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FROM THE EDITORS:

No firsts this season, but interesting seconds: A singing male Boreal Owl in the same area as the initial sighting (see previous issue) just south of the New Mexico-Colorado border, quite possibly the same bird still seeking a mate. The state's second Rufous-backed Robin, reinforcing the suggestion that the species might be found more frequently in New Mexico if birders were to look for it. And the Savannah Sparrow's second recorded N.M. nesting.

Hot and still dry in the Gila Valley, but a successful nesting season. Also dry, but cool, in the Albuquerque area, with uncertain impact on breeding.

Dickcissels and Grasshopper Sparrows were unusually abundant. Several Hummingbird sightings were notable: Anna's in the Peloncillo Mts., Broad-billed in Las Cruces, Blue-throated in the Pinos Altos Mts., and Magnificent at several locales. A Gray Catbird wandered to Rodeo. Six Least Terns fledged at Bitter L. NWR, and Red Crossbills -- only recently confirmed as nesting in N.M. -- were feeding young in Silver City. On the negative side, Scissor-tailed Flycatchers were scarce in the Carlsbad area, where Bell's Vireos were absent.

Three field surveys were of interest. Dale Stahlecker (DS) led a team at Burford L. -- familiarly known as Stinking L. -- and near-by areas of the Jicarilla Apache reservation, following up on similar studies in 1918 and 1960. Collaborators were Patricia Snider (PSn), Karen Copeland (KC), Ellen Espinoza (EE) and W. Burton Lewis (BL). Sightings on this cooperative effort, carried out June 8-13 and July 6 and 17-19, are not attributed herein to individual observers, and are identified simply as "Burford L."...William Uihlein surveyed bird life of Tucumcari L. and near-by Dry L. in June and July....Dr. Jelle deBoer and Ross Teuber initiated a long-term study of Sevilleta NWR. They have compiled a list of 137 species from written records or their own field work; of these, at least 87 are currently confirmed. The project will require several years.

LOCALITIES AND THEIR COUNTIES IN THIS ISSUE:

abbreviations and symbols in text:

BBS -- Breeding Bird Survey	R. -- River
L. -- Lake	SGR -- State Game Refuge
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
OCBC -- Otero County Bird Club	*** -- specimen
Abiquiu L. -- Rio Arriba	Canjilon -- Rio Arriba
Animas -- Hidalgo	Carlsbad -- Eddy
Animas Creek -- Sierra	Carlsbad Caverns NP -- Eddy
Apache Canyon -- Santa Fe	Carrizozo -- Lincoln
Bandelier NM -- Sandoval,	Chama R. -- Rio Arriba
Los Alamos	Cherry Creek -- Grant
Bisti National Wilderness	Chuska Mts. -- San Juan,
-- San Juan	McKinley
Bitter L. NWR (Bitter L.)	Clayton, Clayton L. --
-- Chaves	Union
Black Rock Dam, Zuni --	Cloudcroft -- Otero
McKinley	Cloverdale -- Hidalgo
Blewater L. -- Cibola,	Cochiti L. -- Sandoval
McKinley	Cooley L. -- De Baca
Bosque del Apache NWR	Corona -- Lincoln
(Bosque NWR) - Socorro	Cumbres Pass -- Rio
	Arriba
	Deming -- Luna
	Dry L. -- Quay
	Dry Salt L. -- Mora
	El Vado L. -- Rio Arriba
	Farley -- Colfax
	Farmington -- San Juan
	Fence L. -- Cibola
	Fort Sumner -- De Baca
	Fort Union -- Mora
	Gage -- Luna
	Gallinas Mts. --
	Torrance, Lincoln
	Gila R. -- Grant, Catron,
	Hidalgo
	Glenwood -- Catron
	Gray Ranch -- Hidalgo

Grenville -- Union Guadalupe Canyon -- Hidalgo	Mangas Springs -- Grant Mescalero -- Otero Mora R. -- Mora	San Simon Cienega -- Hidalgo Santa Fe -- Santa Fe Santa Rosa -- Guadalupe Sevilleta NWR -- Socorro Shady Lakes (in Alameda) -- Bernalillo Signal Peak -- Grant Silver City -- Grant
Hachita -- Grant Heron L. -- Rio Arriba High Rolls -- Otero Holloman I. -- Otero Hopewell L. -- Rio Arriba Horse Springs -- Catron Hyde SP -- Santa Fe	Nageezi -- San Juan Otis -- Eddy Peloncillo Mts. -- Hidalgo Percha Dam SP -- Sierra Post Office Canyon -- Hidalgo Questa -- Taos	Tierra Amarilla -- Rio Arriba Torreon -- Sandoval Trujillo Canyon -- San Miguel Truth or Consequences -- Sierra Tucumcari -- Quay Tularosa -- Otero
Jemez Mts. -- Sandoval Jicarilla Mts. -- Lincoln Jicarilla Apache Reser- vation -- Rio Arriba	Randall Davey Nature Center -- Santa Fe Rattlesnake Springs -- Eddy Red L. (Navajo Nation Sanctuary) -- McKinley Ribera -- San Miguel Rio Penasco -- Otero, Eddy Rodeo -- Hidalgo Rowe Mesa -- San Miguel Rutherford -- Rio Arriba	Villanueva -- San Miguel Washington Pass, Chuska Mts. -- San Juan Water Canyon, Magdalena Mts. -- Socorro Watrous -- Mora Wheeler L. -- Mora White Oaks -- Lincoln Zuni Reservation (Zuni for short) -- McKinley
La Cueva -- Sandoval Laguna Grande -- Eddy La Joya SGR -- Socorro L. McMillan -- Eddy L. Roberts -- Grant Lake Valley -- Sierra, Luna La Luz -- Otero Las Cruces -- Dona Ana Las Vegas -- San Miguel Logan -- Quay Los Alamos -- Los Alamos Loving -- Eddy	Sabinoso -- San Miguel San Cristobal -- Taos Sandia Mts., Crest, Park -- Bernalillo San Juan Pueblo -- Rio Arriba San Marcial -- Socorro	

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SPECIES ACCOUNTS

COMMON LOON -- unusual: 2 at Clayton L. 7/22 (WC, AK) and 1 at L. Roberts 7/27 (Charles Bender).

PIED-BILLED GREBE -- breeding: Nest with 5 eggs at a rain pond between Otis and Loving 6/10 (MMe, SW). Later destroyed by a storm.

FARED GREBE -- breeding: 5,000 to 7,000 during summer at Burford L., with 2,600+ nests. 60+ nests at Black Rock Reservoir 7/27 (DC). A new breeding locale was at Dry L., with 2 pairs with young in June (WU).

WESTERN GREBE -- About 75, with 19 nests, at Burford L. in June, the first breeding record there....6 in late July at Heron L. (Pst) and 1 or 2 at Tucumcari L. in June and July (WU).

CLARK'S GREBE -- Only summer report, 3 at El Vado L. 7/24 (Pst).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- Singles at Bluewater L. 7/8-9 (Pst) and Bitter L. 7/8 (KW); season's only records.

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- breeding: 50, with at least 10 nests, at Abiquiu L. 6/7 (PT); rising water later inundated several of the nests (CR)....Up to 6, apparent nonbreeders, at Tucumcari L. to 6/6 (WU).

OLIVACEOUS CORMORANT -- 1 with about 45 Double-crested at Bosque NWR 7/13 (JS).

AMERICAN BITTERN -- 1 or 2 present during season at Tucumcari L. (WU).

LEAST BITTERN -- breeding: Nest found in May and July at Tucumcari L. (WU).

GREAT BLUE HERON -- breeding: 4 nests at Abiquiu L. 6/19 (CR) were first local breeding record. With netting in place over fish runs at Glenwood state hatchery, fish-eating herons were not being shot, and 17 active nests were found 6/6 (RF)....Seen along Mora R. and Dry Salt L. near Fort Union in June, with no evidence of breeding (R&SPx).

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- Sole report, an immature at Bosque NWR 7/29 (RT).

TRICOLORED HERON -- Singles seen at Bosque NWR 6/26 (SW) and Bitter L. 7/6 (KW).

CATTLE EGRET -- One at Burford L. 7/17-18 and 25 in breeding plumage along Rio Grande s. of San Marcial 7/12 (SW).

GREEN-BACKED HERON -- breeding: Up to 3 pairs and 1 nest at Tucumcari L. (WU). 2 nests in June at rain pond between Otis and Loving (MMe, SW).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON -- breeding: 2 nests at Burford L....About 25 at Tucumcari L. in June and July, but no nests were found (WU).

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON -- Two reports of this N.M. scarcity: Up to 2 adults and a probable immature at Tucumcari L. 6/3 (WU), and a bird probably of this species at Bitter L. 7/31 (KW, Mary Peckinpaugh).

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- Many reports, but no nesting seen: 45 near Rutheron 7/23 (Pst), 1 on 7/15 on Canjilon Creek (Richard Garcia), 6 at Burford L. 6/12, up to 50 in June and July at Tucumcari L. (WU), 14 on Cooley L. BBS 6/19 (SW1), and several at Bitter L. 6/12-18 (KW).

CANADA GOOSE -- breeding: Nesting pair at Burford L., where the species was introduced in previous year....1 in midsummer at Clayton L. (WC).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL -- breeding: Broods at Burford L. in June.

MALLARD (Mexican race) -- A female at Cloverdale 6/10 and 2 pairs s. of Gray Ranch headquarters 6/10 (SW1).

CINNAMON TEAL -- 300+ at Bitter L. 7/17 (KW); a male s. of Gray Ranch headquarters 6/10 (SW1).

GADWALL -- breeding: Nesting reported at Burford L., Tierra Amarilla (EE) and in large numbers at Bitter L. (KW).

AMERICAN WIGEON -- No breeding noted, but seen at Burford L., Tucumcari L. (WU) and Bitter L. (KW).

REDHEAD -- breeding: Marked increase in nesting activity across the state. Noted at Burford L. WU reported an average of 20 pairs at Tucumcari L. in June with 3 broods; few in July, and at least 1 brood at Dry L. A pair at the rain pond between Otis and Loving provided the first nesting record for Eddy County, with 2 adults and 6 young present 7/5, and 2 adults and 3 young 7/31 (MMe, SW).

RING-NECKED DUCK -- At Burford L. during summer, but no breeding noted.

LESSER SCAUP -- At Burford L.; a female at Glenwood hatchery 6/6, 13 (RF), and 15 at Holloman L. 6/9 (JM). Nesting not observed.

BUFFLEHEAD -- Summer resident at Burford L., but no breeding seen.

COMMON MERGANSER -- breeding: Broods with 6, 7 and 18 young at Heron L. 7/23-28 (PSt). Several broods seen along Gila R. during summer (fide RF).

RUDDY DUCK -- WU witnessed courting at Dry L. in June with at least 30 birds present, and fewer individuals at Tucumcari L., but no breeding evidence.

OSPREY -- 1 at Tucumcari L. in June (WU); most likely a late migrant.

NORTHERN HARRIER -- Single females at Rattlesnake Springs 7/9, 13 (SW) and on Gage BBS 6/9 (SW1). Single males on Caprock BBS 6/18 and Cooley L. BBS 6/19 (SW1). Evidently none was breeding.

COOPER'S HAWK -- breeding: 5 immatures begging to be fed at Heron L. 7/25 (PSt).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- breeding: Active nest with fledglings in Peloncillo Mts. 6/23 (VP).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK -- breeding: 2 or 3 active nests in Peloncillo Mts. 5/2-6/30 (VP).

RED-TAILED HAWK -- breeding: 1 adult and 1 young on verge of fledging, at nest on west side of Sevilleta NWR 6/24 (RT).

RING-NECKED PHEASANT -- 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 6/3 (MF).

BLUE GROUSE -- breeding: Female with 4 chicks at Hyde Memorial SP 7/22 (TH).

WILD TURKEY -- Out of their introduced range in the Rio Grande Valley were 1 at La Joya SGR 7/29 (RT) and 1 at Percha Dam SP 6/18 (DM)...Breeding: Females with young at Fort Union 6/14 (RPx) and Chuska Mts. 6/11-12 (DC).

MONTEZUMA QUAIL -- breeding: Pair with 4 chicks at Mangas Springs all season (RF); 3 pairs in Peloncillo Mts. in early June (VP)...Present all season at Rodeo (RS); a pair in Guadalupe Canyon 6/11 (SW1).

NORTHERN BOBWHITE -- 11 on Cooley L. BBS 6/19 (SW1); at Bitter L. (KW) and Carlsbad (SW) all summer. Origin of the latter birds is unknown.

SCALED QUAIL -- 1 on Torreon BBS 6/21) and 2 on Sabinoso BBS 6/27 (PI).

VIRGINIA RAIL -- breeding: Nesting at Tucumcari L. (WU); more birds in June than July....Up to 6 at Mangas Springs in June (RF). Adult found dead 7/13 and immature alive 7/15 in hayfield near Tularosa (J&Nht).

SNOWY PLOVER -- Single at Tucumcari L. 6/23 (WU). Largest gathering was about 50 pairs at evaporation ponds s. of Bitter L. 6/15 (SW1).

SEMPALMATED PLOVER -- 2 at El Vado L. 7/18 (PSn). From mid-July at Bitter L. (KW).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- Noted at Bisti 6/19 (SW). 1 at El Vado L. 7/18 (PSn). Adult with 2 chicks at Holloman L. 6/24 (CA, EW).

AMERICAN AVOCET -- breeding: 1 at Clayton provided first local nesting record (WC, AK). 2 nests found at Burford L. Nesting also at Holloman L. 6/24 (EW).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS -- 1 about 10 miles out of Santa Rosa 7/5 (CR).

WILLET -- 2 on 7/10 (KW) and 2 on 7/19 (PSt) at Bitter L. 3 at L. McMillan 7/16-19 (PSt).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- breeding: Possible breeders in Chuska Mts. 6/11-15 (DC). Adult with 3 young at Chama R. 7/16 and again 8/6 (LS)...Singles at or near Bitter L. 6/12-18 (KW) and 6/15 (SW1). LSh saw a remarkable 59 at evaporation ponds near Bitter L. in mid-July.

LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- Up to 15 in Fort Union area in mid-June (R&SPx). 3 adults near Fort Sumner 6/19 (SW1).

MARbled GODWIT -- Late spring and early fall migrants: 2 at Wheeler L. near Fort Union 6/14 (R&SPx). 1 on 7/11 at Mitchell Point, Sierra County (SW). 1 in July at Tucumcari L. (WU). 7 on 7/15 at Bitter L. (Greg Knadle). 1 at L. McMillan 7/19 (PSt).

WESTERN SANDPIPER -- 2 late birds at Laguna Grande 6/10 (MMe, SW).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- Also late, 2 at Laguna Grande 6/10 (MMe, SW).

STILT SANDPIPER -- Up to 10 in July at Tucumcari L. (WU).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER -- At Bitter L. 7/10 (KW).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- 4 at Burford L. 40 in June and 500+ in July at Tucumcari L. (WU). 30 near Bitter L. 6/15 (SW1).

FRANKLIN'S GULL -- At Bitter L. 6/20-26 (KW).

CALIFORNIA GULL -- 75 at El Vado L. 7/24 (PSt).

FORSTER'S TERN -- Nonbreeders at Bitter L. 6/12-26 (KW) and at Holloman L. 6/9 (JM). Numerous reports from the Rio Grande Valley eastward in July.

LEAST TERN -- breeding: 3 pairs fledged 6 young at Bitter L. (LSh).

BLACK TERN -- 5 to 10 at Tucumcari L. all summer (WU). Present at Bitter L. in mid-June, with 20 there 7/6 (KW). 50 at L. McMillan 7/16-19 (PSt). 8 at Holloman L. 6/9 (JM).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON -- breeding: Adult on nest in central Whitmire Canyon, Peloncillo Mts., 6/10 (VP), 30 feet up in a Chihuahuan pine....1 at Washington Pass 6/11-12 (DC).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- breeding: Adult on nest, 10 feet up on sycamore limb, with 2 eggs, in Guadalupe Canyon 6/11-12 (SW1)...Peak of 9 at Truth or Consequences 6/13 (DM), high of 16 near Tularosa 6/23 (J&Nht), all summer in Carlstad (SW), 1 near Loving 6/10 (MMe, SW).

INCA DOVE -- 2 at Socorro 7/3-4 (JS), 2 at Bosque NWR 7/13 (JS, PJ), 2 on 6/11 and 3 on 7/15 at Truth or Consequences (DM).

COMMON BARN OWL -- 2 at Hayden L., Jicarilla Apache Reservation, 7/18 (PSn).

ELF OWL -- 2 along lower Animas Creek 7/1-2 (RSK); a first for the area.
1 calling in Guadalupe Canyon 6/10-11 (SW1).

BOREAL OWL -- 1 singing near Dixie Creek, near Cumbres Pass, June 6-7 (John J. Rawinski, DS), in same area as first New Mexico sighting in April. It was considered likely to be the same bird, which probably has established a territory but has not yet been joined by a mate.

COMMON NIGHTHAWK -- 16 near Deming, 5 s. of Animas and several in Guadalupe Canyon 6/10-12 (SW1). Species occurs locally in these areas.

COMMON POORWILL -- a few heard calling in Guadalupe Canyon 6/10-12 (SW1).

CHIMNEY SWIFT -- 1 at Tucumcari L. in July (WU) was probably a vagrant.

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT -- 2 to 6 in Guadalupe Canyon 6/10-12 (SW1).

BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD -- unusual: 1 female** at Las Cruces 7/3-24 (EW+).
...Only 1 seen in Guadalupe Canyon 6/10 (SW1).

BLUE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD -- unusual: A male on Signal Peak in early July (BH).

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD -- unusual: First at Truth or Consequences 7/23 (DM).
1 or 2 near Cloudcroft in July (Naomi Dobbins). A pair at L. Roberts 6/13 (RF).

LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD -- Following recent pattern, 6 to 12 at Post Office Canyon through the season (RS).

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- unusual: A pair of adults and some immatures at Post Office Canyon 6/26-7/31 (RS).

CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 male at Carlsbad Caverns NP 7/26-28 (E. Kibler).
Casual at this locality.

BELTED KINGFISHER -- breeding: Pair using nest hole at Clayton L. in June and July (WC).

LEWIS' WOODPECKER -- 6+ in the Chuska Mts. 6/11-12 and 12 there 7/11 (DC).
1 on Farley BBS 6/1 (KM) was easterly.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- 2 on Cooley L. BBS 6/19 (SW1).

ACORN WOODPECKER -- breeding: Family of 5 or 6 with adults feeding young at feeder in Los Alamos 7/11 (Lorraine Thorn, EL)...13+ in Chuska Mts. 7/11 (DC).

GILA WOODPECKER -- breeding: Female feeding and calling nestling at nest hole 30 feet up in large sycamore in Guadalupe Canyon 6/5 (VP)...1 seen and several heard on Cloverdale Creek in June (VP).

DOWNY WOODPECKER -- 1 at La Joya SGR 7/29 (RT) was s. of normal range.

HAIRY WOODPECKER -- breeding: Adult feeding young male at La Cueva, Jemez Mts., first on 7/9 and still feeding on 9/2 (MS)...1 in Trujillo Canyon 6/8 (JH) was easterly.

STRICKLAND'S WOODPECKER -- breeding: Fledgling near Salt Canyon, Peloncillo Mts., 7/1 (VP)...1 in Peloncillos 6/23 (David Lee).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER -- 1 on Cloudcroft BBS 6/25 (SW1).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER -- 1 singing at Bosque NWR 7/18 (PSn) was only report.

DUSKY FLYCATCHER -- breeding: Several and a nest in Sandia Mts., where the species is local (HS)...Small numbers singing in Chuska Mts. 6/11-15 (DC) and at Burford L. in June.

GRAY FLYCATCHER -- Singing in new areas in summer were 1 or 2 in Apache Canyon 6/23 (CR); near Huerfano L., San Miguel County, and Trujillo Canyon 6/8 (JH); in Water Canyon 7/21 (SW); a probable in Gallinas Mts., Lincoln County, 6/27 (SW1). Small numbers also on Rowe Mesa 6/7 (JH), near White Oaks 6/26 (SW1), and in the Little Walnut area near Silver City 6/9 (MO+).

BLACK PHOEBE -- Only 1 or 2 in upper Pecos Valley between Ribera and Villanueva 6/8 (JH).

DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER -- breeding: Pair feeding young in a nest cavity in Guadalupe Canyon 6/11 (SW1).

THICK-BILLED KINGBIRD -- breeding: Pair carrying nesting material to nest high up in a sycamore in Guadalupe Canyon 6/11-12 (SW1).

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- Singles at Abiquiu L. 6/7 (PI) and Shady Lakes 6/2 (JP).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- unusual: 1 near Tularosa 6/6 (JHt)...6 on San Simon BBS 6/15 (GS). Numbers remain low in Eddy County (SW).

TREE SWALLOW -- breeding: Several nests in Chuska Mts. 6/11-15 and probable nest near Farmington 6/14 (DC)...Probable late migrants were 1 in Bisti 6/24 and 3 near Fence L. 6/8 (SW).

BANK SWALLOW -- breeding: Nesting colony near San Juan Pueblo again occupied 6/11, with 100+ birds (JH, JV).

CLIFF SWALLOW -- breeding: Nests above 9,000 feet near Hopewell L. 7/31 (PSn). Again on Silver City buildings (RF).

CAVE SWALLOW -- 4,000 to 5,000 at Carlsbad Caverns NP, same as in 1966 (SW).

BARN SWALLOW -- breeding: Nested near Cloverdale, where very local in summer (VP).

SCRUB JAY -- breeding: Nesting pair at Mangas Springs fledged 3 young 7/7 (RF).

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER -- breeding: Pair feeding fledglings at La Cueva, Jemez Mts., 6/1-11 (MS)...1 near Washington Pass 6/11-12 (DC).

AMERICAN CROW -- 6 near Washington Pass 6/11-12 (DC), 2 on Logan BBS 6/24 (SW), and 27 on Rowe Mesa 6/8 (JH).

CHIHUAHUA RAVEN -- breeding: Nest in yucca 12 miles n. of Hachita on NM 81, on 6/9 (SW1)...3 identified by calls on Logan BBS 6/24 (SW1).

COMMON RAVEN -- breeding: Nests with adults feeding young in Pine Canyon 6/8 and between Clanton Tank and Blair Road in the Peloncillo Mts. 6/14 (VP).

PLAIN TITMOUSE -- 1 at Trujillo Canyon 6/8 (JH).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- 9 in Gallinas Mts. near Corona 6/26 (SW1).

CANYON WREN -- breeding: An adult on nest 6/3 in Hog Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. (VP).

BEWICK'S WREN -- breeding: Fairly common in Guadalupe Canyon 6/10-12, often in family groups with adults feeding fledgling young (SWI).

WINTER WREN -- unusual: Male* singing and carrying nest material in Pajarito Canyon, Los Alamos County, from mid-May to late July -- but no female seen (Dorothy Crowe, Pat Kennedy, Jean Morrison). Song identified from familiarity with species in Alaska, or from Cornell tapes. Very rare in summer in N.M.

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- 1 at Santa Fe 7/4 (CR); common at Sandia Crest (HS).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- 1 in Trujillo Canyon 6/8 (JH), 2 on Sabinoso BBS 6/27 (PI), 2 on Horse Mt. BBS 6/15 (JS), 1 on Carrizozo BBS 6/26 (SWI), and 1 in Rattlesnake Canyon, Carlsbad Caverns NP (fide MF). Uncommon in woodland in Peloncillo Mts. in June (VP).

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD -- breeding: 3 nests with adults feeding young under eaves at Baca Location headquarters at Valle Grande, Jemez Mts., 7/15 (MS). Pair entering nest hole in dead fir in open burn area on Mesa del Rito, Bandelier NM, 6/2 (BL)....4 on Farley BBS 6/1 (KM) were near eastern limit of range.

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE -- breeding: Nest in mossy roadside bank with 2 eggs 7/12 and 2 young 7/22 near American Springs, Los Alamos County (BL, Alan Kernodle). ...unusual: 1 on Farley BBS 6/1 was e. of range and possibly a late migrant.... Singles on Claunch BBS on n. side of Gallinas Peak 6/27 (SWI), and in Chuskas Mts. 6/11-15 (DC).

VEERY -- unusual: 2 singing on Ojo Sarco BBS 3 miles e. of Placita, Taos County, 6/26 (JRT). Rare in the Sangre de Cristo Mts.

AMERICAN ROBIN -- unusual: Pair with male singing in Post Office Canyon 6/21 (RS).

RUFOUS-BACKED ROBIN -- unusual: 1* at Percha Dam SP (SW) on 7/3 was only the second recorded in the state.

GRAY CATBIRD -- unusual: 1 at Rodeo seen by Victor Emanuel Nature Tour group (no date) (fide RS) was very much out of place.

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD -- 74 on Sabinoso BBS 6/27 (PI); 90 on San Simon BBS 6/15 (GS).

SAGE THRASHER -- 1 at Burford L. 7/24 (PSt); singing male at Fort Union 6/23 (RPx); 21 on Torreon BBS 6/21 (CR); 11 on Fence L. BBS 6/8 (DC).

BENDIRE'S THRASHER -- 1 on Farmington BBS 6/14 (DC); 6 on Nageesi BBS 6/27 (GS); 3 on Valencia BBS 6/5 (JND) and 10 on Cerro Verde BBS 6/3 (J.N.Durrie).

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER -- 2 on Sabinoso BBS 6/27 (CR); singles on Cooley L. BBS 6/19 and Logan BBS 6/24 (SWI) were farther east than usual.

PHAINOPEPLA -- 1 between La Joya and Socorro 7/19 (SW) and 1 at Bosque NWR 7/11-12 (PSt) were somewhat far north; 3 at La Luz Canyon 7/18 (John & Carole McNelly), and 1 in Walnut Canyon, Carlsbad Caverns NP 6/3 (fide MF).

BELL'S VIREO -- 10 singing in Guadalupe Canyon 6/10-12 (SWI). Not observed in Carlsbad area (SW).

GRAY VIREO -- 1 singing in Guadalupe Canyon 6/11-12 (SWI).

SOLITARY VIREO -- 3 of plumbeus race singing at Trujillo Canyon 6/8 (JH).

RED-EYED VIREO -- 1 at Randall Davey Nature Center 6/5 (CR).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- 5 on Cloudcroft BBS 6/25 (SW1).

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER -- 3 in Chuska Mts. 6/11-12 (DC); 2 at San Cristobal 6/14 (PI); 3 on Rowe Mesa 6/7 and 2 at Trujillo Canyon 6/8 (JH).

YELLOW WARBLER -- breeding: 5 pairs with young at Tucumcari L. in July (WU)...
1 at Rattlesnake Springs 7/9 (SW).

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER -- 1 at High Rolls 7/31 (GSM1, JTa); 1 in Peloncillo Mts. 6/23 (VP).

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER -- 1 at Heron L. 7/24 (PSt) was somewhat early.

GRACE'S WARBLER -- 1 in Chuska Mts. 6/11-12 (DC); 6 on Claunch BBS 6/27 (SW1).

MacGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER -- 2 at Randall Davey Nature Center 6/5 (CR).

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT -- 2 on Cloudcroft BBS 6/25 (SW1).

OLIVE WARBLER -- 1 female on upper Cherry Creek 6/13 (RF).

WESTERN TANAGER -- 1 at Trujillo Canyon 6/8 (JH) was e. of usual range.

SUMMER TANAGER -- A probable on Logan BBS 6/24 (SW1) was e. of normal.

PYRRHULOXIA -- 2 immatures at Truth or Consequences 7/10 (DM) and a male on Gage BBS 6/9 (SW1).

BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK -- breeding: Pair nesting in Trujillo Canyon 6/8 (JH).

BLUE GROSBEAK -- Peripherals: 1 near Lindrith, Rio Arriba County, 7/18 (PSn) and 1 on the Rio Penasco 6/26 (JRT).

LAZULI BUNTING -- breeding: Pair nesting at Tucumcari L. in late July (WU) was a local first....A very early migrant at Percha Dam SP 7/12 (SW), and a few migrants reached Mangas Springs (RF) and Rattlesnake Springs (MF) 7/23-27.

VARIED BUNTING -- 1 in Guadalupe Canyon 6/11-12 (SW1).

DICKCISSEL -- unusual: 1 or 2 singing on Grenville BBS 6/14 (KS), at Fort Union 6/19 (R&SPx), and on Cooley L. BBS s. of Fort Sumner 6/19 (SW1). Infrequent in N.M. in early summer.

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE -- unusual: 2 at Sevilleta NWR 7/22 (RT)...4 on Horse Springs BBS (Catron County) 6/7 (AM) were southerly.

RUFOS-SIDED TOWHEE -- 3 in Trujillo Canyon 6/8 (JH) were peripheral.

BROWN TOWHEE -- Peripherals: Small numbers on Nageesi BBS 6/27 (GS), Grenville BBS 6/14 (KS), Horse Springs BBS 6/7 (AM), and near Maljamar, Lea County, 7/2 (Sam Droege).

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- Among westerly records: se. of Santa Fe 6/13 (JRT) near Sevilleta NWR 7/16 (RT), on Carrizozo BBS 6/26 (SW1), s. of Animas 6/10 and on Gage BBS 6/9 (SW1), and on Jornada BBS 6/14 (CR).

RUFOS-CROWNED SPARROW -- 1 in lower Mortendad Canyon, Jemez Mts., 7/15 (BL); species rare in this range.

BREWER'S SPARROW -- 3 on Fence L. BBS 6/8 (DC) were s. of normal.

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW -- 3 again in Trujillo Canyon 6/8 (JH).

VESPER SPARROW -- Peripherals: a few e. of Las Vegas 6/8 (JH) and on Horse Springs BBS 6/7 (AM); moderate numbers on Rowe Mesa 6/7 (JH), on Fence L. BBS 6/8 (DC) and in the Gallinas and Jicarilla Mts. 6/26-27 (SWi).

BLACK-THROATED SPARROW -- Northerly reports included small numbers on Torreon BBS 6/21 (CR), La Cienega BBS 6/13 (JRT), Sabinosa BBS 6/27 (CR), and Fence L. BBS 6/8 (DC).

LARK BUNTING -- Early summer reports: 28 on Farley BBS 6/1 (KM), 61 on Grenville BBS 6/14 (KS), and 2 males on Lake Valley BBS 6/3 (DM).

SAVANNAH SPARROW -- unusual: Second state nesting record, with a pair feeding a nestling at Burford L. 6/12.

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- 45 in a 10-mile transect on Gray Ranch 6/17 (SWi); specimens collected proved to be of the Arizona race Ammodramus savannarum ammolegus, which is new for N.M.. New localities: 3 to 4 on Roswell BBS 6/17 and Caprock BBS 6/18 (SWi). 5 on Sabinosa BBS 6/27 (CR) was a new high for the area.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- breeding: New colonies between Watrous and Buena Vista (R&SPx), and at Dry L. (WU)...1 at Mescalero 6/13 (RJ).

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD -- Peripheral reports: in Chuska Mts. 6/11-15 (DC), at Bluewater L. 7/9 (Pst), at Bitter L. 6/12-18 and 7/1-10 (KW), and near Tularosa 6/23 (J&Nht).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE -- breeding: Nested at Tucumcari L. (WU)...Again reported at Las Vegas (JH), Zuni (DC) and Glenwood (RF). New areas included a pair at Tohatchi in mid-June (DC) and 1 near Fort Union 6/13-25 (R&SPx).

COMMON GRACKLE -- breeding: Apparently nested at Maxwell NWR (LH), Ribera (JH) and Carlsbad (SW)...Numbers increased at Clayton (WC+). Two near Bosque NWR 7/29 (RT) may have been early autumn migrants.

BRONZED COWBIRD -- Up to 5 at Truth or Consequences 6/11-7/14 (DM), as the species appears to have become established there.

HOODED ORIOLE -- unusual: A vagrant adult male at Santa Fe 6/17-7/24, and another was heard 7/25 and probably 6/27 (JH)...1 at Rattlesnake Springs 7/23 (MF).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE -- Peripheral: 1 or 2 on Torreon BBS 6/21, on Sabinosa BBS 6/27 and near Santa Rosa 7/5 (CR). Two at Sevilleleta NWR 6/24 (RT).

PINE GROSBEAK -- Several near Cumbres Pass 7/30 (PSn).

CASSIN'S FINCH -- breeding: Pair feeding fledglings at La Cueva, Jemez Mts., 6/3-8 (MS)...A few in Chuska Mts. 6/11-15 (DC) and the Sandia Mts. 6/20 and 7/26 (HS), where infrequent in summer.

RED CROSSBILL -- breeding: Young being fed near Silver City 6/9 (MO, fide RF). ...A few in Chuska Mts. 6/11-15 (DC), at Burford L. 6/12, and in Jemez Mts. 6/3 and later (PSn). From less-expected areas, small numbers se. of Questa 6/14 (PI+), in Santa Fe 6/6-7 (JH), on Rowe Mesa 6/7 (JH) and on Claunch BBS 6/27 (SWi).

PINE SISKIN -- Several at Bitter L. 7/19 (KW+) were early migrants.

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- unusual: 5 at Cochiti L. 6/5 (PSt), a few at Bluff Springs in Sacramento Mts. 7/25 (RJ), and several at Rattlesnake Springs 6/8 and 7/23 (fide MF).

EVENING GROSBEEK -- breeding: Fledglings being fed at La Cueva, Jemez Mts., 7/6-9 and 7/22-31 (MS)...Other montane reports were in the Sangre de Cristo, Sandia and Sacramento Mts. (v.o.). Birds in Santa Fe 6/1-2 and 7/15-19 (JH), with intervening reports in nearby Santa Fe Canyon (CR).