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LOCALITIES--counties in this issue

Alameda--Bernalillo	Laguna Grande--Eddy
Alamogordo--Otero	La Luz--Otero
Albuquerque--Bernalillo	Las Cruces--Dona Ana
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Apache Creek--Catron	Lindrieth--Rio Arriba
Avalon-McMillian Lakes--Eddy	Los Alamos--Los Alamos
	Loving--Eddy
	Luna--Catron
Bandelier NM--Sandoval	
Bear Canyon Lake--Grant	Mangas Mts.--Catron
Belen--Valencia	Mangas Springs--Grant
Bell Lake--Lea	McAllister Lake--San Miguel
Bitter Lake NWR--Chaves	Mesilla--Dona Ana
Black Lake--Colfax	Mimbres Valley--Grant
Bloomfield--San Juan	Montoya--Quey
Blue Mesa--Dona Ana	Morgan Lake--San Juan
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Carlsbad Caverns NP--Eddy	Pojoaque--Santa Fe
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Centerfire Bog--Catron	
Charette Lake--Mora	Rattlesnake Springs--Eddy
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Corrales--Bernalillo	Rodeo--Hidalgo
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Crownpoint--McKinley	Sandia Crest--Bernalillo
	Sandia Mts.--Bernalillo
Deming--Luna	San Juan Valley--San Juan
	Santa Fe--Santa Fe
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Estancia--Torrance	Silver City--Grant
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	Stone Lake--Rio Arriba
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Fitzgerald Cienega--Catron	Tesuque--Santa Fe
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Gila Valley--Grant	Uvas Valley--Luna
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Guadalupe Canyon--Hidalgo	Vander Wagon--McKinley
Hagerman--Chaves	White Rock--Los Alamos
Hatch--Dona Ana	White Sands NM--Otero
Hobbs--Lea	Willow Lake--Eddy
Holloman AFB--Otero	
	Zuni--McKinley
Kirtland--Bernalillo	

FROM THE EDITORS:

Before summarizing the highlights of this reporting period (December 1976 through May 1977) we must again reiterate the need for contributors to follow some basic guide-lines. We would appreciate it if all reports were put together as follows: (1) Type or print if at all possible. Many times valuable data is lost because the editorial staff can not read the report. (2) List all birds in taxonomic order. (3) Always furnish details on unusual species and at the time of the initial report. (4) The name of the contributor and the location (s) being reported should be on each page. In many instances locations are given as "John Smith's house". Please avoid this, take time to report the actual location. Also, when reporting from a new location not readily found on a standard road map such as a ranch stock-tank which you assign a name, please give a few details on its location including the county. (5) For filing purposes, reports should be on at least a minimum sized sheet of paper (8 1/2 x 11) even if just one bird species is being reported. If people will adhere to this basic format records can be compiled more accurately and quickly.

This reporting period was one of the most interesting in recent years. Noteworthy were first state verification of the Trumpeter Swan and the Costa Hummingbird; with a new addition to the hypothetical list of a Nutting Flycatcher near Evans Lake. Also, there were major winter invasions of Bald Eagles, Bohemian Waxwings, and Northern Shrikes. Other unusual sightings during the winter period included Olivaceous Cormorants at Las Cruces, Barrow's Goldeneye near Bloomfield, Surf Scoters at Evans Lake, 2 Ospreys in the Rio Grande Valley, and a Solitary Vireo at Las Cruces. In addition, 6 Whooping Cranes successfully wintered in the central Rio Grande Valley; leaving in late February and early March.

Spring was just as interesting with such noteworthy records as a Louisiana Heron near Las Cruces, an immature Broad-winged Hawk near Portales, an Aplomado Falcon reported just across the state line in Arizona near Rodeo, Red Knots near Roswell, Sanderlings near Alamogordo, and an adult California Gull at Charette Lake.

Perhaps one of the most interesting features of the period was the great influx of eastern warblers in the state which brought the total number of warbler species recorded during the period to 27. Some of the most unusual species included Prothonotary, Worm-eating, Parula, Cape May, Chestnut-sided, Bay-breasted, Blackpoll, Palm, and Hooded.

Other noteworthy records during the period included a Bobolink at Stone Lake, Bronzed Cowbirds at Glenwood and Socorro, Grasshopper Sparrows near Loving, single Golden-crowned Sparrows at Tesuque and Farmington, and at least 3 reports of Harris Sparrows.

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sp/rec--spring record	win/rec--winter record
sp/dpt--spring departure	uns/rec--unusual record
br/rec--breeding record	con/rec--continuity record

CORRIGENDA to Field Notes Vol. XV, No. 2, 1976-2:

Northern Phalarope -- the sighting was made at Bitter Lake
NWR (LH).
Violet-crowned Hummingbird -- last bird seen 9/17 not 8/17
(WB).

COMMON LOON

con/rec--1 at Evans Lake 12/2 (DZ) and 5/7 (RF).

HORNED GREBE

uns/rec--4 reported at Bitter Lake NWR 4/30 (DB) and a single bird in breeding plumage near McAllister Lake 5/18 (WS).

EARED GREBE

win/rec--1-2 on the ponds S of Holloman AFB 12/2 to 3/25 (LM) and 4 at Farmington 12/18 (HL).

WESTERN GREBE

win/rec--2 at Burn Lake 12/18 (WP+); sp/rec--40 at Morgan Lake 4/2 (CS), and a single at McAllister Lake 4/24 (WH,WS).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT

sp/rec--1 at Morgan Lake 3/23 (CS), 1 at Corrales 3/13-21 (JP), and 2 at Bear Canyon Lake 4/2 (RF).

OLIVACEOUS CORMORANT

con/rec--1 at the Bosque del Apache NWR 1/22 (RT+) and 1/30 (DZ,MZ), and 3 birds photographed at Burn Lake 3/5-8 (WB+).

GREEN HERON

win/rec--2 near Las Cruces 12/18 (KZ,BZ); sp/rec--1 S of Holloman AFB 4/4 (LM), 1 near Loving 4/22 (JH), 1 between Red Rock and Virden 5/7 (J.Embick), and 1 near Mesilla 5/25 (KZ,BZ).

LITTLE BLUE HERON

sp/rec--2 ad. at Albuquerque 4/16 (M.Milton, fide DD), 1 at Bitter Lake NWR 4/20 (DB), and 1 there 4/25 (MW).

GREAT EGRET

win/rec--1 in the Avalon-McMillan Lakes area 12/28 (JC+).

CATTLE EGRET

con/rec--1 at Bitter Lake NWR 4/30 (RT).

LOUISIANA HERON

uns/rec--an adult was photographed near Mesilla 4/5 for the second verified New Mexico record (WB,RW).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

sp/rec--4 at Espanola 4/17 (WS) and 3 at Stone Lake 5/11 (CS).

AMERICAN BITTERN

win/rec--1 near Kirtland 12/19 (DC).

WHITE-FACED IBIS

sp/rec--1 at Buckhorn 4/28 and 2 at Black Lake 4/30 (JH).

WHISTLING SWAN

win/rec--1 at Alamogordo Reservoir 12/2 (LM), 4 E of Columbus 12/4 (RF), and 1 near Mesilla 12/18 (WP+).

TRUMPETER SWAN

uns/rec--an adult was present for about a month prior to being shot on Bear Canyon Lake about 2/23. The bird was preserved as a study skin for the first verified state record (DZ+).

CANADA GOOSE

con/rec--15 at Espanola 12/26 (BL+) and 6 at Burn Lake 3/5-8 (WB+).

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE

con/rec--1 bird in a field with about 15 Canada Geese near Percha Dam SP 3/26 (WB+).

SNOW GOOSE

win/rec--2 at Farmington 12/18 (AN+); sp/rec--6 at Morgan Lake 4/9 and 4/23 (AN+). An im. "Blue Goose" was seen with Canada Geese near Espanola 12/30 (EE); there are few records away from the Bosque del Apache NWR and Bitter Lake NWR areas (JH).

ROSS' GOOSE

con/rec--10 in the Avalon-McMillan Lakes area (JC+) and 1 seen at Bitter Lake NWR 4/30 (MW).

MEXICAN DUCK

con/rec--3 of this type were captured and banded at Belen in January-February out of 1109 Mallards (TZ); 2 at Bitter Lake NWR 4/30 (JC+).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL

win/rec--5 at Farmington 12/18 (AN+), 6 near Cliff 12/18 (RF+), and 2 out of 3 shot on the Rio Grande 5 mi S of Percha Dam SP 1/14 (RW).

CINNAMON TEAL

win/rec--1 at McAllister Lake 1/6 and 1/20 and 1 at Willow Lake 1/28 (WH), 6 at the Bosque del Apache NWR 1/28 (WS), and 2 S of Holloman AFB 2/9 (LM).

CANVASBACK

win/rec--5 S of Holloman AFB 2/17 (LM).

COMMON GOLDENEYE

win/rec--a female on the Rio Grande in extreme N Dona Ana County 12/7 (RW), 1 at Alamogordo Reservoir 2/9 (LM), and a female at the Tyrone Ponds 4/8 (RF).

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE

uns/rec--2 males were reported shot near Bloomfield 12/27. Both males were taken where another male and a probable female were shot (and subsequently mounted) by Stan Boyer January 4, 1975; the later being the first verification of the species in New Mexico.

BUFFLEHEAD

win/rec--1-4 present throughout the month of February on Alamogordo Reservoir (LM).

SURF SCOTER

uns/rec--1 of 2 birds still present 12/19 at Evans Lake (DZ,MZ).

HOODED MERGANSER

win/rec--a pair on the Pecos River 15 mi N of the Texas line 12/15 (KG), at least 8 and probably 11 in the San Juan Valley during January (AN+), and 2-3 present on Burn Lake 12/18 (WP+).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER

uns/rec--3 were reported at Roswell 12/18 (JC+).

TURKEY VULTURE

uns/rec--a single bird reported S of White Sands NM 2/15 and 2/17 was presumably an early spring migrant (LM).

MISSISSIPPI KITE

sp/rec--a bird fitting this species was observed on 3 separate occasions near Bloomfield 4/1 (B.Davenport & C.Brewton, fide AN), 1 at Portales 5/12 (JH), and 1 at Albuquerque 5/26 (OV).

GOSHAWK

win/rec--3 adults near Canyon Largo 12/21 (DC), a single 40 mi N of Holloman AFB in late December or early January (PP), and an adult in the Mangas Mts. 4/16 (KG).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK

uns/rec--an im. near Portales 5/12 (JH+).

SWAINSON HAWK

win/rec--a light phase adult was reported at Tesuque 2/6 (P.Shultz); a drawing made at the time tends to support the identification.

ZONE-TAILED HAWK

con/rec--1 at Bandelier NM 4/16 (LH).

BLACK HAWK

sp/rec--a pair in the Mimbres Valley March-May (RF).

BALD EAGLE

win/rec--at least 28 reports in the period 12/4 to 4/17 with the following county breakdown: Socorro 10, San Miguel 6, San Juan 4, Sierra 2, Torrance 2, Colfax 1, Chaves 1, Grant 1, and Hidalgo 1. Late date of 4/17 in Torrance (OV) and the peripheral area of Clanton Canyon in Hidalgo County (D.Hunt).

OSPREY

win/rec--single birds fitting the description of this species were seen N of Truth or Consequences 12/28 (RT) and on the Rio Grande near Rincon 1/14 (RW).

APLOMADO FALCON

uns/rec--1 was reported to have been seen and well described just across the state line in Arizona near Rodeo 3/8 (RS).

MERLIN

win/rec--at least 9 reported statewide; most were seen between 12/18 and 1/13.

LESSER PRAIRIE CHICKEN

uns/rec--1 at Bitter Lake NWR 5/23 (JC,DB).

SCALED QUAIL

uns/rec--2 at Los Alamos on 4/21 were definitely higher than normal (LH).

CHUKAR

con/rec--present in the Farmington area 5/14 (AN+).

TURKEY

uns/rec--1 in Alamogordo 4/15 was low and miles from the nearest habitat (possibly an escaped unpinioned bird) (Alamogordo Daily News). Also, reports for Guadalupe Canyon (birds heard) relate to domestic birds. The single bird reported there last year for this period was a flying bird; subsequent checking with local residents confirmed that it was not one of their birds (WB).

WHOOPIING CRANE

con/rec--6 wintered successfully in the central Rio Grande Valley leaving in late February and early March with several seen passing over Los Alamos; 5 of these birds were seen in the San Luis Valley of Colorado by 3/18 (fide JT), the other bird (a Bosque del Apache NWR bird) went S and showed up in the Uvas Valley in late March (WW,D.Shifletts).

VIRGINIA RAIL

win/rec--1 at Mangas Springs 2/26 (DZ,MZ).

SORA

win/rec--1 at Glenwood 12/30 (JH+) and 1 at Silver City 1/2 (RF+).

COMMON GALLINULE

con/rec--5 at Las Cruces 12/18 (WB+).

SNOWY PLOVER

win/rec--1 at Laguna Grande 12/18 was the second winter record (SW); con/rec--2-3 near Alamogordo 4/11-27 (LM).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW

sp/rec--2 near Alamogordo 4/8 (LM).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER

win/rec--5 reported near Cliff 12/18 (RF+).

WILLET

con/rec--1 at Bell Lake 3/1-2 (GS) and 4 at Apache Creek 4/28 (GS,MC).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS

win/rec--7 reported at Roswell 12/18 (AN+).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS

win/rec--2 reported from the Avalon-McMillan Lakes area 12/18 (JC+).

RED KNOT

uns/rec--4 reported at Bitter Lake NWR 4/25 with scant details (MW).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER

win/rec--1-2 near Bloomfield 12/21 (AN); sp/rec--2 at Centerfire Bog 4/29 (JH).

WESTERN SANDPIPER

sp/rec--6 near Alamogordo 4/25 (LM).

MARBLED GODWIT

sp/rec--4 at Black Lake 4/30 (JH).

SANDERLING

uns/rec--3 reported near Alamogordo without details 4/4 and 4 on 4/29 (LM).

AMERICAN AVOCET

win/rec--1 reported with scant details near Avalon-McMillan Lakes 12/28 (JC+).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE

sp/rec--1 near Alamogordo 4/20 increasing to 600+ by 4/27 (LM), 25 at the Tyrone Ponds 4/23 (RF), 2 at Fitzgerald Cienega 4/28 (MC,GS), 40+ at Black Lake 4/30 (JH), and 2 at Farmington 5/14 (AN+).

NORTHERN PHALAROPE

sp/rec--2 reported without details at Bitter Lake NWR 5/27 (DB,JC).

CALIFORNIA GULL

uns/rec--an adult was seen at Charette Lake 5/6 (JH); this was the third recent state record. Details include "yellow bill with red and dark mandible spot, green legs, dark gray back."

RING-BILLED GULL

uns/rec--an adult at Pleasanton 3/21 (JH) and 4 near Cliff 5/7 (B.Ross+).

LEAST TERN

con/rec--10 at Bitter Lake NWR 4/21 and 4/30 (DB+).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON

win/rec--19 reported perched in a dead tree near Luna 1/12 (TJ).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE

uns/rec--range expansion--1 at La Luz 2/19 and 2 at Alamogordo 4/8 (LM), 2 at Percha Dam SP 3/26 (WB+), and 4-5 at Socorro 4/19-5/31 (PB). win/rec--1 wintered at Red Rock (A.Ford); sp/rec--3 at Faywood Hot Springs 4/29 (JH).

GROUND DOVE

uns/rec--at least 1 at Carlsbad 5/21 (MW).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO

sp/rec--early dates include 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 5/17 (BH), Carlsbad 5/21 and Roswell 5/30 (MW).

SCREECH OWL

win/rec--2 at Farmington 12/18 (AN+), 1 at Santa Fe 12/19 (JE), and 1 found dead W of Truth or Consequences 12/29 (DZ).

PYGMY OWL

uns/rec--1 near Cliff 12/18 (A.Zimmerman), 1 at Santa Fe 12/19 and 2/10 (JE), and 1 in San Juan County 3/7-8 (AN).

SPOTTED OWL

uns/rec--1 at Carlsbad Caverns NP 12/31 (SW); a local first.

LONG-EARED OWL

sp/rec--a roost of at least 30 found E of Columbus 3/24 (JH,MC).

SHORT-EARED OWL

win/rec--1 found dead near Florida 12/23 (WB).

SAW-WHET OWL

win/rec--1 found dead at Silver City 2/17 (DZ).

WHIP-POOR-WILL

uns/rec--1 on the Gila River near Cliff 5/7 (N.Lavery).

COSTA HUMMINGBIRD

uns/rec--an adult male was present and photographed in the New Mexico portion of Guadalupe Canyon between 5/7-22 and an im. male was netted and photographed 5/21 for the first verified New Mexico records (WB). In addition, a male was reported to have been seen at Sycamore Spring -- details scant and somewhat confusing -- 4/9 (RF).

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD

uns/rec--a male at Cedar Point E of Roswell 5/13 was considerably E of the species normal range (JH).

COMMON FLICKER (YELLOW-SHAFTED)

con/rec--1 reported at Roswell 12/28 (JC+) and 1 near White Rock 1/4 (PS).

GILA WOODPECKER

con/rec--common in Guadalupe Canyon with at least 3 nests in the New Mexico portion (WB).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER

uns/rec--2 im. at Roswell 12/18 (MW) and 1-2 in Albuquerque in January (DD).

ACORN WOODPECKER

uns/rec--1 was seen on the E side of the Sandia Mts. 5/10 (RT); in this area there are almost unaccountably no records (JH).

LEWIS' WOODPECKER

win/rec--a pair wintered just N of Silver City (BJH); numbers up at Espanola and peripheral records in the San Juan Valley (AN+).

WILLIAMSON SAPSUCKER

win/rec--a female at Albuquerque 2/6 (DD).

HAIRY WOODPECKER

uns/rec--1 at Roswell 1/23 was somewhat unusual (MW).

DOWNY WOODPECKER

uns/rec--1 E of Roswell 1/1 (MW) and a female at Socorro 2/20-24 (PB).

WIED'S CRESTED FLYCATCHER

sp/rec--12 reported in the Gila Valley 5/7 (RF+).

NUTTING FLYCATCHER

uns/rec--a bird of this type was seen and well studied near Evans Lake 12/18; good views of the tail pattern plus vocalizations strongly suggest that the bird was this species and not an Ash-throated (DZ,MZ).

LEAST FLYCATCHER

uns/rec--1 calling at Boone's Draw 5/12 (JH).

EMPIDONAX Sp.

win/rec--a bird of the Dusky/Hammond type was seen at Glenwood 12/30 for the second local winter record (JH).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER

win/rec--a male near Cliff 2/20 and 2/22 was definitely early (BJH).

BEARDLESS FLYCATCHER

con/rec--"good" numbers present in Guadalupe Canyon with 15-20 calling throughout the canyon 5/21 (KZ,BZ).

VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW

uns/rec--2 birds reported N of Hatch 12/7 (RW,W.Pilz); possibly Tree Swallows.

TREE SWALLOW

sp/rec--4 in the Gila Valley near Cliff 2/26 (DZ,MZ).

CLIFF SWALLOW

sp/rec--7 at Carlsbad Caverns NP 2/24 were early (GS).

BLUE JAY

uns/rec--1 at Faywood Hot Springs 4/29 (JH); con/rec--1 at Portales 5/12 (JH) and in the Roswell area (MW).

MEXICAN JAY

br/rec--a young bird just out of the nest 5/28 in the Animas Mts. (WB+).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE

con/rec--8 at Albuquerque 12/19 (J.Karo+).

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE

con/rec--39 at Farmington 12/18 (AM), 14 at Vander Wagon 1/5 and at Crownpoint 1/7 (DC), 2 in the Organ Mts. 3/13 (WB) and 15 there 4/21 (KZ,BZ), and 1 at Gallup 5/17 (PP).

VERDIN

uns/rec--1 W of Roswell 1/22 (MW).

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH

con/rec--2 in the Organ Mts. 3/13 (WB).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH

con/rec--2 at Roswell 12/18 (MW), 2 at Glenwood 12/30 (JH+), 3 at Silver City 1/2 (RF+), 2 W of Zuni on the Arizona-New Mexico state line 1/25-26 (TJ), 1 at Farmington 5/14 (HL), and at Pojoaque 5/15 (WS).

DIPPER

uns/rec--1 at Tesuque December-February (RSd).

HOUSE WREN

win/rec--1 reported at Pleasanton 1/7 and 1/25 (LS) and 2-3 at Rattlesnake Springs 2/23 and 2/26 (GS).

WINTER WREN

uns/rec--1 at Roswell 12/18 (MW), 2 at Santa Fe 12/19 (BI), and 1 at Glenwood 12/30 (JH).

CATBIRD

uns/rec--3 at Rattlesnake Springs 2/26 (GS).

BENDIRE THRASHER

uns/rec--1 near Rodeo 12/29 (RS+).

SAGE THRASHER

uns/rec--1 at Glenwood 12/30 for a local first (JH+).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD

con/rec--1 near Albuquerque in December (RT), 7 at Roswell 12/18 (B.Schranck+), 2 near Mesilla 12/18 (WP+) and 2 there 3/10 (JD).

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD

con/rec--a notable incursion occurred in the western part of the state which included the San Juan Valley (AN+) and the Silver City area (DZ+). The only southeastern record of note was 4 at Carlsbad Caverns NP 2/24 (GS).

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE

con/rec--1 in the Organ Mts. 2/4 (RW) and 2 there 2/26 (WB), and 6 at Blue Mesa 2/10 (JD).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET

con/rec--3 near Cliff 12/18 (RF+), 21 at Santa Fe 12/19 (BI+), 4 at Glenwood 12/30 (JH+), and 3 near Mesilla 3/5 (WB+).

WATER PIPIT

con/rec--1 at Farmington 12/18 (AN).

BOHEMIAN WAXWING

uns/rec--an invasion occurred December-April in the Santa Fe, Espanola, and Los Alamos areas; records include 25 at Santa Fe 12/19 (BI+), 600 at Tesuque during the period 1/10 to 2/15 (BI), several large flocks around Los Alamos from 1/22-4/16 (LH), and up to 150 at Santa Fe 4/19 (ML).

PHAINOPEPLA

con/rec--1 male at Pleasanton 5/24 (JH).

NORTHERN SHRIKE

uns/rec--prior to this winter some 52 records of this species had accumulated since 1846; however, this winter brought at least 20 more. Some of these include 1 N of Estancia 2/27 (RT), 1 N of Luna 1/10-11 (TJ), and 1 near Loving 12/28 (SW).

GRAY VIREO

con/rec--1 near Blue Spring near Loving 4/22 (JH) and 2 in the Animas Mts. in lower Indian Creek 5/28 (R.Johnston+).

SOLITARY VIREO

uns/rec--a single bird was seen from as close as 4 ft. on 12/17 at Las Cruces (WB). Details include "white-eyering joined to the bill by a white line, two wingbars, faint yellow wash on sides, and a hooked vireo bill."

RED-EYED VIREO

uns/rec--2 in the Pinos Altos Mts. 5/6 (KZ,BZ). Details include "gray cap, white eye-line, olive back, whitish underparts, and red eyes."

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER

uns/rec--1 reported at Roswell 5/13 (MW). Details include "yellow head (like Yellow-headed Blackbird), no wingbars, blue-gray wings and yellow-green of back obvious; very yellow head with somewhat lighter breast and belly."

WORM-EATING WARBLER

uns/rec--1 at Boone's Draw 5/8 (JE). Details include "head streaked-striped, including through eyes, buffy underneath, pinkish legs, foraged on the ground, along trunks, limbs, and branches as close as 20 ft. Two to three high chirps were given occasionally when flying from tree to tree."

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER

con/rec--1 at Roswell 5/2 (MW) and 1 at Boone's Draw 5/8 (JE).

LUCY'S WARBLER

con/rec--92 reported on the Gila River spring count of 5/7 (RF+).

PARULA WARBLER

uns/rec--a male was seen 3/3 and 4/10 W of Deming (WW). Details include "bright yellow chin and throat to the breast, grayish head, yellow-green patch on back, rest of the back gray, 2 white wingbars, belly white, and a white eye-ring."

OLIVE WARBLER

con/rec--3+ In the Animas Mts. 3/23 (JH).

CAPE MAY WARBLER

uns/rec--1 seen at Rattlesnake Springs 5/21 (MW). Details include "orange cheeks, yellow-rump, large white wing patch, yellow breast and sides with black spots."

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER

sp/rec--a male in the Animas Mts. 3/23 was early (JH).

HERMIT WARBLER

con/rec--a single female or im. male in the Animas Mts.
5/29 (WB,GS).

GRACE'S WARBLER

sp/rec--1 N of Lindrith 5/30 (OV).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER

uns/rec--1 at Boone's Draw 5/12 (JH) and a male at Cottonwood Gulch 5/28-29 (AM). Details include "yellow cap and black facial mark connecting with chestnut side stripe."

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER

uns/rec--a female or im. male was seen 5/30 along the lower Mimbres River (RF). Details include "two prominent white wingbars, whitish area on the sides of the neck, and the wash of a pinkish color along the sides of the white underside, especially forward of the bend of the wing and just forward of the crissum."

BLACKPOLL WARBLER

uns/rec--a male was seen and photographed (photos not definitive) at Picacho Bosque near Mesilla 4/30 (RR,JR+). Details include "solid black crown beginning at upper mandible extending through the midline of the eye to the nape. White cheeks, black whiskers extending from the lower mandible to the shoulder. White throat, breast, belly, crissum, and under tail coverts. Black streaking along sides. Two white wingbars with yellow feet and legs."

PALM WARBLER

uns/rec--1 at Boone's Draw 5/8 (JE). Details include "brownish cap, streaked breast and sides on yellow, whitish belly, yellow under tail coverts, constant tail flapping."

OVENBIRD

con/rec--1 near Alameda 5/11 (JP).

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT

uns/rec--a male at Percha Dam SP 3/26 was early or perhaps a rare wintering bird (WB,RW).

RED-FACED WARBLER

uns/rec--1 at Red Rock 5/6 was low (KZ,BZ) and 1-2 reported in the Sandia Mts. 5/9 (G.Parker & H.Schwartz, fide RT).

HOODED WARBLER

uns/rec--a female reported at Roswell 5/2 with scant details (MW), 1 reported at Rattlesnake Springs 5/7 without details (BH), and 1 banded at Cottonwood Gulch June 1 remaining until June 4 (AM).

BOBOLINK

uns/rec--1 reported without details at Stone Lake 5/11 (CS).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD

win/rec--2 at Las Cruces 12/18 (WB+) and 1 present at Kirtland 2/2 (CS).

HOODED ORIOLE

uns/rec--a vagrant male near Farmington 4/20 was a local first for northwestern New Mexico (HL).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE

uns/rec--1 wintered at Silver City for the third successive year (DZ+) and a "colony" of 5 birds was discovered near Montoya 5/11 (JH+).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE

con/rec--this species continues to expand and consolidate its range in the state with spring records including Glenwood, Santa Rosa, and Portales (JH+).

COMMON GRACKLE

con/rec--several reports during the period which include the following: 1 at Socorro 1/22 (WS), present at Truth or Consequences 2/29 (WH), 4 at Santa Fe 4/20 (MC,GS), and a pair at Portales 5/12 (JH).

BRONZED COWBIRD

uns/rec--1 at Socorro 5/16-20 (PB). Details include "a pale dull blackish-brown bird with red eyes and long thick finch bill. Head, chin, and longish nape a grayer blackish color which could be puffed at will." Also, 2 males and a female at Glenwood 5/23 were only the second local records (JH).

WESTERN Tanager

br/rec--a nest with a female in attendance in the Animas Mts. 5/29 (WB,GS).

HEPATIC Tanager

uns/rec--1 at Albuquerque 5/15 was notably low (OV).

CARDINAL

uns/rec--a male at Santa Rosa 5/3 was an unusual vagrant (M.Castillo).

PYRRHULOXIA

con/rec--1 at Roswell 12/18 (AN+), 1 at Hobbs 1/18-20 (W.Brockner), and 1 was reported near Cliff 5/7 and 5/14 (H.Williams, fide RF).

PAINTED BUNTING

uns/rec--a male singing and territorial at Hagerman 5/13 was N of the normal range (JH+).

EVENING GROSBEAK

con/rec--4 at Alamogordo 4/8 (LM) were low and the only southern lowland record for the period. Late were several at Cottonwood Gulch in late May (JH,AM).

PINE GROSBEAK

uns/rec--24 at Tesuque 12/19 (BI+) and 3 males and 1 female there 2/6 (KG).

GRAY-CROWNED ROSY FINCH

con/rec--30 at Sandia Crest 12/18 (RT+).

BLACK ROSY FINCH

con/rec--10 at Sandia Crest 12/18 (RT).

BROWN-CAPPED ROSY FINCH

uns/rec--1 bird at Farmington 1/15 (AN) was unusual although there are several records from nearby Angel Peak (JH).

SEVANNAH SPARROW

con/rec--8 singing E of Cimarron 5/4-5 were at a new probable breeding locality for this rare summer resident (JH+).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW

uns/rec--3 singing in an alfalfa field near Loving 4/22 (JH+).

LARK SPARROW

uns/rec--1 at Roswell 12/18 (JC+).

RUFOUS-CROWNED SPARROW

uns/rec--the range of this bird in New Mexico E of the Pecos and S of the Dry Cimarron Rivers is poorly known so that singles near Montoya 5/11 and Cedar Point 5/13 are noteworthy (JH+); also 1 near Roswell 5/14 (MW).

TREE SPARROW

uns/rec--1 reported at Bitter Lake NWR 4/30 without details (JC+).

CHIPPING SPARROW

uns/rec--8 at Farmington 12/18 (AN+).

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW

con/rec--a few in the Organ Mts. 1/17 (JD) and 20 there 4/21 (KZ,BZ).

HARRIS SPARROW

con/rec--2 at Las Vegas 12/7 to 5/10 (WH), 10 in the Farmington area in December (AN+), and 1 at Espanola 12/18 (EE).

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW

uns/rec--1 adult at Tesuque from 1/10 to 2/14 (BI) and an im. that molted into adult plumage present through 4/11 at Farmington for the first local record (J.Nordstrum+).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW

con/rec--10+ at Rattlesnake Springs 4/22 (JH).

FOX SPARROW

con/rec--3 at Carlsbad Caverns NP 12/31 (J.Cheek), 1 at Espanola 12/26 (BL+), 1 at Glenwood 12/30 (JH+), and 6 at Rattlesnake Springs 2/26 (GS).

SWAMP SPARROW

con/rec--2 at Alamogordo 12/2 and 1 at Silver City 4/30 (OZ).

CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR

con/rec--6 at McAlistister Lake 2/20 (WH).