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FROM THE EDITORS:

One of our editors said the remarkable aspect of this spring, ornithologically, was that it was routine: "Birds arrived and were reported about on schedule," with few unusual sightings. The early part of the season was exceptionally dry, but May rainfall reduced the deficit.

Actually, there were some prizes: The second documented New Mexico record of a Brown Pelican, and the sighting of as many as four Black-shouldered Kites in the southwest (only five previous reports in the state). And there were first local records of a number of species.

The annual spring count of migrating raptors, staged in the Sandias from February 11 through May 9, yielded 3,129 birds of 16 species, up 11.4% from the 2,806 and 14 species of 1985. The biggest day was April 5, with 482 birds. Here is the tabulation, minus 83 not identified as to species:

	--Peak--				---Peak---		
	Total	Date	No.		Total	Date	No.
Turkey Vulture	823	4/5	353	Zone-tailed Hawk	2	twice	1
Osprey	24	4/14	4	Red-tailed Hawk	242	4/10	16
Bald Eagle	38	2/24	9	Ferruginous Hawk	8	3/13	4
No. Harrier	59	4/15	14	Rough-legged Hawk	2	twice	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	481	4/17	63	Golden Eagle	435	4/20	23
Cooper's Hawk	709	4/5	69	American Kestrel	128	4/15	25
No. Goshawk	15	3/22	2	Merlin	2	twice	1
Broad-winged Hawk	2	twice	1	Peregrine Falcon	18	twice	2
Swainson's Hawk	31	4/6	6	Prairie Falcon	27	3/6	3

SPRING BIRD COUNTS IN NEW MEXICO:

	Date	Compiler	No. of Observers	Species	Total	Abbrev. in Text
Espanola Big Day Count (Sangre de Cristo Audubon Society)	5/11	W. Burton Lewis	7	60	1,345	Esp. Ct.
Farmington Spring Count (Four Corners Bird Club)	5/10	Alan Nelson	14	101	5,549	Farm. Ct.
Gila Valley Spring Migration Count and Big Bird Bash (Southwest N.M. Audubon Society and N.M. Audubon Council)	5/3	Ralph Fisher	42	139	--	Gila Ct.
Otero County Bird Club Spring Bird Census	5/4-5	Robert Jenness	--	145	3,658	OCBC Ct.

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LOCALITIES AND THEIR COUNTIES IN THIS ISSUE:

abbreviations and symbols in text:

L. -- Lake	R. -- River	
Mt. (Mts.) -- Mountain(s)	SP -- State Park	
NM -- National Monument	v. o. -- various observers	
N.M. -- New Mexico		
NP -- National Park	* -- details provided	
NWR -- National Wildlife Refuge	** -- photograph	
SCR -- State Game Refuge	*** -- specimen	

  

Alameda -- Bernalillo	Durling's farm -- Doña Ana	La Luz -- Otero
Alamogordo -- Otero	Eagle Nest -- Taos	Las Animas Creek -- Sierra
Albuquerque -- Bernalillo	Eldorado -- Santa Fe	Las Cruces -- Doña Ana
Artesia -- Eddy	Elephant Butte Dam, L. -- Sierra	Las Vegas -- San Miguel
	Espanola -- Rio Arriba	Las Vegas NWR -- San Miguel
Bandelier NM -- Sandoval, Los Alamos	Farmington -- San Juan	Little Walnut Creek -- Grant
Belen -- Valencia	Folsom Falls -- Union	Lordsburg -- Hidalgo
Bernardo -- Socorro	Fort Sumner -- De Baca	Los Alamos -- Los Alamos
Bitter L. NWR (Bitter L.) -- Chaves	Galisteo -- Santa Fe	Los Lunas -- Valencia
Black Rock Dam, Zuni -- McKinley	Gallup -- McKinley	
Bluewater L. -- Cibola, McKinley	Gila Cliff Dwellings -- Catron	Magdalena Mts. -- Socorro
Bosque village -- Valencia	Gila Hot Springs -- Grant	Maxwell NWR -- Colfax
Bosque del Apache NWR (Bosque NWR) -- Socorro	Gila R. -- Grant, Catron, Hidalgo	McGaffey L. -- McKinley
	Glenwood -- Catron	Mescalero -- Otero
	Guadalupe Canyon -- Hidalgo	Morgan L. -- San Juan
Caballo L., Dam -- Sierra		Mule Creek -- Grant
Cameron Creek -- Grant	Heron L. -- Rio Arriba	
Caprock -- Lea	Hobbs -- Lea	Navajo Dam -- San Juan
Chicosa L. -- Harding	Holloman L., Air Force Base (AFB) -- Otero	Nutria L. -- McKinley
Chuska L. -- San Juan	Hopewell L. -- Rio Arriba	Ojo Redondo -- Cibola
Clayton, Clayton L. -- Union		Percha Dam SP -- Sierra
Cliff -- Grant	Jackson L. -- San Juan	Pescado, Zuni -- McKinley
Clines Corners -- Torrance	Jicarilla Reservation -- Rio Arriba	Piños Altos -- Grant
Cloudcroft -- Otero	Juan Tabo Canyon, Sandia Mts. -- Bernalillo	Pleasanton -- Catron
Cochiti L., Pueblo -- Sandoval		Portales -- Roosevelt
	La Cueva -- Sandoval	Post Office Canyon -- Hidalgo
Dog Canyon -- Otero	L. McMillan -- Eddy	
Dry Cimarron Valley -- Union	L. Roberts -- Grant	Rattlesnake Springs -- Eddy

Redrock -- Grant	San Marcial -- Socorro	Tierra Amarilla -- Rio
Ribera -- San Miguel	San Simon Cienega --	Arriba
Rio Grande Nature Center,	Hidalgo	Tohatchi -- McKinley
Albuquerque -- Bernalillo	Santa Fe -- Santa Fe	Truth or Consequences
Rio Rancho -- Sandoval	Sena -- San Miguel	-- Sierra
Rodeo -- Hidalgo	Shady Lakes (in Alameda)	Tularosa -- Otero
	-- Bernalillo	Tyrone -- Grant
Sandia Mts. -- Bernalillo	Silver City -- Grant	
Sangre de Cristo Mts. --	Snyder L. -- Union	Weatherly L. -- Union
Santa Fe, Colfax, Taos	Socorro -- Socorro	White Sands NM --
San Juan Mts. -- Rio Arriba	Storrie L. -- San Miguel	-- Otero
San Juan R., Valley -- San		Yeso -- De Baca
Juan	Three Rivers -- Otero	Zuni Reservation (Zuni
		for short) -- McKinley

#### SPECIES ACCOUNTS

COMMON LOON -- Only in northwest, including first Farmington area record since 1970, 1 on Jackson L. 5/8, 10, 14 (AN). Other singles at Heron L. 4/16 (DSt), at Nutria L. No. 4 on 4/18 (JT), on Bluewater L. 5/10 (JT), and Chuska L. 5/6-20 (DC).

EARED GREBE -- A partial albino at Bitter L. 4/19 (RT).

CLARK'S GREBE -- Singles at Storrie l. 5/30 and Caballo L. 5/1 (RT). breeding: Second reported N.M. nesting of this species was at the upper end of Elephant Butte L., where on 5/10 DD counted 20 downy young. TMu also counted the 20 young there, along with 40 adults, on 5/16.

WESTERN GREBE -- RT counted 3 each at Storrie L. 5/30 and at Caballo L. 5/1. One at Bitter L. 5/26 (WH) was late.

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- Seen in the state from 3/3 to 5/3, including 33 at Heron L. 4/20 (DD), 5 on 3/3 at Weatherly L. and 14 on Snyder L. on 4/19 (WC), and 6 at Bluewater L. 5/3 (AS).

BROWN PELICAN -- unusual: A photograph of an immature bird at Bitter L. 5/29 provided the second documented record of the species for N.M. (L.Marlatt). A poorly detailed report placed another bird at Eagle Nest L. 5/16 (JC).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- 1 at Maxwell NWR 5/26 (CR). 400 birds and 200 nests were seen at the upper end of Elephant Butte L. 3/10-13 (Anmite Kotinek). 15 at Bitter L. 3/14 were the first of the year there (KW).

OLIVACEOUS CORMORANT -- 3 adults and 1 immature at Caballo L. 5/17 (JH).

AMERICAN BITTERN -- A first for Los Alamos County was 1\*\*\* found dead at Anchor Ranch Site 4/29 (BL, JRT, Bob Rohwer). Singles also seen at Zuni (JT) on 5/11 and near the Gila Cliff Dwellings on 5/3 (DS+).

LEAST BITTERN -- One near Cliff 5/3 (DHe) was in an area where not normally reported.

GREAT BLUE HERON -- breeding: A nest near Navajo Dam 4/10-5/10 (G. Downer) may have been the first for the San Juan Valley...Heronries continued to prosper in the Gila Valley, including at least 5 along the river and 1 at Glenwood (RF), with an estimated 100+ active nests in all. A small new colony was found 5/4 at Snow L. (PSt).

GREAT EGRET -- Singles at Zuni 5/21-27 (JT) and Alameda 4/24 (JP).

SNOWY EGRET -- Two at La Cueva 5/1 were the first there in about 15 years (MS).

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- Three were near Belen 4/29 (PSt), another near San Marcial 5/16 (TMu), and the only other sighting was 1 at Bitter L. 4/26 (KW).

TRICOLORED HERON -- One was at San Marcial 5/16 (DD) and another at Bosque NWR 5/24 (PB).

CATTLE EGRET -- Continued to widen its range during the spring, notably to the north and west. Records include 1 at Tohatchi 3/4 (DC), 5 at La Cueva 5/1 (MS), 5 at Cochiti L. 4/17 (F&RiS), and singles at Belen 4/30 (PSt) and Zuni Reservoir 5/11 (JT). In more regular sites to the south and east, there were sightings at Bosque NWR 3/7 (JS) and 4/19 (PI), San Marcial 5/25 (JH), Percha Dam SP and Caballo (DM), Tularosa (J&NHu), and 16 at Dog Canyon 4/6 (JM).

GREEN-BACKED HERON -- 1 at Sandia Park 4/3 and 5/2 for the first Sandia Mts. record (HS), and 1 at Zuni 5/21 (JT).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON -- 1 seen outside Lordsburg, where rare, on 4/25 (Bill Cavaliere).

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- Unusually high 80\*\* at Clayton 4/18 (WC).

SNOW GOOSE -- 1,500 still at Bosque NWR 4/9 (Ralph Fitz).

ROSS' GOOSE -- 1 with 2 Snow Geese at Holloman L. 4/17, 25 (JM), for probably the first Otero County record.

WOOD DUCK -- 7 at Farmington 5/10 may have been of captive origin (AN). 2 in Gila Valley 5/3 (Gila Ct.) and 2 pairs at Percha Dam SP (PSt, RT) 5/1 were late.

MALLARD (Mexican type) -- Out of range were a male with a typical Mallard female at Bluewater 1. 5/10 (JT) and a pair at Rattlesnake Springs 5/26 (WH). Other "Mexican" records included a hen with young near San Marcial (JH) 5/25, a pair at Cloverdale Cabin and near Gray Ranch headquarters in Hidalgo County 3/21 (SWi), and a male at Percha Dam SP 5/9 (DM).

REDHEAD -- 2 males and 3 females 5/25 near San Marcial (JH); 16 at Bitter L. 5/26 (KW) were late.

GREATER SCAUP -- Late and unusual was a male at Pescado Reservoir, Zuni, on 5/11, 22 (JT).

COMMON GOLDENEYE -- 2 at Jackson L. 5/8, 10 were late (AN).

HOODED MERGANSER -- A high count for the Santa Fe area was 8 seen 4/26 (LH). A single was at Little Walnut Creek 3/8 (BH).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- More regular than normal at Bitter L. in March and April, with as many as 11 present. Last seen was a hen 4/11 (KW).

TURKEY VULTURE -- An early bird in Rio Grande Valley n. of Albuquerque 3/2 (PSt).

OSPREY -- 1 in the Tohatchi-Chuska Mts. area 4/17 (DC); a high count of 12 on the Jicarilla Reservation 4/17 (DSt); 1 late at Zuni 5/27 (JT).

BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE -- unusual: Greatest number ever counted in N.M. were the up to 4 seen in the Rodeo-San Simon Cienega area 4/13-5/2 (Jack Goering+).

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- 1 at Old Refuge, Las Cruces, 5/4 (EW+); 2 at Bosque village 5/29 (WH).

BALD EAGLE -- A pair near Gila Hot Springs 4/16 were late (fide RF).

NORTHERN HARRIER -- 1 near Tularosa 5/16 (NHu). Late.

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- breeding: The nesting pair near Piños Altos, that once was believed to have been driven away by mining activity, had returned by 4/26 (RF).

COMMON BLACK HAWK -- breeding: 6 to 8 pairs breeding in lower Gila Valley (RF). ...1 immature near Bernalillo 5/11 (Lisa Daley, SH).

HARRIS' HAWK -- unusual: 1 near Alamogordo 3/5 (R&KJ).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- The singles 3/20 and 4/6 on the Sandias raptor count (John Daly+) were very early.

SWAINSON'S HAWK -- 1 or 2 s. of Clines Corners 3/23 (LH) and 1 near Roswell 3/30 (PSt) were early.

ZONE-TAILED HAWK -- breeding: Pair with female on nest in Sycamore Canyon, 4/26-5/10 (RF), and pair nesting near head of East Schoolhouse Canyon in May (Dusty Hunt, Dutch Salmon, fide RF); both localities in Gila Valley....Singles 4/10 and 20 on Sandias raptor count (John Daly+) were very early... "Numerous sightings [near Los Alamos], approaching Red-tailed Hawks in number." (BL)

FERRUGINOUS HAWK -- 1 near Alamogordo 5/15 (JM) was late.

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK -- unusual: 1 near Mule Creek turnoff up to 5/5 (SWi) was also late.

MERLIN -- The 2 singles seen 3/31 and 4/17 by the Sandias raptor watch (John Daly+), and 1 seen at Bosque NWR 3/7 (JS) were the only reports for spring.

RING-NECKED PHEASANT -- After seemingly low numbers in winter, the 47 on the Farm. Ct. were the second highest total ever recorded there.

BLUE GROUSE -- 1 in Sangre de Cristo Mts., Taos County, 5/26 (JT).

SAGE GROUSE -- 1 at Farmington 4/9, 5/26 (AN) and 5/27 (Helen Volkering) was of dubious origin, as the plumage was very worn and there are no recent records of the species in the area.

LESSER PRAIRIE CHICKEN -- 25 to 30 at Mescalero Sands, Chaves County, 4/20 (RT).

WILD TURKEY -- 13 at Zuni 4/16 (JT); 1 to 5 at Bosque NWR in April (LH, PI+); 10 at Alamogordo 4/29 (E. Johanson).

MONTEZUMA QUAIL -- 1 to 4 in Rodeo area 3/5 (RS); 2 in Guadalupe Canyon 5/8 (SWi).

SCALED QUAIL -- 2 at Tekapo, Zuni, 5/28 were the first there in some time (JT); 11 at Tohatchi 5/18 (DC); abundant at Coolidge 5/4+ (AS).

GAMBEL'S QUAIL -- 24 on Esp. Ct.; 60 at Three Rivers 3/29 (JM); 124 on OCBC Ct.

SANDHILL CRANE -- An unusual 3,143 were at Bitter L. 3/7, but the last there, 16 birds, were recorded 3/19 (KW).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- A single at Maxwell NWR on 5/26 (RT, PSt).

LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER -- unusual: Single bird in nonbreeding plumage seen in Albuquerque 4/28 (HS).

SNOWY PLOVER -- Bitter L.'s first of year were 6 on 3/14; peak was 230 on 4/11 (KW).

SEMPALMATED PLOVER -- Reported from Morgan L., where HL found 7 in late April, and from Clayton 4/27 (WC), Zuni 5/10, 12 (JT), and Bitter L.--4 on 4/18 (KW).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- 5 at Grasslands Turf Farm near Los Lunas 3/8 were early; 3 still there 5/1 (PSt, RT).

AMERICAN AVOCET -- Spring high was 402 at Bitter L. 4/18 (KW).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- Only<sup>3</sup> reports were occasional singles at Zuni 4/17-5/11 (JT), and 1 at Bitter L. 4/26 (KW).

WHIMBREL -- unusual: Rare in N.M., 2 at Bluewater L. 5/10 (JT).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- First spring sighting in Clayton area 4/5 (WC) and young were present 5/27 (PSt). Tularosa had 3 on 3/13, with up to 53 through 4/10 (J&Nht).

HUDSONIAN GODWIT -- unusual: Single in breeding plumage seen at Bitter L. 5/24 (CAH) and 5/26 (WH, KW).

MARbled GODWIT -- 27 at Clayton 4/27 (WC).

RUDDY TURNSTONE -- unusual: One at Tohatchi 5/10 (DC).

SANDERLING -- Spring sightings were 3 at Bluewater L. 5/11 (JT) and 12 at Caballo L. 5/17 (JH).

SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER -- Only report was 1 at Zuni sewage pond 5/11 (AS, JT).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- Infrequently reported in N.M. in spring. Two sightings this year: 2 at Chicosa L. 5/29 (RT, PSt); 15 at L. McMillan 5/26 (WH).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER -- 1 to 2 during season at Zuni (JT) and 6 at Tyrone Ponds 5/9 (RF). In southeast, where more regular, 10 at Holloman L. 4/20 (R&KJ).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- Up to 6 at Bitter L. 4/11-20 (KW, RT); only reports.

STILT SANDPIPER -- 5 at Caballo L. 5/17 (JH) was only sighting away from southeast. The 105 at Bitter L. 5/26 (WH) were a high number.

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- High totals were 2,200+ at Holloman L. 5/24, 27 (JM) and 1,392 at Bitter L. 5/2 (KW).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE -- Only two localities: Up to 24 at Zuni 5/9-27 (JT) and 9 at Bitter L. 5/26 (WH).

LAUGHING GULL -- unusual: First spring report for N.M. was 1 well described at Caballo L. 5/17 (JH).

FRANKLIN'S GULL -- Widespread, with high counts of 17 at Zuni 4/19 (JT), 13 at Clayton 4/14 (WC), 60 at Cochiti L. 4/17 (F&RIS), 80+ at Bosque NWR 4/19 (PI, PSn), and 50 at Holloman l. (R&KJ).

BONAPARTE'S GULL -- 1 to 4 at Zuni 4/17-5/5 and 1 at Bluewater L. 5/21 (JT); 1 at Bosque NWR 5/20 (Dst); 7 at Bitter L. 4/1 (PSt) and 2 there 4/6 (KW).



RING-BILLED GULL -- Common statewide. 2,435 at Bitter L. 3/14 fell to 140 by 4/18 (KW).

CALIFORNIA GULL -- 7 at Morgan L. 5/4 (AN); 5 in Zuni Mts. 4/16 (JT); 4 at Storrie L. 5/30 (Pst, RT); 4 at Caballo L. 5/17 (JH), and 1 at L. McMillan 5/26 (WH).

HERRING GULL -- 1 at Bitter L. 4/11 (KW) and 1 possible at Caballo 5/17 (JH).

CASPIAN TERN -- unusual: 1\*\* adult was at Caballo L. 5/17 (photo by JH), for the seventh report this decade in N.M.

FORSTER'S TERN -- Small numbers 4/11-5/26 from Zuni area (JT), Caballo L. (JH), Otero County (R&KJ, JM), and Bitter L. (KW, WH).

LEAST TERN -- Arrived at Bitter L. 5/12 (KW).

BLACK TERN -- Singles at Zuni 5/7, 12 (JT) and Ojo Caliente 5/12 (JT) were in unexpected areas. Most other sightings were also northern: 35 at Maxwell NWR 5/26 (CR), 10 at Storrie L. 5/30 (RT), and 28 at Bitter L. 5/26 (WH).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON -- 3 at Ojo Redondo 4/19 (JT) were early.

WHITE-WINGED DOVE --- breeding: Female of pair on nest at Percha Dam SP 4/3 and 5/5, 9; nest abandoned 5/10 (DM)...unusual: 1 was seen at Albuquerque for two weeks in mid-May (Jan DeMastro)...Up to 8 at feeder at once at Socorro March-May (JS), 8 to 10 at Truth or Consequences 4/20 and later (DM), and 2 to 3 daily at Alamogordo during the season (R&KJ). Now considered resident in all these localities except Albuquerque (see discussion in previous issue of Field Notes.)...1 at Mangas Springs was early for the southwestern migratory population (RF).

INCA DOVE -- breeding: A pair\*\* observed nesting 3/24 at Truth or Consequences later fledged at least 1 young (DM)...2 to 8 daily seen at Alamogordo during the season (R&KJ, JTa); species now appears to be resident.

COMMON GROUND DOVE -- unusual: 1 was in Post Office Canyon 5/28 (RS) for the second record at the Bioresearch Ranch in the Peloncillo Mts.

COMMON BARN OWL -- unusual: 2 in Dry Cimarron Valley 5/27 (Pst, RT); seldom reported from this area.

FLAMMULATED OWL -- 1 or 2 in Bandelier NM 2/23-5/2 (BL+).

GREAT HORNED OWL -- breeding: Pair at Shady Lakes 2/14+ (JP) for the sixth consecutive year.

SHORT-EARED OWL -- unusual: 1 on west side of Sandia Mts. 3/15 (Mark Amato) on Central N.M. Audubon Society field trip.

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL -- 9 on an owl census between Tierra Amarilla and Hopewell L. 5/23-24 (JT); 1 in Shoemaker Canyon 5/11 (AS, JT) for the second record in the Zuni Mts.

COMMON POORWILL --2 in Bandelier NM 2/29, 5/14 (BL+).

CHIMNEY SWIFT -- unusual: 2+ in Albuquerque 5/30-31 (SH, BO); west of usual range. Several near Socorro 3/1-2, 10 at Mescalero 3/4 and 25 near Alamogordo 3/6 (R&KJ) were early.

BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 in Guadalupe Canyon 3/27 (Arnold Moorhouse, David Sibley).

LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD -- First male reached Post Office Canyon, Peloncillo Mts., 3/27 and first female 4/3, with up to 12 individuals there through 5/31 (RS).

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- unusual: 1 in Silver City 5/7 (RF); seldom seen before late summer.

COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- A male and a companion, probably a female, at Redrock 4/12 (LH+). Third recent Gila Valley record.

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD -- Early single at Pleasanton 3/5 (SWi).

RUFUS HUMMINGBIRD -- Singles in Post Office Canyon 4/2 (RS) and at L. Roberts 5/8 (Tide RF) were unusual for those places and dates.

LEWIS' WOODPECKER -- unusual: 14 on Farm. Ct. was the highest recorded total for the area. 1 at Mule Creek 4/11 (D&EM) was s. of normal range.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- unusual: 1 at Tularosa 3/1 and 4/22 was the first w. of the Pecos Valley in 5 years.

ACORN WOODPECKER -- 1 or 2 at Zuni 4/15-5/29 (JT).

LADDER-BACKED WOODPECKER -- A male was nw. of the mouth of Bluewater Gorge (at the ne. periphery of the Zuni Mts.) 4/16 (JT); very local in Zuni area.

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER -- 5 along US-64 e. of Tierra Amarilla 5/24 (JT).

NORTHERN BEARDLESS TYRANNULET -- 4 in N.M. portion of Guadalupe Canyon 5/9 (SWi); high count.

LEAST FLYCATCHER -- 2 singing near Bernardo 5/29 (WH).

BLACK PHOEBE -- 1 on Farm.Ct., for 5th local record and 3rd appearance on count. 2 pairs in Los Alamos County 5/15, 19 (BL); first record for county. 4 in upper Pecos Valley (Ribera to Sena), where they have become regular (WE).

EASTERN PHOEBE -- breeding: Up to 4 pairs and a nest in lower Dry Cimarron Valley 5/27-28 (PSt, RT).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER -- 1 in Guadalupe Canyon 3/27 (Arnold Moorhouse, David Sibley). Early.

STELLER'S JAY -- Small numbers remained from the previous fall-winter lowland invasion into areas where they are not normally present: 5 in downtown Santa Fe 3/31-4/25 (JH), 13 at Alameda 3/2 (PI+), a few at the Rio Grande Nature Center 3/15 (RT), and 2 at Tularosa 4/10 (OCBC).

BLUE JAY -- 1 at Clayton 5/11 (WC, AK) was late.

PINYON JAY -- unusual: 12 in the Dry Cimarron Valley 5/27 (PSt, RT) were east of their usual range at a time when the species normally breeds in northern N.M.

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER -- An adult was feeding dependent young e. of McGaffey 4/20 (AS).

CHIHUAHUA RAVEN -- 1 s. of Belen 5/29 (WH) was n. of the species' usual range. Apparently still wintering were 4 at Yeso and 35+ at Portales 3/1-2 (JH).

COMMON RAVEN -- breeding: Nests in cliffs, with 1 or 2 young calling, were in Los Alamos and Ancho Canyons, Los Alamos County, 4/27-5/19 (BL)...Two birds 10 miles e. of Fort Sumner 3/1 were somewhat e. of range for that area (JH).

BUSHY TIT -- 45 on Gila Ct. was a high figure.

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- 1 in Espanola 3/16 (PI); none found in San Juan Mts. 5/24 (JT).

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- 1 at Clayton 3/7 (MM).

CACTUS WREN -- 4 at Bitter L. 3/23 (LH) and 1 30 miles e. of Roswell 4/19 (DL) were n. of range for the Pecos Valley.

SEDGE WREN -- 7 at Bitter L. 3/8 (DL) was a high count.

AMERICAN DIPPER -- unusual: 1 n. of Cliff along the Gila R. on the Gila Ct. was out of range and late.

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- 30 in San Juan Mts. 5/24 (JT); 1 at Randall Davey Audubon Center 4/26 (PI); 1 in Magdalena Mts. 3/4 (JS).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET -- 65 in San Juan Mts. 5/24 (JT).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- 1 at Socorro 4/29 (PB) was w. of usual range.

WESTERN BLUEBIRD -- 3 pairs in the Dry Cimarron Valley 5/27 (PSt, RT) were e. of normal habitat.

SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- unusual: 1 e. of Tierra Amarilla on US-64 (in San Juan Mts.) 5/24 (JT), and 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 5/26 (WH, GHR).

GRAY CATBIRD -- Singles at Clayton 5/12 (WC) and Bandelier NM 5/17 (PI+).

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD -- 234 on OCBC Ct. and 75, a new high, on Gila Ct.

SAGE THRASHER -- 1 to 3 at Zuni between 4/18 and 5/29 (JT); 1 in Sandia Mts. 4/19 (RT); 6 at White Sands NM 3/9 and 1 n. of Alamogordo 5/13 (JM).

BROWN THRASHER -- The wintering bird at La Luz Canyon remained through April (G&GF).

BENDIRE'S THRASHER -- 1 on Gila Ct. was second record for that event.

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER -- 1 at Zuni 4/18 (JT); the bird at Santa Fe remained through 3/13 (SBo).

CRISSAL THRASHER -- 1 at Tularosa 3/2 (R&KJ); 1 at White Sands NM 3/6 (JM).

WATER PIPIT -- 4 at Clayton 4/5 (WC); 30 at Gold Hill, Sangre de Cristo Mts. in Taos County, on 5/26 (JT).

CEDAR WAXWING -- Fairly numerous statewide. Late birds included 45 at Zuni 5/28 (JT) and 15 at Rattlesnake Springs 5/26 (WH).

PHAINOPEPLA -- 1 or 2 at Socorro between 4/15 and 5/18 (PB, JS); 1 at Bosque NWR 4/26 (PB); 1 at Three Rivers 3/31 (JM), and 2 at Tularosa 5/16 (Nhu).

BELL'S VIREO -- breeding: Fairly common in Guadalupe Canyon 5/7-9, including 1 nest with 3 young (SWi)....11 on Gila Ct.; 4 singing at Rattlesnake Springs 5/26 (WH).

GRAY VIREO -- 2 to 4 in Zuni area 5/6-11 and 1 to 3 there 5/21-29 (JT); arrived at Glenwood 4/6, with at least 6 in the area during season (BM).

SOLITARY VIREO -- 25 in Zuni Mts. 5/10 (JT).

WARELING VIREO -- Approaching the end of the migration period were 4 at Rattlesnake Springs 5/26 and 1 at Bosque Village 5/29 (WH).

RED-EYED VIREO -- Only report was 1 on Gila Ct.

TENNESSEE WARBLER -- 1 (no details) reported at Farmington around 5/10 (AN,HL).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- First arrival was 1 at Bosque NWR 4/20 (PI, PSn).

NASHVILLE WARBLER -- Singles at Zuni 4/18 (JT), at Rio Grande Nature Center 5/15 (PSt), in Juan Tabo Canyon 4/15 (HS), and at Rattlesnake Springs 5/26 (WH).

LUCY'S WARBLER -- 1 at Caballo L. 5/11 (RT, PB); singles at Redrock 4/12 and at Glenwood Fish hatchery 4/13 (LH).

NORTHERN PARULA -- 1 at Black Rock Reservoir 5/23 (JT); 1 reported at Hobbs 5/9 with no details (GP).

YELLOW WARBLER -- 2 arrivals at Glenwood 4/13 (LH); 18 still at Rattlesnake Springs 5/26 (WH).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER -- More reports than usual: A singing male at Rio Grande Nature Center 5/16 (RT); 1 at Durling's farm 5/11-12 (JDo, BZ), and, without details, 1 at Bandelier NM 5/17 (PI+) and 1 on Gila Ct.

MAGNOLIA WARBLER -- unusual: A male at Rio Grande Nature Center 5/15 (PSt). This is the 6th spring record and the 14th over-all for N.M.

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER -- "Good numbers" at Clayton (WC); 2 Myrtles at Zuni 5/5 (JT); 2 Audubon's at Rattlesnake Springs 5/26 and 2 at Bernardo 5/29 (WH).

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER -- Arrived in Zuni area 4/18 (JT); 1 at Alamogordo 4/8 (W&GB).

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER -- 1 female at Elephant Butte L. 5/22 (PSt) and 1 male at Percha Dam SP 5/1 (PSt). This species is scarce in N.M. in spring.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER -- unusual: 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 5/10 (DSt, SH) had yellow lores and was therefore of the southeastern race, Dendroica dominica dominica. This is the 6th state record for the species.

GRACE'S WARBLER -- First seen in the Sandias 4/11, 2 days earlier than the previous early date (HS).

AMERICAN REDSTART -- 1 at Bandelier NM 5/17 (PI+); 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 5/10 (DSt, SH).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- 4 at Zuni 5/5 and 1 there 5/22-23 (JT), 1 at Three Rivers 5/3 (Michael Turner), and 1 on OCBC Ct.

KENTUCKY WARBLER -- 1 reported with no details at Truth or Consequences 4/23 (DM). About the 16th record for the state.

MacGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER -- 6 at Rattlesnake Springs 5/26 (WH).

HOODED WARBLER -- unusual: A male 30 miles e. of Roswell 4/19 (DL); 1 reported at Hobbs 5/9, but with no details (GP, fide HS). There are now about 28 N.M. records, 16 of them in the spring.

WILSON'S WARBLER -- 12 still at Rattlesnake Springs 5/26 (WH).

RED-FACED WARBLER -- 1 in Magdalena Mts. 5/15 (JS); 2 in Gila National Forest 5/2 (RT, PST); 3 on OCBC Ct.

PAINTED REDSTART -- 1 on Gila Ct.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT -- 8 at Zuni 5/5 and 35 there 5/23 (JT); 5 on Esp. Ct.; 5 on OCBC Ct.; 32 on Gila Ct.

HEPATIC Tanager -- unusual: A male in the Dry Cimarron Valley was northeast of its normal range (5/29 -- PST, RT).

SUMMER Tanager -- 78 on the Gila Ct. was high.

WESTERN Tanager -- Singles at Bitter L. 4/15 and 30 miles e. of Roswell 4/19 (DL) were early.

NORTHERN CARDINAL -- 1 at Silver City in March was east of usual locale (D&MZ). Singing males at Mangas Springs 3/16 and Glenwood fish hatchery 3/23 (RF).

PYRRHULOXIA -- North of normal range were 3 at Three Rivers 3/29 (JM) and 1 near Caprock 4/19 (DL); season's last sighting in Post Office Canyon was on 3/21 (RS).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEEK - Of 9 sightings, all were from the Rio Grande Valley (Bandelier NM to Anthony, 4/21-5/28 v.o.) except the earliest at La Luz Canyon and the latest near Folsom Falls.

BLACK-HEADED GROSBEEK -- Early or first sightings: 1 at Santa Fe 5/8, 1 at Socorro 5/3 (JS), 1 at Alamogordo 4/24 (JTa) and 4 at Bitter L. 4/15 (KW).

BLUE GROSBEEK -- 4 at Bitter L. 4/15 (KW) were early, but not seen until 5/24, a late date, at Mangas Springs (RF).

LAZULI BUNTING -- 9 on Farm. Ct. and 13 on Esp. Ct.; 2 to 3 at Zuni 5/21-30 (JT), 2 at Bandelier NM 5/11 (PI+), a male along Three Gun Spring Trail in Sandias "with" a female Indigo 5/19 (BO); 2 at Corrales 5/15 (RR), and 1 at Holloman AFB 5/18 (JM).

INDIGO BUNTING -- 2 at Zuni 5/21-22 and 1 on 5/28 (JT); 2 at Holloman AFB 5/8 (JM).

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE -- First seen 4/26 at Rio Rancho, peak of 8 on 5/8, and last seen 5/19 (RR).

ABERT'S TOWHEE -- At Redrock, 2 on 4/12 (LH) and 7 on Gila Ct.

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- unusual: Spring song heard near Bernardo 5/29 (WH).... 2 at Bitter L. 4/13 (KW).

RUFUS-CROWNED SPARROW -- unusual: 1 singing in Ancho Canyon 5/5 (BL) was first ever for Los Alamos County and second for Jemez Mts.... 1 at La Luz Canyon 3/20 and 1 dead on 4/12 (R&KJ); 1 at Dog Canyon 4/6 (JM); 1 at Hornbuckle Hill, Otero County, 3/29 (W&GB), and 1 on OCBC Ct.

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW -- Only report was 1 at Española 3/16 (PI).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW -- 2 on OCBC Ct. (no details).

BREWER'S SPARROW -- Common in Sandia foothills and Albuquerque 4/22 to 5/16, often in full song (HS).

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW-- In Sandias, 2 at La Cueva picnic ground 4/19 (RT), 2 at Juan Tabo Canyon and 5 at Three Gun Spring Canyon 5/18 (PI, CR); 1 at Holloman AFB 3/25 (RJ, WB); 21 on OCBC Ct.

LARK SPARROW -- Arrival dates: 4/5 at Clayton (WC), 4/27 at Rio Rancho (RR).

BLACK THROATED SPARROW -- 1 singing near Galisteo (PI+); 2 singing at Truth or Consequences 3/15 (DM); 5 to 30 at Holloman AFB 5/13, 17-18 (JM).

SAGE SPARROW -- 1 in Embudito Canyon 3/21 (HS); uncommon in Sandias.

LARK BUNTING -- Singles w. of usual range: near Gallup 4/27 (AS) and near McGaffey 5/10 (JT). First arrival at Clayton 4/5 (WC).

FOX SPARROW -- 1 on 3/21 and 2 on 4/26 at Bitter L. (KW).

SONG SPARROW -- Single at Zuni 5/21 was a very late migrant (JT).

LINCOLN'S SPARROW -- 1 at Horseshoe Falls on Cameron Creek gathering nesting material 5/11 (RF). Far s. of usual breeding ground and very late for a migrant.

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW -- Only 4 reported; latest on OCBC Ct.

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW -- Very late migrants: 1 at Santa Fe 5/25 (PI), 3 at Rio Rancho 5/23 (RR), 3 at Las Cruces 5/20 (EW), 3 at Mangas Springs 5/26 (RF), 1 in Post Office Canyon 5/26-30 (RS).

HARRIS' SPARROW -- More reports than normal: 1 at Zuni 4/15 (JT); 1 at Santa Fe all season to 5/10 (SBo); 1 at Corrales 3/6 (JND, PP); 1 arrived at Socorro 2/13 in juvenile plumage and left 4/29 in almost adult plumage (PB); 1 at Pleasanton 4/16-17 and another 4/18-5/6 (Swi).

DARK-EYED JUNCO -- Slate-colored reports included 1 at Santa Fe 3/12 (PI), 1 at Shady Lakes on NMOS field trip 3/2, and 1 at Corrales 3/5 (PSt).

McCOWN'S LONGSPUR -- Only report, about 15\* at Bosque NWR 3/6 (John Taylor).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- 2 at Cochiti L. 3/3 (F&RIS) were early; singles near Tularosa 4/1, 14, 16, 21 (Nht).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE -- 25 on Farm. Ct., second highest for event: Some other reports: Zuni area 4/18-5/11 (JT); McGaffey 4/16 (JT); Santa Fe 3/10 (F&RIS); La Cienega 3/19 (Claudia Gayheart); Las Vegas 4/13 (PI+); Taiban, De Baca County, 3/2 (JH); Mangas Springs 4/22-5/4 and 12 in Silver City (RF).

COMMON GRACKLE -- Record high of 11 on Farm. Ct. First seen at Santa Fe 3/24 (LH) and 5+ singing there 4/20-25 (JH); 12 at Ribera 5/11 (WE); about 15 still in Socorro area 4/22 (JS).

BRONZED COWBIRD -- unusual: A male and 3 females at Rattlesnake Springs 5/25, possibly the first sighting of females there, and about the fourth local record (WH, GHR, CAH). The females were dark, suggesting the eastern Mexican race rather than the expected Arizona form...Pair at Truth or Consequences 5/25-27 (DM), and first spring sighting at Post Office Canyon was 5/12 (RS).

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD -- Early reports: 6 from Santa Fe to Moriarty 4/6 (PI+); the first of an eventual 150+ reached Truth or Consequences 4/14 (DM).

ORCHARD ORIOLE -- 1 singing at Artesia 5/26 (WH) was farther n. than usual.

HOODED ORIOLE -- Arrived at Mangas Springs 4/10 (RF); 1 in Guadalupe Canyon 3/27 (Arnold Moorhouse, David Sibley) was somewhat early.

ORCHARD x HOODED ORIOLE -- The apparent hybrid male returned to Rattlesnake Springs and was seen 5/25 (WH, GHR).

NORTHERN ORIOLE -- breeding: 2 females constructing nests at Sena 5/11 (WE)...  
First arrivals: Clayton 5/22 (WC), Socorro 5/3 (JS), males 4/21 and females 5/21 at Truth or Consequences (DM); Bitter L. 4/15 (KW). All Bullock's except Bitter L., which was unspecified.

SCOTT'S ORIOLE -- 1\* apparently of this species at Santa Fe 5/15-30(SBo); 1 at Dog Canyon 4/19 (OCBC)...Breeding: Fairly common on w. slope of Sandias, with 6 nests found (HS).

ROSY FINCH (Brown-Capped) -- Only report was 2 at Gold Hill (Sangre de Cristo Mts., Taos County) 5/26 (JT).

PURPLE FINCH -- unusual: A probable female\* seen with a female Cassin's Finch at Pleasanton 5/15-16 (SWi).

CASSIN'S FINCH -- All reports from foothill or montane areas. One singing in Santa Fe 3/21 (JH). Late sightings at Zuni 5/10 (JT), near Taos 5/25 (CR), Santa Fe 5/15 (PI) and Sacramento Mts. 4/22 (RJ, WB).

HOUSE FINCH -- 5+ singing at Portales 3/1-2 (JH).

RED CROSSBILL -- Only report was 1 in Zuni Mts. 4/16 (JT).

PINE SISKIN -- 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 5/26 (WH, GHR) was late.

LESSER GOLDFINCH -- Early 13 near Cochiti L. 3/13 (F&Ris).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- 1 in Post Office Canyon 5/19 (RS) was a first record. Late records: 5 at Zuni 5/27 (JT), 4 at Rattlesnake Springs 5/26 (WH).

EVENING GROSBEAK -- Breeding: Female carrying nest material in Sandias: 5/31 (WH, ED)...Winter influx still evident. Most reports from montane and foothill areas, including all season in Santa Fe (JH+) and Sandias (HS+). At lower elevations, 9 on Farm. Ct., up to 40 at Zuni 4/16-5/11 (JT), 25 on Esp.Ct., 10 near Corrales 5/15 (RR), 20 n. of Cliff on Gila Ct., and 20 in Three Rivers area 3/31 (JM).