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LOCALITIES--counties in this issue

Alameda--Bernalillo  
Animas--Hidalgo  
Apache Creek--Catron  
  
Bandelier NM--Sandoval  
Bayard--Grant  
Belen--Valencia  
Bell Lake--Lea  
Bernardo--Socorro  
Bitter Lake NWR--Chaves  
Black Range--Sierra (and Grant)  
Boone's Draw--Roosevelt  
Bosque del Apache NWR--Socorro  
Buckhorn--Grant  
  
Caballo Lake--Sierra  
Cabezon--Sandoval  
Carlsbad--Eddy  
Cebolla--Rio Arriba  
Cedar Crest--Bernalillo  
Cedar Hill--San Juan  
Centerfire Bog--Catron  
Clayton--Union  
Cliff--Grant  
Columbus--Luna  
Conchas Lake--San Miguel  
Corona--Lincoln  
Corrales--Sandoval  
Cuba--Sandoval  
  
Deming--Luna  
Dixon--Rio Arriba  
Dona Ana--Dona Ana  
  
Elephant Butte Lake--Sierra  
Embudo--Rio Arriba  
Encino--Torrance  
Espanola--Rio Arriba  
Eunice--Lea  
Evans Lake--Grant  
  
Farmington--San Juan  
Fenton Lake--Sandoval  
Ft. Bayard--Grant  
  
Glenwood--Catron  
Guadalupe Canyon--Hidalgo  
  
Harroun Lake--Eddy  
Hobbs--Lea  
  
Jornada Exp. Range--Dona Ana  
  
Kirtland--San Juan  
  
La Cueva--Sandoval  
La Cueva SGR--Mora  
La Joya SGR--Socorro  
Lake Avalon--Eddy  
  
Lake McMillan--Eddy  
Lake Roberts--Grant  
La Plata--San Juan  
Las Cruces--Dona Ana  
Las Vegas--San Miguel  
Logan--Quay  
Lordsburg--Hidalgo  
Los Alamos--Los Alamos  
Los Lunas--Valencia  
Los Ojos--Rio Arriba  
Loving--Eddy  
Lyden--Rio Arriba  
  
Mangas Springs--Grant  
Mesilla--Dona Ana  
Mesilla Park--Dona Ana  
Mills Canyon--Harding  
Morgan Lake--San Juan  
Mosquero--Harding  
  
Organ Mts--Dona Ana  
  
Pajarito Village--Santa Fe  
Patterson Ranch--Catron  
Peloncillo Mts--Hidalgo  
Percha Dam SP--Sierra  
Pleasanton--Catron  
Portales--Roosevelt  
  
Quemado Lake--Catron  
  
Ragland--Quay  
Rattlesnake Springs--Eddy  
Redrock--Grant  
Reserve--Catron  
Rodeo--Hidalgo  
Roswell--Chaves  
  
Sandia Mts--Bernalillo  
San Luis--Sandoval  
San Simon Cienaga--Hidalgo  
Santa Fe--Santa Fe  
Shiprock--San Juan  
Socorro--Socorro  
  
Taos--Taos  
Tierra Amarilla--Rio Arriba  
Torreon--Sandoval  
Truchas--Rio Arriba  
Tucumcari--Quay  
Tyrone--Grant  
  
Uvas Valley--Dona Ana  
  
Valle Grande--Sandoval  
Vaughn--Guadalupe  
  
Watrous--Mora  
White Sands NM--Otero

FROM THE EDITOR:

This edition of the Field Notes is a slimmer version, in keeping with our hopes to reduce volume here and expand printing of other publications of the Society. This issue of the Field Notes has, as a supplement that will initiate a series, abstracts on special birding localities in the state. If you are interested in more detail on any locality, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope and your requests for whatever areas you are interested in, indicated by name and number. Good birding! and please share information on birding sites with us, so that we can pass it on to the whole membership.

Winter trends were rather varied, but there were few invasions in most areas by boreal or montane species. An exception was the Merlin, which weighed in with a baker's dozen reports. Also notable were numbers of Red-breasted Mergansers in the Lower Pecos Valley, and a few errant Goshawks, Hairy and Downy woodpeckers, Steller and Scrub jays showed up here and there. Warm-weather birds (e.g. Gray Catbird, Scott Oriole, Red-headed Woodpecker) lingered in several areas and Eastern Bluebirds showed up in more than the usual number of places. One or two Barrow Goldeneyes near Springer plus Short-billed Marsh Wrens again at Roswell were records of species still unsubstantiated in New Mexico. Other notables included several "good" birds in the southwest (e.g. Surf Scoter, Sprague Pipit, Olive Warbler) in the period, plus a Purple Finch (photographed) at a new birding spot--Percha Dam State Park, south of Caballo Lake. Late winter saw the safe departure of the four immature Whooping Cranes, which winged northward to Colorado with their foster-parent Sandhills in February.

Spring brought an enjoyable N.M.O.S. meeting in Silver City--congratulations to Bruce et al.--and some unusual birds, among which were the first substantiated Golden-winged Warbler for the state at Boone's Draw, where 14 species of warblers were met with in late April and early May. These included Worm-eating (2 reports elsewhere of this species hypothetical in the state!), Tennessee, and Hooded among eastern species, and Virginia, Townsend, and Black-throated Gray among western ones. A White-eyed Vireo and Broad-winged Hawk also livened things up there. Elsewhere a Costa Hummingbird (also hypothetical for the state) in Guadalupe Canyon was notable, along with Worm-eating Warblers at Bandelier Nat. Mon. and near Las Cruces. An unusual movement of Common Loons, reasonably good shorebirding, and some lesser vagrants also marked the spring period. Breeding had begun before the end of the period, and a pair of Mountain Chickadees nesting in the broadleaf cottonwood bosque near Albuquerque was among the finds for that area. Observers submitted extensive reports for the period, and I certainly appreciate the opportunity to share your birding experiences through reading them.

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

COMMON LOON

win/rec--1 Lake McMillan 1/17 (MW); sp/rec--singles in the period 4/30-5/8 at Morgan Lake (HL--fide AN), Quemado Lake (GZ), Roberts Lake (BH--fide DZ), and Evans Lake (DZ, MZ) represented an unusual spring movement through the state.

HORNED GREBE

win/rec--up to 3 at Las Cruces in early Dec (WP).

FARED GREBE

win/rec--1 near Rodeo 12/29 and 1/1 (RS).

WESTERN GREBE

win/rec--1 Evans Lake 12/27 (SO+); sp/rec--to 13 Farmington area 4/28-5/10 (AN+).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT

sp/rec--singles Farmington area 4/17-5/11 (AN+), Evans Lake 4/30 (DZ,MZ), and Lake Avalon 5/24 (SW); br/rec--ca. 65 pairs nesting Elephant Butte Lake 3/30 (RR).

OLIVACEOUS CORMORANT

con/rec--1 Evans Lake 3/12 (RF+), 2 Elephant Butte Lake and 1 Caballo Lake--latter with 4 Double-crests--1/31 (WP+), and at least 6 Bosque del Apache NWR in May (GZ).

GREAT BLUE HERON

sp/rec--2 at Santa Fe Airport 3/21 (Frank Bond) were definitely migrants.

GREEN HERON

win/rec--1 Glenwood 1/1 (JH); sp/rec--1 at Boone's Draw 4/26 (JH) was a first local record.

LITTLE BLUE HERON

sp/rec--3 Bitter Lake NWR 4/5-10 (DB).

CATTLE EGRET

uns/rec--7 at Vaughn 4/26 (JH); con/rec--2 Bosque del Apache NWR 5/10 (GZ).

SNOWY EGRET

sp/rec--1 Encino 4/26 (JH).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

sp/rec--2 Farmington 5/6 (AN), 2 near Alameda 5/9 and 5/31 (CH, DL), and 7-8 near Mesilla 3/20-30 (WB).

WHITE-FACED IBIS

sp/rec--a good passage was noted in San Juan Co. 4/11-5/23 (AN+) and Grant Co. 4/17-30 (DZ+).

CANADA GOOSE

win/rec--25 near Logan 2/5 (JH), 2 near Deming 1/24 and 1 Uvas Valley 2/25 (GS); sp/rec--3 Apache Creek 3/5 (JH); br/rec--brood Bosque del Apache NWR 5/1 (GZ).

SNOW GOOSE (white birds)

win/rec--singles Shiprock 1/15 (WS), Farmington 12/20 (AN+), and Uvas Valley 2/25 (GS); sp/rec--14 at Bitter Lake NWR 5/31 (JC) were late.

ROSS' GOOSE

uns/rec--2 collected (to NMSU) at Columbus 1/17 (fide WP) were first specimens for Luna Co.

MEXICAN DUCK

uns/rec--1 or 2 near Cliff 5/8 and 5/15 (DZ+) and 1 thought to be this species at Harroun Lake 5/26 (SW); sp/rec--3 Apache Creek 3/5, 7 Deming 3/2, and 2 Skeleton Canyon in the Peloncillo Mts. 5/18-19 (JH).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL

sp/rec--1 Harroun Lake 5/26 (SW) was late.

BLUE-WINGED TEAL

win/rec--120 Roswell 12/20 (JC+) was a large number for winter; sp/rec--2 Fenton Lake 4/20 (MS) and 2 near Cabezon 5/12-13 (JH).

CINNAMON TEAL

win/rec--110 Roswell 12/20 (JC+); sp/rec--early were 2 at Pajarito Village 2/3 (EE, PS) and 5 near Las Vegas 2/4 (JH), with influxes noted at Las Cruces 2/24-25 (GS) and near Reserve 3/5 (JH).

WOOD DUCK

con/rec--2 Farmington 12/20 (AN+) and 1 Socorro 4/7-8 (PB).

REDHEAD

sp/rec--1 Harroun Lake 5/26 (SW) was late; br/rec--nest Bosque del Apache NWR in May (GZ)

COMMON GOLDENEYE

con/rec--74 Loving 12/28 (JCh+).

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE

uns/rec--a male and a possible female were reported west of Springer 12/7 (Brent Giezentanner); details on this unusual sighting are being evaluated by the NMOS Unusual Bird Committee.

SURF SCOTER

uns/rec--female Evans Lake 12/2 (Bert Ross--fide DZ); details were not provided.

HOODED MERGANSER

con/rec--8 were reported between 12/28 and 2/27 at Las Vegas (JG, WH), Elephant Butte Lake (GS), Las Cruces (fide-WP), and Loving (JCh+)--mostly females, plus a male at Percha Dam State Park 3/21 (fide WP).

COMMON MERGANSER

con/rec--7 Las Cruces 2/24 (GS).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER

win/rec--submitted without details were reports of 30 at Roswell 12/20 and 60 at Lake Avalon/McMillan (JC+); a female at Lake McMillan 5/25 (SW) was late.

MISSISSIPPI KITE

con/rec--singles in the Rio Grande Valley at the Texas line 5/19 (KZ) and at Carlsbad 5/24 (SW).

GOSHAWK

win/rec--lowland records of singles at Morgan Lake 1/10 (WS), Farmington 2/1 (AN), and Bitter Lake NWR 12/21 (BS) were notable, as was 1 in Guadalupe Canyon 5/25 (WB).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK

uns/rec--an adult at Boone's Draw 4/28-5/1 is a first local record; details include small buteo, gray above, rusty-barred below, black-and-white banded tail, and call a whistled peepeer (JH+).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK

uns/rec--1 at Dixon 4/24-25 (TT, JW+) was a new northern record for the state; details "among TV's (Turkey Vultures)...yellow beak and feet...striped tail". br/rec--a nest in Los Alamos in May (John Longmire); sp/rec--at least 9 in the Gila Valley--Burro Mt. area 4/24-5/8 (RF+).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK

win/rec--2 near Columbus 12/6 (RF) and a dark bird near Las Cruces (WP).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK

uns/rec--1 high up in Valle Grande, Jemez Mts. 2/28 (PS).

BLACK HAWK

sp/rec--1 near Glenwood 4/23 (McK) and 2 near Cliff 3/10 (WB).

BALD EAGLE

con/rec--1-2 in the period 1/10-2/29 at the following peripheral areas: Cliff (DZ), Lake Roberts (fide RF), Elephant Butte Lake (RR), and Corona (RT), plus 2 near Luna 2/5 (KG).

OSPREY

uns/rec--1 Bitter Lake NWR 12/20 (DB, JC); sp/rec--late dates were 1 near Cliff 5/16 (JH) and 2 at Quemado Lake 5/22-23 (fide RF), following a fairly good migration.

MERLIN

win/rec--at least 12 reports in the period 12/12-2/22 in San Juan, Sandoval, Valencia, Socorro, Chaves, Grant, Hidalgo, and Dona Ana cos., plus 1 near Dona Ana 3/7 (fide WP).

CHUKAR

con/rec--2 at Farmington 4/21 (WS).

TURKEY

uns/rec--1 in Guadalupe Canyon 5/20 (WB) was almost certainly the Sierra Madrean race, the only form of turkey--albeit rare--in the Peloncillo Mts; con/rec--12 Rio Grande turkeys at Bosque del Apache NWR 5/10 (GZ).

WHOOPIING CRANE

sp/dpt--the 4 immatures departed with their foster-parent Sandhills as follows: 2/15--Los Lunas and 1 Bosque del Apache NWR bird; 2/18--Bernardo bird; 2/22--second Bosque del Apache NWR bird (GZ).

SANDHILL CRANE

win/rec--10 La Cueva SGR 12/7 (Bob Lang), 208 Cliff 1/6 (RF), 35 near Lordsburg 12/2 (DZ, MZ), and ca. 2000 Columbus 12/6 (RF).

SORA

win/rec--6 Farmington 12/20 (AN+), 1-2 Pleasanton (LS).

COMMON GALLINULE

win/rec--1 Kirtland 1/9 and 1/14 (Carol Shryock).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER

uns/rec--3 Lake McMillan 1/17 (MW) were unusual winter records for the state; sp/rec--1-3 4/24-5/8 Morgan Lake (AN), near White Sands NM (BZ, KZ), and Bitter Lake NWR (JC+).

SNOWY PLOVER

sp/rec--first Bitter Lake NWR were 4 on 3/5, with peak 230 on 3/31 (DB, BS); 26 near White Sands NM 5/8 (BZ, KZ).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER

sp/arr--1 Bitter Lake NWR 3/8 (DB) and 2 Santo Domingo 3/29 (MC, JH); the latter area was checked also on 3/9-26 but none was seen.

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER

con/rec--singles Morgan Lake 4/25-5/11 (AN, GS) and Bitter Lake NWR 2/20 (DB).

COMMON SNIPE

sp/rec--1 at Los Ojos 5/25 was displaying where birds were found last summer (JH).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW

sp/rec--1-3 near Mosquero 4/7 (MC, GS), Socorro 4/8 (PB), and Rodeo 3/28 (RS).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER

uns/rec--1 Espanola 12/28 (EE, PS) were rare in winter.

SOLITARY SANDPIPER

uns/rec--1 in the pine zone at La Cueva 4/20 (MS).

WILLET

con/rec--1 Morgan Lake 4/28-5/5 (AN), 21 Embudo 4/27 (TT, JW), and 6 near Centerfire Bog 5/15 (JH).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS

con/rec--1 near Cabezon 5/12-13 (JH).

LEAST SANDPIPER

con/rec--16 Morgan Lake--where apparently rare--4/24-28 (AN) and 3 near San Luis 5/2 (JH).

DUNLIN

con/rec--1 in breeding plumage Lake McMillan 4/3 (MC, GS).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER

sp/rec--early was 1 near Cloverdale 3/3 (JH); other records include 1-12 in the period 4/17-5/15 near Farmington (GS+), near Cabezon (JH), and Centerfire Bog (JH).

STILT SANDPIPER

sp/rec--3 at Bitter Lake NWR 5/8 and others to 5/16 (JC+).

WESTERN SANDPIPER

sp/rec--20 Morgan Lake 4/28 (AN).

MARbled GODWIT

sp/rec--7 Farmington area 4/24-28 (AN) and 24 on 5/7 (GS), and 35-40 Conchas Lake 4/24 (Mickey Lang).

SANDERLING

con/rec--to 4 Morgan Lake 4/28-5/5 (AN) and 1 Lake McMillan 5/24 (SW).

AVOCET

sp/rec--first Bitter Lake NWR 4 on 3/12 (DB); also 4-9 in period 4/29-5/6 near Farmington (AN), Torreon (JH), and Embudo (TT, JW), with 3 near Redrock 4/11 (BH).

BLACK-NECKED STILT

win/rec--unusual were 6 reported near Loving 12/28 (JCh+); the details submitted could have been more complete, and the record is not secure.

WILSON PHALAROPE

sp/rec--passage includes small numbers in period 4/24-5/16 near Cabezon (JH), Centerfire Bog (JH), and in the Silver City area (DZ+).

NORTHERN PHALAROPE

sp/rec--records at this season are somewhat unusual and were of 11 near Farmington 5/15 (AW--fide AN), 1 Bitter Lake NWR 5/18 (JC), and a female in breeding plumage at Tyrone 5/20 (AZ, DZ).

gull spp.

(1) 1 similar to adjacent Franklins but "slightly...larger, lack of... white...on...outer tips of primaries" at Lake McMillan on 5/24-25 (SW) may have been a Laughing, but the details are far from conclusive; (2) 1 "very pale tan immature...pirating fish from Ringbills" near Las Cruces 3/6 (BL, WP) may have been Thayers; and (3) 3 "about size of ringbill... dark gray...no visible dark band on tail...solid black bills"--with 4 Herrings and many Ringbills--at Elephant Butte Lake 2/27 (GS) may have been Thayers.

HERRING GULL

con/rec--6 Morgan Lake 5/11 (GS).

FRANKLIN GULL

sp/rec--early dates were singles at Morgan Lake 3/28 (AN) and Bitter Lake NWR 3/27 (MW).

FORSTER TERN

con/rec--to 40 near Farmington 4/24-5/15 (AN+).

LEAST TERN

con/rec--5 Bitter Lake NWR 5/8 (JC+).

dove sp.

uns/rec--4-6 small white doves were reported flying free in Farmington in Feb. and through spring (AN+), but these have not been identified to species (albino Ring Doves?).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE

win/rec--1 Percha Dam SP 2/29, plus 4 on 3/21 (WP); con/rec--singles at Socorro 5/2 (PB) and Mangas Springs 4/30 (DZ) were somewhat out-of-range.

GROUND DOVE

uns/rec--1 in Guadalupe Canyon 5/23 (WB).

ROADRUNNER

uns/rec--1 in Farmington this spring was the first acceptable record there in several years (AN).

BARN OWL

uns/rec--1 at Farmington 4/29 was a first local record (Mike Bird--fide AN); "white front and monkey face." con/rec--5 were found dead on roads near Deming in Dec-Jan (WB).

SCREECH OWL

win/rec--singles dead on road near Cuba 1/23 and near Santa Fe 2/4 (JH).

ELF OWL

con/rec--1 found dead at Glenwood 4/9 (Russell Bezette) and 15 or more in Guadalupe Canyon 4/11-12 (JH+).

SPOTTED OWL

con/rec--1 dead on road east of Emory Pass, Black Range 4/18 (GS).

LONG-EARED OWL

win/rec--7 Las Cruces 12/20 (WP+); br/rec--adult with 2 young at Corrales 5/13 (DDL) and pair nesting Ft. Bayard 5/25 (RF); sp/rec--1 Boone's Draw 5/1 (MC, GS).

SHORT-EARED OWL

con/rec--1 Bitter Lake NWR 12/20 and 1/20 (JC+) was the only report.

POORWILL

3 in the Peloncillos Mts. southeast of Rodeo 3/28 (RS).

LESSER NIGHTHAWK

uns/rec--"First at Silver City Apr.30 (2 repeatedly DZ, BH)" is interesting in that it implies that this Lower Sonoran species occurs regularly at 6000 ft.

COSTA HUMMINGBIRD

uns/rec--male in Guadalupe Canyon 4/12; details "rather small, long-billed hummer, distinct purplish crown and gorget, latter with extensions on each side of cheeks...underparts white except sides green, gave long, thin seep note" (JH).

RIVOLI HUMMINGBIRD

uns/rec--female La Cueva 5/28 (MS); con/rec--male at Lake Roberts 4/12-18 and 2 nearby 4/25 (fide RF) and female Silver City 5/5-7 (fide DZ).

BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD

con/rec--2 Guadalupe Canyon 4/12 (JH).

COMMON FLICKER

con/rec--single yellow-shafted birds in period 12/20-2/28 Albuquerque (RT), Sandia Mts. (RT+), and Bitter Lake NWR (DB, JC).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER

uns/rec--most unusual were winter records of single adults at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/28 (CH+) and Percha Dam SP 2/29 (WB, WP), and an imm. at Las Vegas 12/28 (JG, WH).

LEWIS WOODPECKER

con/rec--4 Farmington 12/20 (AN+) and 1 near Cliff 5/8 (RF).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER

uns/rec--a bird thought to be varius (eastern race) at Bosque del Apache NWR 1/31 (WP); con/rec--1 Clayton 4/6 (fide WC).

WILLIAMSON SAPSUCKER

win/rec--1 Sandia Mts. 12/20 (RT+) and a female Organ Mts 2/21 (fide WP) and 4/24 (BZ, KZ).

HAIRY WOODPECKER

win/rec--singles 12/19-2/27 Shiprock (WS), Mills Canyon (JH), Elephant Butte Lake (GS), and Roswell (MW).

DOWNY WOODPECKER

uns/rec--1 reported at Las Cruces 12/20 (Bruce Patterson--fide BP) was submitted with scant details, including "small bill;" 2 wintered at Silver City, lingering until 5/7, one suggested an eastern race (DZ); con/rec--2 Mills Canyon 2/5 (JH), and 1 at Bitter Lake NWR to 5/14 (JC+).

ARIZONA WOODPECKER

con/rec--5 Skeleton Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. 5/18-19 (JH).

EASTERN KINGBIRD

con/rec--1 Farmington 5/25 (JH) and 2 Watrous 5/23 (WH).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER

uns/rec--1 Bosque del Apache NWR 5/5-6 (GZ).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER

uns/rec--singles on the west side of the Sandia Mts. 2/2 "long rufous tail, light throat...yellowish under belly...slimmer than...kingbirds...larger than...empidonax (OVB); and at Las Cruces 3/2 "pale yellow belly, Myiarchus head shape" (WP). This species is quite rare in winter in the state, and it is possible that these could have been vagrants of other species of the genus.

OLIVACEOUS FLYCATCHER

con/rec--3 Skeleton Canyon, Peloncillos 5/18-19 and 4 Guadalupe Canyon 4/12 (JH+).

EASTERN PHOEBE

uns/rec--1 Mesilla Park 12/23 (FE, WP) and Percha Dam SP 2/29 (KZ).

BLACK PHOEBE

con/rec--present at Lyden 4/21 (TT, JW).

EMPIDONAX sp.

sp/rec--1 in Guadalupe Canyon 4/11, apparently of the Hammond/Dusky complex (JH).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER

win/rec--1 Percha Dam SP 2/29 (DZ, KZ); sp/rec--1 near Cloverdale 3/3 (JH).

BEARDLESS FLYCATCHER

con/rec--2 Guadalupe Canyon 4/11-12 (JH+) and 3 on 5/18 (MC, GS).

TREE SWALLOW

con/rec--5 near Cabezon 5/13 (JH).

BANK SWALLOW

con/rec--several Farmington area 4/28 and 5/15 (AN+).

CLIFF SWALLOW

uns/rec--several in the Sandia Mts. 5/19 where apparently not previously reported (DDL).

PURPLE MARTIN

uns/rec--2 at Truchas 4/18 (RW) was both early and a new locality for the species; 1 at Bitter Lake NWR--reported without details--5/8 (JC+) was also unusual; con/rec--1 Bandelier NM 5/22 (RW); 1 found dead (specimen to UNM) Bosque del Apache NWR 5/28 (GZ).

BLUE JAY

win/rec--to 3 at Roswell 12/20 and to 5/10 (JC+); uns/rec--1 at Mesilla Park 12/20 and through Feb. (WP), plus 1-2 in the Los Alamos area 5/5-7 (Pierre Hartshorne) and 5/22 (RW).

STELLER JAY

con/rec--lowland reports were 1 at Roswell 3/26 (MW) and 5-10 in the Mesilla Valley Dec-Jan (WP)--plus 8 in the Organ Mts. 3/6 (BZ, KZ).

SCRUB JAY

con/rec--up to 50 present near Las Cruces Dec to at least 4/6 (WP).

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE

con/rec--old nests along the eastern breeding periphery were seen in Feb near Las Vegas, Watrous, Shoemaker, Wagon Mound, Springer, and Maxwell on 2/5 (JH).

COMMON RAVEN

con/rec--1 near Logan 2/5 (JH).

WHITE-NECKED RAVEN

win/rec--4 Glenwood 1/1, plus several in a flock of 150 Corvus that included Common Ravens and Crows at Alma 3/5 (JH).

COMMON CROW

win/rec--notable northwest invasion was reflected by reports of up to 150 near Farmington 12/20 (AN+) to 3/15 (GS); 61 at Bosque del Apache NWR 12/28 (CH+) and 28 near Evans Lake 3/4 (JH) were high numbers for those areas; con/rec--ca. 175 at Tierra Amarilla and 63 near Cebolla 3/12 (GS).

PINYON JAY

win/rec--numerous in period in the Silver City area, with 150 on late date of 5/9 (DZ, MZ).

CLARK NUTCRACKER

br/rec--fledglings were present at La Cueva 5/14-31 (MS).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE

win/rec--12 at Taos, with 8 Mt. Chickadees (DG).

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE

win/rec--a movement into the Rio Grande Valley carried small numbers southward to Elephant Butte Lake (GS) and Percha Dam SP in Feb-Mar, and 1 near Mesilla 4/2 (WP); 1 Farmington 12/20 (AN+). br/rec--a pair feeding nestlings near Alameda 5/30 (CH, DL) is a first local breeding record there and unusual for broadleaf cottonwood bosque anywhere in the state.

PLAIN TITMOUSE

con/rec--2 Mills Canyon 2/5 (JH).

BRIDLED TITMOUSE

uns/rec--6 at Percha Dam SP 2/21-3/29 (WP+) were quite unusual, and there is only one previous record for the Rio Grande Valley, i.e. 1 seen at Elephant Butte Lake 5/25/73 (Charles Hyder, Barbara Escher).

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH

con/rec--2 Mills Canyon 2/5 (JH), 1 Roswell 12/20 (MW), and several in the Mesilla Valley Dec-Mar.

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH

con/rec--12 Sandia Mts. 12/20 (RT+).

DIPPER

Uns/rec--1 was at La Cueva in the Organ Mts. 12/12-2/14 (WP); br/rec--a pair was nesting at La Cueva, Jemez Mts., 5/18-19 (Bo West--fide MS).

HOUSE WREN

win/rec--1 Las Cruces 12/20, and several through winter in the area (WP); sp/rec--5 Boone's Draw 4/26-30 (JH).

WINTER WREN

win/rec--1 was present near Cliff 12/27 in the area where found last year (WB); the bird appeared to be of a rich brown Pacific Coast race (fide DZ).

BEWICK WREN

con/rec--2 Mills Canyon 2/5 and 1 Boone's Draw 2/6 and 4/26-30 (JH).

SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN

con/rec--a report of 6 at Roswell 12/20 (JC+) prompts the reminder that this species' occurrence has yet to be verified in the state.

CANYON WREN

win/rec--1 spent the period at La Cueva (MS).

MOCKINGBIRD

win/rec--mainly singles present in Dec or later at Farmington (AN+), Dixon (TT, JW), Santa Fe (RW+), Glenwood (JH+), and near Cliff (SO+), plus 1 at Pajarito Village 3/11 (EE, PS).

GRAY CATBIRD

uns/rec--1 at Las Vegas 12/1-13 (WH) was unusual; br/rec--2 nests found near Alameda in May (CH, DL).

BROWN THRASHER

win/rec--singles in Dec at Roswell (MW) and near Mesilla (WP+); sp/rec--singles in period 3/9-5/10 at Farmington (AN+), Dixon (TT, JW), and Boone's Draw (JH).

BENDIRE THRASHER

win/rec--unusual was report of 2 near Rodeo 12/20, "shorter, straighter bill, small(er) size...than resident Curvebills" (RS). sp/rec--singles near San Luis 5/2 and Cabezon 5/12-13 (JH).

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER

win/rec--1 Clayton 12/20 (WC, AK), where considered seasonally unusual.

SAGE THRASHER

con/rec--1 Ragland 2/5 (JH).

HERMIT THRUSH

win/rec--rather widespread during period in much of state, with "invasion" in the Mesilla Valley--e.g. 17 on 12/20 (WP+).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD

win/rec--4-12 in period 12/20 through Feb at Clayton (WC, AK), Roswell (JC+), near Cliff, "red throats, blue blacks, white bellies" (Naida Zucker and D. Diener--fide WP), Mesilla--where present to 3/29 (WP+), and Loving (JCh+).

WESTERN BLUEBIRD

win/rec--6 Mills Canyon and 10 Ragland 2/5 (JH) and 35 Las Cruces 12/20 (WP+); sp/rec--1 Farmington 5/15 (AN) was late.

gnatcatcher sp.

win/rec--1 Lake Avalon/McMillan 2/20 (JC+).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER

sp/rec--singles Shiprock 4/6 (WS), near San Luis 5/2, and Centerfire Bog 5/15, plus 5 Boone's Draw 4/26-5/2 (JH+).

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER

win/rec--3 Las Cruces 12/20 (WP+).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET

win/rec--1 in the Peloncillos near Rodeo 12/27 (RS).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET

win/rec--numbers down from last year in Mesilla Valley (WP); sp/rec--20 Boone's Draw 4/26-5/2 (JH).

WATER PIPIT

win/rec--7 Farmington 12/20 (AN+).

SPRAGUE PIPIT

uns/rec--1 near Rodeo 12/27, "pale legs, striped back...single sharp note" (RS).

CEDAR WAXWING

con/rec--flocks of up to 100 present Dec-May south to Silver City and Las Cruces areas and eastward to the Rio Grande vicinity.

PHAINOPEPLA

con/rec--1 Elephant Butte Lake 2/27 (GS).

NORTHERN SHRIKE

win/rec--imm. at Shiprock 1/10-29, "head, back, and breast brown" (WS) and a bird at Clayton 12/20 (WC, AK).

STARLING

win/rec--1-3 at La Cueva in period (MS) and 2 Mills Canyon 2/5 (JH).

WHITE-EYED VIREO

uns/rec--1 banded and photographed at Boone's Draw 4/27 (JH) for fourth state record.

HUTTON VIREO

uns/rec--1 in Guadalupe Canyon 3/3 (JH) may be first local record there.

BELL VIREO

sp/rec--1 near Cliff 4/10 (KZ), 2 near Redrock 3/27 (BH+), and 3 Guadalupe Canyon 4/12 (JH+).

GRAY VIREO

sp/rec--2 Guadalupe Canyon 4/12 (JH).

SOLITARY VIREO

sp/rec--1 at Percha Dam SP 3/7 (AH and LH--fide WP) was very early--wintering?; 1 Boone's Draw 4/29-30 (JH).

WORM-EATING WARBLER

uns/rec--(1) 1 in Las Cruces 5/1, "small (about 4 inches), plain brownish gray...with slightly yellow breast and underbelly...short tail, 4 very distinctive dark stripes on head, two being eyestripes. Walked up and down main trunk (of a shrub)" (G. A. Thibodeau--fide Jim Bednarz); (2) 1 Boone's Draw 4/30, "light brown above, buffy on head and below, 4 black lines on head--2 on crown and 2 through eye, pale legs and bill, walked on branches" (JH); and (3) 1 Bandelier NM 5/30, no details, (RW). These represent perhaps the third through fifth state records of a species not yet verified in N.M.

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER

uns/rec--a male was banded and photographed at Boone's Draw 4/28 (JH).

BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER

sp/rec--singles in period 4/12-5/9 near Alameda (CH, DL), Guadalupe Canyon (WP), Mesilla Park (fide WP), and Bell Lake (MW), and 3 at Boone's Draw (JH).

TENNESSEE WARBLER

sp/rec--2 Boone's Draw 4/30 (JH) where perhaps regular in spring.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER

uns/rec--a bird at Mesilla Park 12/20-23 (FE, WP) was perhaps the third winter record, details being "Dull green back, yellow front, dull streaks on breast, indistinct yellow eyering;" a bird in Guadalupe Canyon 3/3 (JH) may also have been wintering; sp/rec--15 Boone's Draw 4/26-5/1 (JH).

NASHVILLE WARBLER

sp/rec--5 Boone's Draw 4/27-5/3 (JH+), 2 Socorro 4/29-5/1, details (PB), and singles near Las Cruces 4/24 (KZ+), and Bell Lake 4/26 (MW); this is more than the usual number of spring records east of the Gila country, although another regular line of passage also seems to exist through eastern N.M.

VIRGINIA WARBLER

sp/rec--singles Boone's Draw 4/30 and 5/1 (JH+).

LUCY WARBLER

sp/rec--4 near Redrock 3/27 (BH+).

NORTHERN PARULA WARBLER

uns/rec--singles at Las Cruces 4/8 (Dane Johnson--fide WP) and Rattlesnake Springs 5/25 (SW) were the only reports of this rather rare visitor to the state.

OLIVE WARBLER

uns/rec--an adult male in the Peloncillos southeast of Rodeo 12/30, details "orange head and black face mask...gray back and white wing bars," (RS); this is the first record from that range and one of the few in winter in the state.

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER (MYRTLE)

uns/rec--1 at Glenwood 1/1, with post-ocular line seen and "chup" note heard (JH); sp/rec--Myrtles were numerous at Boone's Draw 4/26-5/2, but were outnumbered 2 or 3 to 1 by Audubons (JH+); 4 present Fenton Lake 4/21 and 4/30 (MS).

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER

sp/rec--male Boone's Draw 4/30 (JH).

TOWNSEND WARBLER

sp/rec--male Boone's Draw 4/28-29 (JH).

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER

sp/rec--female Boone's Draw 4/30 (JH).

OVENBIRD

sp/rec--singles in the Rio Grande Valley near the Texas line 5/16 (BZ) and at Roswell 5/3 (MW).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH

sp/rec--1 reported as this species at Bell Lake 4/5 (MC, GS) was very early; the Louisiana Waterthrush is an early migrant but as yet is unreported from N.M.

MACGILLIVRAY WARBLER

sp/rec--5 Boone's Draw 4/26-30 (JH).

NORTHERN YELLOWTHROAT

win/rec--unusual were singles near Mesilla 12/19-3/29 (WB, WP) and Roswell 12/20 (JC+).

RED-FACED WARBLER

uns/rec--1 photographed in the Rio Grande Valley near the Texas line 5/16 (BZ, KZ) was out of the normal range in the state.

HOODED WARBLER

sp/rec--at least 3 present at Boone's Draw 4/27-5/2 (JH+), where probably regular in spring in small numbers.

WILSON WARBLER

sp/rec--35 Boone's Draw 4/26-5/2 (JH).

AMERICAN REDSTART

sp/rec--female-plumaged bird Rattlesnake Springs 5/25 (SW).

PAINTED REDSTART

uns/rec--1 at Doc Long Picnic Ground in the Sandia Mts. 4/28, details "black back, head, and throat, large white wing patch, white outer tail feathers, scarlet breast," (H. R. Schwarz); this is only the second northern record for the state.

HOUSE SPARROW

uns/rec--a male at La Cueva 4/17 and 4/21 was the first local record (MS).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK

con/rec--singing birds included 5 near Rodeo 12/27 (RS) and 3/4 (JH) and 4 near Eunice 4/6 (MC, GS).

WESTERN MEADOWLARK

con/rec--several singing near Reserve 3/5 (JH).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD

win/rec--records include 200 near Shiprock 1/10-11 (WS), 1-2 Las Vegas 2/2-6 (WH), 2 near Logan 2/5 (MC), 2000 Bosque del Apache NWR 12/28 (CH+), 3 Roswell 12/6 (MW), 10 Rodeo 12/20 (RS), and several at Las Cruces in the period (WP). sp/rec--50 mated and territorial at Center-fire Bog 5/15 (JH).

HOODED ORIOLE

con/rec--family of 6 in the Rio Grande Valley near the Texas line 5/19 (KZ).

SCOTT ORIOLE

uns/rec--a subadult male wintered at Silver City and is perhaps the bird that wintered there last year as an imm. male (SO--fide DZ).

NORTHERN ORIOLE

uns/rec--a bird resembling a male Baltimore Oriole, but with the tail like a Bullock's was seen near Clayton on 5/31 (WC, EEd).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE

win/rec--25-30 Portales 2/6 (JH) and 22 near Rodeo 12/27 (RS); sp/rec--these include small numbers in the period 4/4-29 at Shiprock (WS), Santa Fe (JH), Portales (JH), Glenwood (JH), Virden (JH), and Hobbs (MC, GS), and largenumbers in the period 4/7 to 5/10 at Kirtland (GS), Las Vegas (WH), and Logan 4/7 (MC, GS)--plus 4 at Carlsbad 5/25 (SW).

COMMON GRACKLE

sp/rec--1 at Santa Fe 5/25 and 10 Portales 4/28 (JH).

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD

win/rec--at least 1 in period at Las Vegas (WH) and 40 near Logan 2/5 (JH), while 25 at La Plata 3/15 (GS) may have wintered.

BRONZED COWBIRD

sp/rec--present at Silver City--is it regular there now?--and near Cliff 5/27 (DZ, MZ).

SCARLET TANAGER

uns/rec--a female reported at Clayton 5/31, "small size...olive color... absence of wing bars," (WC, EEd).

SUMMER TANAGER

sp/rec--2 Guadalupe Canyon 4/12 (JH), present near Alameda in May (CH, DL).

CARDINAL

con/rec--a male at Rodeo 3/12-4/1 was unusual (RS).

PYRRHULOXIA

win/rec--1-2 in Dec, and in some cases lingering at least to Mar or Apr, at Bosque del Apache NWR (CH+), Roswell (JH+), near Cliff (SO+), and Rodeo (RS); sp/rec--2 at La Joya SGR 3/19 (J. Sands) and a bird in Guadalupe Canyon 4/12 (JH).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK

sp/rec--at least 8 males reported in period 4/28-5/26 in Taos, Union, Los Alamos, San Miguel, Socorro, Chaves, and Grant cos (several observers).

BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK

br/rec--nesting near Alameda beginning 5/9 (CH, DL).

BLUE GROSBEAK

sp/rec--1 Boone's Draw 4/26 (JH).

INDIGO BUNTING

sp/rec--singles in period 4/24-5/20 at Dixon (TT, JW), Las Vegas (WH), Boone's Draw (MC, GS), and Bitter Lake NWR (DB).

LAZULI BUNTING

sp/rec--single males Guadalupe Canyon 4/12 (JH) and as late as 5/19 south of Las Cruces (KZ).

VARIED BUNTING

uns/rec--a male reported at San Simon Cienaga 5/26; "looked black... fringillid...bill...reds and blues on head" (BL). sp/rec--male in Guadalupe Canyon 4/12 (WB, WP).

EVENING GROSBEAK

win/rec--there were surprisingly few, with the largest number reported being 127 at Santa Fe 12/21 (RW+); sp/rec--after the dearth of records during winter, Mar., Apr. and especially May saw an increase in records, but numbers were generally small and reports scattered, e.g. Farmington area (AN+), Taos (DG), Los Alamos (PS, RW), Santa Fe (JH), Alameda (CH, DL), and Cedar Crest (JS).

PURPLE FINCH

uns/rec--a female photographed at Percha Dam SP 2/29 (BZ, KZ) was a first substantiation for N.M. outside Grant Co.; identity confirmed by DZ.

rosy finch sp.

win/rec--flock near Mora 2/22 (WH).

BLACK ROSY FINCH

win/rec--male at Abiquiu Dam 2/19 (JH) and 2 males--with 24 rosy finch sp.--in the Sandia Mts. 12/20 (RT+).

BROWN-CAPPED ROSY FINCH

win/rec--40-60 at Abiquiu Dam 1/16, 1/28, and 2/19 (MC, JH).

LESSER GOLDFINCH

win/rec--2 Farmington 12/20 (AN+), 30 Albuquerque 12/30 (John Eppich+), and 29 Glenwood 1/1 (JH+).

RUFOS-SIDED TOWHEE

sp/arr--the first summer resident arrived near Alameda 5/22 (CH, DL).

BROWN TOWHEE

con/rec--2 Mills Canyon and 2 near Logan 2/5 (JH).

LARK BUNTING

win/rec--present in numbers much diminished from last year near Las Cruces (WP); sp/rec--1 near Farmington 5/15 was unusual (AN) and 20 still at Animas 5/16 (JH).

SAVANNAH SPARROW

sp/rec--3 Patterson Ranch 3/5 (JH).

BAIRD SPARROW

uns/rec--1 reported near Farmington 5/15, details "orange crown stripe... breast stripes...white belly...pale color generally" (AW+--fide AN); if valid this would be one of the few records in recent years of this now rare-in-N.M. sparrow.

CASSIN SPARROW

sp/rec--10 or more singing at Boone's Draw 4/26-5/2 (JH+) and several singing in the Carlsbad-Eunice area 4/4-4/6 (MC, GS).

SAGE SPARROW

win/rec--1 near Albuquerque 1/3 (RT+) and near Roswell 2/14--where now uncommon (MW).

DARK-EYED JUNCO

win/rec--single White-wings were present in the period 12/14-2/28 at La Cueva (MS), Santa Fe (JH), and near Taos (WH).

GRAY-HEADED JUNCO

sp/rec--rather late was 1 in the Rio Grande Valley near the Texas line 5/16 (BZ, KZ).

TREE SPARROW

win/rec--3 near Shiprock 1/9 (WS), 22 Espanola 12/28 (BL+), 1 Albuquerque 2/26-3/17 (RN), and at least 10 Boone's Draw 2/6 (JH).

CHIPPING SPARROW

win/rec--rather unusual were 5 at Farmington 12/20 (AN+); other Dec. records included Espanola, Albuquerque, Roswell, Glenwood, and Silver City (several observers).

FIELD SPARROW

uns/rec--5 reported without details at Roswell 12/20 (JC+) may be the first local record there--at least in recent years.

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW

con/rec--4 Guadalupe Canyon 3/3 (JH).

HARRIS SPARROW

con/rec--1-3 at Dixon (TT, JW), Espanola (BL+), and Las Vegas--to 5/16 (WH), plus 1 at Socorro 5/4 (PB).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW

sp/rec--at least 10--including both white-and black-lore forms--at Boone's Draw 4/28-5/2 (JH+).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW

con/rec--20 at Percha Dam SP 2/21-3/29 (WP+) is a large number for N.M.; also singles in period 3/13-5/3 at Shiprock (WS), Las Vegas (WH), Albuquerque (RT), and Pleasanton (LS).

FOX SPARROW

uns/rec--most intriguing were reports of eastern-like birds, including 1 at Glenwood 1/1 (JH), 4 at Percha Dam SP 2/29 (WP+) and 1 in the Organ Mts. 3/6 (DZ, KZ); at the latter site 2 "typical western chocolate forms" on 12/19 (WP), while at Glenwood 2 of the slaty type were present on 1/1 (JH).

SWAMP SPARROW

con/rec--1 in Skeleton Canyon, Peloncillos 5/19 (JH) and 3 near Mesilla 12/19-20 (WP).

SONG SPARROW

con/rec--3 Elephant Butte Lake 2/27 (GS).

MCCOWN LONGSPUR

con/rec--at least 5 were seen at Cloverdale 3/3, being out-numbered at least 20 to 1 by Chestnut-collareds (JH).

CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR

con/rec--200 Bitter Lake NWR 1/16 (DB) and 30 Jornada Exp. Range 2/7 (WP+); small numbers of longspurs presumably of this species at Ft. Union 2/4 (JH), near Las Vegas 3/27 (John Egbert), and at Patterson Ranch 3/5 (JH).

## NEW MEXICO ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY BIRD-FINDING

## SUPPLEMENT A

This is the first of a planned series of bird-finding supplements, to be issued as material is available. In each supplement will appear abstracts of localities deemed by birders as being worthy of visitation, either for a single species or for several. The localities will be given in each supplement in an alphabetical sequence--for ease of finding, so remember them by name. Each locality is further identified by a county code, e.g. Colfax 1 meaning that this is the first locality in that county (i.e. Colfax) to be listed in supplement form. If you are interested in more detail on any locality, write the Secretary of the N.M.O.S. and send a stamped, self-addressed envelope; ask for those localities by name and number that you wish to receive more information on. You will be sent copies of the raw report sheets that we have on file, including maps. You are asked to send data on these or any other localities as you find the opportunity, but please submit it on the appropriate form (write the Secretary for these!). Good luck and good birding.

BELL LAKE--or STEVEN'S TANK (Lea 1) - can be reached by going west from Jal about 22 miles, then north on an unnumbered, paved road for about 9 miles, to a dirt road (lies just south of an abrupt east bend in the paved road--the latter continues to Eunice, etc.) that goes west for about one mile (watch the sandy areas to avoid getting stuck). The "lake" is a series of earthen cattle tanks, around which grow willows, cottonwoods, and mesquites. The surrounding growth consists of thorn scrub and lower vegetation. Breeding birds typical of the area e.g. White-necked Ravens, Cactus Wrens, and Pyrrhuloxias, with Northern (Bullock) Orioles and Western Kingbirds in the trees. Migrants swarm there in spring and probably fall, and western and especially eastern vagrants, along with some ducks and shorebirds, are to be expected.-- J. P. Hubbard

BUCKHORN MARSH (Grant 1) - This tract of private land on Duck Creek lies north of U. S. 180 between Cliff and Glenwood; according to Ralph Fisher, you should contact him or go north on Sacaton Wash Road for ca. 2 miles to the home of Clayton Stephens for permission to bird there. The marsh is about 8 miles n.w. of Cliff and is reached by turning north just s.e. of Buckhorn settlement, then across Duck creek, then s.e. to the marsh, which is a rather small, dense stand of cattails surrounded by cottonwoods and other riparian species. Black Hawks, Common Gallinules, Gila Woodpeckers, Wied Flycatchers, and Great-tailed Grackles are among the species that have been found there.--Ralph Fisher

CENTERTIRE BOG (Catron 1) - Attempt this trip only when roads are at least fairly dry, as the mud may get you otherwise! From Luna go north on Forest Road 19 for about 6 miles, then east on F.R. 216 for about 6 miles. In an arroyo on the south side of the road is a sign "Centerfire Bog;" from that point retrace your route a few hundred feet to a dirt road that goes south through a fence. This will lead you to the "bog," which is actually a diked pond of moderate size in which grow cattails, bullrushes, and other aquatic plants. Here breed Ruddy, Mallard, and Mexican ducks, Cinnamon teal, coots, and Brewer, Red-winged, and Yellow-headed blackbirds. Sora and Virginia rails also occur there and in the sedge meadows upstream from the pond. In the surrounding pine forest are nesting Violet-green Swallows, Purple Martins, and other Transition Zone species, and in the rabbitbrush flats are Eastern Meadowlarks, Vesper Sparrows, and occasional Green-tailed Towhees.--J. P. Hubbard

DAVIS and SYCAMORE CANYONS (Grant 2) - Although private, Ralph Fisher says that birders can visit the area without special permission if they obey signs, stay on the road, and close gates; to be safe ask for permission from Fred McCauley (inquire in Cliff as to his abode). Both canyons lie south of Cliff on the west side of the Gila River; to reach them turn south on the dirt road just west of either the old or new bridges over the river between Cliff and Riverside. Sycamore is about 2½ miles south; Davis Canyon another 3½ miles south, and you can drive up (west) it for 3 miles or so. Many Gila Valley species occur here, including Black Hawk, White-winged Dove, Gila Woodpecker, and Cardinal.--- Ralph Fisher

EAGLE PEAK (Catron 2) - This is the highest point in the Tularosa Mts. and is reached from N.M. 12 between Apache Creek and Reserve; turn southward on Forest Road 233 and begin a 15 mile eastward trek to the peak (note- the last 4 miles are rough and steep, and you should not tackle it without the proper vehicle). In the ponderosa and other coniferous forests are many montane birds, including Clark Nutcracker, Whip-poor-will, Williamson Sapsucker, Red-faced Warbler, and others, including rarer species such as Blue Grouse, Saw-whet and Flammulated owls, Northern Three-toed Woodpecker, and even Olive Warbler.--Barbara and Daniel McKnight

EL PUEBLO PROJECT (San Miguel 1) - This area is about 18 miles s.w. of Las Vegas on the Pecos River; exit from I-25 at Bernal and proceed southward to El Pueblo on a dirt road. The varied habitats in the area will yield many birds at any season, including perhaps Eastern Phoebe and Cassin Sparrow in summer and bluebirds, Townsend Solitaires, and finches in winter.--Walton Hawk

LA CUEVA (Sandoval 1) - This spot in the Jemez Mts. is reached either from Cuba or from Jemez Springs off route 126. It is just one mile west of the jct. of that route and N.M. 4 (between Jemez Springs and Los Alamos), along a meandering, meadow-bordered stream in pine and mixed coniferous forest (the Swains live here--telephone 829-3346 at reasonable hours for up-to-date info). Summer birds include sapsuckers, Dipper, bluebirds, and Cassin Finches.--Margory Swain

LAGUNA GRANDE -- or LOVING SALT LAKE (Eddy 1) - Two miles north of Loving head east off U.S. 285 on N.M. 31; after 8 miles travel east for about 1 mile on county road 128. Along the south (right) side of the road are large salt pans or playas, some partly or fully inundated with water. These playas support such vegetation as saltgrass and salicornia, with desert scrub nearby. Shorebirds are numerous at times in the spring and fall, and Dunlin, Semipalmated, Western, White-rumped, Baird's, Least, and Stilt sandpipers, Avocets, and Black-necked Stilts are among the species that have been recorded. Herons, gulls, terns, and scrubland and grassland birds may also be seen there.--J. P. Hubbard

LAS MESAS DEL CANJILON (Mora 1) - Wagon Mound is the best access, from which you travel south on a city street that becomes a dirt road that progresses southward and then southeasterly to the Mora River. There is one cattle gate to go through near the river, so be sure to close it properly. Summer birds include Mountain Plover, Long-billed Curlew, Cassin and Rufous-crowned sparrows, and others; in winter Bald Eagles are present along the river.--Jim Travis

MAXWELL N.W.R. (Colfax 1) - Lies just north and west of the town of Maxwell and can be reached from Raton or Springer off I-25. This refuge consists of former farmland and as such is not all that attractive; however, lakes and wet areas host many waterbirds, and the fence row

and cultivated fields (food for geese, etc.) also produce good birds. Grebes, ducks, and other waterbirds can be seen at any season, and in winter Bald and Golden eagles are regular. Breeding birds include Canada Goose, various ducks (e.g. Mallard, Gadwall, Pintail, and all three teal), Burrowing Owl, Red-headed and Lewis woodpeckers, Eastern, Western, and Cassin kingbirds, Magpie, and Savannah Sparrow.--J. P. Hubbard

RATTLESNAKE SPRINGS (Eddy 2) - This tree-lined stream area is noted for birds rather than rattlesnakes, and it is part of Carlsbad Caverns National Park. To reach it from Carlsbad, drive south on U.S. 62-180 to Whites City and thence beyond for about 2 more miles. Turn right (west) on a paved road and follow the signs to the Rattlesnake Springs, a distance of perhaps 3-4 miles. Birding is good at all seasons, with many migrants present in spring, and in summer Vermilion Flycatcher, Bell Vireo, and Painted Bunting. The thorn scrub nearby hosts other species, including Roadrunner, Curve-billed Thrasher, and Pyrrhuloxias. The Eastern Bluebird has bred, and Brown Thrasher and Sprague Pipits are among the other rarities that have been recorded.--J. P. Hubbard

SALAZAR CANYON (Lincoln 1) - This spot in the Capitan Mts. is reached from U.S. 380 between Lincoln and Capitan; the route is a dirt road with a sign that says either Salazar Canyon or Baca Campground. The 6 mile stretch to the campground features "mesa" vegetation and bird-life, among the latter being Scrub and Pinyon jays, nuthatches, bluebirds, and in summer Violet-green Swallows, Solitary Vireo, Virginia Warbler, and probably Hepatic Tanager.--Marjorie Williams

TUCUMCARI LAKE (Quay 1) - lies just east of Tucumcari, between U.S. 66 and U. S. 54; it can be reached from either of these on short dirt roads. This rather large (ca. 500 acres) sheet of shallow water, in which cattails grow abundantly and form extensive marshes, hosts such breeding birds as herons, ducks, Common and Great-tailed grackles. Migrants also use the area, and waterbirds are especially attracted there.--J. P. Hubbard

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Name of area \_\_\_\_\_

General location \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Elevations \_\_\_\_\_

Route(s) from mapped town(s) (distances, times, road conditions) \_\_\_\_\_

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Foot or other routes from end of vehicle access (distances, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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Ownership, means of contact, and means for gaining permission to enter

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Lodging, food, water, special cautions, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

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General habitats of area \_\_\_\_\_

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BIRDS; underline special birds, give seasonality, numbers, habitats  
where pertinent \_\_\_\_\_

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Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address \_\_\_\_\_

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USE OTHER SIDE IF NECESSARY. MAPS MAY BE ATTACHED OR DRAWN ON THE  
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