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FROM THE EDITORS:

Several areas, including the Belen heronry, had Little Blue Herons. While a Tricolored Heron was at the Loving heronry in June, no nest was found.

Ospreys at Maxwell National Wildlife refuge in three weeks of July, and at Artesia in June, were probably nonbreeding late migrants. Single Mississippi Kites in June at Clayton and Las Vegas were unusual.

A surprising Pomarine Jaeger was at Elephant Butte Lake in July.

White-winged Doves were reported in the Albuquerque area in both June and July; this is well north of their breeding range. A Common Ground Dove was at Elk in Chaves County in July; a rare species in New Mexico, it was in an area nearly 100 miles from the nearest place at which it had previously been reported.

A pair of Flammulated Owls successfully fledged young in the Sandia Mountains. A new location for Spotted Owls was Morphy Lake in Mora County. Whip-poor-wills were heard calling as far north as the Sandia and Manzano Mountains. The report of a Blue-throated Hummingbird in Carlsbad Caverns National Park in June was unusual. The month also brought a late push of migratory Willow Flycatchers.

Although sight records for the American Crow and Chihuahuan Raven in the middle Rio Grande are not a surprise, breeding has been very rare. A pair of these crows fledged three young near Belen, and other adults with one fledgling were seen in the area on the same day. Five nests of this raven were later found south of Belen, as well as a nest with young east of Bernardo.

An outstanding record was a Wood Thrush heard but not seen south of the Bosque bridge in June. Bell's Vireos suffered heavy cowbird parasitism in the southeast. In the middle Rio Grande Valley, Lucy's Warblers were found nesting well north of their previously known breeding range, and singing Northern Parula and Kentucky Warbler in the same area were suggestive.

A Hooded Oriole at Bernardo was north of its normal territory. And the number of Great-tailed Grackles reported at Clayton increased to 8.

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ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

L. -- Lake  
MRGV -- middle Rio Grande Valley  
Mt. (Mts.) -- Mountain(s)  
NM -- National Monument  
N.M. -- New Mexico  
NP -- National Park  
NWR -- National Wildlife Refuge  
R. -- River \* - details  
SGR -- State Game Refuge \*\* - photo  
SP -- State Park \*\*\* - specimen

LOCALITIES AND THEIR COUNTIES IN THIS ISSUE

Abiquiu -- Rio Arriba	Las Cruces -- Dona Ana
Alameda -- Bernalillo	Las Vegas -- San Miguel
Albuquerque -- Bernalillo	Los Chaves -- Valencia
Artesia -- Eddy	Los Lunas -- Valencia
	Los Ojos -- Rio Arriba
	Loving -- Eddy
Belen -- Valencia	
Bernardo -- Socorro	
Black Range -- Grant	Magdalena Mts. -- Socorro
Bosque bridge, village -- Valencia	Mangas Springs -- Grant
Bosque del Apache NWR (Bosque NWR) -- Socorro	Manzano Mts. -- Torrance
	Maxwell NWR -- Colfax
	Mora R. -- Mora
Caballo L. (Dam) -- Sierra	Morphy L. SP -- Mora
Canjilon -- Rio Arriba	Mt. Taylor -- Cibola
Carlsbad Caverns NP -- Eddy	
Cebolla -- Rio Arriba	Old Refuge (at Las Cruces) -- Dona Ana
Clayton, Clayton L. -- Union	Percha Dam SP -- Sierra
	Pleasanton -- Catron
Deming -- Luna	
	Raton -- Colfax
Eagle Nest -- Colfax	Rattlesnake Springs -- Eddy
Elephant Butte L. -- Sierra	Redrock -- Grant
Elk -- Chaves	
El Rito -- Rio Arriba	Sandia Mts., Crest, Park -- Bernalillo
	San Juan Pueblo -- Rio Arriba
Fort Union -- Mora	Santa Fe -- Santa Fe
	Slaughter Canyon, Carlsbad Caverns NP -- Eddy
Holloman L. -- Otero	
Hopewell L. -- Rio Arriba	Trujillo Canyon -- San Miguel
	Tucumcari -- Quay
Isleta (Pueblo) -- Bernalillo, Valencia	
Jemez Mts., R., Springs -- Sandoval	Watrous -- Mora
Ladron Peak -- Socorro	

WESTERN GREBE -- Unstated number at Caballo L. 6/18 (LH).

LEAST BITTERN -- 1 at Alameda 6/16-19 (JP).

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- Singles at Belen SGR 6/3 and 6/26, and at Belen heronry 6/4 and 6/26, plus 2 at Bosque village 6/3 (WH). 2 at Loving heronry 6/11 (El Paso Audubon Society).

TRICOLORED HERON -- unusual: 1 at Loving heronry 6/14-23, but nest could not be found (SW).

CATTLE EGRET -- breeding: 3 nests at Belen heronry 6/10 (WH). Unspecified number at Percha Dam SP 6/18 (LH); 1 at Mangas Springs 6/1 (RF).

WOOD DUCK -- Pair at Bosque bridge 6/2-3 (WH).

OSPREY -- 1 at Maxwell NWR during July (W. J. Mobley); 1 at Artesia 6/3 (SW). Apparently nonbreeding late migrants.

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- 1 to 4 intermittently through summer at Clayton (AK, WC). 1 at Las Vegas 6/16 (JE) was unusual. A second-year bird at Los Lunas 7/6, 1 at Los Chaves 7/4, and 2 adults at Belen 6/26 (WH). Unstated number at Las Cruces 6/11 (LH).

NORTHERN HARRIER -- 1 ne. of Deming 6/3 (RT); occasional there in summer.

SWAINSON'S HAWK -- 1 adult at Hopewell L. 7/24 (JH); unusual in an area of mountain forest with interspersed meadows.

RED-TAILED HAWK -- 1 melanistic adult at Los Ojos 5/29 (JH). This form is rarely seen in summer.

FERRUGINOUS HAWK -- 1 e. of Bernardo 6/30 (WH).

AMERICAN KESTREL -- Numbers seemed to be down in Eddy County. with only one seen in June-July (SW).

MERLIN -- 1\* at Santa Fe 6/14 (RT).

PRAIRIE FALCON -- breeding: Pair with 2 young at Ft. Union Ranch 7/1-21 (RPa, SP).

WILD TURKEY -- 12 at Bosque NWR 7/1-2 (WH).

VIRGINIA RAIL -- breeding: 2 broods at Las Vegas 6/8 (JH). Heard at Tucumcari L. 6/28-7/1 (JCu).

SORA -- Heard calling at Tucumcari L. 6/28-7/1 (JCu).

COMMON MOORHEN -- breeding: 2 adults with 5 downy young at Isleta Marsh 6/4 (WH).

POMARINE JAEGER -- unusual: 1\* immature seen on water and in flight at Elephant Butte L. 7/18 (Elery Worthen). Very rare in N.M. (one specimen exists). Description credible. Probably a very early migrant.

FRANKLIN'S GULL -- 2 at Holloman L. 6/15 (RH).

CALIFORNIA GULL -- 2\* at Eagle Nest L. 7/1 (SW).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- unusual: Near Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, 1\*\* was seen 6/5-14 (WH) and 2 on 7/3 (RT). 1, probably this species, at Bernardo 6/20. Casual this far north in Rio Grande Valley, and well north of established breeding range.

COMMON GROUND DOVE -- unusual: 1\* at Elk 7/7 (SW) with some details. Rare in N.M., and in a new locality.

FLAMMULATED OWL -- breeding: Nest with 3 eggs in Sandia Mts. 6/3 (DSt, fide RT); all hatched 6/19 and were banded 7/3; fledged 7/11.

NORTHERN PYGMY OWL -- 1 at Morphy L. SP 7/1 heard by SW; 1 heard on Mt. Taylor 6/8 (WHB, TBe).

SPOTTED OWL -- 1 heard at Morphy L. SP 7/1 (SW); a new location.

LONG-EARED OWL -- 2, possibly a nesting pair, at Belen heronry 6/4 and 10 (WH).

COMMON POORWILL -- breeding: Incubating bird flushed from nest with eggs in Sandia Mts. 6/19 (HS). 5 or 6 calling at dusk at Ft. Union Ranch 7/3 (RPa, SP).

WHIP-POOR-WILL -- 1 in Sandia Mts. 6/21 (DSt) and 1 heard in Red Canyon, Manzano Mts., 7/6 (SW). These are north of normal range.

CHIMNEY SWIFT -- 3 at Albuquerque 6/18 (JE); 3 at Tucumcari L. mid-July (JCu).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT -- 2 at Carlsbad Caverns NP 7/19 and 22 (SW).

BLUE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD -- unusual: 1\* in early June at Oak Spring, Carlsbad Caverns NP; a male (George Ferguson, fide SW).

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD -- Pair at feeder daily in July at Ft. Union Ranch (RPa, SP).

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- A male at Mangas Springs 7/10-12 (RF); rare straggler.

CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD -- A male in north Albuquerque 7/2 (Pat Turner, fide RT); early.

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD -- A male in Trujillo Canyon 6/8, 9 and 23 (JH) east of normal range. May indicate breeding population.

LEWIS' WOODPECKER -- 4 at Clayton 7/9 (AK), at eastern limit of range.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- 1 at Artesia 6/3 (SW); rare to uncommon in the area.

"CENTURUS" WOODPECKER species -- 1 immature seen briefly (2 minutes) at Mora R. by RPa. Identified as probably Golden-fronted, possibly Red-bellied, of the former Centurus genus (now incorporated into Melanerpes). But details reported do not exclude female or immature Williamson's Sapsucker. There is no mention of white wing patches in flight, which distinguish Centurus from those sapsuckers in all plumages, though bird was seen from above in flight. Golden-fronted considered hypothetical (highly probable); seven sight reports of Red-bellied in recent years, but species is still listed as unverified in state.

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER -- 1 of nuchalis group at Pleasanton 7/11 (JH); low figure.

HAIRY WOODPECKER -- Numbers up somewhat in southern part of MRCV, on to Bosque NWR, compared with previous years, but no nests found (WH).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER -- 1 at Canjilon campground 6/25 (D&SH); 1 at Belen 6/8 (WH).

WESTERN WOOD PEWEE -- breeding: Nest north of Jemez Springs 7/13-16 (MS).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER -- 1 on Cebolla Breeding Bird Survey 6/26 (D&SH); late migration in MRCV included 9 at Isleta 6/4 and 5 at Albuquerque 6/5 (WH); seen at Las Cruces 6/11 (LH); later than normal in southeast N.M. (SW).

BLACK PHOEBE -- 2 near Abiquiu 6/28 (JH).

EASTERN PHOEBE -- breeding: 1 on nest at Fragua diversion, San Miguel County. 6/23 (JH).

DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER -- 1 or 2 at Gallinas Canyon, Black Range, 6/10 (RH).

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD -- 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 6/8-11 (SW).

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- Pair at Loma Parda, upstream from Watrous, 7/18 (RPa); 2 at Isleta marsh in July (WH).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- 1\* near Saddle Rock Canyon in Grant County 7/12 (GSM).

PURPLE MARTIN -- 3 at Raton 7/3 (PL).

BANK SWALLOW -- breeding: 70+ birds, many entering holes in earth bank at San Juan Pueblo 6/30 (JH).

AMERICAN CROW -- breeding: Pair fledged 3 young, and 2 other adults seen with 1 fledgling near Belen 6/13 (WH).

CHIHUAHUA RAVEN -- breeding: 5 nests south of Belen and 1 nest with young east of Bernardo 6/30 (WH).

BLACK-CAPPED and MOUNTAIN CHICKADEES -- Spring Field Notes contain report on status of these species in MRGBV during 1983 breeding season.

VERDIN -- 3 between Bernardo and Ladron Peak 6/11 (WH).

BUSHY TIT -- breeding: At least 6 fledged from nest near Bosque village by 6/9 (WH).

AMERICAN DIPPER -- breeding: Nest with several young at Heart L., Taos County, 7/2 (SW).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- Singing in Sandia Mts. 6/25 (HS, JP); 2 probable birds of this species heard in Magdalena Mts. 6/2 (JH).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- 1 at Canjilon Creek 6/25 (D&SH).

HERMIT THRUSH -- 15 at El Rito 6/26 (D&SH).

WOOD THRUSH -- unusual: 1 heard, not seen, 4 miles south of Bosque bridge 6/18. Not reported in this area before. (WH)

GRAY CATBIRD -- 5 singing 4 miles south of Bosque bridge 6/15 (WH).

WHITE-EYED VIREO -- unusual: 1\* at Redrock 7/21 (GSM). Rare in N.M.

BELL'S VIREO -- 1 at Bosque NWR 7/2 (WH, Steve Zeck); seen at Old Refuge 6/11 (LH). Heavy cowbird parasitism of nests in lower Pecos Valley noted by SW.

GRAY VIREO -- Singing bird at Slaughter Canyon, Carlsbad Caverns NP, 7/22 (SW).

RED-EYED VIREO -- 2 at Isleta 6/4-17 (WH, Nancy Jost).

LUCY'S WARBLER -- breeding: 2 pairs at Bosque bridge 6/16, one pair with fledglings, other feeding young (WH). Northernmost breeding record by 50 miles....Singing male at Bernardo 5/30-6/10 (WH).

YELLOW-RUMPED (MYRTLE) WARBLER -- Male singing at Isleta 6/17 (WH).

NORTHERN PARULA -- 1 singing south of Bosque village 6/13 (WH).

AMERICAN REDSTART -- 1 at Bosque bridge 6/11-18 (WH).

OVENBIRD -- 1 at Isleta 6/4 (WH).

KENTUCKY WARBLER -- Singing male\*\*\* seen at Los Lunas 6/17, collected 6/18 (WH).

HOODED WARBLER -- 1 at Bernardo 6/9 (WH).

OLIVE WARBLER -- 2 in Black Range 6/10 (RH); details

NORTHERN CARDINAL -- A female\* at Belen 6/26 (WH); out of normal range.

LAZULI BUNTING -- 1 at Los Lunas 7/6 (WH); unusually far south.

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW -- 1 at Trujillo Canyon 6/8 (JH).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE -- 8 at Apache Creek near Clayton 7/17 (WC); first in this area since 1958 was recorded in spring, 1 at Las Vegas 7/3 (PL).

NORTHERN (BALTIMORE) ORIOLE -- unusual: 1\* at Rattlesnake Springs 5/19  
(Bruce Ortega). Rare in this area, last reported 9/74.

RED CROSSBILL -- 2 at Los Lunas 7/6 (WH).