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FROM THE EDITORS:

Autumn brought a good showing of wanderers we rarely see. New Mexico's second Swainson's Warbler was photographed. Other rarities included a Buff-breasted Sandpiper, an adult Sabine's Gull, a Gray Hawk, a Black-billed Cuckoo, 2 Groove-billed Ani, Varied and Wood Thrushes, a very unusual White-eyed Vireo, and a Lawrence's Goldfinch.

Unusual activity of our regular species may have been more significant. Seven Tundra Swans were a good number. Black-shouldered Kites widened their range to the Las Cruces area and to Pifon, in northern Otero County. Massive downhill movements of corvids and Mountain Chickadees were notable, and small groups of Red-breasted Nuthatches were widespread in the lowlands. Red Knots were reported twice. An impressive 27 species of warblers included the rare Prothonotary, Worm-eating, Kentucky, and 3 Black-throated Greens. Many warblers lingered, some into November.

4,498 SOUTH-BOUND RAPTORS IDENTIFIED -- Hawkwatch International's autumn 1989 count of southward-migrating raptors was done at Capilla Peak in the Manzano Mountains, August 28-October 31, with Brett Ewald and Tim Menard in charge. Besides the 4,498 identified by species, 182 couldn't be pinned down. The count of the identified:

Turkey Vulture	178	Northern Goshawk	14	Zone-tailed Hawk	1
Osprey	22	Broad-winged Hawk	5	Golden Eagle	84
Bald Eagle	3	Swainson's Hawk	16	American Kestrel	678
Northern Harrier	59	Red-tailed Hawk	606	Merlin	18
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1833	Ferruginous Hawk	16	Prairie Falcon	19
Cooper's Hawk	930	Rough-legged Hawk	1	Peregrine Falcon	15

TAXONOMY -- Changes in American Ornithologists' Union check list:

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) is the new name of our former Olivaceous Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax olivaceus*), reflecting preferred usage of specialists on the species.

New information places the Prairie Falcon immediately ahead of the Peregrine Falcon in taxonomic order. It formerly followed the Peregrine.

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LOCALITIES AND THEIR COUNTIES IN THIS ISSUE

abbreviations and symbols in the text:

L. -- Lake  
 MRGV -- middle Rio Grande Valley  
 Mt. (Mts.) -- Mountain(s)  
 NM -- National Monument  
 N.M. -- New Mexico  
 NP -- National Park  
 NWR -- National Wildlife Refuge  
 R. -- River  
 SGR -- State Game Refuge  
 SP -- State Park  
 v. o. -- various observers  
 \* -- details provided  
 \*\* -- photograph

Abiquiu L. -- Rio Arriba	Deming -- Luna	McAllister L. -- San Miguel
Aguirre Springs -- Doña Ana	Dexter -- Chaves	Mills -- Harding
Alamogordo -- Otero	Diener Canyon -- Cibola	Oasis SP -- Roosevelt
Albuquerque -- Bernalillo	Dog Canyon -- Otero	Ojo Caliente -- Taos
Alma -- Catron	Donaldson's farm -- Doña Ana	and Rio Arriba
Animes -- Hidalgo	Dripping Springs, Organ Mts. -- Doña Ana	Organ Mts. -- Doña Ana
Apache Creek -- Catron	Durling's farm -- Doña Ana	Oso Canyon -- Rio Arriba
Bandelier NM -- Sandoval, Los Alamos	Elephant Butte L. -- Sierra	Otis -- Eddy
Bayard -- Grant	Española -- Rio Arriba	Owen's farm -- Doña Ana
Bear Canyon -- Grant	Farley -- Union	Percha Dam SP -- Sierra
Bell L. -- Lea	Folsom Falls -- Union	Pinon -- Otero
Bernalillo -- Sandoval	Fort Sumner -- De Baca	Placitas -- Sandoval
Bill Evans L. (often Evans L.) -- Grant	Gallina Mts. -- Torrance, Lincoln	Pleasanton -- Catron
Bitter L. NWR (Bitter L.) -- Chaves	Gallinas Mts. -- Socorro	Post Office Canyon -- Hidalgo
Black R. -- Eddy	Gila -- Grant	Quemado -- Catron
Black Rock Dam, Zuni -- McKinley	Glenwood -- Catron	Randall Davey Nature Center -- Santa Fe
Bloomfield -- San Juan	Gray Ranch -- Hidalgo	Rattlesnake Springs -- Eddy
Bluewater L. -- Cibola, McKinley	Grenville -- Union	Redrock -- Grant
Boone's Draw -- Roosevelt	Guadalupe Canyon -- Hidalgo	Ribera -- San Miguel
Bosque del Apache NWR (Boeque NWR) -- Socorro	Guadalupe Mts. -- Eddy	Rio Grande Nature Center -- Albuquerque
Burford L. -- Rio Arriba	High Rolls -- Otero	Sabinoso -- San Miguel
Burro Mts. -- Grant	Hobbs -- Lea	San Antonio -- Socorro
Caballo L., Dam -- Sierra	Holloman L. -- Otero	Sandia Mts. -- Bernalillo
Canadian R. -- Colfax to Quay	Horse Springs -- Catron	San Felipe -- Sandoval
Capilla Peak, Manzano Mts. -- Torrance	Jemez Mts., R., etc. -- Sandoval	San Ildefonso -- Santa Fe
Caprock -- Lea	Jicarilla Mts. -- Lincoln	San Juan Mts. -- Rio Arriba
Carlsbad -- Eddy	Juan Tabo Canyon -- Bernalillo	San Mateo Mts. -- Socorro
Carlsbad Caverns NP -- Eddy	Johnson Mesa -- Colfax	San Simon Cienega -- Hidalgo
Carrizozo -- Lincoln	La Joya SGR -- Socorro	Santa Fe -- Santa Fe
Chuska Mts., L. -- McKinley, San Juan	Lake Peak -- Santa Fe	Sevilleta NWR -- Socorro
Clanton Canyon -- Hidalgo	L. Roberts -- Grant	Shady Lakes -- Bernalillo
Clayton (City, L.) -- Union	L. Stinky -- Otero	Signal Peak -- Grant
Cloudcroft -- Otero	Lakewood -- Eddy	Socorro -- Socorro
Cochiti L. -- Sandoval	Las Cruces -- Doña Ana	Storrie L. -- San Miguel
Columbus -- Luna	Las Vegas -- San Miguel	Taos -- Taos
Corrales -- Sandoval	Los Lunas -- Valencia	Terrero -- San Miguel
Cox Canyon -- Otero	Loving -- Eddy	Trujillo Canyon -- San Miguel
Cowles -- San Miguel	Lovington -- Lea	Truth or Consequences -- Sierra
Crownpoint -- McKinley	Malaga -- Eddy	Tularosa -- Otero
Natil -- Catron	Mangas Springs -- Grant	
	Manzano Mts. -- Torrance, Bernalillo	
	Maxwell NWR -- Colfax	

Wagon Mound -- Mora            Zuni Mts. -- Cibola,            Zuni Reservation  
Washington Ranch -- Eddy        McKinley                            (Zuni for short) --  
    eed -- Otero    McKinley

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

COMMON LOON -- 2 each at Heron L. 8/1-3 (PSt), Chuska L. 11/4 (DC) and Bluewater L. 11/11 (DC); 1 at Jemez Canyon Dam 11/9 (GP, fide HS).

HORNED GREBE -- 2 at Las Vegas NWR 10/3 (CSa), and singles at Bosque NWR 10/2 (BO, JB1, TH) and on 10/30 (GP, fide HS), and at Holloman L. 9/20 (CSa).

RED-NECKED GREBE -- unusual: Reported at Bosque NWR 9/17 (PM, fide RT); no details.

EARED GREBE -- breeding: 35 nests at Maxwell NWR 8/5 (DC)...32 at Bosque NWR 9/21 (RT, PB), 10 at Bluewater L. 11/4 (DC) and a few at Bitter L. 10/13 (PJ, JS), McAllister L. 9/25 (JH, RDi), Bill Evans L. 9/22 (RF) and Brantley L. 8/14-15 and 10/12 (PJ).

WESTERN GREBE -- 12+ at Heron L. 8/17 (JH).

CLARK'S GREBE -- 43 at Stubblefield Dam 8/3 (DC); also seen at Charette L., Mora County (SW) and Las Vegas NWR in August (CR), at Elephant Butte L. in September (PSt), and at Holloman L. in August (BZ).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- 30 to 60 at Maxwell NWR 9/18-10/4 (WH, JH, PSt and CSa); 18 on 8/1 and 1 on 8/8-9 at Black Rock Dam (DC); 50 to 250 at Bosque NWR 8/1-10/5 (PJ, DC, RT, PSt); 50 to 60 at Bitter L. 8/15-18 with 100 by 9/23 (PJ, SW, DC).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- Numerous at Maxwell NWR from 9/18 (WH), with 20+ on 9/27 (JH) and 80 on 10/4 (CSa); a few in August to November at Bosque NWR (RSCT, SW1, KC); 1 juvenile w. of L. Roberts 9/10-12 (RF), and some at Caballo L. 11/3 (PJ).

NEOTROPICAL CORMORANT (formerly Olivaceous) -- Some at Bosque NWR in August and October (PJ, RSCT, PSt).

AMERICAN BITTERN -- 5 near Tularosa on 8/3 (JGNHt).

GREAT BLUE HERON -- Up to 40 at Stubblefield Dam 8/3 (DC).

GREAT EGRET -- Singles at Bosque NWR 8/26 and 9/8 (RSCT, PB), at Bitter L. 8/18 and 9/23 (DC), and at San Simon Cienega 10/25 (BH, fide RDi).

SNOWY EGRET -- At Bosque NWR, 50+ on 8/1, 30 on 8/10 (PJ), 6 on 8/26 and 11 on 9/8 (RSCT, PB), and 1 on 11/11 (SW1).....20 to 30 at Bitter L. 8/18 (DC, PJ); 11 at Percha Dam 9/30 (CSa); 20+ at Brantley L. 8/15 (PJ).

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- 3 on 9/21 (RT, PB) and 1 on 11/19 (PSt) at Bosque NWR.

CATTLE EGRET -- 130 near San Antonio 8/26 (JS). At Bosque NWR, 7 or 8 on 8/1 and 5 on 8/10 (PJ) and up to 120 on 9/8 (RSCT, PB).

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- 163 at Zuni 8/27 (DC); 40 at Isleta Pueblo 9/4 (FGRS); 1 at Capilla Peak 9/18 (Brett Ewald, Tim Menard); 5 on 8/10 (PJ) and 1 on 11/12 at Bosque NWR (SW1); 4 at Bitter L. 8/16 (PJ); 3 near Tularosa 8/29 (JGNHt).

TUNDRA SWAN -- 6 at Clayton 11/17-18 (WC); 1 immature at Bosque NWR 11/18-25 (V.O.).

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 1 at Las Vegas NWR 10/3 (CSa) and 14 at Bosque NWR 11/24 (PSt).

SNOW GOOSE -- 1 as early as 8/1 at Bosque NWR (v. o.).

ROSS' GOOSE -- 100 at Las Vegas NWR 11/4 (CR); 1 immature at Burn L. 11/15 (BZ).

WOOD DUCK -- 4 at Springer L. 8/11 and at Las Vegas NWR in October and November (CR); 2 at Zuni during October and November (DC); 21 near Mesilla 9/21 (CSa).

AMERICAN BLACK DUCK -- unusual: Sighted at Bosque NWR 11/17 (RT); very rare in New Mexico.

MALLARD -- A Mexican-form male at Bosque NWR 11/18 (PSt).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL -- 21 near Española 9/23 (PI+); 4 west of Miller Canyon 9/25 (JH); 1 at Bitter L. 9/13 (JS, PJ); 7 at Old Refuge 9/20 (CSa).

AMERICAN WIGEON -- A few at Bosque NWR 11/10-12 (SWi, KC); 500+ at Bitter L. 10/13 (PJ).

CANVASBACK -- 2 males at Maxwell NWR 9/27 (JH); 2 at Springer L. 10/4 (CSa); 1 male at Wagon Mound 9/27 (JH); 15 at Bluewater L. 11/11 (DC); 16 at Bosque NWR 11/10-12 (SWi, KC); 60 at Bitter L. 10/21 (PSt).

REDHEAD -- A male at Johnson Mesa, Colfax County, 9/27 (JH); 2 at Randall Davey 10/22 (PI+); 14 at Bosque NWR 11/12 (SWi, KC); 7 at Bitter L. 9/13 (PJ, JS), and 10 at Bill Evans L. 11/14 (RF).

LESSER SCAUP -- 2 at Bluewater L. in November (DC); a male in eclipse plumage at Glenwood Fish Hatchery 8/30 and also on 11/23 (JH); at Bosque NWR, 3 on 11/4 (RSCT) and 3 males and a female on 11/12 (SWi, KC); 30 at Bill Evans L. 10/11, with up to 278 by 11/14 (RF).

SURF SCOTER -- 1 at Bitter L. 10/29 (Robert Kasuboski); a female at Bill Evans L. 11/8-16 (RF), and one at Las Cruces 11/8-16 (S. D. Schemnitz, F. G. Cooch -- photos).

COMMON GOLDENEYE -- 3 to 5 at Bluewater L. in November (DC); 1 at Cass Draw, Eddy County, 8/2 (SW) was the county's second summer record.

BUFFLEHEAD -- 2 males and 8 females at Bosque NWR 11/10-12 (SWi, KC); 3 pairs at Bill Evans L. 10/27 and up to 5 pairs by 11/14 (RF).

HOODED MERGANSER -- 4 at Maxwell NWR and 2 at Las Vegas NWR 10/4 (CSa; 2 at Bosque NWR 11/4 (RSCT) and 5 there 11/25 (PJ, JS).

COMMON MERGANSER -- 1 on 8/5 (DC) and 2 on 9/27 (JH) at Maxwell NWR; 13 females at Frisco Hot Springs, Catron County, 11/22 (JH); 3 females at Bill Evans L. 11/8 (RF); 4 at Redrock Dam 11/3 and 5 at Percha Dam 11/13 (PJ).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- A female at Bosque NWR 10/30 and 11/11-12 (SWi, KC, GP fide HS).

RUDDY DUCK -- 200 at Bitter L. 10/13 (PJ).

OSPREY -- unusual: 1 at Maxwell NWR for a week in September (WM) was late.

BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE -- Singles in the Las Cruces area 9/24 (CSa) and near Piñon 11/10 (Robert Petterson).

BALD EAGLE -- 2 to 34 were at Maxwell NWR in September to November (WM); 5 in Gila area 10/11-11/28 (v.o., fide SM).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- unusual: Singles at De Vargas Mall, Santa Fe, 9/23 (CR) and in Organ Mts. 11/25 (CSa).

COMMON BLACK HAWK -- 1 at Redrock state game farm in November (AF) was quite late.

HARRIS' HAWK -- Singles east of Las Cruces 10/13 and 11/4 (CSa); only casual there.

GRAY HAWK -- unusual: An adult, with supporting details, probably of this species, was near Socorro 9/22 (Dean Kendall). Rare in New Mexico. And quite late.

SWAINSON'S HAWK -- unusual: An immature at Bluewater L. 11/11 (DC) was late.

RED-TAILED HAWK (rufous phase) -- Singles at Las Vegas NWR in late September or early October (CR), and at Bosque NWR 11/10-12 (SWi).

MERLIN -- unusual: 1 at Las Vegas NWR 9/16+ (CR) was early.

CHUKAR -- 1 at Burton Park, Albuquerque, 10/8 (Alan Swain) was probably an escaped or released bird.

WILD TURKEY -- 5 at Johnson Mesa 9/26 (JH); 36 at Bosque NWR 9/8 (RT, PB) and 21 there 11/17 (RT); 3 at Rattlesnake Springs 8/10, 10/12 (PJ).

MONTEZUMA QUAIL -- Pair with 7 young at Mangas Springs 8/10 (RF); present on the N.M. side of Dog Canyon, Guadalupe Mts., in November (Roger Reich, fide SW).

NORTHERN BOBWHITE -- 20 at Boone's Draw 9/13 (PJ, JS); 5 at Caprock 10/13 (PJ); numbers dropping in Carlsbad area (SW); singles at Rattlesnake Springs and Otis 8/2 (Jan Lloyd, SW).

SCALPED QUAIL -- 15 at Zuni 8/8 and 30 on 9/17 (OC).

GAMBEL'S QUAIL -- 16 near Tularosa 8/25 (JSNHT).

VIRGINIA RAIL -- 1 on 8/1, 26, 27 at Black Rock Dam (OC); 3 at Bosque NWR (PJ), 1 heard there 8/26 (RSCT); 2 to 6 heard at Mangas Springs throughout the period (RF).

SORA -- 1 on 8/10 at Black Rock Dam (OC); 4 at Bosque NWR 8/1 (PJ) and 1 heard there 8/26 (RSCT, JS); 1 at Bitter L. 9/23 (OC); up to 12 at Mangas Springs for the period (RF).

COMMON MOORHEN -- 1 at Bosque NWR 8/19 (OC).

AMERICAN COOT -- 1,000+ at Bitter L. 10/13 (PJ).

SANDHILL CRANE -- 23 at Las Vegas NWR 10/3 (CSa); 7 at Bosque NWR by 10/5 (RT, PSt) and 84 by 10/9 (CSa); 100 at Bitter L. 10/13 (PJ); 300 at Red-rock by early November (AF); 1 in the Gila valley by 10/4 (OHu, Gretchen VanAuken, fide SM) and up to 33 on 11/14 (RF).

WHOOPIING CRANE -- 2 at Bosque NWR 11/4 and 6 by 11/17 (RSCT).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 2 on 8/20 (CSa) and a juvenile on 9/22 at Holloman L. (BZ).

LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER -- 1 at Zuni 9/17 (DC).

SNOWY PLOVER -- 1 at Zuni 10/1 (OC); 11 at Bosque NWR 10/5 (RT, PSt); 9 at Bitter L. 8/18 (DC); 30 near Alamogordo 8/14 (PJ) and 5 there 9/20-22 (CSa, BZ); 10 at Laguna Grande 8/15 (PJ).

SEMPALMATEO PLOVER -- 1 or 2 at Maxwell NWR 8/5 (OC), at Las Vegas NWR 8/31 (PSt), at Bosque NWR 8/26 (PJ, JS). At Holloman L., 3 juveniles 8/16, 2 adults and 2 juveniles 9/20 (CSa) and 2 on 9/22 (BZ).

KILLDEER -- Common throughout period (v. o.).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- At Grasslands turf farm, 36 on 8/8 (PJ), 30+ on 10/2, 5 on 10/26 and gone by 11/10 (BO)...55 near Moriarty 9/3 (DC).

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- 20+ at Bosque NWR 8/1, with 10 remaining on 8/10 (PJ), and 7 on 8/26 (RSCT); 50+ at Bitter L. 8/16 (PJ); 6 at Holloman L. 8/16 (CSa).

AMERICAN AVOCET -- 1 on 8/9 through 8/26 at Black Rock Dam (DC); 13 to 24 at Bosque NWR 11/18-19 (CSa, PSt); 100 to 150 at Bitter L. 8/15-16 (PJ); 1 at Bill Evans L. 10/8 (RF); 1 at Holloman L. 8/16 and 2 on 9/20 (CSa).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS -- 1 on 8/27 at Black Rock Dam (DC); 1 near El Malpais NM 9/2 (JH); 1 to 10+ from 8/1 to 11/12 at Bosque NWR (v. o.); 10+ at Bitter L. 8/15 (PJ); 20+ in Alamogordo 8/14 (PJ).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS -- 25 at Maxwell NWR 9/18 (WH); present through August with high of 30 on 8/15 at Black Rock Dam (OC); 1 near El Malpais NM 9/2 (JH); 3 to 10+ at Bosque NWR 8/1-10/5 (RT+); 10+ at Bitter L. 8/15 and 20+ in Alamogordo 8/14 (PJ).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- 1 at Apache Creek 8/27 and 2 near El Malpais NM 9/2 (JH); 1 at Bosque NWR 8/10 (PJ) and 5 on 8/26 (RSCT).

WILLET -- 1 at Brantley L. 8/15 (PJ).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- 2 to 4 through August at Black Rock Dam (DC); 1 to 6 throughout August at Bosque NWR (PJ, RSCT); 2 or 3 at Bitter L. 8/15, and 5 or 6 at Alamogordo 8/14 (PJ).

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- 9 near Sedan, Union County, 8/3 (DC); 25 near Dexter 9/16 (SW); 25 to 30 in the Artesia-Loving area 9/14-15 (PJ).

WHIMBREL -- 1 at Bosque NWR 9/8 (RT).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- 4 near Sedan, Union County, 8/3, and 1 on 8/15 at Black Rock Dam (DC).

MARBLED GOOWIT -- Singles at Bosque NWR 8/26 (PJ, JS) and Bitter L. 9/23 (DC).

RED KNOT -- 1 or 2 on 8/20 at Zuni (DC); 1 to 2 at Holloman L. 9/15 (PJ, JS).

SANDERLING -- Singles at Springer 4. 10/4 (CSa), 8/27 at Black Rock Dam (DC), at Cochiti L. 9/13 (PST), and at Las Vegas NWR and Holloman L. (v. o.); 13 on 9/13 and 3 on 9/23 at Bitter L. (PJ, JS), and at Elephant Butte L. 10/22 (Pst).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 1 to 4 on 8/13, 20, 26 & 27 at Black Rock Dam (DC); 1 possible at Laguna Grande 8/15 (PJ).

WESTERN SANDPIPER -- 2 to 80 through August at Black Rock Dam (DC); 1 or 2 at Bosque NWR 8/8, 10 (PJ), and 9 on 8/26 (RSCT, JS); 40 near Alamogordo 8/14 (PJ); 50 at Holloman L. 9/20 (CSa).

LEAST SANDPIPER -- High counts were 50+ at Bitter L. and 200+ 8/15 (PJ); 100 at Elephant Butte L. 10/21 (Pst), 40 near Alamogordo 8/14 (PJ), and 50+ at Holloman L. 9/20 (CSa).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- Singles at Bitter L. 9/23 (DC) and at Loving 8/2 (SW).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER -- 10 on 8/20-27 at Black Rock (DC); 3 near El Malpais NM 9/2 (JH); 15 on 8/1 (PJ) and 6 on 8/26 (RSCT) at Bosque NWR; and, by CSa, 13 at Old Refuge 9/21, 15 to 20 at Holloman L. 8/14, 16, and 8 there 9/20.

PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- 4 at Springer L. 10/4 (CSa); 8 at Zuni 10/1 (DC); 1 at Grasslands turf farm 9/14 (LG), and 2 each by CSa at Percha Dam 9/30 and at Holloman L. 10/2.

DUNLIN -- 1 at Zuni 9/9 (DC) and 3 at Elephant Butte L. 10/22 (Pst).

STILT SANDPIPER -- Singles at Zuni 9/9 (DC), at Santa Fe in September (CR+), and at Bitter L. 10/21 (SW). 10 to 14 at Bitter L. 8/15 and 18 (PJ, DC) and 1 there 10/21 (SW). 4 to 8 at Holloman L. 8/14 and 16 (PJ, CSa) and 7 on 9/22 (BZ).

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER -- unusual: 1 at Holloman L. 9/20 (CSa).

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 2 on 8/20 at Black Rock Dam (DC), and 2 at Bitter L. 8/16 and 9/16-20 (PJ).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER -- High counts were 8 at Maxwell NWR on 9/18 (WH), 12 to 43 at Bosque NWR 8/1, 8/10, 8/26 and 9/21 (PJ, RT+), and 30 at Bitter L. 8/15 (PJ).

COMMON SNIFE -- 6 on 10/1 and 1 on 11/15 at Black Rock Dam (DC); 4 at Bosque NWR 11/10-12 (SWi, KC); first 2 on 10/25 at Mangas Springs were fewer than in previous years (RF).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE -- 2 at Black Rock Dam on 8/27 (DC); 8 in winter plumage at Bosque NWR 8/30 and 3 or 4 there on 9/21 and 24 (LG, JBI, DC); 22 to 51 at Bitter L. 9/13 and 23 (PJ, JS, DC).



RED PHALAROPE -- 1 possible at Las Vegas NWR 9/24 (CR).

SABINE'S GULL -- 1 immature at Black Rock Reservoir 10/1 (DC); more unusual was an adult at Bosque NWR 9/24 (DC).

COMMON TERN -- 1 immature at Chuska L. 9/16 (DC); 4 reported from Storrie L. 8/31 (PSt), but details did not fully eliminate molting adult Forster's Terns.

FORSTER'S TERN -- Small numbers statewide from 8/8 to 10/13 (v.o.).

LEAST TERN -- 4 at Bitter L. 8/2-3 (SWi).

BLACK TERN -- Reported from Zuni and eastward from the Rio Grande Valley from 8/1 to 9/20. High counts, 42 at Las Vegas NWR 9/16 (CR) and 100+ at Bitter L. 9/13 (PJ, JD).

LAUGHING GULL -- 2 at Brantley L. 8/15 (PJ) well seen and described.

FRANKLIN'S GULL -- 1 at Maxwell NWR 10/4 (CSa) and 1 at Bitter L. 9/13 (PJ, JS) were the only reports.

BONAPARTE'S GULL -- 1 at Zuni 11/4 (DC); 1 at Caballo L. 11/3 (PJ).

CALIFORNIA GULL -- 40+ at Heron L. 8/17 (JH); 1 at Maxwell NWR 9/18 (NH).

HERRING GULL -- 1 at Las Vegas NWR 10/4 (CSa); 1 at Las Vegas NWR (no date) (CR); 1 at Percha Dam 11/26 (DM).

(Corrections: Sabine's Gull should follow Herring Gull; terns should follow gulls.)

BAND-TAILED PIGEON -- 1 to 3 at a feeder in Gila Bird Habitat 8/24-9/17 (SM) were migrants at low elevation.

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- unusual: One wandered north to the Sandia Mts. (Piedra Lisa trailhead) 8/29 (HS).

INCA DOVE -- unusual: Singles at Zuni 10/22 (DC) and at Mangas Springs 11/25-30 (RF) were out of range....Above-usual numbers were 6 in a group at Socorro 11/29 (JS) and 8 at Owen's farm 10/28 (CSa).

COMMON GROUND DOVE -- unusual: Singles seen as far north as Sevilleta NWR 10/26 (RT) and photographed at Socorro 11/4-18 (JS, PJ).

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO -- unusual: 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/15 (JS, PJ, with photos). Scarce in N.M.

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- breeding: A pair fledged young at Mangas Springs in August (RF)....1 at Rio Grande Nature Center 10/28 (LG) was late.

GROOVE-BILLED ANI -- unusual: 1 with details at Bosque NWR 11/25 (Joe Ten Brink). An injured bird found near Gila 11/23 died during the night. Specimen sent to University of New Mexico collection (RF, SM).

BARN OWL -- 1 or 2 at Maxwell NWR 8/3 (OC) and 2 there 9/17 (CR); singles at Dripping Springs 11/24 (CSa) and Bell L. 9/15 (PJ, JS).

FLAMMULATED OWL -- 1 in Hawner Canyon, Cibola County, 9/29 (DC).

WESTERN SCREECH OWL -- 1 along Canadian R. near Mills 9/25 (Robert Dickerman).

NORTHERN PYGMY OWL -- 1 heard at Aguirre Springs 9/29 (CSa); possibly a first for Organ Mts.

SPOTTED OWL -- unusual: 1 at upper Juan Tabo Canyon 8/8, 15 (HS), same location as previous year; 1 at San Simon Cienega 10/31 (Robert Dickerman).

LONG-EARED OWL -- unusual: 1 heard at Black River village 10/14 (CR, PSn, Evan Spiegel).

SHORT-EARED OWL -- unusual: 1 at Coyote Springs, Socorro County, 9/21 (TH, BrH).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK -- 1 at Espanola 9/23 (CR, PI+) was late.

LESSER NIGHTHAWK -- 1 at Black River Village 10/14-15 (CR) was also late.

CHAETURA species -- 1 flying over San Simon Ciega 9/16-17 (BH).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT -- unusual: 5 at Bandelier NM 10/8 (CR) were late.

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD -- A female at Mangas Springs feeder 8/23 (RF).

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD -- Several at Clayton feeders during the period (WC); 1 immature male at Albuquerque feeder 10/13-11/7 (Bill Willard) and a male at Socorro feeder 11/8 (PJ) were latest stragglers reported.

ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 thought to be of this species was seen at Truth or Consequences 9/10-12 (DSJM). Species is very difficult to identify in the field, and has not been definitely documented in New Mexico, though it could very possibly be here.

LEWIS' WOODPECKER -- More reports than usual from south of Albuquerque; up to 5 daily at the Capilla Peak raptor watch in September and October (Brett Ewald, Tim Menard)...1 on 10/23 (PJ, JS) and 2 on 10/29 (PB) at Socorro; singles at San Antonio 10/7 (PJ, JS), at Bosque NWR 10/12 (SWI) and at San Simon Cienega 10/27 (SM).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- A juvenal at Bitter L. 9/23 and 1 near Caprock 10/11 (PJ).

ACORN WOODPECKER -- unusual: 1 at Placitas 10/19 (Jim McPhee); records from Sandias are rare...Singles at Capilla Peak 9/1 (Brett Ewald, Tim Menard) and 9/15 (PSt), at Mangas Springs 9/6 (RF), at Clanton Canyon 11/3 (PJ), at Dripping Springs 10/18 (KSk, EW), and at Cloudcroft 9/15 (JS, PJ).

RED-NAPED SAPSUCKER -- unusual: 2 adults and 1 immature at Sevilleta NWR 10/12 (RT); first records on the refuge.

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER -- unusual: A female 11/7 (RT) at Bosque NWR, where irregular in migration. An adult male at Rattlesnake Springs 10/15, 28 (ML, SW); only 5 records for Carlsbad Caverns NP.

DOWNY WOODPECKER -- 1 in Fourth of July Canyon, Manzano Mts., 10/7 (CSa) and 3 at Perche Dam SP 11/27 (DM) were in southern part of range.

LADDER-BACKED WOODPECKER -- 1 at Echo Amphitheater n. of Abiquiu L. 10/29 (CR), a northerly area.

STRICKLAND'S WOODPECKER -- 1 on 11/3 in Clanton Canyon, where seldom reported.

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER -- A pair in the Zuni Mts. (DC).

NORTHERN FLICKER -- In westerly areas, single yellow-shafted forms were at Zuni 10/14 (DC), Bosque NWR 11/4, 17 (RT), and Durling's farm 11/12 (BZ).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER -- Singles singing at Mills Canyon (Mora, Herding) 9/25=26 (JH), Oasis SP 9/14 (PJ, JS) and Mangas Springs 9/5 (RF).

GREATER PEWEE -- A possible example described from El Morro NM 9/7 (Dawn Sandee).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER -- 6 banded in Albuquerque 8/26-9/1 (CAH+).

LEAST FLYCATCHER -- A banding first in Albuquerque 8/13 (CAH+). 1 at Boone's Draw 9/14 (PJ, JS).

DUSKY/HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER -- 1 at Bandelier NM 10/8 (CR) was late.

HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER -- 5 banded in Albuquerque 9/9-17 (CAH+).

DUSKY FLYCATCHER -- 31 banded in Albuquerque 8/19-9/19 (CAH+).

GRAY FLYCATCHER -- 3 banded in Albuquerque 8/19-9/10 (CAH+). 1 seen at Boone's Draw 9/13-14 (PJ, JS).

COROILLERAN FLYCATCHER -- 2 at Boone's Draw 9/13 (PJ, JS).

EASTERN PHOEBE -- 2 at Las Vegas NWR 9/12, 16 (CR), 2 at Bitter L. 9/13 (JS, PJ), and 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 10/15 (SW).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- A first-year male at Albuquerque 9/18 (LG) was a straggler.

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD -- Last at Mengas Springs in mid-October (RF).

WESTERN KINGBIRD -- 1 over 9,000 feet in San Juan Mts. 9/17 (JH) and 1 late at Zuni 10/8 (DC).

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- Highs at Maxwell NWR were 30+ on 8/3 (DC) and 18 on 8/11 (CR). 1\*\* vagrant at Mengas Springs 9/4 (RF).

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW -- Lingered were 1 at Española 9/23 (PI+) and 5 at Bosque NWR 10/5 (PS, RT).

BANK SWALLOW -- High count at Las Vegas NWR, 100+ on 8/10 (CR).

CAVE SWALLOW -- At Carlsbad Caverns NP, about 3,000 in early August, 1,500 on 10/25, and 15 on 11/8 (SW).

STELLER'S JAY -- unusual: A state-wide massive invasion occurred this fall, with most observers commenting on the high numbers. One was even as far south as the Columbus-Animas highway on 11/1 (PJ).

BLUE JAY -- unusual: The above-mentioned invasion also included this species in unprecedented numbers: Up to 5 in Los Alamos (v. o., photo TM); up to 5 in Santa Fe throughout November (CR, LH); at Cedar Crest 10/17 (Pst); Capilla Peak 9/28 and 10/10 (Tim Menard); 1 or 2 in Albuquerque in October-November (BO, Elizabeth Jennings); 1 at Socorro 11/14 (FSRIS); 2 in Alamogordo (RGKJ); 2 or 3 in Socorro 10/7-11/23 (JS, PJ); 9 at Bitter L. 10/13 (PJ), and 1 at Dexter Fish Hatchery 11/18 (Bill Kepner).

SCRUB JAY -- Less conspicuous but noticeably higher numbers in such valley areas as Albuquerque, Socorro, Bosque NWR, Truth or Consequences and Las Cruces; in other such southern areas as Rattlesnake Springs, Dripping Springs and Redrock, and in the eastern plains at Portales and Boone's Draw (v. o.).

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE -- At southern limits of range were 2 at 5 miles n. of San Felipe 9/21 (JH), and 6 at 3 miles s. of Bernalillo 9/30 (Jim McPhee).

AMERICAN CROW -- Large concentrations: 500 at Wagon Mound 9/27 (JH, RDi); a roost of about 10,000 at Albuquerque 10/22 (Bill Willard), most in October for four years, and about 7,000 in a long flight s. of Bosque NWR 11/10 (SW), estimated by duration and rate of passage.

CHIHUAHUA RAVEN -- Estimated 400 in one migrating flock at Carlsbad 10/16, all gone by 11/11 (SW), and about 1,000 along highway between Lovington and Hobbs 10/13 (PJ).

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE -- Moderate numbers in RGV lowlands. From mid-September in Albuquerque (NH, Bill Willard) and mid-October further south. Unusual numbers at Rattlesnake Springs from 10/14 (CR+, PJ) up to a high of 14 on 10/28 (SW); 1 at Carlsbad Caverns NP 9/15 (PJ, JS).

PLAIN TITMOUSE -- 4 in Miller Canyon, Mora and Harding Counties, 9/25-26 (JH, RDi); 1 at McAllister L. 9/16 (CR) was out of place; 2 in Clanton Canyon 11/3 (PJ).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- Widespread in low numbers in lowlands. Singles at Boone's Draw 9/13-14 (PJ, JS); Albuquerque 9/20 (BO); Percha Dam 10/21 (Pst); Dripping Springs 9/28, 10/12 (EW+), and Durling's farm 11/2 (BZ).

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- 1 at Sevilleta NWR 10/26 (RT, PB) was first sighting there. 12 at Percha Dam 11/25 (DM); 1 at Durling's farm 10/17 (BZ,KZ).

BROWN CREEPER -- 1 at Maxwell NWR 9/22 (CR); good numbers in Albuquerque in November and later (Bill Willard); 1 at Percha Dam 11/25 (DM), 1 in Gila National Forest 11/3 (PJ), and 1 at Carlsbad 11/9 (SW).

SEOGE WREN -- unusual: 1 at Teleta Lakes, Bernalillo County, 9/17 (GP, fide HS). Casual in N.M.

AMERICAN DIPPER -- 1 near Folsom 9/27 (JH) and 2 at Zuni 11/18 (DC) were probably migrants or wanderers. No winter reports at Zuni, but frequent at higher Bluewater L., about 50 miles distant.

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- 1 in Santa Fe 10/22 (PI+); 3 at Bandelier NM 10/8 (CR); 11 in Sandia Mts. 10/22 and 11 there 11/11 (Pst); 2 at Frisco Hot Springs near Pleasanton 11/22 and 15 in Mogollon Mts. 11/23 (JH).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET -- 58 at Dripping Springs 11/11 (EW, CSe). First fall arrivals: 8 to 10 at Boone's Draw 9/14 (PJ, JD); 2 at Bosque NWR 9/21 (RT, PB); 1 at Old Refuge 9/21 (CSe); 1 at Menges Springs 9/23 (RF).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- Singles at Portales and Boone's Draw 9/14 (PJ, JS), and at Bosque NWR 9/21 (RT, PB); 2 at Alma 9/9 (RF).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- unusual: 16 at Percha Dam SP 11/27 (DM) were a high number for the western edge of the species' migration/winter range.

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE -- 2 at Bell L. 10/12 and Caprock 10/13 (PJ).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- 1 at Corrales bosque 10/9 (BO).

WOOD THRUSH -- unusual: 1\* was at the Gallinas campground in the Black Range 9/30 (Michael Resch), a rare occurrence in N.M.

AMERICAN ROBIN -- Flock of 200 in Carlsbad 10/12 was large for the area.

VARIED THRUSH -- unusual: A vagrant individual lingered in Las Cruces 11/11-15 (LHS).

GRAY CATBIRD -- At least 3 at Percha Dam SP 9/27 (JB1).

SAGE THRASHER -- Small numbers in northwest, north central and southeast N.M. from 8/8 to 11/12 (v.o.).

BROWN THRASHER -- 1 at Bosque NWR 10/2 (TH, BO, JB1); 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 10/28 (BO).

CRISSAL THRASHER -- 1 in Sandia Mts. 10/8 (Alan Swain) and 11/2 (FSRS); 2 near Tularosa 8/2-3 (JGNHt); 1 at Boone's Draw 9/15 (PJ).

AMERICAN PIPIT -- 15 at Johnson Mesa 9/26 (JH); 44 in Las Vegas NWR 9/24 and 39 there 11/4 (CR); 50 at Zuni 10/29 (DC); 11 at Sandia Crest 9/19 (Pst); 40 at Menges Springs 10/18 (RF). and 20+ at Redrock 11/3 (PJ).

SPRAGUE'S PIPIT -- 1 at Bosque NWR 9/21 (RT, PB) was fairly well seen and described.

CEDAR WAXWING -- Small numbers statewide 8/14 to 11/5 (v.o.).

PHAINOPEPLA -- 1 at Sevilleta NWR 10/12 (RT) and 1 at Socorro 11/11-29 were at the northern limits of the species' range.

NORTHERN SHRIKE -- 1 at Las Vegas NWR 11/4, 13 and 2 at Rio Grande Gorge 11/5 (CR+); 1 at Grasslands turf farm 11/4 (TH).

WHITE-EYED VIREO -- unusual: 1 singing and very well seen at Rattlesnake Springs 9/15 (PJ) provided one of the very few records for N.M.

BELL'S VIREO -- 3 at Rattlesnake Springs 8/2 (Jan Lloyd, SW).

SOLITARY VIREO -- 1 reported as solitarius at Las Vegas NWR 9/12, 16 (CR); 1 cassinii at Albuquerque 8/25 and 9/6 (PSt); 1 cassinii in Sandia Mts. 8/20 and 9/23 (HS); 3 at Boone's Draw 8/14 (PJ, JS); 1 well-described solitarius and 1 plumbeus at Rattlesnake Springs 10/28 (SW).

WARBLING VIREO -- 2 at Albuquerque 9/5 (Bill Willard); 5+ at Boone's Draw 9/14 (PJ, JS).

RED-EYED VIREO -- 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/24 (ML).

TENNESSEE WARBLER -- 1 well described northeast of Las Cruces 9/24 (CSa).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- Arrived 8/23 at Mangas Springs (RF); 20+ at Boone's Draw 9/14 (PJ, JS); 6 at Durling's farm 11/2 was very late for so many (BZ); 1 at Percha Dam 11/22 (DM), and 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 10/15 (CR+).

NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 10 in western N.M. from 8/26 to 9/23 (v.o.); late were singles at Mangas Springs 11/3 (PJ) and Percha Dam 11/22 (DM).

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER -- Scattered reports from 8/11 to 9/23 (v.o.).

LUCY'S WARBLER -- 1 singing at Bosque NWR 8/25 (PJ, JS).

YELLOW WARBLER -- Among later reports were 10 at Boone's Draw 9/14 (PJ, JS) and 2 at Mangas Springs 9/17 (RF). 1 reported at Percha Dam 11/2 (DM) lacked details; this would be the latest for New Mexico by about a month.

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER -- 1, probably a female, at Las Vegas NWR 8/31 (PSt) was well described.

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER -- 2 at Boone's Draw 9/14 (PJ, JS).

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER -- 2 at Percha Dam 11/22 (DM) were late.

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER -- 16 reported statewide 8/20-9/16 (v.o.).

HERMIT WARBLER -- No details for 1 reported at Capilla Peak 8/1 (Brett Ewald, Tim Menard, fide CSa); locale is east of the usual range.

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER -- A very high count of 3 at Aguirre Springs 9/29 (CSa).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- 2 in Albuquerque 9/24 (CAH).

AMERICAN REDSTART -- 1 on Maxwell NWR 8/3 (DC); 2 at Las Vegas NWR 9/16 and 1 on 9/24 (CR); 1 at Boone's Draw 9/14 (PJ, JS); 1 in Gila Bird Habitat no details, 9/17 (SM); 2 at La Cueva Park, Organ Mts., 9/23 (EW+), and 1 at Dripping Springs 9/24 (KSk, fide CSa).

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER -- 1 male in Black Rock Canyon 10/21 (DC) was well described.

WORM-EATING WARBLER -- 1 at Las Vegas NWR 9/12 (CR); well described, sketch.

SWAINSON'S WARBLER -- unusual: 1 was seen at Oasis SP, Portales, and reasonably well described (PJ, JS). This is only the second sighting for this elusive species in New Mexico, far west of its normal range, and one of very few for the West.

OVENBIRD -- Singles at Boone's Draw 9/14 (PJ, JS) and on 10/9 at Corrales (BO+).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- 1 at Alamogordo 8/10 (GSmi).

KENTUCKY WARBLER -- 1 very well described and photographed east of Zuni 11/24 (SI). Extremely late for this species.

MacGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER -- Arrived at Mangas Springs 8/22 (RF); 1 at Zuni 10/7 (DC).

WILSON'S WARBLER -- Common as usual. Reported from 8/8 at Zuni (DC) to 10/15 at Rattlesnake Springs and vicinity (CR), with a high of 100+ at Boone's Draw and Portales 9/14 (JS, PJ).

RED-FACED WARBLER -- 1 in Magdalena Mts. 8/10 (PJ).

PAINTED REDSTART -- 1 at Bandelier NM 10/8 was well north of the normal range (CR); 1 at Water Canyon in early September (PJ) and 1 in Apache Canyon 8/31 (JH).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT -- Latest report was 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/15 (PJ, JS).

OLIVE WARBLER -- A female and an immature male in Sheridan Canyon, Mogollon Mts., 11/23 (JH).

HEPATIC TANAGER -- 1 at Bandelier NM 10/8 (CR) was somewhat late.

WESTERN TANAGER -- 4 at Mangas Springs 8/6 (RF) were early migrants.

NORTHERN CARDINAL -- 2 at Rattlesnake Springs during period (SW).

PYRRHULOXIA -- Singles near Socorro 11/10 (BO, Tanya Reveed) and at Bosque NWR 11/11-17 (RT, SWi) were northerly. 3 at Redrock 11/3 (PJ).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK -- 1 at Bosque NWR 9/8 (RT, PB). 1 at Silver City 11/29 (HW, RF) was very late.

BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK -- 1 at Santa Fe 10/9 (LH) was a bit late.

PAINTED BUNTING -- Westerly singles at Albuquerque 8/26-27 (CAH+) and at Bosque NWR 9/24 (DC).

DICKCISSEL -- West-of usual range were 1 at Albuquerque 9/2 (CAH+) and 1\* at Bosque NWR 9/24 (DC).

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- 1 or 2 at Carlsbad Caverns NP 10/15 (CR) were late. 1 on 9/22 at Owen's farm, where seldom seen (BZ).

RUFIOUS-CROWNED SPARROW -- breeding: Adult feeding fledgling at Gila 8/26 (SW).

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW -- 6 at Las Vegas NWR 11/14 -- about the same arrival date as previous year -- and 23 on 11/18 (CR).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW -- At Las Vegas NWR, 1 on 9/12 and 16, and 2 on 9/24 (CR). Up to 6 at Mangas Springs 9/16-26 (RF). Numerous in southern Doña Ana County, with a high of 30 at Owen's farm 9/12 (BZ) and the latest single on 10/6 (CSa).

BREWER'S SPARROW -- 42 banded in Albuquerque 8/6-9/10 (CAH+).

FIELD SPARROW -- unusual: 2 in Hondo Canyon, Sandia Mts., 9/4 (GP)... 1 at Clayton 10/20 (WC).

LARK BUNTING -- A male at Mangas Springs 8/8 (RF) was early.

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- Many summered in Clayton area (WC). 3 at Maxwell NWR 8/11 and 1 at Las Vegas NWR 9/16 (CR). 1 or 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 10/28 (BO).

FOX SPARROW -- 1\* grayish (presumably schistacea) at La Cueva Park, Organ Mts., 10/7 (EW, Drucilla Seward).

SWAMP SPARROW -- Singles at Las Vegas NWR 11/4 (CR), Bosque NWR 11/11 (SWi, KC), and at Mangas Springs 11/4 for second year in a row (RF).

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW -- 1 at Bosque NWR 11/4 (RT).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW -- A few early at Bosque NWR 8/26 (PJ, JS).

HARRIS' SPARROW -- Singles at Las Vegas NWR 11/18 (CR), Redrock 11/24 (TH), and Las Cruces 10/18\* (Tim Lawton) and 11/3-30\*\* (CSa).

DARK-EYED JUNCO -- unusual: 1 white-winged at Cedar Crest 11/3-5 (PSt), and 1 slate-colored in Sandia Heights 11/4 (FGRS).

McCOWN'S LONGSPUR -- 3 at Grasslands turf farm 11/10 (BO).

CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR -- 2 at McAllister L. 9/25 (JH). Only 7 at Grasslands 11/10 (BO), much fewer than in recent years.

EASTERN MEADOWLARK -- Again in Embudito Canyon in the Sandia Mts., with at least 3 singing 10/15 (HS).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- Up to 10 near Zuni through 11/30 (DC).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE -- 20 at Zuni 11/4 (DC) were last of season. Singles at Taos 11/5 (CR) and Santa Fe 11/18 (JH). 28 at Mangas Springs 11/25 (RF).

COMMON GRACKLE -- Up to 25 in Socorro from 10/20 to end of period (PJ, JS).

BRONZED COWBIRD -- 1 juvenile in Socorro 8/4 (PJ).

ROSY FINCH -- Up to 24 brown-capped and at least 2 gray-crowned on Sandia Crest 11/24 (PSt).

PINE GROSBEEK -- 3\* at Santa Fe ski basin 8/13 (SW).

CASSIN'S FINCH -- Appeared in Albuquerque in late September (FGRS). 2 in Santa Fe 11/4 (JH) and 2 in Socorro 11/12 (JS) were first of season there.

RED CROSSBILL -- unusual: 1 in Albuquerque 9/17 (WH).

PINE SISKIN -- Widespread at lower elevations, including 200+ at Las Vegas NWR 9/24 (CR), 7 to 8 at Caprock and 8 to 9 at Bell L. 10/11 (PJ), 43 at Bosque NWR 11/4 (RT), 10+ at San Simon Cienega 10/25-31 (RDi), and 24 at Rattlesnake Springs 10/14 (CR+).

LESSER GOLDFINCH -- breeding: Nestlings at Las Vegas NWR 8/20 (CR) and at Mangas Springs 9/17 (RF)....1 near Pilar 11/5 was late (CR).

LAWRENCE'S GOLDFINCH -- unusual: 3 at San Simon Cienega 10/25-31 (RDi); a rare bird in New Mexico.

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- 2 at Las Vegas NWR 8/20 (CR) and 2 at Bosque NWR 9/19 (OC) were early.

EVENING GROSBEEK -- Widespread in and near montane areas, including Zuni (DC) and Santa Fe (JH). Lowland records from Las Vegas NWR 10/26 (CR), Sevilleta NWR 10/26 (PB, RT), Socorro 11/4 (JS), Bosque NWR 11/11 (SWI, KC), Dripping Springs 10/8 (KSk+), Rattlesnake Springs 10/14 (CR) and a very early juvenile with 18 Cedar Waxwings 9/6-15 (RF). In late November, 10 to 24 at Silver City (DZ).