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NMOS N.M.O.S. FIELD TRIP TO LA JOYA REFUGE FEBRUARY 26, AND
BIG-DAY COUNT IN SILVER CITY MAY 13-14

SUMMARY, DECEMBER 1, 1966 TO MAY 31, 1967

THE WINTER CONTINUED AS THE FALL HAD BEEN: VERY MILD, DRY, AND CALM. THE ONLY COLD AND STORMY WEATHER OF ANY CONSEQUENCE CAME RIGHT AFTER CHRISTMAS AND LASTED FOR A FEW DAYS IN JANUARY. THERE WERE VERY FEW SNOW STORMS, WITH LITTLE SNOW ON THE MOUNTAINS, AND ALMOST NO SKIING, MAKING IT ONE OF THE DRIEST WINTERS ON RECORD. BECAUSE OF THE DRYNESS, THERE WAS LITTLE RESIDUAL MOISTURE IN FORESTS; RANGE CONDITIONS WERE BAD ALSO. FOOD SUPPLIES WERE DEEMED ADEQUATE, AT LEAST UNTIL SPRING.

THE WEATHER BROUGHT UNUSUAL CONCENTRATIONS TO THE PECOS VALLEY. AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE, GEESE PEAKED AT 3716 ON DECEMBER 2, AND DUCKS AT 5000 ON DECEMBER 7. GOOD DUCK NUMBERS WERE REPORTED FROM ALL WINTERING AREAS, WITH MORE SPECIES NOTED IN PLACES WHERE IMPOUNDED WATER IS INCREASING, SUCH AS MORGAN LAKE, NEAR THE GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS, SEWAGE PONDS NEAR HOLLOWMAN AIR FORCE BASE, AND SO ON. SOME AREAS REPORTED GOOD NUMBERS OF NORTHERN FINCHES; SPARROWS WERE PLENTIFUL IN SOUTHERN LOWLANDS.

SPRING CONTINUED DRY, BUT WAS TERMED UNUSUALLY COOL AND WINDY, WITH MUCH BLOWING DUST. THE SANTA FE PRESS PROCLAIMED IT THE DRIEST SINCE 1906. ROSWELL HAD ONLY .39 INCHES OF PRECIPITATION AFTER SEPTEMBER 22. SILVER CITY MEASURED ONLY .5 FROM JANUARY 1, AND LAS CRUCES .45 FOR THE SAME PERIOD, CONSIDERED LESS THAN HALF OF THE 15-YEAR AVERAGE. AT LAS VEGAS IT WAS THE COLDEST SPRING IN AT LEAST 20 YEARS.

A SERIES OF HARD FROSTS OCCURRED APRIL 12-13, MAY 1-2, MAY 6, MAY 14, AND AS LATE AS MAY 30 IN THE NORTH. MAY IN LAS CRUCES WAS RECORDED AS 2.4 DEGREES BELOW NORMAL, WITH THE HIGH ON MAY 2 OF 39 A RECORD LOW. THE KILLING FROSTS CAME AT A TIME OF CRITICAL GROWTH, FREEZING BACK MOST PLANTS THAT HAD LEAVED AND BLOOMED EARLY DUE TO THE WARMTH OF MARCH. FRUIT CROPS WERE DESTROYED ACROSS THE STATE; MANY OF THE PECANS AND GRAPES IN THE MESILLA VALLEY WERE LOST. SHRUBS WERE BADLY HURT, WITH MANY SPECIES PUTTING OUT VERY FEW BLOOMS~ AND NORTHERN LILACS NONE AT ALL. CHERRIES AND IRIS WERE FROSTED. BUDS ON TREES WERE HURT, AND THE CONTINUED COLD DELAYED THE REAPPEARANCE OF MOST VEGETATION.

IN AREAS GETTING NO WATER, THERE WAS VIRTUALLY NO GROWTH. FIRE HAZARD IN MOUNTAIN FORESTS WAS EXTREME: THE HIGHEST RATING IN 20 YEARS WAS POSTED, AND MANY AREAS WERE CLOSED. THERE WERE TWO SERIOUS FIRES IN THE LINCOLN NATIONAL FOREST -- ONE NEAR CLOUDCROFT, AND THE OTHER NEAR RUIDOSO.

THE DROUGHT WAS BROKEN TO SOME EXTENT ON MAY 26, AFTER A WEEK OF THREATENING WEATHER. RAINS CONTINUED INTO JUNE.

THE SERIES OF FROSTS GAVE A SPLENDID MIGRATION -- THE BEST IN A DECADE. AFTER AN EARLY BEGINNING WITH A FEW EARLIEST-EVER RECORDS OF MIGRANTS, MIGRATION WAS DELAYED, ESPECIALLY OF WARBLERS. THEN, EASTERN TYPE WAVES PASSED THROUGH NEW MEXICO. MANY ALSO LINGERED QUITE LATE, SOME WELL INTO JUNE. IN THE SILVER CITY AREA, THE BEST WEEK-END WAS THAT OF MAY 7, WITH A LESSER WAVE THE WEEK-END OF MAY 14, WHEN THE N.M.O.S. HELD ITS ANNUAL BIG-DAY COUNT THERE. THE CONCENTRATION OF WARBLERS AT REDROCK IN GRANT COUNTY THE FIRST WEEK-END

IN MAY WAS A PHENOMENON NOT PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED IN THE SOUTHWEST. UPWARDS OF 70 SPECIES WERE COUNTED FROM THE BRIDGE AT REDROCK IN THE ONE WEEKEND. WARBLERS ARRIVED IN NUMBERS IN THE LOS ALAMOS AREA MAY 2, BUT THE BIGGEST WAVE, UNLIKE ANY SEEN HERE BEFORE, OCCURRED MAY 7 AT BANDELIER NATIONAL MONUMENT. WITHIN 100 YARDS OF PARK HEADQUARTERS WERE COUNTED 4 ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLERS, 10 VIRGINIA'S WARBLERS, 2 YELLOW WARBLERS, 100 AUDUBON'S WARBLERS, 4 GRACE'S WARBLERS, AND 3 WILSON'S WARBLERS!

FLYCATCHERS, VIREOS, AND TANAGERS ALSO SHOWED A VERY GOOD MIGRATION.

AT ROSWELL, IT WAS SAID TO BE AN ORDERLY MIGRATION WITH NO ABRUPT SPURTS OR STOPS; THERE WAS A SHOWING OF REGULARS AND MANY RARITIES, WITH THE BEST SHOWING FROM APRIL 30 TO MAY 11.

THERE WAS A GOOD FLIGHT AT LAS CRUCES ON MAY 3-4, AT SANTA FE ON MAY 5, AND THROUGH LOS ALAMOS THE WEEK-END OF MAY 6-7.

COMMON LOON

2 WERE AT MORGAN LAKE 12/23 (APN); 1 WAS AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE 5/9 (JHS).

EARED GREBE

1 WAS AT LAKES ISBEL AND DAVID 5/2 (JLS); ABUNDANT ON HAYDEN LAKE 5/29 (JRN).

WESTERN GREBE

1 WAS AT MORGAN LAKE 1/8 (APN); 2 WERE NEAR LOVING 12/22 AND 1 ON LAKE MCMILLAN 12/20 (SW); 8 WERE ON MORGAN LAKE 4/27 (APN); 2 WERE AT LA CUEVA REFUGE 5/3 (JLS).

PIED-BILLED GREBE

REPORTED DURING THE WINTER FROM MORGAN LAKE (APN), GILA RIVER (RAF), LAS VEGAS (ES); 1 ON BEAL STATE GAME REFUGE 5/4 WAS CALLING (PRS).

WHITE PELICAN

3 WERE AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 4/23-24 (RWR); 1 ADULT WITH THE BREEDING SEASON "KNOB" ON THE BILL WAS AT MORGAN LAKE 4/27 (APN).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT

1 ONLY WAS SEEN AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 5/12 (DDL, BJH, PRS).

GREAT BLUE HERON

REPORTED WINTERING FOR POSSIBLY THE FIRST TIME IN THE GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS AREA (WG) WHERE NESTING WAS WELL UNDER WAY BY EARLY MAY (RAF).

GREEN HERON

1 WAS SEEN AT ESPANOLA 5/18 (PRS).

LITTLE BLUE HERON

1 WAS SEEN AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 4/15 WHERE IT HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN REPORTED (MCK); 1 ADULT AND 3 IMMATURES WERE AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE 4/27 WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN PREVIOUS YEARS IN APRIL AND JULY (DLB, VM, WR).

SNOWY EGRET

2 WERE SEEN NEAR BELEN 4/2 (CLL); 2 AT RIVERSIDE 4/16 ARE THE EARLIEST RECORD HERE FOR THIS OBSERVER (JRT); 13 WERE IN THE DITCH AREA SOUTH OF ALBUQUERQUE 4/30 (JR); 4 SEEN SEVERAL TIMES BETWEEN 5/10 AND 5/15 ON THE GILA RIVER BELOW CLIFF (RAF, DDL, BJH, PRS).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

THE FIRST LOCAL RECORD AT MORGAN LAKE WAS 1 ADULT CLEARLY SEEN IN THE OPEN 5/2 (APN); 4 WERE AT HARROUN LAKE 3/9, AN AREA WHERE THE SPECIES IS NOT NORMALLY FOUND WINTERING (SW).

LEAST BITTERN

1 CAPTURED IN A YARD IN ROSWELL AND RELEASED AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE 4/7 IS THE FIRST LOCAL RECORD IN MANY YEARS (WR).

AMERICAN BITTERN

1 WAS REPORTED FROM BOLACK'S POND IN FARMINGTON 5/23 (APN).

WHITE-FACED IBIS

4 AT MORGAN LAKE 4/27 WERE APPARENTLY THE FIRST LOCAL RECORD (APN); 5 WERE AT LA CUEVA REFUGE 5/3 (JLS) AND 5/14 (WH); 1 WAS AT ESPANOLA 5/15 (MAC); 1 WAS AT WILLOW LAKE 5/21 (OF, SW); 2 WERE AT SAN ILDEFONSO POND 5/26 (BJH, JRN).

WHISTLING SWAN

AFTER AN ABSENCE OF 3 YEARS FROM BITTER LAKE REFUGE, 8 WERE SEEN 12/20, 17 ON 12/27, AND 5 ON 1/20 (VM, SW); 2 ADULTS AND 2 IMMATURES WERE AT MORGAN LAKE FROM 12/23 TILL 3/4 (APN); NOTED TWICE DURING THE WINTER IN THE CLAYTON AREA: 2 ADULTS AND 1 IMMATURE ON CLAYTON LAKE 12/26 (WC, AK, ET AL.) AND 9 WEST OF CLAYTON 3/11 (WC).

CANADA GOOSE

GOOD NUMBERS REPORTED WINTERING; ON THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE, 1800 WERE COUNTED 12/2 AND 3420 ON 1/10; 25 OF THESE WERE BANDED; 2 STILL REMAINED ON 3/30; 1 LINGERED INTO MAY, PROBABLY A CRIPPLE FROM THE FALL HUNT (RWR).

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE

1 WAS AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE ON 1/10 (RWR); 2 WERE AT LA CUEVA REFUGE 5/3 (JLS).

SNOW GOOSE

1500 WERE COUNTED AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 12/1, 2200 ON 1/10; THE LAST 40 LEFT 3/26, WITH 1 LINGERING UNTIL 4/10 (RWR); 1 WAS ON MCALISTER LAKE 1/29 (BJH, PRS), AND 1 WAS AT LA CUEVA REFUGE 5/3 (JLS).

BLUE GOOSE

26 WERE COUNTED ON THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 12/2 AND 35 ON 1/10 (RWR); 20 WERE ON LAKE MCMILLAN 1/14 (DF, SI).

ROSS' GOOSE

2 WERE AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 12/20 (MAC, DR, PRS, WCT).

MALLARD

GREATER NUMBERS REPORTED WINTERING IN NORTHERN AREAS OF THE STATE; A BROOD AT FT. BAYARD SEWAGE PONDS 5/31 IS THE THIRD BREEDING RECORD FROM THERE (JPH).

GADWALL

WINTERING REPORTS CAME FROM MCALISTER LAKE, SAN ILDEFONSO POND, LA CIENEGA, LA JOYA REFUGE, BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE, SILVER CITY; SEEMED TO BE LINGERING LATER IN THE SPRING.

PINTAIL

435 WERE AT LAS VEGAS 1/1 (ES); 20 WERE AT LAKE MCALISTER 1/29 (PRS); 400 WERE AT LA JOYA REFUGE 2/26 (NMOS); WINTERED NEAR SILVER CITY (RAF).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL

41 WERE AT LAS VEGAS 1/1 WHERE THEY WERE ALSO SEEN IN MARCH AND EARLY APRIL (ES); SEEN IN FEBRUARY AT LA CIENEGA AND SANTA FE (PRS), AND SAN ILDEFONSO POND (JRT); AT LA JOYA REFUGE 2/26 (NMOS); 2 ON THE TULAROSA RIVER AT APACHE CREEK 3/24 (MCK); ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL SPECIES PRESENT AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE IN APRIL (RWR).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL

NOTED AT LAS VEGAS IN EARLY APRIL (ES); PAIR AT LAS CRUCES 5/3 (PRS); 6 AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 5/4 (PRS); 2 IN SANTA FE 5/5. AND 3 AT SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO 5/18 (MAC, BJH, PRS).

CINNAMON TEAL

7 WERE AT SAN ILDEFONSO POND 3/2 (JRT); ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL SPECIES AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE IN APRIL (RWR).

AMERICAN WIDGEON

WINTERING IN LAS VEGAS (ES), SANTA FE (PRS), SILVER CITY AREAS (RAF); 14 WERE AT SAN ILDEFONSO POND 3/19 (JRT); 2 WERE ON THE TULAROSA RIVER AT APACHE CREEK 3/24 (MCK); 7 WERE SEEN NEAR ESTANCIA 4/11 (JMC).

SHOVELER

THE MOST COMMON WINTERING SPECIES AT HOLLOWMAN AFB (JRD); ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL SPECIES PRESENT AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE IN APRIL (RWR); THE SPECIES WAS SEEN AT GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS 1/24 FOR THE FIRST LOCAL RECORD (WG); ABOUT 125 WERE ON MORGAN LAKE 2/3 (APN).

WOOD DUCK

3 MALES AND 4 FEMALES WERE REPORTED FROM MIMBRES PONDS 12/18 (RAF).

REDHEAD

RECORDED AT GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS 1/24 AS FIRST LOCAL OCCURRENCE (WG); SEEN IN LAS VEGAS AREA ALL MARCH AND APRIL (ES), SANTA FE AREA IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH (PRS, JRT); 2 WERE AT LA JOYA REFUGE 2/26 (NMOS), 3 WERE AT LAKES ISBEL AND DAVID 5/2 (JLS).

RING-NECKED DUCK

ABOUT 300 WERE ON MORGAN LAKE IN JANUARY (APN); 15 WERE AT MCALISTER LAKE 1/29 (PRS); 2 WERE AT LA CIENEGA 2/25, WITH FROM 6 TO 20 PRESENT IN MARCH (PRS); 1 MALE WAS AT PAJARITO LAGOON, LOS ALAMOS, 3/4 (JRT).

CANVASBACK

100 TO 350 WERE ON MORGAN LAKE ALL WINTER; 50 WERE STILL THERE 4/9, LAST SEEN 4/15 (APN); WINTERED IN THE SILVER CITY AREA (RAF); 1 WAS AT LA CIENEGA 2/25 (PRS); 1 WAS AT LA JOYA REFUGE 2/26 (NMOS); 18 WERE ON LAKES ISBEL AND DAVID 5/2 (JLS).

LESSER SCAUP

1 WAS IN LAS VEGAS 1/1 (ES); 2 TO 5 WERE AT LA CIENEGA 3/5 AND 3/15, AND 2 PAIR WERE THERE 4/17 (PRS); 1 MALE WAS AT SAN ILDEFONSO POND 3/19 (JRT); 4 WERE ON LAKES ISBEL AND DAVID 5/2 (JLS); LINGERING WERE 2 AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE 5/18 (RWR), AND A FEMALE AT SAN ILDEFONSO 5/16 (MAC, BJH, PRS).

COMMON GOLDENEYE

FIRST NOTED ON MORGAN LAKE 12/24 (APN); 11 WERE AT LAS VEGAS 1/1 (ES); 3 WERE SEEN ON STORRIE LAKE 1/29 (PRS).

BUFFLEHEAD

MORE COMMON THAN BEFORE ON MORGAN LAKE IN THE WINTER, WITH ABOUT 200 USUALLY

PRESENT (APN); RECORDED 1/24 AT GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS WAS THE FIRST LOCAL RECORD (WG); WINTER REPORTS FROM LAS VEGAS (ES), SILVER CITY (RAF), BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (MAC, DR, PRS, WCT), BERNARDO (JLS); 1 FEMALE 3/18 AT PARAJITO LAGOON, LOS ALAMOS (JRT); 16 AT LAKES ISBEL AND DAVID 5/2 WERE LATE (JLS).

RUDDY DUCK

NUMEROUS IN DECEMBER AND LATE MARCH WITH UP TO 750 IN MARCH ON MORGAN LAKE (APN); 3 AT LAS VEGAS 1/1 (ES); 20 ON MCALISTER LAKE 1/29 (PRS); 10 AT LA JOVA REFUGE 2/26 (PRS); 1 AT SAN ILDEFONSO POND 3/11 (JRT) AND 3 THERE 5/18 (MAC, BJH, PRS); 4 AT LAKES ISBEL AND DAVID 5/2 (JLS).

HOODED MERGANSER

1 WAS REPORTED FROM THE LAS VEGAS AREA IN MARCH (ES).

COMMON MERGANSER

13 SEEN AT LAS VEGAS 1/1 (ES); 20 ON MCALISTER LAKE 1/29 (PRS); FROM 50 TO 100 PRESENT AT CLAYTON LAKE ALL WINTER (AK); WINTERED IN THE SILVER CITY AREA (RAF).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER

2 WERE AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE ON 5/11 (RWR).

TURKEY VULTURE

FIRST SPRING ARRIVAL IN SANTA FE 3/10 WAS AT LEAST 2 WEEKS EARLY (PRS); 1 AT RODEO 3/25 (RAF); 1 WAS AT JACKSON LAKE 3/28 (JLS); 1 AT FARMINGTON 4/2 (APN); 2 OVER TEJANO CANON IN UPPER SANDIA MTS. 4/1 (TS), AND 1 AT CEDAR CREST 4/4 (MCK); FIRST SEEN AT LAS VEGAS 4/2 (ES), AND AT ANTON CHICO 4/3 (WH).

MISSISSIPPI KITE

FIRST 1 AT ROSWELL 5/3, AND 7 SEEN ON 5/10 (VM); 1 WAS SEEN AT CLAYTON 5/7 AND 1 ON 5/17 (AK).

GOSHAWK

1 IMMATURE MALE WAS SEEN IN LA MADERA CANON 4/29 (TS).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK

NOTED IN THE WINTER AT SANTA FE AND ESPANOLA (PRS), LAS VEGAS (ES), GRANT CO. (RAF, PRS), BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (PRS), CHAMA (ENW).

COOPER'S HAWK

FAIRLY COMMON AT FARMINGTON WITH SEVEN RECORDS FROM MID-DECEMBER TO MID-JANUARY (APN); NOTED IN SANTA FE CO. ONCE IN DECEMBER AND ONCE IN JANUARY (PRS); AN IMMATURE MALE WAS COLLECTED IN EDDY COUNTY (NO DATE)(SW).

RED-TAILED HAWK

1 WAS IN SANTA FE 1/16 (PRS), AND THE SPECIES WAS REPORTED REMAINING ALL WINTER IN MAGDALENA (JAB); NESTING ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED FROM FT. BAYARD 2/28 (RAF), AND FROM TORRANCE CO. 4/11 (JMC).

SWAINSON'S HAWK

2 WERE SEEN AT FAYWOOD 3/22 (JLS), AND 1 IN TORRANCE CO. 4/11 (JMC).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK

1 WAS SEEN AT LOS ALAMOS FROM EARLY MAY WHERE THE SPECIES HAS BEEN REPORTED NESTING IN PREVIOUS YEARS (PATRICIA STEIN, WCT); 1 WAS REPORTED FROM LAS VEGAS 5/9 (ES); SEEN IN THE SILVER CITY AREA 5/13-14 (NMOS).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK

2 WERE SEEN IN ESTANCIA 3/16 (JLS).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK

1 WAS SEEN OFTEN NEAR ROSWELL FROM 12/14 TO 1/31 (VM); 1 WAS IN THE PLAINS WEST OF STANLEY 12/26 (MCK); 1 WAS NOTED IN LAS VEGAS 1/1 (ES); 1 WAS NORTH OF MORIARTY 1/19 (MCL); 1 WAS ON SANDIA CREST 3/12 (TS); SEEN IN THE SILVER CITY AREA 5/13-14 (NMOS).

HARRIS' HAWK

A NEST, FOUND WEST OF LOVING 3/12, CONTAINED 3 EGGS, WHICH LATER HATCHED AND YOUNG FLEW FROM THE NEST (SW).

BLACK HAWK

1 SEEN AT A STOCK TANK NEAR REDROCK 4/15 (RAF); A PAIR NESTING ON LITTLE CREEK NEAR GILA HOT SPRINGS HAD BEEN WIPED OUT ON 6/1, PERHAPS BY HUMAN PREDATION (DAZ).

GOLDEN EAGLE

THERE HAS BEEN EITHER AN INCREASE IN BIRDS OR IN REPORTS OF THE SPECIES; DATES COVER DECEMBER THROUGH MAY, AND AREAS INCLUDE: BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (MAC, DR, PRS, WCT); BEAR MTS. AND SAN MATEO MTS. (JAB, EBH); FAYWOOD, CITY OF ROCKS, MIMBRES RIVER (RAF); LORDSBURG (RAF); BELEN (WWH); MAGDALENA (JLS); LA CUEVA (WH, JLS); FARMINGTON (APN); SILVER CITY (NMOS); LAS VEGAS (ES); CARLSBAD CAVERNS N.P. (SW).

BALD EAGLE

1 AT LAS VEGAS 12/13, 2 THERE ON 1/1 (ES); AT LEAST 2, PROBABLY 3--1 AN IMMATURE--1/7-8 AT SALMAN RANCH, MORA CO. (JMC); 2 SEEN SEVERAL TIMES AT CLAYTON LAKE BETWEEN 1/22 AND 2/12 (AK); 3 ADULTS AND 2 IMMATURES AT MCALISTER LAKE 1/29 (BJH, PRS); 1 IN IMMATURE PLUMAGE ALONG THE ANIMAS RIVER ON THE COLORADO LINE 2/4-5, AND 1 ADULT IN FARMINGTON 3/20 (APN); 1 NEAR SILVER CITY 2/27 (RAF); 1 ADULT FOUND DEAD (SHOT?) ON THE TULAROSA RIVER NORTH OF ARAGON 3/24 (MCK); 2 ADULTS AND 2 IMMATURES NEAR NAVAJO DAM 3/29 (JLS).

MARSH HAWK

REPORTED FROM THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (MAC, DR, PRS, WCT), LAS VEGAS (ES) AND MCALISTER LAKE (BJH, PRS), STANLEY (JLS), MAGDALENA (JAB), SANTA FE (PRS), BERNARDO (DDL, BJH, PRS), FARMINGTON (APN). REPORTS FROM MORGAN LAKE 4/27 (APN), LAS CRUCES 5/3 (PRS), AND SILVER CITY 5/13-14 (NMOS) ARE LATE.

OSPREY

I WAS AT MORGAN LAKE 4/20 (APN).

PRAIRIE FALCON

1 WAS AT MELROSE 12/2 (JLS); 1 AT ROSWELL 12/21 (VM, JHS); 1 IN LAS VEGAS 1/1 AND SUBSEQUENTLY (ES); AT LEAST 1 IN SAWMILL CANON, MAGDALENA MTS., 3/26 (EBH); 1 AT SAN AUGUSTINE PASS NEAR WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE 5/2 (PRS).

PEREGRINE FALCON

REPORTED MORE FREQUENTLY THIS WINTER AND SPRING; 1 WAS IN LAS VEGAS 1/1 (ES), AN IMMATURE NEAR FARMINGTON 1/2 (APN), 1 ON THE PLAINS NORTH OF MORIARTY 1/19 AND 4/2 (MCL), 1 AT THE MIMBRES PONDS 3/5 (RAF), 1 WATCHED EATING A DUCK AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 4/15 (MCK), IN SILVER CITY AREA 5/13-14 (NMOS).

SPARROW HAWK

RETURNED TO SANTA FE 3/3 (PRS) AND LOS ALAMOS 3/18 (JRT); NUMBERS SEEN MIGRATING ACROSS THE SAN AUGUSTINE PLAINS 3/24 (MCK) WHERE A GREAT MANY WERE NOTED 5/15 (PRS).

BLUE GROUSE

1 WAS SEEN 5/16 IN THE CERRO PELADO AREA OF THE JEMEZ MTS. (JLS).

LESSER PRAIRIE CHICKEN

50 WERE SEEN SOUTH OF DORA 12/2; 43 WERE Banded IN THE PORTALES AREA FROM 4/7 TO 4/21 BY N.M. GAME AND FISH PERSONNEL (JLS); ABOUT 30 WERE COUNTED IN EACH OF TWO BOOMING GROUNDS SOUTH OF ELIDA 4/25 (VM).

BOBWHITE

12 WERE COUNTED SOUTH OF DORA 12/2 (JLS).

SCALED QUAIL

REPORTED "THE MOST ABUNDANT HERE IN MANY YEARS" FROM THE CLAYTON AREA IN THE WINTER (AK); NOTED AT ESPANOLA 12/26 (WBL), LAS VEGAS 1/1 (ES), SANTA FE 4/28 (PRS), LAS CRUCES AREA 5/3 (PRS), SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO 5/18 (MAC, BJH, PRS); NESTING IN THE SILVER CITY AREA (RAF).

GAMBEL'S QUAIL

GOOD NUMBERS REPORTED FROM THE SOUTHWEST AND UP THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY; OF INTEREST ARE 3 SEEN AT ESPANOLA 12/26 (WBL) AND 15 IN SANTA FE 1/23 (PRS).

HARLEQUIN QUAIL

A COVEY WAS SEEN IN DEEP CANON, SAN MATEO MTS., 12/14 (JAB); INCREASED IN NUMBERS NEAR GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS THIS WINTER (WG); 15 COUNTED ALONG PINOS ALTOS RD. NEAR SILVER CITY 2/19 (RAF).

RING-NECKED PHEASANT

REPORTED FROM ESPANOLA 12/26 (MAC, PRS), BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 12/30 (MAC, PRS, WCT), ISLETA 2/26 (DDL, BJH, PRS), CLIFF 5/13 (PRS).

WHITE-WINGED PHEASANT

A HYBRID WAS REPORTED ON THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 12/30 (PRS, WCT); 7 WERE SEEN ON LA JOYA REFUGE 2/26 (NMOS); 1 MALE WAS AT BEAL REFUGE 5/1 (PRS).

TURKEY

MISSING UNTIL LATE MARCH FROM THE GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS WHERE THEY WINTERED LAST YEAR (WG); 7 ON CARACAS MESA 3/29 (JLS); 3 HENS ABOVE PINOS ALTOS 4/16 (RAF); 3 HENS IN S.U. CANON 4/22 (MCK); 2 AT LA CUEVA 5/2 (JLS). A NEST WAS FOUND 5/24 JUST EAST OF LLANO BY ROAD SURVEYORS; EGGS WERE REMOVED AND SENT TO WILLIAM HUEY IN SANTA FE TO BE HATCHED AND REPLANTED (SAS).

SANDHILL CRANE

47 WERE COUNTED AT LAS VEGAS IN DECEMBER, AND 28 ON 1/1 (ES); PROBABLE LAST DATE IN THE ROSWELL AREA WAS 3/12 (VM); AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE, PEAK WAS 4740 ON 12/2, DOWN TO 1530 ON 2/16, 6 ON 2/24, AND 1 LONE BIRD REMAINING ON 3/30 (RWR).

VIRGINIA RAIL

1 FOUND AT LAS CRUCES AROUND THE FIRST OF MAY WAS PUBLICIZED IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER THERE (PRS); 1 WAS AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE 5/9 (JHS).

SORA

2 SEEN ALONG THE LAS CRUCES LEVEE 5/3, AND 1 AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 5/4 (PRS); 1 ADULT FOUND DEAD WEST OF MALAGA 5/7, AND 1 IMMATURE SEEN AT

HARROUN LAKE 5/10 (SW); 2 SEEN AT RED LAKE, CHUSKA MTS., 5/21 (APN).

AMERICAN COOT

GOOD NUMBERS REPORTED FROM ALL WINTERING WATERFOWL AREAS, WITH BREEDING RECORDS IN MAY FROM THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (RWR), GLENWOOD FISH HATCHERY (RAF), FT. BAYARD SEWAGE PONDS (JPH).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER

1 WAS CLEARLY SEEN ON 4/20 AT MORGAN LAKE FOR WHAT IS APPARENTLY THE SECOND LOCAL RECORD (APN).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER

4 SEEN NEAR ESTANCIA 4/11 (JMC); FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE MAY, NESTED SUCCESSFULLY AT ROSWELL WHERE 2 ADULTS AND 3 TINY YOUNG WERE FOUND SOUTH OF WALKER AFB 5/26 (VM).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER

1, IN SUMMER PLUMAGE, WAS SEEN FROM 75 FEET AT MORGAN LAKE 12/3, AND 1 WAS THERE 4/20 (APN).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW

FIRST SPRING ARRIVAL NOTED AT FARMINGTON 4/12 (APN); 2 WERE AT LA CUEVA 5/3 (JLS) AND WERE SEEN ALSO ON 5/14 (WH); 6 WERE NEAR WALKER AFB, ROSWELL, 5/18 (VM).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER

NOTED UP THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY FROM LAS CRUCES 5/3, SEAL REFUGE 5/4, BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 5/4, SANTA FE 5/5, AND ESPANOLA 5/18 (PRS); 35 WERE COUNTED AT LA CUEVA REFUGE 5/3 (JLS).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER

1 WAS IN SANTA FE 4/28 (PRS); NOTED IN SILVER CITY AREA 5/13-14 (NMOS).

WILLET

9 WERE AT MORGAN LAKE 5/2 (APN); 16 WERE AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 5/11 (RWR).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER

ABOUT 20 WERE COUNTED AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE 4/11 (VM); 30 WERE AT DEAL REFUGE 5/4 (PRS).

LEAST SANDPIPER

6 WERE COUNTED AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 3/3 AND 200 COUNTED THERE 3/20 (RWR); 10 WERE SEEN THERE ON 5/4 (PRS).

DUNLIN

3 IN FULL SPRING PLUMAGE AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE 4/10-11 IS APPARENTLY THE SECOND REFUGE SPRING RECORD; THE BIRDS WERE OBSERVED FROM ABOUT 60 FEET IN EXCELLENT LIGHT, WITH BINOCULARS AND SCOPE; THE REDDISH BACK, BLACK BELLY PATCH, AND DECURVED BILL WERE PROMINENT ON ALL THREE; SIZE COMPARISON WAS AFFORDED BY SNOWY PLOVER, WESTERN SANDPIPER, AVOCET, WITH WHICH SPECIES THE BIRDS WERE FEEDING (VM, WR).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER

33 WERE COUNTED AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 3/17 (RWR); 2 WERE AT ESPANOLA 4/16 (JRT); 25 WERE AT LA CUEVA 5/3 (JLS).

MARbled GODWIT

2 WERE SEEN 4/22 AT MORGAN LAKE, 2 ON 4/27, 6 ON 4/28, AND 66 ON 5/2 (APN);
11 WERE AT LAKES ISBEL AND DAVID 5/2 (JLS).

SANDERLING

3 WERE FIRST SEEN AT MORGAN LAKE 4/20 (AGAIN 4/22 AND 5/6) FOR WHAT SEEMS TO
BE THE FIRST LOCAL RECORD; THE BIRDS WERE DESCRIBED AS BEING VERY PALE, LONG
STRIPE ON THE WINGS BLACK SHOULDER AREA, DARK HEAVY BILL, DARK LEGS, RUNNING
QUICKLY ALONG THE WATER'S EDGE (APN).

AVOCET

2 WERE ON THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 3/30 (RWR); 11 AT SANTA FE 4/10 WERE
EARLY (PRS); 7 NEAR ESTANCIA 4/11 (JMC).

NORTHERN PHALAROPE

2 AT SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO POND 5/18 WERE APPROACHED TO WITHIN 8 FEET BEFORE
THEY FLEW, AFFORDING EXCELLENT LOOKS FROM SEVERAL ANGLES FOR 15 MINUTES; ONE
FEMALE IN VERY BRIGHT COLOR SHOWED THE WHITE SPOTS ABOVE AND BELOW EYE, HEAD
SLATE-GRAY CONTRASTING WITH EYE RING, PURE WHITE THROAT AND CHIN, CHESTNUT
CHEST AND STREAK UP NECK, THE GRAY EXTENDING DOWN BACK OF NECK; BACK STREAKED
PROMINENTLY WITH BUFF, WHITE ON WINGS, WHITE BELOW WITH GRAYISH ON SIDE; BILL
THIN AND BLACK; THE OTHER BIRD WAS EITHER A MALE IN CHANGING PLUMAGE OR
POSSIBLY A YOUNGER FEMALE; SHOWED MUCH LESS CHESTNUT ON NECK, NOT MEETING ON
CHEST, BUT COLORING OTHERWISE WAS AS DARK AS ON THE FIRST BIRD; ONE SPRING
RECORD FROM 1855 IS LISTED IN BAILEY (BIRDS OF NEW MEXICO) (PRS, MAC, BJH).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE

100 OR SO WERE COUNTED AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 5/4 (PRS); ABOUT 4000
WERE AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE 5/7 (WR); AT LEAST 100 WERE AT LA CUEVA REFUGE 5/3
(JLS).

POMARINE JAEGER

1 WAS FIRST SEEN AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE 5/6 (DLB), STUDIED AT LEISURE 5/7
(DLB, VM, WR); SEEN SAME PLACE 5/9 (ANC, JHS); PHOTOGRAPHED WITH 400 MM LENS
(SLIDES ON FILE AT MSB, UNM) ON THE WATER AND IN ACT OF ALIGHTING AT ABOUT
200 FEET; AT ONE TIME IT CAME WITHIN 100 FEET OF 2 OBSERVERS ON THE DIKE;
TIME WAS EARLY ON A CLEAR MORNING WITH SUN AT OBSERVERS' BACKS; BIRD WAS
FEEDING IN THE WATERS FLYING BACK TO DIKE, AND WAS UNDER OBSERVATION ON 5/7
FROM 45 TO 60 MINUTES; DESCRIPTION: "LARGER THAN MOST GULLS; WINGS LONG AND
NARROW, DARK WITH WHITE FLASHES ON TOP OF PRIMARIES; THROAT AND CHEEKS WHITE,
CROWN DARK; BILL GULL-LIKE; TAIL TERMINATED IN A STRUCTURE WHICH FROM THE
SIDE LOOKED LIKE A KNOB" (VM). THIS IS APPARENTLY THE FIRST STATE RECORD FOR
THE SPECIES.

RING-BILLED GULL

6 AT CLAYTON LAKE 12/26 AND 10 THERE ON 1/29 WERE UNUSUAL WINTER SIGHTINGS
(AK); 12 ON NAVAJO LAKE 12/31 IN FOUR INCHES OF SNOW (APN); 1 AT ESPANOLA
5/27 WAS LATE (WCT).

FRANKLIN'S GULL

50 WERE COUNTED 5/2 AT LAKES ISBEL AND DAVID (JLS); UP TO 30 WERE SEEN 5/16
ALONG THE ANIMAS RIVER AT FLORA VISTA (APN).

BONAPARTE'S GULL

5 REPORTED AT MORGAN LAKE 4/22; 1 ADULT SEEN THERE 4/27 AND 1 IMMATURE ON
4/28 (APN).

FORSTER'S TERN

1 WAS REPORTED FROM THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE ON 4/24 AND 5/18 (RWR).

LEAST TERN

1 ON BITTER LAKE REFUGE 5/18 WAS EARLY (VM).

BLACK TERN

20 WERE COUNTED 5/21 AT MORGAN LAKE (APN); 1 WAS AT SAN ILDEFONSO POND 5/26 (BJH, PRS).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON

SEEN ON SANDIA CREST 4/18 (RALPH LEWIS); NOTED IN SILVER CITY AREA 5/13-14 (NMOS); A FLOCK OF ABOUT 20 WAS NEAR TRES RITOS DURING MOST OF MAY (SAS).

INCA DOVE

2 WERE SEEN IN LAS CRUCES 5/2-3 (PRS).

MOURNING DOVE

SPRING ARRIVAL DATES NOTED WERE: HEARD IN LOS ALAMOS 3/18 (JRT); 1 IN LAS VEGAS 3/20 (ES); 40 AT GLENWOOD 3/21 (JLS); HEARD AT CEDAR CREST 4/2 (MCK); FIRST ONE IN SANTA FE 4/10 (PRS); A PAIR WAS FOUND NESTING ON THE GROUND AT CHAMA, IN AN OAK-CHOKECHERRY THICKET, 5/3 (ENW).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO

1 WAS REPORTED IN ROSWELL ON 5/23 (VM).

GROOVE-BILLED ANI

1 BIRD WAS OBSERVED FOR AT LEAST TWO HOURS BY EIGHT OBSERVERS ON 12/4 IN THE BACK YARD OF A HOME IN THE NORTH ALBUQUERQUE VALLEY; THE BIRD APPEARED IN GOOD PLUMAGE WITH NO EVIDENCE OF "CAGE WEAR", EXCEPT THE RIGHT MIDDLE RECTRIX HAD THE END BROKEN OFF, AND THERE WERE ABOUT THREE SMALL SPOTS OF GUANO, ONE ON TOP OF THE TAILS AND TWO ON RIGHT WING (JSF); THE GROOVES IN THE BILL COULD BE SEEN, AND WERE EVIDENT IN PHOTOGRAPHS, TAKEN BY 2 OBSERVERS; SLIDES ARE ON FILE AT THE MSB, UNM (JND, JSF, MCK, MCL, AOM). TWO OTHER RECORDS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED; SEE LIGON NEW MEXICO BIRDS, AND NMOS FIELD NOTES, VOLUME III, No. 2.

BARN OWL

1 WAS SEEN THREE TIMES IN DECEMBER SOUTH OF LOVING, AND 3 WERE SEEN 3/26 NORTH OF LOVING, WHERE 2 NESTS WERE FOUND IN JUNE (SW); 1 WAS SEEN AT DUSK AT THE FOOT OF TOME HILL, EAST OF LOS LUNAS AND BELEN, 1/28 (JMC).

SCREECH OWL

HEARD CALLING AT CORRALES 2/22, 2/28, 4/15 (JMC).

FLAMMULATED OWL

1 WAS FOUND DEAD IN SAWMILL CANON 4/29 (EBH); 1 WAS SEEN IN WHITEWATER CANON CAMPGROUND AT DUSK 5/14 (DDL, PRS); 10 WERE BANDED AT CEDAR CREST BETWEEN 4/16 AND 5/16, WHERE THE SPECIES HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN RECORDED (MCK).

GREAT HORNED OWL

REPORTED FROM THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE (PRS), BITTER LAKE REFUGE, INCLUDING NESTING RECORD (VM), FT. BAYARD (RAF), BELEN (CLL); NESTING SOUTH OF ANIMAS (RAF) AND NEAR ESTANCIA (JMC).

PYGMY OWL

1 WAS PHOTOGRAPHED, FROM 20 FEET, ON SAPILLO CREEK BELOW LAKE ROBERTS DAM 1/21 (RAF).

ELF OWL

HEARD CALLING AT CLIFF (DDL, BJH, PRS) AND AT REDROCK (BH, MCK, JLS) THE NIGHT OF 5/13.

BURROWING OWL

1 FOUND DEAD ALONG ROAD 6 MILES SOUTH OF HURLEY, GRANT CO., 1/28, IS THE FIRST POSITIVE WINTER RECORD FOR THIS AREA; THE SPECIMEN IS PRESERVED AT WNMU (DAZ); 8 ON 3/22 EAST OF CLAYTON WERE EARLY (AK); 1 WAS SEEN 3/25 NEAR THE NEW UNM GOLF COURSE SOUTH OF ALBUQUERQUE, WHERE 5 OR 6 LATER APPEARED AND NESTED (JND, JPF); 2 IN SANTA FE 3/27 WERE EARLY (BJH, PRS); 4 WERE SEEN NEAR ESTANCIA 4/11 (JMC), 1 NEAR PORTALES 4/17 (JLS), 1 NEAR HORSE SPRINGS ON THE SAN AUGUSTINE PLAINS 5/15 (PRS).

LONG-EARED OWL

A GROUP OF 12 FOUND TOGETHER IN A CLUMP OF SALT CEDAR AT LAKE MCMILLAN 12/20 (VM, JHS); 2 WERE AT FT. BAYARD 2/11 (RAF).

SHORT-EARED OWL

1, FOUND INJURED EAST OF LOVING 12/20, WAS KEPT UNTIL 1/5; 1 FOUND DEAD ON THE ROAD EAST OF LOVING 3/15 (SW).

SAW-WHET OWL

1 FOUND DEAD AT TOTAVI, EAST OF LOS ALAMOS, 1/4 (WBL); 1 FOUND DEAD ON ROAD, STILL WARM, AT DUSK ON THE HIGHWAY BETWEEN LAS VEGAS AND MORA, JUST INSIDE THE MORA CO. LINE, ELEVATION ABOUT 7000' (JMC); 1 SEEN 20 MILES NORTH OF CLAYTON 5/1 WAS THE FIRST SEEN IN THAT AREA IN SEVERAL YEARS (WC).

WHIP-POOR-WILL

HEARD CALLING IN CHERRY CREEK CANON 5/13 (NMOS).

POORWILL

1 OR 2 HEARD IN WHITEWATER CANON CAMPGROUND IN THE EVENING 5/14 AND AT DAWN 5/15 (DDL, PRS); IN LAS VEGAS 5/23-27 (ES).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK

OVER 20 SEEN WEST OF LAS CRUCES 5/2 (PRS); 1 IN ALBUQUERQUE 5/14 WAS EARLY (MCK); 1 DEAD ON ROAD AT SOCORRO 5/15 (DDL, BJH, PRS); IN FARMINGTON 5/19 (APN), AT FT. BAYARD 5/21 (RAF), LAS VEGAS 5/26 (ES), AND A FLIGHT OF OVER 100 SEEN FROM BERNALILLO TO LA BAJADA 6/3 (PRS).

LESSER NIGHTHAWK

1 WAS SEEN IN LAS CRUCES 5/1 (PRS), AND AT LORDSBURG 5/25 (RAF).

BLACK SWIFT

A FLOCK WAS SEEN (WITH VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOWS) 12 MILES SOUTH OF GILA ON THE GILA RIVER 5/31; THERE WERE AT LEAST 14 OF THIS SPECIES, AND THEY WERE WATCHED FOR AT LEAST 30 MINUTES; "COULD CLEARLY SEE LIGHTER FOREHEAD ON MANY OF THEM; OTHERS SHOWED CONSIDERABLE WHITE EDGINGS ON THE UNDERPARTS; THE FLIGHT WAS MORE LEISURELY THAN THAT OF OTHER NEW MEXICO SWIFTS, AND THE SIZE MUCH LARGER; ALSO LARGER THAN THE SWALLOWS WITH THEM" (JPH, CT).

CHAETURA SWIFTS

5 WERE SEEN IN CARLSBAD 5/17 (SW); 2 SEEN 5/27 ABOUT 10 MILES EAST OF DEMING ON HIGHWAY 80 WERE DESCRIBED: "CIGAR SHAPE, TWINKLING FLIGHT, ALL DARK APPEARANCE COULD NOT TELL WHICH SPECIES; TO DATE, THREE SPRING SPECIMENS FROM THE STATE ARE CHIMNEY SWIFTS, BUT VAUX'S OCCURS IN ARIZONA" (JPH).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT

SEVERAL SEEN FLYING AROUND SANDIA CREST 3/12 (TS); 2 CHITTERING OVER BARRANCA

MESA, LOS ALAMOS, 3/21, WERE EARLY (JRT); FIRST NOTED IN SANTA FE WERE 9 SOUTH OF TOWN ON 5/6 (PRS); FIRST NOTED 5/6 AT FARMINGTON (APN).

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD

ARRIVED EARLY IN ROSWELL, WITH A MALE NOTED 4/3 AND A FEMALE 4/16 (VM); FIRST ARRIVAL NOTED IN NE ALBUQUERQUE 4/28 (JND); FIRST NOTED IN SILVER CITY WAS A MALE 4/30 (DAZ); SEEN AT FEEDER IN CHAMA 5/9 (ENW); FIRST IN SANTA FE 5/21 (PRS).

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD

1 IN LOS ALAMOS 4/7 IS A VERY EARLY RECORD (JRT); FIRST SPRING RETURN TO CEDAR CREST 4/14 (MCK), SILVER CITY 4/28 (DAZ), LAS VEGAS 4/19 (ES), SANTA FE 5/5 (PRS), CHAMA 5/6 (ENW), NE ALBUQUERQUE 5/8 (DDL), FARMINGTON 5/14 (APN); 1 IN ROSWELL 5/11 WAS UNUSUAL (VM).

RIVOLI'S HUMMINGBIRD

A FEMALE WAS SEEN IN THE MOUNTAINS NORTH OF SILVER CITY 6/1 NOT FAR FROM WHERE A MALE WAS SEEN TWO YEARS AGO (DAZ).

BELTED KINGFISHER

SEEN ALL WINTER IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA WITH 6 COUNTED 1/1 (ES); 1 FOUND DEAD 12/4 NEAR LYDEN (BJH, PRS); 8 WERE COUNTED IN THE ALBUQUERQUE AREA 12/30 (MCK, JLS, ET AL.); 1 SEEN AT CEDAR HILL NORTH OF AZTEC 1/21 (APN).

YELLOW-SHAFTED FLICKER

REPORTED FROM SE ALBUQUERQUE 12/8 (TS), CARLSBAD 12/29 (SW), FT. BAYARD 1/29 (RAF), BLACK RIVER VILLAGE 3/21 (DF, SW).

GILA WOODPECKER

OVER 10 WERE COUNTED AT CLIFF 5/12-14, WITH ONE NEST FOUND (PRS, NMOS).

ACORN WOODPECKER

3 WERE SEEN DAILY FROM 11/5 UNTIL MID-MAY IN A YARD ON BARRANCA MESA, LOS ALAMOS (WCT); 1 ON THE NEW MEXICO SIDE OF THE CHUSKA MTS. 5/19 MAY BE THE FIRST RECORD FOR THE SAN JUAN BASIN (APN).

LEWIS' WOODPECKER

1 WAS IN LAS VEGAS 1/1 (ES); AT LEAST 3 WERE SEEN IN OPEN STANDS OF PINE AT APACHE CREEK 3/27 (MCK) WHERE 10 OR SO WERE NOTED 5/15 (DDL, BJH, PRS); 1 IN SANTA FE 5/5 WAS DEFINITELY A MIGRANT (PRS).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER

SPRING RETURN TO CEDAR CREST WAS NOTED 3/21 (MCK); 1 IN LOS ALAMOS 3/25 WAS VERY EARLY (JRT); USUALLY SEEN ONLY INFREQUENTLY IN THE UNM AREA, THIS SPRING THE SPECIES HAS BEEN A CONSTANT VISITOR 3/27-31, FEEDING ON COTTONWOOD BUDS (JND).

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER

A FEMALE WAS AT A FEEDER ON THE UNM CAMPUS 12/13 (JND); 2 FEMALES WERE SEEN AT 7500', SANDIA MTS., 12/26 (MCK); 1 WAS SEEN IN SILVER CITY 1/7 (CLS); 1 SEEN IN PINON TREES 4/9 IN SANTA FE (PRS); 2 SEEN AT A NEST HOLE 5/16 IN THE CERRO PELADO AREA OF THE JEMEZ MTS. (JLS).

DOWNY WOODPECKER

LESS COMMON THAN USUAL AT FARMINGTON THIS WINTER (APN); 1 AT CEDAR CREST 3/5 (MCK); SEVERAL AT FEEDERS AT CHAMA 4/2 AND A PAIR STILL PRESENT 5/12 (ENW); A MALE STILL AT A SILVER CITY FEEDER 4/7 HAD STAYED ALL WINTER, WHICH WAS MOST UNUSUAL (DAZ).

EASTERN KINGBIRD

4 WERE SEEN AT ESPANOLA 5/18 (MAC, BJH, PRS).

WESTERN KINGBIRD

FIRST SPRING ARRIVALS NOTED AT REDROCK 4/15 (RAF), NE ALBUQUERQUE 4/27 (JND), SANTA FE 4/28 (PRS), LAS VEGAS 4/29 (ES), FARMINGTON 4/29 (APN).

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD

FIRST ONE AT SANTA FE 4/19 WAS EARLY (PRS); RETURNED TO CEDAR CREST 4/27 (MCK), FARMINGTON 5/7 (APN), LOS ALAMOS 5/7 (JRT).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER

NUMBERS LOWER THAN USUAL AROUND SILVER CITY IN THE PINON-JUNIPER BELT (DAZ).

BLACK PHOEBE

3 WERE SEEN AT BELEN 4/2 (CLL); 1 WAS AT ESPANOLA 4/16 (JRT) AND 5/18 (MAC, BJH, PRS).

EASTERN PHOEBE

1 WAS AT LAKE AVALON 12/29 (JP, SW).

SAY'S PHOEBE

ARRIVAL IN SANTA FE NOTED 2/13 (PRS); 1 AT MAGDALENA 3/1 WAS EARLY (JAB); AT SAN ILDEFONSO 3/11 (JRT), CEDAR CREST 3/15 (MCK), LOS ALAMOS 3/20 (JRT).

TRAILL'S FLYCATCHER

FIRST SPRING DATE NOTED IN SANTA FE WAS 5/16 (PRS).

HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER

SPRING ARRIVAL IN BANDELIER NATIONAL MONUMENT NOTED 5/7 (JRT).

GRAY FLYCATCHER

SPRING ARRIVAL AT LOS ALAMOS NOTED 5/7 (JRT); SEVERAL SEEN IN LITTLE WALNUT CANON AND FT. BAYARD AREA 5/13 (NMOS).

WESTERN WOOD PEWEE

FIRST SEEN IN SILVER CITY AREA 5/4 WHERE THEY WERE VERY NUMEROUS THIS SPRING (DAZ); RETURNED TO LOS ALAMOS 5/7 (JRT), CEDAR CREST 5/15 (MCK), ALBUQUERQUE 5/16 (JND), FARMINGTON 5/28 (APN).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER

MOVED INTO THE LOS ALAMOS AREA 5/27 WHEN 8 WERE COUNTED FROM THE RIO GRANDE TO THE VALLE GRANDE (JRT); REMAINED IN SILVER CITY AT LEAST TILL 6/2 (DAZ).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER

A MALE WAS SEEN AT CLIFF 3/18 (RAF); 1 WAS AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 4/30 (JR).

SWALLOWS

LARGE NUMBERS APPEARED ON THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE IN EARLY APRIL (RWR); VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOWS WERE GENERALLY LATE IN ARRIVING; A LARGE FLIGHT WAS NOTED OVER WHITewater CANON 5/14-15 (PRS); 2 TREE SWALLOWS WERE AT LA JOYA REFUGE 2/26 (JRT); A FLOCK OF SEVERAL THOUSAND BANK SWALLOWS WAS AT RINCON 5/4 (PRS).

PURPLE MARTIN

1 WAS AT ESPANOLA 5/13 (WCT).

BLUE JAY

REPORTED FROM THE CLAYTON AREA 11/11, 1/4, 1/9, FOR THE FIRST RECORDS THERE (WC, AK).

MEXICAN JAY

10 OR SO WERE NOTED AT GLENWOOD 5/15 (PRS).

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE

3 SEEN ON THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE 12/30 (PRS); 1 STILL AT ESPANOLA 4/16 WAS LATE (JRT) AS WAS 1 ALONG U.S. 85 BETWEEN ISLETA AND BELEN 5/12 (ETHYL RINGER); THEY HAVE USUALLY MOVED NORTH BEFORE THESE DATES; THE SPECIES IS A REAL NUISANCE IN THE CHAMA AREA WHERE THEY PREY ON NESTS AND YOUNG OF OTHER BIRDS (ENW).

PINON JAY

GREAT FLOCKS ALL WINTER WERE REPORTED FROM THE SILVER CITY AREA WHERE THERE WAS AN EXCELLENT PINON CROP; UP TO 1000 WERE COUNTED IN ONE FLOCK (RAF); A FLOCK OF 150 WAS IN TIJERAS CANON 3/22 (MCK); BETWEEN RESERVE AND APACHE CREEK 3/27 A FLOCK OF 73 WAS NOTED (MCK); SEEN FREQUENTLY AT FARMINGTON DURING THE WINTER (APN), WHILE NUMBERS WERE FEWER IN SANTA FE (PRS); 17 OVER THE UNM CAMPUS ON 5/22 WAS AN UNUSUAL LOCATION (WWH).

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE

1 WAS AT THE NORTH END OF LAKE AVALON 12/29 (JP. SW); 1 AT ROSWELL 3/22 WAS UNUSUAL IN SPRING (VM); GOOD NUMBERS WERE REPORTED FROM SANTA FE (PRS), CEDAR CREST (MCK), UNM CAMPUS (JND), AND SEVERAL NE ALBUQUERQUE AREAS REPORTED THE SPECIES WHERE IT HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN SEEN (CGA, CLL, JR).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH

AT LEAST 1 WAS IN TESUQUE FOR THE WINTER (J. C. YATES); 1 WAS STILL IN SILVER CITY 5/13 (NMOS).

PYGMY NUTHATCH

1 APPEARED REGULARLY FROM 11/1 TO 4/13 AT A FEEDER ON UNM CAMPUS; THIS ALTITUDE (5000') IS LOW FOR THE SPECIES (JND).

DIPPER

INCREASED WINTER NUMBERS REPORTED FROM GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS (WG); NOTED IN LAS VEGAS AREA 12/24, LATE JANUARY, EARLY FEBRUARY (ES).

HOUSE WREN

FIRST NOTED IN NE ALBUQUERQUE 4/11 (JND) AFTER WHICH DATE, THROUGH 5/20, REPORTED IN UNUSUALLY LARGE NUMBERS (WWH, CLL); 5 TO 10 WERE NOTED EACH DAY FROM 4/29 TO 5/17 AT ROSWELL (VM); FIRST SEEN AT CEDAR CREST 5/11 WHERE THE HIGH NUMBER OF 11 WAS BANDED BETWEEN THEN AND 5/27 (MCK).

WINTER WREN

3 OBSERVERS WATCHED 1 BIRD FOR SEVERAL MINUTES 1/22, FROM 20 TO 30 FEET, ON THE BANK OF AN IRRIGATION CANAL IN CORRALES; IDENTIFICATION INCLUDED THE FACT THAT "THE TAIL WAS SO SHORT IT WAS ALMOST FREAKISH . . . NOTICEABLY SMALLER THAN A HOUSE WREN; MOTTLED BROWN BACK, LIGHTER TAN ON BREAST WITH DELICATE BARRED PATTERN STARTING ABOUT HALF-WAY BACK ON SIDES. . ." (CGA).

MOCKINGBIRD

1 WAS SEEN IN LOS ALAMOS 3/10 (JRB); NOTED MOVING UP THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY IN EARLY MAY (PRS).

CATBIRD

REPORTED FROM CLAYTON WERE 2 ON 4/2, 2 ON 5/23, 1 ON 5/24, AND 1 ON 5/25 (AK); 1 WAS BANDED AT CEDAR CREST 5/15 (MCK); 3 WERE SINGING AT ESPANOLA 5/18 (MAC, BJH, PRS); 1 WAS SEEN IN CORRALES 5/21 (JND, JPF); 1 WAS SINGING 5/28 AND 5/30 AT THE LA PLATA-SAN JUAN RIVER CONFLUENCE (APN).

BROWN THRASHER

1 WAS IN LAS VEGAS 1/1 (ES); 1 WAS SEEN AT LA JOYA REFUGE 2/26 (NMOS); REPORTED FROM NORTH ALBUQUERQUE 12/30, 1/28, 3/25, 4/2 (JND, JLS).

CRISSAL THRASHER

REPORTED AGAIN FROM TIJERAS CANON AND EMBUDO CANON DURING THE WINTER AND SPRING; THE SPECIES HAS APPARENTLY BECOME RESIDENT THERE (JND, BETTY MINOR).

SAGE THRASHER

NUMBERS WERE UP IN THE WINTER AND SPRING; REPORTED FROM EAST AND NORTH OF THE SANDIA MTS. 12/26 (JND, MCL), 1/19 (JND), MID-FEBRUARY (RUTH LUHRS); DOZENS WERE COUNTED AT EACH OF A SERIES OF TANKS AND WINDMILLS IN OPEN RANGE AND SCRUB PINON-JUNIPER COUNTRY FROM SOUTH OF BINGHAM NORTH TO GRAN QUIVIRA THE MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY; MANY WERE DROWNED IN STOCK TANKS (HOWARD CAMPBELL, MCK, ET AL.); SEEN TWICE IN SILVER CITY IN JANUARY, AND ON THE REDROCK ROAD 2/18 (RAF); 2 ON THE UNM CAMPUS 4/11 WERE UNUSUAL (JND).

ROBIN

LARGE NUMBERS REPORTED FROM SEVERAL AREAS; LARGER NUMBERS THAN USUAL AT CLAYTON THIS WINTER (AK); MORE THAN EVER SEEN AT CHAMA IN THE SPRING (ENW); NUMBERS GOOD IN SANTA FE (PRS); COMMON AT FARMINGTON ALL WINTER (APN); OVER 3500 WERE COUNTED IN ABOUT 50 MILES FROM SOUTH OF BINGHAM NORTH TO GRAN QUIVIRA 2/18 (MCK); LARGE NUMBERS MOVED THROUGH ALBUQUERQUE BETWEEN 3/8 AND 3/12 (CLL) WITH A FLOCK OF 1000 REPORTED ON THE LATER DATE (LOUISE CORNELL).

HERMIT THRUSH

SPRING ARRIVAL NOTED IN THE MOUNTAINS NORTH OF SILVER CITY 4/16 (RAF), NE ALBUQUERQUE 4/24 (CLL), CEDAR CREST 4/27 (MCK), LAS VEGAS 4/28 (ES), IN THE FARMINGTON AREA 5/7 (APN); 1 AT LAS CRUCES 5/3 WAS UNUSUAL (PRS).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH

REPORTED FROM THE LOVING AREA IN THE SPRING (NO DATE)(SW); FROM THE GILA RIVER 5/13-14 (RAF); 2 WERE BANDED AT CEDAR CREST IN MID-MAY WHERE IT IS AN UNCOMMON MIGRANT (MCK).

BLUEBIRDS

WESTERN AND MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRDS WERE NUMBERED IN THE HUNDREDS IN THE HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF SEVERAL SPECIES NOTED IN MID-FEBRUARY IN THE PLAINS AREA FROM BINGHAM NORTH TO GRAN QUIVIRA (MCK, ET AL.).

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE

POPULATION NUMBERS WERE UP IN MOST REPORTING AREAS; 51 WERE COUNTED IN THE SANDIA MTS. 12/26 (JND, MCK, MCL); INCREASED NUMBERS OVER PAST WINTERS AT GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS (WG); SEEN ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN THE SILVER CITY-FT. BAYARD AREA (RAF, DAZ); VERY GOOD NUMBERS IN SANTA FE, WHERE THE LAST ONE WAS NOTED 5/5 (PRS); 2 WERE SEEN IN ROSWELL 4/17 (VM).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER

SPRING ARRIVAL DATE IN LOS ALAMOS WAS 5/7 (JRT) AND IN MAGDALENA 5/14 (JAB).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET

1 WAS COMING TO A FEEDER ON LITTLE WALNUT ROAD IN SILVER CITY BY EARLY

DECEMBER (BH).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET

SPRING RETURN THROUGH CEDAR CREST BEGAN 3/20 (MCK); 3 SINGING IN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS NEAR CHAMA 4/20 (ENW); 1 IN ROSWELL 5/3 (VM).

WATER PIPIT

FLOCKS NOTED IN THE WINTER AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE, MCALISTER LAKE, LA JOYA REFUGE (PRS); SEEN AT MORGAN LAKE 1/8 (APN); UNUSUAL CONCENTRATIONS ALL WINTER NEAR ROSWELL WITH ABOUT 10,000 ON 12/14 (VM); 10 COUNTED ON THE LAS CRUCES LEVEE 5/3 (PRS).

BOHEMIAN WAXWING

A FLOCK FIRST NOTED IN LOS ALAMOS 2/26 (GERALDINE MCCALL) WAS COUNTED ABOUT 300 BIRDS IN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF MARCH; LAST NOTED IN LOS ALAMOS 4/3 (WBL, JRT, WCT); FLOCKS OF UP TO 200 WERE SEEN IN SANTA FE FROM 3/10 UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH; A FLOCK OF 250 WAS SEEN IN ESPANOLA 4/16 (JRT).

PHAINOPEPLA

1 MALE WAS SEEN AT MANGAS SPRINGS 1/29 (RAF); 2 MALES SEEN IN LAS CRUCES ALONG THE LEVEE 5/3 (PRS); A FLOCK WAS SEEN ALONG U.S. 85 ABOUT 4 MILES SOUTH OF T OR C 5/14 (CGA).

CEDAR WAXWING

GOOD-SIZED WINTERING FLOCKS WERE REPORTED FROM SILVER CITY (RAF), GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS (WG), ALAMOGORDO (JRD), SANTA FE (BJH, PRS), LOS ALAMOS (MAC, WBL, JRT, WCT), ALBUQUERQUE (DUL, JND, EBH, MARIE HILLERMAN, CLL, JR), SANDIA MTS. (MCK, TS); SMALL FLOCKS WERE SEEN AT ROSWELL IN DECEMBER, FEBRUARY, AND MAY (VM), AND AT FARMINGTON IN MAY (APN); AT LEAST 2 WERE SEEN SW OF SILVER CITY 5/28 (JPH).

NORTHERN SHRIKE

1 WAS CAUGHT IN A MIST NET, BANDED AND PHOTOGRAPHED, AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 1/29; THE BIRD WAS LARGER THAN A LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE, BILL LARGE AND DECIDEDLY HOOKED, LOWER MANDIBLE PALE, THE BLACK MASK DID NOT MEET OVER THE BILL (MCK, JRT). ADULTS OF THE SPECIES ARE DIFFICULT TO DISTINGUISH FROM LOGGERHEADS IN THE FIELD, AND THERE ARE FEW SUBSTANTIATED RECORDS FOR THE STATE (DAZ).

STARLING

ALL REPORTS INDICATE NUMBERS OF THIS SPECIES ARE INCREASING IN THE STATE; NOW APPARENTLY BREEDING ALL THE WAY DOWN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY TO LAS CRUCES (PRS) AND IN THE SOUTHWEST PART OF THE STATE AT SILVER CITY AND FT. BAYARD (RAF, JPH, DAZ); 150 NOTED IN OPEN RANGE COUNTRY AT A SMALL WATER TANK JUST NORTH OF GRAN QUIVIRA 2/18, FEEDING AND WATERING WITH HUNDREDS OF ROBINS AND BLUEBIRDS, IS AN INDICATION OF THE SPECIES HABITAT ADAPTABILITY (MCK).

BELL'S VIREO

1 IN SILVER CITY 5/18 IS THE FIRST RECORD HERE, ALTHOUGH THE SPECIES OCCURS REGULARLY IN THE GILA VALLEY AROUND CLIFF (DAZ).

SOLITARY VIREO

SPRING ARRIVAL DATES NOTED WERE 4/18 AT SILVER CITY (DAZ), 4/26 AT CEDAR CREST (MCK), 4/30 AT LAS VEGAS (ES), AND 5/7 AT LOS ALAMOS (JRT).

WARBLING VIREO

SPRING ARRIVALS WERE NOTED AT CEDAR CREST 4/29 (MCK), AT FARMINGTON 5/4 (APN), AT BANDELIER 5/7 (JRT).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER

1 WAS SEEN 4/16 FEEDING IN YOUNG WILLOWS AT (GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS, AND 2 WERE SEEN THERE THE FOLLOWING WEEK (RAF); 1 WAS AT A SPRING GROVE ON THE PENASCO 25 MILES EAST OF CLOUDCROFT 5/26 (VM).

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER

1 BIRD, PROBABLY A FEMALE, WAS SEEN DAILY, SOME DAYS SEVERAL TIMES, FROM 4/30 TO 5/7 IN A ROSWELL YARD; DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, "HEAD AND BREAST GOLDEN, BELLY LIGHT, WINGS AND BACK BLUISH, NO BARS, BLACK EYE AND BILL PROMINENT AGAINST GOLD OF HEAD, ACTIONS TAME BUT JITTERY, JUMPING ABOUT ON THE LAWN", THE BIRD WAS SEEN FROM AS CLOSE AS 15 FEET AND WAS PHOTOGRAPHED (SLIDES FILED AT THE MSB UNM); LIGON LISTS THE SPECIES FROM THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE AND ANTHONY (VM, ANC, JHS).

TENNESSEE WARBLER

1 BIRD WAS SEEN 5/4 IN A SILVER CITY YARD, WATCHED FROM 12 TO 20 FEET FOR 5 TO 6 MINUTES, WITH AND WITHOUT BINOCULARS; THE BRIGHT OLIVE BACK, WHITE UNDERPARTS, GRAYISH HEAD AND WHITE SUPERCILIARY LINE ALL WERE CLEARLY SEEN; AN IMMATURE OF THE SPECIES WAS COLLECTED AT THIS SPOT 10/5/64 (DAZ).

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER

SOME SPRING ARRIVAL DATES WERE 4/18 AT MAGDALENA (JAB), 4/24 AT SILVER CITY (DAZ), 4/24 AT SANTA FE (PRS), 4/26 AT CEDAR CREST (MCK), 5/6 AT FARMINGTON (APN); AT CHAMA 1 WAS REPORTED SHARING A NEST WITH A GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE; 3 EGGS WERE PRESENT (ENW).

PARULA WARBLER

1 MALE WAS TAKEN IN A MIST NET, BANDED AND PHOTOGRAPHED, AT CEDAR CREST 4/16; THERE ARE 3 PREVIOUS SIGHT RECORDS FOR THE SPECIES AT THIS LOCATION, AND OTHER RECORDS FOR THE STATE; THE BANDED BIRD REMAINED IN THE AREA, SINGING, UNTIL 4/25 (MCK); A PAIR WAS SEEN AT CEDAR CREST 5/13-14 (JND).

YELLOW WARBLER

1 WAS SEEN NEAR CLIFF 3/18 (RAF); NONE SEEN AT LAS CRUCES 5/3 IS NOTEWORTHY (PRS); FIRST NOTED AT LA CUEVA REFUGE 5/3 (JLS), FARMINGTON 5/7 (APN); SANTA FE 5/11 (LATE)(PRS), CHAMA 5/11 (ENW); A FLIGHT ON THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 5/12 WAS DEFINITELY MOVING NORTH (PRS).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER

1 MALE WAS CAUGHT IN A MIST NET AT CEDAR CREST 5/4, BANDED AND PHOTOGRAPHED; ABOUT A DOZEN OBSERVERS STUDIED THE BIRD IN HAND, APPARENTLY THE FIRST SUBSTANTIATED STATE RECORD; COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS CLEARLY SHOW THE WHITE TAIL BANDS YELLOW RUMP, BLACK BACK, YELLOW UNDERPARTS STREAKED WITH BLACK; COPIES ARE ON FILE AT THE MSB, UNM, AND AT WNMU (MCK, ET AL.).

MYRTLE WARBLER

1 WAS SEEN IN LAS VEGAS 4/27 (ES), 2 WERE BANDED AT CEDAR CREST IN MAY (MCK), 1 WAS IN CORRALES 5/21 (JND, JPF).

AUDUBON'S WARBLER

SMALL WINTERING NUMBERS WERE SEEN REGULARLY IN ALBUQUERQUE, SANTA FE, FT. BAYARD; SPRING PLUMAGE BIRDS WERE NOTED IN SANTA FE 3/24 (PRS), ALBUQUERQUE 3/29 (JND), CEDAR CREST 4/4 (EARLY)(MCK), MAGDALENA 4/13 (JAB), LAS VEGAS 4/13 (WH); A FLIGHT TOOK OFF THE EVENING OF MAY 14 FROM WHITEWATER CANON, AND THE FOLLOWING MORNING ONLY ONE BIRD WAS SEEN (PRS).

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER

FIRST SPRING MALE NOTED IN SILVER CITY WAS ON 4/1 (DAZ); NOTED 4/15 AT THE LIGON RANCH NORTH OF MAGDALENA (JAB); FIRST SEEN AT FARMINGTON 5/7 (APN); SEEN NEAR UNM 5/15 (JND).

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER

A FEW WERE NOTED IN MIGRATION NEAR SILVER CITY IN THE SPRING FLIGHTS, WITH 1 SEEN AT CLIFF 5/14 (PRS); 1 WAS ON THE UNM CAMPUS 5/15 (JND, JPF).

GRACE'S WARBLER

A FEW WERE NOTED MIGRATING THROUGH SILVER CITY IN THE SPRING (RAF AND WERE SEEN 5/13-14 (NMOS); FIRST ARRIVAL AT LOS ALAMOS WAS NOTED 4/18 (JRT); PRESENT IN S.U. CANON 4/23 (MCK).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER

1 WAS WATCHED ON PERICO CREEK 5/17 IN GOOD LIGHT FROM 10 TO 15 FEET WITH BINOCULARS; EASILY SEEN WERE THE WHITE BREAST WITH CHESTNUT-COLORED STREAK ALONG EACH SIDE, TWO DISTINCT WING BARS; BIRD SEEMED QUITE TAME AND PERMITTED RELATIVELY LENGTHY STUDY (AK).

OVENBIRD

1 WAS SEEN IN A YARD IN ROSWELL IN MAY (NO DATE) (JHS); ANOTHER NOTED IN A ROSWELL YARD 5/6, 5/10, 5/13, AND 1 WAS AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE HEADQUARTERS 5/6 AND FOR SEVERAL DAYS THEREAFTER; SEVERAL PREVIOUS RECORDS EXIST FOR ROSWELL (VM); 1 BANDED AT CEDAR CREST 5/21 WAS A FIRST RECORD FOR THE SANDIA MTS. (MCK).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH

2 SEEN AT ESPANOLA 5/6 (JRT); ON THE GILA RIVER AT REDROCK 5/14 (NMOS); 2 SEEN 5/16 AND 1 5/17 IN CLAYTON WERE THE FIRST NOTED THERE IN SEVERAL YEARS (AK); IN MAY 5 WERE BANDED AT CEDAR CREST WHERE 1 IS NOTEWORTHY (MCK).

KENTUCKY WARBLER

1 IN THE SAME ROSWELL CITY BLOCK DAILY FROM 4/28 TO 5/5 IS THE THIRD RECORD FOR THIS SOUTHEAST AREA (VM, ANC, JHS).

MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER

NOTED IN THE UNM AREA FROM 5/3 TO 5/13 (JND); FIRST NOTED IN LAS VEGAS 5/5 (WH), AT CEDAR CREST 5/6 (MCK), AT SANTA FE 5/16 (PRS); A MALE WAS SEEN IN SILVER CITY 6/1 (DAZ).

YELLOWTHROAT

SEVERAL MALES SEEN AT BEAL REFUGE 5/1 AND 5/4, AND 3 MALES NOTED ALONG THE LAS CRUCES LEVEE 5/3 (PRS); 1 IN THE UNM AREA 5/13 WAS AN UNUSUAL LOCATION (WWH).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT

FIRST SPRING ARRIVAL NOTED AT LAS VEGAS 5/7 (WH), AND AT CEDAR CREST 5/9 (MCK).

RED-FACED WARBLER

SEEMED TO BE DOWN IN NUMBERS IN THE PINOS ALTOS MTS. NORTH OF SILVER CITY, WHERE THEY WERE DECIDEDLY RARE (DAZ); GOOD POPULATION IN S.U. CANON (MCK).

WILSON'S WRBLER

GOOD NUMBERS OF THE SPECIES WERE NOTED IN MIGRATION, WITH FIRST ARRIVALS DATED AS FOLLOWS: SILVER CITY 4/11 (DAZ); LOS LUNAS 4/13 (ENW); CEDAR CREST 4/16 (MCK); CHAMA 4/23 (ENW); MAGDALENA 4/29 (JAB); SANTA FE 5/5 (PRS); FARMINGTON 5/6 (APN); LAS VEGAS 5/9 (ES).

AMERICAN REDSTART

1 IMMATURE MALE WAS SEEN IN THE UNM AREA FROM 5/20 TO 5/27 (JPF, ET AL.).

PAINTED REDSTART

DOWN IN NUMBERS IN THE PINOS ALTOS MTS. (DAZ); 1 WAS Banded 3/25 IN S.U.CANON (MCK); 1 AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE THE WEEK OF 5/6 IS APPARENTLY THE ONLY OCCURRENCE KNOWN FOR EASTERN NEW MEXICO (VM); 5 WERE COUNTED 5/14 IN WHITEWATER CANON WITH A NEST APPARENTLY BEING BUILT THERE (DDL, BJH, PRS).

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD

WINTER POPULATION GOOD AT SANTA FE (PRS); WINTERED IN THE PENASCO VALLEY THIS YEAR (SAS); LARGE NUMBERS ON THE ESPANOLA COUNT 12/26 (WBL); HUNDREDS AT A FARM NORTH OF DEMING 3/4 (RAF); "WORLDS OF BLACKBIRDS' AT CHAMA (ENW).

HOODED ORIOLE

A PAIR WAS NOTED IN SILVER CITY FROM 4/28 TO EARLY MAY; THEY ARE RARE HERE AT ANY TIMES THOUGH COMMON IN THE GILA VALLEY AND AT OTHER LOWER ELEVATION SITES (DAZ).

BULLOCK'S ORIOLE

FIRST 1 NOTED AT SILVER CITY WAS A SUBADULT MALE 5/3 (DAZ); FIRST AT CEDAR CREST 5/5 (MCK), AT SANTA FE, 2 MALES 5/5 (PRS); AT FARMINGTON 5/6 (APN); AT LAS VEGAS 5/7 (WH), NE ALBUQUERQUE 5/9 (CGA); 2 MALES AND 3 FEMALES IN THE UNM AREA 5/13-14 WERE UNUSUAL NUMBERS AS WELL AS LOCATION (WWH).

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD

A FEW MORE THAN USUAL WINTERED IN THE SANTA FE AREA (PRS); SEEN IN LARGE FLOCKS IN THE ROSWELL AREA THROUGHOUT THE WINTER WITH 40,000 TO 50,000 IN ONE FIELD ON 12/15 (VM).

BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE

A FLOCK OF 15 TO 20 WAS COUNTED AT ALAMEDA 2/26 (JMC); A FLOCK OF 24 SEEN AT ESPANOLA 12/26, WHERE THE SPECIES WAS NESTING ON 5/18 (WBL, JRT); AT LEAST 6 PAIRS REPORTED NESTING IN AN AREA JUST NE OF LORDSBURG WHERE THEY WERE SEEN 5/25 FEEDING YOUNG (RAF).

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD

NUMBERS WERE WELL ABOVE NORMAL IN THE SPRING AROUND SILVER CITY (DAZ); 15 AT SANTA FE 5/5 WERE A VERY LATE FIRST RECORD (PRS).

BRONZED COWBIRD

A MALE AND 2 FEMALES WERE CLEARLY SEEN AT REDROCK, AND A SINGLE MALE WAS SEEN AT THE GAME DEPARTMENT LAKE THE END OF MAY; "LARGE SIZE, RED EYES, AND ALL BLACK OR SLATE-COLOR SEPARATE THEM FROM BROWN-HEADED COWBIRDS; THE MALE NORTH OF REDROCK WAS DISPLAYING IN A CORRAL; THE NECK RUFF WAS APPARENT"; THIS IS THE SECOND RECORD OUT OF THE GUADALUPE CANON-ANIMAS MT. REGION, BUT THE SPECIES IS NOW SEEN NORTH TO PHOENIX IN ARIZONA (JPH).

WESTERN Tanager

FIRST MALE WAS NOTED IN SILVER CITY 4/26 (DAZ); IN CEDAR CREST 4/27 (MCK); 3 OR 4 WERE IN ROSWELL THE WEEK OF 5/5 (VM); FIRST IN LAS VEGAS 5/5 (ES); ARRIVED IN LOS ALAMOS 5/6 WHERE THEY WERE MUCH MORE IN EVIDENCE THAN IN RECENT SPRINGS (JRT); FIRST NOTED IN THE SANTA FE AREA NEAR LA BAJADA 5/12 (PRS); FIRST IN FARMINGTON 5/13 (APN); A LARGE FLIGHT OF 100 OR MORE IN SEVERAL FLOCKS WAS SEEN LEAVING WHITEWATER CANON AT DUSK 5/14 (PRS).

SCARLET Tanager

ON 5/23 1 BIRD IN FULL MALE PLUMAGE WAS SEEN IN A PONDEROSA PINE IN LOS ALAMOS; WATCHED FOR AT LEAST ONE-HALF MINUTE BY TWO OBSERVERS WITH BINOCULARS FROM ABOUT 35 FEET IN GOOD LATE AFTERNOON LIGHT, ALL FIELD MARKS WERE CLEARLY SEEN: "IT WAS A DEEP RED WITH JET BLACK WINGS, A BLACK TAIL, AND A LIGHT GRAY BILL. IT LEFT THE TREE AND GRADUALLY WORKED ITS WAY OUT OF THE: YARD, DOWN INTO A CANON, AND WAS NOT SEEN AGAIN." (JRT). APPARENTLY THE ONLY OTHER RECORD FOR THE STATE IS ONE REPORTED BY MONTGOMERY FROM ROSWELL ON 5/8/54.

HEPATIC TANAGER

1 MALE WAS SEEN 5/13 IN THE BURRO MTS. (NMOS); A PAIR WAS IN WHITEWATER CANON 5/14 (PRS); SEEN IN LOS ALAMOS AREA 5/20 (JRT).

SUMMER TANAGER

SEEN AT ROSWELL 5/1 AND 5/23 WHERE IT IS NOT USUAL (VM); UP TO 10 WERE AT CLIFF 5/12-14 (PRS); 1 SEEN IN CORRALES 5/21 (JND, JPF).

CARDINAL

A MALE IN WINTER WAS THE FIRST NOTED IN SILVER CITY IN 11 YEARS (CLS).

PYRRHULOXIA

11 WERE AT LAKE MCMILLAN 12/30, AND 1 WAS AT DEXTER 2/22 (VM); A MALE AT SILVER CITY 2/20 IS THE SECOND AREA RECORD; 1 WAS SEEN IN ABOUT THE SAME PLACE IN JANUARY 1966 (CLS, DAZ); 1 WAS NEAR RINCON, AND 1 SOUTH OF WILLIAMSBURG 5/4 (PRS), AND 1 WAS SEEN SOUTH OF T OR C 5/14 (CGA).

ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK

1 OR 2 MALES WERE SEEN AT CEDAR CREST INTERMITTENTLY FROM 5/4 THROUGH 5/19 (JND, MCK); 2 PAIR FIRST SEEN 5/5 AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE REMAINED THERE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS FOR THE FIRST REFUGE RECORD (RWR); 1 WAS IN SANTA FE 5/6 (MISS FISHER, FIDE PRS); 1 WAS IN ROSWELL 5/6 WHERE THERE HAVE BEEN 2 PREVIOUS RECORDS (VM); 1 MALE WAS AT LOS ALAMOS 5/12 (R. S. MCDOWELL); 1 SEEN AT THE CONFLUENCE OF THE LA PLATA AND SAN JUAN RIVERS, WITH 3 OTHER SPECIES OF GROSBEAKS, 5/28, WAS THE SECOND LOCAL RECORD (APN). THIS SPECIES IS EVIDENTLY A REGULAR, THOUGH UNCOMMON, MIGRANT THROUGH THE STATE.

BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK

ABUNDANT THIS SPRING THROUGHOUT THE SILVER CITY AREA WHERE FOR 3 WEEKS 10 TO 15 WERE APPEARING AT FEEDERS DAILY (BH, DAZ); FIRST MALE IN (SILVER CITY WAS NOTED 4/24 (DAZ); FIRST ARRIVAL IN ALBUQUERQUE 4/25 (JLS), AT CEDAR CREST 4/29 WHERE LARGE NUMBERS WERE SEEN AND BANDED (MCK), AT FARMINGTON 4/29 (APN), AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE THE FIRST WEEK IN MAY (RWR), AT LOS ALAMOS 3/4 (JRT). AT SANTA FE 5/5 WITH GOOD NUMBERS APPEARING (PRS), AT CHAMA 3/7 (ENW).

BLUE GROSBEAK

FIRST SPRING REPORT AT CEDAR CREST 5/13 (JND); 2 MALES NEAR BELEN 5/14 (CLL); SEEN AT THE CONFLUENCE OF THE LA PLATA AND SAN JUAN RIVERS 5/28 (APN).

INDIGO BUNTING

1 MALE WAS SEEN IN SANTA FE 5/5 (PRS); 1 WAS IN LAS VEGAS 3/6 (ES) AND 5/14 (WH); A FEMALE WAS SEEN IN ROSWELL 5/10 AND A PAIR ON 5/14 FOR THE THIRD AREA RECORD (VM).

LAZULI BUNTING

SEEN IN LAS VEGAS 4/25 (WH); FIRST AT FARMINGTON ON 5/6 (APN); AT CEDAR CREST 5/11 (MCK); 1 MALE AND 2 FEMALES NEAR FT. BAYARD 5/13 (RAF, BJH, PRS); 1 IN CLAYTON 5/15 (WC); SEEN IN CORRALES 5/21 (JND, JPF); LATE FEMALE NOTED IN SILVER CITY 5/19 (DAZ).

EVENING GROSBEAK

NONE WERE REPORTED IN THE WINTER AT GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS (WG); REPORTED REGULARLY FROM 11/1 THROUGH 5/28 IN NE ALBUQUERQUE (CGA) WHERE THE SPECIES REMAINED LATER THAN USUAL (CLL), UP TO 6/1 (JND); SMALL FLOCK SEEN OCCASIONALLY IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY AT CEDAR CREST, AND FAIRLY CONSISTENTLY IN MARCH (MCK); A FEW WINTER IN SANTA FE; BIG FLOCKS WERE SEEN THERE IN EARLY MAY (PRS); A FLOCK OF ABOUT 30 WAS SEEN 12/16 AT THE LOWER END OF DEEP CANON, SAN MATEO MTS. (JAB); 18 WERE COUNTED AT FT. BAYARD 1/14 (RAF); COMMON IN THE FARMINGTON AREA THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF MAY WHERE THEY WERE HEARD FIRST 3/26 (APN); NONE REPORTED WINTERING IN LAS VEGAS, BUT SEEN THERE 4/20 AND IN MAY (ES); A FLOCK OF 15 TO 20 WAS IN CHAMA 4/24 (ENW); A LAST FEMALE WAS NOTED IN SILVER CITY 5/21 (DAZ); 2 SEEN GATHERING NESTING MATERIAL NEAR PENASCO 5/23, AND ADULTS SEEN THEREAFTER BUT NO NEST WAS FOUND (SAS); STILL FEEDING IN SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS IN LOS ALAMOS IN JUNE; THIS IS UNUSUAL AS THEY NORMALLY LEAVE TOWN BY EARLY MAY FOR HIGHER ELEVATIONS (WBL).

CASSIN'S FINCH

GOOD INCREASE IN NUMBERS OVER PAST WINTERS AT GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS (WG); 7 IN LAS VEGAS 1/1 (ES); SEEN IN NE ALBUQUERQUE IN GOOD NUMBERS THROUGH THE WINTER WITH REPORTS FROM SOME AREAS WHERE THEY HAVE NOT BEEN SEEN BEFORE (CGA, JND, DDL, CLL); SEEN DAILY AT A UNM FEEDER FROM 1/24 TO 5/3 FOR THE FIRST RECORD THERE (JND); AN ALBINO WAS PHOTOGRAPHED IN SE ALBUQUERQUE 2/13 WHERE IT REMAINED ABOUT A MONTH (JND); ABOUT 250 WINTERED ON BARRANCA MESA IN LOS ALAMOS (WCT); GOOD NUMBERS AT CEDAR CREST ALL THROUGH MARCH (MCK); UNUSUALLY GOOD NUMBERS IN SANTA FE ALL SPRING WITH 42 BANDED (DKZ); PRESENT UNTIL EARLY MAY IN LOS ALAMOS (JRT); COMING TO A FEEDER IN FARMINGTON THE LAST 3 WEEKS OF MAY (MRS. FRANK NORDSTROM, FIDE APN); 9 IN CHAMA NEAR CANONES CREEK 5/21 (ENW).

GRAY-CROWNED ROSY FINCH

ABOUT 10 AT ANGEL PEAK RECREATION AREA 1/2 IN PINON-JUNIPER WERE EVIDENTLY OF THE HEPBURN'S FORM -- "THE GRAY EXTENDED OVER THE CHEEKS" (APN).

PINE SISKIN

INCREASE IN NUMBERS OVER PAST WINTERS AT GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS (WG); 25 AT EDGEWOOD 3/16 (JLS); MORE THAN USUAL REPORTED FROM NE ALBUQUERQUE AND THE UNM AREA FROM 3/22 TO 5/22 (DDL, JND, CLL); 7 NEAR CHAMA 5/13 WITH A LARGE FLOCK THERE ON 5/21 (ENW); SEEN IN MAGDALENA 5/14 (JAB); COMMON IN MAY AND UP TO 6/8 IN FARMINGTON (A~N).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH

NUMBERS LOW IN SANTA FE AREA IN THE WINTER (PRS); SCARCE DURING THE WINTER IN LOS ALAMOS AREA (JRT); 15 AT ESPANOLA 12/26 (MAC, PRS); 30 ON THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 12/30 ('RS); FIRST SEEN AT FARMINGTON 3/18 (APN); NUMEROUS AT ROSWELL FROM 4/20 UNTIL 5/31 (VM); 4 BANDED AT CEDAR CREST DURING THE SPRING WAS A HIGH NUMBER FOR AN UNCOMMON MIGRANT.

LESSER GOLDFINCH

1 SEEN IN THE UNM AREA 3/25 (JND); A MALE AT CEDAR CREST 3/29 WAS EXTREMELY EARLY THERE (MCK); NUMEROUS AT ROSWELL FROM 4/20 TO 5/31 (VM).

RED CROSSBILL

FLOCK REPORTED ON SANDIA CREST THROUGH MUCH OF DECEMBER AND JANUARY (MCK, TS, ET AL.) AND ON 5/25 (JRN); HALF A DOZEN WERE AT A UNM FEEDER 1/12, 2 MALES AND A FEMALE WERE THERE 3/2, AND WERE IN THE AREA 4/24 AND 5/16 (JND, JPF); 8 TO 10 WERE FEEDING IN SPRUCE-FIR IN UPPER BIG ROSA CANON, SAN MATEO MTS., 2/1 (JA'B); SMALL FLOCK WAS SEEN IN LOS ALAMOS 5/22 (JRT).

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE

2 (ONE A BANDED BIRD) AT A LOS ALAMOS FEEDER ALL WINTER (HELEN COWAN, WBL); 1 AT SAN SIMON CIENAGA 2/11 (RAF); FIRST ONE NOTED 4/14 IN SILVER CITY WHERE THEY SEEMED MORE COMMON THAN USUAL (DAZ); FIRST AT CEDAR CREST 4/14 (MCK); FIRST IN SANTA FE 4/19 WAS EARLY (PRS); IN LOS ALAMOS 4/22 (JRT); IN NE ALBUQUERQUE FROM 5/4 THROUGH 5/20 (DDL, JND, WWH); IN LAS VEGAS 5/6 (ES); AT MAGDALENA 5/10 (JAB). AT CHAMA, A NEST WAS FOUND ON THE GROUND AT THE BASE OF A SMALL CEDAR TREE WHICH CONTAINED 1 GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE EGG AND 3 VIRGINIA'S WARBLER EGGS; BOTH FEMALES NEARBY, NOT KNOWN WHICH HAD BEEN ON THE NEST; EGGS WERE WARM, AND BOTH FEMALES TRIED TO LEAD THE OBSERVER AWAY (ENW)

LARK BUNTING

1 ON 3/27 AND 1 ON 3/23 IN CLAYTON WERE EARLY ((NELAND GRAY); NUMBERS SEEN IN THE AREA BETWEEN LAMY AND MORIARTY 4/9 (CSA); AT LEAST 100 SEEN NEAR PORTALES 4/17 (JLS).

SAVANNAH SPARROW

10 OR MORE SEEN AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 12/30 (MAC, PRS); SEEN AT LAS VEGAS 3/19 (ES); SEEN AT SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO 4/13 (JRT) AND 9/13 (WCT).

VESPER SPARROW

30 WERE FIRST SEEN 4/13 AT SAN ILDEFONSO IN A MIXED FLOCK OF SPARROWS (JRT); 7 WERE SEEN NEAR PORTALES 4/17-21 (JLS); SEVERAL NOTED IN CHAMA 4/23 (ENW).

LARK SPARROW

3 AT A HORSE CORRAL NEAR MAGDALENA 3/30 (JAB); LARGE FLOCK AT SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO 5/13 (CT); ARRIVAL IN LAS VEGAS 5/14 WAS LATE (WH).

RUFOUS-CROWNED SPARROW

1 SEEN IN CLAYTON 12/26 AND 1 ON 1/14 (WC).

SAGE SPARROW

A FLOCK WAS SEEN ON LA JOYA REFUGE 2/14 (MCK, JLS); NOTED AT LAS VEGAS 3/19 (ES); SEVERAL IN THE UNM AREA 5/13-14 WERE UNUSUAL (WWH).

BLACK-THROATED SPARROW

SINGING IN EMBUDO CANON 3/25 (JND); FIRST SEEN IN PAJARITO ACRES, LOS ALAMOS, 5/7 (JRT).

WHITE-WINGED JUNCO

1 WAS SEEN IN THE NACIMIENTO MTS., STATE ROAD 4 EAST OF CUBA, IN THE PASS AT THE TOP OF SENORITA CANON 1/22; TWO OBSERVERS WATCHED THE BIRD FROM ABOUT 20' WITH BINOCULARS FOR PERHAPS 15 MINUTES; THE WHITE WING BARS WERE OBVIOUS; THE BIRD WAS BLUISH-GRAY ABOVE AND BELOW EXCEPT FOR THE WHITE BELLY AND MORE WHITE FEATHERS IN THE TAIL THAN IN GRAY-HEADED JUNCOS (WBL); THE SPECIES HAS BEEN BANDED AT LOS ALAMOS (JRT).

SLATE-COLORED JUNCO

1 NOTED IN SANTA FE SEVERAL TIMES IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY (PRS); 1 AT ESPANOLA 12/26 (WBL); 1 IN LAS VEGAS 1/1 (ES); 1 IN PLACITAS 1/19 (JND); 1 WAS BANDED IN LOS ALAMOS 2/4 (JRT).

OREGON JUNCO

ALL WINTER AND INTO APRIL IN LAS VEGAS (ES); NUMBERS INCREASED THIS WINTER AT GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS (WG); LAST SEEN 4/1 IN NE ALBUQUERQUE (CLL); LAST SEEN IN SANTA FE 4/27 (PRS); 2 STILL PRESENT THROUGH THE FIRST WEEK IN MAY IN LOS ALAMOS (JRT); STILL NEAR CHAMA 3/3 (ENW); 1 AT CEDAR CREST 3/16 WAS VERY LATE

(MC K).

GRAY-HEADED JUNCO

BETTER THAN USUAL NUMBERS AT SANTA FE THIS WINTER; LAST NOTED THERE 4/13 (PRS); LARGE FLOCKS NEAR CHAMA 4/2 WITH BIRDS STILL AT FEEDER 5/3 (ENW); 10 AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 5/12 WERE PROBABLY LATE (PRS); 1 AT CEDAR CREST 3/20 WAS VERY LATE (MCK).

TREE SPARROW

A FLOCK WINTERED IN LAS VEGAS WITH 62 COUNTED 1/1; THERE IS ALWAYS A WINTERING FLOCK AT [MCALISTER LAKE (ES) WHERE 30 WERE COUNTED 1/29 (BJH, PRS).

CHIPPING SPARROW

A LATE ONE WAS SEEN AT ESPANOLA 12/26 (PRS); SPRING ARRIVAL DATES: SANTA FE 3/23 (PRS); NE ALBUQUERQUE 3/25 (JND); 2 IN SILVER CITY 4/6 WERE THE FIRST SEEN IN SEVERAL WEEKS SINCE DEPARTURE OF WINTERING BIRDS (DAZ); BANDELIER 4/9 (JRT); 100 IN LAS VEGAS 4/11 AND 1000 THERE IN LATE APRIL (WH, ES); CEDAR CREST 4/12 (MCK); FARMINGTON 4/13 (APN); CHAMA 5/3 (ENW).

BREWER'S SPARROW

SEEN AT SAN ILDEFONSO POND 4/15 (JRT); A GOOD FLIGHT AND VERY GOOD NUMBERS WERE NOTED IN SANTA FE FROM 4/24 TO 5/18 (PRS); LAST ONE SEEN AT SILVER CITY 5/13 (DAZ).

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW

1 AT LOWER PENASCO, 25 MILES EAST OF CLOUDCROFT, 5/26 IS APPARENTLY THE ONLY RECORD FOR THE EASTERN PART OF THE STATE (VM).

HARRIS' SPARROW

1 ADULT SEEN AT ESPANOLA 12/26, AND 1, NOT FULLY ADULT, WAS SEEN IN A FLOCK OF VARIOUS SPARROWS AT SAN ILDEFONSO 4/15; THE YOUNG BIRD SHOWED THE BLACK CHIN AND SOME BLACK ALONG THE SIDES OF THE THROAT (JRT).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW

FEWER AT MAGDALENA THIS WINTER THAN LAST (JAB); LARGE NUMBERS ALL WINTER NEAR SILVER CITY WITH THE LAST 2 NOTED 5/26 (DAZ); UNUSUAL NUMBERS REPORTED IN NE ALBUQUERQUE FROM 3/21 TO 5/18 (JND, WWH); MORE THAN USUAL AT CEDAR CREST FROM LATE MARCH UNTIL 5/21 (MCK); LINGERED AT FARMINGTON UNTIL ABOUT 5/27 (APN); 1 BIRD ARRIVED IN LOS ALAMOS 2/21, WITH THE NEXT ARRIVALS 3/14; REMAINED DURING APRIL (JRT).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW

1 ADULT WAS SEEN AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 12/30 (MAC, PRS); AN ADULT WAS SINGING AT CEDAR CREST FOR ABOUT A WEEK FROM 5/11 ON WHICH DATE IT HAD BEEN BANDED (MCK).

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW

1 WAS CAUGHT IN A MIST NET AT CEDAR CREST 1/5 IN AN ARROYO FREQUENTED BY WHITE-CROWNED SPARROWS IN THE WINTER; LARGER THAN THE LATTER SPECIES, THE BIRD SHOWED THE TYPICAL GOLD STRIPE ON THE HEAD; HALF A DOZEN OBSERVERS EXAMINED THE BIRD IN THE HAND, IT WAS PHOTOGRAPHED AND BANDED; AN IMMATURE WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW IN HAND AT THE SAME TIME AFFORDED AN EXCELLENT COMPARISON AND SEVERAL PHOTOS WERE TAKEN OF THE TWO BIRDS TOGETHER (COPIES OF SLIDES ON FILE AT THE MSB, UNM, AND AT WNMU) (MCK); THERE IS ONE OTHER RECORD KNOWN FOR THE STATE, A BIRD BANDED AT LOS ALAMOS 10/5/59 (JRT).

FOX SPARROW

8 WERE COUNTED AT BITTER LAKE REFUGE 12/27; IT IS SUSPECTED THE SPECIES HAS BEEN A REGULAR WINTER VISITOR THERE, BUT CARELESSLY CONFUSED WITH SONG SPARROWS WITH WHICH IT IS FOUND (VM).

LINCOLN'S SPARROW

2 IN NE ALBUQUERQUE FROM 3/26 REMAINED UNTIL 5/17 IN AN AREA WHERE THEY ARE NOT USUALLY SEEN (JND); FIRST NOTED AT ESPANOLA 4/16 (JRT).

SWAMP SPARROW

1 WAS SEEN AT ESPANOLA 5/18 (MAC, BJH, PRS).

LONGSPURS

MANY SEEN WITH HUNDREDS OF HORNED LARKS AT A STOCK TANK NORTH OF MORIARTY 1/19 (MCL); LARGE FLOCKS WERE ALONG THE ROAD BETWEEN COTTON CITY AND ANIMAS 3/25 (RAF).

CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR

A FLOCK WAS SEEN AT THE BOSQUE DEL APACHE REFUGE 12/30 (DR, PRS, WCT); OVER 1000 WERE AT LAS VEGAS 3/19 (ES); A FLOCK WAS SEEN ON THE PLAINS NORTH OF MORIARTY 4/2 (MCL).