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FROM THE EDITOR:

The highlights of the summer certainly have to include the discovery of first New Mexico nests of Olivaceous Cormorant, Cattle Egret, and Little Blue Heron at Elephant Butte Lake, further proof that the "Narrows" there is the most important waterbird breeding area in the state. Besides the nests of these species were hundreds of those of Double-crested Cormorants, Snowy Egret, and Black-crowned Night Heron, plus several of Common Egrets. Although this is a manmade habitat, it might be regarded as a replacement for the natural sloughs and oxbows that existed on the Rio Grande before humans began to "reclaim" it. This status, plus the fact that waterbirds readily accept it for breeding purposes, certainly calls for its being conserved for wildlife to every extent possible.

The summer of 1975 also yielded records of several Common Snipe and a Fox Sparrow in the northern mountain areas, and at least the former seem to be a good possibility of having been breeders. The lushness of prairie grasses and forbs--including one of the best wildflower displays in years in the east--gave promise for a good breeding year for meadowlarks, Cassin's Sparrows, and Lark Buntings, and some hope also existed that Dickcissels might summer in the northeast and Bobolinks in the Chama Valley. Neither of the latter species materialized, and Lark Buntings were disappointingly scarce; however, a pair was found at a nest for perhaps the first breeding record in the northwest. Eastern and Western Meadowlarks showed extensive overlap this summer, as the latter moved (or stayed) southward in numbers well into the central-western and southeastern parts of the state. It may be that in years of lush vegetation there is "room" for Westerns to summer among Easterns in grasslands in the south; otherwise Westerns seem mainly to occupy more mesic sites in that area, e.g. irrigated fields. Cassin's Sparrows were reported during early summer only from the Pecos Valley eastward and in the Jornada Experimental Range, but we suspect that they were also present at least locally further southwest as well.

Only five Least Terns summered at Bitter Lake N. W. R., and no nests were found. This species may be a candidate for the endangered list in New Mexico, and the race to which our population apparently belongs (i.e., the interior Least Tern, Sterna albifrons athalassos) is under national scrutiny in view of the decline in its numbers.

Unusual summer vagrants including a Common Loon in Catron Co., White-tailed Kite (photographed for first confirmed occurrence in New Mexico) in Chaves Co., a flock of California Gulls (photographed) in Rio Arriba Co., an apparent Blue-throated Hummingbird in Los Alamos Co., a late Hooded Warbler (plus more common birds) in Roosevelt Co., and a possibly breeding Baltimore (Northern) Oriole in Union Co.

The big event of the autumn was the anxiously awaited arrival of the juvenile Whooping Cranes raised in Idaho by foster-parent Sandhill Cranes known to winter in the Rio Grande Valley. In October and November four of the six Whoopers known to have reached the flying stage arrived in the state, with one each settling in at Los Lunas and Bernardo State Game Refuge and two at Bosque del Apache N.W.R. Other notable autumn records were of at least six different Common Loons over the state, a Wood Stork, two Anna Hummingbirds, and single Parula and Cape May Warblers in Grant Co., two Black Scoters (one collected for first verified state record), an apparent Groove-billed Ani (photographed), and a Tennessee Warbler in Socorro Co., two Surf Scoters and a Lapland Longspur (all photographed), plus an apparent Red Phalarope in Hidalgo Co., a Red Knot, a possible Hudsonian Godwit, and a Hooded Warbler in Chaves Co., a Thayer Gull (second state specimen and record) in Dona Ana Co., a Sabine Gull in San Juan Co., and a Chestnut-sided Warbler in Torrance Co. In addition to the Lapland Longspur in Hidalgo Co., many Chestnut-collars and several McCown's were also netted there in November.

Besides unusual birds, a major thing to report was that hummingbird numbers at feeders were generally down. Several observers commented on this, especially in regard to Rufous Hummers. However, it would appear that the scarcity was more apparent than real, as counts in the Sacramento Mts. yielded good numbers in suitable habitats. It seems likely that an abundance of wildflowers lured hummers away from feeders and that the birds could not really be considered to have declined in numbers from past years.

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LOCALITIES (by county) in this issue:

Alamo Hueco Mts.--Hidalgo	Cabezon--Sandoval
Albuquerque--Bernalillo	Carlsbad, etc.--Eddy
Animas Valley--Hidalgo	Cedar Crest--Bernalillo
Anthony--Dona Ana	Centerfire Bog--Catron
Apache Creek--Catron	Chama--Rio Arriba
Aragon--Catron	Chuska Mts.--San Juan
Artesia--Eddy	Claunch--Socorro
Aztec--San Juan	Clayton--Union
Randelier NM--Los Alamos	Cliff--Grant
Bear Canyon L.--Grant	Cloudcroft--Otero
Bernardo SGR--Socorro	Cloverdale--Hidalgo
Bitter Lake NWR--Chaves	Columbus--Luna
Black Range--Sierra, Grant	Conchas L.--San Miguel
Blackrock L.--McKinley	Corrales--Sandoval
Bloomfield--San Juan	Correo--Valencia
Boone's Draw--Roosevelt	Crownpoint--McKinley
Bosque del Apache NWR--Socorro	Cuba--Sandoval
Buckhorn--Grant	
Burford L.--Rio Arriba	

Datil--Catron
 Doming--Luna
 Dexter--Chaves
 Eagle Nest--Colfax
 Elephant Butte L.--Sierra
 El Pueblo--San Miguel
 El Rito--Rio Arriba
 El Vado--Rio Arriba
 Encino--Torrance
 Espanola--Rio Arriba
 Estancia--Torrance
 Evans L.--Grant
 Farmington--San Juan
 Fence L.--Valencia
 Fonton L.--Sandoval
 Floyd--Roosevelt
 Ft. Sumner--De Baca
 Frisco Hot Springs--Catron
 Gila River--Catron, etc.
 Grenville--Union
 Guadalupe Mts.--Eddy
 Hachita--Grant
 Hagerman--Chaves
 Hatch--Dona Ana
 Hayden L.--Rio Arriba
 Heron L.--Rio Arriba
 Hopewell L.--Rio Arriba
 Horse Mt.--Socorro
 Horse Springs--Catron
 Hurley--Grant
 Isleta--Bernalillo
 Jal--Lea
 Jemez Mts., etc.--Sandoval
 Jornada Exp. Range--Dona Ana
 Kenna--Roosevelt
 Kirtland--San Juan
 La Cueva--Sandoval
 Ladron Mts.--Socorro
 La Joya SCR--Socorro
 Las Cruces--Dona Ana
 Las Vegas--San Miguel
 Lordsburg--Hidalgo
 Los Ojos--Rio Arriba
 Lovington--Lea
 Magdalena--Socorro
 Maljamar--Lea
 Mangas Springs--Grant
 McAlister L.--San Miguel
 Mimbres Valley--Grant
 Mogollon Mts.--Catron
 Mora--Mora
 Morgan L.--San Juan
 Mt. Taylor--Valencia
 Nageezi--San Juan
 Ojo Sarco--Rio Arriba
 Organ Mts.--Dona Ana
 Patterson Ranch--Catron
 Pecos--San Miguel
 Peloncillos--Hidalgo
 Pinos Altos Mts.--Grant
 Pleasanton--Catron
 Portales--Roosevelt
 Radium Springs--Dona Ana
 Red River--Taos
 Redrock--Grant
 Regina--Sandoval
 Rio Santa Barbara--Rio Arriba
 Roberts L.--Grant
 Rodeo--Hidalgo
 Rosebud--Harding
 Roswell--Chaves
 Sandia Mts.--Bernalillo
 San Acacia--Socorro
 San Luis Pass--Hidalgo
 San Marcial--Socorro
 San Simon Cienega--Hidalgo
 Santa Fe--Santa Fe
 Santo Domingo--Sandoval
 Separ--Grant
 Shiprock--San Juan
 Snow Lake--Catron
 Socorro--Socorro
 Sunland Park--Dona Ana
 Sycamore Well--Hidalgo
 Taos--Taos
 Tetum--Lea
 Torreon--Sandoval
 Torriette L.--Catron
 Trujillo--San Miguel
 Tyrone--Grant
 Uvas Valley--Dona Ana
 Valle Grande--Sandoval
 Vaughn--Guadalupe
 Watrous--Mora
 White Signal--Grant

sum/rec--summer record
 br/rec--breeding record
 uns/rec--unusual record
 con/rec--continuity record
 aut/arr--autumn arrival
 aut/rec--autumn record
 aut/dpt--autumn departure

CORRECTIONS to Field Notes Vol. XIV, No. 1, 1975-1, p. 8:

Franklin's Gull--14 at Socorro on 4/9 not 5/9 (PB).

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COMMON LOON

uns/rec--1 in "full summer plumage" Snow Lake 6/4 (WB); con/rec-- singles Farmington 11/15 (AN), Santa Fe 10/24-28 (JH+), McAlister Lake 11/2 (WH), Roswell 11/3 and 11/10-21 (JC+), Evans L. 11/15 (BR--fide DZ) and 11/22 (RF).

HORNED GREBE

con/rec--2 Las Cruces 11/1-30 (BP).

EARED GREBE

br/rec--many adults with young Burford L. 7/5 (CH); sum/rec--4 Eagle Nest L. 6/28 (WP), 4 Elephant Butte L. 6/7 (CH), 1 Snow L. 6/4 (WB); con/rec--1 Blackrock L. 8/26 (JH), 6 San Simon Cienaga 11/14 (JH), 1 Animas Valley 10/19 (BH), 23 Deming 11/17 (GS).

WESTERN GREBE

br/rec--adult with small young Burford L. 7/5 (CH); note--this appears to be the first proven breeding of this species in N.M. sum/rec--2 Chuska Mts. 7/24 (AN), 2 Heron L. and 4 El Vado 7/15 (MC, JH), to 13 Elephant Butte L. June-July (CH), with 60-70 there 9/13-14 (ML). aut/rec--1 Evans L. 9/23-24 (BR--fide DZ) and 1 Bitter L. NWR 8/1-11/21 (JC+).

WHITE PELICAN

sum/rec--1 June-July Morgan L. (AN), 3 Conchas L. 6/3 (Harry Mikel), 1 Bitter Lake NWR 6/24-30 (JC+). aut/rec--2 Morgan L. 10/16 (WS), 1 La Joya SGR 10/27 (OVB), peak 600 Bitter Lake NWR 10/10, first there 60 on 9/29 and last 1 on 11/15 (JC+).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT

br/rec--260 nests Elephant Butte L. (CH); sum/rec--several Burford and Heron L. 6/22 (JD, PF), 1 Heron L. 7/15 (JH), 6 Bosque del Apache NWR 6/5 (DZ+). aut/rec--1 Morgan L. 10/18 and 11/1 (AN), first Bitter Lake NWR 9/26 with peak 22 on 10/30-11/7 (JC+), 1-2 Evans L. 8/31 (JH) and 10/25 and 1 Bear Canyon L. 10/25 and 11/22 (RF+).

OLIVACEOUS CORMORANT

br/rec--at least 5 young produced from 5 nests Elephant Butte L. (CH); note--this is the first definite breeding for N.M. con/rec--1 possibly of this species at Bosque del Apache NWR 8/27 (RT), im. probably this species San Simon Cienaga 8/29, and 1 at Evans L. 8/31 (JH).

LITTLE BLUE HERON

br/rec--2 nests with young at Elephant Butte L. in July (CH) produced first evidence of breeding of the species in N.M.

CATTLE EGRET

br/rec--2 nests with young at Elephant Butte L. in July (CH) constitute first breeding record for the state.

AMERICAN BITTERN

con/rec--1 Uvas Valley 10/29 (GS).

WOOD STORK

uns/rec--1 Roberts L. 10.14-20 (Melvin and Clara Hess--fide RF); details include "large white bird with black pattern in wings" size of Great Blue Heron. Darkish head and neck."

WHITE-FACED IBIS

sum/rec--2 near Regina 6/21 (JD, PF); con/rec--7 Patterson Ranch 8/27 (JH), 1 near Rodeo 9/7 (RS).

WHISTLING SWAN

con/rec--singles Bosque del Apache NWR 11/27-28 (JD, AN) and Bitter Lake NWR 11/30 (JC+).

CANADA GOOSE

con/rec--9 Shiprock 11/26 (WS).

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE

con/rec--3 Bosque del Apache NWR 11/10 (OVB).

SNOW GOOSE

con/rec--1 near Cloverdale 11/15-16 (JH), 23 Sunland Park in autumn (BP), peak 29,500 Bitter Lake NWR 11/21 was record high there (JC+).

MALLARD

br/rec--broods Eagle Nest 6/28 (WP), Torriette L. 8/27 (JH), Elephant Butte L. 7/27 (CH), plus nest in Gila Wilderness in June (WB).

MEXICAN DUCK

br/rec--female with brood Centerfire Bog 6/10 (JH); con/rec--1 Bitter Lake NWR 11/15 (BS), 1 Elephant Butte L. 7/11 and 2 on 7/18 (CH), 2 Deming 11/17 (GS).

GADWALL

sum/rec--2 Eagle Nest L. 6/28 (WP), 3 Centerfire Bog 6/10 (JH); aut/rec--7 Hopewell L. 8/24 (WH), 2 near Cliff 8/31 (JH).

PINTAIL

sum/rec--1 Cliff 6/28 (fide RF); aut/rec--1 Hopewell L. 8/24 (WH).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL

sum/rec--many Burford L. 6/21-22 (JD, PF), 2 Centerfire Bog 6/10 (JH); aut/rec--5 San Luis Pass 8/30 (JH), 60 near Columbus 8/28 (GS).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL

sum/rec--3 Grenville 6/8 (KS), 6 Hayden L. 6/21 (JD, PF); aut/rec--4 near Hatch 10/28 (GS).

CINNAMON TEAL

aut/rec--3 Animas Valley 10/19 (BH), 2 near Hatch 10/28 (GS).

BLUEWING/CINNAMON TEAL

aut/rec--10 near Cabezon 10/3 (JH), peak 6053 Bitter Lake NWR 9/19, last 125 on 11/21 (JC+), 189 Lovington-Jal 9/19-20 (PP).

AMERICAN WIGEON

sum/rec--several Burford L. 6/21 (JD, PF).

SHOVELER

sum/rec--25 Snow L. 6/4 (WB).

REDHEAD

sum/rec--several Burford L. 6/21-22 (JD, PF), 15 Chuska Mts. 7/15 (AN), 3 Centerfire Bog 6/10 (JH), 2 Elephant Butte L. 6/20 (CH). aut/rec--20 Deming 10/28 (GS), peak 1270 Bitter Lake NWR 11/28 (JC+).

RING-NECKED DUCK

sum/rec--2 Centerfire Bog 6/10 (JH).

CANVASBACK

aut/rec--peak 906 Bitter Lake NWR 11/21 (JC+), 12 Deming 11/17 (GS), 1 Las Cruces 8/10-11/30 (BP).

LESSER SCAUP

sum/rec--several pair Hayden L. 6/21-22 (JD, PF).

COMMON GOLDENEYE

aut/rec--first Bitter Lake NWR 37 on 11/21 (JC+), 4 Roberts L. 11/25 (RF), 2 Las Cruces 11/30 (BP).

BUFFLEHEAD

aut/rec--first Bitter Lake NWR 1 on 9/19, 2 Alamos Hueco Mts. 11/13 (JH).

BLACK SCOTER

uns/rec--2 females at Bosque del Apache NWR 10/28 (GZ), one collected for first verified state record (to Smithsonian Institution).

SURF SCOTER

uns/rec--2 females photographed (NMOS-1975-6A, B) at San Luis Pass 11/9 (JH).

RUDDY DUCK

br/rec--single broods at Burford L. 7/5 (CH), Bosque del Apache NWR 7/23 (AN), and Bitter Lake NWR--for first breeding there (BS); sum/rec--6 Centerfire Bog 6/10 (JH), 2 Elephant Butte L. 6/16 and 17 on 7/16 (CH).

COMMON MERGANSER

br/rec--brood Upper Gila River in June (WB); sum/rec--2 near Farmington 6/10 (AN), 17 Heron-El Vado L. 6/22 (JD, PF) and 6 7/15 (MC, JH), 1 Frisco Hot Springs 6/11 (JH). aut/rec--first Bitter Lake NWR 2 on 11/14 (JC+), 2 Deming 11/17 (GS).

TURKEY VULTURE

sum/rec--5 Boone's Draw 6/2 (JH); aut/ dpt--Taos 9/28 (WH), Shiprock 10/2 (WS), Cedar Crest 10/9 (JH), Silver City 10/17 (RF), near Hachita 10/18 (BH).

WHITE-TAILED KITE

uns/rec--a subadult was present at Bitter Lake NWR 7/11-18 (BS+), where it was photographed for the first verified record for the state.

MISSISSIPPI KITE

sum/rec--1 found injured in Albuquerque (fide JH).

COOPER'S HAWK

br/rec--2 nests at Elephant Butte Lake (CH).

SWAINSON'S HAWK

aut/rec--concentration of 42 near Columbus 8/28 (GS); aut/dpt--Bitter Lake NWR 9/13 (JC+), Lordsburg area 9/17 (DZ), Claunch 9/28 (GS).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK

con/rec--3 in the Peloncillo Mt. area 8/30 (JH) and 1 on 9/4 (JE), 1 near Redrock 9/17 (GS).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK

aut/arr--several August-early Sept. records were submitted, but the first believable record was 1 near Separ 10/18 (BH); aut/rec--1-2 near Farmington 11/21 (WS) and 11/30 (AN), Cloverdale 11/8-12 (JH).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK

sum/rec--1 Crownpoint area 6/29 (WS), 3 Correo area 7/1 (JD, PF), 1 Boone's Draw 6/2 (JH).

BLACK HAWK

br/rec--4 nests in the Gila Valley (WB, RF).

BALD EAGLE

aut/arr--an adult near Eagle Nest on 9/24-25 (KG) was early.

MARSH HAWK

sum/rec--Bitter Lake NWR (BS+); aut/arr--exceptionally early was 1 near Datil 8/12 (DZ); otherwise 1-2 Bosque del Apache NWR 9/17 (RF), Claunch 9/27 (GS), Mt. Taylor 10/6 (JH).

OSPREY

aut/rec--1-2 in period 9/21-10/26 at Morgan L. (HL--fide AN), Farmington (AN), Conchas L. (ML), Sandia Mts. (OVB), Evans L. (RF), Carlsbad (BZ, KZ).

PEREGRINE FALCON

con/rec--1 Silver City 8/22 (Paul Wilmeth--fide DZ), 1 found injured near Deming in July (fide JH).

MERLIN

aut/rec--singles in period 10/6-11/15 Mt. Taylor (JH), Socorro (PB), Bitter Lake NWR (JC+), near Cliff 10/25 (RF).

BLUE GROUSE

br/rec--2 broods in Mogollon Mts. 8/4-5 (WB).

SCALED QUAIL

con/rec--1 near Torreon 6/6 and 2 near Horse Springs 6/13 (JH).

MONTEZUMA QUAIL

con/rec--numbers up in Silver City area (DZ), 2 Mimbres Valley 11/8 (RF).

PHEASANT

con/rec--3 near Tucumcari 6/26 (JH).

CHUKAR

con/rec--25-30 near Farmington 11/15 (AN+).

TURKEY

br/rec--brood at Bosque del Apache NWR (DZ).

SANDHILL CRANE

aut/arr--3 Bosque del Apache NWR 9/13 (RT), 2 Bitter Lake NWR 9/26, peak 37,200 on 10/30 (JC+), 1 Mangas Springs 10/25, peak 72 Cliff 11/22 (RF), heard at Cloverdale 10/26 (JH); con/rec--thousands over Clayton 11/1 (WC), 250 at Hatch and 200 in Uvas Valley 10/29 (GS).

WHOOPIING CRANE

uns/rec--single immatures arrived with foster-parent Sandhills as follows: Bosque del Apache NWR 10/25 and 11/29, Bernardo SGR 11/11, Los Lunas 11/12 (many observers); note--these are the first Whooping Cranes to be verified in New Mexico and they are the result of a program by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to establish a new population of the species through fostering by Sandhill Cranes.

SORA

con/rec--singles Pleasanton 6/11 (JH+) and Lake Roberts 10/4 (BZ, KZ).

COMMON GALLINULE

uns/rec--2 at San Simon Cienaga 8/29 (JH) are apparently a first local record; con/rec--1-2 Isleta 8/28 (RT) and 9/22 (OVB).

AMERICAN COOT

con/rec--several Snow L. in June (WB).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER

aut/rec--1 near Rodeo 9/10 (RS) was the only report.

SNOWY PLOVER

con/rec--peak 155 Bitter Lake NWR 8/1, with last 2 on 9/14 (JC+).

KILLDEER

con/rec--1 at La Cueva 9/10 (MS).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER

br/rec--nest with eggs east of Santo Domingo 6/22 (JD, PF); sum/rec--22 Grenville 6/8 (KS) 4 near Fence L. 6/10 (JH), 2 near Roswell 6/14 and 3 on 8/4 (MW).

COMMON SNIPE

uns/rec--4, including 2 giving flight displays, at Los Ojos 7/14-15 (JH) appear to be the first published summer records for the state; aut/arr--Bitter Lake NWR 9/14 (JC+), Jal 9/19 (PP).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW

sum/rec--1 Grenville 6/8 (KS), 1 near Tucumcari 6/26, 9 near Ft. Sumner 6/25, and 9 near Floyd 6/1 (JH). aut/rec--43 near Rosebud 9/5 (KG), 1 near Albuquerque 9/26 (JH), last Bitter Lake NWR 2 on 10/30 (JC+), 20 near Magdalena 8/28 (JH), 9 near Columbus 8/28 (GS).

UPLAND SANDPIPER

con/rec--5 Jal 9/19 (PP), 1 near Artesia 9/10 (MW).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER

con/rec--2 Blackrock L. 8/26 (JH), first Bitter Lake NWR 8/1 and last 11/28 (JC+), 9 Elephant Butte L. 7/27 (CH), 5 Jal 9/19 (PP).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER

con/rec--1 Cabezon 10/3 (JH), 2 Evans L. 8/31 (JH) and 1 on 10/4 (BZ, KZ).

WILLET

con/rec--1 Morgan L. 8/16 (WS).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS

con/rec--80 near Lordsburg 10/3 (DZ, MZ).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS

con/rec--1 Chuska Mts. 7/24 (AN), 50 Blackrock L. 8/26 (JH), to 75 near Lordsburg 10/3-6 (DZ, MZ), 11 Lovington-Jal 9/19-20 (PP).

RED KNOT

uns/rec--1-2 Bitter Lake NWR 8/30-9/14 (MW+), details including "breast quite red, short bill;" note--this species is rarely recorded in N.M.

PECTORAL SANDPIPER

uns/rec--2 near Lordsburg 8/29 (JH).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER

con/rec--40 Blackrock L. 8/26 (JH), 25 near Lordsburg 10/6 (DZ, MZ).

LEAST SANDPIPER

con/rec--2 Blackrock L. 8/26 (JH), 25 Elephant Butte L. 7/27 (CH), 5 Lovington-Jal 9/19-20 (PP).

DUNLIN

aut/rec--1 reported Bitter Lake NWR 8/28 (JC+).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER

con/rec--5 Blackrock L. 8/26 (JH), first Bitter Lake NWR 4 on 8/15 and last 41 on 11/7 (JC+), 35 near Lordsburg 10/4 (GS) and 31 on 10/25 (JH).

STILT SANDPIPER

uns/rec--2 Bitter Lake NWR 9/23 (MW).

WESTERN SANDPIPER

con/rec--10 Blackrock L. 8/26 (JH), 4 Lovington 9/20 (PP).

MARbled GODWIT

con/rec--2 Bitter Lake NWR 7/12 (MW).

HUDSONIAN GODWIT

uns/rec--1 was reported at Bitter Lake NWR 10/22, with details "black-and-white tail, blue-gray legs" (E. A. Hagenbuch, fide JC), but more information would be needed to accept fully a record of this rare species in the state.

SANDERLING

con/rec--1-3 Bitter Lake NWR 8/30-9/1 (MW+).

AMERICAN AVOCET

sum/rec--3-10 "nesting" Burford L. 6/21 (JD, PF), 2 Grenville 6/8 (KS), 15 Elephant Butte L. 7/26; con/rec--3 Morgan L. 8/16 (WS), 7 Blackrock L. 8/26 (JH), last at Bitter Lake NWR 2 on 11/21 (JC+), to 10 near Lordsburg 9/22-10/6 (DZ+), 6 near Hatch 10/29 (GS).

BLACK-NECKED STILT

aut/rec--last Bitter Lake NWR 6 on 9/14 (JC+).

RED PHALAROPE

uns/rec--1 reported on playa west of Lordsburg 9/26; details include "bill short enough to rule out Wilson's and it appeared relatively stout--much more so than that of the Northern Phalarope... had general soft grayish appearance of ...fall-plumaged Red Phalarope" (Walter Spofford); note--there is only one accepted record of this species from N. M.

WILSON PHALAROPE

con/rec--5 Chuska Mts. 7/24 (AN), 300 Blackrock L. 8/26 (JH), present Bitter Lake NWR 8/1-11/14 (JC+), 4 near Lordsburg 8/13 (RS) and 200 on 10/4 (GS), 5 Lovington 9/20 (PP).

NORTHERN PHALAROPE

con/rec--50 Blackrock L. 8/26 (JH), 6 Bitter Lake NWR 9/13 (DB), 2 near Lordsburg 10/6 (DZ, MZ).

HERRING GULL

con/rec--1-2 Morgan L. 10/18 (AN) to 11/7 (WS).

THAYER GULL

uns/rec--a grown juvenile collected near Hatch 10/28 (GS) proves to be only the second substantiated record for the state (specimen to Smithsonian Institution--identity confirmed by Dr. J. R. Jehl, Jr.)

CALIFORNIA GULL

uns/rec--30 subadults and 1 immature at Heron L. 7/15 were photographed (NMOS-1975-3A, B, C) for the second substantiated record of the species' occurrence in the state; details include "green legs, yellow bill with red and black marks on lower mandible" (JH).

RING-BILLED GULL

sum/rec--1 Morgan L. 7/24 (AN), 5 El Vado L. 6/22 (JD, PF), 3 subadults Heron L. 7/15 (JH), 2 subadults Eagle Nest L. 6/28 (WP); aut/rec--peak 2000 Bitter Lake NWR 11/21 (JC+), 1 Pleasanton 8/9 (LS), 13 Deming 11/17 (GS).

FRANKLIN GULL

con/rec--immature Morgan L. 9/14 (AN).

BONAPARTE GULL

con/rec--1 Bitter Lake NWR 11/28 (BS), 7 San Luis Pass 11/9 (JH).

SABINE GULL

uns/rec--1 immature Morgan L. 9/13-28; details include "small brown-backed gull...displaying a triangular white area on the trailing edge of the wings..white underparts...and on forehead...slightly forked tail tipped with black." Note--this species is rarely recorded in N.M.

FORSTER TERN

con/rec--25 Morgan L. 8/16 (WS), 6-11 Bitter Lake NWR 9/5-14 (JC+),
1 Elephant Butte L. 6/18 (CH).

LEAST TERN

con/rec--5 summered Bitter Lake NWR, but no nests found; last there
3 on 9/1 (JC+).

BLACK TERN

sum/rec--1 immature Burford L. 6/21 (JD, PF), 1-3 Elephant Butte L.
6/14-17 (CH); aut/rec--6 Morgan L. 8/16 (WS), to 23 Bitter Lake NWR
8/8-9/14 (JC+), 1 near Columbus 8/28 (GS), 14 near Las Cruces 8/15 (BP).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON

uns/rec--1 at Elephant Butte L. 6/6 (CH) was unusually low; aut/rec--
20 Mt. Taylor 10/4-6 (MC, JH).

ROCK DOVE

sum/rec--15 Grenville 6/8 (KS), 24 near Tucumcari 6/26, 1 near Floyd
6/1 (JH).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE

uns/rec--1 near Socorro 6/1-8/21 (PB), 1 in the Mogollon Mts. at the
junction of Rain and Mogollon creeks in June (WB), 2 in Silver City
9/6 (BZ, KZ).

MOURNING DOVE

con/rec--1-2 at La Cueva 9/7-15 (MS), last at Las Vegas 10/9 (WH).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO

sum/arr--singles near Bosque del Apache NWR 6/1 (CC) and Boone's Draw
6/2 (JH); con/rec--singles Los Ojos 6/22 (JD, PF) and Maljamar 6/24
(JH), plus 10 near Roswell 7/3 (DB, JC).

ROADRUNNER

br/rec--nest Boone's Draw 6/2 (CH); con/rec--1 at Horse Springs 6/13
(JH), 2 at 7500 ft. in the Pinos Altos Mts. 10/29 (DZ), 1 at 7100 ft.
in the Black Range 9/20 (RF).

ANI

uns/rec--a bird obviously of the group was photographed at Bosque del
Apache NWR 10/12 (Larry Ditto), but the grooves do not show in the
photo (NMOS-1975-2).

BARN OWL

con/rec--singles at Pleasanton 7/5 (JH), near Cliff 6/28 (RF), near
Tyrone 7/4 (RF), near Lordsburg 10/31 (DZ), near Deming 8/31 (WB).

SCREECH OWL

br/rec--nested at Farmington (fide AN); con/rec--1 Pleasanton 9/20 (LS),
1 in the Peloncillos near Rodeo 8/29 (JH)--a juvenile captured there
8/13 was thought to be a Whiskered Owl (RS), but this diagnosis cannot
be confirmed.

PYGMY OWL

con/rec--singles near Santa Fe 9/26 (JE) and Cloudcroft 8/17 (BZ, KZ).

BURROWING OWL

sum/rec--1-3 Tucumcari 6/26, Ft. Sumner and Tatum 6/25 (JH); aut/dpt--
last Shiprock 9/3 (WS).

SPOTTED OWL

br/rec--pair of adults with 2 young Pinos Altos Mts. 6/23 and 6/26
(RF+); sum/rec--up to 9 in the Mogollon Mts. (WB).

LONG-EARED OWL

sum/rec--1 near Horse Mt. 6/1 (McK).

SHORT-EARED OWL
con/rec--1 Bitter Lake NWR 10/22 (JC+).

POORWILL
aut/rec--near Taos 9/2 (WH), 2 near Claunch 9/27 (GS).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK
br/rec--nest Navajo L. 7/7 (AN); sum/rec--4 Floyd 6/1 and 4-6 Tucumcari, Dexter, and Maljamar 6/24-26 (JH). aut/rec--300 Aztec 8/9 (AN), last Shiprock 8/16 (WS), Las Vegas 8/17 (WH), Albuquerque 9/2 (RN).

LESSER NIGHTHAWK
br/rec--nested Elephant Butte L. (CH).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT
sum/rec--2 near Trujillo 6/26 (JH); aut/dpt--Farmington 10/8 (AN), 10 near Evans L. 10/4 (BZ, KZ).

HUMMINGBIRD SP.
aut/rec--1 La Cueva 10/18 (MS), 1 Albuquerque 10/12-11/1 (DDL).

ANNA HUMMINGBIRD
con/rec--male Silver City 8/18 and 11/4 (DZ+).

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD
uns/rec--male Maljamar 6/24 (JH).

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD
aut/arr--Pleasanton 7/4-5 (LS+), Socorro 7/10 (PB). Numbers were down at feeders at these sites plus Farmington (AN+), Albuquerque (DDL, RN), and Silver City area (RF), but in the mountains 43 were counted near Cloudcroft 8/16 and 48 on 8/17 and 10 in the Organs 9/13 (BZ, KZ). aut/dpt--1 Pleasanton 9/28 (LS).

RIVOLI HUMMINGBIRD
uns/rec--female Pleasanton 8/11-9/13 (LS).

BLUE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD
uns/rec--1 was reported at Bandelier NM 7/5; details include "large size (4-5)", blue throat, and white patches on the outer...tail feathers" (Fred Stimson).

BELTED KINGFISHER
sum/rec--1 Farmington 6/10 (AN), 2 Los Ojos 7/14 (JH), 1 San Acacia 8/9 (JH), and at least 7 on upper Gila in June (WB). aut/rec--2 near Kenna 10/6 (GS), 1 Lovington 9/20 (PP).

NORTHERN FLICKER
con/rec--singles of Yellow-shafted at Silver City 10/28 (May and Stuart O'Byrne--fide DZ) and Rattlesnake Springs 10/24 (BZ, KZ).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER
con/rec--1 at hole near Tucumcari 6/26 (JH), 1 adult and 1 immature Albuquerque 9/10 (RN).

ACORN WOODPECKER
uns/rec--1 in Albuquerque ca. 7/21-8/7 (RN); con/rec--3-4 east of Cuba 6/21 (JD, PF), 1 Ladron Mts. 9/25 (OVV), 4 Organ Mts. 9/13 (BZ, KZ).

LEWIS WOODPECKER
con/rec--10 near Aragon 8/27 (MC, JH).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER
br/rec--nest east of Cuba 6/21 (JD, PF); sum/rec--3 near El Rito 7/1 (MS); aut/rec--1 Ladron Mts. 9/25 (OVV), 2 Pleasanton 9/28 (JH), 1 of various race collected Guadalupe Canyon 11/10 (JH), 2 Sycamore Well 10/18 (BH).

WILLIAMSON SAPSUCKER

con/rec--1 east of Cuba 6/21 (JD, PF), female Albuquerque 9/10 (RN).

HAIRY WOODPECKER

br/rec--2 nests Elephant Butte Lake in June (CH); sum/rec--1 Socorro 7/16 (PB).

DOWNY WOODPECKER

sum/rec--1 east of Cuba 6/2 (JD, PF), 2 on upper Gila in June (WB);
aut/rec--singles Corrales 9/7 (JD), Silver City 10/30 (DZ), Ft.
Bayard 11/2 (BH).

EASTERN KINGBIRD

sum/rec--singles Watrous 6/22 (WH), near Isleta 6/1 (JD, PF).

WESTERN KINGBIRD

aut/dpt--Las Vegas 9/15 (WH), Shiprock 9/18 (WS), Jal 9/19 (PP),
Claunch 9/28 (GS), and a late bird at Evans L. 10/25 (RF) and a very
late 2 at Bosque del Apache NWR 11/14 (JD).

CASSIN KINGBIRD

sum/rec--4 Grenville 6/8 (KS), 6 near Trujillo 6/26 (JH); aut/dpt--
singles at Redrock and San Luis Pass 10/25 (JH).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER

sum/rec--1 Silver City 7/3 (Mike Chintis--fide BH). sum/rec--singles
Roswell area 7/2 (BS) and 8/2 (MW), 3 Tatum-Lovington 6/25 (JH).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER

sum/rec--1 Maljamar 6/24, 4 near Tucumcari 6/26 (JH).

EASTERN PHOEBE

con/rec--singles at La Joya SGR 10/27--well-described--(OVB) and near
Roswell 8/23 (MW).

BLACK PHOEBE

uns/rec--1 near Bloomfield during summer (Annie Schultz--fide AN), 2
near Jemez Springs 6/21 (JD, PF); note--these are near or at northern
limits in N. M. con/rec--1-2 Albuquerque 9/10 (RN), Isleta 10/4 (RT),
Apache Creek 6/12 (JH).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER

sum/rec--1 near Red River 7/2 (WP), summered Elephant Butte L. with
young 7/17 (CH), many late migrants Boone's Draw 6/1-2 (JH+).

HAMMOND FLYCATCHER

sum/rec--singles near Ojo Sarco 6/8 (JT) and Red River 6/29 (WP).

DUSKY FLYCATCHER

sum/rec--2 at Boone's Draw 6/1 (JH+) were late migrants.

GRAY FLYCATCHER

sum/rec--1 El Vado 7/17 (JH), 5 near Ojo Sarco 6/8 (JT), 1 near Pecos
6/28 (RW), 5 near Fence L. 6/10 (JH).

WESTERN FLYCATCHER

br/rec--young in nest near Taos 8/3 (WH).

WESTERN WOOD PEWEE

aut/dpt--La Cueva 9/15 (MS), Shiprock 9/18 (WS), Evans L. 10/4 (BZ,KZ).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER

sum/rec--3 at Boone's Draw 6/1 (JH+) were late migrants; aut/rec--
small numbers in period 9/4-14 at La Cueva (MS), Albuquerque (RN),
Bosque del Apache NWR (RT+), Organ Mts. (BZ, KZ).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER

con/rec--male La Joya SGR 10/27 (OVB).

VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW

sum/rec--thousands over Farmington 6/10-11 (AN) were late migrants.
aut/dpt--McAlister L. 9/1 (WH), 30 Mogollon Mts. 9/20 (GS).

TREE SWALLOW

br/rec--20 at Red River, including pair at nest hole 6/25-7/2 (WP),
nested Elephant Butte L. (CH); sum/rec--8 Los Ojos 7/14, 5 Hopewell
L. 7/15 (JH).

BANK SWALLOW

aut/dpt--McAlister L. 9/1 (WH), 6 near Cliff 9/7 (BZ, KZ).

ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW

br/rec--nested Elephant Butte L. (CH); sum/rec--4 near Ojo Sarco
6/8 (JT).

BARN SWALLOW

br/rec--1 near Vaughn 6/24 (JH), 1 Lake Roberts in June (RF); sum/rec--
singles Datil and Magdalena 7/25, 14 Horse Springs 6/13, 2 Pleasanton
6/10-8/9 (JH), 2 Deming 6/7 (CC), plus June records near Grenville
(KS), Tucumcari, Trujillo, Encino, Vaughn, Ft. Sumner (JH), and near
Horse Mt. 6/1 (McK). aut/dpt--Shiprock 9/18 (WS), Las Vegas 9/29
(WH), Cliff 10/4 (BZ, KZ), Mt. Taylor 10/5 (JH), Hachita 10/18 (BH),
Bitter Lake NWR last week Oct. (JC+).

CLIFF SWALLOW

sum/rec--thousands of apparent migrants over Farmington 6/10-11 (AN),
30 Tucumcari 6/26 (JH), 30 Deming 6/7 (CC).

PURPLE MARTIN

sum/rec--1 at Farmington--which is unusual--6/11 (AN), 5 near Fence L.
6/10 (JH), 7 near Horse Mt. 6/1 (McK).

GRAY JAY

sum/rec--1 adult and a begging juv. at Rio Santa Barbara 6/28 (KG).

BLUE JAY

uns/rec--1 Roswell 7/30 (MW) and 10/18-29 (JC+), 1 Las Cruces 11/13
(Robert Moffitt--fide BP), 1 Rattlesnake Springs 10/24 (BZ, KZ).

STELLER JAY

sum/rec--4 near Fence L. 6/10 (JH).

SCRUB JAY

con/rec--1 Socorro 10/1 (PB), 2 Sycamore Wells 10/19 (BH).

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE

sum/rec--2 Burford L. 6/21 (JD, PF), 6 El Vado 7/15 (JH), 30 near Ojo
Sarco 6/8 (FT).

COMMON RAVEN

sum/rec--9 Grenville 6/8 (KS), 2 Tucumcari 6/26 (JH), 6 San Agustin
Plains near Horse Springs 6/13 (JH), 5 Cactus Flats near Mule Creek
6/11 (JH).

WHITE-NECKED RAVEN

br/rec--nest near Vaughn 6/24; sum/rec--3 pair at empty nests Cactus
Flat near Mule Creek 6/11 (JH); con/rec--40 Pleasanton 10/23 (JH).

COMMON CROW

sum/rec--1 Hayden L. 6/22 (JD, PF), 12 near Ojo Sarco 6/8 (FT), 35
Taos-Eagle Nest 6/25-30 (WP), summered Las Vegas--juveniles on 7/20
(WH), 7 near Pecos 6/28 (RW), 3 near Buckhorn 8/31 (JH); aut/rec--
8 Valle Grande 10/6 (MS), first Albuquerque 10/19 (RN), first Socorro
10/30 (PB).

PINYON JAY

sum/rec--15 Farmington area 6/10 (AN), 4 Horse Springs 6/13 (JH), 24 near Horse Mt. 6/1 (McK), abundant upper Gila in June (WB), 9 Pleasanton 7/6 (JH). aut/rec--1 Shiprock 9/29 (WS), large flocks Capitan Mts. 9/1 and 11/27 (MW), large flocks Silver City area Oct.-Nov. (RF+), including 3000 on 10/4 (BZ, KZ), 15 near Cloverdale 11/11-12 (JH).

CLARK NUTCRACKER

sum/rec--2 near El Vado L. 7/15 (JH), abundant Mogollon Mts. 8/2-5 (WB). aut/rec--1 Mt. Taylor 10/4-6 (JH).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE

sum/rec--2 Kirtland 7/25 (GS).

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE

aut/rec--2 Pleasanton 9/27-28 and heard 10/26 (JH), 2 Silver City 10/12-13 (DZ); note--these were the only lower elevation reports.

PLAIN TITMOUSE

con/rec--8 Organ Mts. 9/20 (BZ, KZ).

VERDIN

con/rec--1 La Joya SGR 11/8 (JE).

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH

con/rec--2 Organ Mts. 9/13 (BZ, KZ).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH

con/rec--1 Shiprock 9/7 (WS), Sandia Mts. 6/22 (CA), 15 Mogollon Mts. 8/3-5 (WB), 3 near Cloudcroft 8/17 (BZ, KZ); note--these were the only reports.

BROWN CREEPER

aut/rec--singles Shiprock 9/16 (WS), Socorro 10/20 (PB).

DIPPER

sum/rec--common on west and middle forks of Gila River in June (WB).

HOUSE WREN

aut/dpt--1-2 at Albuquerque 10/1 (RN), Carlsbad Caverns NP 10/24-25 (BZ, KZ), Alamo Hueco Mts. 11/12-13 (JH).

BEWICK WREN

sum/rec--1 Farmington 6/10 (AN), 2 Grenville 6/8 (KS), 3 El Pueblo 7/4 (WH), 4 Tucumcari 6/26 (JH); aut/rec--1 Sycamore Well 10/18-19 (BH).

CACTUS WREN

sum/rec--1 Roswell 7/26 (MW), 2 near Hagerman 6/24, 5 Maljamar 6/25 (JH).

LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN

aut/rec--2-3 Patterson Ranch 10/26 (JH), Mangas Springs 10/25 (RF), Deming 11/17 (GS).

MOCKINGBIRD

uns/rec--3 on upper Gila River in June (WB).

GRAY CATBIRD

sum/rec--singles Los Ojos 7/14 (JH), near Ojo Sarco 6/8 (JT), Las Vegas 6/2 (WH); aut/rec--1 at Las Vegas 11/19-28 (WH) was unusually late.

BENDIRE THRASHER

sum/rec--2 Nageezi 6/21 (MS), 9 Torreon area 6/6 (JH), 6 near Correo 6/29 and 9 near Isleta 6/1 (JD, PF), 13 near Fence L. 6/10, 1 Horse Springs 6/13 and 1 near Magdalena 7/25 (JH); aut/rec--1 near Farmington 9/6 (AW--fide AN) was near the northern limits of the range in N.M.

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER

br/rec--nest at Pleasanton 7/26-8/9 (JH); sum/rec--1 near Floyd 6/1 and 2 Maljamar 6/25 (JH); aut/rec--1 Bitter Lake NWR 10/20-24 (JC+).

CRISSAL THRASHER

br/rec--nest Elephant Butte I. in June (CH); con/rec--1 Pleasanton 7/4 and 2 on 9/26-28 (JH).

SAGE THRASHER

sum/rec--1 Farmington 6/10 (AN), 4 near Taos 6/25 (WP), 1 near Torreon 6/6 (JH).

AMERICAN ROBIN

br/rec--nested at Kirtland (CH); sum/rec--1 Crowpoint 6/29 (WS), 12 near Isleta 6/1 (JD, PF), Bitter Lake NWR (BS+).

HERMIT THRUSH

sum/rec--2 at Boone's Draw 6/1-2 (JH) were late migrants; aut/rec--singles Bayard 11/9-13 (RF), Alamos Hueco Mts. 11/13 (JH).

SWAINSON THRUSH

sum/rec--several at Boone's Draw 6/1-2 (JH+) were late migrants, pair with young east of Cuba 6/21 (JD, PF); aut/rec--1 Mogollon Mts. 9/20 (GS).

WESTERN BLUEBIRD

sum/rec--7 near Horse Springs 6/13 (JH), 9 near Horse Mt. 6/1 (McK); aut/rec--5 Pleasanton 10/23-26, 8 near Cloverdale 11/8 (JH), 2 Rattlesnake Springs 10/24 (BZ, KZ).

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD

sum/rec--3 Farmington 6/10 (AN), 3 Nageezi 6/2 (MS), 2 near Torreon 6/6 (JH), 1 Crowpoint 6/29 (WS), 55 near Pecos 6/28 (RW), 1 Trujillo 6/26 (JH), Sandia Mts. 6/22 (CA), 9 near Fence L. 6/10 (JH), 4 Horse Springs 6/13 (JH), 2 near Horse Mt. 6/1 (McK), several upper Gila River in June (WB). aut/rec--near Las Vegas 11/23 (WH), 4-5 La Cueva 11/8-10 (MS), 10 near Cloverdale 11/8 (JH).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER

sum/rec--1 near Pecos 6/28 (RW); aut/rec--singles Pleasanton 9/28, Alamo Hueco Mts. 11/13 (JH), Organ Mts. 9/13 (BZ, KZ).

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER

uns/rec--1 and possibly 2 seen in Skeleton Canyon, near Cliff, 7/21 (WB).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET

sum/rec--several east of Cuba 6/21 (JD, PF), Bandelier NM 7/12 (CA), near Las Vegas 7/29 (WH); aut/arr--Pleasanton 9/28 (JH), Cliff 10/1-4 (BZ, KZ), Albuquerque 10/21 (PB).

WATER PIPIT

aut/rec--small numbers Hopewell I. 8/24 (WH), Shiprock 10/2 (WS), Mt. Taylor (JH) and Kenna (GS) 10/6, Mangas Springs 10/25 (RF), Deming 10/28 (GS).

BOHEMIAN WAXWING

uns/rec--1-2 at Cedar Crest 11/16-19 (JS) was the only report.

CEDAR WAXWING

aut/rec--only reports were small numbers at Farmington 10/1-7 (AN), Cedar Crest 10/5-31 (JS), Roswell 10/30 (Jim Sykes).

PHAINOPEPLA

br/rec--nest found near Evans I. 6/28 (RF); con/rec--1 San Luis Pass 10/25 (JH), 1-2 Guadalupe Mts. 11/9-10 (KG).

NORTHERN SHRIKE

con/rec--only report was of an adult near Los Alamos 11/27 (BL).

COMMON STARLING

sum/rec--3 near Torreon 6/6 (JH), 5 near Crownpoint 6/29 (WS), 67 near Isleta 6/1 (JD, PF), adult and 2 immatures Centerfire Bog 6/10--plus 200 there 8/27, 9 Maljamar 6/25 (JH).

RED-EYED VIREO

uns/rec--1 at Roswell 9/9 (MW).

WARBLING VIREO

sum/rec--3 at Boone's Draw 6/1-2 (JH+) were late migrants.

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER

con/rec--1 at Roswell 10.1 (MW).

TENNESSEE WARBLER

uns/rec--1 reported Socorro 9/8-9; details include "white eyestripe, gray head, greenish back and plain white underparts. Warbler bill." (PB).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER

aut/rec--10 Evans L. 10/4 (BZ, KZ), 1 near Estancia 10/26 (RT+).

VIRGINIA WARBLER

aut/rec--Albuquerque 10.19 (DDL).

LUCY WARBLER

br/rec--nest Elephant Butte L. 6/6 and near San Marcial 6/19 (CH).

PARULA WARBLER

uns/rec--immature near Evans L. 10/4; details include "bright yellow throat and breast...snowy white lower belly and undertail coverts. Tail...mostly white with dark band at end. Upperparts dull olive-gray with yellow-olive inverted pyramid on upper back. 2 conspicuous white wing bars. Faint eye ring, flesh-colored legs" (BZ, KZ).

YELLOW WARBLER

sum/rec--1 Tucumcari 6/26 (JH).

CAPE MAY WARBLER

uns/rec--1 reported without details in Silver City 10/14 (DZ, MZ).

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER

sum/rec--several Audubon Warblers at Boone's Draw 6/1-2 (JH+) were late migrants.

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER

sum/rec--8 near Ojo Sarco 6/8 (JT), 1 near Horse Springs 6/13 (JH); aut/rec--1 near Ruidoso 9/1 (MW), 1 Organ Mts. 9/13 (BZ, KZ).

TOWNSEND WARBLER

aut/rec--1-4 at Roswell 9/13 and 10/1 (MW), Mangas Springs 10/25 (RF), Organ Mts. 9/13 (BZ, KZ).

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER

uns/rec--1 reported without details Roswell in early Sept. (fide MW).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER

uns/rec--1 near Estancia 10/25; details include "lime green back with definite yellowish green head, a distinct white eyering, two yellow wingbars...under belly white" (RT+).

OVENBIRD

sum/rec--3 at Boone's Draw 6/1-2 (JH+) were late migrants.

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH

sum/rec--1 at Boone's Draw 6/2 (JH+) was a late migrant; 1 at Jal 9/19 (PP) was the only autumn report.

MACGILLIVRAY WARBLER

sum/rec--5 Ojo Sarco 6/8 (JT), 1 Cloudcroft 6/22 (CC), plus several late migrants Boone's Draw 6/1-2 (JH+); aut/rec--Albuquerque 8/29-9/17 (RN), Socorro 9/2-15 (PB), Roswell 9/7 and 9/13 (MW).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT

sum/rec--3 Boone's Draw 6/1-2 (JH+); aut/rec--1 Pleasanton 9/26 (JH).

HOODED WARBLER

uns/rec--female banded Boone's Draw 6/1 (JH); female observed Roswell 9/16, details including "similar but larger than Wilson, white tail spots" (MW).

WILSON WARBLER

sum/rec--4-5 near Red River 6/27-7/3 (WP), plus several late migrants Boone's Draw 6/1-2 (JH+). aut/rec--1 Patterson Ranch 8/27 (JH), present Socorro 8/28-9/9 (PB), Shiprock 9/7-18 (WS), Cedar Crest 9/7-22 (JS), Las Vegas 9/9-20 (WH), 1 La Cueva 10/7 (MS), 2 Evans L. 10/4 (BZ, KZ).

AMERICAN REDSTART

sum/rec--1 immature male at Boone's Draw 6/2 (JH) was a late migrant; aut/rec--several in female plumage Corrales 9/7 (JD), 2 Roswell 9/15 (MW), and a very late one near Anthony 11/24 (Kate Redmond and Noel Cartright--fide BP).

PAINTED REDSTART

sum/rec--"very common within the Gila Wilderness at moderate to low elevations" (WB), but numbers apparently down in the Pinos Altos Mts. where only 1 reported all summer (DZ).

MEADOWLARKS

sum/rec--the following ratios of Eastern to Western were recorded in June: Tucumcari 1/80, Ft. Sumner 3/0, Encino 0/2, Floyd 123/21, Maljamar 94/97, Fence L. 37/9, Horse Spring 42/0, Horse Mt. 4/1, Apache Creek 1/0, Mule Creek 5/0, Deming 83/0; also 2 Easterns were singing at Patterson Ranch 10/26 and at Cloverdale 11/8-12 (JH).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD

sum/rec--many at Burford L. 7/15, 17 Centerfire Bog 6/10 (JH), and single males at Bosque del Apache NWR 6/6 (MZ) and Pleasanton 7/7 (LS); aut/rec--1 Patterson Ranch 10/26 (JH), 50 near Columbus 8/28 (GS), 40 Jal 9/19 (PP).

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD

con/rec--2 La Cueva 11/3 (MS), 10 Pleasanton 6/10-12 (JH).

ORIOLE SP.

an unidentified bird with a "very orange breast, no black" at Las Vegas 11/11 (WH).

ORCHARD ORIOLE

sum/rec--3 at Boone's Draw 6/1-2 (JH+), 1-2 near Roswell 6/7 and 6/19 (MW).

SCOTT ORIOLE

sum/rec--1 Pleasanton 6/27-7/6, 4 on 7/26-8/9 (JH); aut/rec--1 Ladron Mts. 9/14 (OVB).

NORTHERN ORIOLE

uns/rec--male Baltimore reported near Clayton 5/16-8/18, associated with nest and described in part as having "all black head" as distinguished from nearby Bullocks (Mrs. Mort Baker--fide WC); also a male there 9/21, and probably 9/16 (WC).

BREWER BLACKBIRD

sum/rec--8 Crownpoint area 6/29 (WS), 20 Centerfire Bog and 3 Torriette L. 6/10, 3 Apache Creek 6/12 (JH), several pair near Gila Cliff Dwellings in June (WB); aut/rec--to 80 at La Cueva 9/10-10/13 (MS).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE

br/rec--nested Elephant Butte L. (CH); sum/rec--5 Tucumcari 6/26, 2 Hagerman and 4 Artesia 6/24, and a solitary male near Apache Creek 6/12 (JH). aut/rec--to 12 at Las Vegas 8/12-10/28 (WH), 5 Lovington 9/20 (PP), 1 near Hurley 11/19 (Jean Ralston).

COMMON GRACKLE

sum/rec--summered at Las Vegas and present to 11/15--with juveniles 6/20 (WH), 1 Corrales 8/31 and 8 near Isleta 6/1 (JD, PF), 5 Tucumcari 6/21 and 2 Ft. Sumner 6/2 (JH).

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD

sum/rec--20 Torriette L. 6/10 (JH).

BRONZED COWBIRD

uns/rec--a female at Pleasanton 6/10 (Gale Monson) is a first local record.

HEPATIC TANAGER

sum/rec--5 near Fence L. 6/10 (JH), Organ Mts. 6/22 (JB), with 2 there 9/13 (BZ, KZ); aut/rec--2-3 Socorro 9/11-20 (PB).

SUMMER TANAGER

br/rec--nested Elephant Butte L. (CH); aut/rec--1 Evans L. 10/4 (BZ, KZ).

CARDINAL

uns/rec--1 at Bosque del Apache NWR 9/13 (fide RT) was definitely out-of-range.

PYRRHULOXIA

sum/rec--1 Maljamar 6/24 (JH); aut/rec--2 Bitter Lake NWR 10/22 (JC+), 10 near Alamo Hueco Mts. 11/9-13 (JH), 1 Jal 9/19 (PP).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK

sum/rec--2 females Boone's Draw 6/1-2 (JH+); aut/rec--female Silver City 11/4-9 (DZ, MZ).

BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK

aut/rec--2 La Cueva 9/5 (MS), 1 Albuquerque 9/9 (RN), 23 Organ Mts. 9/13 (BZ, KZ).

BLUE GROSBEAK

br/rec--nested Elephant Butte L. (CH), and a pair with young Los Alamos 8/34 (BL) was at the rather high altitude of 6300 ft.; aut/rec--last Clayton 2 on 10/2-6 (WC), and 1 at Shiprock 9/18 (WS).

INDIGO BUNTING

sum/rec--4 Elephant Butte L. 7/12 (CH) and 1-2 Tucumcari 6/26, Boone's Draw 6/2, and Pleasanton 6/11 (JH) and Bosque del Apache NWR 6/7 (DZ).

LAZULI BUNTING

sum/rec--1 Chuska Mts. 7/23 and several Farmington 7/23-31 (AN), 2 Ojo Sarco 6/8 (JT), Las Vegas 6/17 (WH); aut/rec--6 Pinos Altos Mts. 8/27 (RF).

PAINTED BUNTING

uns/rec--a male at Pleasanton 7/20 (LS) was most unusual.

EVENING GROSBEAK

con/rec--flock east of Cuba 6/21 (JD, PF), 3 near Red River 6/28 and 7/1 (WP), 2 Cedar Crest 9/1 (JS), 3 Pleasanton 7/28 (JH); note--these were the only reports.

CASSIN FINCH

sum/rec--1 east of Cuba 6/21 (JD, PF), 4 near El Rito 7/1 (MS), 6-7 near Red River 6/26-7/2 (WP); aut/rec--Albuquerque 10/5 (RN).

FINE CROSSBEAK

con/rec--small flock Sandia Mts. 9/25 (OVB).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH

uns/rec--2 immatures at Silver City 8/23 (DZ, MZ) were unusually early.

LESSER GOLDFINCH

br/rec--nesting Chuska Mts. 7/23 (AN); sum/rec--1 Tucumcari 6/26 (JH).
aut/rec--last Las Vegas 10/10 (WH), 2 La Cueva 9/19 (MS), 4 Mogollon Mts. 9/20 (GS).

RED CROSSBILL

con/rec--small flock Chama 8/2 (JD), 15-18 Bandelier NM 7/12 (CA), 6 Los Alamos 7/26 (BL), 2 Santa Fe 7/17 (JH), near Mora 7/20 (WH), 5 Mt. Taylor 10/4-6 (JH); note--these were the only records.

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE

sum/rec--3 Heron-El Vado lakes 7/15 (JH), near Mora 7/20 (WH), 24 Fence L. 6/10 (JH), 5 Cloudcroft 6/22 (CC).

RUFOUS-SIDED TOWHEE

br/rec--nest with young Elephant Butte L. 6/7 (CH); aut/rec--5 Organ Mts. 9/13 (BZ, KZ).

BROWN TOWHEE

con/rec--2 Grenville 6/8 (KS), 2 Tucumcari 6/26 (JH), 5 near Roswell 7/3 (DB, JC), 3 Horse Springs 6/13 (JH), 2 Carlsbad area 10/26 (BZ, KZ).

LARK BUNTING

br/rec--a pair at a nest near Torreon 6/6 (JH) may be a first breeding record for the northwest; sum/rec--9 Grenville (KS), 2 near Vaughn 6/2 (JH), 33 near Roswell 7/3 (DB, JC), plus migrants--3 near Albuquerque and 3 between Magdalena and Datil 7/25 (JH); aut/rec--McAlister L. 9/1 (WH), 3 Bosque del Apache NWR 8/24 (WH), and 50 near Alamo Hueco Mts.--but none farther west--11/9-13 (JH).

SAVANNAH SPARROW

sum/rec--5 Burford L. 7/15 (JH).

VESPER SPARROW

sum/rec--fairly common Burford L. and 26 El Vado-Heron lakes 7/15 (JH), 32 near Pecos 6/28 (RW), 51 near Fence L. 6/10, 2 Centerfire Bog 6/10, 3 Horse Springs 6/13 (JH); aut/rec--1 Pleasanton 9/27 (JH), 100 Evans L. 10/4 (BZ, KZ).

LARK SPARROW

sum/rec--10 Grenville 6/8 (KS), 1 near Fence L. 6/10, 6 Floyd 6/1, 10 Maljamar 6/25 (JH); aut/rec--last Shiprock 10/20 (WS), 1 La Cueva 10/31 (MS).

CASSIN SPARROW

sum/rec--38 Grenville 6/8 (KS), 31 Tucumcari 6/26, 236 Floyd 6/1, 3 near Encino 6/24 (JH), 161 near Roswell (DB, JC), 115 Maljamar 6/24-25 (JH).

BLACK-THROATED SPARROW

sum/rec--3 Farmington 6/10 (AN), 17 near Torreon 6/6 (JH), 3 near Isleta 6/1 (JD, PF), 8 Tucumcari 6/26, 1 Maljamar 6/25 (JH).

SAGE SPARROW

sum/rec--2 Farmington 6/10 (AN), 2 Nageezi 6/21 (MS), 23 Torreon 6/6 (JH).

DARK-EYED JUNCO

con/rec--Slate-colored present at Shiprock 11/13 and 11/26, including 1 with white wingbars 11/26 (WS) and Taos 11/27 and Las Vegas 11/6-24 (WH); aut/arr--Oregons at Cedar Crest 10/7 (JS), Albuquerque 10/9 (RN), Sycamore Well 10/18-19 (WH), Shiprock 10/20 (WS), Carlsbad Caverns NP 10/25 (BZ, KZ).

GRAY-HEADED JUNCO

br/rec--3 juveniles Torriette L. 8/27 (JH).

TREE SPARROW

aut/rec--1 near Portales 11/27 (BZ, KZ).

CHIPPING SPARROW

br/rec--adult with fledgling San Marcial 6/19 (CH); sum/rec--common Chuska Mts. 7/23 and several summered Farmington (AN), 1 Boone's Draw 6/1 (JH).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW

1 Silver City 10/24 (DZ).

BREWER SPARROW

sum/rec--2 near Farmington 6/10 (AN), 3 Burford L. 7/15, 1 near Torreon 6/6, and 8 early migrants near Magdalena 7/25 (JH).

HARRIS SPARROW

con/rec--1 at Las Vegas 11/28 (WH) was the only report.

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW

sum/rec--many near Cumbres Pass east of Chama 6/22 (JD, PF), 4 Rio Santa Barbara 6/28 (KG), near Mora 7/20 (WH); aut/arr--Aragon and Pleasanton 9/26 (JH), Shiprock 10/2 (WS), Cabezon 10/3 (JH), Evans L. 10/4 (BZ, KZ), Las Vegas (WH) and Sycamore Well (BH) 10/18, Uvas Valley 10/29 (GS).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW

aut/rec--singles at Bosque del Apache NWR 10/25 (RT+), Las Vegas 11/20-23 (WH), Cedar Crest 11/29 (JS).

FOX SPARROW

uns/rec--quite unexpected was 1 reported near Red River 7/3, with details including "Watched lone bird feed and sing...gray rather than dark bird" (WP); aut/rec--1 Las Vegas 11/30 "tail and most upper parts very rufous" (WH).

LINCOLN SPARROW

sum/rec--1 Hopewell L. 7/15 (JH), 2 Rio Santa Barbara 6/28 (KZ), while 5 at Boone's Draw 6/1-2 (JH+) were late migrants.

SONG SPARROW

sum/rec--1 Jemez Springs and many Fenton L. 6/21 (JD, PF), 12 near Ojo Sarco 6/8 (JT), 1 Rio Santa Barbara 6/29 (KG), near Mora 7/20 (WH); aut/rec--3 Patterson Ranch 10/26 (JH), 1 Tatum 9/30 (PP).

LONGSPURS

aut/rec--thousands White Signal-Separ 10/18 and Animas Valley 10/19 (BH).

MCCOWN LONGSPUR

aut/rec--1 near Cloverdale 10/25 and 5--including 3 banded--11/9-12 (JH, GS).

LAPLAND LONGSPUR

uns/rec--1 netted Cloverdale 11/9 (JH, GS).

CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR

aut/rec--30 Patterson Ranch 10/26 (JH); 72 netted Cloverdale 11/9-12 (JH, GS).