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FROM THE EDITORS:

Weather for the reporting period was near normal at least in the central and southwestern parts of the state. While October was somewhat colder than normal in the Albuquerque area, November produced above average temperatures. Both Ross Teuber in the central area and Ralph Fisher in the southwestern area reported waves or spurts of migrants coming through. Fisher also noted the absence of an early killing frost.

The season produced several breeding records of note. Elf Owls breeding at Water Canyon in the Magdalenas were 185 kilometers north of their known breeding range. A Broad-tailed Hummingbird nest in the Alamo Hueco Mountains may be the first breeding record for this species in Hidalgo County. Evidence of Rock Wrens breeding in the Lake Peak area at 12,400 feet above sea level represents a high altitude for this species. And the first evidence of breeding by White-winged Crossbills in the state was observed at Wheeler Peak.

Birds outside of their known areas of occurrence included two immature Double-crested Cormorants making a first record for Bluewater Lake; subadult Harris's Hawks at Bernalillo and Corrales, north of their normal range; a Ground Dove at Belen, north of the normal range; Inca Doves at Artesia and Capitan, north of the normal range; Pygmy Owls at Aguirre Springs, for a possible first in the Organ Mountains; a Lesser Nighthawk at Albuquerque, north of the usual range; a Lewis' Woodpecker at Socorro, south of the usual range, and an Eastern Kingbird in the Mimbres Valley, west of its known range.

The season was an interesting one for vagrant warblers. Of particular note were the state's third Pine Warbler record, east of Loving, and the first state Prairie Warbler record at Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge. Other sightings of note included an unusually large flock (200+) of Swainson's Hawks near Lordsburg; an Osprey at Yeso west of Fort Sumner; a Game and Fish Department release of White-tailed Ptarmigan in the Pecos Wilderness; an immature Sabine's Gull at Isleta Pueblo, and an early invasion of jays (Steller's, Scrub, Mexican and Pinyon) into lowland and other non-breeding areas.

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N.M. -- National Monument	S.G.R. -- State Game Refuge
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Abbott -- Colfax	Bosque del Apache N.W.R. (Bosque)
Aguirre Springs (Organ Mts.) -- Dona Ana	Socorro
Alameda -- Bernalillo	Bottomless Lake S.P. -- Chaves
Alamogordo -- Otero	Burn L. -- Dona Ana
Alamo Hueco Mts. -- Hidalgo	Burnham -- San Juan
Albuquerque -- Bernalillo	
Algodones -- Sandoval	Caballo L. -- Sierra
Animas Peak -- Hidalgo	Candelaria Farms (Albuquerque) -- Bernalillo
Animas River -- San Juan	Capitan -- Lincoln
Animas Valley -- Hidalgo	Carlsbad -- Eddy
Artesia -- Eddy	Cedar Hill -- San Juan
	Chama -- Rio Arriba
Bayard -- Grant	Chuska Mts. -- McKinley, San Juan
Belen -- Valencia	Cienega Canyon (Sandia Mts.) -- Bernalillo
Bell L. -- Lea	City of Rocks S.P. -- Grant
Bernalillo -- Sandoval	Cliff -- Grant
Bernardo -- Socorro	Cloudcroft -- Otero
Bill Evans L. -- Grant	Clovis -- Curry
Bitter Lake N.W.R. (Bitter L.) -- Chaves	Cochiti L. -- Sandoval
Bluewater L. -- Cibola, McKinley	Columbus -- Luna
Boone's Draw -- Roosevelt	Corrales -- Sandoval
Bosque Bridge -- Valencia	Cottonwood Gulch -- McKinley

Del Monte Ranch -- Taos
Deming -- Luna
Dry Cimarron Valley -- Union
Diez Lagos -- Dona Ana
Durling's Farm -- Dona Ana

Elephant Butte L. -- Sierra
El Prado -- Taos

Farmington -- San Juan
Florida Mts. -- Luna
Fort Sumner -- De Baca

Gila River -- Grant, Catron
Glenwood -- Catron
Guadalupe Canyon -- Hidalgo

Hagerman -- Chaves
Hatch -- Dona Ana
Heron L. -- Rio Arriba
Hobbs -- Lea
Hollene Community -- Curry
Holloman L. -- Otero
Hyde S.P. -- Santa Fe

Isleta -- Bernalillo

La Cienega -- Santa Fe
La Cueva Peak (Organ Mts.) --
Dona Ana
La Cueva S.G.R. -- Mora
La Joya S.G.R. -- Socorro
L. McMillan -- Eddy
Lake Peak -- Santa Fe
L. Stinky -- Otero
La Plata R. -- San Juan
Las Cruces -- Dona Ana
Little Hatchet Mts. -- Grant,
Hidalgo
Lordsburg -- Hidalgo
Los Lunas -- Valencia
Loving -- Eddy

Magdalena Mts. -- Socorro
Mangas Springs -- Grant
Mesilla -- Dona Ana
Mimbres Valley -- Grant,
Luna

Mogollon Plateau -- Catron
Morgan L. -- San Juan
Moriarty -- Torrance

North Fork L. -- San Miguel

Organ Mts. -- Dona Ana

Pecos Wilderness -- Santa Fe, San
Miguel, Mora, Rio Arriba, Taos
Peloncillo Mts. -- Hidalgo
Percha Dam S.P. -- Sierra
Pinos Altos -- Grant
Pleasanton -- Catron

Radium Springs -- Dona Ana
Rattlesnake Springs -- Eddy
Redrock -- Grant
Roswell -- Chaves

San Cristobal -- Taos
Sandia Mts. -- Bernalillo
San Ildefonso Pueblo -- Santa Fe
San Juan River -- San Juan
San Simon Cienega -- Hidalgo
Santa Fe -- Santa Fe
Sierra Blanca -- Otero
Sierra Grande -- Union
Silver City -- Grant
Socorro -- Socorro
Springer L. -- Colfax
Springtime Canyon (San Mateo Mts.)
-- Socorro
Sumner L. -- De Baca

Tesuque Peak -- Santa Fe
Tierra Amarilla -- Rio Arriba
Tres Hermanas Mts. -- Luna

Vermejo Ranch -- Colfax

Water Canyon (Magdalena Mts.) --
Socorro
Weed -- Otero
Wheeler Peak -- Taos

Zuni Mts. -- Cibola, McKinley
Zuni (Reservation) -- McKinley

Symbols in text -- * detailed record; ** photo record;
*** specimen record

HORNED GREBE -- unusual: 1 at Heron L. 10/6 (JH).

EARED GREBE -- Reported at 10 localities between 9/6 and 11/30, with high of 30 at Zuni 9/16 (JT).

WESTERN GREBE -- 4 dark phase at Zuni 9/16 (JT); 4 dark at Sumner L. 11/27 (WH); 30+ dark at Heron L. 10/16, and 4 dark and 2 light at Caballo L. 10/13 (JH).

WHITE PELICAN -- Large numbers in lower Rio Grande Valley in September, October and November (JH, KZ, BZ, DM, DJ, D&SH); 100+ at Bitter L. 10/22 (JH); 1,000+ at L. McMillan 10/8 (RM+).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- Many reported in middle Rio Grande Valley in August through October by various observers; 2 immatures at Bluewater L. 10/4 for the first report there (AM), and 1 immature at Cochiti L. 11/14 (JH).

OLIVACEOUS CORMORANT -- At Bosque August through October (D&SH, JS); others at Caballo L. and Elephant Butte L. 10/3 (KZ) and 10/13 (JH); 5 at Las Cruces 8/14 (L&PH).

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- 1 at Morgan L. 9/9 (DR+).

CATTLE EGRET -- 1 seen in Farmington 10/6 (Kenneth Heil), 10 at Mule Creek, Silver City, 9/26 (D&MZ), 6 at Bitter L. 10/8 (WH, JJ).

GREAT EGRET -- 1 at Morgan L. 9/9 (AN) and 3 in the Gila Valley 11/7 (Hiram Parent).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON -- 1 at Washington Pass in Chuska Mountains 9/26 (AN).

LEAST BITTERN -- 1 in Isleta Marsh on 8/9 (RM, JD).

CANADA GOOSE -- unusual: 1 at Cloudcroft 11/6 (WB).

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 4 at Bosque 10/22 (RT).

SNOW GOOSE -- unusual: 1 in November at Silver City (RF) and several near Cliff mid-November (JE)...5 at La Cueva S.G.R. 11/15 (WAH).

WOOD DUCK -- unusual: 1 at Silver City 11/17-20 (RF)...3 at Isleta Pueblo 10/27 and 11/9 (WH).

HOODED Merganser -- 5 at Sumner L. 11/27 (WH).

TURKEY VULTURE -- Late were 15+ at Glenwood 10/10-11 and 1 at Socorro 10/13 (JH).

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- In Rio Grande Valley, up to 4 from Albuquerque to Los Lunas 8/7-14 (WH+), and 1 or 2 near Mesilla 8/1-23 (DJ+).

GOSHAWK -- unusual: 1 in low country near Moriarty 10/11 (WS)...Single adults at Sandia Crest 9/3 (RT+, photo DH) and in Sandias 10/31 (D&SH).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK -- 1 immature at Rattlesnake Springs 10/23 (JH).

COOPER'S HAWK -- An immature at Rattlesnake Springs 10/23 (JH).

RED-TAILED HAWK -- A melanistic adult at Cliff 10/12 (JH).

SWAINSON'S HAWK -- unusual: 200+ near Lordsburg 9/17 (RH) was a high count even for migrant flocks....1 immature in Tres Hermanas Mts. area 10/15 (RH).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK -- breeding: Two pairs successfully fledged young near Silver City (RF)....1 west of Redrock 8/31 (RH).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK -- 4 migrants seen on San Juan County Bird Count 9/26 (AN).

HARRIS' HAWK -- Out-of-range sub-adults near Bernalillo 8/18 (TW) and near Corrales 8/27 (KM). Sightings continue in southwest part of state.

BLACK HAWK -- breeding: 2 active nests in Silver City area (RF)....1 on Gila R. west of Redrock 9/23 (RH).

BUTEO sp. -- An unidentified Buteo, described as probably immature, was seen 10/15 in the Ft. Sumner area (WH+). It was in the size range of the Broadwing and Gray Hawks, both rare in New Mexico. Details included very short tail with narrow white bars and broader black bars; brown back; light underparts with pale gray barring extending into wing linings; rest of underwings white.

GOLDEN EAGLE -- Several reports from various locations, including an immature in Pecos Wilderness 8/20 (WHB) and an adult near the Gila Cliff Dwellings 11/7 (K&BZ).

BALD EAGLE -- Adults sighted near Chama 11/16 (Domenic Dominici), at Vermejo Ranch 10/24 (M. Bodenchuk), at Springer L. 11/14-15 (W. McNall), La Cienega 11/15 (WAH), Cochiti L. 11/21 (Frank Stuto), and near the Gila Cliff Dwellings 11/7 (B&KZ). A sub-adult near Cliff in mid-November (fide JE).

MARSH HAWK -- 2 immatures at Cochiti L. 11/14 (JH).

OSPREY -- Fall migrants reported from Zuni 9/16 (JT), Bosque 11/12 (D&SH+), Elephant Butte L. 10/3 and 11/14 (B&KZ), east of Deming 9/30 and northwest of Hatch 9/10 (RH), as well as singles from unusual locales, one at Yeso west of Ft. Sumner 9/28 (RF) and one in Curry County 9/26 (MC).

MERLIN -- 1* early fall migrant north of Corrales 8/5 (VH), and another near Cochiti L. 9/30 (EH).

BLUE GROUSE -- 1 female with 2 young on Tesuque Peak and 1 on road above Hyde Park 8/6-7 (WHB); 4 adults and 6 young in Pecos Wilderness 8/19 (WHB, GS).

WHITE-TAILED PTARMIGAN -- 1 male heard at North Fork L. 8/19 and 11 pairs released in Pecos Wilderness 9/10 (WHB, GS).

GAMBEL'S QUAIL -- A high of 36 in Animas River Valley 9/26 (AN); 50+ at Fercha Dam S.P. 11/22-27 (DM); others in Rio Grande Valley from north of Socorro to Las Cruces in August through November (various observers); 1 female and 3 immatures at Pleasanton 8/5-15 (JH).

RING-NECKED PHEASANT -- Several reports, including San Juan lowlands and middle Rio Grande, Pecos and Gila Valleys. White-winged form reported at Bosque.

CHUKAR -- 3 at La Plata Valley 9/26 (AN).

WILD TURKEY -- Flocks of 5 to 33 at Del Monte Ranch in September through November (WHH); feather found at Sierra Grande 9/12 (JH, WHB); singles at Bosque 8/6 and 9/12 (D&SH, JS); seen in Otero County August through October (RP).

SORA -- Reports from across state: 4 in Animas River Valley 9/26 (AN), seen in Clovis area 9/11-12 (M&DC), several at Bosque 8/6-9/12 (JS, D&SH), 1 at Mangas Springs 8/8 (RF).

COMMON GALLINULE -- 1 on 10/11 and 2 on 10/28 at Bosque (D&SH).

AMERICAN COOT -- Reported statewide in August through October, with a high of 1,238 in Chuska Mountains 9/26 (AN+). Latest record, 20+ at Cochiti L. 11/14 (JH).

SNOWY PLOVER -- 1 at Bluewater L. 8/10 (AM).

GOLDEN PLOVER -- unusual: 1* at Holloman L. 11/15-16 (RP+).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 1 at Zuni on 9/16 (JT).

WHIMBREL -- unusual: 2 at Lordsburg 8/11 (RH).

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- 1 seen 5 miles north of L. McMillan 10/7 (WH, RM).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- 3 at Zuni 9/16 (JT).

DUNLIN -- 1 at Bosque 8/7-10 (JS) and 3 to 5 at Lordsburg 8/11 (RH).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- Single birds seen at Bosque 8/8* and Bitter L. 8/15* (D&SH).

SANDERLING -- 3 east of Deming 8/19 (RH), 1 at L. Stinky, near Alamogordo, 9/4 (KZ), and at L. McMillan 10/24 (JH).

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 2 seen and heard at Isleta 9/23 (WH+).

AMERICAN AVOCET -- A high number of over 1,000 at L. McMillan on 8/16 (D&SH).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- 3,000+ at Bitter L. 8/16 (D&SH).

CALIFORNIA GULL -- 1 at Heron L. on 10/6 (JH) and 1 reported from Bill Evans L. 10/2 (MM).

BONAPARTE'S GULL -- 12 seen at Morgan L. 9/26 (CS) and 1 at L. McMillan 10/24 (JH).

SABINE'S GULL -- unusual: An immature bird** was seen at Isleta Pueblo sewage pond 9/21-23 (WH+, photos DH).

COMMON TERN -- unusual: This possibly overlooked tern, rare in New Mexico, was reported from several areas. 1* was at Morgan L. 9/9 (DR); 1** at Bosque 10/11, with photos (D&SH), and 1* at Burn L. 9/25-10/2 (DJ+). Sterna terns with unusually deep wingbeats should be examined carefully and the tail pattern (presence or absence of dark outer edges and contrast with rump) should be noted.

CASPIAN TERN -- unusual: Single birds were seen** at Bitter L. 8/15-16 (D&SH), and 10/8 at L. McMillan (WCH, RM photo).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON -- unusual: 3 at Aguirre Springs on 8/1 (DJ) and 4 at La Cueva Peak on 8/5 (KZ) in the Organ Mts.; rare in the area....Lingering late were 2 at San Cristobal on 10/28 (WAH) and 14-20 near Silver City throughout October and November (M&SO); 8 on Lake Peak above 12,000 feet on 8/6-7 (WHB) were exceptionally high.

GROUND DOVE -- unusual: 1* at Belen on 10/12 (WH) was well north of its normal range.

INCA DOVE -- unusual: 1 at Artesia on 10/6 (JJ, RM) was well north of its range, and 1** at Capitan on 10/14-24 (Jack Johnson+) was well northeast of and higher than Alamogordo, where its numbers have recently increased.

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- Reports from throughout southern half of state in August and September; a late record, 1 at Caballo Park 10/3 (K&BZ).

ROADRUNNER -- Many records throughout period from Albuquerque south.

FLAMMULATED OWL -- 1** at Durling's Farm, near El Paso, 10/25 (BZ).

PYGMY OWL -- 2 or 3 at Aguirre Springs 10/15-11/13 (B&KZ); may be first for Organ Mts.

ELF OWL -- breeding: A well-documented report of a breeding pair in the Magdalena Mts. with a photo of an unfledged owlet (PS+). A published article by the same reporters documents observation of a single breeding pair in the same general location four years since 1976, and represents a northeastern extension of the known breeding range by some 185 km.

SPOTTED OWL -- 1** at Gila Cliff Dwellings 11/7-10 (B&KZ; photo D&MZ).

SAW-WHET OWL -- 1*** killed on US-180 (specimen recovered) in southern Grant County 10/22 (AM).

POOR-WILL -- 1 near Farmington in September (AN); singles at Sandia Crest 9/5 and between Albuquerque and Socorro 8/8 (D&SH).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK -- Many reports statewide in August and September; latest, 2 at Algodones 9/30 (JH).

LESSER NIGHTHAWK -- Sighted at Candelaria Farms 8/22 (RT), from Radium Springs to Percha Dam 8/15 (JS), and from Bosque to Hatch and Lordsburg 8/30 (JS).

BLACK SWIFT -- 6 seen over Tesuque Peak 8/6-7 (WHB, GS).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT -- Present at Bosque 10/11, somewhat late (D&SH).

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- Immature male** at Monticello, Sandia Mts., 9/23-10/16 (HS+, photo DH); perhaps third record for Albuquerque area.

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD -- breeding (delayed report): Female incubating eggs on nest in Alamo Hueco Mts. 7/8 (RH); may be first Hidalgo County breeding record.

VIOLET-CROWNED HUMMINGBIRD -- unusual: Female** at feeder in Water Canyon, Magdalena Mts., to about 8/5 (PS+)....1 in Guadalupe Canyon 9/14 (RH).

COMMON FLICKER -- unusual: Singles of the yellow-shafted form in the Rio Grande Valley at Isleta 11/15 (WH+) and near Las Cruces on 10/26 (KZ), where rare; 2 of the red-shafted form on Lake Peak above 12,000 feet on 8/6-7 (WHB, GS) were higher than the normal range.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- 3 at Bernalillo on 8/18, 25 (WH+).

ACORN WOODPECKER -- More common than usual in the Organ Mts., with highs of 45 on 10/15 and 25 on 11/13 (B&KZ).

LEWIS' WOODPECKER -- unusual: A single at Socorro on 11/26 (PB) was south of its normal range.

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER -- 10 at Aguirre Springs On 10/15 (BZ) were unusually high for the area.

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER -- unusual: Singles in the Animas River Valley on 9/26 (San Juan County Bird Count), at San Ildefonso on 9/26 (JD), e. of Loving on 10/7 (WCH, JJ), and at Aguirre Springs on 11/12 (BZ); rare in these areas.

HAIRY WOODPECKER -- unusual: 2 above 12,000 feet on Lake Peak on 9/6-7 (WHB,GS)....Small influx of 10 between Corrales and Isleta 8/8-11/16 (WH+) after a summer of scarcity.

DOWNY WOODPECKER -- Numerous reports of southward and eastward wanderers outside normal range included singles at Socorro on 8/10 (JS), at Hollene Community on 9/4 (MC), and at Weed on 10/10 (WH), 3 at Percha Dam S.P. on 11/22-27 (DM), and 2 at Ft. Sumner on 11/27 (WH).

LADDER-BACKED WOODPECKER -- 1 at Boone's Draw on 11/12 (JH); more numerous than usual at Percha Dam S.P. (DM).

NORTHERN THREE-TOED WOODPECKER -- 2 in the Pecos Wilderness at North Fork L. on 8/18 (WHB).

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- unusual: 1* in Himbres Valley on 8/18 (RH), west of usual range....1 seen at Alameda on 9/5 (JP) and 2 remained at Isleta Marsh through 8/12 (WH).

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD -- 1 in Curry County on 11/12 (MC) and 3 heard northeast of Animas Peak on 11/17 (RH) were late.

BLACK PHOEBE -- unusual: 2 at Burnham on 8/22 (HL); rare in nw. New Mexico.

SAY'S PHOEBE -- 1 on Sierra Grande on 9/1 (JH+).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER -- unusual: 1 singing near Cliff in mid-November (JE); late.

DUSKY FLYCATCHER -- 1 at Rattlesnake Springs on 10/23 (JH); late.

WESTERN FLYCATCHER -- 1 banded near Bluewater L. on 10/10 (AM); late.

TREE SWALLOW -- 25 near Moriarty 10/11 (WS) and a large flock in Curry County 9/3 (MC).

BANK SWALLOW -- At Bosque 10/11 (D&SH).

PURPLE MARTIN -- 1 female near Albuquerque 8/13, where rare in autumn (WH+).

BLUE JAY -- 12 in Ft. Sumner on 11/27 (WH, GR), indicating numbers are increasing.

STELLER'S JAY -- unusual: Extensive invasion into nonbreeding areas from the Mogollon Plateau to the Mexican border, in the Rio Grande Valley, on Sierra Blanca, and in the Organ Mts. from mid-October through November, coinciding with an abundant pinyon nut crop (many observers).

SCRUB JAY -- Widespread movement into the Rio Grande Valley and into other nonbreeding areas westward (various observers) and locally into the upper and middle Pecos Valley (WH+).

MEXICAN JAY -- Descended into the Gila drainage area from the Mogollon Plateau and Peloncillo Mts. in August-September (RF, RH+) as well as into Guadalupe Canyon on 9/14 (RH+).

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE -- 70 on Sierra Grande on 9/1 (WHB, JH), a large influx from nearby breeding areas (e.g., Dry Cimarron Valley).

COMMON RAVEN -- 2 on Sierra Grande on 9/1-2 (WHB, JH).

WHITE-NECKED RAVEN -- 14*** at 5.5 miles e. of Abbott, 3 (including 2 calling fledglings) at Pleasanton on 8/6 (JH), and flock of up to 500 at Hagerman on 10/9 (WH, RM).

COMMON CROW -- 5+ at Heron L. on 10/6, 10+ at Pleasanton on 11/20, and 15+ at mouth of Mogollon Creek on 11/18 (JH).

PINYON JAY -- Massive invasion into nonbreeding areas from the Mogollon Plateau south to the Organ and Alamo Hueco Mts. in September-October (various observers), with numbers reaching 300-1,000 in the Silver City area (RF, MO); also minor invasion into middle Rio Grande Valley (WH+).

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER -- 2+ at Heron L. on 10/6 (JH).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE -- 18 in San Juan County 9/26 (AN+). Numbers may have declined in middle Rio Grande Valley toward end of autumn (WH+).

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE -- unusual: 1 at Angus, Curry County, 9/21-26 (MC)...5 in San Juan County 9/26 (AN+); 20 on Sierra Grande 9/1-2 (JH, WHB); in middle Rio Grande Valley, 10 recorded in August, 9 in September, 18 in October, 46 in November (WH+); "uncommon but easily found" all season at Aguirre Springs (DJ).

PLAIN TITMOUSE -- 1 in yard at Bayard 10/27 through November was present second consecutive year after several years' absence (RF).

BUSHY TIT -- 46 in San Juan County 9/26 (AN+); found in middle Rio Grande Valley south to Belen, with peaks of 16 at Corrales 11/18 and at least 10 at Los Lunas from 8/3 through the season (WH+).

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- 1 at Ft. Sumner 11/27 (WH, GR); present at Percha Dam S.P. 11/22-27 (DM); uncommon but easily found at Aguirre Springs all season (DJ).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- 15 on Sierra Grande 9/1-2 (JH, WHB); 36 (23 in September) recorded in middle Rio Grande Valley during season (WH+).

BROWN CREEPER -- 7 at Cochiti 9/28, then a sighting at Albuquerque 10/9, after which fairly common in middle Rio Grande Valley south to Bernardo (WH+); 4 at Ft. Sumner 11/27 were a high number for the area (WH, GR); present 11/22-27 at Percha Dam S.P. (DM).

DIPPER -- 1 at Nutria Canyon 10/11 was first record for Zuni Reservation and second for Zuni Mountains (AM).

HOUSE WREN -- 1 at Fort Sumner 11/27 was late (WH).

WINTER WREN -- 1 at Cottonwood Gulch 10/22 raised to five the number of sites in the Zuni Mountains where this species has been recorded (AM); 2 in middle Rio Grande Valley 9/9 and 9/10 (WH) and 1 in the Sandia Mountains 10/12-15 (GP, HS, MD).

LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN -- 5 at Morgan L. and lower San Juan Valley 9/26 (AN+).

SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN -- unusual: 1 seen near Bernalillo 10/22, 11/10 and 12/2 was the first for the middle Rio Grande Valley (WH, VH, RM).

ROCK WREN -- Adults and two young nesting between Lake Peak and Penitente Peak 8/6-7 at 12,400 feet may be an altitude record for this species in the state (WHB, GS).

GRAY CATBIRD -- 1 at Corrales 10/23 was late (JD).

81-3 (autumn)

BROWN THRASHER -- The five westernmost records were all in the Rio Grande Valley: 1 each in Bernalillo 11/12 (JD), north of Bosque Bridge 11/10 (WH), south of Los Lunas 10/14 (WH), at Socorro 11/21 (PB), and at Bosque 11/14 (K&BZ).

BENDIRE'S THRASHER -- 1 south of Farmington 9/7, where few records (AN), and 1 at Petroglyph State Park west of Albuquerque 10/9 (D&SH).

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER -- 5 on Three Gun Spring Trail (Sandias) 9/19 and one on 10/17 (D&SH), 1 at feeder near Las Cruces 11/15 (EW), and 1 north of Hobbs 8/22 (JS).

CRISSAL THRASHER -- 1 young bird at Bernardo 8/21 (WH+), and 1 at Water Canyon 9/19 (JND).

SAGE THRASHER -- Early lowland arrivals included 1 at Albuquerque 8/3 (D&SH) and 4 at Santa Fe 9/3 (JH). 2 at Aguirre Springs (Organ Mountains) 10/10 (DJ) and present at City of Rocks S.P. 10/16-26 (DM).

HERMIT THRUSH -- 1 at Burnham Oasis near Farmington 9/7 (AN).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- Tailless bird at Farmington 11/15 (AN); 1 banded at Cottonwood Gulch 10/10 for the second record in the Zunis (AM); 1 banded at Candelaria Farms 10/11 was the first for that site (Rio Grande Bird Research, Inc.); and 1 at Sandia Crest 9/10 (JND).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- Scattered reports late in the period included 1 heard at Santa Fe 11/1 (JH), 1 to 10 individuals at five middle Rio Grande Valley locations 11/19 to 11/25 (WH+), 1 at Ft. Sumner 10/5 and 12 on 11/27 (WH+), and a few at Percha Dam 11/22-27 (DM).

WESTERN BLUEBIRD -- 8 in Curry County 10/18 (MC).

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD -- 2 in Curry County 11/18 (MC).

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE -- Early records at lower elevations were 3 in the Animas River Valley and San Juan Valley 9/26 (AN+) and 1 at Santa Fe 9/19-20 (JH); 3 at Bottomless Lake S.P. 10/22 were east of usual migration range (JH).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- 1 in San Juan County 9/26 (AN); 1 at San Cristobal 8/2 (WAH); 29 recorded in middle Rio Grande Valley 8/1-10/5 (WH+).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- Moved into lowlands in abnormally high numbers -- unusual: 2 at Ft. Sumner 11/27 (WH, GR); 5 at Aguirre Springs 10/22 and 11/13 (K&BZ)...Commoner than usual in Sandias (HS); 28 in middle Rio Grande Valley 10/19-11/19 between Corrales and Belen (WH+).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET -- 34 in San Juan County 9/26 (AN+); 1 singing on Sierra Grande 9/1 (JH, WHB); 1 in Curry County 10/17 (MC); 1 at Boone's Draw 11/12 (JH).

SPRAGUE'S PIPIT -- 1 near Roswell 10/6 (WH) was only sighting in 5 days in the Pecos Valley, probably due to horrible weather.

CEDAR WAXWING -- 6 in San Juan County 9/26 (AN); 3 at Ft. Sumner 11/27 (WH,GR); first of season in middle Rio Grande Valley 9/10, with occasional singles thereafter (WH+).

PHAINOPEPLA -- Only reports were of singles at Percha Dam S.P. through the period (DM,JS).

NORTHERN SHRIKE -- Singles near Cochiti L. 11/25 and five miles north of Belen 11/24 were in adult plumage (WH+).

HUTTON'S VIREO -- 1 at Guadalupe Canyon 9/14-15 for second site record (RH).

BELL'S VIREO -- 1 at Redrock 9/1, 2 reported (unconfirmed) at Little Hatchet Mountains 10/8, and 1 at Guadalupe Canyon 9/15 (RH).

SOLITARY VIREO -- 1 (yellowish race) at Cienega Canyon 9/19 (D&SH).

RED-EYED VIREO -- 1 banded at Candelaria Farms 9/6 (Rio Grande Bird Research, Inc.).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- 5 reports in the Rio Grande Valley from north of Belen (1 male) 9/10 (WH) to Percha Dam, where 2 immatures seen 11/24 (DM).

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER -- 1 near Isleta Marsh 9/1 (WH+).

TENNESSEE WARBLER -- 1 near Cedar Hill 9/26 (Elva Fox, fide AN) and 1 at Socorro 8/2 (PB).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- Late migrants included at least 1 in Otero County in November (Otero County Bird Club) and 2 at Las Cruces 12/3 (K&BZ).

NASHVILLE WARBLER -- Widespread, including 10 at Zuni 9/16 (JT), 1 banded at Candelaria Farms 9/19 (Rio Grande Bird Research, Inc.), a late bird in Otero County in November (Otero County Bird Club), and 1 at Mesilla 8/19 (DJ).

LUCY'S WARBLER -- 1 at Randel's Pool (Dona Ana County), 9/6, where only 2 local records in recent years (BZ).

YELLOW WARBLER -- Last recorded near Redrock 9/25 (RH); 1 east of Columbus 8/27 (ES).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER -- 1* north of Los Lunas 10/12 with details (VH); rare in middle Rio Grande Valley.

YELLOW-RUMPED (MYRTLE) WARBLER -- Of 1,208 Yellow-rumped in middle Rio Grande Valley during October and November, 82 were identified as Myrtle form, 11 in October and 71 in November (WH+); white-throated individual northeast of Deming 11/4 (RH).

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER -- Present at Springtime Canyon (San Mateo Mountains) 8/9 (EW+); 1 at Aguirre Springs 8/15 (DJ), and migrants in southwest quadrant from 8/11 through 10/14 (RH).

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER -- Extremes of migration were 1 at Mesilla 8/16 (DJ) and 1 flocking with juncos and Chipping Sparrows at Aguirre Springs (Organ Mountains) 11/13 (K&BZ).

HERMIT WARBLER -- 4 at Pinos Altos 8/18 and 3 on 9/16, with details (RH); 1* at Aguirre Springs 10/22 was east of usual range (K&BZ).

PINE WARBLER -- unusual: 1 seen at close range east of Loving 10/7 (details) was the third for the state (WCH).

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER -- A "plain, nondescript" warbler, either a Pine or Bay-breasted, was reported at Albuquerque 11/5 (MH); probably a Bay-breasted (JH).

PRAIRIE WARBLER -- unusual: A female at Bosque 11/26, with details (J&GM), is a first for the state.

PALM WARBLER -- 1 north of Los Lunas 10/20, with details (EH); rare in middle Rio Grande Valley.

OVENBIRD -- 1 singing south of Los Lunas 8/7 (TW).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- 1 south of Corrales 8/27 and 1 north of Belen 9/10 (WH+), 1 at Bosque 2/22 (D&SH), and 1* at Bell L. 8/23-24 (JS).

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT -- 1 at Cienega Canyon (Sandia Mountains) 8/21 (D&SH).

RED-FACED WARBLER -- Present at Springtime Canyon (San Mateo Mountains) 8/9 (EW+).

HOODED WARBLER -- 1 south of Corrales 9/3 (JD) and 1 male north of Isleta Bridge 9/9 (WH); rare in middle Rio Grande Valley.

AMERICAN REDSTART -- 4 in middle Rio Grande Valley from 8/6 to 9/10 (WH+); present at Percha Dam 9/10 (DM); male at Silver City 10/22 (AN), and probable immatures at Florida Mts. 9/1 and Redrock 9/23 (RH).

PAINTED REDSTART -- Present at Pinos Altos 8/18 and San Simon Cienega (out of habitat) 9/3 (RH); 1 in Alamo Hueco Mts. at 4,900 feet 8/25 (ES).

BOBOLINK -- 1 banded at Candelaria Farms 9/19 (CAH); 1 heard at Isleta 10/2 (WH).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- unusual: 8,000 near Las Cruces 11/14 (KZ).

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD -- 12,000 near Las Cruces 11/14 (KZ).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE -- First local records: 1 at El Prado 11/15, and several at San Cristobal 11/16 and 11/20 (WAH).

COMMON GRACKLE -- 1 at Carlsbad 10/24 (JH).

WESTERN TANAGER -- Early fall arrival at Bosque 8/7 (JS).

SCARLET Tanager -- Immature male north of Bernardo Bridge 11/7 (WH); rare in New Mexico.

HEPATIC Tanager -- Present at Aguirre Springs 8/15 (EW+), and 2 females still present (late) 10/22 (K&BZ).

SUMMER Tanager -- Last at Redrock 9/23 (RH).

PYRRHULOXIA -- breeding: male and 2 young at Truth or Consequences 8/29 (DM)...Male** photographed at Capitan (Randy Isler).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK -- 1 juvenile female, probably this species, near Clovis 11/12 (MC); occasional in autumn.

LAZULI BUNTING -- 1 at Mesilla 8/16 and 19 (DJ).

VARIED BUNTING -- unusual: Female* at Antelope Pass, Peloncillo Mts., 8/11 (RH); north of usual range.

EVENING GROSBEAK -- unusual: 1 at Ft. Sumner 11/27 (WH); not seen on previous two-year survey...45 recorded between Belen and Cochiti during autumn (WH+); unusual in middle Rio Grande Valley.

PURPLE FINCH -- unusual: Female* at Diez Lagos, near El Paso, Tex., 10/25 (BZ).

CASSIN'S FINCH -- 1 at Los Lunas 10/24 (WH); 1 female at Aguirre Springs 11/13 (KZ) and 4 there 11/17 (BZ, CJ).

PINE GROSBEAK -- 3 females in Sandia Mts. 11/26 (WH, GR).

GRAY-CROWNED ROSY FINCH -- 2 at Sandia Crest 11/15 (HS).

BROWN-CAPPED ROSY FINCH -- Seen on Highway 64 east of Tierra Amarilla 11/21 (WAH).

RED CROSSBILL -- 14 reported between Isleta and Cochiti during season (WH+).

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL -- breeding: Pair feeding a fledged young bird on Wheeler Peak 9/20 (Roger Pasquire, J.W. Perkins); first evidence of breeding in New Mexico...unusual: The season's reports of this species, rare in New Mexico, were unusually numerous. They included a possible White-winged on Sierra Grande 9/2 (JH), and up to 6 seen on Sandia Crest 8/30-9/6 (HS, RT+).

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- Seen in much of Hidalgo County from August through 10/19 (RH); infrequently reported from this area.

TREE SPARROW -- 5 at Cochiti L. 11/25, and possible singles at Corrales 11/6 and La Joya S.G.R. 11/5 (WH+).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW -- 5 banded at Albuquerque 8/23-9/12 (CAH+); occasional in middle Rio Grande Valley. Reported at Las Cruces 9/8 (LH); 15 at Aguirre Springs 10/10 and 1 at Mesilla 10/17 (DJ).

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW -- 1 in Juan Tabo Canyon, Sandia Mts., 11/8 (HS).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW -- 2 south of Belen 10/23 and 2 at Bernalillo 10/26, becoming fairly widespread in November in middle Rio Grande Valley, with 22 records (WH+); above-normal 6 during autumn near Socorro (PB).

LONGSPUR sp. -- Unseen bird with dry-rattle call southeast of Artesia 10/9 might have been McCown's or Lapland Longspur (WCH, WH+).

CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR -- 10 records, including 46 individuals, from Albuquerque to La Joya S.G.R. in October and November (WH+).