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FROM THE EDITORS:

A relatively small contingent of determined birders continues to build up our knowledge of the avifauna of sparsely populated New Mexico (fifth in area with 121,666 square miles, but only 1.3 million people). Discoveries and new data come from little-visited remote areas as well as this dry state's handful of watery places which attract concentrations of birds and those who watch them.

Specifically, the summer brought first indications of breeding -- Wood Ducks in the lower Rio Grande Valley, and a New Mexico first for the American Goldfinch. There was also the first summer sighting of a Field Sparrow. The Buff-collared Nightjar, and Magnificent and Lucifer Hummingbirds, showed up well away from normal locales. And the Black-shouldered Kite made its third confirmed state appearance.

Weather displayed its usual variety -- very wet in Los Alamos, normal moderate precipitation in Albuquerque, and a very dry summer in the Gila Valley, leading to 350 small forest fires and worry about winter food for seed eaters.

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LOCALITIES AND THEIR COUNTIES IN THIS ISSUE:

abbreviations and symbols in text:

BBS -- Breeding Bird Survey	SGR -- State Game Refuge
L. -- Lake	R. -- River
Mt. (Mts.) -- Mountain(s)	SP -- State Park
NM -- National Monument	
N. M. -- New Mexico	* -- details provided
NP -- National Park	** -- photograph
NWR -- National Wildlife Refuge	*** -- specimen
Alamogordo -- Otero	Carlsbad -- Eddy
Albuquerque -- Albuquerque	Cedar Crest -- Bernalillo
	Ceniza -- McKinley
Bell L. -- Lea	Cherry Creek -- Grant
Bitter L. NWR (Bitter L.) -- Chaves	Clayton, Clayton L. -- Union
Black Range -- Grant	Cliff -- Grant
Bosque del Apache NWR (Bosque	Cloudcroft -- Otero
NWR) -- Socorro	Cochiti L., Pueblo -- Sandoval
Burn L., Las Cruces -- Doña Ana	Conchas L. -- San Miguel

Doña Ana Mts. -- Doña Ana  
 El Rito -- Rio Arriba  
 El Vado L. -- Rio Arriba  
 Fort Union -- Mora  
 Fort Wingate -- McKinley  
  
 Gage -- Luna  
 Gallup -- McKinley  
 Gila R. -- Grant, Catron, Hidalgo  
 Grants -- Cibola  
 Grenville -- Union  
 Guadalupe Canyon -- Hidalgo  
  
 Heron L. -- Rio Arriba  
 Hopewell L. -- Rio Arriba  
 Jemez Mts., R., Springs -- Sandoval  
  
 Laguna Grande -- Eddy  
 L. McMillan -- Eddy  
 La Luz -- Otero  
 Largo Creek, s. of Quemado --  
   Catron  
 Los Alamos -- Los Alamos  
 Los Lunas -- Valencia  
 Loving -- Eddy  
  
 Magdalena Mts. -- Socorro  
 Mangas Springs -- Grant  
 Maxwell NWR -- Colfax  
 McGaffey L. -- McKinley  
 McMillan Campground -- Grant  
 Mimbres R., Valley -- Grant, Luna  
 Moriarty -- Torrance  
  
 Oasis SP -- Roosevelt  
 Old Refuge, Las Cruces -- Doña Ana  
  
 Otis -- Eddy  
  
 Pancho Villa SP -- Luna  
 Peloncillo Mts. -- Hidalgo  
 Percha Dam SP -- Sierra  
 Piños Altos (town, Mts.) -- Grant  
 Pleasanton -- Catron  
 Polvadera Mts. -- Socorro  
 Quemado -- Catron  
  
 Randall Davey Audubon Center, Santa  
   Fe -- Santa Fe  
 Randall's Pool -- Doña Ana  
 Rattlesnake Springs -- Eddy  
 Rodeo -- Hidalgo  
 Roswell -- Chaves  
  
 Salt Lakes -- Eddy  
 San Cristobal -- Taos  
 Sandia Mts., crest -- Bernalillo  
 San Simon Cienega -- Hidalgo  
 Santa Fe -- Santa Fe  
 Signal Peak -- Grant  
 Silver City -- Grant  
 Sycamore Canyon -- Grant  
  
 Truchas Peak -- Rio Arriba, Mora  
 Trujillo -- San Miguel  
 Truth or Consequences -- Sierra  
 Turkey Mts. -- Mora  
  
 Watrous -- Mora  
 White Sands NM -- Otero  
 Zuni Reservation (Zuni for short)  
   -- McKinley

#### SPECIES ACCOUNTS

CLARK'S GREBE -- 1 immature, probably of this species, at Bosque NWR 6/24 (RT+).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- 3 at Bitter L. through 6/21 (KW) and 3 at L. McMillan 6/13 (WH) were late.

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- breeding: Probably nested at Jemez Canyon Reservoir, where birds and nest platforms were discovered (GH, WH); observed from 3/23 into early August....1 at Bitter L., through 6/21 and 1 there 7/30 (KW); 1 at L. McMillan 6/13 (WH).

LEAST BITTERN -- 1 at Bosque NWR 6/24 (RT).

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- Crippled individual at Bitter L. 7/13-19 (KW).

WOOD DUCK -- breeding: First-ever confirmation of breeding in lower Rio Grande Valley was provided by a female with 8 young at Percha Dam SP on 6/17 (BO, TH) and another female with 10 young at Randall's Pool 6/30 (Dave Weinstein).... Breeding also was indicated by a female with two immature males at Bosque NWR 7/30 (Jean & Dick Hoffman).

COMMON MERGANSER -- A female at L. McMillan 6/13 (WH) provided the second summer record there.

BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE -- unusual: 1 subadult at Old Refuge 7/28-8/1\*\* (EW+) was the third confirmed sighting for New Mexico.

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- unusual: A vagrant near Cliff 6/23 (RF). Breeding: Common in Roswell in June and July, with active nests (KW, PL).

BALD EAGLE -- unusual: Late bird at Maxwell in July (WM).

COMMON BLACK HAWK -- breeding: Adult with chick in Sycamore Canyon 6/23 (RF).

SWAINSON'S HAWK -- 1 adult near Hopewell L. 6/22 over montane meadows interspersed with coniferous forest at over 9,500 feet. May indicate nesting pair (JH).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK -- breeding: 2 adults and 1 immature near Los Alamos 7/1-22 (BL)...1 in Guadalupe Canyon 6/9, with sketchy details (JD).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK -- A pair near Quemado 7/9-10 (WH) may have bred about 10 miles north of there, near the southwest limit of their breeding range.

WHITE-TAILED PTARMIGAN -- breeding: Broods observed in Truchas Peak area 7/11 (Martin Frenzel) and 7/14 (Richard Berry), suggesting that transplants from several years ago have become established.

WILD TURKEY -- breeding: Bred in the Clayton area (WC); 2 broods of the Gould's race found in the southern Peloncillo Mts. (fide Sanford Schemnitz). ...1 at San Cristobal 6/16 (PI); 5 in Jemez Mts. 6/3 (MS); 3 along Signal Peak Road 7/21 (RF).

NORTHERN BOEWHITE -- 4 or 5 at Conchas L. SP 6/15 (PSt) were near the west edge of their range. Birds at Roswell 7/29 (Elmer Schooley) and near Bitter L. 7/20-8/2 are suspected of being transplants (KW).

SCALED QUAIL -- Present at Pancho Villa SP 6/4-6 (DM).

GAMBEL'S QUAIL -- Otero County records were 2 at Cottonwood Canyon 6/14 (Robert & K. Jenness), 2 at Shadow Mt. camp in June (J. Hudson), and 2 in La Luz Canyon 7/6 (W. Felton). Two reported on Cerro Verde BBS.

VIRGINIA RAIL -- 4+ at Quemado L. 7/3-4 (JH); present at Bitter L. all summer (KW); at Mangas Springs at least through 7/14 (RF).

SORA -- 2+ at Quemado L. 7/3-4 (JH); at Bitter L. all summer (KW), and at Mangas Springs at least through 7/14 (RF).

COMMON MOORHEN -- breeding: A downy chick at Bosque NWR 6/24 (RT).

AMERICAN COOT -- 10+ e. of Grants 7/3 (JH); possibly nested at Mangas Springs (RF).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- Singles at Bitter L. 6/1-14 (KW) and near White Sands NM 7/31 (Jean & Dick Hoffman).

LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER -- 1 at Bitter L. 6/1-14 (KW).

SEMPALMATED PLOVER -- 1 at Bitter L. 7/13 (PL).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- 6 e. of US285 near Tres Piedras provided signs (JH) of possible breeding. More definitely, 3 pairs nesting near Clayton this season (WC). 30-50 at sod farm n. of Los Lunas 6/18 (RT), with smaller numbers 6/24 and 26. 20 at Green Chaparral Turf Ranch near Moriarty 7/30 (WH).

CALIFORNIA GULL -- 1 at El Vado L. 6/21 (PSt); 1 at Dry L. near Fort Union 6/21 (RPx, SP); 6 at Heron L. 6/22-23 (JH).

LEAST TERN -- Present during summer at Bitter L., with maximum of 6 (KW); PL saw 6 there, including 2 juveniles, on 7/13.

BAND-TAILED PIGEON -- As many as 35 daily, high for the area, were seen at Cedar Crest in June and early July (GH, DL). Present on campus of Western New Mexico University were 9 on 6/1 and 5, up to 30 on 7/3 (D&MZ).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- breeding: A first for Roswell was a pair nesting at New Mexico Military Institute 5/28-6/14 (KW).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- unusual: 4 at Conchas L. 6/15 (PSt), 1 at Alamogordo 6/22 (WB), 2 at Mangas Springs 6/29 (RF) and 1 e. of Carlsbad 6/16 (WH).

COMMON BARN OWL -- unusual: 1 heard at Santa Fe 7/27 (JH).

NORTHERN PYGMY OWL -- breeding: 2 adults and 3 juveniles \*\* in Sandia Mts. 6/25-27 (Wendy Aeschliman, E. P. Ellison).

BUFF-COLLARED NIGHTJAR -- unusual: Reported calling in Doña Ana Mts. 6/12-13 (Linda & Paul Seibert); well north of normal range....2 to 3 responded to taped calls at 11:30 p.m., and were heard at 4:30 a.m. (JD) in Guadalupe Canyon, a normal locale. But birds of other species are known to respond to taped calls of the Buff-Collared, creating confusion.

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT -- breeding: 2 nest sites, 1 with young, in Doña Ana Mts. 6/1 (LS).

VIOLET-CROWNED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 in Guadalupe Canyon 6/16 (HO, TH), continuing the records of this species there.

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD -- unusual: 2 e. of Cloudcroft in June (N. Dobbins); well away from normal range.

LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD -- unusual: A female or immature in the Silver City area 7/27-29 (Jerry & Nancy Strickling; photo by RF).

BELTED KINGFISHER -- Pair present all summer at Randall's Pool, where there have been no nest records for at least 10 years (BZ+).

ACORN WOODPECKER -- breeding: Since mid-April, a pair had repeatedly entered one of the nest cavities in a ponderosa storage tree in Pueblo Canyon, Los Alamos. On 6/23 they were seen there with an immature bird. (BL)

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- 1 at Ft. Union Ranch 6/10 (RPx, SP). The number of N.M. reports of this species has declined over the last 5 years.

RED-NAPED SAPSUCKER -- breeding: Adult with young at McGaffey nest 6/23 (AS).

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER -- breeding: Pair entered nesting cavity in aspen at American Spring, Los Alamos County, on 7/2 (BL).

STRICKLAND'S WOODPECKER -- unusual: 1\* at Alamogordo 6/20 (Gerri Smith) was far east of expected range....1 at Clanton Draw in Peloncillo Mts. 6/7 (BO).

NORTHERN BEARDLESS TYRANNULET -- 2 (a pair?) in Guadalupe Canyon 6/18 (BO, TH).

LEAST FLYCATCHER -- 1 banded at Bell L. 6/1 (WH).

DUSKY FLYCATCHER -- 2 singing at Heron l. 6/22-23 (JH).

GRAY FLYCATCHER -- breeding: Pair with nearly completed nest 6/1 on Bear Mountain nw. of Silver City; female incubating or brooding 6/27, with male near by (D&MZ).

BLACK PHOEBE -- 6 at Zuni, many for there, on 7/2 (JT).

DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER -- breeding: 2 at nest with young in Guadalupe Canyon 6/18\*\* (BO, TH).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER -- breeding: 2 at nest cavity in Los Alamos Canyon 6/28 (BL).

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD -- breeding: Pair with fledged young at Rattlesnake Springs 6/3-7/3 (WH)....3 near Grenville 6/16 (KS) and 4 at Trujillo Canyon 6/15 (JH) were near the periphery of their range.

THICK-BILLED KINGBIRD -- A normal complement of up to 3 pairs were in Guadalupe Canyon 6/9-19 (JD, BO, TH).

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- 3 at Oasis SP, where species occurs irregularly, on 7/13 (PL).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- Up to 30 pairs with 20 nestlings banded e. of Laguna Grande.... One at Otis 6/13 and an adult male at Carlsbad 6/13 (WH).

PURPLE MARTIN -- Up to 6 at Willow Spring Campground in upper Pecos Valley 6/14-16 (RT). Regular but very local here.

TREE SWALLOW -- breeding: Pairs, probably breeding, were at Clayton L. 6/12 (KS) and at Quemado L. 7/3-4 (JH).

BARN SWALLOW -- breeding: Nested at Pleasanton (JH). 8 at Rodeo 6/10 (RS) and 19 at Gage 6/2 (BH) were probably nesters in an area where breeding is only very local.

CLIFF SWALLOW -- breeding: With 61 nests on the Mississippi St. underpass in Silver City by 7/31, hatching had begun (D&MZ).

STELLER'S JAY -- breeding: 2 nests with 2 young each in ponderosa at 6,600 feet, in Pueblo Canyon 6/17 and in Bayo Canyon 6/18, Los Alamos County (BL).

PINYON JAY -- breeding: 5+, including fledglings, at junction of Mimbres R. and McKnight Creek 6/10 (JH).

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER -- 12 in one flock at summit of Turkey Mts. 6/10 (RPx, SP).

COMMON RAVEN -- breeding: Adult, 2 fledglings at Quemado l. 7/3 (WH).

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE -- Several in riparian woodland along Largo Creek s. of Quemado 7/8 (WH).

BRIDLED TITMOUSE -- 9 to 11 in Guadalupe Canyon 6/9 (JD).

PLAIN TITMOUSE -- 1 in Trujillo Canyon 6/15 (JH).

VERDIN -- 4 n. of Alamogordo all summer (S. & M. Turner); 1 at Bell L. 6/1 (WH).

PYGMY NUTHATCH -- 1 n. of Quemado in junipers at 6,800 feet was passing through 7/8 (WH).

CACTUS WREN -- breeding: Adult carrying food to nest in Gila Valley 6/10 (PI). ...unusual: 1\* at Cochiti L. 6/7 (PSt) was north of normal range.

BEWICK'S WREN -- breeding: Nest at Clayton, date not stated (WC).

HOUSE WREN -- breeding: 10+, including some fledglings, at the Cooney place along upper Mimbres R. 7/6 (JH).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- breeding: Nested n. of Silver City in June (Jim Moons, fide RF)....5 at Zuni 6/30 (JT), present in Magdalena Mts. 6/1-2 (JS).

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER -- 2 on 6/18 at San Simon Cienega, where rare (LS).

WESTERN BLUEBIRD -- breeding: Pair feeding young at nest cavity at Cherry Creek 6/8 (PI).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- 1 at Cedar Crest 7/8 (GH).

GRAY CATBIRD -- unusual: 1 at Bitter L. 6/7 (KW) was probably a late spring migrant. Not known to nest in Pecos Valley s. of the northern highlands.

SAGE THRASHER -- 2 at Zuni 6/1 and 3 on 6/3 (JT, TR).

BENDIRE'S THRASHER -- 2 on Valencia BBS, 8 on Cerro Verde BBS, 2 at San Simon Cienega 6/18 (LS).

CRISSAL THRASHER -- 2 in San Lorenzo Canyon, Polvadera Mts., 7/6-7 (JS).

PHAINOPEPLA -- breeding: Up to 12 in area of Western New Mexico University at Silver City, with males arriving from 5/24 and females from 6/11; 2 nests found (1 that was damaged was replaced), and 1 fledged 1 young on 7/11 (D&MZ). ...7 in La Luz Canyon 7/20 (J. McNelly), and 8 in Gila Valley 6/10 (PI).

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE -- 1 on 6/2 at Zuni (JT), where breeding is unproved.

BELL'S VIREO -- 1 at Mangas Springs 6/25, 29 (RF); 8+ in Guadalupe Canyon 6/9 (JD).

GRAY VIREO -- 2 on 6/2 and 4 on 6/30 at Zuni (JT); 2 n. of Quemado 7/8-10 (WH).

SOLITARY (plumbeus) VIREO -- 2 singing in Trujillo Canyon 6/15 (JH), at the eastern breeding limit in the state; 4 singing at Largo Creek, s. of Quemado, 7/8 (WH).

WARBLING VIREO -- breeding: Nest found at Zuni 6/30 (JT).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- breeding: Adult tending fledgling in Los Alamos County 7/2 (BL)...5 on Cebolla BBS; 1 carrying food at Largo Creek, 8 miles s. of Quemado, on 7/8 (WH) was at an unusually low elevation for the species in summer.

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER -- 2 at Trujillo Canyon 6/15 (JH); 6 at Largo Creek 7/8 (WH).

YELLOW WARBLER -- 35 at Zuni 6/4 and 14 on 6/29 (JT); 9 on Cebolla BBS; 1 at Randall Davey Audubon Center 7/13 (PI); scolding female at Mangas Springs 6/29 (RF).

YELLOW-RUMPED (Audubon's) WARBLER -- breeding: Pair at nest feeding cowbird 6/9 on Signal Peak Road (PI)...Records at low elevations were 1 on Largo Creek 7/8 (WH), 2 at Quemado L. 7/3-4 (JH), and 1 at Cooney place on upper Mimbres R. on 7/6 (JH).

GRACE'S WARBLER -- Most abundant warbler at Cherry Creek and McMillan Campground 6/8-9 (RF).

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT -- 10 to 12 pairs at Mangas Springs (RF).

WILSON'S WARBLER -- 1 at Zuni 6/1 (JT).

RED-FACED WARBLER -- Second most common warbler at Cherry Creek and McMillan Campground 6/8-9 (RF); 5+ at Cooney place, upper Mimbres R., 7/6 (JH).

PAINTED REDSTART -- 2 in Black Range 6/8 (PI); 1 at Cooney place 7/6 (JH).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT -- 5 pairs at Mangas Springs (RF).



OLIVE WARBLER -- 3 on 6/8 at upper Cherry Creek and 3 others 6/9 (PI); 1 on Signal Peak Road 7/13 (RF).

HEPATIC TANAGER -- breeding: 3 nests in ponderosa, 2 in Los Alamos Canyon 6/28 and 7/5, and 1 in Pueblo Canyon 7/7, all in Los Alamos (BL). Adults on or close to nests....1 in Turkey Mts. 6/11 (RP, SP) near eastern limit of range.

WESTERN TANAGER -- breeding: 2 nests in ponderosa -- 1 in Los Alamos Canyon 6/3 and 1 in Pueblo Canyon 6/14, all in Los Alamos (BL).

NORTHERN CARDINAL -- Pair at Truth or Consequences up to 7/4 (DM); pair at Randall's Pool all summer (BZ, JDo).

BLUE GROSBEAK -- In unaccustomed locales, 2 all summer near Los Alamos (BL), 1 at Cedar Crest 7/10 (GH), and 2 or 3 singing near Quemado 7/8-10 (WH).

LAZULI BUNTING -- unusual: 1 singing at Mangas Springs 6/29 (DZ).

VARIED BUNTING -- 2 males, 1 female in Guadalupe Canyon 6/9 (JD).

PAINTED BUNTING -- A singing male e. of Laguna Grande 6/16 and 2 se. of there 6/26 (WH) may be first local records.

DICKCISSEL -- 2 singing males at El Rito 6/22 (D&SH), 2 singing near Grenville 6/16 (KS), and 1 singing 2 miles ne. of Watrous 6/20-21 (RPx, SP).

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE -- 1 near Alamogordo 6/15 (Otero County Bird Club).

BROWN TOWHEE -- breeding: Nesting 8 miles e. of Loving Salt Lakes 6/14 in untypical habitat (WH).

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- 3 singing males and 1 female 10 miles n. of Quemado 7/8-10 (WH); a new location.

CHIPPING SPARROW -- Pair at Donaldson's farm, Doña Ana County, outside normal range, during June (BZ, JDo).

FIELD SPARROW -- unusual: 1 singing near Grenville 6/16 (KS) was first summer record for N.M.

SONG SPARROW -- breeding: Nesting in Pueblo Canyon, Los Alamos 6/6 (BL).

WESTERN MEADOWLARK -- 60 at Zuni 6/30 (JT); 1 on Rodeo BBS was unusual (RS).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK -- 3 at Zuni 6/3 and 1 on 7/2 (JT); 54 on Rodeo BBS.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- 60 at Zuni 6/30 (JT); singing at Las Vegas NWR 6/15 (JH); 4 at Quemado L. 7/3-4 (JH); at Bitter L. through 6/21 and after 7/20 (KW).

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD -- breeding: Nested at Los Alamos shopping center (BL)... 45 at Zuni 7/2 (JT), 50 at Quemado L. 7/3-4, 12 on Gage BBS, 1 in La Luz Canyon 6/15 (Otero County Bird Club).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE -- breeding: Small colonies at Fort Wingate sewer ponds and at Ceniza (AS); young heard e. of Grants 7/3 (JH)...1 at Zuni 6/1-3 (JT); female carrying food at Quemado L. 7/3-4 (JH).

COMMON GRACKLE -- breeding: Bred at Clayton (WC) and at Fort Union Ranch (RPx, SP). ...4 at Grenville BBS, 5 at Watrous 6/15 (JH), present at Gallup and Ceniza (AS).

BRONZED COWBIRD -- Pair on campus of Western New Mexico University, Silver City, all summer (RF); at Pancho Villa SP 6/4-6 (DM).

ORCHARD ORIOLE -- breeding: Pair nested 3 miles e. of Laguna Grande, carrying food to nest 6/8 (WH).

ORCHARD x HOODED ORIOLE -- Hybrid mentioned in spring account was still paired with female Hooded Oriole at Rattlesnake Springs on 7/2 (WH).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE -- breeding: Confirmed at Zuni (JT)...1 at Trujillo Canyon 6/15 (JH); pair and 3 other singing males 4 to 9 miles e. of Laguna Grande 6/1-17 (WH, JB). This species almost certainly breeds sparsely throughout the WIPP area, and has been recorded there occasionally in past years (JB). 1 at San Simon Cienega 6/18 (LS).

RED CROSSBILL -- 10+ in Santa Fe 6/3 (JH).

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL -- Possible birds of this species included 1 in Santa Fe 6/3 (JH) and 2 at near-by Lake Peak 7/29 (William Eley, Greg Schmitt).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- unusual: An adult pair and a juvenile at Zuni 7/2 (JT) provided the strongest evidence to date that the species may breed in N.M.