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SUMMARY--

WINTER BIRDING IN NEW MEXICO WAS USHERED IN WITH THE CHRISTMAS COUNTS, OF WHICH THERE WERE 12 IN THE STATE, PLUS ONE SHARED BETWEEN NEW MEXICO AND TEXAS. SEVERAL COUNTS WERE IN THE AREA OF 80 SPECIES, WITH TOP HONORS GOING TO THE ROSWELL AREA (88 SPECIES), FOLLOWED BY LAKES AVALON-McMILLAN (82), BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR (80), AND LOYING (79). SOME OF THE MORE INTERESTING REPORTS WERE BLUE GROSBEAK (SPECIMEN) AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR, GOSHAWK AT CLAYTON, WOOD DUCK AT ESPAÑOLA, GOSHAWK AND HARRIS'S SPARROW AT FARMINGTON, LeCONTE'S SPARROW ON TWO OF THE CARLSBAD AREA COUNTS, EASTERN BLUEBIRD AT ROSWELL, AND GRAY-CROWNED ROSE FINCH IN THE SANDIA MOUNTAINS. THERE WERE THE USUAL QUESTIONABLE REPORTS OF SPECIES, BUT FEWER THAN IN YEARS PAST. THE FUTURE PROMISES TO BE BETTER IN THIS REGARD WITH THE ADDITION OF REGIONAL EDITORS FOR ALL CHRISTMAS COUNTS STARTING THIS YEAR.

THREE MAJOR COUNTS WERE HELD IN THE SPRING OF 1972, ALL CONTINUING FROM PAST YEARS. FIRST WAS THE BITTER LAKE NWR COUNT ON 29 APRIL, WITH 114 SPECIES (5735 INDIVIDUALS) AND INTERESTING RECORDS INCLUDING SPRAGUE'S PIPIT AND BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW. SECOND WAS THE GILA VALLEY COUNT ON 6 MAY, WITH 124 SPECIES (2767 INDIVIDUALS--LOW) AND COUES' FLYCATCHER AND FOX SPARROW AMONG THE INTERESTING REPORTS. LAST WAS THE FARMINGTON COUNT ON 13 MAY, WITH 137 SPECIES (8283 INDIVIDUALS) AND SEVERAL INTERESTING REPORTS INCLUDING NORTHERN PHALAROPE AND PALM WARBLER. THE SPRING ALSO PRODUCED A NUMBER OF OTHER INTERESTING RECORDS, INCLUDING FIRST STATE SPECIMENS OF THE WHITE-EYED VIREO AND YELLOW-THROATED VIREO NEAR HERMANAS IN LUNA COUNTY. NOTABLE SIGHT RECORDS FOR THE PERIOD INCLUDED PURPLE GALLINULE, COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD, BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER, PARULA WARBLER, GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER, BLACKPOLL WARBLER, AND THE NOW-USUAL SPRING ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAKS. BANDED BIRDS INCLUDED VEERIES AND KENTUCKY WARBLER NEAR CLAYTON, AND A FOX SPARROW AT CEDAR CREST.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF SPRING BREEDING REPORTING WAS THE DISCOVERY OF OLIVACEOUS CORMORANTS NESTING AMONG THE DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANTS ON ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE. THE AREA HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM PUBLIC USE AND MADE INTO A BIRD SANCTUARY BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE CORMORANTS, HERONS, AND OTHER WATERBIRDS THAT BREED THERE. OTHER REPORTS INCLUDED THE FIRST BREEDING RECORDS FROM CATRON COUNTY OF THE YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD WHICH, ALONG WITH BOAT-TAILED GRACKLES, ALSO BRED AGAIN AT TUCUMCARI LAKE. GREAT BLUE HERONS WERE REPORTED BREEDING ONLY IN THE GILA VALLEY, ALTHOUGH BIRDS WERE SEEN IN OTHER AREAS WHERE THEY MIGHT BE SOUGHT AS BREEDERS.

SPRING ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DATES FOR MIGRANT SPECIES WERE MORE WIDELY SUBMITTED THIS YEAR THAN LAST, ALTHOUGH THIS ASPECT OF BIRD STUDY IS STILL NOT SATISFACTORILY COVERED IN THE FIELD NOTES. ARRIVAL TIMES SEEMED TO BE SOMEWHAT EARLIER IN SOME SPECIES THAN IN PAST YEARS, PERHAPS DUE TO UNSEASONABLY WARM WEATHER IN LATE WINTER AND SPRING. EXAMPLES INCLUDE TURKEY VULTURE, COMMON NIGHTHAWK, WESTERN WOOD PEWEE, AND WESTERN Tanager. LATE LINGERING MIGRANTS WERE LESS CONSPICUOUS THIS YEAR THAN IN THE PAST, PERHAPS FOR THE SAME REASONS AS ADVANCED ABOVE.

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COMMON LOON

1 AT FARMINGTON 5/13 (FCBC).

RED-THROATED LOON

1 REPORTED NEAR CARLSBAD 12/26-31 (SW); DETAILS INCLUDE UPTURNED BILL, REDDISH THROAT, AND SPOTTED BACK.

HORNED GREBE

10 AT MORGAN LAKE ON 12/18 (APN ET AL.) AND 16 THERE ON 1/13 (GS); 1 NEAR CARLSBAD 12/27 (FW), AND 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 3/15-25 (GRZ).

EARED GREBE

1 AT NAVAJO LAKE ON 1/3 AND 4 AT MORGAN LAKE 1/13 (GS), 2 AT ROSWELL 12/18 (LGK ET AL.), AND 123 NEAR CARLSBAD 12/27 (SW ET AL.); 5 AT CENTER-FIRE BOG 5/31 (JPH).

WESTERN GREBE

1 AT MORGAN LAKE 1/13 (GS) AND SEVERAL ON 2/12 (DBC), 2 AT NAVAJO LAKE 1/14 (GS), 1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/16-18 (DLB, LGK), AND 2 NEAR CARLSBAD 12/27 (SW ET AL.). IN SPRING, 4 AT MORGAN LAKE 5/13 (FCBC), 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 4/19 (GRZ), 3 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE (JPH ET AL.), AND 7 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 4/21 (DLB).

PIED-BILLED GREBE

2 AT MORGAN LAKE 1/13 (GS). 7 INCLUDING YOUNG AT CENTERFIRE BOG 5/13 (JPH); 1-2 AT FENTON LAKE 4/3-4 (MBS) AND 3 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 5/23 (JPH ET AL.).

WHITE PELICAN

24 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 3/30 (CAH, CLH), 9 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 3/21-31, 27 ON 4/29, AND 1 ON 5/12 (LGK).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT

ABOUT 120 ACTIVE NESTS AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 3/10-12 (CAH ET AL.), ON 5/23 A PAIR WAS SEEN FEEDING A NOISY YOUNG OUT OF THE NEST (JPH). SEEN NEAR LAS VEGAS ON 4/30 (WH, ES), 3 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE 4/2 (RFR) AND 4 ON 4/7 (GRZ), UP TO 13 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 3/7-31, 5 ON 4/7-21, AND 2 ON 4/29 (DLB, LGK).

OLIVACEOUS CORMORANT

3-5 PAIRS NESTING AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE IN MID-MAY (CAH ET AL.) WITH 5 SEEN, INCLUDING 1 ON A NEST, ON 5/23 (JPH). THE BIRDS WERE ALL ADULTS, WITH THE GULAR REGION NOTABLY BORDERED BY WHITE FEATHERS.

GREAT BLUE HERON

ACTIVE ROOKERIES REPORTED IN SPRING ONLY IN THE UPPER GILA VALLEY (RAF), BUT THERE WERE WINTER AND/OR SPRING RECORDS FROM THE SAN JUAN VALLEY (GS ET AL.), LOS LUNAS (JR), BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR (GRZ ET AL.), ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE (JPH ET AL.), NEAR GLENWOOD (JPH), AT BITTER LAKE NWR (LGK), AND SURPRISINGLY 1 IN GUADALUPE CAÑON 4/2 (NAA).

GREEN HERON

NEST WITH 4 YOUNG AT BITTER LAKE NWR 5/13 (DLB); 2 BIRDS NEAR ESPAÑOLA ON 5/13 (PRS) AND 1 AT GILA HOT SPRINGS 2/5-22 (RAF).

SNOWY EGRET

SPRING REPORTS INCLUDE MORGAN LAKE ON 5/22 (APN), NEAR LAS VEGAS 4/30 (WH, ES), 2-5 NEAR ESPAÑOLA ON 5/6 (PRS), 7 NEAR ALBUQUERQUE ON 4/8 (JND) 20 NEAR LOS LUNAS 4/21 (JR), 1 AT BAYARD 5/12 (RAF), AND AT BITTER LAKE NWR 25 ON 4/17 AND 19 ON 4/29 (LGK ET AL.).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

PERIPHERAL REPORTS INCLUDE 1 NEAR FARMINGTON ON 5/13 (FCBC), 1 NEAR CLAYTON ON 5/17 (JPH), 4 AT TUCUMCARI LAKE ON 5/20 (JPH), AND 4 AT SANDIA PARK ON 3/29 (MH).

AMERICAN BITTERN

MORE FREQUENTLY REPORTED THAN USUAL, INCLUDING 1 AT ROSWELL 12/1 (LGK)

AND 1 AT WILLOW LAKE 12/26 (LC, SW); SPRING REPORTS OF 4 IN THE SAN JUAN VALLEY 5/13 (FCBC), 1 NEAR LOS LUNAS 4/13 (JR), 1 ON 3/8 AND 7 ON 5/10 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR (GRZ), 2 AT LA JOYA SGR 4/16 (RFR), AND 3 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 4/29 (LGK ET AL.).

WHITE-FACED IBIS

12 AT CLAYTON LAKE 5/19 (JPH), 3 NEAR ESPAÑOLA 5/6 (PRS), AND SEEN NEAR LAS VEGAS 4/30 (ES).

WHISTLING SWAN

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 2 AT MORGAN LAKE 12/26 (APN) AND 1/13 (GS), 5 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/26 AND 6 ON 12/28 (GRZ ET AL.), 1 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 12/27 (GRZ), AND AT BITTER LAKE NWR 6 ON 12/9, 16 ON 12/28, AND 1 ON 1/17 (DLB, LGK).

CANADA GOOSE

WINTER HIGH OF 1800 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/26 (CAH ET AL.) AND 400 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 12/14 (DLB), WHERE 50 STILL PRESENT ON 4/29 (LGK ET AL.). 7 BROODS PRODUCED AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR, WHERE 24 ADULTS WERE PRESENT AS OF 5/31 (GRZ).

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE

3 AT McALLISTER LAKE ON 2/21 (WH), 3 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 2/9 AND 2/17 (LGK), AND AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 6 ON 12/2 (GRZ) AND 2 ON 12/26 (RWR).

SNOW GOOSE

WINTER HIGHS WERE 8500 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/2, WITH 7000 GONE BY 2/25 AND 1 REMAINING UNTIL 3/30 (GRZ); 3000 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 12/14-18, WITH 3 UNTIL A LATE 4/29 (LGK ET AL.). ALSO 300 NEAR CARLSBAD ON 12/27 (SW ET AL.), 3 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 3/10-12 (CAH), SEEN NEAR LAS VEGAS ON 4/30 (ES), AND 2 VERY LATE BIRDS AT FENTON LAKE 5/14-18 (MBS).

BLUE GOOSE

HIGH OF 300 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/26 (CAH ET AL.), WITH 17 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/14 (DLB).

ROSS' GOOSE

20 WINTERED AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR, WITH 1 Banded THERE 1/28 (GRZ); 30 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/14 (DLB).

MALLARD

WINTER HIGHS WERE AN ASTOUNDING 17,755 AT FARMINGTON ON 12/18 (APN ET AL.), AND 12,000 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE ON 1/3 (GRZ).

MEXICAN DUCK

WINTER MAXIMUM OF 16 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE ON 12/2 (JNS), WHERE YOUNG WERE SEEN ON 4/27 AND 5/25 (GRZ); 2 PAIR NEAR ANIMAS ON 3/31 (BD ET AL.), AND A ♂ Banded AT BITTER LAKE NWR DURING THE WINTER (LGK).

GADWALL

PEAK OF 3000 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/28 (GRZ); LATE WERE 3 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 5/23 (JPH).

PINTAIL

PEAK OF 800 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 1/3-18 (GRZ).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL

5 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE ON 5/31 (GRZ).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL

WINTER REPORTS INCLUDE 21 NEAR FARMINGTON ON 12/26 (APN ET AL.), 2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/26 (CAH ET AL.), AND 2 NEAR LOVING ON 12/26 (LC, SW). 6 AT FENTON LAKE 4/20 (MBS) AND 2 NEAR CLAYTON 5/16-19 (JPH).

CINNAMON TEAL

WINTER REPORTS INCLUDE McALLISTER LAKE ON 2/21 (WH), UP TO 8 ♂ NEAR ALBUQUERQUE ON 2/4-26 (MEE), AND 2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 2/15 (GRZ). ALSO A ♂ NEAR ESPAÑOLA ON 3/11 (PRS).

AMERICAN WIDGEON

PEAK OF 8000 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE ON 1/3-18, WITH 1 UNTIL 5/31 (GRZ); 1 NEAR MILNESAND ON 1/29 (PBS).

SHOVELER

PEAK OF 6000 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/2 (GRZ); SINGLE ♀♀ AT KIRTLAND ON 12/29, AND AT NAVAJO LAKE ON 1/3 (GS). 15 AT TUCUMCARI LAKE ON 5/20 AND 3 AT CENTERFIRE BOG ON 5/31 (JPH).

WOOD DUCK

1 AT FARMINGTON ON 12/30 (GS) AND 2-3 ON 2/13 (APN), 2 AT ESPAÑOLA ON 12/26 (WCT ET AL.), AND AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 1 ON 1/27-28 AND 2 ON 2/9 (GRZ); ALSO, A ♂ NEAR ALBUQUERQUE ON 4/14 (MEE).

REDHEAD

SINGLE ♂♂ AT SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO ON 5/13 (PRS) AND TUCUMCARI LAKE ON 5/20 (JPH).

CANVASBACK

6 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR AS LATE AS 5/31 (GRZ).

LESSER SCAUP

LATE DATES INCLUDE 1 AT SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO ON 5/13 (PRS), 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 5/31 (GRZ), AND 2 AT CENTERFIRE BOG 5/31 (JPH).

COMMON GOLDENEYE

1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR AS LATE AS 4/29 (LGK).

BUFFLEHEAD

1 NEAR LOS ALAMOS ON 3/5 (PRS); LATE DATES WERE SINGLES AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/29 (LGK ET AL.) AND AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 5/26-31 (GRZ).

RUDDY DUCK

14 NEAR LAS VEGAS ON 12/26 (JG ET AL.). PERIPHERAL AND/OR LATE REPORTS INCLUDE 1 AT TUCUMCARI LAKE ON 5/20 (JPH), 1 NEAR PORTALES ON 5/6 (PBS), 20 OR MORE AT CENTERFIRE BOG ON 5/31 (JPH), AND 6 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 5/31 (GRZ).

TURKEY VULTURE

EARLY SPRING DATES INCLUDE: 2 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 3/7 (LGK), 2 AT FARMINGTON 3/16 (APN), 2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 3/24 (CAH, CLH), AT SILVER CITY 3/27 (MMC), 7-8 AT PLEASANTON 3/28 (LS), 15+ AT LOS ALAMOS 4/1 (LGH) AND 40 AT JEMEZ SPRINGS ON 4/3 (MBS). MAXIMA ON SPRING COUNTS WERE 37 AT FARMINGTON ON 5/13 (FCBC), 48 IN THE GILA VALLEY ON 5/6 (SWAS), AND 75 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/29 (LGK ET AL.).

MISSISSIPPI KITE

ONLY REPORT WAS OF 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 5/24 (GRZ).

GOSHAWK

SEVERAL LOWLAND REPORTS, INCLUDING SINGLES AT FARMINGTON ON 12/18 AND 3/8 (APN ET AL.), CLAYTON ON 12/18 (AK ET AL.), AND BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 1/2 AND 2/7 (GRZ).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK

1 AT PORTALES ON 1/26 (PBS).

HARLAN'S HAWK

CHRISTMAS COUNT RECORDS WERE 1 AT ESPAÑOLA ON 12/26 (WCT ET AL.) AND 3 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/26 (CAH ET AL.), WITH UP TO 6 THERE THROUGH THE WINTER; HOWEVER, A PHOTOGRAPH OF A CAPTIVE ADULT AT THE BOSQUE IS ACTUALLY OF A MELANISTIC REDTAIL AND ALL OF THE RECORDS ARE OPEN TO QUESTION.

SWAINSON'S HAWK

CHRISTMAS COUNT RECORDS WERE REPORTED FROM LAS VEGAS IN LATE DECEMBER (JG ET AL.), SANDIA MTS. ON 12/18 (CAH ET AL.), AND BOSQUE DEL APACHE ON 12/26 (RWR); ALL REPORTS ARE UNSUBSTANTIATED AND DOUBTFUL.

ZONE-TAILED HAWK

ONLY TWO REPORTS--SINGLES AT LOS ALAMOS ON 5/13 (LGH), AND NORTH OF CLIFF ON 5/6 (SWAS).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 1 NEAR FARMINGTON ON 1/29 (APN), 4 AT CLAYTON ON 12/18 (AK ET AL.), 1 NEAR FLOYD ON 1/9 AND 2/13 (PBS), 2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/26 (CAH ET AL.), AND 1-2 IN THE ROSWELL AREA IN DECEMBER (LGK ET AL.). 1 REPORTED IN "AMERICAN BIRDS" NEAR BRAZOS ON 5/20 (RLT) IS EXTREMELY LATE AND UNLIKELY.

FERRUGINOUS HAWK

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 1 NEAR BLOOMFIELD ON 1/12 (GS), 1 AT CLAYTON ON 12/18 (AK ET AL.), 1 AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 1/2 (AE ET AL.), 1 NEAR FLOYD ON 1/9 AND 2/13, AND 2 NEAR MILNESAND ON 1/24 (PBS).

HARRIS' HAWK

2 WINTERED AT BITTER LAKE NWR AND WERE STILL PRESENT ON 4/29 (LGK ET AL.); AT LEAST 12 IN THE CARLSBAD REGION ON 12/26-28 (SW ET AL.).

BLACK HAWK

EARLIEST WAS 1 NEAR CLIFF ON 3/13 (FIDE BJH), AND 3 WERE FOUND IN THE GILA VALLEY ON 5/6 (SWAS); SINGLES AT GLENWOOD ON 4/13 (LS) AND 5/28 AND NEAR BUCKHORN ON 5/29 (JPH).

GOLDEN EAGLE

4 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/27 (GRZ); 1 SOUTHWEST OF SAN MARCIAL 2/10, AND 1 NEAR BAT CAVE, SAN AUGUSTINE PLAINS, 5/26 (JD).

BALD EAGLE

NUMEROUS SIGHTINGS DURING THE WINTER, WITH AT LEAST 25 INDIVIDUAL BIRDS INVOLVED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCALITIES: SAN JUAN VALLEY (APN ET AL.), CLAYTON AREA (AK ET AL.), MCINTOSH (RLT), LAS VEGAS (WH ET AL.), SPRINGER LAKE (PRS), AND BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR (GRZ). SPRING RECORDS OF SINGLES AT SANDIA PARK ON 5/2 (MEE), NEAR HORSE SPRINGS ON 4/16 (GRZ), AT WALL LAKE ON 3/5 (RFR), AND NEAR CLIFF ON 3/4 (RAF). 1 FOUND DEAD 2/18 NEAR HUBBELL RANCH NORTH OF QUEMADO WAS TURNED OVER TO FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE FOR ANALYSIS--KILLED BY STRYCHNINE SULFATE (JD).

MARSH HAWK

UP TO 4 IN THE FARMINGTON AREA 12/22-1/18 (GS).

OSPREY

UNSUBSTANTIATED WINTER REPORTS AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 2/20 (GRZ), AND NEAR CARLSBAD IN JANUARY (LM). A NOTABLE MIGRATORY MOVEMENT OCCURRED IN MID-APRIL, ALTHOUGH REPORTS WERE SCATTERED AND MAINLY OF SINGLES: FARMINGTON ON 4/22 (WILLIAM STONE), NEAR SAN JUAN PUEBLO ON 4/15 (PRS), AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 4/14 (MEE), AT SANDIA PARK ON 4/15 (MH), AT LA JOYA SGR ON 4/16 (RFR), AT SNOW LAKE ON 4/16 (GRZ), AND AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/6-7 (DLB).

PRAIRIE FALCON

1 KILLED A SHOVELER AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 2/1 (GRZ).

PEREGRINE FALCON

WINTER REPORTS FROM MORGAN LAKE (DBC) AND BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR (GRZ).

PIGEON HAWK

MORE NUMEROUSLY REPORTED THAN USUAL, WITH WINTER RECORDS IN THE NORTH AND EAST, MAINLY OF SINGLES BUT SOME DOUBLES AND TRIPLES; AT KIRTLAND (GS), LAS VEGAS AREA (WH ET AL.), CLAYTON (AK ET AL.), ISLETA (RLT ET AL.), AND ROSWELL AREA (LGK ET AL.). THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE SPRING RECORD IS OF ONE AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/18 (LGK).

SPARROW HAWK

ARRIVED IN NUMBERS (6 IN A 2-MILE STRETCH) 3/23 IN LOS ALAMOS (JRT).

BLUE GROUSE

ONE IN THE SAN JUAN MTS., NEAR SAN MIGUEL, ON 5/21 (GRZ). GAME & FISH DEPT. FIGURES SHOW 2138 BAGGED DURING 1971 SEASON (ALL IN NORTHERN NEW MEXICO), UP FROM THE AVERAGE OF 1739.

LESSER PRAIRIE CHICKEN

GAME & FISH DEPT. FIGURES SHOW 532 BAGGED IN THE 1971 SEASON, COMPARED TO AN AVERAGE OF 1080.

SCALED QUAIL

14 AT FARMINGTON ON 5/13 (FCBC).

GAMBEL'S QUAIL

68 AT FARMINGTON ON 5/13 (FCBC); 2 NEAR GRANTS IN SPRING ARE THE FIRST REPORTED FROM THERE (AMS).

HARLEQUIN QUAIL

ONE IN SAWMILL CAÑON, MAGDALENA MTS., ON 4/30 (JND ET AL.), AND TWO SEEN 6 MILES EAST OF MULE CREEK ON 5/31 (McK).

CHUKAR

1 AT FARMINGTON ON 5/13 (FCBC).

SANDHILL CRANE

WINTER PEAK OF 18,641 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/7 FOR A NEW RECORD HIGH WITH LAST NORMAL SEASON REPORT OF 9 ON 3/27 AND A VERY LATE 2 ON 4/29-5/1 (GRZ); WINTER PEAK OF 9,000 AT BITTER LAKE NWR, WITH LAST REPORT OF 30 ON 3/31 (LGK). OTHER WINTER REPORTS INCLUDED MAIN FLIGHTS OVER WHITE ROCK 2/8-2/26 (JRT), 75 AT DIXON 12/4 (JW), 35+ AT McALLISTER LAKE 12/26-2/21 (WH ET AL.), 288 NEAR CLIFF TO 3/4 (RAF), 300-400 NEAR COLUMBUS ON 12/11 (TB, RAF), AND 2 NEAR CARLSBAD ON 12/28 (TJ, SW).

VIRGINIA RAIL

1 AT ESPAÑOLA ON 12/26 (WCT ET AL.). SPRING REPORTS INCLUDE 3 NEAR FARMINGTON ON 5/13 (FCBC), 3 NEAR BUCKHORN ON 4/29 AND 5/6 (RAF), AND AN ADULT WITH YOUNG AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 5/12 (GRZ).

SORA

1 AT ROSWELL ON 12/18 (LGK ET AL.). SPRING REPORTS INCLUDE 1 NEAR FARMINGTON ON 3/30 (APN), 3 AT NAVAJO LAKE ON 5/13 (FCBC), 1 AT CENTERFIRE BOG ON 5/31 (JPH), 3 NEAR BUCKHORN ON 4/29 AND 1 ON 5/21 (RAF), AND AT LEAST 100 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR DURING THE PERIOD (GRZ).

PURPLE GALLINULE

1 REPORTED WITHOUT DETAILS AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 5/21 (GRZ).

COMMON GALLINULE

SINGLES AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/26 (RWR) AND 4/7 (GRZ), NEAR BUCKHORN ON 4/29 AND 5/21 (RAF), NEAR LOVING ON 12/26 (SW), AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/29 (LGK), AND 3 NEAR ROSWELL ON 12/18 (LGK ET AL.).

AMERICAN COOT

PAIR WORKING ON NEST IN REEDS AT GLENWOOD FISH HATCHERY 3/31 (McK); 25+ BREEDING AT CENTERFIRE BOG ON 5/31 (JPH).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER

3 NEAR FARMINGTON ON 5/13 (FCBC), 7 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/2 (DLB), AND SEEN NEAR LAS VEGAS ON 4/30 (WH, ES).

SNOWY PLOVER

FIRST AT BITTER LAKE WERE 4 ON 3/17, WITH 60 BY 3/31 AND 75 BY 4/29 (LGK ET AL.).

KILLDEER

WINTER REPORTS INCLUDE SINGLES AT NAVAJO LAKE ON 1/3 (GS) AND NEAR GRANTS ON 1/15 (AMS). 12 NESTS AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 5/31 (GRZ); 1 BIRD NEAR HERMANAS ON 5/25 (JPH).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER

2 IN THE ESTANCIA VALLEY NEAR WHITE LAKES ON 4/16 (McK); 1 FOUND DEAD NEAR FULLERTON WELL, PELONA MT., SOUTHERN SAN AUGUSTINE PLAINS, 5/26 (JD).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER

1 NEAR FARMINGTON ON 5/13 (FCBC).

COMMON SNIBE

WINTER REPORTS INCLUDE 13 NEAR FARMINGTON ON 12/31 (APN ET AL.), 8 NEAR LAS VEGAS ON 12/26 (JG ET AL.), AND ABOUT 50 AT RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS ON 1/29-30 (CLH ET AL.). LATE DATES IN SPRING WERE 4 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/29 (LGK ET AL.), 15 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 4/30 (GRZ), AND 1 NEAR CLAYTON ON 5/16 (JPH).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW

THE ONLY RECORDS WERE 1 AT CLAYTON ON 5/16 (JPH), 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 3/9 (GRZ), AND 2 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/17 (LGK).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER

PERIPHERAL RECORDS INCLUDE 1 NEAR CLAYTON ON 5/15 AND 6 ON 5/19, 1 AT TUCUMCARI LAKE ON 5/20, 2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 5/22, AND 1 NEAR HERMANAS ON 5/25 (JPH).

WILLET

1 AT CLAYTON LAKE 5/19 (JPH), SEEN NEAR LAS VEGAS ON 4/30 (WH, ES), 2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 4/27 (GRZ), AND 2 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/29 (LGK ET AL.).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS

1 AT LOVING ON 12/26 (LC, SW).

LEAST SANDPIPER

24 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 1/20 (DLB) AND 1 AT LOVING ON 12/26 (LC, SW); ALSO ABOUT 25 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 3/30 (CAH).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER

SINGLES AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/26 (CAH ET AL.) AND LOVING ON 12/26 (LC, SW); ALSO 4 AT MORGAN LAKE ON 3/31 (APN).

WESTERN SANDPIPER

2 NEAR ROSWELL ON 12/18 (LGK ET AL.); ALSO 26 NEAR FARMINGTON ON 5/13 (FCBC).

MARbled GODWIT

SEEN IN MID-MAY IN THE FARMINGTON AREA (FCBC) AND AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR WERE 2 ON 4/27 AND 8 ON 5/5 (GRZ).

SANDERLING

4 REPORTED WITH DETAILS NEAR FARMINGTON ON 5/13 (WBL).

AMERICAN AVOCET

EARLIEST SPRING RECORDS WERE 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 3/22 (GRZ), 4 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 3/24 (DLB), 4 AT FARMINGTON ON 3/25 (APN), AND 2 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 3/30 (CAH). ALSO, SINGLES NEAR FARMINGTON ON 5/13 (FCBC) AND NEAR PORTALES ON 5/6 (PBS) AND SEEN NEAR LAS VEGAS ON 5/14 (WH, ES).

BLACK-NECKED STILT

FIRST AT BITTER LAKE NWR WERE 20 ON 3/10 (DLB).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE

PEAK OF 200 IN SPRING AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 5/2 (GRZ) AND 500 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/29 (LGK); ALSO, NEAR FARMINGTON ON 5/13 (FCBC), 5 AT FENTON LAKE ON 5/3 (MBS), 4 AT SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO ON 5/13 (PRS), 1 AT CLAYTON LAKE ON 5/19, AND 2 AT CENTERFIRE BOX ON 5/31 (JPH).

NORTHERN PHALAROPE

MOST UNUSUAL FOR SPRING WERE 109 COUNTED AT MORGAN LAKE ON 5/13; DETAILS INCLUDE DARK GRAY HEAD AND BACK, WHITE THROAT, AND CHESTNUT ON THE FRONT AND SIDES OF THE NECK; MOST WERE ♀ AND WERE COMPARED WITH WILSON'S PHALAROPES (WBL, WCT ET AL.).

GULL SP.

3 SEEN NEAR CLIFF ON 5/6 (SWAS).

HERRING GULL

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 1-3 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 12/6 AND 12/18 (LGK), 2 NEAR CARLSBAD ON 12/27, AND AT LOVING ON 12/26 (SW ET AL.); ALSO 1 REPORTED WITH DETAILS (LARGER SIZE COMPARED TO RINGBILLS, PINK LEGS, YELLOW BILL WITH ORANGE SPOT) AT MORGAN LAKE ON 5/13 (WBL ET AL.).

RING-BILLED GULL

WINTER REPORTS INCLUDE 2 NEAR CLAYTON ON 12/18 (AK ET AL.) AND 1 NEAR COLUMBUS ON 12/11 (TB, RAF); ALSO 5 NEAR ESPAÑOLA ON 5/6 (PRS), 1 AT SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO ON 5/13 (PRS), AND 1 NEAR ANIMAS ON 3/31 (BETTY DEWITT).

FRANKLIN'S GULL

43 AT MORGAN LAKE ON 5/13 (FCBC), 2 AT ESPAÑOLA ON 4/15 (PRS), 1 AT BITTER LAKE ON 3/20 AND 4 ON 4/29 (LGK ET AL.), AND 15-20 NEAR SAN SIMON CIENAGA ON 4/14 (ROBERT A. BENDER).

BONAPARTE'S GULL

4 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/28 (GRZ ET AL.); ALSO 1 AT MORGAN LAKE ON 5/13 (FCBC).

FORSTER'S TERN

1 AT MORGAN LAKE ON 5/13 (FCBC), FLOCK NEAR LAS VEGAS ON 4/30 (WH, ES), 5 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 4/28 (GRZ), AND 2 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/29 (LGK ET AL.).

LEAST TERN

FIRST AT BITTER LAKE NWR WERE 2 ON 4/7 (DLB) WITH NESTING UNDERWAY BY 5/31 (LGK).

BLACK TERN

1 AT MORGAN LAKE ON 5/13 (FCBC) AND 2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE 5/30 (GRZ).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON

GAME & FISH DEPT. FIGURES SHOW 1,349 BAGGED IN THE 1971 SEASON, MAINLY IN GRANT, SIERRA, AND RIO ARRIBA Cos.; THE DEPT. ALSO BANDED 1,880 BIRDS IN 1971.

WHITE-WINGED DOVE

SEEN IN GUADALUPE CAÑON ON 4/2 (NAA ET AL.) AND 2+ NEAR HERMANAS ON 5/23-24 (JPH).

MOURNING DOVE

1 AT BLOOMFIELD ON 1/12 (GS); FIRST SPRING ARRIVALS IN WHITE ROCK ON 3/25 (JRT).

INCA DOVE

7 AT SILVER CITY ON 1/1 (TB ET AL.), WHILE A CENSUS ON 4/27 REVEALED 7 ADULTS AND 4 IMMATURES (ELIZABETH STEVENS).

ROADRUNNER

1 NEAR MILNESAND ON 1/29 AND 2 NEAR FLOYD ON 2/13 (PBS).

BARN OWL

1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 12/18 AND 3 ON 4/29 (LGK ET AL.).

SCREECH OWL

1 AT FARMINGTON ON 12/18 AND 5/13 (APN ET AL.), AND 1 AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 1/2 (AE ET AL.).

FLAMMULATED OWL

SINGLES Banded AT CEDAR CREST ON 4/25 AND EAGLE PEAK, TULAROSA MTS., ON 5/28 (McK); 3+ CALLING IN S.U.CAÑON ON 4/28 AND 1 ON 4/29 (McK); HEARD AT BEARTRAP CAÑON, SAN MATEO MTS., ON 5/21 (JDL).

PYGMY OWL

1 IN PLEASANTON ON 12/14 (LS).

ELF OWL

FOUND IN GUADALUPE CAÑON ON 4/2 (NAA ET AL.).

BURROWING OWL

WINTERED AT BITTER LAKE NWR (LGK ET AL.); 6 NEAR FARMINGTON ON 5/13 (FCBC).

LONG-EARED OWL

SINGLES NEAR FARMINGTON ON 12/18 (APN ET AL.) AND 1/7 (GS), AND IN THE SANDIA MTS. ON 12/18 (CAH).

SHORT-EARED OWL

1 NEAR BLOOMFIELD ON 1/12 (GS) AND NEAR ROSWELL ON 12/18 (LGK ET AL.).

SAW-WHET OWL

1 SEEN 12 MILES EAST OF EL MORRO NM ON 5/19, AND 1 HEARD IN BEARTRAP CAÑON, SAN MATEO MTS., ON 5/20 (JDL).

POORWILL

FIRST AT PLEASANTON ON 3/9 (LS) AND NEAR SILVER CITY ON 3/20, WHERE A NEST WITH 1 EGG WAS FOUND ON 4/3 (BJH); 1 AT CENTERFIRE BOX ON 5/31 AND 1 NEAR HERMANAS ON 5/23-24 (JPH).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK

FIRST SPRING DATES WERE PORTALES ON 5/2 (PBS), CLAYTON 5/16 (JPH), FARMINGTON 5/19 (APN), LOS ALAMOS 5/21 (JRT), CHAMA 5/27 (PRS).

LESSER NIGHTHAWK

ABOUT 600 PRESENT AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR IN LATE MAY, WITH A NEST AND 2 EGGS FOUND ON 5/31 (GRZ); 6 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 5/23 AND 6+ IN THE HERMANAS AREA ON 5/23-24 (JPH).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT

EARLY DATES WERE NEAR SOCORRO ON 2/27 (MEE), AT S.U.CAÑON ON 3/12 (McK), WHITE ROCK 3/12 (JRT), McALLISTER LAKE ON 3/19 (WH), AND AT FARMINGTON ON 3/29 (APN); ABOUT 200 WERE PRESENT AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 3/29-30 (CAH) WITH 1 THERE ON 5/23 (JPH).

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD

EARLY SPRING DATES WERE AT PLEASANTON ON 3/16 (LS), NEAR SILVER CITY ON 3/19 (MMc), IN ALBUQUERQUE ON 4/12 (DDL), AND TAOS ON 4/24 (DMG); ALSO, A ♂ AT PORTALES ON 4/25 (PBS).

COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD

2 ♂ WERE SEEN IN GUADALUPE CAÑON ON 3/11 (BRUCE DEUEL ET AL.); THE BIRDS WERE DESCRIBED IN GREAT DETAIL BY TED PARKER, WHO NOTED AMONG OTHER THINGS THE PURPLE CROWN, THROAT, AND FOREHEAD AREAS. THIS IS THE FIRST RECORD FOR THE STATE IN OVER A DECADE AND ONLY THE FOURTH OVERALL.

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD

EXCEPTIONALLY (?) EARLY WAS 1 AT LOS ALAMOS ON 3/19 (FIDE LGH); OTHER EARLY DATES WERE NEAR JEMEZ SPRINGS ON 4/5 (MBS), SANDIA PARK ON 4/6 (MH), IN THE CARSON NATIONAL FOREST EAST OF FARMINGTON ON 4/8 (APN), AT TAOS ON 4/25 (DMG), AND AT LAS VEGAS ON 4/30 (WH, ES); ALSO, 5 NEAR FARMINGTON ON 5/13 (FCBC) AND A ♂ AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 5/5 (GRZ).

BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD

REPORTED IN GUADALUPE CAÑON ON 4/2 (NAA ET AL.).

BELTED KINGFISHER

UP TO 3 IN THE FARMINGTON AREA 12/22-1/11 (GS) AND 1 AT GRANTS ON 1/8

(AMS); 1 NEAR CLAYTON ON 5/16 WHERE IT MAY HAVE BEEN BREEDING (JPH).

YELLOW-SHAFTED FLICKER

SINGLES REPORTED AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 2/11 (LL), BITTER LAKE NWR ON 12/19 (LGK), AND RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS ON 1/30 (CLH ET AL.).

GILA WOODPECKER

ONLY 3 REPORTED IN THE GILA VALLEY (NEAR REDROCK) ON 5/6 (SWAS).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER

1 16 MILES NORTHEAST OF LOGAN ON 5/20 (JPH) AND 1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/16 (DLB).

ACORN WOODPECKER

1 IN SILVER CITY ON 5/13 (DAZ).

LEWIS' WOODPECKER

WINTER REPORTS INCLUDE 1 AT FARMINGTON IN DECEMBER (APN), 12 AT ESPAÑOLA 12/26 (WCT ET AL.), 1 AT LAS VEGAS ON 12/26 (JG ET AL.), 6+ AT CORRALES 1/7-2/13 (DDL), 6 AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 1/2 (AE ET AL.), AND AT LOS ALAMOS IN LOWER THAN NORMAL NUMBERS (PRS). SPRING REPORTS INCLUDE 1 AT FARMINGTON ON 5/13 (FCBC), 1 NEAR JEMEZ SPRINGS ON 5/6 (MBS), 1 IN ALBUQUERQUE ON 4/26-29 (GRZ), 1 IN THE SANDIA MTS. ON 5/12 (LL), AND 1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR, WHERE UNUSUAL, ON 5/1 (LGK).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER

WINTER REPORTS OF SINGLES AT ROSWELL ON 12/18 (LGK ET AL.), AT SILVER CITY IN DECEMBER (TB ET AL.), AND NEAR CARLSBAD ON 12/26 (SW); ALSO, 1 AT FARMINGTON ON 3/11 (APN). 3 WERE NESTING IN BEARTRAP CAÑON, SAN MATEO MTS., ON 5/20-21 (JDL).

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER

A ♂ DRUMMING ON EAGLE PEAK, TULAROSA MTS., ON 5/28 (McK), AND BREEDING IN THE LATE SPRING IN THE SANDIA MTS. (JDL); 1 SEEN IN CARSON NATIONAL FOREST 60+ MILES EAST OF FARMINGTON ON 5/20 (APN).

HAIRY WOODPECKER

1 AT KIRTLAND ON 1/11 AND 5 AT NAVAJO LAKE ON 1/14 (GS).

DOWNY WOODPECKER

WINTER RECORDS INCLUDE 1 AT FARMINGTON ON 12/18 (APN ET AL.), 2 AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 1/2 (AE ET AL.), AND VERY UNUSUAL REPORTS OF SINGLES AT PORTALES (DETAILS PROVIDED) ON 1/8-2/20 (PBS) AND AT CARLSBAD CAVERNS NP (NO DETAILS) ON 12/28 (TJ).

LADDER-BACKED WOODPECKER

2 AT ESPAÑOLA ON 12/26 (WCT ET AL.).

EASTERN KINGBIRD

2 NEAR FARMINGTON 5/13 (FCBC); 1 IN ESPAÑOLA--SINGING--5/29 (JRT).

WESTERN KINGBIRD

EARLY DATES INCLUDE BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR (GRZ) AND BITTER LAKE NWR (LGK) ON 4/17, PORTALES ON 4/22 (PBS), FARMINGTON ON 4/24 (APN), AND LAS VEGAS ON 4/30 (WH, ES).

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD

ARRIVED LOS ALAMOS 5/8 (JRT); SINGLES AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/29 (LGK ET AL.) AND NEAR CLAYTON ON 5/16 (JPH).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER

4 WERE SEEN 16 MILES NORTHEAST OF LOGAN ON 5/20 (JPH) AND OTHERS WERE PRESENT NEAR PORTALES ON 5/4-21 (PBS); A VAGRANT NEAR HATCH 4/22 (DAZ).

WIED'S CRESTED FLYCATCHER

6 COUNTED NEAR CLIFF ON 5/6 (SWAS).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER

SEVERAL SINGING AT CABALLO LAKE STATE PARK 4/30 (McK) AND 1 AT ELEPHANT

BUTTE LAKE ON 5/23 (JPH).

BLACK PHOEBE

WINTER REPORTS OF SINGLES AT ROSWELL ON 12/18 (LGK ET AL.) AND NEAR LOVING ON 12/26 (LC, SW). SPRING REPORTS INCLUDE 2 AT S.U.CAÑON ON 4/29 AND 1 ON 5/30 (McK), 2 NEAR ALBUQUERQUE ON 4/8 (JND), 3 NEAR LOS LUNAS ON 4/13 (JR), 1 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 3/10 AND 3 ON 3/11 (CAH), 8 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/29 (LGK ET AL.), AND 1 IN ESPAÑOLA 5/8 (JRT).

SAY'S PHOEBE

18 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/26 (CAH ET AL.). FIRST AT PLEASANTON ON 2/24 (LS), AT FARMINGTON ON 2/27 (APN), AT SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO ON 3/5 (PRS), WHITE ROCK 3/12 WHERE NEST BUILDING STARTED 4/6 (JRT), AND AT LOS ALAMOS 3/30 (PRS).

EMPIDONAX SP.

1 REPORTED NEAR ALBUQUERQUE ON 2/19 (MEE).

TRAILL'S FLYCATCHER

2 SINGING AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 5/23 AND NEAR BUCKHORN ON 5/29-30; 1 BANDED NEAR HERMANAS ON 5/24 AND 1 COLLECTED NEAR CLAYTON 5/17 (JPH).

HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER

IN A ONE-MILE CENSUS (ALONG TRAIL) IN BANDELIER NM, 15 WERE SINGING ON 5/21 (JRT); 3 BANDED NEAR HERMANAS ON 5/23-24 (JPH).

DUSKY FLYCATCHER

3 BANDED NEAR HERMANAS ON 5/23-24 (JPH).

WESTERN FLYCATCHER

SEVERAL NEAR HERMANAS ON 5/23-24 (JPH); FIRST NEAR JEMEZ SPRINGS ON 5/24 (MBS).

GOUES' FLYCATCHER

SINGLES REPORTED AT S.U.CAÑON ON 5/30 (McK), NORTH OF CLIFF ON 5/6 (SWAS) AND IN THE PINOS ALTOS MTS. ON 4/24 (DAZ).

WESTERN WOOD PEWEE

EARLY SPRING DATES ARE AT LOS ALAMOS ON 5/13 (PRS), IN PLEASANTON ON 5/16 (LS), AT CLAYTON ON 5/16 (JPH), AND NEAR JEMEZ SPRINGS ON 5/20 (MBS).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER

REPORTS INCLUDE 5 IN THE GILA VALLEY ON 5/6 (SWAS), 1 AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 5/12 (CGA), 2 NEAR FARMINGTON ON 5/13 (FCBG), 1 AT LAS CRUCES ON 5/19 (AMADEO M. REA), AND SEEN NEAR CHAMA ON 5/27 (PRS).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER

1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/12 (GRZ); EARLY SPRING DATES INCLUDE NEAR CLIFF ON 3/8 (BJH), AT PLEASANTON ON 3/15 (LS), AND AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 3/16, WITH NESTING BY 4/5 (DLB, LGK).

BEARDLESS FLYCATCHER

REPORTED IN GUADALUPE CAÑON ON 4/2 (NAA ET AL.).

VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW

EARLY SPRING DATES WERE SEVERAL ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE SANDIA MTS. ON 3/8 (MEE), 20 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 3/10 (CAH), ESPAÑOLA ON 4/1 AND AT LOS ALAMOS ON 4/9 (PRS). 1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/29 (LGK ET AL.) AND 15+ NEAR BUCKHORN ON 5/29 (JPH).

TREE SWALLOW

EARLY SPRING DATES INCLUDE 10-12 AT SAN JUAN PUEBLO ON 3/11 (PRS), 11 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 3/24 (LGK), 12+ AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 3/25 (CAH, CLH), FARMINGTON ON 3/30 (APN), AND AT SANDIA PARK ON 4/10 (MH); ALSO 1 NEAR CLAYTON ON 5/17 AND 3 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 5/23 (JPH).

BANK SWALLOW

EARLIEST SPRING DATE WAS 2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE ON 3/25 (CAH, CLH);

OTHER RECORDS INCLUDE 64 AT FARMINGTON ON 5/13 (FCBC), 2 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/29 (LGK ET AL.), AND 2 NEAR CLIFF ON 5/6 (SWAS).

ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW

EARLY DATES ARE AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 2/27 (LGK) AND 30 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 3/25 (CAH, CLH).

BARN SWALLOW

EARLY DATES IN SPRING ARE 2 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 3/1 (LGK), 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 3/9 (GRZ), SEVERAL AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 3/25 (MEE), 3-5 AT FARMINGTON ON 3/30 (APN), 1 AT ESPAÑOLA ON 4/1 (PRS), AND 1 AT GRANTS ON 4/5, WITH A NEST BY 4/20 (AMS); OTHER RECORDS INCLUDE 3 NEAR NARA VISA AND 1 NEAR LOGAN ON 5/20, 1 AT HERMANAS ON 5/25, AND 2 NEAR BUCKHORN ON 5/29 (JPH).

CLIFF SWALLOW

FIRST AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 3/16 (LGK); NESTING COLONIES NEAR CLAYTON AND TUCUMCARI ON 5/20 (JPH).

PURPLE MARTIN

6 AT CENTERFIRE BOX ON 5/31 (JPH).

BLUE JAY

6+ WERE PRESENT AT PORTALES THROUGH THE WINTER (PBS) AND 3 NEAR CARLSBAD 12/27-LATE FEBRUARY (LM, SW); 1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/4 (LGK, JCC).

STELLER'S JAY

A MINOR INFLUX OCCURRED INTO THE LOWLANDS WITH RECORDS AT CORRALES 1/7-29 (DDL), SEVERAL AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 1/2 (AE ET AL.) AND 4/14 (MEE), SEVERAL AT PLEASANTON (FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1967-68) 12/16-4/9 (LS), 1 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE 3/11 (CAH), AND 1 NEAR HERMANAS 5/25 (JPH).

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE

HIGH COUNTS FOR THE PERIOD WERE 297 IN THE FARMINGTON AREA ON 5/13 (FCBC), 98 AT ESPAÑOLA ON 12/26 (WCT ET AL.), AND 95 AT LAS VEGAS ON 12/26 (JG ET AL.). 13 AT CLAYTON ON 12/18 (AK ET AL.) AND 1 ON 5/16 (JPH); ALSO 2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/3 (GRZ). TWO NESTS NEAR ESPAÑOLA DURING THE SPRING (PRS).

COMMON RAVEN

FLOCK OF 50 AT S.U.CAÑON ON 5/31 (MCK); UP TO 10 NEAR CLAYTON 5/16-21, INCLUDING AT LEAST 4 GROWN YOUNG ON THE WING (JPH).

WHITE-NECKED RAVEN

WINTER REPORTS INCLUDE 17 AT CLAYTON ON 12/18 (AK ET AL.), 12-15 NEAR FLOYD ON 2/13 (PBS), AND 2 NEAR LOVING ON 12/26 (LC, SW).

COMMON CROW

HIGH COUNTS WERE 8,000 AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 1/2 (AE ET AL.) AND 795 IN THE SANDIA MTS. ON 12/18 (RLT ET AL.). OTHER REPORTS INCLUDE 3 NEAR FARMINGTON ON 3/30 (APN), 1 AT RATON ON 5/15 (JPH), 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/26 (CAH ET AL.), 1 NEAR SILVER CITY ON 2/22-24 (BJH), AND 1 NEAR BIRDEN ON 5/6 (SWAS).

PIÑON JAY

300+ AT NAVAJO LAKE ON 1/3 AND 200+ ON 1/14 (GS), WITH 280 IN THE AREA ON 5/13 (FCBC); 113 IN THE SANDIA MTS. ON 12/18 (RLT ET AL.). ALSO, SMALL NUMBERS AT GRANTS 1/15-3/22 (AMS), AT CENTERFIRE BOX ON 5/31 (JPH), AND AT PLEASANTON 2/3-5 (LS).

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER

NUMEROUS IN LOS ALAMOS TO 2/21 (PRS) WHERE STILL FEEDING IN SMALL FLOCKS IN PIÑON WOODLANDS AT END OF MAY (JRT); 2 BANDED AT EAGLE PEAK, TULAROSA MTS., ON 5/27 (MCK); SEEN IN CARSON NF 5/20 (APN).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE

IN THE SAN JUAN VALLEY COUNTS WERE AS HIGH AS 21 IN THE PERIOD 1/4-5/13 (APN ET AL.); ALSO 41 AT ESPAÑOLA ON 12/26 (WCT ET AL.), 2 AT BERNALILLO

ON 3/18 (RFR), AND 2 NEAR ALBUQUERQUE ON 1/2 (AE ET AL.).

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE

LOWLAND RECORDS WERE 17 NEAR FARMINGTON ON 12/18 (APN ET AL.) AND 8 NEAR ALBUQUERQUE ON 1/2 (AE ET AL.).

PLAIN TITMOUSE

30+ AT NAVAJO LAKE ON 1/14 (GS); ALSO 1 NEAR REDROCK ON 5/6 (SWAS).

BRIDLED TITMOUSE

3 NEAR BUCKHORN ON 5/30 (JPH).

VERDIN

1 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 5/23 AND A PAIR NESTING NEAR HERMANAS ON 5/23-24 (JPH).

COMMON BUSHTIT

1 AT KIRTLAND ON 12/11 AND 20-30 IN THE FARMINGTON AREA 1/12-18 (GS).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH

1 AT CARLSBAD CAVERNS NP ON 12/28 (TJ, SW); SEEN IN CARSON NF 5/20 (APN).

BROWN CREEPER

SINGLES AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/26 (CAH ET AL.), ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 3/31 (CAH), AND PORTALES ON 2/22 (PBS); ALSO 5 IN THE SANDIA MTS. 12/18 (RLT ET AL.).

HOUSE WREN

REPORTED WITHOUT SUBSTANTIATION ON CHRISTMAS COUNTS WERE 1 NEAR CARLSBAD ON 12/27 AND 13 NEAR LOVING ON 12/26 (SW ET AL.). EARLY SPRING DATES WERE AT FARMINGTON ON 4/21 (APN) AND LOS ALAMOS ON 4/21 (PRS); ALSO 1 NEAR HERMANAS AS LATE AS 5/25 (JPH).

BEWICK'S WREN

WINTER COUNTS IN THE SAN JUAN VALLEY OF UP TO 6 BIRDS 12/18-1/12 (GS ET AL.) AND 5 AT ESPAÑOLA ON 12/26 (WCT ET AL.); WINTERED AS USUAL AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR (CAH ET AL.), AND AT BITTER LAKE NWR WHERE 1 STILL PRESENT ON 4/29 (LGK ET AL.). 1 NEAR CLAYTON ON 5/16 (JPH).

LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN

WINTER REPORTS INCLUDE UP TO 6 IN THE FARMINGTON AREA 12/27-1/12 (GS) AND 5 AT CARLSBAD CAVERNS NP ON 12/28 (TJ, SW). 2 NEAR ESPAÑOLA ON 3/11 MANY--INCLUDING SINGING BIRDS--AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 3/11 (CAH), AND 3 SINGING AT TUCUMCARI LAKE ON 5/20 (JPH).

MOCKINGBIRD

WINTER REPORTS INCLUDE SINGLES AT KIRTLAND ON 1/10 (GS), FARMINGTON ON 2/5 (APN), ESPAÑOLA ON 12/26 (WCT ET AL.), CLAYTON ON 12/18 (AK ET AL.), ALBUQUERQUE ON 1/2 (AE ET AL.), PORTALES ON 1/18-26 (PBS), AND 2 AT ROSWELL ON 12/18 (LGK ET AL.); 3 AT LOVING ON 12/26 (LC, SW), AND 7 AT CARLSBAD CAVERNS NP ON 12/28 (TJ, SW). ARRIVAL DATES FOR SPRING INFLUX INCLUDE PLEASANTON ON 4/14 (LS), FARMINGTON ON 4/20 (APN), WHITE ROCK ON 4/23 (JRT), AND POJOAQUE ON 5/6 (PRS).

CATBIRD

6 AT ESPAÑOLA ON 5/6 (PRS), 4 BANDED AT CLAYTON 5/16-19 (JPH), AND 1 REPORTED WITHOUT DETAILS AT GRANTS ON 5/5 (AMS), IN WHICH AREA THE SPECIES IS UNUSUAL.

BROWN THRASHER

1 NEAR RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS ON 12/28 (TJ, SW) AND 1/29-30 (CLH ET AL.); 2 NEAR CLAYTON ON 5/16 (JPH).

BENDIRE'S THRASHER

1 REPORTED WITHOUT DETAILS AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 5/15 (GRZ).

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER

1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 2/22 AND 4/29 (LGK ET AL.); ALSO A PAIR NESTING

AT COLUMBUS ON 5/23 (JPH).

GRASSAL THRASHER

2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/26 (CAH ET AL.) AND 1 ON 1/3 (GRZ), AND 1 AT LOVING ON 12/26 (LC, SW); 2+ AT HERMANAS ON 5/23-24 (JPH).

SAGE THRASHER

1 AT SILVER CITY ON 1/1 (MMc).

ROBIN

WINTER HIGHS INCLUDE 962 AT FARMINGTON ON 12/18 (APN ET AL.), 917 AT ESPAÑOLA ON 12/26 (WCT ET AL.), 518 AT CARLSBAD CAVERNS NP ON 12/28 (TJ, SW), 279 AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 1/2 (AE ET AL.), 274 AT CLAYTON ON 12/18 (AK ET AL.), BUT ONLY 45 AT ROSWELL ON 12/18 (LGK ET AL.) AND 8 AT SILVER CITY ON 1/1 (TB ET AL.). FIRST AT PLEASANTON ON 3/3, WITH A NEST BEING CONSTRUCTED ON 4/9 (LS); 1 BIRD NEAR HERMANAS AS LATE AS 5/25 (JPH).

HERMIT THRUSH

1 PRESENT AT PORTALES 1/14-3/14, WITH 2 PRESENT ON 4/18 (PBS); 3 BANDED AT CLAYTON 5/18-19 (JPH).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH

37 BANDED NEAR CLAYTON 5/16-20 AND 1 NEAR HERMANAS ON 5/24 (JPH).

VEERY

5 WERE BANDED NEAR CLAYTON 5/16-19 (JPH).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD

2 AT ROSWELL ON 12/18 (ANTHONY GENNARO ET AL.) AND 10-12 AT RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS 1/19 (CLH ET AL.).

WESTERN BLUEBIRD

LOWLAND RECORDS INCLUDE 30 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 3/7 (LGK, JCC) AND 35 NEAR CARLSBAD ON 12/27 (SW ET AL.). A PAIR NESTING IN A NEST BOX IN PINON-JUNIPER WOODLAND AT PINOS ALTOS ON 5/27 (JPH).

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD

LOWLAND RECORDS INCLUDE IN THE FARMINGTON AREA EARLY FEBRUARY-LATE MARCH (APN), UP TO 6 NEAR FLOYD ON 1/23 AND 2/13 (PBS), 1 NEAR MILMESAND ON 1/29 (PBS), 2 AT CORRALES ON 2/13 (DDL), 15 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/26 (CAH ET AL.), 25 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 3/5-10 (DLB), AND 3 NEAR CARLSBAD ON 12/27 (SW ET AL.).

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE

1 AT PORTALES ON 4/13 (PBS).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER

NEST WITH YOUNG NEAR SABINOSO ON 5/14 (WH, ES); OTHER RECORDS INCLUDE 10 NEAR FARMINGTON ON 5/13 (FCBC), 2 NEAR JEMEZ SPRINGS ON 5/13-14 (MBS), 1 NEAR ALBUQUERQUE ON 4/8 (JND), AND 1 NEAR PORTALES ON 4/22 (PBS).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET

1-2 REPORTED AT LAS VEGAS 1/16 AND 1/23 (WH), NEAR ALBUQUERQUE ON 2/2-19 (MEE), AND NEAR CARLSBAD ON 12/27 (SW ET AL.).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET

LATE RECORDS IN THE LOWLANDS WERE SINGLES AT CLAYTON ON 5/16 AND NEAR HERMANAS ON 5/23-24 (JPH).

WATER PIPIT

WINTER REPORTS UP TO 20 IN THE FARMINGTON AREA 12/22-2/5 (APN, GS), 66 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/26 (CAH ET AL.), UP TO 406 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 12/18-4/29 (LGK ET AL.), 21 NEAR LOVING ON 12/26 (LC, SW), 1 IN CARLSBAD CAVERNS NP 12/28 (TJ, SW) AND 1/29-30 (CLH ET AL.), AND 1 AT SILVER CITY ON 1/1 (TB ET AL.). ALSO 4 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 3/29 (CAH) AND SEEN NEAR ANIMAS ON 3/31 (B. DEUEL ET AL.).

SPRAGUE'S PIPIT

1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/29 (LGK ET AL.); DETAILS INCLUDE PALE LEGS AND

STRIPED BACK.

CEDAR WAXWING

MODERATE NUMBERS REPORTED IN THE WINTER AND SPRING, INCLUDING NEAR SABINOSO ON 5/14 (WH, ES), 12 AT PORTALES ON 2/17 (PBS), 2 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/21 (DLB), 9 NEAR CLIFF ON 5/6 (SWAS), AND 1 AT HERMANAS 5/23-24 (JPH); OTHER RECORDS FROM THE SAN JUAN VALLEY (APN ET AL.), LOS ALAMOS (PRS), ESPAÑOLA (WCT ET AL.), LAS VEGAS (WH), ALBUQUERQUE (JND ET AL.), SANDIA MTS. (RLT ET AL.), AND CARLSBAD (SW ET AL.).

PHAINOPEPLA

2 AT U.S. 180 BRIDGE NORTH OF GLENWOOD ON 5/31 (JPH), 6 NEAR CLIFF ON 5/6 (SWAS), AND 1 NEAR REDROCK ON 5/23 (FIDE J.W. YOUNG).

NORTHERN SHRIKE

REPORTS INCLUDE SINGLES AT LOS ALAMOS ON 3/16 (LGH), ESPAÑOLA ON 12/26 (WCT ET AL.), McALLISTER LAKE ON 1/23 (LGH), CLAYTON ON 1/22 (WC, AK), AND BITTER LAKE NWR ON 2/28 AND 3/16 (DLB, LGK).

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE

3 NEAR KIRTLAND ON 1/7 (GS).

HOUSE SPARROW

HIGH NUMBER WAS 15,270 AT ROSWELL ON 12/18 (LGK ET AL.).

STARLING

HIGH NUMBER WAS 11,872 AT FARMINGTON ON 2/18 (APN ET AL.), A FIGURE NOT APPROACHED ELSEWHERE IN THE STATE; A FEW WINTERED AT GRANTS (AMS). PAIR NESTING IN A PINE NEAR JEMEZ SPRINGS, 7730', ON 5/5-26 (MBS); 50 NEAR BUCKHORN ON 5/29, INCLUDING IMMATURES (JPH).

WHITE-EYED VIREO

1 WAS TAKEN NEAR HERMANAS ON 5/24 FOR THE FIRST STATE SPECIMEN AND THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE RECORD TO DATE (JPH).

BELL'S VIREO

2 NEAR CLIFF ON 5/6 (SWAS).

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO

1 WAS TAKEN NEAR HERMANAS ON 5/25 FOR THE FIRST STATE SPECIMEN (JPH).

SOLITARY VIREO

1 AT PORTALES ON 4/13 AND 4/20 (PBS); SEVERAL NEAR HERMANAS 5/24-25 (JPH).

WARBLING VIREO

EARLY DATES INCLUDE PINOS ALTOS MTS. ON 4/23 (BJH), FARMINGTON ON 4/29 (APN), LOS ALAMOS ON 5/14 (PRS), AND CLAYTON ON 5/17 (JPH); FAIRLY COMMON NEAR HERMANAS ON 5/23-24 (JPH).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER

A MALE AT PORTALES ON 4/23 AND 5/8; NUTMATCH-LIKE BEHAVIOR CITED (PBS).

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER

A MALE REPORTED WITHOUT DETAILS AT RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS ON 4/30 (K.E. ELLERS); THIS RECORD, PUBLISHED IN "AMERICAN BIRDS" IS NOT SUBSTANTIATED.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER

PRESENT AT ALBUQUERQUE 4/22-5/17 (LL).

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER

ARRIVED LOS ALAMOS 4/21 (JRT); EARLY DATE AT FARMINGTON (APN) AND ALBUQUERQUE (LL) IS 4/30; 2 NEAR REDROCK ON 5/6 (SWAS).

LUCY'S WARBLER

2+ NEAR HERMANAS ON 5/23-24 (JPH).

PARULA WARBLER

A MALE AT PORTALES ON 4/13; DETAILS INCLUDE BLuish BACK, WINGBARS, AND

YELLOW UNDERPARTS WITH A RUDDY WASH ON BREAST (PBS).

OLIVE WARBLER

A MALE IN S.U.CAÑON ON 4/30 IS THE OBSERVER'S ONLY RECORD FROM THE AREA IN 5 YEARS (McK).

MYRTLE WARBLER

A CHRISTMAS COUNT REPORT OF 5 IN CARLSBAD CAVERNS NP ON 12/28 (TJ, SW) IS UNSUBSTANTIATED. 4 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/29 (LGK ET AL.) AND 1 AT CLAYTON ON 5/19 (JPH).

AUDUBON'S WARBLER

A LATE SPRING BIRD WAS AT PLEASANTON ON 5/29 (JPH).

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER

1 AT PORTALES ON 4/27 (PBS).

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER

RECORDS INCLUDE 2 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/3 (LGK ET AL.), 1 NEAR VIRDEN ON 5/6 (SWAS), AND 1 NEAR HERMANAS ON 5/25 (JPH).

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER

1 WAS COLLECTED NEAR CLAYTON ON 5/19 (JPH).

GRACE'S WARBLER

FIRST AT LOS ALAMOS ON 4/24 (PRS).

BLACKPOLL WARBLER

A ♂ REPORTED AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 5/2; DETAILS INCLUDE SOLID BLACK CAP AND WHITE UNDERPARTS WITH BLACK STREAKS ON THE SIDES (CGA).

PALM WARBLER

1 REPORTED WITHOUT DETAILS AT FARMINGTON ON 5/13 (WILLIAM MARTINUS).

OVENBIRD

SINGLES AT HERMANAS ON 5/25 AND CLAYTON ON 5/18, 5/19, 5/20 (JPH).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH

SINGLES AT FARMINGTON ON 5/13 (FCBC), BANDED AT CEDAR CREST ON 5/19 (McK), BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 5/12 (GRZ), AT RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS ON 4/29 (LGH) AND NEAR CLAYTON 1 BANDED ON 5/16 AND 2 ON 5/19 (JPH).

KENTUCKY WARBLER

1 BANDED AND PHOTOGRAPHED NEAR CLAYTON ON 5/18, WITH RECAPTURES ON 5/19 AND 5/20 (JPH).

MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER

FAIRLY COMMON NEAR CLAYTON ON 5/16-20 (JPH), AND 1 AT PORTALES 5/1 AND 5/6 (PBS).

YELLOWTHROAT

A ♂ NEAR HERMANAS ON 5/25 WAS LATE (JPH).

WILSON'S WARBLER

EARLY DATES IN SPRING WERE PORTALES 4/13-5/2 (PBS), BITTER LAKE NWR 4/19 (LGK), AND ALBUQUERQUE 4/30 (LL); LATE WAS 1 AT PLEASANTON 5/29 (JPH).

AMERICAN REDSTART

1 NEAR CLAYTON ON 5/18 AND 2 ON 5/19 (JPH), 1 AT SABINOSO ON 5/14 (WH, ES), AND 1 NEAR HERMANAS ON 5/25 (JPH).

PAINTED REDSTART

ARRIVED EARLY--3/12--IN S.U.CAÑON (McK); 1 NEAR REDROCK ON 5/6 (SWAS).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK

1 REPORTED SINGING NEAR LOVING ON 12/26 (LC, SW); 36 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/29 (LGK ET AL.).

WESTERN MEADOWLARK

26 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/29 (LGK ET AL.).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD

WINTER REPORTS INCLUDE 75 IN THE KIRTLAND AREA ON 12/18 (APN ET AL.), 2 AT LAS VEGAS ON 12/26 (JG ET AL.), 8 AT CLAYTON ON 12/18 (AK ET AL.), AND 537 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/26 (CAH ET AL.). 15+ NESTING AT TUCUMCARI LAKE ON 5/20 AND 25+ NESTING AT CENTERFIRE BOX ON 5/31 (JPH). SPRING MIGRANTS INCLUDE 1 AT LOS ALAMOS ON 5/13 (PRS), 1 NEAR CLAYTON ON 5/15 (JPH), 4 AT PORTALES ON 4/7 (PBS), AND 500 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/7 (LGK).

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD

WINTER REPORTS INCLUDE 21,500 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/26 (CAH ET AL.) AND 250 AT CLAYTON ON 12/18 (AK ET AL.).

ORCHARD ORIOLE

A MALE AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/22 (LGK).

HOODED ORIOLE

FIRST AT PLEASANTON ON 3/29 (LS) AND PRESENT IN GUADALUPE CAÑON ON 4/2 (NAA ET AL.); 1 NEAR HERMANAS ON 5/25 (JPH).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE

2 IN CLANTON CAÑON, PELONCILLO MTS., ON 4/2 (NAA ET AL.); PAIR NESTING AT COLUMBUS ON 5/25 AND A BIRD PRESENT NEAR HERMANAS ON 5/24-25 (JPH).

BULLOCK'S ORIOLE

EARLY SPRING DATES INCLUDE BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 4/22 (GRZ), GRANTS ON 4/26 (AMS), BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/27 (LGK ET AL.), FARMINGTON ON 4/30 (APN), PORTALES ON 5/4 (PBS), AND POJOAQUE ON 5/13 (PRS).

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD

WINTER HIGH OF 3,060 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/26 (CAH ET AL.); UP TO 50 IN THE SAN JUAN VALLEY AREA 12/27-1/13 (GS) AND SEEN NEAR COLUMBUS ON 12/11 (TB, RAF). 10+ NESTING AT CENTERFIRE BOX ON 5/31, AS MAY HAVE BEEN 6 AT LUNA THE SAME DAY (JPH). MIGRANTS INCLUDE 4 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/29 (LGK) AND 150 NEAR HORSE SPRINGS ON 4/30 (MCK).

BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE

460 AT ROSWELL ON 12/18 (LGK ET AL.). NONE REPORTED IN WINTER AT KIRTLAND AND NUMBERS WERE DOWN IN SPRING FROM LAST YEAR (GS); ON THE OTHER HAND, NUMBERS WERE UP AT ESPAÑOLA IN SPRING (PRS) AND AT TUCUMCARI LAKE, WHERE NESTING WAS UNDERWAY ON 5/20 (JPH). MIGRANTS INCLUDE 1 NEAR CLIFF ON 5/6 (SWAS), AND 1 AT SILVER CITY ON 5/12 (RAF); ALSO SEEN WERE 5 NEAR VIRDEN ON 5/6 (SWAS) WHERE THEY MAY BREED, AND 100 NEAR LOS LUNAS ON 4/21 (JR).

COMMON GRACKLE

80 AT ROSWELL ON 12/18 (LGK ET AL.), WHILE 1 AT CLAYTON ON 2/4 AND 2/29 (WC) WAS THE FIRST WINTER RECORD THERE. PRESENT AT LAS VEGAS FROM 3/29 TO AT LEAST 5/23 (WH), AND 2 AT RATON ON 5/15 AND AT CLAYTON 5/15-20 (JPH).

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD

WINTER REPORTS INCLUDE 15-20 AT MORGAN LAKE ON 1/13 (GS), 5 AT KIRTLAND ON 12/31 (APN), 25 AT LOVING 12/26 (LC, SW), AND 4 NEAR CARLSBAD ON 2/27 (SW ET AL.). ARRIVED AT WHITE ROCK 5/1 (JRT); 4 AT RATON 5/15 (JPH).

WESTERN Tanager

EARLY SPRING RECORDS INCLUDE CEDAR CREST 4/26 (MCK), TAOS 5/4 (DMG), NEAR JEMEZ SPRINGS 5/6 (MBS), AND SAWMILL CAÑON, MAGDALENA MTS., 5/7 (JND ET AL.). OTHER RECORDS INCLUDE 1 NEAR CLAYTON 5/18 AND FAIRLY COMMON NEAR HERMANAS ON 5/23-24 (JPH).

HEPATIC Tanager

SINGLES NEAR LOS ALAMOS ON 5/11 AND 5/13 (PRS), AND NEAR JEMEZ SPRINGS ON 5/13 (JR).

SUMMER Tanager

FIRST AT PLEASANTON ON 5/2 (LS); ALSO, SINGLES NEAR CLAYTON ON 5/18 AND NEAR HERMANAS ON 5/24 (JPH).

CARDINAL

A SINGING ♂ WAS OBSERVED IN PORTALES ON 3/16 (PBS), WITH DETAILS SUPPLIED. A ♀ NEAR HERMANAS ON 5/25 (JPH) WAS ALSO OUT OF RANGE.

PYRRHULOXIA

1 PHOTOGRAPHED AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR IN THE PERIOD 1/3-2/30 (GRZ), AND A MALE RETURNED TO SILVER CITY AGAIN THIS WINTER (TB ET AL.). ALSO, 1 SEEN SOUTH OF DEMING ON 12/11 (RAF) AND 1 AT COLUMBUS ON 5/25 (JPH).

ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK

SINGLE ♂♂ WERE RECORDED AS FOLLOWS: TAOS 5/5 (DMG), CLAYTON 5/16 (JPH), SABINOSO 5/14 (WH, ES), BITTER LAKE NWR 5/15 (JCC), PLEASANTON 5/16-22 (LS), SILVER CITY 4/30 (DAZ), AND NEAR HERMANAS 5/24 (JPH). ALSO 2 NEAR LOS ALAMOS ON 5/19 (FIDE PRS), AND AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 1 ON 5/1 AND SEVERAL ON 5/31 (GRZ).

BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK

A CHRISTMAS COUNT RECORD OF 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/26 (ESTHER TUTTLE) IS UNSUBSTANTIATED AND OPEN TO QUESTION. EARLY SPRING DATES INCLUDE CEDAR CREST 4/27 (McK), PLEASANTON 4/28 (LS), NEAR JEMEZ SPRINGS 4/30 (MBS), TAOS 5/4 (DMG), AND WHITE ROCK 5/6 (JRT).

BLUE GROSBEAK

A ♂ WAS COLLECTED AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 1/25 (GRZ) FOR THE FIRST DEFINITE WINTER RECORD IN THE STATE. EARLY SPRING DATES INCLUDE BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 5/3 (WITH AN AMAZING 150+ ON 5/10) (GRZ), BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/4 (LGK), AND BETWEEN REDROCK AND VIRDEN ON 5/6 (SWAS).

INDIGO BUNTING

RECORDS INCLUDE SINGLES NEAR CLAYTON ON 5/19 (JPH), LAS VEGAS 5/2-20 (WH), CEDAR CREST ON 5/9 (McK), SILVER CITY ON 5/15 (DAZ), AND HERMANAS ON 5/24 (JPH); ALSO 2 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 5/3 (GRZ).

EVENING GROSBEAK

BESIDES WINTER RECORDS AT LOS ALAMOS (PRS) AND ESPAÑOLA (WCT ET AL.), 25 WERE SEEN IN THE FARMINGTON AREA ON 12/18 AND 16 ON 12/31 (APN ET AL.).

CASSIN'S FINCH

SMALL NUMBERS IN THE FARMINGTON AREA 12/15-1/30 (APN ET AL.) AND 44 AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 1/2 (AE ET AL.); NONE WINTERED AT LOS ALAMOS WHERE FIRST SPRING RECORD WAS 3/9 (PRS).

HOUSE FINCH

NUMEROUS THROUGH THE PERIOD AT PORTALES, BREEDING IN APRIL AND MAY (PBS).

GRAY-CROWNED ROSY FINCH

2 REPORTED ON SANDIA CREST ON 12/18 (RLT ET AL.).

PINE SISKIN

LOWLAND RECORDS INCLUDE CLAYTON THROUGH THE WINTER (WC, AK) AND 1 TO 5/16 (JPH), 4 AT PORTALES ON 4/1 (PBS) AND 1 AT HERMANAS 5/24 (JPH).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH

WINTER COUNTS INCLUDED 57 AT ROSWELL 12/18 (LGK ET AL.), 53 AT ESPAÑOLA 12/26 (WCT ET AL.), 28 AT FARMINGTON 12/18 (APN ET AL.), 19 AT ALBUQUERQUE 1/2 (AE ET AL.), AND 7 NEAR CARLSBAD ON 12/28 (TJ, SW). SPRING REPORTS INCLUDE 500+ AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR IN THE PERIOD 3/30-4/2 (GRZ) 98 AT FARMINGTON ON 5/13 (FCBC), AND BIRDS FAIRLY COMMON AT CLAYTON 5/15-20 (JPH).

LESSER GOLDFINCH

WINTER REPORTS INCLUDE 12 AT GRANTS ON 1/12 (AMS), AND 25 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/26 (CAH ET AL.); 1 NEAR HERMANAS ON 5/23 (JPH).

RED CROSSBILL

RECORDS INCLUDE SEVERAL IN THE CARSON NF 60+ MILES EAST OF FARMINGTON ON 5/20 (APN), 2 NEAR JEMEZ SPRINGS 5/23 (MBS), 12 OR SO ON MT. TAYLOR ON 5/7 (McK), AND 5+ NEAR LUNA ON 5/31 (JPH).

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE

1 NEAR PORTALES 5/4-6 (PBS), AND 1 NEAR HERMANAS 5/23-24 (JPH).

RUFUS-SIDED TOWHEE

UP TO 5 IN THE SAN JUAN VALLEY 1/4-18 (GS), 4 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/26 (CAH ET AL.), 1 AT ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE ON 5/23 (JPH), AND 1 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 4/29 (LGK ET AL.).

BROWN TOWHEE

2 AT GRANTS 2/21-3/21 (AMS), 1 NEAR CLAYTON 5/16 (JPH), AND 1 BETWEEN REDROCK AND VIRDEN 5/6 (SWAS).

LARK BUNTING

1 AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 1/2 (AE ET AL.), 2 NEAR NAMBE ON 4/18 (PRS), AND 1 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 4/26 (GRZ). LAST OF SPRING AT PORTALES ON 5/21 (PBS); 35 BETWEEN NARA VISA AND CLAYTON ON 5/20, SOME PAIRED AND DISPLAYING AND OTHERS IN FLOCKS (JPH).

SAVANNAH SPARROW

WINTER REPORTS INCLUDE A VERY HIGH 330 AT ROSWELL ON 12/18 (LGK ET AL.) AND UP TO 7 IN THE CARLSBAD AREA 12/27 (SW ET AL.) TO 1/30 (CLH ET AL.). 2 AT MORGAN LAKE 3/25 (APN).

LECONTE'S SPARROW

1 REPORTED AT WILLOW LAKE NEAR LOVING ON 12/26 (LC, SW), 2 AT LAKE AYALON NEAR CARLSBAD ON 12/27 (FRANCES WILLIAMS) AND 12/31 (SW), AND 6 NEAR CARLSBAD FROM EARLY JANUARY THROUGH EARLY MARCH (LM); DETAILS INCLUDE ORANGE EYESTRIPE, BUFFY BREAST, AND WHITE CROWN STRIPE. THESE RECORDS EXTEND THE WINTER RANGE SOUTHWARD IN THE PECOS VALLEY FROM ROSWELL, WHERE THE BIRD IS VERY LOCAL AND UNCOMMON.

VESPER SPARROW

4 NEAR PORTALES ON 5/4 (PBS) AND 3 AT LUNA ON 5/31 (JPH).

LARK SPARROW

2 REPORTED ON A CHRISTMAS COUNT NEAR CARLSBAD ON 12/27 (SW ET AL.) WHICH IF CORRECT REPRESENT AN UNUSUAL WINTER RECORD FOR THE STATE.

RUFUS-CROWNED SPARROW

1 NEAR CLAYTON ON 12/18 (AK ET AL.) AND ON 5/19 (JPH). 25 REPORTED ON THE CHRISTMAS COUNT AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/26 (CLH) REQUIRE SUBSTANTIATION.

CASSIN'S SPARROW

3 NEAR CLAYTON ON 5/17 AND FAIRLY COMMON FROM THERE TO NARA VISA ON 5/20 (JPH), 2 NEAR PORTALES ON 5/6 AND 5/21 (PBS), AND 54 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/29 (LGK ET AL.).

BLACK-THROATED SPARROW

1 AT PLEASANTON 5/28-31 WHERE IRREGULAR (JPH).

SAGE SPARROW

3 IN THE FARMINGTON AREA ON 12/29 AND 31 ON 1/7 (GS); 18 AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 1/2 (AE ET AL.).

WHITE-WINGED JUNCO

1 AT LOS ALAMOS 1/29-2/10 (PRS).

SLATE-COLORED JUNCO

WINTER RECORDS OF 1-3 REPORTED FROM LOS ALAMOS (PRS), ESPAÑOLA (WCT ET AL.), BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR (CAH ET AL.), BITTER LAKE NWR (LGK ET AL.), AND THE CARLSBAD AREA (SW ET AL.); A CHRISTMAS COUNT REPORT OF 31 AT FARMINGTON 12/18 (APN ET AL.) SEEMS QUITE HIGH AND IS OPEN TO QUESTION.

OREGON JUNCO

WINTER HIGH OF 571 AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/26 (CAH ET AL.); UP TO 5 AT PORTALES ON 1/8-2/15 (PBS). LAST OF SPRING AT LOS ALAMOS ON 5/4 (PRS) AND AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 5/1 (DDL), ALTHOUGH MOST GONE FROM BOTH BY EARLY MARCH. 1 NEAR REDROCK ON 5/6 (SWAS).

GRAY-HEADED JUNCO

1 FOUND DEAD AT CEDAR CREST ON 3/19 HAD BEEN BANNED THERE 1/12/1964 (McK). LATE SPRING DATES INCLUDE 13 AT FARMINGTON ON 5/13 (FCBC), 1 AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 5/12 (DDL), AND 1 AT CLAYTON ON 5/17 (JPH).

TREE SPARROW

WINTER REPORTS INCLUDE SINGLES NEAR FLOYD 1/8 (PBS), AT ROSWELL ON 12/18 (LGK ET AL.), AND AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON 12/26 (RWR); OTHER WINTER REPORTS AT FARMINGTON (GS), ESPAÑOLA (WCT ET AL.), LAS VEGAS (JG ET AL.), McALLISTER LAKE (McK), SPRINGER LAKE (PRS), CLAYTON (AK ET AL.).

CHIPPING SPARROW

A VERY HIGH 89 AT SILVER CITY 1/1 (TB ET AL.), AND SINGLES AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR 12/26 (CAH ET AL.) AND ROSWELL 12/18 (LGK ET AL.). FIRST AT LOS ALAMOS ON 4/7 (PRS) AND AT FARMINGTON 4/30 (APN).

GLAY-COLORED SPARROW

6 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/29 (LGK ET AL.).

BREWER'S SPARROW

38 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/29 (LGK ET AL.).

FIELD SPARROW

1 REPORTED AT LOVING ON 12/26 (LC, SW).

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW

A MOST UNUSUAL REPORT IS OF 2 AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 4/29 (LGK ET AL.); DETAILS INCLUDE GRAY HEAD, PINK BILL WITH BLACK AT THE BASE, STRIPE BACK. THE NEAREST AREA OF REGULAR OCCURRENCE IS IN THE SOUTHERN GUADALUPE MTS.

HARRIS' SPARROW

1 BANNED AND PHOTOGRAPHED AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 12/21 WHERE PRESENT TO 3/21 (LGK); 1 IN FARMINGTON FROM 12/1 INTO MARCH (APN) AND 1 AT RESERVE 5/20-25 (MARY O. RUSSELL).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW

NUMBERS LOW AT LOS ALAMOS DURING WINTER (PRS) AND APPARENTLY RELATIVELY SO ELSEWHERE IN THE STATE; LAST AT PLEASANTON ON 5/20 (JPH) AND AT BITTER LAKE NWR ON 5/25 (JCC).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW

7 REPORTED AT ALBUQUERQUE ON 1/2 (AE ET AL.) AND AS MANY AS 5 IN THE CARLSBAD AREA 12/27 (SW ET AL.) TO 1/30 (CLH).

FOX SPARROW

4 REPORTED AT BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR ON THE CHRISTMAS COUNT 12/26 (MEE); 1 BANNED AT CEDAR CREST 3/29 (McK), AND 1 REPORTED WITHOUT DETAILS NEAR VIRDEN ON 5/6 (SWAS).

LINCOLN'S SPARROW

UP TO 10 IN CARLSBAD AREA 12/26 (SW) TO 1/29 (CLH). FAIRLY COMMON NEAR CLAYTON 5/16-20 AND 1 NEAR HERMANAS 5/25 (JPH).

SWAMP SPARROW

UP TO 18 REPORTED IN THE CARLSBAD AREA 12/26-27 (SW ET AL.) FOR AN UNUSUALLY HIGH COUNT; 2 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 4/29 (LGK ET AL.).

SONG SPARROW

WINTER MAXIMUM IN FARMINGTON AREA WAS 60 ON 1/5 (GS) WITH 5 PRESENT 5/13 (FCBC); 8 AT CLAYTON 12/18 (AK ET AL.), 5 AT BITTER LAKE NWR 4/29 (LGK).

CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR

15 AT CLAYTON 12/18 (AK ET AL.) 1 AT PORTALES 1/27, 6 NEAR MILNESAND 1/29 (PBS).