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FROM THE EDITORS:

The season brought important firsts. Most impressive was the state's first confirmed Eastern Wood Pewee. Visually it is almost identical with the Western, but vocalizations are distinctive, and the bird found in Santa Fe was taped. The first U.S. nest of Gould's race of the Wild Turkey -- with seven chicks -- was discovered in Hidalgo County. And the first New Mexico nest of the Dickcissel was observed at Tucumcari Lake.

Breeding reports were uneven. While 91 Mississippi Kite nests were verified in the eastern plains, Least Terns couldn't nest at Bitter Lake because of high water. Heronries did good business, but some shrank as customers moved to other locales. Common Black Hawks, Zone-tailed Hawks and Golden Eagles again nested in the Gila Valley, Farmington had its first breeding Evening Grosbeaks, Los Alamos its second Three-toed Woodpecker nest, and White-faced Ibis set up their second New Mexico nesting area at Burford Lake. And hundreds of Yellow-headed Blackbirds chose a new breeding site near Tucumcari.

There were scarce birds -- Caspian Terns, a Purple Gallinule -- and those far out of place -- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher near Espanola, 10 Red-faced Warblers in the Magdalena Mountains. An unusual number of birds were at unexpectedly high or low altitudes, or well away from normal locales, too many to summarize -- read the text.

LOCALITIES AND THEIR COUNTIES IN THIS ISSUE

abbreviations and symbols in the text:

BBS -- Breeding Bird Survey	R. -- River
L. -- Lake	SGR -- State Game Refuge
MGRV -- middle Rio Grande Valley	SP -- State Park
Mt. (Mts.) -- Mountain(s)	v. o. -- various observers
NM -- National Monument	
N.M. -- New Mexico	* -- details provided
NP -- National Park	** -- photograph
NWR -- National Wildlife Refuge	*** -- specimen
OCBC -- Otero County Bird Club	

Alamogordo -- Otero	Chama -- Rio Arriba	Farmington -- San Juan
Albuquerque -- Bernalillo	Chuska Mts. -- San Juan,	Fence L. -- Cibola
Allread Tank -- Lea	McKinley	Fort Craig -- Socorro
Animas -- Hidalgo	Clanton Canyon -- Hidalgo	Fort Sumner -- De Baca
Animas Valley -- Hidalgo	Clayton (L.) -- Union	Fort Union -- Mora
Apache Creek -- Catron	Cloudcroft -- Otero	Gallinas Mts. --
Artesia -- Eddy	Cloverdale -- Hidalgo	Socorro
Aztec -- San Juan	Cochiti L, etc. --	Gila R. -- Grant,
	Sandoval	Catron, Hidalgo
Bell L. -- Lea	Corona -- Lincoln	Glenwood -- Catron
Bitter L. NWR (Bitter L.)	Crownpoint -- McKinley	Gray Ranch -- Hidalgo
-- Chaves		
Black Range -- Grant	Deming -- Luna	Hachita -- Grant
Bosque del Apache NWR	Donaldson's farm --	Heron L. -- Rio Arriba
(Bosque NWR) -- Socorro	Doña Ana	High Rolls -- Otero
Brazos Ridge -- Rio Arriba	Dry L. -- Quay	Hillsboro -- Sierra
Buckman -- Santa Fe		Holloman L. (and Air
Burford L. -- Rio Arriba	Eagle Nest -- Taos	Force Base) -- Otero
Burro Mts. -- Grant	El Malpais NM -- Cibola	Hopewell L. -- Rio
	El Vado L. -- Rio Arriba	Arriba
Canjilon -- Rio Arriba	Engle -- Sierra	Horse Springs --
Caprock -- Lea	Española -- Rio Arriba	Catron
Carlsbad -- Eddy	Estancia -- Torrance	Jemez Mts., etc.--
Carlsbad Caverns NP	Evans L. -- Grant	Sandoval
-- Eddy		

Jornada Valley -- Dona Ana	Ojo Zarco -- Rio Arriba	San Isidro -- San Miguel
Juan Tabo Canyon -- Bernalillo	Old Refuge at Mesilla -- Dona Ana	San Juan Mts. -- Rio Arriba
Arr Canyon -- Otero	Owen's farm -- Dona Ana	San Mateo Mts. - Socorro
La Cueva SGR -- Mora	Parkview -- Rio Arriba	San Juan Pueblo -- Rio Arriba
Laguna Grande -- Eddy	Pecos -- San Miguel	Santa Fe -- Santa Fe
Laguna Pueblo -- Cibola	Peloncillo Mts. -- Hidalgo	Signal Peak -- Grant
La Joya SGR -- Socorro	Penasco -- Taos	Silver City -- Grant
L. McMillan -- Eddy	Piños Altos Mts. -- Grant	Six-Mile Canyon -- Socorro
Lake Valley -- Luna, Sierra	Pleasanton -- Catron	Socorro -- Socorro
Las Cruces -- Dona Ana	Randall Davey Nature Center -- Santa Fe	Storrie L. -- San Miguel
Las Vegas -- San Miguel	Rattlesnake Springs -- Eddy	Sycamore Canyon - Grant
Logan -- Quay	Redrock -- Grant	Torreón -- Sandoval
Los Alamos -- Los Alamos	Riverside -- Grant	Trujillo Canyon -- San Miguel
Los Lunas -- Valencia	Roberts L. -- Grant	Truth or Consequences -- Sierra
Los Ojos -- Rio Arriba	Rowe Mesa -- San Miguel	Tucumcari -- Quay
Loving -- Eddy	Sacaton Creek -- Catron	Tularosa -- Otero
Magdalena -- Socorro	Sabinoso -- San Miguel	Vaughn -- Guadalupe
Magdalena Mts. -- Socorro	San Acacia -- Socorro	Velarde -- Rio Arriba
Mangas Springs -- Grant	San Antonio - Socorro	Wagon Mound SGR - Mora
Maxwell NWR -- Colfax	San Augustin Plains -- Catron	White Oaks -- Lincoln
Mogollon Mts. - Catron	Sandia Mts., Crest, Park -- Bernalillo	Whites City -- Eddy
Morgan L. -- San Juan		Willard -- Torrance
Navajo Dam -- San Juan		Zuni Reservation (Zuni for short) -- McKinley
Navajo L. -- McKinley		
Nogal, Nogal Canyon -- Lincoln		

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SPECIES ACCOUNTS

COMMON LOON -- unusual: One of the few N.M. summer records: A single bird summered at Bitter L. (LM).

EARED GREBE -- breeding: A first local breeding record at Fort Union 7/10 (EE). Up to 10 pairs may have been breeding at Wagon Mound SGR 6/25 (JH).

WESTERN GREBE -- At least 60 were at Burford L. during the summer, but only 2 attempted nestings were found (DSt).

CLARK'S GREBE -- At several new summer sites, including 2 at Burford L. 6/11 (BL), near La Cueva SGR (PI, CR) and Las Vegas NWR (CR), at Bosque NWR (DSRRo), and 5 at L. McMillan 6/17 (OO, SW). Four also at Elephant Butte L. on 6/8 (BrH).

DOBBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- Only a few summer reports: 9 at mouth of Santa Fe R. in Sandoval County 7/4 (CR), in the Chuska Mts. (DC), and 1 at Las Vegas NWR 7/2 (CR).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- El Vado L. during summer (DSt), 1 to 10 at Tucumcari L. in June (BU), and 2 at Bitter L. 6/17-24 (LM).

LEAST BITTERN -- Summered again at Tucumcari L. (BU).

GREAT BLUE HERON -- breeding: A pair fledged young on Apache Creek near Clayton, as also in 1987 (WC). Seventeen nests found at Glenwood (RF).

GREAT EGRET -- A single bird at Holloman L. (EW).

SNOWY EGRET -- One at Heron L. 6/5 (DSRRo). The Loving heronries showed a decline from previous years (SW).

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- Seen in the summer at Bitter L. (LM), and at the Artesia heronry 6/17 (OO, SW).

TRICOLORED HERON -- The season's only sighting, 1 adult at Bosque NWR 6/10 (JB+).

CATTLE EGRET -- breeding: Noted at the new-found 5-Mile Heronry 6/4 to the east of the Loving heronry, where no activity was seen. 80+ birds at the Artesia heronry 6/17, including many sitting on nests (OO, SW).

GREEN-BACKED HERON -- breeding: Nested at Tucumcari L. (BU) Absent all season at Mangas Springs (RF).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON -- breeding: Nests at Buford L. (DSt). Juveniles seen at Tucumcari L. (BU), Zuni (DC) and Navajo L. (AN). 13, including 3 immatures, at Las Vegas NWR 7/17 (CR). Numbers up in Loving heronries, plus discovery of a new heronry with 400 birds (SW).

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- breeding: State's second breeding area for species found at Burford L., with up to 13 nests (none successful) 6/25-7/24 (DSt)... Almost statewide: 10, 3 of them immature, at Las Vegas NWR 7/17 (CR); 15 at Fort Craig 6/14 (DSRRo); 6 at Tularosa 6/20 (JSNHT); at Tucumcari L. all season (BU), and 1 late at Mangas Springs 6/6 (RF).

CANADA GOOSE -- Away from regular summer sites, and reflecting introductions, were up to 46 in Chuska Mts. (DC), and 33 at La Joya SGR (PJ).

WOOD DUCK -- In much of state, including 2 at La Cueva SGR 7/3 (CR), 1 at Socorro 6/12 (DSRRo), at Holloman L. (SSc), up to 5 at Tucumcari L. (BU).

NORTHERN SHOVELER -- breeding: Broods at Las Vegas NWR 7/2 (CR), and up to 12 pairs at Evans L. 6/4 (RF).

GADWALL -- 1 at Hopewell L. 6/19 (PI).

AMERICAN WIGEON -- breeding: 2 family groups, including 19 young, at Dry L 7/15 (BU)... Seen at Morgan L. 6/30 (PJ), at Zuni in June and July (DC), at La Joya SGR 7/29 (PJ, JS) and at Bitter L. 6/10-24 (LM).

CANVASBACK -- breeding: 2 groups with fledglings 6/16 at Forked Lightning Ranch s. of Pecos (LM)...Species seen at Burford L. 7/24 (BL), La Joya SGR 7/29 (PJ, JS), and at Bitter L. NWR 6/10-24 (LM).

REDHEAD -- Summering birds in Chuska Mts. 7/7 (DC), at Burford L. in July (DSt), and, at Holloman L. 6 on 6/23 and 4 on 7/16 (SSc).

RING-NECKED DUCK -- No evident nesting, but male and female at Whiskey L. in Chuska Mts. 6/11 and 6/20 (Tom Gatz), at Zuni in June (DC), and at Roberts L. 6/18 (D&RRo).

LESSER SCAUP -- In Chuskas 6/20 and at Zuni 6/15-30 (DC); 3 at La Joya SGR 6/26 (PJ), and 3 at Bitter L. 6/3 (LM). Injured bird at Glenwood 7/22 (JH).

COMMON MERGANSER -- Near Pecos 6/16-17 (LMu) and at Pleasanton 7/28 (JH).

RUDDY DUCK -- At Dry L. 7/15; 3 young in irrigation ditch se. of Carlsbad 6/11 (SW).

DSPREY -- unusual: 1 at Heron L. 6/18 (W. Evans).

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- An immature at Percha Dam SP 6/6 (TH). breeding: 91 nests located in Clovis-Hobbs-Roswell triangle (A. L. Gennaro+).

BALD EAGLE -- unusual: A late immature at Lake Valley, Sierra County, 6/30 (PJ)...breeding: A pair nesting "just out of Grant County" (fide RF).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- 1 near Cloudcroft 6/25 and 2 at Randall Davey Nature Center 7/9 (CR).

COMMON BLACK HAWK -- breeding: 4 nests in Gila Valley; each fledged one young (RF).

HARRIS' HAWK -- unusual: 1 near Oeming 7/15 (DS, W. Eacles) was out of range.

ZONE-TAILED HAWK -- 1 near Nogal 6/25 (CR); 1 e. of Hillsboro 7/14 (DS, W. Eacles); 1 in Guadalupe Canyon 7/15-16 (JS)...breeding: Pair in Sycamore Canyon fledged 1 young (RF).

BLUE GROUSE -- breeding: A nest found in Santa Fe National Forest, Sandoval County, fledged 6 chicks (CP, Marilyn Altenbach)...1 in Black Range 7/26 (PJ).

WILD TURKEY -- unusual: A nest of the Gould's race near Cloverdale is the first of this subspecies to be found in the U.S.; 7 young were seen there 6/24 (SSc+).

MONTEZUMA QUAIL -- 1 male at Mangas Springs 6/26 (RF).

NORTHERN BOBWHITE -- Up to 8 at Bitter L. in June (KW).

SCALED QUAIL -- Production good at Clayton (WC); 32 on Lake Valley BBS 6/10 (DM); 1 at Gray Ranch 7/17 (JS, PJ).

VIRGINIA RAIL -- breeding: Nested at Tucumcari L. this summer (BU)... First of year at Mangas Springs 7/13, later than normal (RF).

SORA -- breeding: Nested at Tucumcari L. (BU)...1 at La Cueva SGR 7/3 (CR).

PURPLE GALLINULE -- First in N.M. in almost 10 years was a single adult** at Jal L., Lea County, on 6/17 (DO, SW). On a return visit 6/23 the bird was not found (SW).

COMMON MOORHEN -- breeding: A brood noted near Socorro 6/13 (D&RRo).

AMERICAN COOT -- breeding: Several nests at Jal L., Lea County, 6/17 (OO, SW) and 6/23 (SW).

SNOWY PLOVER -- Peak of 33 on 6/23 at Holloman L. (SSc). Common all June at Bitter L., with a high of 186 on 6/24 (LM). Up to 35 at Laguna Grande 6/4 (SW).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER -- 1 at La Joya SGR 7/28 (PJ); 2 at Bosque NWR 7/29 (PJ, JS).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS -- 3 at William Huey Wildlife Management Area e. of Artesia 6/17 (OO, SW).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- 1 at Randall Davey Nature Center 7/31 (CR); local first.

WILLET -- 2 at Morgan L. 6/30 (PJ); 1 on 6/20 in Hidalgo County at junction of I-25 and NM-338 (DSRRo).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- breeding: Probable nesting at Randall Davey Nature Center 6/12 (CR), but the nest was probably washed out later.

LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- 4 at Laguna Grande 6/4 (SW); irregular in summer there.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT -- 1 reported with few details at Bitter L. 6/24 (LM).

MARbled GODWIT -- Singles at Maxwell NWR 7/6 (PSt) and at Holloman L. 7/16 (EW).

SANDERLING -- 1 at Laguna Grande 6/4-5 (OO, SW).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 2 to 3 at Tucumcari L. 7/29 (BU).

WESTERN SANDPIPER -- 8 at Laguna Grande 6/4-5 (OO, SW).

LEAST SANDPIPER -- At Laguna Grande 6/4-5 (OO, SW).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER -- 1 or 2 at La Joya SGR (PJ, JS) and Bosque NWR 7/28-9 (PJ, JS).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- 1 at La Joya SGR 7/29 (PJ, JS).

STILT SANDPIPER -- 2 at Bosque NWR 7/29 (PJ, JS); unusually high 75+ at Holloman L. 7/16 (EW).

COMMON SNIBE -- Presumed breeding noted in Chama-Los Ojos area and also near Canjilon L. in June (JH).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- Small numbers present into June south to Bosque NWR (DSRRo), at Bitter L. (LM), and at Laguna Grande with 27 present (one was a male) 6/4-5 (SW). Another late (or early) record was a single at William Huey Wildlife Management Area near Artesia 6/17 (OO, SW). A pair at Burford L. 6/12 (DSt) showed some nesting behavior, but no nest was found.

FRANKLIN'S GULL -- 7 at Morgan L. 6/30 (PJ); 2 at Heron L. 6/6 (DSRRo); 7 at Coochiti L. 6/11 (PSt); 1 at Tucumcari L. 6/16-18 and 7/25 (BU), and the usual scattered summer reports from Bosque NWR, Bitter L., Holloman L.

CALIFORNIA GULL -- 8 at Morgan L. 6/30 (PJ), 24 at Heron L. 6/18 (PJ), and 20 (+120 gull sp.) at Eagle Nest L. 7/20 (PSt).

CASPIAN TERN -- unusual: 2 at Morgan L. 6/30 (PJ) and 1 at Bitter L. 6/19 (Peter Jungemann). All were well described.

FORSTER'S TERN -- 3 were at Bitter L., increasing to 18 by 7/30 (Peter Jungemann); 3 in Tucumcari area 7/10-15 (BU).

LEAST TERN -- 3 adult pairs and 2 second-year birds were at Bitter L. all summer, but nesting attempts were flooded out (Peter Jungemann).

BLACK TERN -- Several at Tucumcari from late June into July (BU); 12 at La Joya SGR 6/26 (PJ); 27 at Bitter L. 6/3 (LM), and 1 at Artesia 6/17 (SW,OO).

ROCK DOVE -- unusual: A white individual was found incubating 2 Ruddy Duck eggs on a bulrush island in Burford L. 7/24; the dove was captured by hand, then returned to the nest (DSt).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- unusual: 3 at Bosque NWR 6/13, where seldom seen (DSRRo). However, 3 or 4 were seen at Socorro to the north 7/30 (PJ) and 6 to 10 daily at Truth or Consequences to the south throughout the period (DM).

INCA DOVE -- Singles were at Socorro 7/9 (JS), Truth or Consequences 6/14 (F and Redrock 6/1-19 (Alton Ford), plus 2 at Alamogordo 7/17 (JTa).

GREATER ROADRUNNER -- unusual: 1 at Zuni 6/27 (DC), w. of normal....breeding: Adult feeding young at Tucumcari L. 6/2 (BU).

BARN OWL (COMMON BARN OWL) -- unusual: 1 near eastern boundary of Jicarilla Reservation at 7,300 feet 6/11 (DSt, BL)...breeding: First nesting in Gila Valley for some time (RF).

ELF OWL -- breeding: Pair nesting at Glenwood 6/2 (BMc).

SPOTTED OWL -- breeding: 1 adult and 3 immatures reported without supporting details from Sand Spring Canyon, Zuni (DC)...Singles at Mimbres L., Grant County (Bob & Susan Jones, fide RF); and in Lincoln National Forest at Water Canyon 7/16 (Warren & Genevieve Bloys) and in Sixteen Springs Canyon 7/23 (Genevieve Bloys & Anne Bowman).

LONG-EARED OWL -- unusual: 1 at Brazos Ridge (10,000 feet) 7/4 (PJ).

LESSER NIGHTHAWK -- unusual: 50+ at La Joya SGR 6/26 and 1 there 7/28 (PJ) were n. of normal range.

WHIP-POOR-WILL -- 1 in Magdalena Mts. (JB+); 1 calling near top of Diamond Peak in Black Range 7/3 (Dean & Ginger Holloway, fide RF).

BLACK SWIFT -- A bird, probably of this species, over Randall Davey Nature Center 7/31 (CR).

CHIMNEY SWIFT -- A few foraging over Tucumcari L. 6/16, 23 (BU).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT -- breeding: Active nest s. of San Isidro 6/20 (LMu). ...2 in Ryan Hill Canyon, Sandoval County, 6/4 (PJ).

BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD -- unusual: 1 at Las Cruces feeder 5/19-7/31 (EW**). ...2 males in Guadalupe Canyon 7/15-17 (JS, PJ).

VIOLET-CROWNED HUMMINGBIRD -- 3 to 7 in Guadalupe Canyon 7/15-17 (JS, PJ).

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD -- unusual: A female at Signal Peak 7/18 (JS, PJ).

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- Male singing in Post Office Canyon 6/30-7/12 and later (RS).

CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD -- unusual: Sub-adult male netted at Glenwood 6/4 (BMc).

BELTED KINGFISHER -- 1 in Guadalupe Canyon 6/1 (SWi) was probably a late migrant, as no fish were present in the water. 1 at Tucumcari L. 7/17 (BU) was at the southern limit of breeding range in eastern N.M.

RED-NEPED SAPSUCKER -- breeding: 1 nesting at Los Ojos 6/17 (PJ); ~~nest~~ in aspen with adults feeding young in hole at Johnson Canyon, San Francisco Mts., 6/18 (RF).

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER -- 2 in Bear Trap Canyon, San Mateo Mts., 6/10 (PJ, Toni Johnson), and 1 in Magdalena Mts. 6/4 (JB+) were at southern limit of breeding range.

LADDER-BACKED WOODPECKER -- breeding: 2 adults feeding young at Tucumcari L. 6/4, 16 (BU).

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER -- breeding: Adult male feeding juvenile male in Pajarito Canyon 7/31 (CSTJe) for the second breeding record in Los Alamos County... 3 at Bead Spring, Mogollon Mts., 7/26 (PJ).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER -- 3 in Chuska Mts. 6/19-20 and 2 on 7/8-9 (DC); 1 in Waterfall Canyon, Sandia Mts., all season (HS).

WESTERN WOOD PEWEE -- 1 at Bell L. 6/17 (SW+) was a late migrant.

EASTERN WOOD PEWEE -- unusual: 1 singing at Santa Fe 6/11 (JH) was the first confirmed state record. Well described, voice taped.

WILLOW FLYCATCHER -- Only reports: 2 at Zuni 6/16 (DC) and 2 at Bosque NWR 6/13 (DSRro).

DUSKY FLYCATCHER -- 1 singing in Rincon area of Sandia Mts. 7/6 (HS); first summer occurrence on west side of the Sandias.

GRAY FLYCATCHER -- breeding: Nest at Bandelier NM 6/11 (DSRRo)...2 each in Magdalena Mts. 6/4 (JB+) and near White Oaks 6/23(SWi) were southerly.

BLACK PHOEBE -- 1 near Pecos 6/16 (LMu).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- 1 near Gallegos, San Miguel County, 6/16 (SWi) was north of usual range.

THICK-BILLED KINGBIRD -- Only 1 or 2 seen in Guadalupe Canyon 6/1 (SWi) and 7/15 (PJ, JS).

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- 1 near Eagle Nest 7/21 (PSt) was only report.

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- A vagrant near Española 7/2-3 (CR+) was far to north.

HORNED LARK -- 4 in montane meadows, some 10,000 feet high, on Brazos Ridge 6/18 and 7/3-4 (PJ).

TREE SWALLOW -- unusual: Singles in Magdalena Mts. 6/4 (JB) and at Bosque NWR 6/13 (DSRRo), and 9 at High Rolls 6/18 (RJ+) were s. of normal summer range.

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW -- breeding: Nests at Carlsbad 6/10 and 7/3 were the first reported for Eddy County since 1966 (SW).

BANK SWALLOW -- breeding: Up to 20 nesting at San Juan Pueblo 6/24 (JH) and a new colony of about 100 birds w. of Corrales 6/21 (J. Lang).

BARN SWALLOW -- breeding: Nests at Silver City and Riverside (RF) were in areas where species is very local as a breeder.

GRAY JAY -- 2 were 8 miles se. of Black L., San Miguel County, 6/18 (CR, PI) at about 9,000 feet.

BLUE JAY -- 2 foraging at Tucumcari L. 7/11 (BU) may have been a family. In Carlsbad the species tends to be restricted to areas with older deciduous trees (SW).

PINYON JAY -- breeding: Fledglings at Santa Fe 6/6-7/4 and near El Malpais N. on Highway 117 on 7/10 (JH).

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER -- breeding: Adult feeding a large young on n. side of Rowe Mesa 6/18 (JH) at 7,600 feet.

AMERICAN CROW -- breeding: 2 adults with 3 full-grown fledglings at Rowe Mesa 6/18 (JH); the young resembled the European Hooded Crow, with gray bodies and black heads, wings and tails...9 in Chuskas 6/19-20 and 7/8-9 (DC); others at Logan (SWi) and on Cedro Peak, Manzano Mts., in first half of June.

CHIHUAHUA RAVEN -- 36 w. of Los Lunas 6/7 (HS) was high.

BRIDLED TITMOUSE -- 1 in San Mateo Mts. 6/6 (PJ); 8 in Magdalena Mts. 6/4 (JB); 10 in Clanton Canyon 7/17 (PJ).

PLAIN TITMOUSE -- 2 in Guadalupe Canyon 6/1 (SWi).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- 1 at Santa Fe 6/5, 7 (JH); 5 in Gallinas Mts. 6/24 (SWi).

BROWN CREEPER -- breeding: Nest found at Los Alamos 6/8 (BL+).

CACTUS WREN -- unusual: A probable bird of this species was heard singing and seen in silhouette 22 miles e. of Sabinoso on NM highway 65/419 on 6/16 (CR, PI); well west of normal range.

CANYON WREN -- breeding: Adult on nest with 6 eggs, Forked Lightning Ranch s. of Pecos in June (LMu).

BEWICK'S WREN -- 2 at Allread Tank, Bell L., 6/17 were out of habitat and e. of range (SW, 00).

HOUSE WREN -- breeding: Adult feeding young in ponderosa habitat in Reece Canyon n. of Navajo Dam 6/17 (AN).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- 1 in Santa Clara Canyon, Jemez Mts., 7/10 (CR, SG); 16 on Cloudcroft BBS 6/25 (CR).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET -- 3 in Magdalena Mts. 6/4 (JB).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- 9 in Magdalena Mts. 6/4 (JB).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 7/31 was the only report for the season (fide CWR).

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD -- breeding: 2 cavity nests with adults feeding young at Forked Lightning Ranch s. of Pecos 6/1-14 (LMu)...6 on 6/4 in Magdalena Mts. (JB+), where searches away from Water Canyon are rare.

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE -- Unusually common in Rincon area of Sandia Mts. in June and July (HS).

VEERY -- unusual: 1 e. of Peñasco 6/30 (JRT); rare in Sangre de Cristo Mts., but also reported last year on same Ojo Zarco BBS.

HERMIT THRUSH -- 1 calling in a Vaughn residential area 7/2 (SW).

GRAY CATBIRD -- 1 at Parkview 6/5 (LHS).

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD -- 75 on Jornada BBS 6/5 (CR).

SAGE THRASHER -- 20 on Torreon BBS 6/1 (CR); 6 at San Augustin Plains 6/14-15 (DSRRo); present at Juan Tabo Canyon 7/10 (HS) and near Pleasanton 7/24 (PJ).

BENDIRE'S THRASHER -- 4 at San Augustin Plains 6/6-7 (JS); 1 at Hachita 7/17 (PJ, JS).

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER -- 1 in Guadalupe Canyon 6/1 (SWi).

CRISSAL THRASHER -- 2, including a singing male, at Buckman 6/24 (BL) add to recent records of this species e. of Los Alamos. Nest at Allread Tank 6/17 (SW).

EDAR WAXWING -- 12 immatures in Farmington 7/22 (fide AN). Local breeding?

PHAINOPEPLA -- A pair at San Acacia 6/12 and 3 at Bosque NWR 6/13 (DSRRo) are more than usually seen this far north. 1 on Lake Valley BBS 6/10 (DM).

BELL'S VIREO -- 1 at Bosque NWR 6/13 (DSRRo) was at the northern limit of regular occurrence in the MRGV; 2 singing at Whites City 7/11 (SW); 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 6/14 (fide CWR); 8 singing in Guadalupe Canyon 6/1 (SWi).

SOLITARY VIREO -- 4 in Chuska Mts. 7/8-9 (DC).

HUTTON'S VIREO -- 5 at Sacaton Creek 7/25 (PJ+); 3 at McMillan Campground, Pinos Altos Mts., 7/18 (PJ); 1 in Clanton Canyon 7/17 (JS, PJ).

WARBLING VIREO -- 10 in Chuska Mts. 7/8-9 (DC). 1 at Bosque NWR 6/13 (DSRRo) was almost certainly a late migrant.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- 12 on Cloudcroft BBS 6/25 (CR).

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER -- 1 in Chuska Mts. 7/8-9 (DC); 1 in Santa Fe 6/3 (SBo); 1 in Guadalupe Canyon 7/16 (JS, PJ).

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER -- 1 adult feeding a fledged cowbird near Pecos 6/18 (LMu); 1 at High Rolls 6/26 (JTa); 10+ near Pleasanton 7/25 (PJ, JH); 2 in Clanton Canyon 7/17 (JS, PJ).

GRACE'S WARBLER -- 2 in Chuska Mts. 7/8-9 (DC); adult tending a cowbird near Pecos 7/1 (LMu); 2 pairs feeding cowbirds in the Sandia Mts. 6/25 and 7/19 (HS); 6 on Cloudcroft BBS 6/25 (CR); 54 in Magdalena Mts. 6/4 (JB+).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- 1 at Bitter L. 6/6 (Peter Jungemann).

AMERICAN REDSTART -- Singing immature males at Waldrop Park, Chaves County, 13 (LG) and in the Burro Mts. 6/16 (DSRRo).

MacGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER -- 1 in San Mateo Mts. 6/6 (PJ); 10 on Cloudcroft BBS 6/25 (CR).

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT -- Half-normal numbers at Mangas Springs (RF); 4 on Cloudcroft bbs 6/25 (CR).

WILSON'S WARBLER -- 1 at Taos Ski Valley 7/2 (PJ); 1 at Santa Fe 6/5 (SBo).

RED-FACED WARBLER -- 10 in Magdalena Mts. 6/4 (JB+); 6 in San Mateo Mts. 6/10 (PJ); 2 at Karr Canyon 6/18 (OCBC); 3 at Sacaton Creek 7/23 (JH+).

PAINTED REDSTART -- 5 at Sacaton Creek 7/23 (JH+); 2 in Piños Altos Mts. 7/17 (JS, PJ).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT -- 1 at Torreon 6/11 (CR, PI); 8 at Bosque NWR 6/13 (DSRR).

OLIVE WARBLER -- 1 on Signal Peak Road, Piños Altos Mts., 7/18 (JS, PJ).

NORTHERN CARDINAL -- 1 n. of Clayton in July (WC) was out of range.

PYRRHULOXIA -- unusual: 1 in Guadalupe Canyon 7/15 (JS).

LAZULI BUNTING -- 8 near Jemez Springs 6/22-7/4 (80).

INDIGO BUNTING -- 11 near Jemez Springs 6/22-7/4 (80) and 9 in Six-mile Canyon 6/4 (JS).

DICKCISSEL -- breeding: N.M.'s first reported nest at Tucumcari L. 7/7-27 (BU), though young may not have fledged....Other likely breeders (singing) were 9 at Maxwell NWR 7/6 (PSt), 3 at Las Vegas NWR 7/2 and 8 on 7/17 (CR), and 3 near Fort Sumner 6/17 (SWi).

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE -- 4 in Magdalena Mts. 6/4 (JB+); south of normal.

CANYON TOWHEE (BROWN TOWHEE)-- Westerly singles near Crownpoint 6/6 (GS) and e. of Fence L. 6/12 (DC).

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- More widespread and numerous than usual in the northwest in June, including up to 46 near Zuni 6/17, 27 (DC), 1 near Crownpoint 6/6 (GS) 6 between Magdalena and Horse Springs 6/15 (DSRRo), and 7 near Animas 6/5 (...2 on west side of Sandias 7/10, 24 (HS) were local first records.

BREWER'S SPARROW -- S. of usual range (possible early migrants) were singles singing in Juan Tabo Canyon 7/10 (HS) and near Willard 6/24 (CR).

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW -- 2 in Trujillo Canyon 6/25 (JH); 9 in Six-mile Canyon 6/4 (JS).

VESPER SPARROW -- New summer locale, 4 near Cochiti L. 7/4 (CR); several at about 10,000 feet on Brazos Ridge 6/18 and 7/4 (PJ); several in Cedros Peak area 6/1-14 (HS).

LARK BUNTING -- Numerous in northeast in June, and westward-southward at least locally around Wagon Mound and Las Vegas (JH+); westerly stragglers near Aztec 6/18 (DC), Santa Fe 6/24 (BL) and Estancia 6/24 (CR).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- New sites: up to 6 (with apparent fledgling) at Las Vegas NWR 7/2, 17 (CR), and single near Wagon Mound 6/18 (PI, CR). Others included 1 sw. of Roswell, 9 near Caprock, and 15 in the Animas Valley, Hidalgo County, 6/2-18 (SWi).

LINCOLN SPARROW -- unusual: 6 near Cloudcroft 6/25 (CR) were far south.

BOBOLINK -- 2 in Chuska Mts. 7/8-9 (DC); 3 at Los Ojos 6/5 (LHS).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK -- unusual: 1 singing in Chama in June and July (LHS), and at least 6 singing in lower Bear Canyon in Sandias 7/10 (HS).

WESTERN MEADOWLARK -- Southerly were a few near Horse Springs (DC), 7 at Engle 6/12 (DM), 2 or 3 at Mangas Springs after mid-July (RF), 1 near Las Cruces (CR), and 15 n. of the Magdalena Mts. 6/4 (JB+).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- Hudson L., with hundreds of birds and a nest 7/17 (BU) was a new nesting area in Quay County.

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE -- Peripherals included up to 4 in Chuska Mts. (DC), 3 to 4 at Los Ojos 6/17 (PJ), 2 at Corona 6/24 (CR), and 9 at Apache Creek 7/30 (JH).

COMMON GRACKLE -- breeding: Nest at Tucumcari L. 6/6 (BU)...Species continues to summer at Carlsbad in slowly increasing numbers (SW).

BRONZED COWBIRD -- 1 in Socorro 6/3-7/4 and 3 on 7/9 (JS), 3 near Engle 6/12 (DM) and 5 throughout period at Truth or Consequences (DM), and a pair at Alamogordo 6/11-7/31 (William Wells).

PINE GROSBEAK -- unusual: A summer first: 5 in Chuska Mts. 7/8-9 (DC).

CASSIN'S FINCH -- 2 in Chuska Mts. 6/19-20; a few in San Juan Mts. (PJ+) and Jemez Mts. (MS); up to 10 in Sandia Mts. (PSt).

PINE SISKIN -- Varying numbers in northern highlands (v.o.), and in Sandia (PSt), Manzano (HS) and Magdalena Mts. (JB+). A few in the lowlands in early June and again in late June-early July (v.o.).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- Several at Los Ojos 6/17-18 (PJ), Bitter L. 6/1-3 (LM), and at Rattlesnake Springs 7/17 (fide Cwr).

EVENING GROSBEAK -- unusual: A pair with 2 young in Farmington area 7/31 (Bob Carr, fide AN) was a local first...All other reports were in the northern highlands and Sandia Mts. (v.o.) except for 1 or 2 in the Magdalena Mts. 6/4 (JB+) and near the Gila Cliff Dwellings 7/28 (BH).

HOUSE SPARROW -- Pair feeding an immature Brown-headed Cowbird at Truth or Consequences 6/2 (DM).