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FROM THE EDITORS:

A warm autumn -- killing frosts held off until late November in both centrally located Albuquerque and southwestern Silver City -- was accompanied by rather dry weather in the former and above-normal precipitation in the latter. The southeast also was dry. Birding was rewarding, with the state's first confirmed sightings of two species, and extensions of the known ranges of some scarce and commoner species.

Numbers of American White Pelicans and Double-crested Cormorants were down in the lower Pecos Valley. The first New Mexico specimen of White Ibis was collected during an ecological disaster described below. The state's first confirmed visit by a Roseate Spoonbill occurred at Bitter Lake NWR, which also yielded another report -- though unverified -- of Yellow Rail, rare in New Mexico. And there were interesting sightings at a new birding locale, a turf farm near Los Lunas.

A hawk lookout in the Manzano Mountains, led by Steve Hoffman, counted 865 raptors between September 5 and October 22. Accipiters predominated, with Sharp-shinned (418) and Cooper's 68% of the total. Also notable there were 5 Northern Goshawks and 2 Peregrine Falcons. Elsewhere, there were scattered reports of Mississippi Kites and widespread (though reduced) accounts of migrating Ospreys.

A survey found signs of good breeding success for reintroduced White-tailed Ptarmigans in the Santa Fe National Forest, and Wild Turkeys were increasing substantially around Bosque NWR. Unusual lowland reports of Whip-poor-wills came from Doña Ana County. And a male Magnificent Hummingbird was a remarkable sighting for Lincoln National Forest.

The autumn saw a very poor flight of Golden-crowned Kinglets into the lowlands. But unusual occurrences of warblers were numerous, topped by the state's first recorded Swainson's Warbler.

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From mid-September through the end of October, an outbreak of Type C avian botulism at Bosque NWR killed some 4,300 birds, according to a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service estimate. Victims were chiefly waterfowl and coots, with several pairs of scarce Wood Ducks; four Sandhill Cranes, the above-mentioned White Ibis, and a few rails and yellowlegs also died. But early-arriving members of the Rio Grande flock of Whooping Cranes were unharmed.

Refuge management practices were altered and improved, and no serious further botulism outbreaks were reported in 1984 and 1985.

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LOCALITIES AND THEIR COUNTIES IN THIS ISSUE

abbreviations and symbols in text:

L. -- Lake	R. -- River
MRGV -- middle Rio Grande Valley	SGR -- State Game Refuge
Mt. (Mts.) -- Mountain	SP -- State Park
NM -- National Monument	
N. M. -- New Mexico	* -- details
NP -- National Park	** -- photo
NWR -- National Wildlife Refuge	*** -- specimen
Aguirre Springs (Organ Mts.) -- Doña Ana	Los Lunas -- Valencia
Alameda -- Bernalillo	Loving -- Eddy
Albuquerque -- Bernalillo	
Bandelier NM -- Sandoval,	Mangas Springs -- Grant
Los Alamos	Manzano Mts. -- Torrance
Bernardo -- Socorro	Maxwell NWR -- Colfax
Bitter Lake NWR (Bitter L.) -- Chaves	Mesilla -- Doña Ana
Bosque del Apache NWR (Bosque NWR) --	Mogollon -- Catron
Socorro	
Caballo L. (Dam) -- Sierra	Ned Tank, Mesa de los Chivatos
Caprock -- Lea	-- Sandoval
Carlsbad -- Eddy	Organ Mts. -- Doña Ana
Carlsbad Caverns NP -- Eddy	Owen's Farm -- Doña Ana
Chama -- Rio Arriba	Pecos Wilderness -- Santa Fe, San
Cherry Creek -- Grant	Miguel, Mora, Rio Arriba, Taos
Clapham -- Union	Peloncillo Mts. -- Hidalgo
Clayton, Clayton L. -- Union	Peña Blanca -- Sandoval
Cochiti L., Pueblo -- Sandoval	Percha Dam SP -- Sierra
Cotton City -- Hidalgo	Pinon -- Otero
Deming -- Luna	Randall Davey Audubon Center --
Dog Canyon -- Eddy	Santa Fe
Durling's Farm -- Doña Ana	Rattlesnake Springs -- Eddy
	Redrock -- Grant
	Rio Grande Nature Center, Albu-
	querque -- Bernalillo
	Roswell -- Chaves
Elephant Butte L., Dam -- Sierra	Sandia Mts., Crest, Park --
Florida Mts. -- Luna	Bernalillo
Gila R. -- Grant, Catron, Hidalgo	San Simon Cienega -- Hidalgo
Glenwood -- Catron	Silver City -- Grant
Guadalupe Mts. -- Eddy	Sitting Bull Falls -- Eddy
	6-Mile Dam (on Pecos R.) -- Eddy
	Socorro -- Socorro
	Stanley -- Santa Fe
	Sunland Park -- Doña Ana
	Sunspot -- Otero
Hatch -- Doña Ana	Tallmon dairy ponds -- Doña Ana
Holloman L. -- Otero	Three Rivers -- Otero
Isleta (Pueblo) -- Bernalillo,	Tres Hermanas Mts. -- Luna
Valencia	Truth or Consequences -- Sierra
	Zuni Mts. -- Cibola, McKinley
	Zuni (Reservation) -- McKinley
L. McMillan -- Eddy	
L. Roberts -- Grant	
Las Cruces -- Doña Ana	
Las Vegas, NWR -- San Miguel	
Lincoln National Forest -- Lincoln,	
Otero, Eddy	
Lordsburg -- Hidalgo	

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

PIED-BILLED GREBE -- 1 at L. McMillan 9/16 was first of season there, and 1 at Carlsbad Caverns NP 10/30 was first record for the park (SW).

HORNED GREBE -- 1 at Bosque NWR 11/11 (RH); 9 at L. McMillan 10/22 and 1 at Elephant Butte L. 10/29 were with 46 and 35 Eared Grebes, respectively (SW).

WESTERN GREBE -- Dark-phase singles at Bosque NWR 10/21 (RH) and Elephant Butte L. 10/29 (SW). Species not seen in Eddy County in the autumn.

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- At Caballo L., 200+ 10/15, then 7 on 11/27 (KZ). First 5 at L. McMillan 9/16 were late; numbers seemed down in lower Pecos Valley (SW).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- Rare in lower Pecos Valley this season (SW). 70+ at Caballo L. 11/29 (DM).

OLIVACEOUS CORMORANT -- At Caballo L., 1 on 10/15, 60 on 11/27 (KZ).

ANHINGA -- Doubtful report of 1 at Holloman L. 8/13 (OCBC); scant details.

GREAT EGRET -- 15 each at Bitter L. 9/6 and L. McMillan 9/7 (SW); 1 west of Lordsburg 11/1 (RH).

GREEN-BACKED HERON -- unusual: 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/18 (SW) was first documented record for Carlsbad Caverns NP.

WHITE IBIS -- Individual found dead at Bosque NWR 10/19 (Ted Stans); see introduction. First N.M. specimen; half-dozen sightings in previous years at Bosque and Bitter L. NWRs.

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- 8 at Bosque NWR 10/21 and 1 there 11/11; 10+ at Holloman L. 9/10 (RH). Above-average numbers in lower Pecos Valley (SW).

ROSEATE SPOONBILL -- unusual: State's first confirmed sightings 9/2 and 9/5 at Bitter L. (KW+); photos. Storm on Texas Gulf coast might have blown it west.

TUNDRA SWAN -- 1 at Las Vegas NWR 11/13 (PI+).

SNOW GOOSE -- 1 at Bitter L. 10/1 (SW) was early.

WOOD DUCK -- Singles at Rio Grande Nature Center 11/13 (WS) and 9-Mile Dam 10/8 (SW). Up to 6 pairs died in Bosque NWR epidemic (fide JH).

MALLARD -- Reports of Mexican race: "present" at Bosque NWR 10/21 and San Simon Cienega 11/1-3 (RH); no details. 3 to 6, described as intermediate between female Mallard and male or female Mexican seen during season at L. McMillan (SW).

HOODED MERGANSER -- At Bosque NWR, 2 on 11/9 (RT) and 10+ on 11/11 (RH).

COMMON MERGANSER -- 1 at Elephant Butte L. 9/5 (K&BZ) seemed very early. 120+, only 2 of them adult males, at Caballo L. 11/27 (KZ).

RED-BREADED MERGANSER -- 3 at Caballo L. 11/27 (KZ).

TURKEY VULTURE -- Common at Elephant Butte and Caballo Lakes as late as 10/14, and at Rattlesnake Springs 8/10-10/8 (RH, SW). Last southeast sighting was 10/20 between Carlsbad and Loving (SW).

OSPREY -- During fall migration, 7 seen at Bitter L. (KW, RT, RH), plus singles at Randall Davey Audubon Center 9/23 (PI), Manzano Mts. 10/7 (SH+), Cochiti L. 10/7 (BL), Carlsbad 9/23 (SW), Mesilla 9/17 (RH), and Sunland Park 9/12 (BZ).

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- 2 at Los Lunas 8/25-9/10 (WH), 2 in north Carlsbad 9/14 (Lynn Nymeyer), and 1 at Roswell 8/3 (JH).

BALD EAGLE -- 1 immature at Las Vegas NWR 11/13 (PI); first of season at Maxwell NWR 11/3, with peak of 6 on 11/28 (refuge staff); immatures at Bosque NWR 10/21 (1 bird) and 11/11 (3 birds) (RH); and 1 near Pinon 11/18 (RH).

NORTHERN HARRIER -- 1 at Cochiti 8/20 (JH).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK -- 162 on 10/16 at Manzano Mts. hawk watch (SH+) was top one-day count.

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- 5 at Manzano Mts. 9/25-10/15 (SH+); 2 east of Mogollon 8/19 (KZ); 1 at Deming 10/23 (KG); 1 found dead in Florida Mts. 11/29, tentatively identified (RH).

COMMON BLACK HAWK -- 1 in Gila Valley 10/15 (RF).

HARRIS' HAWK -- Continues to be seen in southwest N.M. (RF). 1 between Carlsbad and Sitting Bull Falls 9/11 was at higher than normal elevation (SW).

SWAINSON'S HAWK -- Season's last sightings include 2 at Stanley 10/9 (WS), 1 n. of Belen 10/5 and 1 e. of Manzano Mts. 10/13 (RT); 1 at Redrock 10/12 (JH).

RED-TAILED HAWK -- An immature melanistic Harlan's race at Bosque NWR 10/31 (JH, WHB).

MERLIN -- 3 in Manzano Mts. 9/25-10/22 (SH+); 1 nw. of Silver City 10/22 (RF); near Mesilla Dam, 1 richardsonii form 11/23 (KZ), and 1 on 11/25 (LH, Barbara & Bernie Steinau, fide KZ).

RING-NECKED PHEASANT -- 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 10/8 (SW).

BLUE GROUSE -- 3 near Middle Fork Lake in Pecos Wilderness 9/21-23 (Don DeLorenzo+); 1 e. of Mogollon 8/19 (KZ).

WHITE-TAILED PTARMIGAN -- Flocks of 20 and 5, a single, and signs of another flock in the Pecos Wilderness at Rincon Bonito and Middle Fork Lake 9/21-23 provided evidence of "vigorous recruitment" since the 1981 release (Don DeLorenzo+).

WILD TURKEY -- 11 at Ned Tank 11/15-17 (WHB); 100+ in Bosque NWR area 11/3 (JF); they have spread up Rio Grande, and down to Elephant Butte.

YELLOW RAIL -- 1 at Bitter L. 11/25 (fide KW, but unverified).

VIRGINIA RAIL -- 1 at Alameda 8/13 (fide JP),

SORA -- 7 at Bernardo 9/15 (WH); 8 at Mangas Springs 10/22-23 (RF); 1 road kill, away from water, at Las Cruces 9/13 (RH).

COMMON MOORHEN -- 1 at Alameda 8/28, 8/30 (JP+); 2 at San Simon Cienega 11/2 (RH).

SANDHILL CRANE -- 2 or more in Las Tulas Valley 10/15 were first record this century for Zuni Mts. (AM).

WHOOPIING CRANE -- 4 early arrivals at Bosque NWR 11/3 (JH).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 38 w. of Lordsburg 11/1 (RH); singles at L. Holloman 8/16 (KZ) and 8/24 (Bill Murphy, M.L. Lowery); singles at L. McMillan 8/16-29 and 9/5-7, and 9 -- last and most of season -- on 10/22 (SW); 1 e. of Loving 10/1 (SW).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- At Grassland Turf Ranch, Los Lunas, 44 on 9/11, 75 on 9/15, and 40 on 10/8 (WH).

WILLET -- 6 at Holloman L. 8/25 (KZ); 1 at Bitter L. 9/30-10/10 (KW); 5 on 9/7 (SW) at L. McMillan, where scarcer than usual.

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- 1 at Los Lunas 9/10 (WH); scarcer than usual in Eddy County (SW); numbers down also in and near Las Cruces, where 4 were seen 8/31-9/6 (B&KZ).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- Commoner than usual in Eddy County; high of 128 e. of Loving 10/1 (SW).

MARLEED GODWIT -- 2 at Zuni 9/21 (TR); singles at L. Holloman 8/15 (KZ) and 9/10 (RH); 1 at L. McMillan** 9/7 and 3 there 9/16 (SW).

SANDERLING -- Singles at Bitter L. 9/6 (RT) and L. McMillan 9/5-7 (SW).

SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER -- Juvenile on 8/15 and adult 8/24-25 at Holloman L. (BZ, photos by KZ); 3 at L. McMillan 9/7 (SW), no details.

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- unusual: 1 at L. McMillan 9/16 (SW), no details.

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER -- 70+ at Cochiti Dam 8/20 (JH), no details; 45, a high count, at L. McMillan 9/16 (SW); unusually numerous in Doña Ana County in August and September, including 60 at Santa Theresa Country Club golf course 9/17 (B&KZ).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- 2 at Grassland Turf Farm, Los Lunas, 10/8 (WH); 1 at Tallmon dairy ponds 10/13-15 (BZ, Scott Wilson).

DUNLIN -- 4 at Bitter L. 10/1 (RH); 2** at Holloman L. 9/14 (KZ); 1 at L. McMillan 10/22 (SW); 3 at Tallmon dairy ponds 9/23* (KZ).

STILT SANDPIPER -- 9 at Cochiti Dam 8/20 (JH); 70+ in breeding plumage at Bitter L. 8/3 (JH) and 3 there 10/1 (RH); at Holloman L., 30** on 8/6 and 4 on 8/15 (KZ), plus 1 on 8/24 (Bill Murphy, M.L. Lowery); up to 8 in southern Doña Ana County 9/5-26 (B&KZ, JDo).

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 1 at Holloman L. 9/10 (RH); very short-billed, no call; probable.

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- Huge flock, 10,000+, at Holloman L. 8/24-25 (BZ).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE -- 2** at Bitter L. 9/6 (RT); 2 at Holloman L. 8/24-25 (BZ); 5 at Holloman L. 9/14 (KZ+); 2 in southern Doña Ana County 9/24 (B&KZ).

RED PHALAROPE -- unusual: 1* first seen at Holloman L. 8/24 and present for two weeks (B&KZ). Another in basic plumage*** there 8/6 (KZ+).

BONAPARTE'S GULL -- 1 at Bosque NWR 11/11 (RH); 3 at Elephant Butte L. 11/27 (KZ); 1 at Caballo L. 12/29* (DM).

HERRING GULL -- At Elephant Butte L., 3 on 10/29 (SW), 6 on 11/27 (KZ).

THAYER'S GULL -- 1* at Elephant Butte L. 11/27 (KZ); rare in N.M.

COMMON TERN -- 1* at Bitter L. 10/1 (RH).

LEAST TERN -- Evidence of breeding at Bitter L. provided by the 3 or more immatures seen there 8/3 by JH among 8+ individuals, and the several immatures among 7 to 9 seen there 10/1 by RH.

BLACK TERN -- 1 immature at Cochiti Dam 8/20 (JH).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON -- 2 at Aguirre Springs 10/29 (KZ+).

INCA DOVE -- 1 at Holloman L., a new location, 8/13 (OCBC). 1 in Alamo-gordo 8/12 (WB).

COMMON GROUND DOVE -- 1* at Durling's Farm 10/15 (BZ, Scott Wilson).

WESTERN SCREECH OWL -- 1 at Isleta 10/15 and 1 s. of Belen 9/29 (WH).

BURROWING OWL -- 1 at Cochiti L. 9/20 (BL).

LONG-EARED OWL -- 1 found dead in Albuquerque 10/20 (HS).

NIGHTHAWK sp. -- 1 in Organ Mts. 11/12 (KZ+). Unusually late.

COMMON POORWILL -- 1 in Sandias 10/22, last sighting of season (HS). A roadkill at Hatch 10/31 (JH). 1 at Las Cruces 9/1 (RH) appeared long-tailed; possible Whip-poor-will.

WHIP-POOR-WILL -- 2 at Sunspot 8/25 (WB). 1 at Owen's Farm 8/30 and 1, possibly this species, at Durling's Farm 10/25 was late. Infrequent enough in lowlands to be of interest. (KZ)

CHIMNEY SWIFT -- 7 present 9/14-19 in Clayton area, where species has become a summer resident (AK).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT -- 25+ in Peloncillo Mts. 11/16-26 and 10+ in Tres Hermanas Mts. 11/29 (last seen for season) (RH).

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD -- Last of season, 2 at Monticello in Sandias (fide HS).

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD -- unusual: A male in Eddy County area of Lincoln National Forest 9/11* (SW); rarely reported from southwest N.M.

LEWIS' WOODPECKER -- 6 at Cochiti L. 8/23 (JH).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- 2 in Clapham area of Union County 9/4 (M. C. Conway).

ACORN WOODPECKER -- 2 in Dog Canyon, Eddy County, where rare, 9/3 (SW); 4 at Ned Tank 11/15 (JH).

GILA WOODPECKER -- 1 in Gila Riparian Habitat, where now scarce, on 10/30 (RF).

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER -- 1 female e. of Mogollon 8/19 (KZ).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER -- 4 at Los Lunas 8/25 (WH), and singles at Santa Fe 9/8-12 (PI), and at Gila Riparian Habitat 8/27 and Silver City 9/25 (RF).

WESTERN FLYCATCHER -- 1 at Mangas Springs 9/5 (RF).

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER -- 1* banded at Rattlesnake Springs 9/18 (SW).

WESTERN KINGBIRD -- Of interest were 4 juveniles being fed grapes at Truth or Consequences 8/24 (DM).

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- 5 on 8/1 at Isleta Marsh, where species is presumed to nest (JH).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- 3 to 5 at Caprock 11/2 (RH). 20 on 10/10 in Eddy County, where numbers have recovered somewhat from the very low level of 1981-82 (SW).

PURPLE MARTIN -- 100+, a large flock, at L. Roberts 8/18 (GP).

TREE SWALLOW -- 50+ at Bosque NWR 10/21 (PI, Judy Vance); 1 at Caballo L. 11/24 (JH).

CAVE SWALLOW -- 100, with many nests, 14 birds banded, at Cottonwood Cave in the Guadalupe Mts. in Lincoln National Forest; this is a range extension to the west (SW). 70+, mostly juveniles, on telephone line at Black River Village 8/2 (JH). Last of season were 4 at Carlsbad Caverns 11/8 (SW).

BLUE JAY -- breeding: 3, including a juvenile begging for food, in Carlsbad 8/30 (SW)....1 in Cienega Canyon, Sandia Mts., 10/31 (HS); 1 at Socorro first week of October (Phil Johnson).

AMERICAN CROW -- Increasing numbers seem to be wandering into the lower Rio Grande Valley in the fall: 200+ at Bosque NWR 10/21 and 50 on 11/26 (PI), and 100 s. of Las Cruces 11/2 (JH), but absent on December OCs and in other autumn reports from valley areas.

CHIHUAHAN RAVEN -- unusual: 45 at Bernardo 9/11 (WH); largest group seen in MRGV.

PYGMY NUTHATCH -- Unusually low numbers in Sandias this season. HS says species has not recovered from population crash previous year.

BROWN CREEPER -- 1 at Bosque NWR 10/23 (RT).

WINTER WREN -- 1 at Mangas Springs 10/13-27 (RF).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- 1 at Santa Fe 10/27 (PI) and 4 at Ned Tank 11/15-17 (WHB). Only sighting in Dona Ana County in autumn was 1 at Durling's Farm 10/28 (BZ); very poor flight into lowlands.

SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- 1* banded at Rattlesnake Springs 9/18 (SW); 1** at Durling's Farm 9/17 (K&BZ).

GRAY CATBIRD -- 1 at Los Lunas 8/25 (WH).

BROWN THRASHER -- 1 at Caprock 10/2 (Elaine Hill). First of fall at Rattlesnake Springs was 1 on 10/8 (SW).

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER -- Numbers have been small but stable at Monticello in Sandias since 1980 (HS).

CRISSAL THRASHER -- 1 near Sitting Bull Falls 8/5 (SW) was first ever seen by this observer in that area.

WATER PIPIT -- 2 at L. McMillan 9/6 were two weeks earlier than previously recorded in lower Pecos Valley (SW).

CEDAR WAXWING -- 20 at Bosque NWR 11/3 (JH).

PHAINOPEPLA -- Pair present all summer at Socorro (PB -- belated report). 1 at Three Rivers 9/24 (OCBC).

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE -- 15 at Bosque NWR 10/21 (PI, Judy Vance). Only 15 seen on drive from Silver City to Rodeo 11/12, much fewer than in previous years (RF).

BELL'S VIREO -- 2 singing at Rattlesnake Springs 8/2 (JH); 1 n. of Mesilla Dam 8/28 (KZ).

HUTTON'S VIREO -- 1* at Percha Dam SP 10/9 (K&BZ).

PHILADELPHIA VIREO -- unusual: 1* at Percha Dam SP 10/9 (K&BZ). Rare in N.M.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- 1 or 2 n. of Mesilla Dam 11/23 (KZ) were late.

NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 1 at Bandelier NM 8/20 (BL); several at Rattlesnake Springs 9/18-10/8 (SW); an immature at Durling's Farm 9/11 and an adult in southern Dona Ana County 9/17 (K&BZ); 1 at Aguirre Springs 10/29 (KZ+) was unusual for altitude and lateness.

NORTHERN PARULA -- 1 at Bosque village 10/15 (WH); 1 at Percha Dam SP* 9/5 (K&BZ); a male** at Durling's Farm 10/5-11/12 (B&KZ, JDo).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER -- An immature s. of Bosque village 10/13* (WH); scarce in N.M.

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER -- 1 of Myrtle race at Santa Fe 11/18 (JH).

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER -- 4 immatures at Bandelier NM 8/13 (PI).

HERMIT WARBLER -- A male** at Durling's Farm 9/9 (BZ, AI & Madeline Gabit). Rare in N.M.

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER -- unusual: A female* at Durling's Farm 10/31 (BZ).

GRACE'S WARBLER -- 1 at Percha Dam SP 10/15 (K&BZ); unusual in lowlands.

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- Singles at Percha Dam SP 9/5 (KZ) and Durling's Farm 9/14 (BZ).

AMERICAN REDSTART -- Singles: immature at Santa Fe 11/12-17 (PI); Glenwood 8/20 (KZ); male 9/18 and female 10/10 at Rattlesnake Springs (SW); at Durling's Farm 9/16 (BZ).

SWAINSON'S WARBLER -- unusual: 1*, adequately described, at Rattlesnake Springs 10/8 (SW); first N.M. record.

OVENBIRD -- Singles at Durling's Farm 9/14 and 9/24 (latter photographed and banded) (K&BZ).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- Several reports, by various observers, in the Rio Grande Valley in the Albuquerque area and in Doña Ana County. In addition, singles at Cloudcroft 8/27 (OCBC), at Alamogordo 9/1 (Gerri Smith), at Holloman L. 9/10 (RH), and the first of the autumn at Rattlesnake Springs 8/10 (SW).

MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER -- Migrants at Silver City 8/27-10/1 (RF).

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT -- 1 in Cloudcroft area 8/27 (OCBC).

HOODED WARBLER -- A male** at Durling's Farm 11/7 (B&KZ); uncommon.

PAINTED REDSTART -- 1 at Mangas Springs 8/31 (RF).

HEPATIC TANAGER -- 3 at Bandelier NM 8/13 (PI+).

SUMMER TANAGER -- 1 very bright bird at Albuquerque, far from river, on 10/9 was possibly of eastern race; 2 at Bernardo 9/29 (WH).

WESTERN TANAGER -- 20 to 25, large number, at Percha Dam SP 9/5 (KZ).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK -- 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 10/8 (SW); an adult male at Las Cruces 9/1 (RH).

INDIGO BUNTING -- At Rattlesnake Springs, record high of 45 for the locale on 9/18; small numbers there all autumn (SW).

PAINTED BUNTING -- 1 at Mangas Springs 8/10 (RF); local all-time high of 20 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/18 (SW); 8 in female plumage, a large number, at Durling's Farm 9/14** (BZ).

DICKCISSEL -- 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/18 (SW); 7 sightings in Doña Ana County, adult males and immatures, 8/17-9/24 (RH, BZ, KZ, EW).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW -- 20 at L. McMillan 10/8; abundant in September in Doña Ana County (RH, BZ).

BREWER'S SPARROW -- 250 at L. McMillan 10/8 (SW).

VESPER SPARROW -- 300 at Cochiti L. 9/20 (BL).

SAGE SPARROW -- 1 at Bernardo 10/16 (WH); unusual in riparian area.

LARK BUNTING -- A female at Cochiti Dam 8/20 (JH). Female at Sandia Park 8/20 was first sighting of species by HS in Sandias. 2 at Mangas Springs 8/11 (RF) were early. 500 at L. McMillan 9/16 (SW). 7,000-8,000 n. of Cotton City 11/16 by RH, who also found species quite common in Luna County.

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- 2 banded at Rio Grande Nature Center during season by CAH+.

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW -- 1 at Santa Fe 10/27 (WS); 2 in Sandias 10/21-29 (HS).

McCOWN'S LONGSPUR -- 1* over Bernardo 10/8 (WH).

CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR -- 3 at Isleta 10/16, 20 at Grassland Turf Ranch, Los Lunas, 10/8, 2 s. of Belen 10/15, and 55 at Bernardo 10/8 (WH).

BOBOLINK -- 1 at Las Cruces 9/17 (RH).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK -- 1 at San Simon Cienega 10/12-13 (JH); singles at Durling's Farm 10/3 and 11/2 (BZ); rare in Dona Ana County away from Jornada.

WESTERN MEADOWLARK -- 12 arrived at Mangas Springs 11/14 after a storm (RF).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- 400 at Bosque NWR 11/25 (PI, Lois Herrmann); 4,000 at L. McMillan 9/7 (SW).

RUSTY BLACKBIRD -- 1 reported with no details at Chama in October (Darwin Miller).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE -- 2 at Peña Blanca 8/23 (JH).

COMMON GRACKLE -- 175 at Los Lunas 8/25 (WH); 25 at Carlsbad 8/30 (SW).

ORCHARD ORIOLE -- Last of season, 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/18 (SW).

HOODED ORIOLE -- 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 8/2 (JH). 1 at Durling's Farm 9/23 (BZ); rare in area away from Las Cruces.

NORTHERN ORIOLE -- Latest Bitter L. record, 1 on 10/2 (KW).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE -- Male and 2 immatures at Los Alamos 8/13-20 (Maxine Lewis); 2 immatures in Sandias 10/3 (HS) and 10/9 (Larlene Treat); 1 at Carlsbad Caverns NP 10/23 (Mark Lockwood, Cliff Stogner); 1 at Owen's Farm 10/28 (BZ).

PINE GROSBEAK -- 1 at Sandia Crest 11/6 (HS) was earliest on record.

CASSIN'S FINCH -- Common to abundant in Sandias from mid-October (HS).

RED CROSSBILL -- 3 at Santa Fe 8/7 (JH); abundant in Sandias all season (HS); 2 at Pine Flat campground, n. of Cherry Creek, 9/10 (RF); 6 in Dark Canyon, Guadalupe Mts., 8/6 (SW).

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL -- unusual: Female at Sandia Crest 10/16 (HS).

EVENING GROSBEAK -- Fairly common in Sandias in early autumn, then declined (HS); 7 in Albuquerque 10/12 and 2 at Bernardo 10/27 (WH).