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FROM THE EDITORS:

A Greater Scaup at Bosque del Apache NWR was one of the very few well-documented occurrences for the state; many saw and photographed it. Wood Ducks were more common than usual in the central Rio Grande Valley. And Doña Ana's Black-bellied Whistling Duck stayed into the winter.

Exceptionally early Turkey Vultures: one near Carlsbad February 5 and two at Hatch the next day. A state Bald Eagle survey in early January counted 342 individuals, 27 fewer than in the previous year. The annual raptor survey at the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project yielded 183 individuals of 7 species.

Great Egrets appeared to winter at Bosque NWR, and 30-40 Cattle Egrets remained through the period in lower Doña Ana County. A Green-backed Heron was reported north of Albuquerque in December. Both Common Moorhen and American Coot were more numerous than usual in some areas. Two Dunlins, rare in New Mexico at any season, and especially in winter, were at Bosque NWR in February.

Three rare Laridae were in the Rio Grande Valley: a Parasitic Jaeger at Caballo Lake, a Laughing Gull at Bosque NWR, and a Thayer's Gull at Elephant Butte Lake.

An immature male Rufous Hummingbird remained in Pleasanton until early December. Both species of Gnatcatchers were found during the winter. A Pygmy Nuthatch, along the Rio Grande near Espanola, was far from its usual mountain habitat.

A Sedge Wren, found at Bosque NWR in mid-January and described in detail, was the most recent of a series of sightings of this elusive bird in the central Rio Grande Valley. Marsh Wrens were reported scarcer than usual.

The season's only Northern Shrike was found at San Miguel in January. A Common Grackle remained at Carlsbad at least until February 11; the species rarely winters in New Mexico.

A very late Western Tanager was photographed in Las Cruces December 18. Brewer's Sparrow, unusual in winter in central New Mexico, was seen at Bernardo and on the Bluewater CC. Also unusual, a Clay-colored Sparrow was reported at Bosque refuge, and reports of Grasshopper Sparrows there and on the Las Cruces CC were even more surprising.

Golden-crowned, Harris' and Fox Sparrows again showed up in the Sandia Mountains this winter, and a Harris' Sparrow also was seen at Zuni. Tree Sparrows moved down the Rio Grande Valley as far south as Isleta and Bosque, with several wintering at Cochiti Lake. The white-winged race of the Dark-eyed Junco was reported widely in northern and central New Mexico. A few Green-tailed Towhees remained into the winter.

Unusual sightings at Rattlesnake Springs were an eastern-race Rufous-sided Towhee and a pair of Purple Finches.

LOCALITIES AND THEIR COUNTIES IN THIS ISSUE:

abbreviations and symbols in text:

CC -- Christmas bird count	NWR -- National Wildlife Refuge
L. -- Lake	R. -- River
MGRV -- middle Rio Grande Valley	SGR -- State Game Refuge
Mt. (Mts.) -- Mountain	SP -- State Park
NM -- National Monument	* -- details
N.M. -- New Mexico	** -- photograph
NP -- National Park	*** -- specimen
Alameda -- Bernalillo	Albuquerque -- Bernalillo
Alamogordo -- Otero	Anthony -- Dona Ana

Arrey -- Sierra

Bayard -- Grant

Belen -- Valencia

Bernardo -- Socorro

Big Hatchet Mts. -- Hidalgo

Bitter Lake NWR (Bitter L.) -- Chaves

Bluewater L. -- Cibola, McKinley

Bosque del Apache NWR (Bosque NWR)

-- Socorro

Caballo L. (Dam) -- Sierra

Canadian R. -- Colfax, Harding, San

Miguel, Quay (canyon in Harding)

Carlsbad -- Eddy

Carlsbad Caverns NP -- Eddy

City of Rocks SP -- Grant

Clayton, Clayton L. -- Union

Cliff -- Grant

Cochiti L., Pueblo -- Sandoval

Corrales -- Sandoval

Dry Cimarron Valley -- Union

Durling's Farm -- Doña Ana

Elephant Butte L. -- Sierra

Espanola -- Rio Arriba

Farmington -- San Juan

Glenwood -- Catron

Harroun L. -- Eddy

Hatch -- Doña Ana

Hatchet Mts. -- Hidalgo

Holloman L. -- Otero

Isleta (Pueblo) -- Bernalillo,

Valencia

Jackson L. -- San Juan

Johnson Mesa -- Colfax

L. Avalon -- Eddy

L. McMillan -- Eddy

INITIALED OBSERVERS IN THIS ISSUE:

PB -- Pat Basham

DB -- Delbert Boggs

JDo -- Jeff Donaldson

JD -- Julie Duff

RF -- Ralph Fisher

JGo -- Jeff Gottfried

PG -- Pat Grossett

EH -- Elizabeth Hayes

RH -- Randy Hill

VH -- Valerie Hink

WH -- William Howe

JH -- John Hubbard

D&SH (DH, SH) -- Dustin & Susan
Huntington

DJ -- Dan Jones

83-1 (winter '82-83)

La Jaz -- Otero

Las Cruces -- Doña Ana

Las Vegas -- San Miguel

Los Lunas -- Valencia

Loving -- Eddy

Mangas Springs, Valley -- Grant

Maxwell NWR -- Colfax

Mesilla -- Doña Ana

Mosquero -- Harding

Navajo Indian Irrigation Project

(NIIP) -- San Juan

Organ Mts. -- Doña Ana

Peloncillo Mts. -- Hidalgo

Percha Dam SP -- Sierra

Pleasanton -- Catron

Portales -- Roosevelt

Rodeo -- Hidalgo

Roswell -- Chaves

San Acacia -- Socorro

San Antonio -- Socorro

Sandia Mts., Crest, Park --

Bernalillo

San Miguel -- San Miguel

Santa Fe -- Santa Fe

Shady Lakes (in Alameda) --

Bernalillo

Silver City -- Grant

Socorro -- Socorro

Tremontina -- San Miguel

Truth or Consequences -- Sierra

Wagon Mound -- Mora

Zuni Mts. -- Cibola, McKinley

Zuni Reservation (Zuni) --

McKinley

ML -- Mickey Lang

BL -- W. Burton Lewis

KM -- Kimble McClymonds

DM -- Doris Miller

AN -- Alan Nelson

GP -- Gary Parker

TR -- Fr. Terence Rhoades

MAR -- Mary Alice Root

FS -- Fritz Scheider

HS -- Hart R. Schwarz

JS -- John Shipman

WSp -- Walter Spofford

BS -- Barbara Steinau

JSt -- John Sterling

WS -- William Stone

CW -- Clarence West

RT -- Ross Teuber

SW -- Steve West

JT -- John Trochet

BZ -- Barry Zimmer

RWa -- Rex Wahl

KZ -- Kevin Zimmer

NEW MEXICO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS, 1982-83

(name of count, date, compiler; abbreviated "CC" in text)

Albuquerque, Dec. 19, James Karo
Bluewater L., Dec. 18, Arch McCallum
Bosque del Apache NWR, Dec. 26, C. A. Hundertmark (Bosque for short)
Carlsbad Caverns NP, Dec. 19, Steve West (Carlsbad for short)

Clayton, Dec. 18, A. J. Krehbiel
Española, Dec. 26, W. Burton Lewis
Farmington, Dec. 18, Alan Nelson
Lakes Avalon and McMillan, Dec. 30, Jim Cheek (L. Avalon for short)

La Luz (Otero County), Dec. 18, Lawrence Murphy
Las Cruces, Dec. 18, Kevin Zimmer
Las Vegas, Dec. 19, John Gavahan
Loving, Dec. 28, Steve West

Peloncillo Mts., Dec. 29, Robert Scholes
Portales, Jan. 1, Larry Coalson
Roswell, Dec. 18, Mary Peckinpaugh
Sandia Mts., Dec. 18, Kay Anderson and Ross Teuber

Santa Fe, Dec. 19, William Stone
Silver City, Dec. 18, Ralph Fisher

EARED GREBE -- 3 at Jackson L. on Farmington CC; unusual in area in winter.

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN White Pelican) -- 1 on L. Avalon CC.

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- 15 on Bosque CC; 50 there 1/14 (WS).

OLIVACEOUS CORMORANT -- 34 at Bosque NWR 2/6 (D&SH); 40 from Bosque NWR to Caballo L. 1/23 (BZ, JDo).

GREAT EGRET -- unusual: 1 at Bosque NWR 12/4 (JGo, MAR), with 3 there 12/9 (WH) and 1 still there 1/23 (D&SH).

CATTLE EGRET -- Groups of 30-40 in lower Doña Ana County through the period (BZ).

GREEN-BACKED HERON (Green Heron) -- unusual: 2 n. of Albuquerque 12/16-17 (EH, JSt).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON -- 1 at Bosque NWR 12/9 (WH).

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK -- The individual at a pond west of El Paso during the fall stayed until 12/20 (BZ+); it was extensively photographed.

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 1** at Bosque NWR 1/1 and 1 there 1/23 (D&SH).

WOOD DUCK -- Singles at Corrales bridge 12/26 12/26 and 2/5 (D&SH); 6 on Albuquerque CC, and 3 at Alameda 2/27 (HS).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL -- unusual: 6 at Harroun L. on Loving CC (BS, PG); details -- rare in winter.

GREATER SCAUP -- unusual: 1** at Bosque NWR 2/8-24 (HS+), with details; photo by DH.

COMMON GOLDENEYE -- 1 near Rodeo 12/29 (FS, WSp) and 2 in lower Doña Ana County in late January (BZ, KZ, JDo).

COMMON MERGANSER -- unusual: 5,000 at Caballo L. 1/23 (BZ, JDo, DJ); unusually high.

TURKEY VULTURE -- unusual: 2* near Hatch 2/6 (WS) and 1 near Carlsbad 2/5 (T. & D. Bemis, fide SW) were exceptionally early.

BALD EAGLE -- Numerous reports from major N. M. drainages and lakes. 1 at the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project 12/31 (AN) was the first ever there for this period....An adult at Clayton L. 2/16 (JH) was seen flopping in the water and finally swimming to shore, about 150 feet, its talons holding a large fish which it ate in the presence of 3 magpies....The January 1-16 Bald Eagle Survey yielded a preliminary count of 342 in the state, 27 fewer than in the comparable 1982 period.

NORTHERN HARRIER (Marsh Hawk) -- 1 at Santa Fe River marsh at Cochiti 12/17 (BL); a female at Pleasanton 2/2 (JH)....Unusual in winter in those areas.

SWAINSON'S HAWK -- 2 on Roswell CC; details not convincing -- rare in winter in this area.

RED-TAILED HAWK -- breeding: A mated pair in Canadian Canyon 2/16 (JH), and 2-3 pairs courting in Mangas valley in January-February (RF).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK -- 93 on NIIP 12/31 (AN), a record high number for the period.

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK -- 1 on Farmington CC; 1-3 at Zuni 12/19-3/7 (JT), including 1 dark phase; 1-2 at Santa Fe R. marsh at Cochiti 12/7-2/15 (BL); rare or irregular in these areas....2 adults, light phase, at Johnson Mesa 2/17 (JH).

GOLDEN EAGLE -- Numerous widely scattered reports nearly statewide.

RING-NECKED PHEASANT -- 2 on Portales CC.

WILD TURKEY -- 9 on Clayton CC, 6 on Bosque CC, 7 on La Luz CC.

MONTEZUMA QUAIL -- 2 on Peloncillo Mts. CC.

SCALED QUAIL -- 25 on Bluewater L. CC was a high count; 8 at Tekapo, Zuni Reservation, 12/19 (JT).

GAMBEL'S QUAIL -- 82 on Farmington CC; 348 on Peloncillo CC was high.

YELLOW RAIL -- 1 reported with few details at Bitter L. NWR 12/18 (DB).

VIRGINIA RAIL -- 9 on Farmington CC; 2 near Zuni 12/20 (JT); 1 on Albuquerque CC (D&SH); 4 on Carlsbad CC.

SORA -- 2 on Farmington CC, 1 at Isleta 12/19 (KM), 3 on Carlsbad CC.

COMMON MOORHEN (Common Gallinule) -- 1 at Bosque NWR 12/5 (JS), 12/26 and 1/23 (D&SH); 39 on Las Cruces CC was a new high for that count.

AMERICAN COOT -- 908 on Farmington CC was three times the previous high (AN); 3,000 near Zuni 12/20 (JT); only 13 on Bluewater CC.

AMERICAN KESTREL -- breeding: 2 pairs copulating in Mangas valley 2/24 (RF).

MERLIN -- 2 at Farmington 2/18 (AN); 1* on Santa Fe CC (Carlyn & Tom Jervis); details sketchy....1* female or immature pale race at Las Vegas 12/16 (JH). 1 at Bosque NWR 12/28 (D&SH). 1 at Loving 12/14 (SW).

PEREGRINE FALCON -- 2 widely separated reports.

AMERICAN AVOCET -- A small group found at Bitter L. NWR on Roswell CC; unusual in the winter.

SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- 1 at Caballo L. 1/31 (JH).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- 51* on Portales CC.

DUNLIN -- unusual: 2** at Bosque NWR 2/6 (D&SH); details.

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 1* on Las Cruces CC.

PARASITIC JAeger -- unusual: 1 at Caballo L. 1/23 (BZ+); good details from observer familiar with jaegers.

LAUGHING GULL -- unusual: 1* at Bosque NWR 12/9 (WH+).

BONAPARTE'S GULL -- 1 adult on Bosque CC (HS+); 5 at Holloman L. 12/19 (BZ).

THAYER'S GULL -- unusual: 1* immature bird at Elephant Butte L. 1/23 (BZ, KZ, DJ, JDo); good details, especially on the wing pattern.

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- unusual: A peak of 17 on Carlsbad CC; normally gone by end of December, but stayed all this winter in small numbers....1-2 at Truth or Consequences 1/25-2/28 (DM); were not calling; 17 on L. Avalon CC, 4 at Socorro 1/21-2/21 (JS), and 29 on Las Cruces CC.

MOURNING DOVE -- unusual: Numbers above or near recent record levels at Farmington, Peloncillo Mts., Truth or Consequences and Las Cruces, but low at Silver City.

INCA DOVE -- unusual: Most in recent years on these CCs: 4 at La Luz, 18 at Las Cruces.

GREATER ROADRUNNER (Roadrunner) -- 1 at Zuni 12/20 (JT); rare there in winter.

SCREECH OWL sp. -- Singles near Trementina 2/18 (fide JH) and Zuni 12/19 (JT).

GREAT HORNED OWL -- 1-2 at Zuni 12/19-20 (JT) and 4 on Peloncillo CC; winter reports scarce from these areas....1 on Albuquerque CC.

NORTHERN PYGMY OWL (Pygmy Owl) -- 3 at Zuni 12/20 (JT)....For an account of an encounter between a member of this species and a Northern Flicker, see American Birds Vol. 37, No. 3, p. 327.

LONG-EARED OWL -- 3-7 at Mesilla 2/11-12 (KZ+); few winter reports from area.

SHORT-EARED OWL -- 1 at Hatchet Ranch, Hidalgo County, 2/24 (RH).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT -- unusual: 15-20 seen 3 miles nw. of Anthony 1/3 (RH). ...2 at Carlsbad Caverns NP 2/19 (SW) were early arrivals.

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD -- An immature male is suspected to have died of the cold when it lingered near Pleasanton until early December (L. & M. Sumner).

LEWIS' WOODPECKER -- 1 on Roswell CC (Bill & Paula Eastham).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- unusual: 1** adult male at La Huerta in Carlsbad 2/21 (SW), where occasional in winter.

GILA WOODPECKER -- unusual: 1 on Peloncillo Mts. CC; rare in the area.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER -- unusual: 1 at La Huerta in Carlsbad in mid-December (Aron Nymeyer, a former wildlife biologist at Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR in Texas, where they are seen daily), and 1* male at Rattlesnake Springs 12/19 (SW, Eppie Calderon). Regarded as hypothetical in N.M.

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER -- unusual: 1** at BIA Forestry Management Area (Zuni Mts.) 12/20 (JT) and 1 on Sandia Mts. CC were north of usual range.

RED-BREASTED SAPSUCKER -- unusual: 1* in Juan Tabo Canyon, Sandia Mts., 12/2 (HS) was possibly a hybrid; few N.M. records exist.

LADDER-BACKED WOODPECKER -- unusual: 1 on Las Vegas CC; rare there.

DOWNY WOODPECKER -- unusual: 1** at La Huerta in Carlsbad 2/21 (SW), 1 on Roswell CC, and 1 on La Luz CC, where rare....1 at Bosque NWR 12/9 (WS).

HAIRY WOODPECKER -- 1 western race in Dry Cimarron Valley 24 miles from Kenton, Okla., 2/7 (JH), and 1 on Roswell CC, where occasional.

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER -- 1 on Sandia Mts. CC.

NORTHERN FLICKER -- Yellow-shafted form: 1 on Española CC, 3 in Sandia Mts. 12/2-2/5 (HS), 2 on Bosque CC, and 1 on Roswell CC....2 red-shafted form on Portales CC.

BLACK PHOEBE -- 1 at Shady Lakes 2/11 (HS); 1 at Caballo L. 1/31 (JH).

EASTERN PHOEBE -- unusual: 1* at Bosque NWR 2/26 (BZ).

SAY'S PHOEBE -- 4 on Farmington CC, the high for this count; 1 at Zuni 1/27 and 1/29 (TR).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- 2 females at Old Refuge, Las Cruces, on CC (BZ).

WESTERN KINGBIRD -- unusual: 1* at Alamogordo 12/26 (RWa), 3 near Arrey 2/24 (DM), and present at City of Rocks SP several days before 2/20 (Jenaro Baca).

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NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (Rough-winged Swallow) -- unusual: 1 at Shady Lakes 12/24 (HS)...1 near Mesilla 2/12 (KZ) was early.

CAVE SWALLOW -- Arrived on schedule at Carlsbad Caverns NP 2/12 (Sharon Paris).

STELLER'S JAY -- unusual: 1 at Socorro 1/17 (JS) and 1 on Roswell CC...1 in Santa Fe at Acequia Madre and Garcia St. 2/28 (JH). Downslope winter movement was noted in the Sandia Mts, e.g., 2 birds at lower Embudito on 2/6 and 2 at Monticello on 2/10, plus several in adjacent foothills during season (HS).

BLUE JAY -- unusual: 7+ at La Huerta in Carlsbad 2/21 (SW), a large number for an area where rarely recorded, and 2 1.5 miles s. of Alameda bridge in Albuquerque 12/21 (JSt).

SCRUB JAY -- 170 on Santa Fe CC and 48 on Las Cruces CC were high.

GRAY-BREASTED JAY (Mexican Jay) -- 26 on Silver City CC was low.

PINYON JAY -- 5+ at Mosquero Hill 2/18 (JH)...500 in Zuni Mts. area 12/19 (JT) and 1,600 on Santa Fe CC were high.

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER -- Very few in Sandia Mts. during winter (HS).

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE --2 in Dry Cimarron Valley on NM-325, 24 miles w. of the Oklahoma line, on 2/7 and 10+ at Maxwell NWR 2/18 (JH). 60 on Santa Fe CC and 486 on Las Vegas CC were high.

AMERICAN CROW (Common Crow) -- unusual: 2 on Las Cruces CC...50+ in Dry Cimarron Valley 19 miles w. of the Oklahoma line 2/7 (JH). 21,500 on Albuquerque CC was high.

CHIHUAHUA RAVEN (White-necked Raven) -- 40 on Peloncillo Mts. CC was much above average.

COMMON RAVEN -- 1 in Dry Cimarron Valley 24 mi. from Kenton, Okla., 2/7 (JH), 1 at Mosquero Hill 2/18 (JH), and 134 at Navajo Indian Irrigation Project 12/31 (AN). 360 on Las Vegas CC was high.

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE --CC counts: 19 at Farmington, 56 at Española, 3 at Santa Fe, 8 at Las Vegas, 7 at Albuquerque.

MEXICAN CHICKADEE -- unusual: 1 on Peloncillo Mts. CC was third record for that area.

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE -- unusual: 1* on Peloncillo Mts. CC was first ever for that range (Kathryn Scholes)...Very high numbers through the winter in many areas. Lowland records include 4 on Clayton CC, 7 at Bosque NWR 12/9 (WH+), 2 on Roswell CC, 3 at Bayard all winter (RF), 16 on Las Cruces CC, and 3 on Carlsbad CC.

BRIDLED TITMOUSE -- 2 at Pleasanton 12/29 (JH), 1 at Percha Dam SP 2/6 (KZ, BZ), 27 on Peloncillo Mts. CC.

PLAIN TITMOUSE -- 1 on Mosquero Hill 2/18 (JH).

BUSHY TIT --CC counts: Clayton 10, Sandia Mts. 92, Bosque 15, Las Cruces 60.

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH --CC totals: Farmington 10, Roswell 4, Las Cruces 6, Carlsbad 1.

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- 19 on Sandia Mts. CC was high; 1 at Percha Dam 2/24 (DM).

PYGMY NUTHATCH -- 462 on Bluewater CC was very high; 1 on Española CC along the Rio Grande (CW).

BROWN CREEPER -- 4 on Farmington CC; 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 2/21 (SW).

CACTUS WREN -- A high 50 on Peloncillo Mts. CC....No other reports received. This cannot reflect the distribution of this common species.

ROCK WREN --4 on Albuquerque CC, 25 on Peloncillo CC. Scattered statewide.

CANYON WREN -- 8 at Zuni 12/2 (JT). On CCs, 6 at Sandia Mts., 4 at Albuquerque, and a low 2 on Peloncillo. Reported statewide.

BEWICK'S WREN -- CC totals: Farmington 5, Santa Fe 3, Sandia Mts. 6, Albuquerque 9, and Peloncillo a high 46.

HOUSE WREN -- 2 on Peloncillo CC. 1* at Rattlesnake Springs on Carlsbad CC.

SEDGE WREN (Short-billed Marsh Wren) -- 1* at Bosque NWR 12/28 (DH).

MARSH WREN (Long-billed Marsh Wren) -- 4 on Farmington CC, 5 on Albuquerque CC, 13 at Bosque NWR 12/28 (D&SH), 12 at Zuni 12/20 (JT), 1 at Mangas Springs 1/11 (RF), 2 at Las Cruces 12/7 and 1 on 1/4 (KZ)....Numbers down in Doña Ana County.

AMERICAN DIPPER -- 1 at Folsom Falls, Union County, 2/17 (JH) was unusual.

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET --High CC totals: Bluewater 40, La Luz 10.

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET --1 on Farmington CC; 1 at Tekapo, Zuni Reservation, 12/19 (JT) and 1 at Blackrock, Zuni, 12/20 (JT); 2 on Las Vegas CC; 158 on Las Cruces CC.

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- 1 on Clayton CC with no details; 1 in Juan Tabo Canyon, Sandia Mts., 12/19 "heard and briefly seen" (HS).

GNATCATCHER sp. -- 1 s. of Belen 12/6 and 1 at Belen 12/7 were probably different birds (Jst).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- 2 in Sandia Mts. 2/21 (HS); 2 at San Antonio 1/15 (WS); 1 at Bosque NWR 1.14 (Judy Vance); 2 to 35 all winter at Rattlesnake Springs (SW). Numbers down in Doña Ana County (BZ).

WESTERN BLUEBIRD --CC totals: Santa Fe 160, Sandia Mts. 74, Albuquerque 24, Peloncillo 23. 50 at Zuni 12/20 (JT), 40 at Percha Dam SP 2/24 (DM). Numbers down in Dona Ana County (BZ).

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD --28 on Farmington CC; 570 on Santa Fe CC; 65 at Zuni 12/20 (JT); 500 s. of Galisteo 1/29 (WS); 110 at Mosquero Hill 2/18 (JH); none on Peloncillo CC. Numbers down in Doña Ana County (BZ).

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE -- CC totals: Farmington 2, Santa Fe 65, Sandia Mts. 64, Albuquerque 24, Peloncillo 10. Fewer than usual in Doña Ana County (BZ).

HERMIT THRUSH -- 3 on Sandia Mts. CC; 2 at Albuquerque 12/31 (D&SH); 2 at Los Lunas 1/10 (WH); 1 on Peloncillo CC; 1 at Bayard 12/18 (RF).

AMERICAN ROBIN -- CC totals: Farmington 156, Santa Fe 1,500, Albuquerque 100, Peloncillo 21. Much reduced in Doña Ana County (BZ). Singing vociferously in Santa Fe 2/26 (JH).

GRAY CATBIRD -- 1 that was present near Anthony in December and early January was killed by a Cooper's Hawk in mid-January (KZ).

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD -- Singles at Zuni 2/22 (TR), Bernardo 1/25 (ML), and on Bosque CC. Two on Peloncillo CC.

SAGE THRASHER -- 1 at Zuni 12/6 (JT), 10 on Albuquerque CC, and 8 on Peloncillo CC.

BROWN THRASHER -- 1 at Isleta 1/15, no details (VH); 2 at Percha Dam 2/6 (KZ, BZ), 2 all winter at Durling's Farm (BZ), and a high 9 on Carlsbad CC (Rattlesnake Springs).

BENDIRE'S THRASHER -- 2 on Peloncillo CC.

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER -- Several at Truth or Consequences all winter (DM); 22 on Peloncillo CC (high).

CRISSAL THRASHER -- 3 on Sandia Mts. CC, first time on this count; a high 8 on Albuquerque CC; 1 on Bosque CC and 1 there 2/18 (RT); 1 at Truth or Consequences 1/4 (DM). More common than usual in Dona Ana County (BZ).

WATER PIPIT -- On CCs, 1 on Farmington and 2 on Espanola.

CEDAR WAXWING -- 10 at Rattlesnake Springs and 5 at Carlsbad 2/21 were the only records in that area during the season (SW).

PHAINOPEPLA -- 1 at Percha Dam 2/24 (DM); 54 on Las Cruces CC was high.

NORTHERN SHRIKE -- unusual: 1* seen a mile n. of San Miguel 2/16 (JH).

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE -- 1 to 3 in Albuquerque in December and January, and 2 to 8 at Bosque NWR all winter (D&SH); 47 on Peloncillo Mts. CC.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- unusual: 1 on Las Cruces CC (DJ).

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER -- Very few in MRGBV during season, including a Myrtle form at Albuquerque 2/25 and another 7 miles s. of Belen 1/30 (WH). Three at Glenwood 2/2 and 1 at Pleasanton 2/3 (JH).

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER -- unusual: 1* in Organ Mts. 12/18 (KZ).

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER -- unusual: 1* at Isleta Pueblo 1/15 (VH).

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT -- unusual: 1 heard at Isleta Marsh 12/19 (JSt); 1 at Bernardo 12/6 (JD), and 2 males at Old Refuge, Las Cruces, on CC (BZ).

WESTERN Tanager -- unusual: 1** female or subadult (details, photo) in Organ Mts. on Las Cruces CC (KZ).

PYRRHULOXIA -- unusual: 1* on Portales CC, 1 on Bosque CC.

BLACK-HEADED GROSBEEK -- 1* n. of Bernardo Bridge 12/6 (VH, JD).

BLUE GROSBEEK -- unusual: 1* male on Las Cruces CC (BS, Barbara Dolezal+).

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE -- 1 at Zuni 12/19-20 (JT), where unusual in winter. In the Sandias 12/2-1/11, and 1 at Bosque NWR 1/2 (HS).

RUFUS-SIDED TOWHEE -- unusual: 1* at Rattlesnake Springs on Carlsbad CC; it was of eastern race, not previously reported from Eddy County.

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW (Tree Sparrow) -- Up to 26 at Cochiti L. during the period (BL), 1 at Isleta 12/2 (JSt), 1 at Bosque bridge 1/21 (Marc Laurin), and 1 * on Loving CC.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW -- unusual: 1* sighting, probably this species, at Bosque NWR 2/24 (RT, PB).

BREWER'S SPARROW -- unusual: 1 at Bernardo 12/23 (JSt), 1 on Bluewater CC.

SAGE SPARROW -- 1 in the Sandias 2/6 (HS).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- unusual: 1 at Bosque NWR 1/22 (HS, Dale Stahlecker); also there 3/5 (GP); 1* on Las Cruces CC (Ken & Sheree Stinnett).

FOX SPARROW -- 1 (gray race) in Sandia Mts. through the season (HS); 3 on Peloncillo CC.

SWAMP SPARROW -- 1 at Cochiti L. 12/7 and 1 there 1/4 (HL); 1 at Albuquerque 12/3 (D&SH). Reported almost entirely absent in Doña Ana County this season (BZ, KZ).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW -- 2 at Santa Fe through the period (JH), and 1* on Las Cruces CC.

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW -- unusual: 1 at Corrales Bridge 2/5 (DH), and 3 in the Sandias through the season (HS), with 2 birds in different locations. ...1 at Gila River Bird Habitat area 2/2 (Scott Mills).

HARRIS' SPARROW -- 1 at Zuni 12/19; 1 in Sandias 12/2 (HS).

DARK-EYED JUNCO -- Singles of white-winged race reported at Santa Fe 12/2-4 (JH), Maxwell NWR 2/18 (JH), mouth of Jemez R. 1/16 (VH -- details), Zuni Mts. on Bluewater CC, and in Sandia foothills 2/10 (HS -- details).

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD -- Numerous statewide....3 males singing 2/16 at Wagon Mound and at Maxwell NWR 2/18 (JH).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK -- Numerous in the Big Hatchet area, singing (RH); 23 on Peloncillo Mts. CC, 2 on Carlsbad CC (Rattlesnake Springs), and 2 on Loving CC.

WESTERN MEADOWLARK -- Moderate numbers statewide. None on Roswell CC.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- Hundreds at Bosque NWR 12/4 (MAR); 50 at San Acacia 1/31 (JH).

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD -- 66 on Farmington CC; 25 at Zuni 12/19 (JT) and 50 there 1/27 (TR); 10-50 at Bosque NWR in January and February (D&SH); 20 at Cliff 1/20 (JH); 313 on Peloncillo Mts. CC; 1 in Las Cruces 2/15 (KZ).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE -- 1 on Albuquerque CC; 100 at Bosque NWR 1/15 (WS); 19 at Glenwood 2/2 (JH).

COMMON GRACKLE -- 15 at Bosque NWR 12/4 (MAR); 1 at San Antonio 1/14 (WS); 1 on Peloncillo Mts. CC.

PURPLE FINCH -- unusual: A probable male and female near Rattlesnake Springs on Carlsbad CC (SW); details.

CASSIN'S FINCH -- unusual: 2* probable on Las Cruces CC (Dave Wilson, Gloria Zentner).