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FROM THE EDITORS:

The spring season was remarkable for well-substantiated reports of species extremely rare in New Mexico. A first-ever sighting for the state was a Black-capped Vireo. A well-documented Great Kiskadee provided New Mexico's second and "most reliable" account. Described as the "most credible yet" was the account of a Red-shouldered Hawk and a Buff-breasted Sandpiper was the "first well-substantiated" in New Mexico. There were the second acceptable record of a Heermann's Gull, a second probable Louisiana Waterthrush, and the second Costa's Hummingbird since 1876.

There was broader fundamental significance in the inauguration of the first season-long spring raptor migration count in western North America. Under the leadership of Steve Hoffman, a team of observers kept watch 10 miles east of Albuquerque in the Sandia Mountains for 44 days between February 22 and May 5. A total of 1,640 raptors of 17 species were recorded, with a peak of 232 of 14 species on April 14. The total included 120 individuals not identified as to species.

Here is a tabulation by species, with season totals and peak days for each:

	Total	--Peak--			Total	--Peak--	
		Date	No.			Date	No.
Turkey Vulture	391	4/4	68	Red-tailed	181	3/16	28
Osprey	36	4/22	13	Ferruginous	10	3/17	2
Bald Eagle	7	3/14	3	Rough-legged	1	3/28	1
No. Harrier	39	4/5	5	Amer. Kestrel	127	4/14	34
Sharp-shinned	262	4/14	43	Merlin	1	4/14	1
Cooper's	285	4/14	78	Peregrine	6	...	2
Goshawk	5	...	1	Prairie Falcon	15	many	2
Swainson's	10	4/14	3	Golden Eagle	143	3/8	18
Zone-tailed	1	5/3	1				

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LOCALITIES AND THEIR COUNTIES IN THIS ISSUE:

abbreviations and symbols in text:

L. -- Lake	SGR -- State Game Refuge
Mt. (Mts.) -- Mountains	R. -- River
MRGBV -- Middle Rio Grande Valley	SP -- State Park
NM -- National Monument	
N.M. -- New Mexico	* -- details
NP -- National Park	** -- photograph
NWR -- National Wildlife Refuge	*** -- specimen

Aguirre Springs (Organ Mts.) -- Doña Ana	La Fragua -- San Miguel
Alameda -- Bernalillo	Las Animas Creek -- Sierra
Albuquerque -- Bernalillo	Las Cruces -- Doña Ana
(Las) Animas Creek -- Sierra	Lone Butte -- Santa Fe
Anthony -- Dona Ana	Lordsburg -- Hidalgo
	Los Alamos -- Los Alamos
Belen -- Valencia	Loudermilk Pond -- Rio Arriba
Bernalillo -- Sandoval	Loving -- Eddy
Bernardo -- Socorro	
Bill Evans L. -- Grant	Madrone Ponds -- Valencia
Bitter Lake NWR (Bitter L.) - Chaves	Mangas Springs -- Grant
Black R. -- Eddy	McGregor Range -- Otero
Bosque bridge, village --Valencia	McMillan Campground -- Grant
Bosque del Apache NWR (Bosque	Mineral Creek -- Catron
NWR) -- Socorro	Morgan L. -- San Juan
Burro Mts. -- Grant	Moriarty -- Torrance
Caballo L., Dam -- Sierra	Owen's Farm -- Doña Ana
Caprock -- Lea	Pecos R. -- San Miguel, Guadalupe,
Carlsbad -- Eddy	De Baca, Chaves, Eddy
Cibola National Forest -- Sandoval,	Percha Dam SP -- Sierra
Bernalillo, Torrance, Valencia	Pleasanton -- Catron
Clovis -- Curry	Post Office Canyon -- Hidalgo
Cochiti L., Dam, Pueblo -- Sandoval	
Corrales -- Sandoval	Randall's Pool -- Doña Ana
Cottonwood Canyon, Gulch -- McKinley	Raton -- Colfax
	Rattlesnake Springs -- Eddy
Deming -- Luna	Rio Grande Nature Center --
Dulce -- Rio Arriba	Albuquerque, Bernalillo
Durling's Farm -- Doña Ana	Roswell -- Chaves
El Pueblo -- San Miguel	Sacramento L., Mts. -- Otero
Estepa -- Torrance	San Ildefonso Pueblo -- Santa Fe
Espanola -- Rio Arriba	San Simon Cienega -- Hidalgo
	Santa Fe -- Santa Fe
Frisco Hot Springs -- Catron	Santa Fe R. -- Santa Fe, Sandoval
Glenwood -- Catron	Santo Domingo Pueblo -- Sandoval
Guadalupe Canyon -- Hidalgo	Sena -- San Miguel
	Shady Lakes (in Alameda) -- Bernalillo
Hackey Farm, Uvas Valley -- Luna	Signal Peak -- Grant
Isleta (Pueblo) -- Bernalillo,	Socorro -- Socorro
Valencia	
Jornada Valley -- Doña Ana	Tesuque -- Santa Fe
Juan Tabo Canyon, Sandia Mts. --	Three-Gun Springs, Sandia Mts. --
Bernalillo	Bernalillo
Karr Canyon -- Otero	Three Rivers -- Otero

CORRECTION: In Vol. 22, No. 4, page 36, Magnificent Hummingbird is rarely reported from southeast, not southwest, N.M.

Truth or Consequences -- Sierra
Uvas Valley (Hackey Farm) -- Luna
Vado -- Doña Ana
Very Large Array (VLA) (giant radio
telescope) -- Socorro

Water Canyon, in Magdalena Mts.--
Socorro
White Rock -- Los Alamos
Zuni Reservation (Zuni for short)
-- McKinley

SPRING BIRD COUNTS (short names in parentheses):

Albuquerque Spring Count, 5/12 (Albuquerque Count)
Española Big Day Count, 5/13 (Española Count)
Gila Valley Big Day Count, 5/5 (Gila Count)
Otero County Bird Club Spring Census, 5/5-6 (Otero Census)

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- 4 on 4/7 and 2 on 4/10 at Zuni; second reservation record (JT).

LEAST BITTERN -- 1 captured at Las Cruces 3/28; photo (KZ).

GREAT BLUE HERON -- 20+ nests, 40 to 60 ft. up in cottonwood at Mineral Creek, Catron County, 4/8 (JH).

GREAT EGRET -- 1 at Alameda 5/15 (JP).

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON -- 1 at Randall's Pool 5/14 (BZ, JDo); early.

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 2 at Bitter L. 3/2 (KW).

WOOD DUCK -- Single males s. of Belen 5/5 and n. of Bernardo 5/2, and male and female s. of Bosque village 5/5 (WH). Female at Bosque NWR 5/10 (KZ, BZ). A male** near Anthony all spring (BZ+).

MALLARD -- Mexican race: Males at Bernardo 5/24 (WH) and Bosque NWR 5/5 (RT). 2 males, more or less pure breed, Hackey Farm, Uvas Valley, 5/19 (JH). 11 at Deming sewer ponds 5/10 (KG).

COMMON GOLDENEYE -- 3 at Bitter L. 3/2 (KW).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- 2 at Bitter L. 4/6 (KW).

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- 2 on 5/3 and 7 on 5/10 at Clovis; probably nesting (Wes Robertson). 2 s. of Belen 5/16 (WH).

RAPTORS: See report on spring count in introduction.

BALD EAGLE -- Mature bird 4/10 at Zuni was latest spring record there (TR, JT).

COMMON BLACK HAWK -- Adult 4/29 at Bosque bridge (WH). 8 on Gila Count (5/5).

HARRIS' HAWK -- 1 at Owen's Farm 5/14; scarce in Doña Ana County (BZ, JDo). Still present in sw. N.M. (JH).

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK -- unusual: 1 adult at Randall's Pool 4/15 (BZ, JDo). Photo not conclusive, but accompanying details make this the most credible report to date of this species in N.M., according to John Hubbard.

BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 4/23 (JE); few details.

ZONE-TAILED HAWK -- 1, probably migrating, at Three-gun Springs in Sandias 5/3 (WH); believed to be first report for this range. 1 immature 5/5 in MRCV (WH).

LESSER PRAIRIE CHICKEN -- 50+ displaying off highway 380, 40 miles e. of Roswell 4/14 (PI+).

WILD TURKEY-- Holding own in Clayton area, thanks to protection of Union County ranchers (fide AK)...1 on Gila Count 5/5.

SCALED QUAIL-- 1 at Very Large Array radio telescope on US60 4/8 -- (JH).

SORA -- 10 at Sacramento L. 5/9 (HM, BP, TWi).

COMMON MOORHEN -- 1 on 5/6 at Madrone Ponds, where unusual (WH).

LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER -- 1 at Bosque NWR 5/27 (D&SH, WH).

SNOWY PLOVER -- 1 at Morgan L. 5/23 (PL).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- None on 3/19 at Santo Domingo, where formerly regular (JH). 3 on US62 west of NM6 on 3/8 (RT, Paul Steel, Ted Stands).

WILLET -- 9 at Bill Evans L. 5/5 (D&SH, D&MZ).

WHIMBREL -- 1 at Rio Grande near Corrales 5/6 (DS).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- 1 at Clayton airport 4/1 (Warren Priest). 400 in flooded alfalfa field near Anthony 3/28 (BZ).

MARLEED GODWIT -- 30 to 50 (large flock) at Bosque NWR 4/27 (RT); 1 at Caballo L. 5/10 (KZ, BZ).

SANDERLING -- 2 at Zuni 5/5 and 5/7 (JT).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- 1 at Bosque NWR 5/27 (D&SH, WH).

STILT SANDPIPER -- 3 at Bitter L. 5/27 (PL).

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER -- unusual: 1 seen at Bosque NWR 5/26 (PL, Robert Edens Jr.). Details; first good record for N.M.; rare anywhere in west in spring.

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE -- 1 at Zuni 5/7 (JT).

HEERMANN'S GULL -- unusual: 1 at Vado 4/1, probably a second-year bird; photo and details (KZ); second acceptable N.M. record.

CALIFORNIA GULL -- 9 at Morgan L. 5/23 (PL). At Zuni, 2 on 4/9, 1 on 5/5, 2 on 5/7 (JT).

HERRING GULL -- 1 at Bitter L. 3/16 (KW).

LEAST TERN -- 1 on Loudermilk Pond 5/13 (BL, JDM); first for upper Rio Grande. 1 near Loving 5/28 (PL).

BLACK TERN -- 8 on 5/30 on pond 20 mi. e. of Raton (BL, W.L.Knickerbocker). 4 at Bosque NWR 6/27 (D&SH, WH).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- breeding: Nest 15 ft. up in willow at Caballo Dam SP 5/19 (JH), with adult incubating. Adult building nest at Percha Dam SP 5/10 (DM). Nest with 2 eggs 15 ft. up in willow at San Simon Cienega 5/22 (JH)..... 51 on Gila Count 5/5 was high for the area, and 2 were sw. of Deming, where seldom reported, on 5/29 (KG).

INCA DOVE -- breeding: Adult on nest in Mondale pine in yard in Las Cruces 5/2 (EW). 1 at Truth or Consequences 3/3 (DM); species has appeared there in very small numbers in recent years.

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- 3 south of Belen 5/21; first of season and early (WH).

BARN OWL -- 1 at Zuni 4/4 (TR); first for Zuni, possibly for McKinley County.

NORTHERN PYGMY OWL 1 in Burro Mts. 5/10 (KZ, BZ); may be first for range.

ELF OWL -- 1 at Glenwood 4/5 (BMc).

SHORT-EARED OWL -- 1 at Zuni 5/26 (JT) was a possible nester; more usual there in fall and winter (no record of breeding in N.M.).

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL -- 1 at Zuni 5/28-29 (JT).

WHIP-POOR-WILL -- 1 at Zuni 5/28 (JT).

CHIMNEY SWIFT -- Now a regular at Clayton; first arrival seen 5/5; after 5/11, 4 to 7 daily (WC, AK)...Probable sightings include 2 at Rio Grande Nature Center about 4/22 (Buck Cully), and these by WH: 2 or 3 at Madrone Ponds 5/16, and 5/25 (with PL); 1 at Bosque Bridge 4/29, and singles at Bosque NWR 4/29 and 5/25 with PL. PL saw 1 at Roswell 5/27.

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT --3 at Bosque NWR 4/29 (WE).

LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD -- At least 2 males and 1 female at Post Office Canyon 5/27 (RH).

COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- unusual: 1 male in side canyon near Gila Bird Habitat 5/5 on Gila Count (Tom Brake, Wendy & Warren Shaul); good details. Second sighting of species in N.M. since 1876.

CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD -- A female in Karr Canyon 5/9 (HM, BP); possible but thinly documented.

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD-- 3 males on 5/3 at Randall's Pool, where unusual (BZ).

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD -- A male in Socorro 4/21-23 (PB); rare in N.M. in spring.

LEWIS' WOODPECKER -- Numbers were up in the MRGV, with 1 at Cochiti L. and Santa Fe R. 5/9 and 1 at Bernalillo 4/17 (WE), plus 3 at Corrales 5/26 and 2 at Belen 5/28 (WH).

ACORN WOODPECKER -- 1-2 at Las Animas Creek 5/13 (RH), 1 on OCBC Census 5/5-6, and 5 in Guadalupe Canyon 5/19 (WH, WE).

GILA WOODPECKER -- 2 on Gila Count 5/5, a low number, and 5 in Guadalupe Canyon 5/19 (WE, WH).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER -- 2 on Gila Count 5/5 was high.

DOWNY WOODPECKER -- 2 at Bosque NWR 4/29 (WE) was a southerly record for the season. 1 at Estancia 4/15 (PI).

STRICKLAND'S WOODPECKER -- unusual: 1 in Guadalupe Canyon, where it is casual, on 5/19 (WH, WE).

NORTHERN BEARDLESS TYRANNULET -- 4 singing males, 1 female in Guadalupe Canyon 5/19 (WH, WE).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER -- 1 on 5/8 (early) and 2 on 5/28 at Zuni (JT). 1 on 4/29 (also early) at Bosque NWR (WE).

GREATER PEEWEE -- 1 male at McMillan campground 4/14 (RF).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER -- 1 calling at Bosque NWR 5/27 (WE).

HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER -- 3 or 4 singing in Juan Tabo Canyon 5/18-20 (HS); first heard in Sandias....1 reported at Las Animas Creek 3/3 (LH+) was probably a Dusky Flycatcher.

GRAY FLYCATCHER -- 1 on Santa Fe ski basin road at 7,300 feet 5/5 (WE).
18 between Albuquerque and Bosque village 4/22-5/4 (WH).

WESTERN FLYCATCHER -- Rarest Empidonax in MRGV this season; 1 in Sandias 5/12,
2 at river in Albuquerque 5/26 (WH).

BLACK PHOEBE -- At Zuni, high of 7 on 4/8 and 1 on 5/26 (JT, TR). In upper Pecos Valley, on 5/2, pair at Sena, pair at El Pueblo bridge (JH).

EASTERN PHOEBE -- Also on 5/2 on upper Pecos R., 1 at La Fragua and 1 being chased by a Black Phoebe at El Pueblo bridge (JH).

DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER -- 2 in Guadalupe Canyon 5/19 (WH, WE).

BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER -- 2 on Gila Count 5/5.

GREAT KISKADEE -- unusual: 1 at Rattlesnake Springs; first seen 5/5 (PF) -- abundant details; undoubtedly same bird 5/8, with photo and details (TW, IM, BP). Second and most reliable N.M. record of species.

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD -- 1 or 2, probable migrants, seen 4/15, 16, 18, 23, 24, 27 at Clayton (AK).

THICK-BILLED KINGBIRD -- breeding: 8 birds, including pair building nest, in Guadalupe Canyon 5/19 (WH, WE).

WESTERN KINGBIRD -- 1 (early) on 4/8 at Bosque NWR (PI+).

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- 1 at Shady Lakes 5/7 (DS); 1 on 5/25 at Isleta marsh, where species breeds (WH).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- 1 at Carlsbad 5/8 and 3 at Caprock 5/11 (HM, TW, BP).

PURPLE MARTIN -- A male 4/25 at Tesuque ponds (JDM).

ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW -- An early first at Glenwood 2/25 (RSK).

GRAY-BREASTED JAY -- 4 in Guadalupe Canyon 5/19 (WH, WE).

PINYON JAY -- breeding: 1 young being fed by adult at Cottonwood Gulch 5/15 (AM).

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER -- 1 on Gila Count 5/5 near Gila cliff dwellings (BH, Bill Rogers).

CHIHUAHUA RAVEN -- breeding: Bird on nest 14 mi. se. of Belen (NM6) 5/18, another on nest 11 mi. se. of Belen 5/18, 2+ small young and 2 adults 9 mi. se. of Belen 5/18 (JH), and 2 young and 4 eggs 17 mi. se. of Belen 5/16 (R.Precek); 3 of the 4 nests were on power poles.

COMMON RAVEN -- breeding: Pair nested again near gas pipelines n. of Bosque village in May (WH).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE -- Numbers down in MRGV from previous year. Nesting pairs: 1 at Madrone, 2 at Bosque village, 1 at Bernardo (WH).

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE -- Half as many as year earlier. Nesting pairs: 2 at Bosque village, 1 s. of Belen (WH).

BRIDLED TITMOUSE -- At Las Animas Creek, 3 on 3/3 (KZ) and 1 on 5/13 (RH).

PLAIN TITMOUSE -- 4 near river at San Ildefonso 3/30 were many for a riparian habitat (WE).

BUSHTIT -- 2+ at Three Rivers 4/10 (RH).

BROWN CREEPER -- breeding: Nest at Cottonwood Gulch was first for locale (AM). Latest in MRGV was 1 at Bernardo 4/14 (WH).

CACTUS WREN -- breeding: Nest with 2 eggs, 5 feet up in cholla cactus at San Simon Cienega 4/11 (JH).

ROCK WREN -- Male singing at University of New Mexico medical school building in Albuquerque 5/1 (WH).

WINTER WREN -- unusual: 1 collected 0.5 mi. s. of Bosque bridge along Rio Grande 4/19 (WH) -- rare and irregular statewide.

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- 1 at San Ildefonso 3/30 was an early migrant (WE).

BLUEBIRDS -- A lengthy competition for a nest box at JH's home in Santa Fe: A pair of Mountains were at the box from 3/3, with the male carrying nesting material 4/25 as the female watched. Meantime a female Western was seen at the box 3/21 and again 4/25. Finally, pairs of the two species fought over the box between 5/6 and 5/12, and on 5/13 the Mountains were gone.

GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH -- unusual: 1* at Clayton 5/10 (AK).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- 1 killed flying into a window at Clayton 5/29 (AK). 1 on n. side of Albuquerque along Rio Grande 5/26 (PL), 1 singing in Albuquerque 5/26 (WH), 1** at Durling's Farm 5/1-7 (BZ+), and 2 on David Ligon's property in Cibola National Forest in mid-May (Jeff Hill, Ross & Clara Teuber).

HERMIT THRUSH -- 1 at Caprock 4/29 (RH).

GRAY CATBIRD -- 2 at Zuni 5/22 (JT), 1 at Clayton feeder 5/4-9 and 5/15-18 (fide AK), and 1 at Owen's Farm 4/30 (BZ, Scott Wilson).

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD -- In a "virtual explosion," commonest in 10 years in Sandias, up to 8,200 feet (HS).

BROWN THRASHER -- Singles at Durling's and Owen's Farms 4/22, 5/1, 5/2 and 5/7 (BZ+).

BENDIRE'S THRASHER -- 1 on 4/8 at Very Large Array and 2 on 4/10 at Lordsburg Playa 4 mi. s. of 1-10 (JH).

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER -- breeding: Nested in cholla cactus at Owen's Farm from mid-March; species declining in El Paso area. 19 on Gila Count 5/5.

CRISSAL THRASHER -- 2 seen 5 mi. se. of White Rock 5/20, and 1 seen there twice in next week (JDM); 45 mi. n. previous N.M. sightings.

WATER PIPIT -- 1 on 5/30 at Zuni was late (JT). 30 to 50, unusually many, through March at Mangas Springs (RF).

CEDAR WAXWING -- spring flock of 10 at Cottonwood Gulch was last seen 6/4, very late (AM). 2 at Bosque village 5/31 also were late. On 5/9 there were 9 at Rattlesnake Springs and 2 at Durling's Farm (PL).

PHAINOPEPLA -- Pair at Mangas Springs 5/18, a first for there.

BELL'S VIREO -- breeding: 2 males and 1 female feeding just-fledged young were among 8 in Guadalupe Canyon 5/19 (WH, WE)....1 singing at Bosque village 5/7 (WH, D&SH) and 2 on Gila Count 5/5.

BLACK-CAPPED VIREO -- unusual: First good N.M. record was a detailed description by GP of one at Rattlesnake Springs 5/11.

GRAY VIREO -- Survey by D&EMc in Glenwood area found 2 at Glenwood and a total of 9 at Herve Canyon, Red Colt Canyon and S. Dugway between 4/16 and 4/19.... Singles singing at Pleasanton 5/2 and at Frisco Hot Springs 5/20 (JH).

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO -- Singing male n. of Bosque village 5/16 (WH).

WARBLING VIREO -- breeding: First nest at Cottonwood Gulch found by John Smith (fide AM). Second territorial male present.

RED-EYED VIREO -- 1 singing at Isleta 5/25 and 1 near Bosque village 5/21 (WH). 1* at Durling's Farm 5/12 (KZ, Scott Wilson).

TENNESSEE WARBLER -- 1 singing at Albuquerque 5/26 (WH, PL). 1 at Bosque NWR 5/6 (PB, RT). 1 at Durling's Farm 4/30 (KZ, SW).

LUCY'S WARBLER -- 2 singing at Bernardo 4/14 and 1 on 5/24 (WH). 1 displaying at Three Rivers 4/10, and commonest species at Las Animas Creek 5/13 (RH). 2 on 3/24 were first of season at Mangas Springs (RF).

NORTHERN PARULA -- 1 female at Madrone Ponds 4/19 (WH). 1 at Bitter L. 5/5 (KW). Female* at Randall's Pool 4/15 (KZ, SW).

YELLOW WARBLER -- breeding: Becoming commonest warbler in lower Gila Valley, with many nesting (RF).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER -- A male w. of Cochiti marsh 5/17 (BL).

CAPE MAY WARBLER -- unusual: 1 at Bitter L. 5/1-2 (KW). Rare in N.M.

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER -- 1 at Zuni 4/8 was early (JT). 1 at Caprock 4/24 (RH).

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER -- 2 on Gila Count. 1 at Bosque NWR 4/29 (early) (WE).

GRACE'S WARBLER -- 1 on Gila Count.

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- 1 singing n. of Bosque village 5/25 (WH, PL). 1 at Bitter L. 5/1 (KW). 1 at Durling's Farm 5/1 (KZ, SW).

AMERICAN REDSTART -- Singles at Zuni 5/22-29 (JT, TR). A female at Little Tesuque Creek 5/16 (WE). 1 adult male at Isleta marsh 5/25 (WH, PL), 1 second-year bird n. of Bernardo 5/24 (WH), and pair at Bosque NWR 5/19 (JND).

WORM-EATING WARBLER -- 1** at Durling's Farm 4/10 (KZ, SW).

OVENBIRD -- 1 at Lone Butte 5/10 (Curtis Schaafsma).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- 1 or 2 at Zuni 5/22-23 (JT). 1 at Tesuque ponds 4/29 (JDM). Singles s. of Belen 5/25 and at Bosque village 5/16 (WH, PL). Up to 3 daily 5/7-15 in eastern Doña Ana County (KZ+).

LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH -- unusual: 1 at Owen's Farm 5/7; details and photo (KZ). Second good record for N.M.

KENTUCKY WARBLER -- Male* at Durling's Farm 5/26 (BZ, JDo) was second record for area.

HOODED WARBLER -- Singing males at Belen heronry 5/25, at Bernardo 5/28. and n. of Bosque village 5/30 (WH); more than usual. Female at Durling's Farm 4/20 (SW, KZ+).

RED-FACED WARBLER -- 3 singing in Water Canyon, Magdalena Mts., 5/20 (WH); 10 in Karr Canyon 5/9 (HM, BP, TWI).

PAINTED REDSTART -- 2 on west fork of Gila R. 5/5 and 2 on east fork 5/6 (BH, Bill Rogers). 1 at Bosque NWR 4/29 (WE+).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT -- High of 55 at Zuni 5/23 (JT).

OLIVE WARBLER -- None in usual locale on Signal Peak road (RF).

HEPATIC Tanager -- 1 on Española Count 5/13 (PI+).

PYRRHULOXIA -- Seen 5/8, 5/10 at Percha Dam SP (DM).

DICKCISSEL -- 1 at Santa Fe 5/14-16 (PI); no details. 1 at Black R. 4/23 (JE).

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- breeding: 2 nests with eggs (1 with a cowbird egg) on Jornada in late May (KZ).

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW-- 1 at Bitter L. 4/14 (PI+). Seen by many at Rio Grande Nature Center in spring.

SWAMP SPARROW -- 1 at Zuni 5/24 (JT); 2 at Percha Dam SP 5/1 (DM).

HARRIS' SPARROW -- 1 at Socorro 1/6 to 5/3 (PB). Seen at Rio Grande Nature Center in spring.

BOBOLINK -- 1 male at Socorro 5/17 (PB).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK -- Singles singing at San Simon Cienega 4/11 and 5/22 (JH).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE -- 1 migrating male at McGregor Range 4/10 (RH). 2 near Moriarty 3/31 (PI+); moving into new area. 2 to 6 in Blackrock L. area of Zuni 4/24-5/26 (TR). 2 at Dulce 5/5 (DS).

COMMON GRACKLE -- 16 (early) in Moriarty area 3/31 (PI+); 1 at Zuni 4/8 (JT).

BRONZED COWBIRD-- At Las Cruces feeder 5/22, 27 (EW); 1 female at Durling's Farm (BZ, SW).

ORCHARD ORIOLE -- A male at Aguirre Springs 5/29 (BZ).

NORTHERN ORIOLE -- 1 of Baltimore race at Bitter L. 5/10 ((HM+)....Bullock's race in Truth or Consequences included male 4/12, an early arrival; 5 males, 1 female 4/28, and 3 males, 3 females and several young 5/6 to 5/31 (DM).

SOOTY ORIOLE -- 2+ birds of both sexes at hummingbird feeders in Pajarito area of Los Alamos 5/5-31 (Maxine Lewis). Pair and 3 additional males 5 mi. se. of White Rock 6/5 (JDM, BL). 1 at Bosque village 4/29, unusual for MRGV, but 2 or 3 others heard during spring (WH). 1 male, first of season, at Las Cruces 4/8 (EW). 1 male in Corrales area 5/6 (WE).

LESSER GOLDFINCH -- Several in Clayton area 5/9, 13, 14, 15 (Neland Gray+).