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CORRIGENDA to Field Notes Vol. XII, No. 2, 1973-2:

GRAY HAWK: Record was second, not third for 1973 (pp. 26, 30)

PINYON JAY: 1000 seen on 10/21 were at Santa Fe, not Ft. Sumner (WS), p. 39

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: 1 reported at Rodeo 9/28 was actually a White-crown (RS), p. 47

FROM THE EDITOR:

Before recounting some of the highlights of the present reporting period (December 1973 through May 1974), it seems worthwhile to reiterate a point that continues to be emphasized in this issue: the need to detail all records of rare or unusual species reported. The reasons for this emphasis on details are several, but mainly they revolve around the need to provide present and future users of our records with some means of evaluating them. For example, someone compiling data 20 years from now will be hard-pressed to know how good our records are if all we do is list them without comment. Even saying things like "all fieldmarks noted" or "observer familiar with species from eastern U. S." may not prove very helpful, and all of us should be willing to take a few extra moments in doing our reports to provide good details. Furthermore, we urge that the information be provided in initial reports to save the editorial staff the time and effort of having to query reports. The cooperation of everyone is essential in keeping our Field Notes a worthwhile enterprise.

Winter birding essentially began with the Christmas Counts, of which 15 were held in the state. Surprisingly, the highest species count was recorded on the Gila River (Cliff area) count, where the total of 93 edged out Roswell (92 species)—the traditional leader. Bosque del Apache NWR was next with 90, followed by two counts in the seventies (Lakes Avalon-McMillan, Farmington), five in the sixties (Las Vegas, Loving, Espanola, Albuquerque, Santa Fe), one in the fifties (Carlsbad Caverns NP), three in the forties (Silver City, Rodeo, Sandia Mts.), and one in the thirties (Clayton). Highlights of these counts are given in the Christmas Count issue of American Birds, but some are mentioned below.

Winter incursions were evident in several species, including Red-breasted Nuthatches (mountains), Robins, bluebirds, Cedar Waxwings, Evening Grosbeaks, Cassin's Finches, and juncos. Starlings were also much in evidence, including over 750,000 on the Roswell Christmas Count, where over 375,000 each of Brewer's and Red-winged Blackbirds were also counted. Among the more unusual winter reports (some not detailed) were Brown-capped Rosy Finch in the Jemez Mts., Ash-throated Flycatcher and Verdin at Albuquerque, Olivaceous Cormorant and Oldsquaw at Bosque del Apache NWR, and White-tailed Hawk and Rivoli's Hummingbird at Las Cruces. A Ferruginous Owl report from south of Las Cruces was too sparsely detailed to be accepted definitely as this species by the Records Committee. Two exotics, an unidentified parrot and possibly the Saffron Finch were also reported, both from Albuquerque.

Spring brought with it the usual spate of unusual reports, interspersed with early breeding records. Among the latter were Double-crested Cormorants, Snowy Egrets, and Black-crowned Night Herons at Elephant Butte Lake, the state's most important breeding area for these species. Unfortunately, although Olivaceous Cormorants continue to be seen at the lake, no evidence of breeding was found there.

Among the unusual records (again not all detailed) were White Ibis and Dunlin at Bosque del Apache NWR; White-tailed Kite near Deming; Whimbrel, Yellow-throated Warbler, and Scarlet Tanager at Roswell; Northern Phalarope at La Cueva and Cuba; Inca Dove and Rufous Hummingbird at Albuquerque, White-winged Dove at San Ildefonso; Calliope Hummingbird at Silver City; Rivoli Hummingbird at Pleasanton; Black-and-white Warbler at Farmington; Tennessee Warbler, Hooded Warbler, and Baltimore Oriole at Cedar Crest; Blue-winged Warbler at Ute Lake; Cape May Warbler at Cliff; Kentucky Warbler at Las Vegas; Hooded Warbler at Pinos Altos; and Golden-crowned Sparrow at La Joya State Game Refuge. All in all, this was a most interesting reporting period.

-- J. P. Hubbard

COMMON LOON

2 at Bitter Lake NWR 12/1-7 and 1 near Carlsbad 12/21 (JC+).

HORNED GREBE

Undetailed reports at Bosque del Apache NWR on 1/20 (JD) and 2 on 3/17 (GZ).

EARED GREBE

Winter reports include 6 at Bitter Lake NWR 12/7 (DB+), 2 near Cliff 12/15 (SO+), and 4 near Rodeo 1/3 (RS). Spring reports include Navajo Lake 4/21 (CS), 1 near Chimayo 5/4 (JD), 3 near Tucumcari 5/11 (CH), Bitter Lake NWR 3/15-5/11—with peak of 39 on 4/5 (DB+), and 1 near Cliff 5/4 (DZ+).

WESTERN GREBE

Winter reports include singles near Clayton 12/15 (WC, AK), Las Vegas 12/30 (JG, ES), and near Cliff on 12/15 (SO+); also 12 at Bitter Lake NWR 12/28 (DB+) and 1 found dead at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/4 (GZ). Spring reports include Farmington area 5/11 (AN+), La Cueva SGR on 5/26 (WH), and 1 near Cliff on 5/4 (DZ+).

PIED-BILLED GREBE

Winter reports include 1-5 near Farmington 12/15 (AN+), near Las Vegas 12/30-2/17 (WH+), and near Cliff 12/15-1/19 (RF+); also 39 at Bitter Lake NWR on 12/8 (DB+). 4 at Roberts Lake 5/30 (DZ) and 1 at White Sands NM 5/6 (CM).

WHITE PELICAN

40 at Bitter Lake NWR 3/20 and up to 4 there 3/26-5/6 (DB+); unusual were 6 at Evans Lake south of Cliff on 3/20 (D. G. Hunt, fide DZ).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT

Winter reports include 13 at Bitter Lake NWR 12/1 and through 4/5 (DB+) and singles near Las Vegas on 12/30 (JG, ES) and Carlsbad 12/21 (JC+). 100 pairs nesting at Elephant Butte Lake 4/27 (CH); also 1-2 seen at Tucumcari 5/11 (CH, ESW) and Bosque del Apache NWR 3/2-4/2 (GZ).

OLIVACEOUS CORMORANT

2 immatures photographed (NMOS files) at Bosque del Apache NWR on 12/18 (GZ) and 2 seen at Elephant Butte Lake 4/27 (CH).

GREAT BLUE HERON

Winter reports include 4 near Farmington 12/15 (AN+), 9 at Espanola 12/29 (WBL+), 1 at Las Vegas 12/30 (JG, ES), 3 at Albuquerque 12/29 (AE+), 16 at Bitter Lake NWR 12/5 (DB), and 30-40 at Bosque del Apache NWR (GZ). Present at Cliff and Gila Cliff Dwelling heronries in latter half of March and 3 nests found near Redrock on 4/7 (RF); also 10 birds at Navajo Lake 4/21 (CS) and 1 near Alma 4/14 (McK).

GREEN HERON

Reports include 1-3 at Espanola 12/29 (WBL+) and 4/25 (WS), Tucumcari on 5/11 (CH), Bitter Lake NWR 5/11 (DB+), Pleasanton 12/1 and 4/14 (LS), Cliff-Gila area on 12/15, 2/16-17, and 5/4 (RF+), 1 during winter at Gila Hot Springs (RF), and at Loving on 12/28 (JCh, LSm).

LITTLE BLUE HERON

Reported without details was an adult at Bosque del Apache NWR on 4/29 and 5/3 (GZ).

CATTLE EGRET

1 reported at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/1-4 (GZ).

COMMON EGRET

Winter reports were 1-2 at Bitter Lake NWR on 2/1, near Carlsbad 12/21 (JC+), and Loving 12/28 (JCh, LSm). Two nests at Elephant Butte Lake on 4/27 and 5 on 5/18 (CH); single birds seen at Bosque del Apache NWR on 3/22-31 (GZ) and near Cliff 5/4 (VM+).

SNOWY EGRET

75 pairs nesting at Elephant Butte Lake on 4/27 and 5/18 (CH); migrants — typically singles — at Morgan Lake 5/26 (AN), near Las Vegas 4/28 and 5/25 (WH), near Gila 5/4 and near Lordsburg 4/25 (DZ+), near Rodeo 5/22 (RS), and at White Sands NM 4/2 (GM).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

200+ pairs nesting at Elephant Butte Lake on 4/27 and 5/18 (CH); winter birds and migrants include 3 at Espanola 4/22 (SN), 10 at Tucumcari 5/11 (CH), 1 near Cliff 5/4 (RF+), and 4 south of Las Cruces 2/23 (fide GW).

AMERICAN BITTERN

Reports include 1 near Farmington 12/15-23 and 5/11 (AN+) and 1 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/21-1/4 (GZ).

WHITE-FACED IBIS

Records include reports of 1-9 birds at Morgan Lake 5/27 (AN), La Cueva SGR on 4/21 (WH), Tucumcari 5/11 (CH), Isleta 5/25 (RT), Bosque del Apache NWR 5/27 (JD), and Rodeo 5/3-4 (RS).

WHITE IBIS

An adult at Bosque del Apache NWR on 3/9-31, details including white plumage, except for black wingtips, and reddish bill and legs (GZ+); photographs were reportedly taken of this bird, which represents the second record of the species in the state.

WHISTLING SWAN

1 near Cliff 12/15 (SO+) and 32 at Bitter Lake NWR 12/28-1/4, with the last being there on 1/8 (DB+).

CANADA GOOSE

Winter reports include peaks of 3650 near Las Vegas 12/30 (JG, ES) and around 1200 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 1/6 (GZ) and Bitter Lake NWR on 1/16 (DB). Nesting at Bosque del Apache NWR by 3/28, with broods in April and May (GZ); 67 at Farmington 5/11 (AN+).

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE

Up to 4 near Las Vegas on 1/20 (WH), Bosque del Apache NWR 12/20 (GZ), and at Roswell on 12/15 (JC+), with a late bird there to 5/11 (TB).

SNOW GOOSE

Winter peaks included 16,000—of which 65% were immatures and 400 were the blue morph—at Bosque del Apache NWR in December (GZ), 4400 near Carlsbad on 12/21 (JC+), and 3200 at Bitter Lake NWR on 12/7 (DB); also up to 4 at Morgan Lake 12/4 and 2/9 (CS), and in April (AN), 1 of blue morph near Cliff on 12/15 (SO+), last near Las Vegas was 1 on 4/28 (WH), 2 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 4/22 (GZ), and 5 at Bitter Lake NWR on 5/16 (DB).

ROSS' GOOSE

150-200 at Bosque del Apache NWR in December—with 49 taken by hunters—and 1 lingering until 3/21 (GZ).

MALLARD

Winter peaks included 31,800 at Bitter Lake NWR on 1/16—but down to 155 on 3/15 (DB), 20,000 at Bosque del Apache NWR 1/18 (GZ), and 16,877 in the Farmington area 12/15 (AN+). Brood on Fenton Lake by May (MS); spring migrants include 18 near Los Alamos on 2/24 and 3/2 (WCH), 100 near Columbus 4/13 (McK), and 4 at White Sands NM 5/6 (GM).

MEXICAN DUCK

10 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/1, with 22 plus 2 broods in April and May (GZ), 1-2 reported at Bitter Lake NWR in winter (DB), 2 near Animas 5/30, and a female paired with a Mallard male near Rodeo on 5/20 and 5/31 (RS).

GADWALL

93 near Las Vegas on 12/30 (JG, ES) and 4 near Portales 3/12 (JH).

PINTAIL

Winter peaks included 4000 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/11 and 2/11 (GZ), 3800 near Carlsbad 12/30 (JC+), and 950 near Las Vegas 12/30 (JG, ES); also up to 30 at White Sands NM 2/2-3/4 (GM) and 6 near Rodeo 1/6 (RS).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL

Late migrants were singles at Bosque del Apache NWR on 5/27 (JD) and in the Mimbres Valley 5/30 (DZ); also 20 near Portales 3/12 (JH).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL

Winter records include 4 near Farmington on 12/15 (AN+) and 10 at Loving on 12/28 (JCh, LSm). First of spring at Bosque del Apache NWR was 1 on 3/20, with a brood seen on 5/31 (GZ); 2 at Tucumcari 5/11-12 (CH).

CINNAMON TEAL

Winter reports include 1 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 1/3 and 500 on 2/21 (GZ), 16 near Cliff 2/16 (BH), and 2 near Rodeo 1/13 (RS); also 7 at Roberts Lake 3/30 (RF).

AMERICAN WIGEON

Winter peaks include 2750 near Carlsbad on 12/21 (JC+) and 855 near Las Vegas on 12/30 (JG, ES); also up to 5 at Farmington 12/15 (AN+), Silver City 12/22 (SO+), and Rodeo 1/1 (RS+).

NORTHERN SHOVELER

2000 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/20 and 2/21 (GZ) and to 75 at White Sands NM 1/18-3/29 (GM).

WOOD DUCK

2 near Cliff on 2/16 (BH) and 1 south of Las Cruces 12/15 (fide GW).

REDHEAD

Winter reports include 350 near Las Vegas on 12/30 (JG, ES), 30 at Bosque del Apache NWR 2/21 (GZ), and 8 near Cliff on 12/15 (SO+); spring reports include 1 at Farmington 5/11 (AN+), Las Vegas on 5/26 (WH), 5 at Tucumcari 5/11 (CH), 15 near Portales 3/12 (JH), 8+ at Bosque del Apache NWR 5/31 (GZ), 2 at Roberts Lake 3/30 (RF), and 2 in the Mimbres Valley 5/30 (DZ).

RING-NECKED DUCK

18 at Roberts Lake 3/30 (RF), 1 near Rodeo 1/19 and 5 on 2/3-4 (RS), and 4 at White Sands NM on 5/11 (GM).

CANVASBACK

Winter reports include 434 at Bitter Lake NWR on 12/15 (JC+), 352 near Carlsbad on 12/21 (JC+), 40 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/1 (GZ), many near Las Vegas on 1/20 (WS), 5 near Cliff 12/15 (SO+), and 4 near Farmington 12/15 (AN+); also 2 at Roberts Lake 3/30 (RF) and 1 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 5/31 (GZ).

LESSER SCAUP

12 at Roberts Lake 3/30 (RF) and several at La Cueva SGR 5/26 (WH).

COMMON GOLDENEYE

20 at Clayton on 12/15 (WC, AK).

BUFFLEHEAD

Winter reports include 2 each on 12/15 at Farmington (AN+) and Clayton (WC, AK); also 2 at La Cueva on 3/20 (MS) and 3 at White Sands NM on 5/1 (GM).

OLDSQUAW

1 reported without details at Bosque del Apache NWR in December (fide GZ).

BUDDY DUCK

Winter reports include 3 near Farmington (AN+) and 5 near Cliff (SO+) on 12/15; also 4 near Portales on 3/12 (JH), 30-40 at Roberts Lake on 3/30 (RF), 1 in the Mimbres Valley on 5/30 (DZ), and present at White Sands NM on 5/3 (GM).

HOODED MERGANSER

Singles at Albuquerque on 12/29 (AE+), Bosque del Apache NWR on 3/31 (GZ), and Roswell on 12/15 (JC+), 2 at Las Vegas on 12/30 (JG, ES), and 5 at Loving on 12/28 (JCh, LSm).

COMMON MERGANSER

Reports included 1 at Farmington on 12/15 (AN+), 100+ at La Joya SGR on 2/17 (RR), 250 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 1/2—with 3 to 4/29 (GZ), 25 at Bitter Lake NWR on 3/6 (MW), 27 near Cliff on 12/15 (SO+), 1 near Rodeo on 1/19 (RS), and 31 near Carlsbad on 12/21 (JC).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER

1 reported without details at Bitter Lake NWR on 5/4 (MW).

TURKEY VULTURE

Early spring dates included Bitter Lake NWR on 3/12 (MW)—with 250 there on 4/1 (DB), Redrock on 3/16 (TB, EH), Cliff on 3/17 (RF), Bosque del Apache NWR on 3/21 (GZ), Magdalena on 3/29 (DL), Los Alamos on 3/26 (WCH), and Farmington on 3/28 (AN).

MISSISSIPPI KITE

Up to 4 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 5/21-31 (GZ).

WHITE-TAILED KITE

2 reported near Deming on 4/28 (A. L. Campbell); details are being sought on the record by the NMOS, although the observer is familiar with the species in Mexico and California.

GOSHAWK

Lowland records include singles at Farmington on 12/15 and 12/22 (fide AN) and Bitter Lake NWR on 2/1 (DB); also 1 near Santa Fe on 12/18 and 3/3 (WS) and in the Tularosa Mts. on 4/19 (CW).

COOPER'S HAWK

1 near Melrose on 3/12 (JH).

SWAINSON'S HAWK

Early spring dates include 4 between Deming and Silver City on 4/7 (DZ) and singles near Albuquerque on 4/12 (McK) and over Valle Grande, Jemez Mts. on 5/4 (RT); nesting near Tucumcari on 5/12 (CH).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK

Singles at Bandelier NM on 5/10 (MW) and near Cliff on 5/4 (DZ+).

WHITE-TAILED HAWK

1 reported without details in the Rio Grande Valley south of Las Cruces on 2/23 (GW+); NMOS has requested details.

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK

Reports include 2 at Tres Piedras on 2/18 (HK), 3 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 12/22 (CH+), 6 at Bitter Lake NWR 2/20 (BS)—with 1 to 5/11 (DB+), 1 near Lordsburg on 3/31 (DZ), 1 near Rodeo 1/1 (RS+), 1 at White Sands NM on 2/2 and 2/14 (CM), and 1 near Carlsbad on 12/21 (JC+).

HARRIS' HAWK

1 at Loving 12/28 (JCh, LSm).

BLACK HAWK

Reports include singles near Cliff on 3/23 (fide DZ), Pleasanton 3/31 (LS), Redrock on 4/13 (McK), Mimbres Valley on 4/1 (fide DZ), and 5 in the Gila Valley on 5/4 (DZ+).

BAID EAGLE

Winter reports 3 near Farmington on 12/15 and 1/26 (AN+), up to 12 near Las Vegas on 12/30 (JG, ES) and 1/20 (WS), 1-2 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/9-2/27 (GZ+), up to 3 in the Bitter Lake NWR area on 12/13-15 and 1/10 (fide JC),

2-3 in the Cliff Dwellings area (RF), 1 at Roberts Lake in early March (RF), 3 near Cliff 12/15-17 (DZ), 1 at Caballo Lake 2/15 (McK), and 1 near Carlsbad 12/21 (JC+).

OSPREY

Spring reports include singles at Bosque del Apache NWR on 4/2-16 (GZ) and 4/20 (RT) and near Lordsburg on 4/25 (DZ+).

PEREGRINE FALCON

1 in Rio Arriba Co. on 2/16 (WS).

MERLIN

Singles near Cliff on 1/19 and 3/28 (RF).

AMERICAN KESTREL

Winter reports include 14 near Farmington on 12/15 (AN+), 15 at Espanola on 12/29 (WBL+), 2 at Clayton on 12/15 (WC, AK), and 4 at Las Vegas on 12/30 (JC, ES).

BLUE GROUSE

1 on Eagle Peak, Tularosa Mts. on 5/27 (McK).

LESSER PRAIRIE CHICKEN

1 at Bitter Lake NWR on 1/26-30, a vagrant in an area 40 miles west of the nearest population of the species (DB, BS).

SCALED QUAIL

Present during winter at 6200 ft. near Silver City (DZ+).

GAMBEL'S QUAIL

70 near Rodeo on 1/1 (RS+).

MONTEZUMA QUAIL

Reports include 12 in the Magdalena Mts. 3/31 (GZ), 2 in the San Francisco Valley 5/8 (BH+), 7 in the Mimbres Valley 3/30-31 (BH+), and 6 near Rodeo 1/1 (RS+).

TURKEY

19 of the southern Texas race were released at Bosque del Apache NWR on 2/27, with 18 seen there 3/31 (GZ).

SANDHILL CRANE

Winter peaks included 11,355 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 12/22 (CH+) and 11,200 at Bitter Lake NWR 2/1—the last being 110 on 3/22 (DB+); also 200+ near Las Vegas 12/6-2/23 (WH+), 30 at Albuquerque on 12/29 (AE+)—with 667 on 3/3 (PB), 78 near Cliff on 1/19—with 27 on 3/17 (RF), and many at Columbus (RF). Migrants included 430 near Los Alamos on 3/2 (WCH).

VIRGINIA RAIL

Winter records included 4 near Farmington on 12/29 (AN+), 1 at Kirtland 2/17-3/26 (CS), and 16 at Bitter Lake NWR on 1/8 (DB).

SORA

Winter reports included singles near Farmington on 12/15—detail sketchy (Donna Thatcher, vide AN) and near Cliff 12/15 (SO+).

COMMON GALLINULE

Winter reports included up to 4 at Kirtland 12/17-2/17 (CS), Bosque del Apache NWR 12/8 (GZ), and at Bitter Lake NWR (DB); also seen in spring at La Joya SGR (RR).

AMERICAN COOT

Winter reports included 6 at Farmington 12/15 (AN+), 1 near Clayton 12/15 (WC, AK), 2160 near Las Vegas 12/30 (JC, ES), and up to 100 at White Sands NM 12/26-3/29 (CM); also 2 at Fenton Lake 3/29 (MS) and young near Las Vegas on 5/25 (WH).

SEMPALMATED PLOVER

1-4 recorded at Tucumcari 5/11 (CH), Bosque del Apache NWR 4/28 (GZ), and at Bitter Lake NWR on 5/1 and 5/4 (DB+).

SNOWY PLOVER

First of spring at Bitter Lake NWR were 19 on 3/15, with 124 on 3/22 and 120 on 5/11 (DB+).

KILLDEER

Winter reports include 16 near Farmington on 12/15 (AN+) and 6 near Las Vegas on 12/30 (JG, ES); spring peak of 66 at Bitter Lake NWR on 3/29 (DB) and up to 3 near Portales on 3/12 (JH) and at White Sands NM on 3/29 (GM).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER

The only spring report was of 1 near Rodeo on 5/12 (RS).

COMMON SNIFE

Winter reports include 13 near Farmington on 12/15 (AN+), 6 near Las Vegas on 12/30 (JG, ES), and 43 at Bitter Lake NWR 12/22-28 (BS); also 1 at White Sands NM 5/3 (GM).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW

Winter reports include 1 at Morgan Lake on 12/4—plus 1 on 4/27 (CS) and 5/26 (AN), 4 at Bitter Lake NWR on 2/22—plus 2 on 4/5 (DB), and 2 near Rodeo 12/22 (RS); also 4 at Albuquerque on 3/26 (PB).

WHIMBREL

1 reported at Bitter Lake NWR on 5/11; details include striped crown and decurved bill (DB+).

UPLAND SANDPIPER

2 reported near Roswell on 3/23 (DB).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER

Winter reports include up to 5 near Cliff on 12/15 (SO+) and 2/16 (RF+) and at Loving in December (JCH); also 1-2 at Tucumcari 5/11 (CH), at Elephant Butte Lake 5/18 (CH), near Cliff 5/4 (RF), near Columbus 4/28 (McK), and a peak of 24 at Bitter Lake NWR on 5/11 (DB+).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER

1 near Cliff on 5/4 (RF+).

WILLET

10 at Morgan Lake 5/26 (CS), 4 near Cuba 5/6 (JS), up to 113 at Bosque del Apache NWR 4/29-30 (GZ), 3 at Pleasanton 4/30 (LS), and singles at Tucumcari 5/11 (CH) and near Redrock on 5/4 (BH+).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS

Reports include 1-2 near Farmington on 12/15 and 5/27 (AN+), Albuquerque on 4/18 (PB), and Tucumcari on 5/12 (CH).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER

10 reported at Bitter Lake NWR on 5/11 (DB+).

LEAST SANDPIPER

8 near Cuba 5/6, 2 near La Cueva 5/5 (JS), 29 near Tucumcari on 5/11-12 (CH).

DUNLIN

1 reported at Bosque del Apache NWR on 5/3-12, where said to have been photographed (GZ).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER

Winter reports limited to 5 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/22 (CH+) and 16 near Carlsbad on 12/21 (JC+); spring reports include 2 at Morgan Lake 5/26 (AN), 5 at Albuquerque on 5/2 (PB), 70 near Tucumcari 5/11-12 (CH), near Las Vegas 4/28 (WH), peak of 199 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 3/25 (GZ), Bitter Lake NWR 3/15-4/5—peak of 307 on 3/29 (DB), and several near Rodeo 4/30-5/13 (RS).

STILT SANDPIPER

7 near Tucumcari--reported with details--on 5/11-12 (CH, ES_w) and 1 at Bitter Lake NWR on 5/11 (DB+).

WESTERN SANDPIPER

34 reported at Roswell on 12/15 (JC+).

MARBLED GODWIT

15 at Morgan Lake on 4/21 and 8 on 4/26 (AN+) and 1 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 5/10 (GZ).

AMERICAN AVOCET

Early spring dates include small numbers at Bosque del Apache NWR on 3/10 (WS), Bitter Lake NWR on 3/15 (DB), Roberts Lake--where unusual--on 3/16 (RF), and White Sands NM 3/28 (GM); other reports include near Las Vegas on 4/28 (WH), 13 at Tucumcari on 5/11 (CH), and 1 near Cliff on 5/4 (DZ+).

BLACK-NECKED STILT

Early dates in spring include 2 at Bitter Lake NWR on 3/15 (DB) and at Bosque del Apache NWR on 3/30 (GZ); other reports include 1-3 at Tucumcari 5/11 (CH), Isleta on 5/25 (RT), and White Sands NM on 4/4-5/9 (GM).

NORTHERN PHALAROPE

1 near La Cueva 5/5 and 30 near Cuba 5/6 (JS).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE

Exceptionally early spring dates were of 12 at Bitter Lake NWR on 2/22 and 3 on 3/29 (DB); otherwise, reports include records of generally 50 or less in the period 4/19-5/17 at Morgan Lake (CS), Taos (WS), Las Vegas area (WH), Cuba (JS), Albuquerque (PB), Bosque del Apache NWR (GZ), Grants (JS), near Cliff (DZ+), Rodeo (RS), and White Sands NM (GM).

HERRING GULL

Reports include up to 6 at Bitter Lake NWR 12/15-1/16 and 1 near Carlsbad 12/21 (JC+).

RING-BILLED GULL

Winter reports include Clayton in December (WC, AK), 1 near Alameda 1/13 (CH), peak of 3000 at Bitter Lake NWR on 2/26 (DB, BS), and 7900 near Carlsbad 12/21 (JC+); also 1 near Chimayo 5/4 (JD) and 8 near Cliff on 5/4 (DZ+).

FRANKLIN'S GULL

Singles near Las Vegas on 4/28 (WH) and Tucumcari 5/11 (CH).

BONAPARTE GULL

1 at Roswell 12/15 (JC+) and 2 at Morgan Lake 4/26 (AN).

FORSTER'S TERN

Reported at McAlister Lake near Las Vegas on 4/28 (WH) and 4 at Morgan Lake 4/26 (AN).

LEAST TERN

10 at Bitter Lake NWR on 5/11 (DB+).

BLACK TERN

6 at Morgan Lake 5/26 (AN), 1 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 5/20 (GZ), and present at Bitter Lake NWR 5/11-31 (MW).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON

6 in Bayard on 5/19 (RF).

ROCK DOVE

5 near Los Alamos on 3/2 (WCH), 78 at Albuquerque on 12/29 (AE+), and 15 near Carlsbad on 12/21 (JC+).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE

Unusual and undetailed reports were received of single birds at San Ildefonso on 4/30 (WS) and Bosque del Apache NWR on 5/14 (GZ); 1 in the Cliff-Redrock area on 4/13 (BH+) and 24 on 5/4 (DZ+).

MOURNING DOVE

Winter reports include 45 at Farmington on 12/15 (AN+), 65 at Espanola on 12/29 (WL+), 1 at Clayton on 12/15 (WC, AK), and 55 at Las Vegas on 12/30 (JG, ES); reported nesting at Alameda on 3/24 (CH), while spring arrival dates include Cedar Crest on 3/6 (McK) and White Sands NM on 3/8 (GM).

INCA DOVE

Unusual were the up to 4 at Albuquerque on 3/12-4/12 (Les Toliver); photos submitted to NMOS files verify the records.

PARROT SP.

2, 12-inch-long, dull chartreuse birds were reported in Albuquerque during the winter (fide LL).

BARN OWL

Reports included 1-3 at Bitter Lake NWR 3/30 (BS), Cliff 5/4 (RF), Rodeo 1/18-5/31 (RS), and Loving 12/28 (JCh, LSm).

SCREECH OWL

2 at Farmington on 12/15 (AN+).

FLAMMULATED OWL

2 at Santa Fe Ski Basin 5/14 and 1 on 5/22 (Albert Schultz).

GREAT HORNED OWL

Early nests include Bosque del Apache NWR on 2/20--with young probably by 3/25 (GZ) and eggs at White Sands NM on 3/29 (GM).

FERRUGINOUS OWL

A pygmy owl reported as this species was seen in the Rio Grande Valley south of Las Cruces on 12/15 and 1/28 (GW+); details submitted do not eliminate the Northern Pygmy Owl, and the report has been rejected by majority vote of the NMOS Rare/Unusual Bird Committee.

BURROWING OWL

Winter reports include singles at Albuquerque on 12/29 (AE+) and near Lordsburg on 1/5 (DZ+), plus 6 at Roswell on 12/15 (JC+); also 1 near Hurley on 3/25 (RF) and 1 at White Sands NM on 4/26 and 5/10 (GM).

LONG-EARED OWL

11 near Deming on 12/22 (DZ).

SHORT-EARED OWL

1 at Bitter Lake NWR on 12/14 (DB, BS).

WHIP-POOR-WILL

1-2 on Eagle Peak, Tularosa Mts., 5/26-27 (McK).

POORWILL

1 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 3/5 (GZ) and 2 in the Mimbres Valley 3/20-31 (BH+) were the earliest spring records.

COMMON NIGHTHAWK

Early spring dates were Roswell on 4/18 (JC), Silver City on 4/26 (BH), Gila Cliff Dwellings 5/4 (BR), Carrizozo 5/26 (NR), and Albuquerque (PB) and Kirtland (CS) on 5/28.

LESSER NIGHTHAWK

Early spring reports were Columbus on 4/27 (McK) and Bosque del Apache NWR on 4/28 (GZ).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT

Winter reports include 1 near Alamogordo on 1/12 (GM) and 6 at Carlsbad Caverns NP on 12/30 (KE+); also 50 at Pleasanton 3/8 (LS), present at Los Alamos on 3/9 (DF), and 1000 at Cochiti on 4/4 (WS).

HUMMINGBIRD SP.

1 near Roswell on 4/4 (JC).

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD

Early spring dates (males) include Pleasanton 3/31--female on 4/5 (LS), Albuquerque on 4/16 (DDL), Roswell 4/17 (JC), Cedar Crest on 4/22 (McK), Los Alamos (WCH) and Kirtland (CS) on 5/3.

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD

A male reported at Albuquerque on 5/8; details supplied (PT) for this unusual spring migrant include reference to largely rufous plumage of the bird.

CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD

A male reported--without descriptive details--at Silver City on 4/9 (fide DZ); this species is unusual in spring in the state.

RIVOLI'S HUMMINGBIRD

A subadult male--photo obtained 1/20 (NMOS files)--and a female were reported at Las Cruces during the winter (GW); these are the first winter records of this species for the state. Male at Pleasanton 5/30 (LS).

BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD

Present in Guadalupe Canyon on 4/26-28 (CA).

BELTED KINGFISHER

Winter reports include 9 to 16 at Farmington on 12/15 (AN+), Espanola 12/24 (WBL+), Las Vegas 12/30 (JG, ES), and Cliff 12/15 (SO+), plus 1 at La Cueva 12/21-3/1 (MS); also singles at La Cueva SGR 5/26 (WH), Elephant Butte Lake 5/18 (CH), and at White Sands NM on 5/3 (GM).

NORTHERN FLICKER

1 Yellow-shafted near Elephant Butte Lake on 4/21 (RR). Winter peaks of Red-shafted included 112 at Farmington on 12/15 (AN+), 185 at Espanola 12/29 (WBL+), 94 at Santa Fe 12/16 (RW+), and 102 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/22 (CH+); last of spring at Bitter Lake NWR on 4/2 (JC).

GILA WOODPECKER

2 north of Cliff on 12/15 (SO+) and 17 between Cliff and Redrock on 5/4 (BH+).

ACORN WOODPECKER

4 reported near Los Alamos on 12/25 (WCH).

LEWIS' WOODPECKER

Winter peaks include 93 at Espanola on 12/29 (WBL+) and 39 at Santa Fe 12/16 (RW+)--with 1 on 5/15 (WS); also 2 at Farmington on 12/15 (AN+) and 8 at Albuquerque on 12/29 (AE+). Pair nesting near Sombrillo on 5/23 (SN); also 2 at Farmington 5/11 (AN+), common at Corrales on 4/28 and several at Pojoaque on 5/4 (JD).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER

Winter reports include mainly singles near Los Alamos on 2/24 (WCH), Albuquerque on 12/3 (JD), Bonita Lake in the White Mts. on 2/23 (MW), Bosque del Apache NWR on 12/22 (CH+), Bitter Lake NWR (DB+), Silver City on 12/22 (SO+), and Rodeo on 1/1 (RS); also singles at La Cueva on 3/27 (MS), Cedar Crest 3/15 (McK), and Glenwood 3/2 (McK).

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER

Winter reports include singles at Silver City 2/10 (DZ) and Rodeo 12/21-2/27 (RS); many drumming in the Zuni Mts. on 5/7 and in the Chuskas on 5/7 (JS), plus 1 at Bandelier NM 5/18 (WS).

HAIKY WOODPECKER

2 at Albuquerque on 12/29 (AE+) and 1 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/22 (CH+).

DOWNY WOODPECKER

Unusual was 1 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 12/22, with details including small size, black and white plumage, small bill, and barred outer tail feathers (CH+). Other records include 1 at Kirtland 12/17-3/31 (CS), 7 at Los Alamos 12/25 (WGH), and Watrous on 4/28 (WH).

LADDER-BACKED WOODPECKER

Unusual was a female at Cedar Crest 1/2-2/28 and a male 3/16 (McK).

WESTERN KINGBIRD

Most unusual and undetailed was a report of 1 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 3/10 (WS). Early dates in spring included Bosque del Apache NWR on 4/12 (GZ), Cliff 4/13 (BH), Roswell 4/18 (JC), Silver City 4/23 (RF), Albuquerque 4/24 (PB), Las Vegas 4/28 (WH), San Ildefonso 4/30 (WS), and Farmington 5/1 (AN).

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD

Early dates in spring include Pleasanton on 4/9 (LS), Cliff area on 4/13 (BH), and 4/30 at Cedar Crest (McK) and San Ildefonso (WS).

WIED'S CRESTED FLYCATCHER

5 between Cliff and Redrock on 5/4 and 7 in the lower San Francisco Valley 5/9-10 (BH+).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER

1 was present in winter at Albuquerque, where found dead on 1/2 and presented as a mummified specimen to UMM, MSB (PB). First of spring at Silver City on 4/26 (BH).

EASTERN PHOEBE

Singles at La Joya SGR on 1/21 (LH) and near Cliff 12/15 (SO+).

BLACK PHOEBE

Nesting at Bitter Lake NWR on 3/26 (DB, JC) and between Cliff and Redrock—where 39 birds counted—on 4/12-13 (BH+); 1 near Carrizozo 5/26 (MR).

SAY'S PHOEBE

Winter reports include 9 at Espanola 12/29 (WBL+) and 4 in the Sandias 12/15 (RT+); first of spring at Farmington in second week of March (AN), Sandia Park on 3/15 (MH), and White Sands NM 2/2—where nesting on 3/29 (GM).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER

1 near Cliff on 5/4 (RF+).

GRAY FLYCATCHER

3 banded at Columbus on 4/27-28 (McK).

WESTERN WOOD PEWEE

First spring arrivals included Roswell on 4/16 (JC), Las Cruces 4/19 (BH), Cliff area 5/4 (RF+), and Cedar Crest (McK), Santa Fe (WS), La Gueva (MS), and Kirtland (CS) in the period 5/18-21.

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER

Singles at Kirtland 5/26 (CS) and Bosque del Apache NWR 5/27 (RT).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER

4 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/22 (CH+); also 4 near Redrock 3/17 (TB, BH), 25 between there and Cliff on 5/4 (BH+), and 1 at White Sands NM 5/1 (GM).

SWALLOW SPP.

1-2 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 2/12—plus 17 on 2/20 (GZ), Apache Creek on 3/2 (McK), and near Madrid 3/30 (McK).

VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW

1 reported without details at Bosque del Apache NWR on 2/17 (RR); early spring dates include Redrock on 3/16 (BH), Magdalena 3/29 (DL), La Cueva on 4/5 (MS), and Cedar Crest on 4/8 (McK), plus 2 at Bitter Lake NWR on 5/11 (DB+) and 1 near Gage 5/26 (TB).

TREE SWALLOW

Reports include up to 300 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 3/9 (GZ), 2 at Los Alamos on 5/18 (WCH), and 2 at Bitter Lake NWR on 5/11 (DB+).

ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW

9 near Cliff (RF) and 4 near Redrock (TB, BH) on 3/17 were earliest of spring reports.

BARN SWALLOW

Early dates in spring included 1 at Bitter Lake NWR 3/9 (MW)---with nesting on 3/19 (DB), Bosque del Apache NWR 3/21 (GZ), Albuquerque 4/8 (PB), Santa Fe 4/20 (WS), and La Cueva SGR 4/21 (WH); 4 pairs nesting at Sandia Park in spring (MH), plus 4 birds present near Cliff 5/4, 2 in the lower San Francisco Valley on 5/10 (BH+), and 5 near Gage 5/26 (TB).

CLIFF SWALLOW

Earliest spring date was 3/20 at Roswell (JC), while birds were nesting at Navajo Lake by 5/30 (CS).

PURPLE MARTIN

Unusual was report of 8 near Albuquerque on 4/14, the details being that the males were all dark and the females were dirty white or gray below (RT). Pair at a nest hole in the Chuska Mts. on 5/7 (JS); singles near Cliff (SO+) and Redrock (BH) on 5/4.

BLUE JAY

3 at Roswell 1/19 and 3/18-4/5 (MW), 1 at Los Alamos in December (fide WBL), and 1 at Espanola 12/29 (JT).

STELLER'S JAY

1 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 1/17 (GZ).

SCRUB JAY

18 at Farmington 12/15 (AN+), 29 near Albuquerque 12/29 (AE+), and 1 south of Bosque del Apache NWR on 1/19 (McK).

MEXICAN JAY

Singles at Pleasedon on 5/28 (LS) and in the Mimbres Valley 3/30-31 (BH), and 38 near Rodeo 1/1 (RS+).

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE

Winter reports include 166 at Farmington 12/15 (AN+), 136 at Espanola 12/29 (WBL+), 1 at Clayton 12/15 (WC, AK), 85 at Las Vegas 12/30 (JG, ES), and 1 at Albuquerque 12/29 (AE+). 93 near Farmington 5/11 (AN+).

WHITE-NECKED RAVEN

Present in the Rodeo area in December (RS) and at White Sands NM 1/29-3/19 (GM); also 41 between Floyd and Yeso on 3/13 (JH) and 3 at Bitter Lake NWR 5/11 (DB+).

COMMON CROW

24,263 at Albuquerque on 12/29 (AE+), with last there on 4/18 (PB); pair nesting at Glenwood in April-May (McK), birds present near Las Vegas to 5/20 (WH), 15 at Clines Corners 3/11 (JH), 3 near Cliff 5/4 (DZ+), and 1 in the mountains near Carrizozo on 5/26 (MR).

PINYON JAY

Winter reports include 4 at Farmington on 12/15---plus 35 on 5/11 (AN+), 201 at Espanola 12/29 (WBL+), 200+ in flocks at Santa Fe (WS), 176 in the Sandias 12/15 (RT+), 170 near Cliff 12/15 (SO+)---with 150+ 4/12-13 (BH+) and 4 on 5/4 (DZ+), and 60 at Silver City on 12/22 (SO+)---and 4/8 (DZ); also 250 in the Mimbres Valley 3/30-31 (BH+).

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER

Reports include 40 at Espanola 12/29 (WBL+), 212 at Santa Fe 12/16 (RW+), young at La Cueva by late May (MS), present at La Cueva SGR 4/21 (WH), 27 banded in the Tularosa Mts. 5/26-28 (McK), and 2 in the Mimbres Valley 3/30-31 (BH).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE

Reports include 2-5 at Farmington 12/15--plus 3 on 5/11 (AN+), Watrous 4/28 and 5/26--carrying food on latter date (WH), Las Vegas 12/30 (JG, ES), Alameda 1/13, 3/23, and 5/30 (CH), and Albuquerque on 12/29 (AE+).

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE

18 at Farmington (AN+) and 1 at Clayton (WC, AK) on 12/15.

PLAIN TITMOUSE

Reports include 1 at Farmington 12/15 (AN+), 1 at Pojoaque 5/4 (JD), and 4 near Rodeo 1/1 (RS+).

BRIDLED TITMOUSE

Several at Glenwood 5/28-31 and Kingston 5/31 (McK).

VERDIN

Unusual was 1 near Albuquerque on 12/29; details include small size, gray--paler below, head yellow (BE). 1 at La Joya SGR 1/6 and 3/3 (RR), 7 near Redrock 5/4 (BH+), and 2 near Rodeo 1/1 (RS+).

BUSHTIT

Reports include 205 at Santa Fe 12/16 (RW+), 4 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/22 (CH+), and 82 near Rodeo 1/1 (RS+).

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH

Seen at Watrous on 4/28 and 5/26 (WH).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH

Winter reports included 2 at Farmington 12/15 (AN+), 1 at Tres Piedras 2/18 (HK), 8 at Espanola 12/29 (WBL+), 8 at Santa Fe 12/16 (RW+), at Las Vegas in December (JG, ES), 8 in the Sandia Mts. 12/15 (RT+), and in the White Mts. 2/23 (MW); also 8 pairs in the Zuni Mts. on 5/7 (JS) and present in the Tularosa Mts. 5/26-28 and at Kingston on 5/31 (McK).

BROWN CREEPER

Winter reports include 7 at Alameda on 1/13 (CH), plus mainly singles at Kirtland 12/28-2/28 (CS), La Cueva 12/8-1/9 (MS), Espanola 12/29 (WBL+), at Albuquerque on 12/4-1/23 (PB), and in the White Mts. 2/23 (MW); also 1 at Bitter Lake NWR on 5/11 (DB+).

DIPPER

Reports include 1-3 at La Cueva 12/5-3/6 (MS), Espanola 12/29 (WBL+), near Santa Fe on 4/20 (WS), 3 in the lower San Francisco Valley area on 5/8 (BH+), and a pair with 3 young near Glenwood on 5/29 (McK).

HOUSE WREN

Winter reports include a bird--details given--at Espanola on 12/29 (WBL+) and singles--without details--at Kirtland 2/24 and 3/24 (CS), Loving on 12/28 (JCh, LSm), and near Cliff on 12/15 (SO+). Early dates in spring include Albuquerque on 4/25 (PB). Bayard on 4/26 (RF), Watrous on 4/28 (WH), Cedar Crest on 5/3 (McK), La Cueva on 5/18 (MS), and Farmington on 5/21 (JE).

WINTER WREN

Singles reported without details at Santa Fe on 12/16 (RW+) and Las Vegas on 12/30 (JG, ES).

BEWICK'S WREN

Winter reports include 8 at Farmington 12/15 (AN+), 4 at Espanola 12/29 (WBL+), 1 at Santa Fe 12/16 (RW+), 11 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/22 (CH+), and 4 near Carlsbad on 12/21 (JC+); also 1st of spring at Cedar Crest on 3/13 (McK) and present at Watrous on 4/28 (WH).

CACTUS WREN

Reports include 2 at Roswell 12/15 (MW), 6 between Cliff and Redrock on 5/4 (BH+), 10 near Rodeo 1/1 (RS+), 2 near Gage 5/26 (TB), and 1 at White Sands NM 1/18--with nesting in spring (GM).

LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN

Winter reports include 2 at Farmington 12/15 (AN+), 23 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/22 (CH+), 23 at Roswell 12/15 (JC+), and 1-2 near Cliff 12/15 (SO+) and 1/19 (RF).

CANYON WREN

Reports include 1 at Albuquerque 12/29 (AE+), 1 at Bitter Lake NWR 5/11 (DB+), and 4 near Rodeo 1/1 (RS+).

ROCK WREN

3 at Farmington 12/15 (AN+) and 1 in the Sandia Mts. 12/15 (RT+).

MOCKINGBIRD

Winter reports include singles at Kirtland 1/12 (CS) and Farmington 12/29 (AN), 2 at Clayton 12/15 (WC, AK), 2 in the Sandias 12/15 (RT+), 1 at La Joya SGR 1/6 (RR), 11 at Roswell 12/15--singing on 2/15 (JC+), Pleasanton in January (LS), 4 near Cliff 12/15 (SO+), 1 at Silver City (DZ), Bayard area (RF), and near Rodeo in December (RS). First of spring at Santa Fe on 3/1 (WS); 1 at Cedar Crest on 5/20 and 2+ on 5/24 were uncommon (McK).

GRAY CATBIRD

2 at Alameda on 5/30 (CH).

BROWN THRASHER

1 at Albuquerque 12/11-4/25 (PB), 1 at White Sands NM 5/14-15 (GM), and 4 near Carlsbad on 12/21 (JC+) and 12/30 (KE+) and 1 on 2/11 (MW).

BENDIRE'S THRASHER

Unusual was a report of 1 near Rodeo 1/3-4 (RS); 1 at Sawmill Canyon, Magdalena Mts. on 5/27 (JD).

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER

1 near La Joya SGR on 1/20 (JD), 2 at Bitter Lake NWR on 5/11 (DB+), 4 near Gage 5/26 (TB), and 4 near Carlsbad on 12/21 (JC+).

CRISSAL THRASHER

Singles at Silver City on 12/22 (SO+) and White Sands NM on 12/26 (GM).

SAGE THRASHER

27 near Santa Fe on 12/16 (RW+) and 1 near Rodeo on 2/28 (RS).

AMERICAN ROBIN

Winter reports include 204 at Farmington 12/15 (AN+), La Cueva--with 12 on 1/17 (MS), 1510 at Espanola on 12/29 (WBL), 47 in Los Alamos on 12/25 (WCH), 1672 at Santa Fe on 12/16 (RW+), 1222 in the Sandias on 12/15 (RT+)--and many through winter into spring (McK), 114 at Silver City on 12/22 (SO+), to 300 at Ft. Bayard (RF), and 52 at Carlsbad Caverns NP on 12/30 (KE+). Nesting at Albuquerque on 3/31 (PB), Kirtland on 4/13 (CS), and at Bayard in May (RF); 10 at Portales on 3/12 (JH) and 1 at White Sands NM on 4/24 (GM).

HERMIT THRUSH

Winter reports include 3 at Santa Fe on 12/16 (RW+) and 2 at Carlsbad Caverns NP on 12/30 (KE+). Early dates in spring include Roswell (JC) and Albuquerque (PB) on 4/22, Pojoaque on 5/4 (JD), and La Cueva on 5/6 (MS); also 1 at Elephant Butte Lake on 5/18 (CH).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH

1 at Bayard on 5/19 (RF).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD

5 at Carlsbad Caverns NP on 12/30 (KE+).

WESTERN BLUEBIRD

Winter reports include 76 at Espanola on 12/29 (WBL+), 60 at Santa Fe on 12/16 (RW+), 136 in the Sandias on 12/15 (RT+), 78 near Cliff on 12/15 (SO+), 56 at Silver City on 12/22 (SO+), 5 near Rodeo 1/1 (RS), and 11 near Carlsbad on 12/21 (JC+) and 12/30 (KE+).

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD

Winter reports include 1 at Farmington 12/15 (AN+), 527 at Espanola on 12/29 (WBL+), 437 at Santa Fe 12/16 (RW+), 222 in the Sandias 12/15 (RT+); 43 in the mountains near Carrizozo on 5/26 (MR).

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE

Winter reports include 10 at Clayton 12/15 (WC, AK), 157 at Santa Fe 12/16 (RW+), 2 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/22 (CH+), and 3 at Carlsbad Caverns NP 12/30 (KE+). Singles at SU Canyon near Reserve on 5/26 and at Eagle Peak, Tularosa Mts.--banded bird in breeding condition--on 5/27 (McK).

GNATCATCHER SPP.

1 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 12/22 (CH+) and 2 near Carlsbad 12/21 (JC+).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER

Early spring dates include 2 near Cliff on 4/12 (BH+) and 3 in the Sandias on 4/19 (PB).

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER

1 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 12/22, with details including gray upperparts, white underparts, and long black tail with narrow border of white (CH, Bill Nesbitt); 1 reported at Bitter Lake NWR on 3/19, but details mention only "dark head" (DB); to date there are no verified records of this species from the Pecos Valley region of the state, in spite of a few sight records purportedly pertaining to it from there.

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET

Winter reports include Taos on 12/2 and 12/25 (DG), 4 at Los Alamos on 12/25 (WCH), 5 near Santa Fe on 12/17 (WS), White Mts. on 2/23 (MW), and 19 near Silver City on 12/22 (SO+).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET

Winter reports include 4 at Farmington 12/15 (AN+), 10 at Espanola 12/29 (WBL+), and 50 near Pinos Altos 12/14 (DZ).

WATER PIPIT

Winter reports include 3 at Espanola on 12/29 (WBL+), 161 at Roswell on 12/15 (JC+), 51 near Cliff 12/15 (SO+), and 15 near Carlsbad 12/21-30 (JC+). Spring reports include 5 near Kirtland on 4/23 (CS), several on Cerro Pelado, Jemez Mts. on 5/27 (JD), 7 in the lower San Francisco Valley 5/8 (BH+), 2 near Rodeo 4/30 (RS), 1 in Guadalupe Canyon 4/26-28 (CA), 1 near Columbus on 4/13 (McK), and 1 at White Sands NM 5/7 (GM).

BOHEMIAN WAXWING

1 at Farmington 1/29 and 3/10 (AN).

CEDAR WAXWING

Winter reports include 55 at Farmington on 12/15--plus 253 on 5/11 (AN+), 10 at Santa Fe 12/16 (RW+), and up to 20 at Roswell 12/15-3/13 (MW); also 24 at Cedar Crest 4/24-5/15 (McK), 4 near Redrock 3/17 (TB, BH), 25-30 at Bayard 5/14-21 (RF), and 50 in the Mimbres Valley 3/20-31 (BH+).

PHAINOPEPLA

1 at Pleasanton 1/15 (LS).

HOUSE SPARROW

Nesting at White Sands NM on 3/14 (GM).

STARLING

Winter reports include 7390 at Farmington 12/15 (AN+), 1-4 at La Gueva 12/4-3/4 (MS), 48 at Clayton 12/15 (WC, AK), 4250 at Espanola 12/29 (WBL+), 817 at

Santa Fe 12/16 (RW+), 1250 at Albuquerque 12/29 (AE+), 1119 in the Sandias 12/15 (RT+), and 2000 in late January (McK), 1695 at Bosque del Apache NWR on 12/22 (CH+), 750,310 at Roswell on 12/15 (JC+), and 20 near Cliff on 2/16 (BH). Young at Albuquerque in May (PB); singing at Cedar Crest in March (McK), 76 counted in the Gila Valley on 5/4 (BH+), and 5 near Rodeo 5/30 (RS).

HUTTON'S VIREO

1 at Silver City on 12/5 (DZ) represents one of the few winter records in the state.

BELL'S VIREO

5 between Cliff and Redrock on 4/12-23 and 9 on 5/4 (BH+).

SOLITARY VIREO

Early spring dates include Columbus on 4/28 and Cedar Crest on 5/1 (McK).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER

1 reported at Farmington 5/11; details include heavily streaked chest and small throat patch (Lois Abrams and Hester Schmidt, fide AN).

TENNESSEE WARBLER

Unusual was 1 at Cedar Crest on 5/2-3; details include gray head, yellow-green back, white underparts and eyestripe, and sharp-pointed bill (McK and JS).

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER

Unusual was 1 at Ute Lake on 5/12; details included unstreaked yellow plumage with greenish back, black line through eye, blue-gray wings with two white wing bars (CH).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER

Early dates in spring included Roswell on 4/16 (JC), Columbus 4/27-28 (McK), and Albuquerque on 4/28 (JD); several singing in the Zuni Mts. on 5/7 (JS) and Tularosa Mts. on 5/26-28 (McK) and 2 present at Elephant Butte Lake on 5/18 (CH).

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER

Early dates in spring included Bayard on 4/10 (RF), Sandias on 4/19 (PB), and Cedar Crest on 4/26 (McK); a breeding male banded on Eagle Peak, Tularosa Mts. on 5/27 (McK) and single migrants seen at Ute Lake on 5/12 and Elephant Butte Lake on 4/27 (CH).

LUCY'S WARBLER

33 in the Gila Valley on 5/4 (BH+).

OLIVE WARBLER

Singles on Eagle Peak, Tularosa Mts. on 5/27 (McK) and in the Pinos Altos Mts. in April or May (DZ+).

YELLOW WARBLER

1 near Gage 5/26 (TB).

CAPE MAY WARBLER

Very unusual was 1 reported near Cliff on 5/4; details—including those shown in a colored drawing submitted to the NMOS—include yellow rump, face, and belly, the latter streaked with black, black cap, brown cheeks, prominent white wing bars (RF+).

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER

1 of Myrtle form reported at Cedar Crest on 12/15—distinctive call note heard (McK), Bayard on 4/10 (RF), and 2 at Bitter Lake NWR on 5/11 (DB+). Winter reports of Audubon form included 11 at Farmington on 12/15 (AN+), 16 at Espanola 12/29 (WEL+), 5 at Santa Fe 2/17-18 (HK), 28 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/22 (CH+), and about 30 near Cliff on 12/15 (SO+) and 2/16 (BH); also breeding birds banded in the Tularosa Mts. on 5/26-28 (McK).

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER

Early spring dates included Silver City on 4/24 (BH), Albuquerque on 4/30 (DDL), and Kirtland on 5/1 (CS); also seen in Guadalupe Canyon 4/26-28 (CA) and 1 near Columbus 4/27 (McK).

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER

Reports included singles at Bosque del Apache NWR 5/3 (GZ), lower San Francisco Valley 5/8 (BH+), near Cliff 5/4 (TB), and Guadalupe Canyon 4/26-28 (CA).

GRACE'S WARBLER

Reports include singles at Farmington 4/21 (JE) and Elephant Butte Lake on 5/18 (CH).

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER

1 reported at Roswell on 5/6, details include yellow throat, white underparts, black streaks on sides, and black face with white line over eye and ear patch (JC+).

KENTUCKY WARBLER

1 reported without details at Las Vegas on 5/6 (WH).

MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER

Early dates in spring included near Cliff on 4/12 (BH+), Albuquerque on 5/4 (RN)—and to 5/25 (PB), Kirtland (CS), Ute Lake (CH), and Santa Rosa (CH) on 5/12; also 1 at White Sands NM on 5/11 (GM).

NORTHERN YELLOWTHROAT

Early spring dates include Albuquerque on 4/24 (PB) and Kirtland on 5/9 (CS); also 1 at White Sands NM on 5/11 (GM).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT

1 in Silver City on 5/15-18—where unusual (DZ); first at Pleasanton 5/7 (LS).

RED-FACED WARBLER

Present in the Tularosa Mts. on 4/19 (CW).

HOODED WARBLER

1 photographed and banded at Cedar Crest 5/5-8 (McK) and 1 reported without details near Pinos Altos on 5/29 (DZ+).

WILSON'S WARBLER

Early dates in spring included near Cliff on 4/13 (BH+), Roswell on 4/16 (JC), Albuquerque on 4/24 (PB), Santa Fe and Espanola on 4/25 (WS), and Cedar Crest on 4/26 (McK).

PAINTED REDSTART

Reports include several in the Mimbres Valley on 3/24 (BH), 1 at Roberts Lake on 3/30 (RF), 1 near Cliff 4/12, and 1 in the lower San Francisco Valley on 5/9 (BH+).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK

10 at Portales 3/12 and 23 between Floyd and Ft. Sumner on 3/13 (JH); also 7 at Bitter Lake NWR on 5/11 (DB+) and 10 near Rodeo 5/30 (RS).

WESTERN MEADOWLARK

Winter reports include 30 at Farmington on 12/15 (AN+), 43 at Espanola 12/29 (WBL+), and 14 at Clayton 12/15 (WC, AK); also 5 at Portales 3/12 and 1 at Ft. Sumner 3/13 (JH) and 108 at Bitter Lake NWR 5/11 (DB+).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD

Winter reports include 40 at Kirtland 2/25 (CS), 188 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/22 (CH+), and 20 at Roswell 12/15 (JC+). Nesting at Tucumcari 5/11 (CH); also 1 near Gila Cliff Dwellings 5/4 (BR) and 4 at White Sands NM on 3/31-4/1 and 5/6 (GH).

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD

Winter reports include 2120 at Farmington 12/15 (AN+), 100 at Clayton 12/15 (WC, AK), 586 at Espanola 12/29 (WBL+), La Cueva 2/11-3/13, with peak of 50 on latter date (MS), 95,750 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/22 (CH+), and 375,096 at Roswell 12/15 (JC+).

ORCHARD ORIOLE

1 at Rattlesnake Spring 5/18 (MW).

HOODED ORIOLE

First at Pleasanton on 4/1 (LS) and 1 between Cliff and Redrock on 4/12--with 12 on 5/4 (BH+).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE

Immature male reported in Silver City 1/7-3/26 (fide DZ), but no detail submitted on this unusual winter record. 2 near Farmington 5/11 (CS+).

NORTHERN ORIOLE

The first state record of a Baltimore Oriole was of an adult male photographed at Cedar Crest on 5/14 (McK). Early spring dates for the Bullock form included an exceptional record of an immature male at Albuquerque on 3/3-4--with details (DDL); otherwise Roswell on 4/23 (JC), Fairview on 4/26 (SN), White Sands NM 4/27 (GM), Kirtland 5/3 (CS), Las Vegas 5/7 (WH), and Taos 5/14 (DG).

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD

Winter reports included 614 at Farmington 12/15 (AN+), 25 at Espanola 12/29 (WBL+), 375,202 at Roswell 12/15 (JC+), and up to 40 near Alamogordo 1/18-4/2 (GM); also 2 near Redrock on 5/4 (BH+) and 3 near Gage 5/26 (TB).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE

Winter reports included 15 at Kirtland on 1/7 (CS), 26 at Espanola on 12/29 (WBL+), 81 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/22 (CH+), 174 at Roswell 12/15 (JC+), and Alamogordo 1/30 onward--nesting in spring (GM). Other nesting recorded at Espanola (WS), San Ildefonso (WS), and Tucumcari on 5/11 (CH); also single birds seen at Portales on 3/12 (JH), Socorro 5/27 (JD), and Silver City on 4/30 (fide DZ) and 5/9 (RF), plus unspecified numbers at White Sands NM 4/27 and 5/11 (GM).

COMMON GRACKLE

Records include 4-6 at Albuquerque on 3/19 and 3/28 (PB), present at Bosque del Apache NWR on 5/27 (JD), and 20 at Roswell on 12/15 (DB+).

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD

Winter reports included 12,000 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/22 (CH+), 6 at Roswell 12/15 (JC+), 37 near Cliff 12/15 (SO+), 100 near Carlsbad on 12/21 (JC+), and 5 at Loving 12/28 (JCh, LSm); also 2 at Chimayo 5/4 (JD).

BRONZED COWBIRD

Present in Guadalupe Canyon 4/26-28 (CA) and 3 reported without details near Gage 5/26 (TB).

WESTERN Tanager

Early dates in spring included Gila Valley on 5/4 (BF+), La Cueva (MS) and Farmington (AN) 5/5, Roswell (JC) and Cedar Crest (McK) on 5/6, and Pleasanton on 5/10 (BH); also 1 at White Sands NM 5/15-29 (GM) and 2 near Rodeo 5/30 (RS).

SCARLET Tanager

Adult male reported with details on 5/6 at Bitter Lake NWR (DB, BS).

SUMMER Tanager

Reports include 1 near Cliff 4/12 and 32 in the Gila Valley 5/4 (BH+), 2 at Elephant Butte Lake 4/27 (CH), 1 at Bitter Lake NWR 5/6 (DB, BS), and Rattlesnake Springs 5/18 (MW).

CARDINAL

26 in the Gila Valley 5/4 (BH+).

PYRRHULOXIA

Reports include 2 at Bitter Lake NWR 12/15 and 1/20 (JC+), several near Rodeo 12/27—early April (RS), 3 south of Deming 12/8 (RF), 1 at Columbus 4/28 (McK), 1 at White Sands NM 4/23-5/1 (GM), and 29 near Carlsbad 12/21-30 (JC+).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEEK

1-2 at Sandia Park 5/5 (MH), and Bitter Lake NWR 5/11 (DB+), near the Gila Cliff Dwelling 5/4 (BR), and 1 at Pleasanton 5/27-30 (LS).

BLACK-HEADED GROSBEEK

Early dates in spring included Pleasanton on 4/13 (LS), Fairview on 4/26 (SN) and Cedar Crest (McK), White Sands NM 4/28 (GM), Albuquerque 5/1 (PB), Roswell (JC), Taos (DG), La Cueva (MS) 5/2, and Kirtland 5/4 (AN).

BLUE GROSBEEK

Early spring dates were 1 at Redrock on 5/4 (BH+) and 7 at Bitter Lake NWR 5/11 (DB+).

INDIGO BUNTING

Singles at Farmington 5/26 (JE), Cedar Crest 5/8-31 (McK), and White Sands NM on 5/11 (GM).

LAZULI BUNTING

Unusually early was an undetailed report of a male at Bosque del Apache NWR on 3/10 (WS).

"SAFFRON" FINCH

2 birds apparently of this neotropical genus (*Sicalis*) were reported in Albuquerque from autumn 1973 through 3/10; details include yellow underparts, greenish-gold back and wings—latter with darker feathers on leading edge of wings, rosy flush on face, black eyes, small finch bill, forked tail (*fide* DDL). These are certainly escaped from captivity.

EVENING GROSBEEK

Reports include 36 at Farmington 12/15—with 105 on 5/11 (AN+), 75 at Taos in March (DG), Santa Fe 12/15 (RW+) through 5/20, with flocks of up to 100 birds (WS), 162 at Espanola 12/29 (WBL+), Las Vegas in winter, with last 5/13 (WH), 15 at Los Alamos 12/25 (WCH), Albuquerque in winter, with last on 5/7 (PB), and 50 at Cedar Crest March through mid-May (McK).

CASSIN'S FINCH

Reports include small flocks at Farmington from late January through March (AN), 6 at Clayton 12/15 (WC, AK), La Cueva 12/1-2/14—with peak 24 (MS), 19 at Los Alamos 12/25 and 2 on 5/27 (WCH), in Santa Fe to 4/25 (WS)—with peak 83 on 12/16 (RW+), Albuquerque to 3/4 (DDL)—with peak of 6 on 12/29 (AE+), 38 in the Sandias 12/15 (RT+) and 3 on 1/30 (McK), near La Joya SGR 1/20 (JD), 2 near Cliff 5/4 (DZ+), 14 at Silver City 12/22 (SO+) and 4 nearby 2/10 (BH).

HOUSE FINCH

Winter reports include 191 at Farmington on 12/15 (AN+), 241 at Espanola 12/29 (WBL+), 2 at Clayton 12/15 (WC, AK), and 6 at Las Vegas 12/30 (JG, ES); nesting at White Sands NM 3/22 and 3/29 (GM).

PINE GROSBEEK

1 near Santa Fe 12/16 (RW+) and 6 in the Sandias 12/15 (RT+).

BROWN-CAPPED ROSY FINCH

75 in the Jemez Mts. near La Cueva on 12/30 (MS) and 20 in the Sangre de Cristo Mts. above Santa Fe on 2/17 (HK).

PINE SISKIN

Winter reports include 1 at Farmington 12/15 (AN+), 30 at Clayton 12/15 (WC, AK), 551 at Las Vegas 12/30 (JG, ES), 80 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/22 (CH+), and 30 at Roswell 12/15—with 4 at Bitter Lake on 3/29 (JC+); also 10 at Portales 3/12 (JH).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH

Winter reports include 20 at Farmington 12/15 (AN+), 100 at Espanola 12/29 (WBL+), 35 at Santa Fe 12/16 (RW+), 75 at Albuquerque 12/29 (AE+), 61 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/22 (CH+), 7 near Cliff 12/15 (SO+)—with 1 on 4/12 (BH+), and 4 at Carlsbad Caverns NP on 12/30 (KE+); also 20-25 at Bitter Lake NWR 3/6 (JC).

LESSER GOLDFINCH

Winter reports include 2 at Las Vegas 12/30 (JG, ES), 2 at Albuquerque 12/29 (AE+), 77 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/22 (CH+), and 2 near Cliff 12/15 (SO+).

RED CROSSBILL

12 or so in the Tularosa Mts. 4/19 (CW) and 5/27 (McK) were sole reports.

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE

Winter reports included 2 in Farmington 12/15 (AN) and Silver City (DZ). Early dates in spring included Bitter Lake NWR 4/1 (DB), Las Vegas 4/9 (WH), Cliff-Redrock 4/12-13 (BH+), Bayard 4/14—and to 5/18 (RF), and Kirtland 4/26 (CS); late dates in spring include Rodeo area to 5/5 (RS), Ute Lake 5/12, and Elephant Butte Lake 5/18 (CH).

RUFOUS-SIDED TOWHEE

Winter reports included 30 at Farmington 12/15 (AN+), 30 Espanola 12/29 (WBL+), 25 Santa Fe 12/16 (RW+), 37 Bosque del Apache NWR 12/22 (CH+), and 9 Rodeo 1/1 (RS+); 2 near Rodeo 5/30 (RS).

BROWN TOWHEE

Winter reports included 85 at Santa Fe 12/16 (RW+), 1 Clayton 12/15 (WC, AK), 50 Bosque del Apache NWR 12/22 (CH+), 3 Roswell 12/15 (JC+), 55 near Cliff 12/15 (SO+), 65 Silver City 12/22 (SO+), 2 near Carlsbad 12/21 (JC+), and 1 at Loving 12/28 (JCh, ISm); also 2 at Bitter Lake NWR 5/11 (DB+) and Cliff-Redrock 4/12-13 (BH+).

ABERT'S TOWHEE

18 near Redrock 3/17 and 16 on 5/4 (BH+).

LARK BUNTING

Present in December at Rodeo (RS); spring reports include up to 20 near Datil 3/2 (McK), 15 Ft. Sumner and 3 Estancia 3/13 (JH), and 23 Bitter Lake NWR 5/11 (DB+).

SAVANNAH SPARROW

Winter reports include 7 near Albuquerque 12/29 (AE+) and 1/13 (CH), 32 Bosque del Apache NWR 12/22 (CH+), 20 Roswell 12/15 (JC+), and 1 near Cliff 12/15 (SO+).

VESPER SPARROW

Winter reports confined to southern area, including Bosque del Apache NWR (CH+), Cliff (SO+), Rodeo (RS+), and Carlsbad (JC+); 2 near Redrock on 5/4 (BH+).

LARK SPARROW

Winter reports—but lacking any details—included 18 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/22 (CH+), 2-3 near Rodeo 1/24 and 2/20 (RS), and 1 near Carlsbad 12/21 (JC+). Nesting at Kirtland 5/29 (CS), while early spring dates included La Cueva SGR 4/21 (WH) and San Ildefonso 4/30 (WS).

RUFOUS-CROWNED SPARROW

Winter reports included an undetailed 30 near Albuquerque 12/29 (AE+), 7 near Cliff 12/15 (SO+), 3 at Silver City 12/22 (SO+), 1 near Rodeo 1/1 (RS+), and 46 near Carlsbad 12/28 (KE+).

CASSIN'S SPARROW

Hundreds singing near Caprock on 5/4 (JS) and 17 present at Bitter Lake NWR 5/11 (DB+).

BLACK-THROATED SPARROW

Winter reports confined to Bosque del Apache NWR (CH+), Cliff (SO+), Rodeo (RS+), and Carlsbad (JC+).

SAGE SPARROW

Winter reports included 17 at Albuquerque 12/29 (AE+), 113 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/22 (CH+), 1 at Rodeo 1/1 (RS+), and 4 at Loving 12/28 (JCh, LSm).

DARK-EYED JUNCO

1-2 White-winged Juncos were reported at Farmington 12/15 (fide AN), La Cueva 1/9-10 (MS), and Santa Fe 12/16 (RW+). 1-6 Slate-colored Juncos reported in winter at Farmington (AN+), Clayton (AK+), Albuquerque area (AE+, McK, DDL), and Roswell (JC+), plus 11 at Santa Fe 12/16 (RW+) and 21 at Espanola 12/29 (WBL+). Oregon Junco winter peaks included 1420 at Espanola 12/29 (WBL+), 700 in the Sandias 12/15 (RT+) and 489 at Albuquerque 12/29 (AE+)—with last of spring on 5/30 (CH), 454 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/22 (CH+), 327 at Rodeo 1/1 (RS+), 91 at Carlsbad Caverns NP 12/30 (KE+), and 27 at Clayton 12/15 (WC, AK).

GRAY-HEADED JUNCO

Winter peaks included 500-700 at Espanola 12/29 (WBL+), Santa Fe 12/16 (RW+), and in the Sandias 12/15 (RT+), 353 at Albuquerque 12/29 (AE+), 252 at Las Vegas 12/30 (JG, ES), 102 Farmington area 12/15 (AN+)—with last of spring on 5/28 (CS), 103 Bosque del Apache NWR 12/22 (CH+), and less than a dozen at Clayton 12/15 (WC, AK), Roswell 12/15 (JC+), Rodeo 1/1 (RS+), and near Carlsbad 12/30 (KE+). In spring 2 were banded at Columbus on 4/28 (McK), 1 seen near Redrock 5/4 (BH+), and present at White Sands NM 4/3 and 4/26 (CM).

TREE SPARROW

Reports include 3 at Clayton 12/15 (WC, AK). 2 near Las Vegas 12/30 (JG, ES), 1 at Roswell 12/15 (JC+), and 1 at La Joya SGR 1/6 (RR).

CHIPPING SPARROW

Winter reports include 11 at Santa Fe 12/16 (RW+), 1-2 at Bosque del Apache NWR 2/17 (RR), 7 near Cliff 12/15 (SO+), and 95 in the Carlsbad area 12/21-30 (JC+); spring reports include 4 at Bitter Lake NWR 3/22-26 (JC), Albuquerque 4/9 (PB), and many in Guadalupe Canyon 4/26-28 (CA) and Columbus 4/27-28 (McK).

BREWER'S SPARROW

Winter reports restricted to the south, i.e. Cliff (SO+), Rodeo (RS+), Roswell (JC+), and Carlsbad area (JC+). Many at Columbus 4/27-28 (McK).

FIELD SPARROW

8 reported near Loving on 12/28 (JCh, LSm).

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW

Winter reports were of 2 at Rodeo 1/1 (RS+) and 8 in Carlsbad Caverns NP 12/30 (KE+); 1 near Carrizozo 5/26 (MR).

HARRIS' SPARROW

Singles at Alameda 1/13 (CH) and Albuquerque 12/11-3/6 (PB).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW

Winter peaks included 1067 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/22 (CH+), 872 at Roswell 12/15 (JC+), 700+ at Espanola (WBL+) and Albuquerque (AE+) 12/29, 441 at Farmington 12/15 (AN+), and 200+ at Santa Fe 12/16 (RW+) and Cliff 12/15 (SO+). Late dates in spring included 1-2 at Cedar Crest 5/19 (McK), Apache Creek 5/25 (McK), and Albuquerque 5/26 (PB).

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW

1 reported at La Joya SGR on 4/28; details include size larger than nearby White-crowns, grayish neck and black crown with yellow stripe through it (RR).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW

2 winter at Bosque del Apache (GZ), 5 at Roswell 12/15 (JC+), and 1 at Pleasanton 4/14 (LS).

FOX SPARROW

2 at Roswell (JC+) and 1 near Cliff (SO+) on 12/15.

LINCOLN'S SPARROW

Winter reports included 1 at Espanola--reported with details--on 12/29 (Jim Travis), 3 near Cliff 12/15 (SO+), and 1 at Loving 12/28 (JCh, LSM); later reports, perhaps representing early spring migrants, included 1-2 at Rodeo 2/20-22 (RS), Bosque del Apache NWR 3/10 (WS), and Cedar Crest 3/12 (McK).

SONG SPARROW

Winter reports included figures of 93-156 at Espanola 12/29 (WBL+), Bosque del Apache NWR 12/22 (CH+), and Roswell 12/15 (JC+), 20-30+ at Farmington 12/15 (AN+) and in two Carlsbad area counts, 12/21 (JC+) and 12/30 (KE+), and 2-3 at Clayton (WC, AK) and in the Sandias (RT+) 12/15. Late dates in spring include 2 each at Bitter Lake NWR (DB+) and Farmington (AN+) on 5/11.

CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR

Reports limited to eastern third of state, including in December at Clayton (AK) and in the Carlsbad area (JC+).