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FROM THE EDITORS:

It was a stellar season for rarities. The state's first Rufous-backed Robin was confirmed by a photograph. Well-described Ruff and Smith's Longspur were rated as probable firsts for New Mexico. A possible White-tailed Hawk was the state's second credible sighting. And the long-sought evidence of Red Crossbill nesting in New Mexico has been found.

Steve West, of our editorial committee, points out that we have "relatively few birders...", so probably a number of things pass through the state undetected.... Be on the lookout for Ruffs, particularly in the fall and especially accompanying yellowlegs. Take another look." John Hubbard has made similar remarks about Mexican-based thrushes.

Steve also commented on the explosive growth statewide of Ardeid (heron family) and White-faced Ibis populations. This was underlined by discovery in Dona Ana County of a previously unreported staging area for huge numbers of southward migrants. Autumn rarities elsewhere included Red-necked Grebe, Caspian Tern, Black-billed Cuckoo, Elegant Trogon, and Yellow-throated, Black-throated Blue and Blackpoll Warblers. Black-shouldered Kites persisted in the southwest, Blue Jays staged an incursion in central and western areas, and Golden-crowned Kinglets abounded statewide. Above-average rainfall in the Albuquerque and Gila Valley areas led to ample crops of wild seeds, to the birds' benefit.

The autumn count of southward-migrating raptors crossing the Manzano Mts. hit a new peak. Conducted in 345 hours on 47 days from August 23 to October 12, about the same as in 1985, it tallied 3,469 birds, vs. 2,917 the year before. Total species stayed at 16 (no Bald Eagle, but Zone-tailed Hawk added). The tabulation, minus 128 not identified by species:

	--Peak--				---Peak---		
	Total	Date	No.		Total	Date	No.
Turkey Vulture	119	twice	9	Red-tailed Hawk	365	9/29	42
Osprey	12	9/19	2	Ferruginous Hawk	9	10/8	3
No. Harrier	31	twice	3	Zone-tailed Hawk	1	9/30	1
Sharp-shinned	1,114	9/29	152	Golden Eagle	53	twice	5
Cooper's	833	9/29	167	Am. Kestrel	731	9/29	215
No. Goshawk	12	9/15	2	Merlin	6	10/8	2
Broad-winged Hawk	2	twice	1	Peregrine Falcon	15	9/21	4
Swainson's Hawk	33	9/6	9	Prairie Falcon	5	10/8	2
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LOCALITIES AND THEIR COUNTIES IN THIS ISSUE:

abbreviations and symbols in text:

L. -- Lake
 MRCV -- Middle Rio Grande Valley
 Mt. (Mts.) -- Mountain(s)
 NM -- National Monument
 N. M. -- New Mexico
 NP -- National Park
 NWR -- National Wildlife Refuge
 SGR -- State Game Refuge

 Abiquiu -- Rio Arriba
 Aguirre Springs (Organ Mts.) -- Doña Ana
 Alamogordo -- Otero
 Albuquerque -- Bernalillo
 Animas -- Hidalgo
 Arrey -- Sierra

 Belen -- Valencia
 Bernardo -- Socorro
 (Bill) Evans L. -- Grant
 Bitter L. NWR (Bitter L.) -- Chaves
 Black Range -- Grant
 Black R. -- Eddy
 Bluewater L. -- Cibola, McKinley
 Bosque del Apache NWR (Bosque NWR) -- Socorro
 Bottomless L. SP -- Chaves
 Burro Mts. -- Grant

 Caballo L. (Dam) -- Sierra
 Carlsbad -- Eddy
 Carlsbad Caverns NP -- Eddy
 Cedar Crest -- Bernalillo
 Chama -- Rio Arriba
 Clanton Canyon -- Hidalgo

R. -- River
 SP -- State Park
 v. o. -- various observers

 * -- details provided
 ** -- photograph
 *** -- specimen

 Clayton, Clayton L. -- Union
 Cliff -- Grant
 Clovis -- Curry
 Cochiti L., Canyon, Pueblo -- Sandoval
 Columbus -- Luna
 Corona -- Lincoln
 Corrales -- Sandoval
 Costilla -- Taos

 Dog Canyon -- Otero
 Dry Cimarron Valley -- Union
 Durling's farm -- Doña Ana
 Elephant Butte L. -- Sierra
 El Pueblo -- San Miguel
 El Rito -- Rio Arriba
 Embudito -- Bernalillo
 Emory Pass, Black Range -- Grant
 Escondido -- Socorro
 Evans L. -- Grant

 Gila -- Grant
 Glenwood -- Catron
 Gray Ranch -- Hidalgo
 Guadalupe Mts. -- Eddy
 Hatch -- Doña Ana
 High Rolls -- Otero

Hobbs -- Lea
Holloman L. -- Otero
Jal -- Lea
Jemez Mts., R., Springs-- Sandoval
Juan Tabo Canyon -- Bernalillo
Kirtland -- San Juan

La Joya SGR -- Socorro
Las Vegas -- San Miguel
Lordsburg -- Hidalgo
Los Lunas -- Valencia
Los Ojos -- Rio Arriba
Loving -- Eddy

Madrone Ponds -- Valencia
Mangus Springs -- Grant
Manzano Mts. -- Torrance
Maxwell NWR -- Colfax
Mesilla -- Doña Ana
Mimbres R. -- Grant, Luna
Morgan L. -- San Juan

Navajo Dam -- San Juan
Nutria -- McKinley
Oak Creek -- Union
Old Refuge, Mesilla -- Doña Ana
Owen's farm -- Doña Ana

Peloncillo Mts. -- Hidalgo
Percha Dam SP -- Sierra
Pojoaque -- Santa Fe
Post Office Canyon, Peloncillo
Mts. -- Hidalgo
Randall Davey Nature Center --
Santa Fe
Randall's Pool -- Doña Ana
Rattlesnake Springs -- Eddy

Rio Costilla -- Taos
Rio Grande Nature Center --
Albuquerque, Bernalillo
Rockhound SP -- Luna
Rodeo -- Hidalgo

Sacramento L., Mts. -- Otero
Sandia Mts., Crest, Park --
Bernalillo
San Ildefonso Pueblo -- Santa Fe
San Juan Mts. -- Rio Arriba
San Simon Cienega -- Hidalgo
Santa Fe Baldy (Mt.) -- Santa Fe
Santo Domingo Pueblo -- Sandoval
Sierra Grande -- Union
Skeleton Canyon -- Hidalgo
Socorro -- Socorro
Stone L. -- Rio Arriba
Stubblefield L. -- Colfax
Sumner L. -- De Baca
Sycamore Canyon -- Grant

Three Rivers -- Otero
Truth or Consequences -- Sierra
Tucumcari -- Quay
Tularosa -- Otero
Vado Bosque -- Doña Ana
Vaughn -- Guadalupe

Wagon Mound -- Mora
Watrous -- Mora

Zuni Mts. -- Cibola, McKinley
Zuni Reservation (Zuni for short)
-- McKinley

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

COMMON LOON -- Reported from Cochiti L. and Jemez Canyon Reservoir 11/15-16 (CR, PST).

HORNED GREBE -- 2 at Jemez Canyon Reservoir 10/31 (Pst+), 1 at Sumner L. 11/15 (WH), 1 in basic plumage at Caballo L. 11/23 (KZ), 2 at Bitter L. 10/19 (PST).

RED-NECKED GREBE -- unusual: An immature reported and well detailed from Sandia Park 11/12 (PST). Rare in N.M.

EARED GREBE -- At Zuni in August; high was 75 on 8/11 (JT).

WESTERN GREBE -- breeding: Several with young at Maxwell NWR 8/6 (PST); up to 12 at Caballo L. 9/3, 28, including some young (BZ, GL, JDo)....1 at Fenton L. 11/3 (TH); 14 to 18 at Cochiti L. 9/18-10/14 and 1 there 11/2, 10, plus 8 at L. Sumner 11/15 (WE, WH); 2 at Evans L. 11/9 (RF).

CLARK'S GREBE -- 4 at Stubblefield L. 8/6 (PST); at least 15, including immatures, at Stone L. 9/17 (LHS); 100+ adults and some young at Elephant Butte L. 8/22 (TMu); Caballo L. reports were 3 on 9/3 (BZ), 4, including 2 young, on 9/28 (JDo, GL, BZ) and at least 20 11/9 (WE); 4 at Holloman L. 10/8 (LHS).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- Injured bird at Clayton 11/5 (WC), group of 46 at Zuni 10/5 (DC), 32 8/4 at Santa Fe R. outlet at Cochiti (LS), 150 to 180

flew over Manzano Mts. 9/30, headed south-southwest (JLD), 32 over Truth or Consequences 9/20 (Annita Kotinek), about 250 at Tularosa 10/5 (J&Nht), an early 25 at Bitter L. 8/18 (SW), and some along Black R. 10/20-24 (CP).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- 2 at Clayton 10/31 (WC); 2 on 8/25 and 1 on 8/27 (JM) at Holloman L., where infrequent.

OLIVACEOUS CORMORANT -- 1* at La Joya SGR 9/25 (WH) was north of usual range. 2 adults and 1 immature at Caballo L. 10/23 (DM).

AMERICAN BITTERN -- 1 below Elephant Butte 10/28 (DM).

GREAT BLUE HERON -- 1 at San Simon Cienega 11/6 (WH).

GREAT EGRET -- Unusual sightings were singles at Morgan L. 9/3, the second local record (AN), and at Cochiti L. 9/18, only the third in eight years of field work there by WH. Also one 8/11-12 at Zuni (JT), and, in Doña Ana County, 5 along highway 85 on 9/28 and 1 at Randall's Pool 10/6 (BZ).

POPULATION EXPLOSION AT VADO BOSQUE -- At Vado, on I-10 south of Las Cruces, is a small salt cedar bosque on private land which is the only known breeding site in the area for Snowy Egret, Cattle Egret and White-faced Ibis, in modest numbers. Jeff Donaldson made the first late-summer visit there on 8/30, and found large numbers of Ardeids and White-faced Ibis. Barry Zimmer joined in the observations 8/31 and 9/1. They counted 400 to 1,000 Snowy Egrets, 2,000 to 3,000 Cattle Egrets, up to 4 Little Blue Herons, 2 Tricolored Herons (a first for Doña Ana County), 10 to 34 Black-crowned Night Herons, 4 Yellow-crowned Night Herons, and 1,800 to 2,000 White-faced Ibis. Steve West called it the largest recorded aggregation of these species in the state's history. BZ and JDO concluded that the bosque was a staging point on the southward migration, and that the birds were roosting there at night, after foraging during the days. By the third week of September most were gone.

SNOWY EGRET -- See above.

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- 4 at Elephant Butte L. 8/22 (TMu) and 1 at Bitter L. 8/17 (RT). Also see above.

TRICOLORED HERON -- See above.

CATTLE EGRET -- Singles at Nutria L. 10/26 (DC), Mangas Springs 11/8 (RF), and Sumner L. 11/22 (LG). 55 at Clovis 8/13 and 40 on 8/18 (WH). Throughout Carlsbad area 8/18-10/24 (SW); 10 on Black R. 10/20-24 (CP). And see above.

GREEN-BACKED HERON -- 1 at Watrous 10/24 was north of normal range (JH).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON -- Immature near Clayton 8/30 (AK). At Clovis, 2 on 8/14 and 1 on 8/20 (WH). 12 at Holloman L. 8/16 (OCBC). And see above.

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON -- See above.

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- 24 below Navajo Dam 8/14 (David Brighton), 4 at Stone L. 9/17 (LHS), present in fall at Holloman L. with high of 60 on 9/26 and last on 10/3 (JM), and 1 at a rain-fed pond 9 miles southeast of Vaughn 9/20-21 (SW). Also see above.

TUNDRA SWAN -- 1 seen by personnel at Las Vegas NWR 11/18 (fide PI).

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 2, including a first-year bird, at Cochiti L. 11/15 (CR). 1 immature at Bernardo 10/4 (WH).

SNOW GOOSE -- 2 at Mangas Springs 11/8 and later (RF, SWi). Early arrivals were 1 at Bosque NWR 10/9 (RT) and 2 at Bitter L. 8/10 (J&DH)...Peak at Bosque for "light geese" was 36,900 on 11/13, 35% below the year-earlier peak of 56,740, because of reduced breeding success in the Far North. The 1986 total was estimated to be 88% Snow (32,500, including 550 blue phase) and 12% Ross' (4,800). Numbers at Bosque reduced later by actions to induce birds to move elsewhere in MRGBV. (J. Taylor, fide RD)

ROSS' GOOSE -- unusual: 1 at Bitter L. 8/17 (RT) had possibly summered over in the area.

CANADA GOOSE -- First arrived in Clayton area 11/5; WC judged that about 80% of those present by 11/9 were of the small race.

WOOD DUCK -- 1 male at Clayton L. 11/8 (WC, MM), 2 males and a female at Zuni filtration plant 11/30 (DC), and 3 at Madrone Ponds 9/16 (WH). Numbers increasing in southern Doña Ana County (BZ).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL -- 18 at Red Lake, Guadalupe Mts., 10/18 (MMe, SW); one of few local records.

MALLARD -- 3 males of Mexican race with other Mallards on Gray Ranch 11/6 (WE, WH).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL -- 1 male at Percha Dam SP 11/5 was late (PSt); 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/28 (CR).

GADWALL -- 20 at Red Lake, Guadalupe Mts., 10/18 were unusual for area (MMe, SW).

CANVASBACK -- 8 at Evans L. 11/9 (RF).

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER -- unusual: 2 at Clayton L. 11/14-27 (WC, AK, MM).

BUFFLEHEAD -- Early single at Holloman L. 9/27 (GL, BZ).

RUDDY DUCK -- A female on Red L., Guadalupe Mts., 10/18 (MMe, SW) was the first local record.

TURKEY VULTURE -- 1** at Truth or Consequences 11/23 (KZ) was a very late migrant.

BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE -- 1 or 2* near Rodeo 8/5, 9 and 10/1, 7 (Scott Seitman+). Up to 3 at San Simon Cienega (Willis Bird, Jr.) may include those seen near Rodeo.

OSPREY -- In addition to the 12 on the Manzano Mts. migration count, at least 20 more were reported in singles or twos...2 to 4 at Clayton L., 10/5-31, the last 2 staying to 10/31, were late (WC). 4 adults, 4 immatures at Las Vegas NWR 11/16 (PI+). Singles at Cochiti L. 11/15 (CR, RO), Sumner L. 11/22 (LG) and near Cliff 11/20 (SWi).

BALD EAGLE -- None on Manzano Mts. count...1 at Black Rock reservoir, Zuni, 11/2, 26 (DC) and 12/18 (TR). At Maxwell NWR, 1 immature for 5 days in October, 3 adults and 4 immatures in November (WM). 1 at Cochiti L. 9/15. 1 between Roswell and White R. (Rio Hondo Valley, Chaves County) (Craig McClure).

NORTHERN HARRIER -- 3 at Clovis 8/13-21 (WH). 1 at Rodeo 8/9-10 (PL); early migrants?

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK -- unusual: 1 at Zuni 10/21 (TR); seldom there in fall.

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- unusual: 1 in Guadalupe Mts. 10/18 (SW)...12 on Manzano Mts. count.

COMMON BLACK HAWK -- 1 subadult at Escondido 8/24 (TMu) being harassed by 2 Mississippi Kites.

HARRIS' HAWK -- 3 adults, 1 immature at San Simon Cienega 11/6 (WH+).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- The 2 seen on the Manzanos count, 10/1 and 10/7, were light phase.

SWAINSON'S HAWK -- Once regular nester at San Simon Cienega, no summer records since 1983 (Willis Bird, Jr.). Flight of 75 near Carlsbad 10/5 (SW).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK -- breeding: Pair in Sycamore Canyon fledged 2 young first week of August (RF).

WHITE-TAILED HAWK -- unusual: 1 individual, possibly a subadult of this species, was sighted being harassed in flight by a Prairie Falcon near Gila 8/19 (GP). Presence of species in N.M. is still considered hypothetical.

RED-TAILED HAWK -- 1 south of Carlsbad 8/18 (SW); infrequent in Eddy County lowlands in summer.

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK -- Early migrant at Maxwell NWR 10/24 (WH+).

GOLDEN EAGLE -- 135 noted on Manzano Mts. count.

MERLIN -- Singles in Albuquerque 11/17 and San Simon Cienega 11/6 (WH, WE). New species for the cienega (Willis Bird, Jr.).

CHUKAR -- 1 at Truth or Consequences 10/26-27 (DM) was certainly an escapee or local release.

RING-NECKED PHEASANT -- Numerous around Clovis 8/13-21 (WH). Singles at Three Rivers 10/10 (JM) and Rattlesnake Springs 8/30 (MMe, SW).

WHITE-TAILED PTARMIGAN -- 12 above Rincon Bonito, Mora County, in Pecos Wilderness 10/2 (Todd Stevenson, Bob Bavin); 1 on Santa Fe Baldy, Santa Fe County, 8/9 (Ed Johnson) was south of recent sightings.

WILD TURKEY -- 25 at Oak Creek, Union County, 9/19 (GS+); 6 at Clanton Canyon 11/7-9 (WE, WH, GS).

MONTEZUMA QUAIL -- 12 in Dog Canyon 10/16 (PSt) almost certainly derived from transplants to nearby areas of Texas.

NORTHERN BOBWHITE -- 8 to 12 at Fort Sumner 11/15 (WH, WE); fairly common in Clovis area 8/13-21; 50 to 75 west of Jal 10/18 (PSt).

SCALED QUAIL -- 20 in Clayton area 9/19 (MM); 1 at Dry Cimarron R. 9/18 (GS+).

COMMON MOORHEN -- 1 at La Joya SGR 10/4 (WH).

AMERICAN COOT -- Peak of 3,000 in Zuni area 10/20-21 (TR).

SANDHILL CRANE -- First reports: Rio Grande Valley 9/22 (fide RT), Gila Valley 10/12 (Charles Holman). Over 70 flew over Truth or Consequences 10/27 (DM). In Eddy County, 50 birds over Carlsbad Cavern entrance 10/14 marked the fall arrival (SW).

WHOPING CRANE -- First fall arrival was a single adult at Bernardo on 10/23 (Fide RT). Singles over Percha Dam SP 10/31 and 11/28 (DM). Only 2 young survived at Grays Lake and 29 birds, maximum, were expected to fly south (RD).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 4 at Cochiti L. (WH). Singles at Bernardo 10/4 (WH), and Holloman L. 9/28 and 10/1 (JDo, GL, BZ).

LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER -- unusual: 2 at Grasslands Turf Ranch near Los Lunas 10/4 (WH).

SNOWY PLOVER -- West of normal, 2 at Zuni 8/11 (JT).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER -- 2 at Maxwell NWR 8/6-7 (WM, PSt); 1 at Bitter L. 8/31 (BO).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- At Grasslands, up to 300 8/19 (PI), 312 9/21 (LH), and 33 10/4 (WH). Breeders had left by 9/10 and none were found there 9/25 (WH), so the later birds were probably in passage.

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- Peak of 100 at Holloman L. 9/18 (JM).

AMERICAN AVOCET -- 35 at Clovis 8/18 (WH). Last at Holloman L. were 10 on 10/31 (JM). 40 were at a playa west of Lordsburg 8/5 (J&Mio).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS -- 8 at Cochiti L. 11/15 (CR, RO) were abnormally late.

LESSER YELLOWLEGS -- Highs were 78 at Zuni and 30 at Bluewater L. 8/11 (JT), and 48 at Clayton 9/15 (WC).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- 5 at Caballo Dam 11/11 (JH).

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- Small numbers south of Clayton 8/26; second report from area in 35 years (Desmond Dallas, N. Gray). Seen or heard daily near Clovis 8/13-21, with high of 46 on 8/20 (WH). In Carlsbad 8/16-9/17 (SW). Numbers down in Doña Ana County; only 2 fall sightings (BZ).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- High count near Tularosa was 77 on 9/20 (J&Nht). 65 west of Hatch 11/9 (WE, WH).

MARBLED GODWIT -- 3 at Bitter L. 8/31 (BO).

RUDDY TURNSTONE -- A probable at Lobo Slough south of Cliff 11/3 (H&AP). 1** at Holloman L. 9/28 (GL, BZ); reported there a few days earlier by EW. Singles at Bitter L. 8/14 and 9/28 (KW).

RED KNOT -- A single** at Holloman L. 9/28-10/1 (JDo, GL, BZ).

SANDERLING -- 5 at Maxwell NWR 8/6 (PSt).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 1 at Bluewater L. 8/14-15 (JT).

WESTERN SANDPIPER -- 100, high for the date, were last at Holloman L. 10/31 (JM).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER -- Seen at Corrales 9/13, at La Joya SGR and Bosque NWR 9/25, and on 6 occasions near Clovis 9/13-20, with a high of 5 on 8/18 (WH).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- Singles at Cochiti L. 10/14 (WH), at Bosque NWR 9/18 (PSt, RT), and at Arrey and Holloman L. 9/11 (JDo, BZ).

DUNLIN -- 1 still in breeding plumage at Holloman L. 9/28-10/1 (GL, BZ); 4 there 10/8 (LHS).

STILT SANDPIPER -- Unusual number of reports, including Clayton 9/16 (WC), Bernardo 10/4 (WH), 6 at Maxwell NWR 8/6 (PSt), 60 near Clovis 8/19 (WH), and 2 at Holloman L. 8/16 (R&KJ, JM, Naomi Dobbins, Nht) and 20 there 10/1 (JDo, BZ).

RUFF -- unusual: A first New Mexico report for this species, which has been seen in neighboring states. The bird, identified with good probability as a juvenile male (extensive details but no photograph), was in company of other shorebirds on a mud flat 0.9 miles north of the Bosque NWR boundary. It was observed at length and at close quarters by PSt and RT on 9/18.

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 1 at Rattlesnake Springs, where infrequent, 9/28 (CR).

COMMON SNIPE -- 1 in Skeleton Canyon 10/9-10 (GS).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- 500+ at Holloman L. 8/16 and 200+ on 10/21 (JM).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE -- 11 at Stubblefield L. 8/6 and 50 on Salt Lake east of Loving 10/18 (PSt). At Holloman L., 3 on 9/11, 50 on 9/28 and 60 on 10/1 (JDo, GL, BZ).

RED PHALAROPE -- unusual: Probably of this species, 1 at Cochiti L. 9/23 (WH).

LAUGHING GULL -- unusual: One immature at Cochiti L. 10/31 and 11/1 (PSt) was well described. 11 of the roughly 15 N.M. reports have been in fall.

FRANKLIN'S GULL -- Small numbers statewide, with 2 at Bitter L. 8/10 (J&DH) and 3 at Truth or Consequences 11/9 (Annita Kotinek, fide DM).

BONAPARTE'S GULL -- 37 at Sumner L. 11/15 (WH, WE).

RING-BILLED GULL -- Large numbers began arriving in early October, including 19 over the Manzano Mts. 9/27 (JLD), 85 at a roadside pond southwest of Hatch 11/9 (WE, WH), and 60 north of Tularosa 11/11 (J&Nht).

CALIFORNIA GULL -- 1 to 3 at Cochiti L. 10/2-11/10 (WH, PSt); adult at Sumner L. 11/15 (WH, WE) was the first Pecos Valley record north of L. McMillan; 1 at Caballo L. 11/23 (BZ).

HERRING GULL -- Singles at Maxwell NWR 10/24 (WH, BD), Cochiti L. 11/1 (PSt) (and 2 there 11/11 (WH), and 1 at Caballo L. 11/9 (WE, WH).

CASPIAN TERN -- unusual: 1 at Clayton L. 8/22 (WC) follows that area's first record of this species in June of the previous year.

COMMON TERN -- More reports than usual, all birds well described. 2 immatures at Morgan L. 9/3 (AN, HL), 1 adult at La Joya SGR 9/14 (WH, BD), and a probable immature at Caballo L. 9/19 (JH).

FORSTER'S TERN -- Small numbers west to the Rio Grande Valley, including 2 at Tucumcari L. 9/30 (GS) and 1 to 4 at Holloman L. 7/25-10/11 (OCBC). Late were 1 at Caballo L. 11/11 (JH) and 5 at Bosque NWR 11/15 (RJ).

LEAST TERN -- 5 adults and 6 immatures at Bitter L. 8/17 (RT).

BLACK TERN -- Reported statewide. High counts were 11 at Zuni 8/11 (JT), 50 at Holloman L. 8/27 (JM), and 17 at L. McMillan 8/15 (Gladys Donahue). 1 was at Caballo L. 10/11 (JH).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- unusual: 1* in the western foothills of the Sandia Mts. 8/28 (LG) was north of range....Peaks were high in several areas: 18 at Socorro 11/13 (JS), 19 at Truth or Consequences in August-September (DM) and an all-time Eddy County record of 41 northwest of Carlsbad 10/11 (SW).

INCA DOVE -- unusual: 1 well north of range at feeder in Zuni 10/26 (DC).

MONK PARAKEET -- 1 in a cottonwood at Rio Grande Nature Center 9/13 (BO) may have escaped from a pet store that burned earlier in the year.

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO -- unusual: 1 near Gila 8/19* (GP); species casual in N.M.

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- Singles at Rio Grande Nature Center 9/27 (WH+) and at Rattlesnake Springs 9/28 (CR) were late.

COMMON BARN OWL -- 1 at Bottomless L. 8/21 (SW); infrequent in this area.

ELF OWL -- 3 or 4 calling in San Simon Cienega 11/3-7 (GS+) were very late.

LONG-EARED OWL -- 1 at La Joya SGR 9/14 (WH, BD); area has few fall reports.

NIGHTHAWK sp. -- 1 at La Joya SGR 10/11 (SW) was late.

LESSER NIGHTHAWK -- Very late, 1 at Percha Dam SP 11/5 (PSt).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK -- Last of season: Singles at Alamogordo and High Rolls 10/16-17 (Gerie Smith, JTa), and 1 at Carlsbad 10/16 (SW).

COMMON POORWILL -- 1 east of L. McMillan 8/25 (SW) was first of season on Eddy County lowlands; last were singles at Albuquerque 10/25 (G. Cohn) and at Pleasanton 11/10 (SWi).

WHIP-POOR-WILL -- 1 at Durling's farm 9/25 (BZ).

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- unusual: Adult male at Los Alamos feeder* 9/8-10/5 (C&TJe) was north of the species' usual post-breeding wanderings.

BLUE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD -- Pair at L. Roberts still there 8/24 (RF); continuing record of a rare species.

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD -- Further records of another rarity: Pair also still at L. Roberts 8/24 (RF); David Seymour said male had stayed through previous winter. 1 or 2 at Pleasanton 9/21 (SWi), Truth or Consequences 8/31 (DM) and Cloudcroft 8/24 and 9/2 (Naomi Dobbins).

LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD -- Last of the 9 to 10 at Post Office Canyon stayed until 10/5 (RS, PL).

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD -- Late were an immature male at Embudito Canyon 10/19 (HS) and a single at Clovis 8/18 (WH).

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD -- With above bird and perhaps a dozen female hummingbirds of uncertain species was an immature male Rufous, late for the Albuquerque area. Immature female, probably Rufous, in Albuquerque 11/11 (fide RT).

ELEGANT TROGON -- unusual: A male* observed in Spring Canyon, Big Burro Mts., 9/5 (Alton Ford) was in a new area well north of Guadalupe Canyon, where it has been casual.

LEWIS' WOODPECKER -- breeding: Young still being fed at Clayton L. 8/7 (WC) and at San Ildefonso Pueblo 8/13 (David Hunter). Late...unusual: High numbers moving south were a flock of 14 passing Manzano lookout 9/20 (JLD) and 10 or 11 present at Percha Dam SP 9/11 (BZ, GL).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- 1 reappeared at Clayton after being absent all summer (WC), and an immature* at a rest area on US-380 west of Caprock (CL).

RED-NAPED SAPSUCKER -- 3 (2***) at Kirtland (GS) and 2* at rest area west of Caprock 10/8 (CL).

DOWNY WOODPECKER -- 1 at Fort Sumner 11/15 and a male* at Percha Dam SP 11/5 (WE, WH), and 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/28 (CR), where it is irregular to occasional.

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER -- 2 at Zuni 8/13 (JT), 1 at Fenton L. 8/20 (TH), a late and easterly bird 10/1 at Tucumcari L. (GS), and the first seen near Carlsbad was on 8/30 (MMe, SW), vs. normal early-August arrival.

WILLOW FLYCATCHER -- 1 at Zuni 8/11, 15 (JT); 1 at La Joya SGR 9/14 (WH).

DUSKY/HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER -- Early, 1 in Post Office Canyon 8/8 (PL). Late, singles at Percha Dam SP 11/5 (WH), San Simon Cienega 11/6 (WH), and Silver City 11/23 (RF, MZ).

GRAY FLYCATCHER -- 2 singing near Taos 8/13 (David Hunter); Early, 1 in Post Office Canyon 8/8 (PL).

WESTERN KINGBIRD -- Last seen at Clayton 10/2 (WC).

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- unusual: 1 at Durling's farm 9/18 (BZ) was only recent Doña Ana County record, and 1 near Farmington 8/30 (AN) was first in area in autumn.

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- North of normal: 1 in Clayton 8/24 (MM) and 1 northwest of Roswell 8/31 (BO). Up to 15 at Carlsbad, last on 10/21 (MMe, SW).

VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW -- Last 2 at Albuquerque 10/5 (WH).

BANK SWALLOW -- 1 near Clayton 8/6 (WC). Last 2 at Bernardo 10/4 (WH).

CAVE SWALLOW -- Albino at Carlsbad Caverns NP from July to 10/15 (SW).

BARN SWALLOW -- Late: 1 to 2 at Mangas Springs 11/8 (RF) and Caballo 11/13 (JH).

STELLER'S JAY -- Moved into MRGV lowlands; 2 near Española 10/12-13 (EE).

BLUE JAY -- breeding: Adults still feeding young at Roswell 8/31 (BO), and a juvenile banded at Carlsbad, where numbers are still on rise (SW)....

unusual: A westward invasion beginning in September brought a flood of reports, mainly from the MRGV, and as far west as Silver City. Earliest was 1 at Rio Costilla 9/14 (CR), then 1*** to 5 at Tucumcari L. 9/30-10/1 (GS), 2 at San Ildefonso Pueblo 10/12 (EE), about 14 from 8 Albuquerque area observers (possible duplication) starting with 5 by Mary Lou Arthur 10/15, 1+ at Bosque NWR 10/16 (RR, John Taylor), 3 at Fort Sumner 10/28 (Bruce Morrison) and 2* there 11/15 (WE, WH), 2 at Rockhound SP 11/7 (PSt), and 1 at Silver City 10/24 to December (Mary Moseley).

PINYON JAY -- breeding: Juveniles heard in Santa Fe 8/23, 26 (JH)....10 in Long Canyon, Dry Cimarron Valley, 9/17 (GS, CP, Tamara Naumann).

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER -- breeding: Adult feeding fledgling at Sandia Peak 8/3 (WH) was late.

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE -- unusual: 1 at Rio Grande Nature Center 10/18 was second seen in MRGV south of Santo Domingo Pueblo (WH), and 2 at Cedar Crest 9/11 (Wendy Aschelman) were also south of range.

AMERICAN CROW -- High local counts: 75 on Sierra Grande 9/19 (GS, CP, Tamara Naumann), 30 at Mangas Springs 11/22-23 (RF), and 15+ at Percha Dam SP 11/11 (JH).

CHIHUAHUA RAVEN -- unusual: Flock of 89 near Belen bridge 9/25, flying south-southwest at their northern limit in the MRGV not only was very large, but raises the question, where were they coming from? (WH); flock included 2 Common Ravens....At least 5 with Common Ravens at Silver City 10/10 (JH).

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE -- 4 at Oak Creek, Union County, 9/19 (GS+); 10 at Bosque NWR 10/2 (RT+) suggests a good flight into MRGV, but species was totally absent to south in Doña Ana County (BZ). 1 at Pleasanton 9/25 (SW1).

PLAIN TITMOUSE -- 1 at Bosque NWR 10/2 (RT) was unusual for there; 5 in Clanton Canyon 11/7-9 (WE, WH).

BRIDLED TITMOUSE -- 1 at Percha Dam SP (BZ, GL); 1 at San Simon Cienega 11/6 (WH, WE) was apparently a first for there; 20 in Clanton Canyon 11/7-9 (WE, WH).

BUSH TIT -- 18 above 10,000 feet on Sandia Peak 11/1 (WH); 5 at Holloman L., where the species is rare, on 10/1 (BZ, JDo).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- Absent from Doña Ana County, where often widespread in fall (BZ); 1 at Carlsbad Caverns NP 10/5 (fide SW).

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- 1 at Oak Creek, Union County, 9/19 (GS+); also absent from Doña Ana.

PYGMY NUTHATCH -- 1 at Dry Cimarron R. 9/18 and 5 at Oak Creek 9/19 (GS+).

BROWN CREEPER -- Only Doña Ana fall sighting, 1 at Donaldson's farm 11/6 (JDo, BZ).

ROCK WREN -- 1 at Clovis 8/18-19 on stack of baled hay, strange habitat (WH).

CANYON WREN -- 1 at Loving 8/30 on farmland was also out of habitat (SW).

WINTER WREN -- 1 on Piedra Lisa trail high in Sandias 10/26 (RR, HS).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- Widespread flight in mountains statewide, including 5 at Sierra Grande 9/20 (GS+), 2 at Aguirre Springs 11/9 (PSt), and 3 at Clanton Canyon 11/8 (WE, WH). In lowlands, 3 at Kirtland 10/11-13 (GS), 1 at Albuquerque 11/19 (WH), 1 at Holloman L. 10/1 (BZ, JDo), 1 near Tularosa 11/29 (RJ, WB).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET -- 25 at San Simon Cienega 11/3-7 (GS), 30 in Clanton Canyon 11/7-9 (WE, WH).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- 1 at Embudito Canyon 11/27 (HS) was late.

GNATCATCHER sp. -- 2 at Rockhound SP 11/7 were thought to be Black-tailed (PSt).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- 9* on 11/8 (PSt) and 2** on 11/22 (KZ, EW, LHS) at Old Refuge in Mesilla.

WESTERN BLUEBIRD -- Numbers up from Guadalupe Mts. in southeast to San Simon Cienega and the Peloncillo Mts. at the western border (v.o.).

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD -- Southern outburst like Western, especially in Doña Ana.

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE -- Above-usual numbers at Fort Sumner 11/15 (WE, WH), in The Guadalupe Mts. (SW) and in Doña Ana County (BZ).

RUFUS-BACKED ROBIN -- unusual: Though seen for many years in southern Arizona, where in the winter of 1982-83 it outnumbered the American Robin in the southeast, it was only this fall that it was confirmed, with a photograph, for the first time in New Mexico. It was at Pat Basham's feeder in Socorro 10/23-25 (seen also by PSt and RT).

GRAY CATBIRD -- 4 to 6 at Madrone Ponds 9/11-16 (WH).

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD -- Late sightings: 2 near Los Lunas 10/26 (GS), 1 at Three Rivers 11/30 (W&GB), and 1 in Silver City 10/20 (RF).

SAGE THRASHER -- 1 at Clayton 9/25 (WC); many in Juan Tabo Canyon 9/19 (HS), "best fall ever" in Doña Ana County, up to 20 per location (BZ); arrived at Carlsbad Caverns NP 9/2 (fide SW).

BROWN THRASHER -- 1 at Cedar Crest 10/1 (Dolores Carlson), 1 at Fort Sumner 11/15 (WE), 1 at Socorro 10/29 (PB), and 1 or 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/28 (fide SW) and 10/13 (CR).

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER -- Arrived at Santa Fe 11/3 (SBo); 5 at San Simon Cienega 11/6 (WE, WH) and 3 in Peloncillo Mts. 11/8-10 (GS).

CRISSAL THRASHER -- 1 in Juan Tabo Canyon 9/9 and 1 at Bernardo and 4 at La Joya SCR 10/4 (WH); 5 at San Simon Cienega 11/6 (WE, WH).

WATER PIPIT -- 100+ at Los Lunas 10/4 (WH); 50 at Socorro 9/25 (RT, PSt).

BOHEMIAN WAXWING -- Though very abundant in Colorado this season, only N.M. sighting was 2 at Randall Davey Nature Center 11/11 (CR).

CEDAR WAXWING -- Generally low statewide, but 22 counted at Zuni 10/21 (TR), 30 at Fort Sumner 11/15 (WH, WE) and 30 at Alamogordo 11/16 (JM).

PHAINOPEPLA -- 3 at Three Rivers 10/18 (OCBC), 1 at Dog Canyon 11/22 and 11/30 (JM), and 8+ at Percha Dam SP 11/11 (JH).

NORTHERN SHRIKE -- Only report: 1 immature at Bosque NWR 11/26 (SH).

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE -- 32 between Animas and Columbus 11/9 (WE, WH).

BELL'S VIREO -- Last report was 4 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/28 (CR).

GRAY VIREO -- 1 at Zuni 8/11 and 13 (JT).

SOLITARY VIREO -- 2 at Oak Creek 9/19 (GS+), 1 at Caprock 10/7 (CL), and 1 of cassini race at Percha Dam SP 11/5 (WH, WE).

WARBLING VIREO -- Latest report, 1 at Albuquerque 9/29 (PSt).

RED-EYED VIREO -- Singles at Madrone Ponds 8/26 (RT, PSt) and Hobbs 8/27 (CL).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- Large flight at Rio Grande Nature Center 9/27-28 (CAH); late birds: 1 at Percha Dam SP 11/11 (JH), singles at San Simon Cienega (WH, WE) and Donaldson's farm (BZ, JDo) on 11/6.

NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 1 at Zuni 8/11, 14 (JT) and 1 at Glenwood 8/21 (SWi).

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER -- 50 at Zuni 8/13 (JT); latest, 1 at Bernardo 10/4 (WH).

NORTHERN PARULA -- 1 reported at Santa Fe 10/18 (SBo) with no details.

YELLOW WARBLER -- 1 at La Joya SGR 9/25 (WH) was late.

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER -- unusual: 1 female well seen and described on University of New Mexico campus, Albuquerque, 11/5 (DLi).

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER -- Audubon's race: First noted at Santa Fe 8/3 (LH) but not seen at Albuquerque until 9/4 (WH); large flight 9/27-28 at Rio Grande Nature Center (CAH). Myrtle race: 2 at Percha Dam SP 11/5 (WE, WH) and 1 at Caballo 11/11 (JH).

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER -- Widely reported east to the Sacramento Mts., with dates ranging from 1 at Post Office Canyon 8/8 (PL) to 1 at Corrales 10/26 (RT+).

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER -- unusual: 1 well seen and described on University of New Mexico campus 11/3 (WH), for 7th state record and first in the fall.

GRACE'S WARBLER -- Last reports were 5 at Fenton L. 9/9 (TH) and 3 at Emory Pass 9/11 (BZ, JDo).

BLACKPOLL WARBLER -- unusual: Adult male, very well described, foraging with Virginia's, Yellow-rumped and Wilson's Warblers at Fenton L. 9/3 (TH). Only 2 other fall records for N.M.

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- A female at Madrone Ponds 9/16 (WH).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- More fall sightings than usual: 1 late at Los Alamos 11/1 (Merle Bunker+, fide BL), 1 banded at Rio Grande Nature Center 8/16 (BrH), singles at Pleasanton 8/18, 25 and 29 (SWi); singles at Durling's farm 8/21-29, Randall's Pool 8/29 and Percha Dam SP 9/11 (BZ+).

MacGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER -- 30 at Zuni 8/13 (JT); latest reports were 1 at Santa Fe 10/1 (LH), and 1 each at Albuquerque, Bernardo and La Joya SGR 10/4 (WH).

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT -- 1 at Tucumcari 10/1 (GS); 1 at Bernardo 10/4 (WH).

WILSON'S WARBLER -- Last seen 10/11 at Cochiti (PI+), 10/13 at Kirtland (GS), 10/18 at Rio Grande Nature Center (CAH+) and 10/7 at Silver City (RF).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT -- 20 at Zuni 8/12-13 (JT), 12 at San Simon Cienega 8/14 (Margie Simon) and 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 8/30 (MMe, SW). Late was 1 at Percha Dam SP 9/28 (BZ, GL).

OLIVE WARBLER -- A male at Emory Pass 9/11 (BZ, JDo).

WESTERN Tanager -- Late: Singles at Kirtland 10/12 (GS) and in Albuquerque 10/12 after a snowstorm (WH).

BLUE GROSBEAK -- Last seen in MRGBV 9/25 (WH).

LAZULI BUNTING -- Unusually common in southern Doña Ana County starting in early August (BZ). 1 near Clovis 8/17-19 (WH) was east of normal range.

INDIGO BUNTING -- 3 at Percha Dam SP 9/11 and a pair 9/28 (BZ+).

PAINTED BUNTING -- Westerly singles: Percha Dam SP 9/11 (JDo, BZ) and Durling's farm 8/18 and 9/8 (BZ).

DICKCISSEL -- 2 singing near Clovis 8/16-17 (WH), 8 south of Alamogordo 9/27, and 1 at Durling's farm 8/29 (JDo, BZ).

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE -- First at Santa Fe was a grown juvenile 8/16 (JH). 1 at Monticello in the Sandia Mts. 11/30 (HS) was late.

ABERT'S TOWHEE -- 6+ at San Simon Cienega 11/6 (GS+).

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- Still numerous and skylarking in Carlsbad area 8/7-9 (J&DHo).

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW -- 1 at Cochiti L. 11/15 (CR).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW -- 1 along Rio Costilla 9/14 (CR). Numbers down in southern Doña Ana County; latest at Owen's farm 10/28 (JDo, BZ).

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW -- Several northeast of Corona in early August (Scott Seltman).

LARK SPARROW -- 1 at Fenton L. 8/2 was high (TH). 2 were late at Owen's farm 10/28-11/4 (JDo, BZ).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- 1 juvenile at Clayton 8/10 (WC), 1 singing at Las Vegas NWR 8/5 (PSt), 15 singing (plus several immatures) near Clovis 8/15-20 (WH) and up to 3 south of Carlsbad 8/7, 9 (J&DHo).

FOX SPARROW -- 1 eastern type near Fort Sumner 11/15 (WE, WH).

SONG SPARROW -- First arrival at La Joya SGR 9/25 (WH).

LINCOLN'S SPARROW -- 1 near Fort Sumner 11/15 (WE, WH) and first fall migrants at Madrone Ponds 9/11 (WH).

SWAMP SPARROW -- 1 at Percha Dam SP 11/5 (WE, WH).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW -- 1 immature in Santa Fe 10/19-22 (PI).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW -- First Bernardo arrivals 9/14 (WH).

HARRIS' SPARROW -- 1 at Zuni 11/23 (DC); 2 in Santa Fe 11/2 (Lois Colenso).

DARK-EYED JUNCO -- A white-winged form at Fenton L. 10/31 (TH).

LONGSPURS -- A mixed flock of 300+ Horned Larks and all 4 species of longspurs were observed 11/10-20 at the AG turf farm off Strauss Road in extreme southeastern Doña Ana County by BZ and JDo. Species accounts follow. Good details.

MCCOWN'S LONGSPUR -- About 100 seen at turf farm 11/10-13, including about 5 males in breeding plumage, 15 to 20 males in winter plumage, and 75 females in breeding plumage....2 near Los Lunas 10/29 (WH).

LAPLAND LONGSPUR -- unusual: 1 female in winter plumage seen 11/10 and 11/20; scarce in New Mexico.

SMITH'S LONGSPUR -- unusual: 1 male in winter plumage seen 11/11. Most reliable N.M. report to date; species has been considered hypothetical for state.

CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR -- Up to 30 at turf farm 11/10-20....1 at Cochiti L. 10/14 and arrived at Bernardo 10/4 (WH); 10+ at San Simon Cienega 11/5 (GS).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK -- 1 at Long Canyon, Union County, 9/17 (GS) was out of range. 5 at Fort Sumner 11/15 (WE). Only Westerns heard at Clovis 8/13-21 (WH).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- Several at Clayton 9/7 (WC). In Clovis area, where seldom seen, 8/15-20 (WH).

BREWSTER'S BLACKBIRD -- 15 near Alamogordo 8/12 were early (JM).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE -- Peripheral sightings: 2+ at Pojoaque (JH), 3 at Blue-water L. (JT) and 15 at Clovis 8/13-21 (WH). Late: 11 at La Cienega 11/15 (CR, RO) and 2 at Silver City 11/14 (RF).

COMMON GRACKLE -- Late: At Clayton 9/3 (WC), 6 at Española 9/13 (PI+), 75 at Wagon Mound 9/20 (GS), 2 at Santa Fe 9/29 (PI), 2 at Tucumcari L. 10/1 (GS), and 15 at Albuquerque 10/7 (WH). About 500 north of San Antonio 11/2 (GS).

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD -- 25 at Kirtland 10/11-13 (GS) were late.

ORCHARD ORIOLE -- A female at Percha Dam SP 9/28 (GL, BZ) was possibly a first record for area.

ROSY FINCH -- Several of Hepburn's race among flock on Sandia Crest 11/27 (GP).

RED CROSSBILL -- unusual: State's first reported nesting was at Zuni, where adults were feeding nestlings 8/15 (JT). (This report brought forth a recollection by W. Beckman that on June 28-30, 1983, during field research in the Jemez Mts., he saw 5 Red Crossbill nests being constructed at Jemez Falls and Redondo campground. But he did not report actual breeding evidence.)... 16 on Sierra Grande 9/20 (GS), 3 at Santa Fe 11/16 (JH), 1 in Clanton Canyon 11/8 (WH, GS), 64 at Black Canyon campgrounds, Grant County (CR), and 20+ at Sandia Crest 8/12 (David Hunter).

PINE SISKIN -- 3 at La Joya SGR 10/4 (WH) were first fall arrivals.

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- Up to 6 at Zuni 8/10-15, including a female with a brood patch (JT).

EVENING GROSBEAK -- Small to moderate numbers in or near the San Juan, Sangre de Cristo, Jemez, Sandia and Sacramento Mts. and the Black Range (v.o.). At lower elevations, seen at Chama, Abiquiu, Española, Santa Fe, Cochiti L. and Albuquerque (v.o.). Other reports: At Clayton 10/11 (WC), where species is casual; at Socorro 11/18 (PB), and Rattlesnake Springs 9/15 (fide SW).