC, SW) AND 1 AT WILLOW LAKE ON 12/26 (LM, SW). MIGRANTS: 1-2 AT FARMINGTON ON 4/24, 5/2, 5/9-10, CONSISTING OF SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS INCLUDING AT LEAST 2 IN BREEDING PLUMAGE (APN); 1 NEAR ROSWELL ON 4/4 AND 4/11 (VM ET AL.) AND 1 AT HARROUN LAKE IN WINTER PLUMAGE, 5/25 (SW, JACK WEST).

#### HORNED GREBE

A FEW AT WILLOW LAKE WITH EARED GREBES ON 12/26 (SW <u>ET AL.</u>). 14 NEAR FARMINGTON ON 12/13 (APN) REPORTED WITHOUT DETAILS AND DIFFICULT TO DISTINGUISH IN WINTER PLUMAGE FROM EARED GREBE.

#### EARED GREBE

2 AT LAKE ROBERTS ON 1/10, AND AT BILL EVANS LAKE 10 ON 12/14 AND 6 ON 1/10 (RAF); 5 ON 5/9 AND 1 ON 5/29 AT FARMINGTON, ALL IN BREEDING PLUMAGE (APN).

#### PIED-BILLED GREBE

2 AT LAKE ROBERTS ON 12/14 AND 1/10 (RAF); 1 AT WALL LAKE ON 5/11 (MBS).

#### DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT

WINTER REPORTS: 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 2/13 AND 2/27 (BMA) AND 1 AT LAKE MCMILLAN ON 12/22 (LC, SW).

# GREEN HERON

SINGLES NEAR FARMINGTON ON 5/30 (APN), APACHE CREEK ON 5/24 (MCK), CLIFF ON 5/9 (NMOS), AND HURLEY ON 5/5 (RAF).

## LITTLE BLUE HERON

AN ADULT AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/28 (VM). AN IMMATURE REPORTED AT ELEPHANT BUTTE ON 4/19 (JB) WITHOUT DETAILS; IMMATURES MAY GE DIFFICULT TO DISTINGUISH FROM SNOWY EGRETS.

# SNOWY EGRET

REPORTS OF MIGRANTS INCLUDED 2 AT LAS VEGAS ON 5/4 (WH), PLUS 10 THERE ON 4/23 AND 6 ON 5/9 (ES).

## BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

1 NEAR CLAYTON ON 5/5 (WC, AJK).

# YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

AN ADULT WAS SEEN AT HARROUN LAKE OR 12/26, WITH THE DESCRIPTION NOTING THE BLACK AND WHITE FACIAL PATTERN, GRAY HECK AND BODY, AND WHITE SPOTTING ON THE BACK AND WINGS (LM, SW).

# WHITE-FACED IBIS

WINTER REPORT OF 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/9 AND 12/19 (BMA).

#### WHISTLING SWAN

1-2 AT MORGAN LAKE OR 12/7 AND 12/13 (APN), AND AN IMMATURE AT ANAPRA ON 1/6 (SW).

# \*CANADA GOOSE

REPORTED BREEDING AT BOLACK'S RANCH NEAR FARMINGTON IN THE SPRING; HAS ALSO BRED THERE IN PAST YEARS (APN).

## WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE

3 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 2/13 (BMA).

#### SNOW GOOSE

PEAK OF 4000 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/4 (BMA); 12 AT LA CUEVA ON 1/18 (WH); 12 AT BILL EVANS LAKE ON 3/8 (CHARLOTTE KNEY ET AL.), AND 250 SEEN 15 MILES SOUTH OF DEMING ON 3/8 (J.P.GIBSONS).

# BLUE GOOSE

ABOUT 20 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 1/25 (JND); 1 SEEN 15 MILES SOUTH OF DEMING ON 3/8 (J.P.GIBSONS).

## ROSS' GOOSE

20 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/4 (BMA) AND 5 AT ANAPRA IN DECEMBER (FIDE SW).

### \*MALLARD

PEAK OF 15,000 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/9 (BMA) AND AN EQUAL NUMBER REPORTED REAR FARMINGTON ON 12/27 (APN); 1514 ON THE CHRISTMAS COUNT AT LAS VEGAS (ES ET AL.). FEMALE WITH 8 YOUNG AT APACHE CREEK ON 5/24 (MCK), ONE WITH 2 YOUNG AT THE HEART BAR RANCH ON 5/24 (RAF). AND REPORTED NESTING AT ANAPRA IN MARCH (SW). (NOTE: FEMALES WITH YOUNG OR AT NESTS REQUIRE CARE IN BEING DISTINGUISHED FROM THOSE OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIES, ESPECIALLY IN THE SOUTHWESTERN AREA. ED.)

## MEXICAN DUCK

26 WERE REPORTED AT SAN SIMON CIENEGA ON 1/26 AND 22 ON 1/27, INCLUDING ONE THAT WAS COLOR—BANDED AND WING—TAGGED (SW); 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 1/25 (JND). AN EXTRA—LIMITAL RECORD IS OF ONE CAPTURED AND BANDED AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 1/11; THE DESCRIPTION FITS WELL AND THE BIRD APPEARED TO BE "PURE—BLOODED", UNLIKE A FEW PREVIOUSLY RECORDED BIRDS FROM THAT AREA (GI, VM).

## GADWALL

PEAK OF 1100 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/9 (BMA). NOTABLE WINTER REPORTS WERE 8 AT LAKE ROBERTS ON 12/14, AND AT BILL EVANS LAKE 16 ON 12/14 AND 8 ON 1/10 (RAF).

#### PINTAIL

PEAK OF 1200 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/9 (BMA). NOTABLE WINTER REPORTS WERE 5 NEAR ESPANOLA ON 12/28 (PRS), 2 AT LAKE ROBERTS ON 1/10, AND 1 AT BILL EVANS LAKE ON 12/14 (RAF).

## BLUE-WINGED TEAL

RATHER UNUSUAL WERE 100 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/9 (BMA); THERE ARE INCREASING WINTER REPORTS OF THIS SPECIES.

# CINNAMON TEAL

WINTER REPORTS AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR INCLUDE 50 ON 12/9 (BMA), 20 ON 1/25, AND 6 ON 2/10 (DDL  $\underline{\text{ET}}$   $\underline{\text{AL}}$ .); THIS SPECIES MAY NOW BE REGULAR IN WINTER THERE. NOTED AT LAS VEGAS ON 5/4 (WH).

# AMERICAN WIDGEON

NOTABLE WERE 14 AT LAKE ROBERTS ON 12/14 AND 8 ON 1/10, AND 20 AT BILL EVANS LAKE ON 12/14 (RAF).

#### SHOVELER

NOTABLE WERE 6 AT LAKE ROBERTS ON 12/14 AND 1 ON 1/10, AND 1 NEAR CLIFF ON 1/17 (RAF); PEAK OF 2200 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/9 (BMA).

# WOOD DUCK

1 EAST OF FARMINGTON ON 12/5 ( $\underline{\text{FIDE}}$  APN) AND A MALE AT ANAPRA IN EARLY APRIL (SW).

## RING-NECKED DUCK

NOTABLE WERE 12 AT LAKE ROBERTS ON 12/14 AND 1/10, AND 10 AT BILL EVANS LAKE ON 12/14 (RAF); ALSO, 4 AT GLENWOOD ON 3/15 (RAF) AND 2 AT APACHE CREEK ON 5/24 (MCK).

#### CANVASBACK

NOTABLE WERE 20 AT LAKE ROBERTS ON 12/14 AND 28 ON 1/10 (RAF).

#### LESSER SCAUP

NOTABLE WERE 20 AT LAKE ROBERTS ON 1/10, AND 8 AT BILL EVANS LAKE ON 12/14 AND 1/10 (RAF).

## WHITE-WINGED SCOTER

1 AT BOTTOMLESS LAKES STATE PARK OR 4/2 (VM <u>ET AL.</u>); WELL—DESCRIBED AND ACCEPTABLE RECORD OF A SPECIES THAT IS SELDOM REPORTED IN THE STATE (MOST RECORDS IN AUTUMN).

# SURF SCOTER

1 REPORTED WITHOUT DETAILS AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/15 (GI).

#### RUDDY DUCK

NOTABLE WINTER RECORDS: 1 AT LAS VEGAS IN DECEMBER (ES  $\underline{\text{ET}}$   $\underline{\text{AL}}$ .), 80 ON 12/14 AND 10 ON 1/10 AT LAKE ROBERTS (RAF), 22 ON 12/14 AND 4 ON 1/10 AT BILL EVANS LAKE (RAF).

## TURKEY VULTURE

AN UNUSUAL REPORT IS OF 2 AT BERNARDO OR 1/4 (JND) AS THERE ARE FEW WINTER RECORDS AND NO SPECIMEN FROM THAT SEASON. EARLY DATES OF ARRIVAL: 3/21-1 AT ROSWELL (VM); 3/29-1 AT MESILLA PARK (WHH); 4/5-1 AT CEDAR CREST (MCK); 4/6-2 AT JEMEZ SPRINGS (MBS) AND 1 AT LAS VEGAS (WH); 4/8-1 AT LOS ALAMOS (PRS).

### \*MISSISSIPPI KITE

A PAIR NESTING IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY NEAR THE TEXAS STATE LINE IN MAY (SW); REPORTED FROM PORTALES (ALG).

#### **GOSHAWK**

1 NEAR FARMINGTON OR 3/28 (APN).

### HARLAN'S HAWK

1 WAS REPORTED NEAR CLIFF SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PERIOD 12/14 TO 3/21, AND 2 ON 3/8 (RAF); A GOOD DESCRIPTION SUPPORTS THIS IDENTIFICATION.

#### SWAINSON'S HAWK

VERY UNUSUAL WAS 1 REPORTED HEAR CLIFF ON 1/17 (RAF); THE RECORD IS SUPPORTED BY A DESCRIPTION OF THE BIRD.

# ZONE-TAILED HAWK

2 NEAR CLIFF ON 5/9 (NMOS).

# WHITE-TAILED HAWK

THIS APPEARS TO BE A NEW STATE RECORD AND IS BASED ON AN ADULT SEEN NEAR COLUMBUS ON 12/21; DESCRIPTION INCLUDES: VERY WHITE UNDERPANTS, GRAYISH TO BROWNISH HEAD AND BACK, BROWNISH LEADING EDGE TO WING AND "SHOULDER" AREA, WHITE TAIL WITH A SINGLE BLACK BAND NEAR THE TIP; SEEN AT 300 FEET WITH 9X35 BINOCULAR AND 20X SCOPE, PERCHED AND IN FLIGHT (TOM AND LINDA BRAKE, RAF).

## FERRUGINOUS HAWK

3 IN THE ANIMAS-HACHITA AREA ON 2/7 (RAF).

## HARRIS' HAWK

NUMBERS DOWN IN THE CARLSBAD AREA IN THE WINTER (SW); 3 NEAR ROSWELL ON 2/16 AND 2 THERE ON 3/24 AND 3/26 (VM, ET AL.).

#### BLACK HAWK

FIRST NEAR CLIFF ON 3/15 (RAF); NUMBERS WERE UP TO 7 ON THE GILA COUNT ON 5/9 (NMOS) COMPARED TO 3 LAST YEAR ON 5/3.

#### GOLDEN EAGLE

1 NEAR ROSWELL ON 12/18 AND 4/2 (VM ET AL.).

#### BALD EAGLE

REPORTS OF THIS DECLINING SPECIES INCLUDE 1 ON 12/31 AND 3-4 IN FEBRUARY NEAR FARMINGTON (FIDE APN), 3 AT LA CUEVA ON 1/28 (JLS), AND 1 NEAR GILA ON 3/8 (RAF).

#### PEREGRINE FALCON

ANOTHER DECLINING SPECIES, REPORTED AS SINGLES AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/14-15 (VM ET AL.) AND NEAR CLIFF ON 5/9 (NMOS).

#### PIGEON HAWK

SINGLES NEAR WHITE ROCK ON 1/14 (RALPH NELSON) AND AT COLUMBUS ON 12/21 (RAF); 1 CAUGHT A GAMBEL'S QUAIL AT SILVER CITY ON 2/20 (CLS).

## WHITE—TAILED PTARMIGAN

2 WERE SEEN ON COSTILLA PEAK ON 2/11 (ROBERT O. WELSH); THIS SPECIES IS NOW VERY RARE IN THE STATE.

# SANDHILL CRANE

PEAK OF 6100 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR IN WINTER, WITH LAST 4 BIRDS SEEN ON 3/6 (BMA); 500 NEAR COLUMBUS ON 12/21 (RAF). NEAR WHITE ROCK FLOCKS WERE PASSING OVER ON 2/12 (CARL E. SNIDER) AND 10 WERE AT LAS VEGAS ON 3/29 (WH). NEAR GILA 140 WERE SEEN ON 3/8, 150 ON 3/15, AND 20 ON 3/21; INCLUDED WAS A COLOR—TAGGED BIRD THAT HAD BEEN MARKED AT GRAY'S LAKE REFUGE, IDAHO (RAF).

# VIRGINIA RAIL

1 AT WALL LAKE ON 5/11 (MBS).

#### SORA

1 AT FLORA VISTA ON 5/2 (APN).

### COMMN GALLINULE

AT BUCKHORN MARSH, 1 WAS SEEN ON 5/17 AND 2 ON 5/31 (RAF); THE IDENTIFICATION IS SUPPORTED BY A WRITTEN DESCRIPTION.

# \*AMERICAN COOT

WINTER REPORTS INCLUDE 5000 AT LAS VEGAS IN DECEMBER (ES  $\underline{\text{ET}}$   $\underline{\text{AL}}$ .), 50 AT LAKE ROBERTS ON 12/14 (RAF). 70 ON 12/14 AND 102 ON 1/10 AT BILL EVANS LAKE (RAF).

8 PAIR HAD BEGUN NESTING AT GLENWOOD ON 3/15 (RAF) AND YOUNG WERE SEEN NEAR ISLETA ON 5/12 (JDL) AND AT APACHE CREEK ON 5/24 (MCK).

## LONG-BILLED CURLEW

FIRST AT CLAYTON ON 5/5 (AJK), NOTED AT LAS VEGAS ON 5/4 (WH), AND 1 AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 5/3 (BOYD MCLEOD).

#### WILLET

1 WAS SEEN, AND WELL DESCRIBED, ON THE CHAMA RIVER JUST SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH THE BRAZOS ON 4/23 (JR).

## WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER

REPORTED WITHOUT DETAILS AT LAS VEGAS ON 5/9 (ES); VERY RARE IN THE STATE.

#### MARBLED GODWIT

1 WAS SEEN NEAR ESPANOLA ON 4/19, WHERE INTERESTINGLY ONE WAS ALSO SEEN ON THE SAME DATE IN 1962 AND 1963 (PRS).

## WILSON'S PHALAROPE

2 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 3/22 WERE EARLY; PEAK OF 1000 ON 4/22 (VM  $\overline{\text{ET}}$   $\overline{\text{AL}}$ .). 36 ON 5/2 AND 4 ON 5/16 AT CLAYTON, WHERE NOT REGULAR (AJK).

## RING-BILLED GULL

1 IN THE ALBUQUERQUE AREA ON 12/20 IS SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL (JND <u>ET AL.</u>). FLOCKS OF MIGRANTS WERE NOTED IN THE LAST HALF OF MARCH, WITH HUNDREDS NEAR FARMINGTON ON 3/20 (APN), 25 OR MORE AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 3/15 AND SUBSEQUENTLY (RITA G. NICKLAS ET AL.), AND 20 NEAR CLIFF ON 3/21 (RAF).

#### FRANKLIN'S GULL

NOTED AT LAS VEGAS ON 5/4 (WN) AND 3 WERE AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/15 (VM).

## \*BANDTAILED PIGEON

LESS THAN 25 SEEN IN THE SANDIA MTS. 2/26, AND LESS THAN 25 NEAR SILVER CITY ON 12/18; MORE THAN 25 IN SILVER CITY ON 3/5, AND IN THE MANZANO MTS. 3/4 ( $\underline{\text{FIDE}}$  ,JLS). A NEST IN THE BURRO MTS. CONTAINED A 2/3 GROWN YOUNG ON THE VERY EARLY DATE OF 3/10 ( $\underline{\text{FIDE}}$  JLS).

#### \*WHITE-WINGED DOVE

THIS SPECIES CONTINUES TO EXPAND IN THE CARLSBAD AREA, WHERE 16 WERE COUNTED AT RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS ON 5/28 (LM, SW), INCLUDING A NEST CONTAINING A WELL—DEVELOPED YOUNG (LM, SW).

### GROUND DOVE

UNUSUAL WAS A REPORT OF 1 NEAR VINDEN ON 5/9 (NMOS).

# ROADRUNNER

HIGH COUNTS WERE 34 NEAR COLUMBUS ON 12/21 (RAF) AND 10 IN A 10-MILE STRETCH SOUTH OF BELEN ON 1/11 (LL).

### BARN OWL

2 AT BUCKHORN MARSH ON 5/17 (RAF).

## SCREECH OWL

1 FOUND 12 MILES WEST OF MAGDALENA ON 1/30 AND 2/28 (JDL) AND 1 AT ESPANOLA ON 1/4 (PRS). AT LEAST 4 CALLING IN S.U. CANON ON 3/28 (MCK).

#### FLAMMULATED OWL

1 HEARD IN LOS ALAMOS ON 5/20 (PRS) AND SINGLES BANDED AT CEDAR CREST ON 5/15

AND IN THE TULAROSA MTS. ON 5/24 (MCK).

#### PYGMY OWL

1 HEARD IN LOS ALAMOS ON 1/20 (PRS).

#### ELF OWL

4 NEAR REDROCK ON 5/9 (NMOS).

#### BURROWING OWL

NOTED AT CONCHAS LAKE ON 5/24 (WH) AND 1 ON SACATON MESA, NORTH OF CLIFF, ON 4/4 (RAF).

## SPOTTED OWL

1 HEARD IN LOS ALAMOS IN MID-APRIL (W.C.TURNER).

#### LONG-EARED OWL

1 FOUND DEAD NEAR VALMORA ON 2/27 (WH). 2 AT FT. BAYARD ON 2/28 AND 4/4 BUT THE HABITAT HAS SINCE SEEN DESTROYED THERE AND NO OTHERS HAVE BEEN SEEN IN THE AREA (RAF).

### SHORT-EARED OWL

1 ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE ORGAN MTS. ON 2/12 (WHH).

#### WHIP-POOR-WILL

HEARD TWICE IN ROSEDALE CANON, SAN MATEO MTS., ON 5/24 (JR <u>ET AL</u>.); ALSO HEARD, AND 1 BANDED, IN THE TULAROSA MTS. ON 5/22-24 (MCK).

# COMMON NIGHTHAWK

AN EXTREMELY EARLY BIRD WAS REPORTED IN THE MANGAS VALLEY SETWEEN TYRONE AND CLIFF, ON 3/21 (RAF). (THE DESCRIPTION OF THE CALL SUGGESTS THAT THIS SPECIES WAS THE ONE INVOLVED, BUT THE LESSER NIGHTHAWK IS MORE LIKELY SO EARLY IN THE SPRING.—ED.)

### POOR-WILL

A BIRD CAPTURED IN THE TULAROSA MTS. ON 5/24 HAD BEEN BANDED THERE THE PREVIOUS YEAR ON 5/30/69 (MCK).

#### WHITE-THROATED SWIFT

EARLIEST RECORD IN THE SOUTH WAS 20 BIRDS ON 3/21 AT GLENWOOD (RAF). BUT NOT RECORDED UNTIL 4/26 AT LOS ALAMOS (PRS) AND NEAR LAS VEGAS (WH).

## BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD

FIRST AT ALBUQUERQUE IN THE FIRST WEEK IN APRIL (TOM SMYLIE), AT LOS ALAMOS ON 4/14 (W.BURTON LEWIS), AND AT CEDAR CREST ON 4/16 (MCK).

# CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD

THE FIRST SPRING RECORD FOR THE STATE WAS A MALE SEEN AT S.U. CANON, NEAR RESERVE, ON 4/25 (D.MCK); THE EXTREMELY SMALL SIZE AND REDDISH GORGET, STREAMING OUT ON BOTH SIDES, WERE NOTED AT LESS THAN 5 FEET DISTANCE.

## RED—SHAFTED FLICKER

NOTABLE WERE 100 AT FARMINGTON ON 12/27 (APN ET AL.).

#### GILA WOODPECKER

ONLY 9 WERE COUNTED IN THE GILA VALLEY ON 5/9, COMPARED TO 51 A YEAR AGO (NMOS); PART OF THIS REDUCTION MAY BE DUE TO FEWER COMPETENT OBSERVERS WORKING THIS YEAR, BUT THE SITUATION SHOULD BE CAREFULLY WATCHED IN THE FUTURE.

#### RED-HEADED WOODPECKER

SEVERAL WERE SEEN IN THE RIO GRANGE VALLEY NEAR ALBUQUERQUE ON 5/30 (JR).

# \*ACORN WOODPECKER

A NEST AT TYRONE FLEDGED YOUNG ON 5/25 (RAF). 2 WERE SEEN IN THE SAN MATEO MTS. ON 5/24 (JR) AND 4 AT GLENWOOD ON 5/13 (MBS).

## WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER

A PAIR WAS COPULATING IN THE TULAROSA MTS. ON 5/24 (MCK).

# \*HAIRY WOODPECKER

A NEST AT LAKE ROBERTS HAD YOUNG ON 5/24 AND 5/31 (RAF) AND ONE AT SILVER CITY HAD YOUNG ON 5/16 (CLS). 1 NEAR REDROCK ON 5/9 (NMOS).

## DOWNY WOODPECKER

1 AT SILVER CITY ON 4/13 (CLS). A PAIR COPULATING IN S.U. CANON ON 4/26 AND THE FEMALE WAS WORKING ON A NEST CAVITY (MCK).

### WESTERN KINGBIRD

1 AT SILVER CITY ON 4/10 (RAF) IS SOMEWHAT EARLY. FIRST AT LAS VEGAS ON 5/1 (WH), AT CLAYTON ON 5/2 (AJK), AND AT LOS ALAMOS NOT UNTIL MID-MAY (PRS)

#### CASSIN'S KINGBIRD

FIRST AT LOS ALAMOS ON 4/26 (PRS).

# THICK-BILLED KINGBIRD

7-8 PAIRS REPORTED IN GUADALUPE CANON (PRESUMABLY IN NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA) ON 5/9 (JOE KENNEDY).

#### SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER

1 SEEN AND DESCRIBED BETWEEN DEMING AND LORDSBURG ON 5/12 (ROBERT DUNCAN).

## EASTERN PHOEBE

SINGLES IN THE CARLSBAD AREA ON 12/26 (LM) AND 1/23 (SW).

# \*BLACK PHOEBE

2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 2/10 (DDL <u>ET AL.</u>) AND 1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 12/14 (ES). FOUND NESTING AT ISLETA PUEBLO (JND). 6 AT WALL LAKE ON 5/11 (MBS), AND A NOTABLE 79 COUNTED IN THE GILA VALLEY ON 5/9 (NMOS).

## TRAILL'S FLYCATCHER

1 NEAR CLIFF AND 1 NEAR REDROCK ON 5/9 (NMOS).

#### DUSKY FLYCATCHER

A SICK ONE FOUND AT LOS ALAMOS ON 5/16 DIED ON 5/18 AND WAS SAVED AS A SPECIMEN (PRS).

# GRAY FLYCATCHER

SEVERAL SINGING IN S.U. CANON ON 4/25-27 (MCK).

### OLIVE—SIDED FLYCATCHER

7 IN THE GILA VALLEY ON 5/9 (NMOS).

# VERMILION FLYCATCHER

A MALE BEER NEAR POJOAQUE ON 4/22 (MARJORY CROMER <u>ET AL.</u>) WHERE CASUAL IN OCCURENCE. 5 MALES AND 2 FEMALES AT RATTLESNAKE SRINGS ON 5/28 (SW).

# \*VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW

2 AT FENTON LAKE ON 4/5 (MBS); NESTING AT LAKE ROBERTS ON 5/31 (RAF).

#### TREE SWALLOW

EARLY ARRIVALS INCLUDE 20 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 3/1 (JND). 1 AT ROSWELL ON 3/27 (VM), AND 2 AT NAVAJO RESERVOIR ON 3/30 (APN).

## ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW

EARLY ARRIVALS WERE 1 AT ROSWELL ON 3/14 (VM) AND 8 NEAR CLIFF ON 3/21 (RAF).

## \*PURPLE MARTIN

6 WERE SEEN OVER FENTON LAKE ON 4/23 (MBS) WHICH SEEMS EARLY. NOTABLE RECORDS OTHERWISE INCLUDE 5 IN THE SAN MATEO MTS. ON 5/24 (JR), 3 AT WALL LAKE ON 5/11 (MBS), 2 AT THE GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS AND 1 AT CLIFF ON 5/9 (NMOS).

## BLUE JAY

1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/12-15 (DELBERT BOGGS) AND 1 AT PORTALES ON 3/10 (ALG).

#### STELLER'S JAY

1-2 AT FARMINGTON IN FEBRUARY AND ON 3/26 AND 4/2 (APN); 2 NEAR CLIFF ON 5/9 (NMOS).

# \*COMMON RAVEN

SINGLE NESTS WITH YOUNG AT LAKE ROBERTS ON 5/30 AND NORTH OF CLIFF ON 5/31, THE YOUNG OF THE LATTER HAVING BEEN SHOT TO DEATH (RAF).

#### WHITE-NECKED RAVEN

7 ACTIVE NESTS BETWEEN HURLEY AND DEMING ON 5/28 (RAF).

#### COMMON CROW

A LARGE FLOCK WINTERED AT LOS ALAMOS FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW (PRS) AND AN INCREASE WAS NOTED IN NUMBERS THIS SPRING AT CEDAR CREST (MCK). NOTED AT FLORA VISTA ON 5/2, WHERE RARE (APN), AND 1 NEAR CLIFF ON 5/9 (NMOS).

#### CLARK'S NUTCRACKER

NUMBERS APPEAR NORMAL OR BETTER IN THE NORTH DURING THE PENIOD, AND GROWN YOUNG WERE PRESENT AT JEMEZ SPRINGS BY 4/3 (MBS). COMMON IN THE TULAROSA MTS. 5/23-24 WHERE 31 WERE BANDED (MCK).

## BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE

FEW IN FARMINGTON DURING WINTER (APN); ONLY 1 SEEN AT ESPANOLA WAS ON 12/28 (PRS).

#### BRIDLED TITMOUSE

COMMON IN S.U. CANON IN APRIL, WHERE FIRST RECORDED A YEAR AGO (MCK); 2 IN SAWMILL CARON, MAGDALENA MTS., ON 5/13 (MCK <u>ET AL</u>.) REPRESENT THE NORTHEASTENNMOST RECORD FOR THE STATE. 2 AT LAKE ROBERTS ON 5/30 (RAF).

## \*WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH

A NEST CONTAINING YOUNG WAS FOUND NEAR GILA ON 5/3 (RAF).

# RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH

PRESENT IN SMALL NUMBERS ALL WINTER AT LOS ALAMOS (PRS), ALBUQUERQUE (JND). AND CEDAR CREST (MCK), AND SEEN NEAR SAN CRISTOBAL ON 12/21 (WH). SPRING RECORDS AT OTHER LOCALITIES, INCLUDING JICARILLA DIST., CARSON N.F. ON 5/16 (APN), LAS VEGAS ON 5/7 (ES) AND 5/10 (WH), S.U. CANON ON 4/25-27 (MCK), AND IN THE PINOS ALTOS MTS. ON 5/2 (RAF). 6 WERE BANDED IN THE TULAROSA MTS.

5/23-24 (MCK).

#### BROWN CREEPER

SEVERAL SINGING IN THE TULAROSA MTS. ON 5/24 (MCK).

## \*DIPPER

PAIR NEAR GLENWOOD ON 3/15 (RAF) AND YOUNG BEING FED OUT OF THE NEST NEAR LAS VEGAS ON 5/3 (WH).

## BEWICK'S WREN

1 WINTERED AT TESUQUE (BI), 2-3 AT ESPANOLA ON 4/19 (PRS), 1 AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 12/20 (JND). 2 AT BERNARDO ON 1/25 (JND). AND 1-3 WINTERED ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE ORGAN MTS. (WHH).

## CACTUS WREN

1 SEEN ON N.M. 48 ABOUT 35 MILES WEST OF ROSWELL ON 5/3 (MCK).

## MOCKINGBIRD

WINTER RECORDS IN THE NORTH ARE OF SINGLES AT FARMINGTON, FEBRUARY ONWARD (APN), ALBUQUERQUE ON 1/23 (DDL), AND CEDAR CREST ON 12/31 (MCK).

#### CATBIRD

1 AT CLAYTON ON 5/16 (AJK) AND 3-4 NEAR ESPANOLA ON 5/17 (PRS).

#### BROWN THRASHER

SINGLES AT FARMINGTON ON 4/11 (APN) AND ALBUQUEROUE ON 3/18 AND 3/28 (JR).

# BENDIRE'S THRASHER

PRESENT OR MESA WEST OF ALBUQUERQUE BY 3/8 (JOHN L. DARLING, MCK).

#### CURVE—BILLED THRASHER

2 WINTERED ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE SANDIA MTS. (TOM SMYLIE  $\overline{\text{ET}}$   $\overline{\text{AL}}$ .). 2 AT CLAYTON ON 4/5 (WC, NELAND GRAY) AND 1 IN ROSEDALE CANON, SAN MATEO MTS., ON 5/24 (JR).

#### SAGE THRASHER

4 AT CLAYTON ON 2/22 IS UNUSUAL (WC, NELAND GRAY); OTHERS RECORDED THERE WERE 1-2 ON 3/22, 3/29, 4/5. AND 4/23 (AJK).

#### ROBIN

LARGE NUMBERS WERE 400 NEAR AZTEC ON 3/27 AND 1000 NEAR NAVAJO RESERVOIR ON 3/30 (APN).

# HERMIT THRUSH

WINTER RECORDS OF SINGLES AT TESUQUE ON 1/30 (BI), REDROCK ON 1/31 (RAF). AND ORGAN MTS. ON 2/7 AND 2/11 (WHH). FIRST AT CLAYTON ON 4/11 AND LAST ON 6/3, WITH PEAKS OF 7 AND 11 BIRDS RESPECTIVELY OR 5/5 AND 5/13 (AJK).

## SWAINSON'S THRUSH

SINGLES IN THE SANDIA MTS. ON 5/5 (LL, MCK) AND AT BUCKHORN MARSH ON 5/17 (RAF). 1-2 ON VARIOUS DATES IN THE PERIOD 5/11 TO 6/4 AT CLAYTON (AJK).

## EASTERN BLUEBIRD

1 AT ROSWELL ON 1/29 (JHS) WAS THE ONLY REPORT FROM THE PERIOD.

# MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD

FLOCKS OF 50 ON MORE ON THE SAN AUGUSTIN PLAINS ON 3/28 (MCK). 6 AT CLAYTON ON 4/5 (AJK) AND 2 NEAR CLIFF ON 5/9 (NMOS) ARE SOMEWHAT LATE.

### BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER

FIRST AT FARMINGTON ON 4/19 (APN); 4 AT CLAYTON ON 5/2, WHERE THE SPECIES IS IRREGULAR (AJK).

# BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER

A PAIR SEEN IN A DESERT WASH NEAR I-10, EAST OF LAS CRUCES, ON 3/7 (WHH).

## GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET

RECORDS WERE FROM THE SANDIA MTS. ON 12/18 (JR) AND 8 THERE ON 12/31 (MCK), 2-3 AT S.U. CANON ON 3/27 (MCK), AND A FEMALE AT LOS ALAMOS ON 4/21 (MARJORY CROMER).

### WATER PIPIT

1 WAS SEEN AT FENTON LAKE ON 4/23-24 (MBS).

#### CEDAR WAXWING

WIDESPREAD AND IN MODERATE NUMBERS DURING THE PERIOD, E.G., AT FARMINGTON (APN), THE ALBUQUERQUE AREA (JND, MCK), SILVER CITY (RAF, CLS), AND PORTALES (ALG); ALSO AT MESILLA PARK ON 3/12 AND 3/28 (WHH).

## NORTHERN SHRIKE

SINGLES WERE REPORTED AT TESUQUE ON 2/10 (BI) AND IN TIJERAS CANON, SANDIA MTS., ON 1/3 (JDL, MCK).

#### \*STARLING

NESTED EARLY AND COMMONLY NEAR FARMINGTON (APN). FLOCKS OF 10 TO 100 IN SPRING AT LAKE ROBERTS, SAPELLO CREEK, GILA HOT SPRINGS, MIMBRES RIVER, AND THE GILA VALLEY (RAF, NMOS, CLS). NOTED AT LAS TRAMPAS ON 5/9-10 (MBS).

#### BELL'S VIRED

SINGLES AT BUCKHORN MARSH ON 5/7 (RAF) AND NEAR CLIFF ON 5/9 (NMOS). ABOUT 3 PAIR AT RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS AND WASHINGTON RANCH NEAR CARLSBAD ON 5/28 (LM, SW).

#### BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER

SINGLES IN THE SANDIA MTS. ON 5/3 (LL) AND AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/2 (MCK ET AL.); BOTH RECORDS ARE SUPPORTED BY WRITTEN DETAILS OF IDENTIFICATION.

## TENNESSEE WARBLER

2 WERE REPORTED HEAR QUESTA ON 5/21 (PHILIP D. HOTLEN). DETAILS INCLUDE GRAY CROWNS WHITISH EYEBROW AND UNDERPANTS, OLIVE UPPERPARTS, BUT AS DESCRIPTION COULD ALSO REFER TO WARBLING VIREOS, WITHOUT ADDITIONAL DETAILS RECORD IS OPEN TO OUESTION.

# ORANGE—CROWNED WARBLER

1 WAS PRESENT AT TESUQUE FROM 2/10 TO 3/19 (BI); DESCRIPTION INCLUDES: PALE OLIVE BELOW, SLIGHTLY DARKER ABOVE. LIGHT EYE LINE, NO WING BARS OR OTHER MARKS. THIS IS THE FIRST WINTER RECORD IN THE STATE.

# VIRGINIA'S WARBLER

2 AT ROSWELL OR 4/21 (VM).

#### MYRTLE WARBLER

MAINLY SINGLES REPORTED AT JEMEZ SPRINGS ON 5/2 (MBS). ROSWELL ON 4/21 (VM), NEAR CLIFF ON 3/28 (RAF) AND 5/9 (NMOS), AND AT ELEPHANT BUTTE ON 4/19 (JB).

# AUDUBON'S WARBLER

A FEW WINTERED AT FARMINGTON (APN) AND ALBUQUERQUE (DDL); 1 NEAR ESPANOLA ON 12/28 (PRS).

# BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER

1 AT ROSWELL ON 4,124 (VM).

# GRACE'S WARBLER

FIRST AT LOS ALAMOS ON 4/26 (PRS) AND PRESENT IN THE SAN MATEO MTS. ON 5/24 (JR).

## PALM WARBLER

1 SEEN IN ALBUQUERQUE ON 5/4 (BOYD MCLEOD); DETAILS INCLUDE BROWN UPPERPARTS, LIGHT GRAY TO WHITE UNDERPANTS WITH YELLOW UNDERTAIL COVERTS, FAINT EYE STRIPE, TAIL BOBBING, STEADY—PITCHED AND UNMELODIOUS SONG; SEEN REPEATEDLY AT 20 FEET. THERE ARE FEW RECORDS FOR THE STATE.

#### OVENBIRD

SINGLES IN ALBUQUERQUE IN MID-MAY (HAROLD WALKER, <u>FIDE</u> JND), AND SAWMILL CANON, MACDALEHA MTS., ON 5/13 (MCK, <u>ET AL</u>.); DETAILS OF IDENTIFICATION ARE CONVINCING OF THIS IRREGULAR MIGRANT.

## NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH

SINGLES AT WALL LAKE ON 5/11 (MBS) AND AT THE GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS ON 5/9 (NMOS).

#### KENTUCKY WARBLER

1 REPORTED AT ROSWELL ON 4/25 (FIDE VM).

#### RED-FACED WARBLER

PRESENT IN THE MAGDALENA MTS. IN SAWMILL CANON ON 5/13 (MCK, <u>ET AL</u>.). UNUSUAL IS 1 REPORTED AT VIRDEN ON 5/9 (NMOS), AS THIS SPECIES IS SELDOM FOUND IN THE LOWLANDS.

## AMERICAN REDSTART

A MALE AT LOS ALAMOS ON 5/17 (MARILYN BJORKLAND) AND AT REDROCK ON 5/9 (NMOS).

#### PAINTED REDSTART

PRESENT IN S.U. CANON BY 3/28 (MCK).

## YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 1/25 (JND) AND 2 ON 2/10 (DDL, ET AL.); 200 AT CLAYTON ON 4/17 AND 20 ON 4/20 (AJK).

## RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD

A LARGE NUMBER FOR THE AREA WAS 2000 NEAR CLIFF ON 1/17 (RAF).

# ORCHARD ORIOLE

1 AT ROSWELL ON 5/18 (VM).

# HOODED ORIOLE

UNUSUAL WAS 1 AT BAYARD ON 3/29 AND 4/26 (RAF). FIRST SPRING MALE AT SILVER CITY WAS RECORDED ON 4/12 AND FIRST FEMALE ON 4/16 (CLS).

# SCOTT'S ORIOLE

UNUSUAL RECORDS WERE A MALE AT FARMINGTON ON 4/30 AND 2 THERE ON 5/1 (APN, ET AL.) AND 1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/22 (GI).

#### BREWER'S BLACKBIRD

300 IN THE ANIMAS—HACHITA AREA ON 2/7 (RAF); 12 AT WALL LAKE ON 5/11 (MBS), WHERE THE SPECIES HAS BRED.

## BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE

6 IN LORDSBURG ON 1/9 (RAF) AND A LARGE FLOCK IN WINTER AT MESILLA PARK (WHH). SEEN SEVERAL TIMES IN SPRING AT KIRTLAND (APN). 2 NEAR ESPANOLA ON 4/19, WHERE THE NUMBERS ARE DOWN FROM PREVIOUS YEARS (PRS). RANGE EXPANDING IN THE GILA VALLEY, WITH THE BREEDING SITE AT BUCKHORN MARSH AGAIN OCCUPIED—3 PAIRS ON 5/17 AND 5/31—(RAF); 6 ON 5/9 AND 5 ON 5/17 NORTH OF CLIFF (NMOS, RAF), AND 4 AT VIRDEN ON 5/9 (NMOS). SEEN AT ELEPHANT BUTTE ON 4/19 (JB), AND 300 WERE REPORTEDLY "KILLED AS VERMIN" AT NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ON 5/25 (SW).

## \*COMMON GRACKLE

WINTERED IN ROSWELL, WITH 180 PEAK ON 12/22, AND NESTING THERE BY 5/30 FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR (VM). NOTED AT LAS VEGAS ON 4/21 (WH) AND 5/9 (ES), WHERE IT SHOULD BE SOUGHT AS A BREEDER.

## BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD

UNUSUAL WAS A REPORT AT LAS VEGAS ON 12/10 (WH).

#### WESTERN TANAGER

FIRST AT SILVER CITY ON 5/2 (CLS); AT ALBUQUERQUE (DDL) AND JEMEZ SPRINGS (MBS) ON 5/8; AT LOS ALAMOS ON 5/10 (PRS) WHERE 2 BIRDS WERE RECAPTURED THAT HAD BEEN BANDED THERE IN MAY OR JUNE 1969 (PRS).

## SCARLET TANAGER

AN ADULT MALE WAS SEEN AT FARMINGTON ON 5/19 (NATALIE MUESTESON, AFN) FOR THE FIRST LOCAL RECORD OF THIS RARE BIRD.

#### PYRRHULOXIA

1 WAS SEEN AT OASIS STATE PARK NEAR PORTALES ON 3/19 (ALG), 1-4 NEAR ROSWELL ON 2/27, 3/7, AND 3/14 (VM,  $\underline{\text{ET}}$   $\underline{\text{AL}}$ .), 1 IN SILVER CITY SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PERIOD 12/20 TO 3/30 (CLS), AND 1 NEAR REOROCK ON 5/9 (NMOS). RECORDS IN ALL OF THESE AREAS ARE NOTABLE.

# ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK

MAINLY SINGLES WERE RECORDED IN MAY AT FARMINGTON (JUDY NORDSTROM), JEMEZ SPRINES (MBS, ET AL.), LAS VEGAS (ES), AND BITTER LAKE NWR (VM, ET AL.).

### BLACK~HEADED GROSBEAK

UNUSUAL IS A WINTER RECORD OF A BIRD AT ROSWELL ON 12/22 (VM). 2 TRAPPED IN MAY AT LOS ALAMOS WERE BANDED THERE IN JUNE 1969 (PRS).

## BLUE GROSBEAK

MORE NUMEROUS THAN USUAL AT CLAYTON IN THE SPRING (AJK); RETURNED TO THE GILA VALLEY BY 5/9 WHERE 5 WERE REPORTED (NMOS).

## INDIGO BUNTING

SINGLES AT CLAYTON 4 TIMES IN THE PERIOD 5/7-23 (AJK).

#### LAZULI BUNTING

3 AT CLAYTON ON 5/17 AND 1 ON 5/21 (AJK).

#### VARIED BUNTING

5-6 SINGING MALES WERE REPORTED IN GUADALUPE CANON, BOTH ARIZONA AND NEW

MEXICO PRESUMABLY, ON 5/29 (JOE KENNEDY).

#### PAINTED BUNTING

7 SINGING AT HARROUN LAKE ON 5/25 (SW).

#### EVENING GROSBEAK

ONLY REPORTS WERE A FEW IN SPRING AT LOS ALAMOS (PRS), LAS TRAMPAS (JR), SILVER CITY (RAF), AND AT CEDAR CREST (MCK). A BIRD BANDED AT THE LAST LOCALITY ON 4/30/69 WAS FOUND DEAD IN CALIFORNIA, AT LAKE ALMANOR SOME 100 MILES NORTH OF SACRAMENTO, ON 1/18 (MCK). THIS IS A REMARKABLE RECOVERY

# CASSIN'S FINCH

A BIRD TRAPPED AT LOS ALAMOS ON 5/2 HAD BEEN BANDED THERE ON 5/13/69 (PRS). ANY DEMONSTRATION OF MIGRATORY CONSISTENCY IN THIS OFTEN ERRATICALLY OCCURRING SPECIES IS INTERESTING.

# ROSY FINCH (SP.)

4-5 IN THE SANDIA MTS. ON 5/13 (FIDE JLS).

#### PINE SISKIN

MORE NUMEROUS THAN USUAL AT CLAYTON IN THE SPRING, WITH 6 BIRDS PERSISTING IN THE AREA AS LATE AS 5/29 (WC).

#### RED CROSSBILL

WINTERED IN SMALL TO MODERATE NUMBERS AT LOS ALAMOS (PRS), JEMEZ SPRINGS (MBS), AND CEDAR CREST (MCK), AND REPORTED ELSEWHERE IN THE NORTH AT VARIOUS TIMES DURING THE WINTER AND SPRING; 4 IN THE SAN MATED MTS. OH 5/24 (JR). MOST UNUSUAL IS A REPORT OF 3 AT CLAYTON ON 5/14 (WC, AJK).

## RUFOUS~SIDED TOWHEE

NUMBERS UP IN SPRING AT CLAYTON (AJK).

#### GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE

NUMBERS UP IN SPRING AT CLAYTON, PRESENT IN PERIOD 4/26 TO 5/18 (AJK). ONE ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE ORGAN MTS. ON 1/31 AND 2/7 (WHH).

## LARK BUNTING

6000 IN THE ANIMAS~HACHITA AREA ON 2/7 (RAF). A PAIR AT GILA HOT SPRINGS ON 4/16 (CLS).

### LE CONTE'S SPARROW

2 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 12/22, WHERE IRREGULAR (VM).

# VESPER SPARROW

20 AT MESILLA PARK ON 1/25 (WHH).

## CASSIN'S SPARROW

NOTED AT CONCHAS LAKE ON 5/24 (WH).

### WHITE-WINGED JUNCO

1 AT LOS ALAMOS ON 12/30, 1/2, AND 1/3—BANDED ON LAST DATE—(PRS).

## SLATE—COLORED JUNCO

1-3 WINTERED AT LOS ALAMOS (PRS), JEMEZ SPRINGS (MBS), AND LAS VEGAS (WH).

# OREGON JUNCO

LAST OREGON TYPE AT LOS ALAMOS ON 4/12, LAST PINK—SIDED ON 5/3; A BIRD RECAPTURED THERE ON 1/3 HAD BEEN BANDED AT THE SAME PLACE ON 11/8/68 (PRS).

## GRAY-HEADED JUNCO

8 BIRDS RE—TRAPPED AT LOS ALAMOS OF WHICH 4 WERE BANDED IN AUTUMN OF 1968 AND 4 AT VARIOUS TIMES IN 1969 (PRS). BANDING IN SEVERAL AREAS OF THE STATE HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT THIS SPECIES RETURNS TO THE SAME AREA YEAR AFTER YEAR (MCK, JAMES R. TRAVIS).

#### TREE SPARROW

LAST AT CLAYTON WERE 6 ON 3/21 (AJK).

## CHIPPING SPARROW

GROUPS OF UP TO 35 WERE PRESENT ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE ORGAN MTS. FROM 1/31 TO 2/12 (WHH).

#### WHITE—CROWNED SPARROW

THE BLACE-LORED RACE WAS PRESENT AT LAS VEGAS FROM 5/7 TO 5/20 (WH).

## WHITE-THROATED SPARROW

SINGLES WINTERED AT CEDAR CREST (MCK) AND SILVER CITY (CLS).

## HARRIS' SPARROW

1 IN PLEASANTON 4/24 THROUGH 5/10 (LOWELL SUMNER).

#### FOX SPARROW

A BIRD AT LAS VEGAS ON 1/1 IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN AN EASTERN NORTH AMERICAN RACE (WH), BUT SPECIMEN VERIFICATION IS REQUIRED TO CONFIRM THIS.

## LINCOLN'S SPARROW

SINGLES AT CLAYTON ON 5/16, 5/17, AND 5/21 (AJK).

#### SWAMP SPARROW

SINGLES WERE REPORTED WITHOUT DETAILS AT FLORA VISTA ON 12/27 AND AT KIRTLAND ON 5/9 (APN,  $\underline{\text{ET}}$   $\underline{\text{AL}}$ .).

# CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR

THIS SPECIES IS USUALLY NUMEROUS IN THE CLAYTON AREA, BUT DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD ONLY 1 RECORD WAS OBTAINED, THAT OF 6 ON 3/23 (AJK).