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FROM THE EDITORS:

The season's highlight was the discovery of nesting by Black Swift in New Mexico. Adults were seen June 24 by Russ Butler at a narrow box on the east fork of the Jemez River. They were entering a cave there, and on July 25 Phil Johnson photographed four active nests in the cave.

Among species sighted that are normally scarce in New Mexico were Pacific Loon, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Whimbrel and Hudsonian Godwit. Grasshopper Sparrows and Red Crossbill were unusually widespread, with the latter returning in abundance to the Sandias after a two-year absence. Whiskered Screech Owls persisted in the far southwest, with possible evidence of breeding.

An unusual number of species showed up in new locales. White-winged Doves nested successfully Albuquerque's north valley, Acorn Woodpeckers bred at Mangas Springs the first time in nine years, Downy Woodpeckers reared young in the Piños Altos Mts, well south of their normal range. A Gray Catbird at San Simon Cienega was far out of place, as were Mississippi Kites near Albuquerque. On the other hand, Harris' Hawks and Red-tailed Hawks continued their recent declines.

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The annual Breeding Bird Surveys (BBS) covered 29 routes in June. References to sightings include the name of the BBS and the surveyor's name or initials.

PLACE NAMES AND THEIR COUNTIES

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		
Aguirre Springs -- Doña Ana	Chicosa L. SP -- Harding	Golden -- Santa Fe
Abbott -- Colfax	Clanton Canyon -- Hidalgo	Gray Ranch -- Hidalgo
Albuquerque -- Bernalillo	Clayton, L. -- Union	Grenville -- Union
Bill Evans L. -- Grant	Cloudcroft -- Otero	Guadalupe Canyon --
Bitter L. NWR (Bitter L.)	Cloverdale -- Hidalgo	Hidalgo
-- Chaves	Cochiti L. -- Sandoval	
Black Range -- Grant	Cooley L. -- De Baca	Heron L. -- Rio Arriba
Black Rock Dam, Zuni --	Crownpoint -- McKinley	Holloman L. -- Otero
McKinley	Delaware R. -- Eddy	Jacona -- Santa Fe
Bluewater L. -- Cibola,	Deming -- Luna	Jemez Mts., etc.--
McKinley	Elephant Butte L. --	Sandoval
Bosque del Apache NWR (Bosque	Sierra	Kingston -- Sierra
NWR) -- Socorro	El Pueblo -- San Miguel	Laguna Grande -- Sierra
Brantley .. -- Eddy	El Vado L. -- Rio Arriba	La Jara L. -- Rio Arriba
Burford L. (former Stink-	Española -- Rio Arriba	L. Avalon -- Eddy
ing L.) -- Rio Arriba	Eunice -- Lea	La Plata R. -- San Juan
Bottomless L. SP -- Chaves	Farley -- Union	Las Cruces -- Doña Ana
Caballo L. -- Sierra	Fence L. -- Cibola	Las Vegas, Las Vegas
Capitan -- Lincoln	Folsom (Falls) -- Union	NWR -- San Miguel
Caprock -- Lea	Fort Sumner -- De Baca	Leasburg (town, dam)
Carlsbad -- Eddy	Gallinas Mts. -- Socorro	-- Doña Ana
Carlsbad Caverns NP	Gila R. -- Grant, Catron,	Lordsburg -- Hidalgo
-- Eddy	Hidalgo	Los Alamos -- Los
Chama -- Rio Arriba	Glenwood -- Catron	Alamos
Cherry Creek -- Grant		Los Lunas -- Valencia
		Loving -- Eddy

Magdalen Mts. - Socorro	Radium Springs -- Doña Ana	Trujillo Canyon -- San Miguel
Malaga - Eddy	Rattlesnake Springs -- Eddy	Truth or Consequences -- Sierra
Mangas Springs - Grant	Redondo campground -- Zuni Mts.	Ute L. -- Quay
Maxwell NWR -- Colfax	Redrock -- Grant	Wagon Mound -- Mora
McAllister L. -- San Miguel	Roswell -- Cheves	Water Canyon, Magdalena Mts. -- Socorro
Mesilla -- Doña Ana	San Augustin Plains -- Catron	Weatherly L. -- Union
Mimbres R., Valley -- Grant, Luna	Sandia Mts., etc. -- Bernalillo	Wheeler Peak -- Taos
Mogollon Mts. -- Catron	San Simon Cienega -- Hidalgo	White Oaks -- Lincoln
Morgan L. - San Juan	Santa Fe -- Santa Fe	Whites City -- Eddy
Mosquero -- Harding	Sevilleta NWR -- Socorro	Zuni Mts. -- Cibola, McKinley
Ojo Caliente -- Rio Arriba, Taos	Sierra Blanca -- Otero	Zuni reservation (Zuni for short) -- McKinley
Old Refuge at Mesilla -- Doña Ana	Signal Peak -- Grant	
Organ Mts. -- Doña Ana	Silver City -- Grant	
Peloncillo Mts. -- Hidalgo	Socorro -- Socorro	
Percha Dam SP -- Sierra	Storrie L. - San Miguel	
Piños Altos (town, Mts.) -- Grant	Stubblefield L. -- Colfax	
Pleasanton -- Catron		
Post Office Canyon (Pelon- cillo Mts.) -- Hidalgo		

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SPECIES ACCOUNTS

PACIFIC LOON -- unusual: 1+ at Bosque NWR 6/2 (Bob Shepperd).

COMMON LOON -- Singles at Heron L. 7/13 (CB) and Weatherly L. 7/16 (WC, SWI, Johnny Hart).

PIED-BILLED GREBE -- 2 at McAllister L. 6/8 (GS).

EARED GREBE -- breeding: 2,500 to 3,000 nests at Burford L.; young hatched in July (DSt)...6 at Zuni without nests (DC); 30 at Wagon Mound 6/8 (JH, RWD); 40+ over the period at Las Vegas NWR (GS); 10 at McAllister L. 6/6 (JH, RWD); 2 at Bosque NWR 6/2 (RT, PB).

WESTERN GREBE -- A brood at La Jara L. 6/25 (DSt); 1 at Bluewater L. (OC); 7 to 8 at Las Vegas NWR in June and July (GS); 1 at Storrie L. 6/26 (LG, TH); about 12 at McAllister L. 6/6 (JH, RWD); 8 at Caballo L. 6/17 (CSa).

CLARK'S GREBE -- 1 at Wagon Mound 6/24 (JH, JV); 2 at McAllister L. 6/6 with up to 16 on 6/28 and 13 still there 7/26 (JH, RWD, GS); 1 at Bitter L. 6/18 (RMA); 28 at Caballo L. 6/17 (CSa).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- Early 35 at Bosque NWR 7/29 (SW); late 22 at Caballo L. 6/17 (CSa).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- a few at Wetherly L. 7/16 (WC); a few at Las Vegas NWR 6/28 and in July (GS); 60 at Bosque NWR 7/29 (SW); 60 nesting at Caballo L. in June and 2 at Leasburg Dam 6/8 (CSa); 3 at Six-mile Dam, Eddy County, 7/11 (SW, MME).

NEOTROPICAL CORMORANT -- Up to 15 at Bosque NWR 7/29 (SW); 80 nests, (possibly including Double-crested) in June at Elephant Butte L. (CP); 4 at Caballo L. 6/17 (CSa).

LEAST BITTERN -- 1 at Bosque NWR 6/2, 19 (RMA, RT, PB).

GREAT BLUE HERON -- breeding: 15 with 2 on nest at Caballo L. 6/17 (CSa) ... Seen at Carlsbad Caverns NP in July (fide BB); 25 on Pecos R. 7/20 (SW, Alan Roberts, Jeffrey Roberts); 10 at Six-mile Dam 7/11 (SW, MME).

GREAT EGRET -- breeding: Four, with one nestling, at Caballo L. 6/17 (CSa)...2 at Bosque NWR in June and 3 on 7/14 (v.o.).

SNOWY EGRET -- 1 at Zuni 6/11 (DC); 7 at Bosque NWR 6/2 (RT, PB); 92 at Bitter L. 6/14 (SW); 11 at Caballo L. 6/17 (CSa); 3 along Pecos R. 7/19-20 (SW+).

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- 3 immatures at Bitter L. 7/14 (CSa).

TRICOLORED HERON -- 1 at Bitter L. 6/18 (RMA).

CATTLE EGRET -- 25 at Bitter L. 7/29 (SW).

GREEN-BACKED HERON -- 25 and nest along lower Pecos R. 7/19-20 (SW+).... At Bosque NWR in June and July (CSa, CA) and 1 at Leasburg Dam 6/13 (CSa); reported at Carlsbad Caverns NP in June and July (fide BB).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON -- breeding: A few at Burford L. 6/18 (DSt).... 9 at Bosque NWR 6/2 (RT, PB) and 4 on 7/14 (CSa, CA); 28 at McAllister L. 6/8, 7 on 7/7, and 16 on 7/6 at Las Vegas NWR (GS); 2 at Caballo L. 6/17 (CSa); 15 along Pecos R. 7/20 (SW+), 50 at Six-mile Dam 7/11 (SW, MME), and 1 at Caprock 6/18 (RMA).

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON -- unusual: 1 at Mesilla 6/27 (EW, CSa).

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- breeding: 35 with a nestling at Burford L. 7/15 (DSt). ...3 at Maxwell NWR 6/3 (LH) and 16 on 7/27 (PSt); 29 on 7/6 on McAllister L. (GS); 8 on 6/14 and 15 on 7/29 at Bosque NWR (SW, RT, PB); 1 at Radium Springs 6/13 (EW, CSa); 1 or 2 at Mangas Springs 7/19-28 (RF).

SNOW GOOSE -- 2 still at Bosque NWR 6/1 (CSa).

CANADA GOOSE -- 5 in Chama area 6/13 (LHS, John Schulte)....breeding: 200 with goslings at Bosque NWR 7/29 (SW).

WOOD DUCK -- 5 at Las Vegas NWR throughout the period (GS).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL -- Seen at Bitter L. 6/18 (RMA).

MALLARD (Mexican form) -- A male on the Mimbres R. 7/6 (RF) and another at San Simon Cienega 6/6 (DC).

NORTHERN PINTAIL -- 26 at Las Vegas NWR (GS); some at Bosque NWR 6/19 and 12 at Bitter L. 6/18 (RMA).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL -- 5 at McAllister L. 6/8 and up to 10 by 6/28 (GS); 1 at Bosque NWR 6/2 (RT, PB); some at Bitter L. 6/16 (RMA).

CINNAMON TEAL -- 2 in Peloncillo Mts. 6/3 (DC); 24 at McAllister L. 6/8 (GS); some at Bosque NWR in June (RMA 6/19, RT, PB); some at Bitter L. 6/18 (RMA).

NORTHERN SHOVELER -- 33 at Las Vegas NWR 6/12 (GS); some at Bitter L. 6/18 and at Bosque NWR 6/19 (RMA).

GADWALL -- breeding: Pair with 2 young at Bitter L. 6/14 (SW1)....3 at Bosque NWR 6/2 (RT, PB).

AMERICAN WIGEON -- 9 at Las Vegas NWR 6/12 (GS).

CANVASBACK -- 1 near Clayton 6/14 (WC); 4 at Wagon Mound 6/8 and 100 there 7/7 (JH, RWD); 6 at Las Vegas NWR during the summer (GS).

REOHEAD -- 1 at Zuni 6/13 and 2 on 7/1 (DC); 30 at Wagon Mound in June (JH, JV, RWD); up to 74 at Las Vegas NWR during summer (GS); some at Bosque NWR 6/19 (RMA).

RING-NECKED DUCK -- 5 at Las Vegas NWR during summer (GS).

LESSER SCAUP -- 9 at Las Vegas NWR during the period (GS).

BUFFLEHEAD -- 1 to 3 at Las Vegas NWR in June and July (GS); a male at Bosque NWR 6/19 (RMA).

COMMON MERGANSER -- A male at McAllister L. 6/8 (GS).

HUDDY DUCK -- 2 at Wagon Mound L. 7/7 (RWD); 78 at McAllister L. 6/8 and 118 at Las Vegas NWR 6/28 (GS); some at Bitter L. 6/18 and some at Bosque NWR 6/19 (RMA); 3 at Caballo L. 6/17 (CSa).

OSPREY -- Up to 3 at Cochiti L. 6/4 (Terry Johnson) and 1 at Bosque NWR 6/2 (PB, RSC Teuber) were late.

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- breeding: Nest near Albuquerque 7/9 (E. P. Elliston); 1 possibly nesting in Mesilla Park 6/26 (GE); pair on nest at Mesilla 6/10, feeding 1 young 7/5, which fledged, and a second young was discovered in nest 8/4 (CSa + v.o.)....unusual: 1 along Dry Cimarron in Union County 6/17 (DC).

BALD EAGLE -- unusual: 1 near Chama R. 6/20 (LSJSchulte)....1 at Maxwell NWR in June and July (WMO).

NORTHERN HARRIER -- 1 on Jornada 7/2, 13, 26 (CSa). Casual there in summer.

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- 1 in Zuni Mts. 7/3 (DC).

COOPER'S HAWK -- breeding: Pair nesting on campus at Rehoboth, near Gallup, hatched 5 chicks and fledged 2 by 7/30 (SI).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK -- breeding: A female with begging fledgling in McMillan Canyon 7/14 (RF).

COMMON BLACK HAWK -- unusual: 1 immature\* at Bosque NWR 6/2 possibly fledged from nest in the vicinity (Bob Shepperd).

HARRIS' HAWK -- Present s. of Deming in mid-July (fide RF), but not found on 7/27...."Numbers are still very low and the species seems to be completely absent from former areas of abundance in Eddy County" -- SW.

ZONE-TAILED HAWK -- 1 in Mimbres valley 6/12 (RF+); uncommon there.

RED-TAILED HAWK -- "Nesting way down this year in Gila area" (RF).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK -- breeding: Nest with 1 chick s. of Abbott 6/19, another nest with 2 chicks 2 weeks from fledging, and 1 with 2 large chicks, all 6 miles southeast of Clayton 6/22 (MS); all on Kiowa National Grassland.

CRESTED CARACARA -- unusual: Two U.S. Forest Service employees from Texas, on a survey trip in the Gila area, informed RF that they had seen a Crested Caracara near Mangas Springs on 6/21. They said they were familiar with the species from sightings in Texas. No details were provided. The species is casual and rare in New Mexico.

BLUE GROUSE -- breeding: Broods observed in the Jemez Mts. included 2 chicks 7/21 (Bernard Foy) and 3 broods near Baca 7/27 (OS).

WHITE-TAILED PTARMIGAN -- None found on Wheeler Peak 7/23 (CB).

WILD TURKEY -- breeding: A female with 3 chicks at Rattlesnake Springs 6/12 (GE)...25 at Bosque NWR 6/2 (RT, PB).

MONTEZUMA QUAIL -- A male at Fort Bayard 7/25 (DSMZ); present at Mangas Springs in July (RF). In the Peloncillo Mts., near Clanton Canyon 6/6 (DC) and at Post Office Canyon all season (RS).

NORTHERN BOBWHITE -- 2 on Sabinoso BBS 6/20 (SWI); 5 on Cooley L. BBS 6/13 (SWI); 10 on Caprock BBS 6/15 (SWI); one on upper Black R. near Rattlesnake Springs 7/6 was at a new locality for the species (SW); 4 heard on the Pecos R. between Malaga and the Delaware R. 7/20 (SW).

SCALED QUAIL -- 4 on Crown Point BBS 6/15 (GS).

GAMBEL'S QUAIL -- 31 on La Plata BBS 6/10 (DC).

VIRGINIA RAIL -- breeding: Nest with 9 eggs at Burford L. 6/9 (GS); 5 adults, and 10 juveniles at Zuni 7/1 (DC)...2 at Las Vegas NWR 7/26; 6 at Mangas Springs in June and July (RF); 1 on Cloudcroft BBS 6/21 (SW, MME); 1 immature along Pecos R. 7/20 (SW).

SORA -- 1 at Las Vegas NWR 7/26 (GS); 1 at Bosque NWR 6/1 (CSa); 1 heard 7/22 at Mangas Springs (RF); 1 on Cloudcroft BBS 6/21 (SW, MME); 1 immature along Pecos R. 7/20 (SW).

COMMON MOORHEN -- 1 at Bosque NWR 6/2; 2 adults plus chick there 6/14 (RT, PB).

AMERICAN COOT -- 2 on Crownpoint BBS 6/17 (GS); 200 at Wagon Mound L. 7/7 (RWD); 31 at McAllister L. 6/28 and 40 there 6/28 (GS); 22 at Bosque NWR 6/2 (RT, PB).

SNOWY PLOVER -- breeding: 228 adults at Bitter L. with nests and broods in mid-June (SWI)...16 at Bottomless L. SP in mid-June (SWI); up to 32 at Holloman L. in mid-June (SWI, GE); 3 at Laguna Grande in mid-June (SWI).

KILLDEER -- Seen and/or heard on these BBSs: Grenville, Sabinoso, Logan, Fence L., Cooley L. (De Baca County), Horse Springs, Carrizozo, Gage, and Caprock.

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- breeding: A pair and 2 young in Clayton 7/3 (WC)... 1 at Maxwell L. 6/25 (DC); 3 on Grenville BBS 6/17 (KS); 1 at Chilcose L. SP 6/7 (JH, RWD); 2 at Las Vegas NWR 7/7 (JH, RWD); 3 at Lordsburg playa 6/7 (DC).

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- breeding: 18 at Holloman L. during the summer (SWI), with nest and 4 eggs 6/5 (GE)...4 at Bosque NWR 6/2 (RT, PB); 4 at Bitter L. in June (SWI).

AMERICAN AVOCET -- breeding: Activity at Burford L. in June (GS); 10 to 15 nesting at Wagon Mound (JH); 34 adults and 1 brood at Holloman L. in June (SWI)...2 on Grenville BBS 6/17 (KS); 16 at Bosque NWR 6/2 (RT, PB); at Bitter L. in June (SWI); up to 8 at Lordsburg playa in June (DC, SWI).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS -- 1 on McAllister L. 7/6 (GS); 1 at Bosque NWR 6/19 (RWD); 1 at Holloman L. 6/16 (SWI); 2 at Six-mile Dam 7/11 (SW, MME); 10 on 7/19-29 on lower Pecos R. (SW+).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS -- 1 at Wagon Mound 6/24 (JH, JV) and up to 5 on 7/7 (RWD); 1 at Las Vegas NWR 6/20; 1 in Las Cruces 7/26 (CSa).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- 8+ at Wagon Mound L. 7/7 (RWD); 1 at Las Vegas NWR 7/20 (GS) and at Bosque NWR 7/29 (SW).

WILLET -- 3 at Zuni 7/1 (DC); seen at Wagon Mound L. 7/7 (RWD).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- 2 in Chama during period (LHS, John Schulte); 2 each at Randall Davey Audubon Center 7/29, at Villanueva SP 7/22 (SB+); 11 at Bosque NWR 6/2 (RT, PB), and 15 to 20 on Pecos R. 7/19-20 (SW+).

WHIMBREL -- 1 at Holloman L. 6/16 (SW1).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- breeding: A brood at Las Vegas 6/21 (D. Macfarlane, R. Salter)...2 at Chicosa SP 6/7 (JH, RWD); 1 at Bosque NWR 6/1 (CS+); 18 at Folsom 6/17 (DC); up to 9 at Holloman L. 6/5-16 (GE, SW1); 4 on Cooley L. BBS 3/13 and 4 near Fort Sumner same day (SW1); several in Clayton area (WC); 1 in Mosquero 6/19 and 1 on Sabinoso BBS 6/20 (SW1).

HUDSONIAN GODWIT -- 1 at Las Vegas NWR 7/6 (GS); good details.

SANDERLING -- 3 in breeding plumage at Maxwell NWR 7/26 (PSt).

WESTERN SANDPIPER -- 6 at Las Vegas NWR 7/20 (GS); 1 at Six-mile Dam 7/11 (SW, MMe).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER -- At Las Vegas NWR, 9 on 7/13 and 9 on 7/26 (GS).

COMMON SNIFE -- In Chama during the period (LHS, John Schulte).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- 2 at Maxwell NWR and Stubblefield L. 7/27 (PSt); 30 to 50 at Wagon Mound 6/8 & 24 (JH, JV) with 3 males still there 7/7 (RWD); 2 at Las Vegas NWR 6/20 and 6 on 7/26 (GS); 1 at Bosque NWR 6/2 (RT, PB); 26 at Bitter L. 6/14 (SW1).

FRANKLIN'S GULL -- 1 at Burford L. 6/9 (DSt); 1 at Holloman L. 6/5, 10 (GE) and 6/16 (SW1).

RING-BILLED GULL -- Midsummer highs, 16 at Maxwell NWR 6/3 (LH), 2 at Las Vegas NWR 7/20, 26 (GS); 6 at Caballo 6/17 (CSa).

CALIFORNIA GULL -- 4 at Maxwell NWR 6/27 and 1 at Storrie L. 6/26 (LG, TH); 5 at Wagon Mound 6/8 (JH, RWD); 8 at Heron L. 7/13 (CB).

CASPIAN TERN -- 1 at Morgan L. 7/6 (JB1, CB\*); 1 seen well with a California Gull at Storrie L. 6/26 (LG, TH).

FORSTER'S TERN -- Singles at Ute L. 6/18 (SW1); at Bitter L. 6/18 (RMA+) and at Holloman L. 6/16 (SW1).

LEAST TERN -- breeding: 3 active nests at Bitter L. 6/14 (SW1), but evidently only 1 young fledged (Mary Peckinpaugh).

BLACK TERN -- Spring migrants or summering birds: 1 at Holloman L. 6/16 (SW1), 1 at Bosque NWR 6/19 (RMA+); 1 to 4 at Las Vegas NWR from 6/20 to 7/20 (GS); 4 at Wagon Mound 7/7 (RWD), and 3 at Maxwell NWR 7/26 (PSt).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON -- 1 in Post Office Canyon June-July (RS).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- breeding: Nest with eggs in Albuquerque north valley 6/26 hatched 7/2 and fledged young 7/16 (BO)... 1 or 2 were in Albuquerque south valley through July (ASw); species outnumbered Mourning Doves at Truth or Consequences with 12 to 14 in July (DM); 2, possibly a pair, were at Silver City in June and July (DSMZ); and present "in good numbers" at Carlsbad (SW).

INCA DOVE -- 3 at Truth or Consequences 7/12; none in June (DM).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- Singles in Clayton area (WC), at Pleasanton 7/13-16 (JH), Albuquerque 6/26 (ASw), Bosque NWR 6/2 (RT, PB), west of Roswell 6/16 (SWI), Mesilla 7/5 (CSa), Frisco Bridge, Grant County, and Glenwood hatchery 6/26 (RF). 2 at Mangas Springs 6/13+ and at Six-mile Dam 7/11 (SW+).

BARN OWL -- 6 to 10 on lower Pecos R. near Loving 7/19, 20 (SW+).

FLAMMULATED OWL -- 9 in Water Canyon 6/2 (JB1+).

WHISKERED SCREECH OWL -- unusual: Calling in Clanton Canyon along with Western Screech Owls 6/2 (CB); 2 pairs calling in Clanton Canyon 6/3, 5 (SWI, DC); 1 adult and 1 immature in Cottonwood Canyon, Hidalgo County, 7/28 (CB, JB1).

NORTHERN PYGMY OWL -- 1 in Clanton Canyon 6/5 (OC).

ELF OWL -- breeding: Pair in Clanton Canyon 6/3-6 (SWI, OC).

BURROWING OWL -- breeding: Pair nested near Rattlesnake Springs, where "infrequent" (SW).

SPOTTED OWL -- breeding: 2 adults in Peloncillo Mts. 6/2-11, plus 3 immature\* 6/26 (DC)...Pair in McMillan Canyon June and July\* (RF), and 2 pairs on s. portion of proposed Ward timber sale, Luna district of Gila National Forest.

WHIP-POOR-WILL -- In Magdalena Mts. 6/2 (JB1).

BLACK SWIFT -- unusual: Although there have been well over 10 sightings in the state, the first evidence of nesting began with the sighting by Russ Butler (fide BL) of adults entering a cave on 6/24 at the falls on the east fork of the Jemez R. PJ entered the cave 7/25 and obtained photos of four nests, with details.

CHIMNEY SWIFT -- unusual: Numbers "marginal" in Clayton (WC).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT -- Mills Canyon, Canadian R., had 10 on 6/7-8 (JH, RWD); 2 near Mosquero 6/20 (SWI).

BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD -- 3+ males in Guadalupe Canyon 6/4-5 (SWI, DC); first-year birds present 7/29-30 (CB).

BLUE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD -- Pair at Roberts L. in June (fide RF).

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 or 2 at Signal Peak 6/2, 12 (RF) and 6/21 (LG); 1 female at a feeder in Trout Valley, Grant County, on 6/12, and a male at Roberts L. 6/20 (RF). Pair, male displaying, in Clanton Canyon 6/3 (DC).

VIOLET-CROWNED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 or 2 in Guadalupe Canyon 6/5 (SWI, DC) and 7/29-30 (CB).

LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD -- Up to 10 males and females at feeders in Post Office Canyon through the period (RS).

RUFQUS HUMMINGBIRD -- Frequent visitors at feeders in Post Office Canyon 7/10+ (RS):

ACORN WOODPECKER -- breeding: Adult carrying food to a nest cavity at Mangas Springs 7/2 (RF) was first sign of nesting there in 9 years...1 at Bosque NWR 6/14 (RT, PB) was out of normal habitat; usually a winter resident, 1 stayed in Post Office Canyon until 6/20 (RS).

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER -- breeding: Pair nesting in aspen at Redondo campground, Zuni Mts., 6/27, 7/3 (SI, DC); young calling.

DOWNY WOODPECKER -- breeding: Pairs feeding young in nest cavities at Redondo campground, 6/27, and unusually far south on Signal Peak, Piños Altos range, 6/12 (RF)....1 in the Magdalena Mts. 6/2 (JB1), where uncommon.

NORTHERN BEARDLESS TYRANNULET -- 2 or 3 territorial in Guadalupe Canyon (SW1, DC) still calling there 7/29-30 (CB).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER -- 2 in Zuni Mts. 7/3 (DC); 2 at Aguirre Springs 6/12 were late migrants (RMA).

WESTERN WOOD PEWEE -- breeding: Nest with large young at Glenwood 7/7 (JH)....Last one at Carlsbad 6/1 (SW) was somewhat late.

EMPIDONAX species -- 7 in Magdalena Mts. 6/2 (JB1+).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER -- 1 on 6/27, 2 on 7/1 at Zuni (DC).

HAMMOND'S/DUSKY FLYCATCHER -- 1 on 6/27 and 2 on 7/1 at Redondo campground in the Zuni Mts. were in a new summering locale for these species.

GRAY FLYCATCHER -- 1 in Magdalena Mts. 6/2 (JB1) was southerly.

WESTERN-TYPE FLYCATCHER -- At the end of 1987 the AOU split the Western Flycatcher into two species, Cordilleran for the familiar New Mexico form, and Pacific Slope for the west coast form. Vocalizations differ. SW1 and DC, in Guadalupe Canyon on June 5, saw a "Western" whose calls were a single note. "Suspect Pacific Slope," they reported.

BLACK PHOEBE -- 1 at El Pueblo bridge 6/6 (JH, RWD), and 1 near Carlsbad, where irregular, on 7/17 and 7/20 (SW).

EASTERN PHOEBE -- 1 near Folsom 6/17 (DC) was westerly.

DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER -- 1 at Gray Ranch headquarters 6/20 (RMA).

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD -- breeding: Adult feeding young at Villanueva SP 7/22 (SBA), and a nest at Rattlesnake Springs, below 3,500 feet, on 6/8 (SW).

THICK-BILLED KINGBIRD -- 3 pairs and juveniles in Guadalupe Canyon 7/29-30 (CB).

WESTERN KINGBIRD -- 2 in Clayton area (WC) and 1 near Las Vegas in June (PL).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- 19 near Eunice 6/22 (GS), but only 2 reported in Eddy County (SW).

BANK SWALLOW -- Up to 20 entering holes along the Chama R. below El Vado 6/18 (KC+), where not previously reported nesting.

BLUE JAY -- unusual: 1 or 2 at Socorro 7/24, 26, still present from earlier fall/winter influx (SW).

PINYON JAY -- A small flock northeast of Silver City 6/19 (RMA); 127 in the White Oaks area 6/17 (SW1) and 40 near Capitan 7/29 (SW).

AMERICAN CROW -- A high 65 on the Pecos BBS 6/28 (SW1).

CHIHUAHUA RAVEN -- 6 on Grenville BBS 6/17 (KS); 2 in Albuquerque's north valley were probably of this species, but did not vocalize (HS); 17 on Valencia BBS 6/3 (HS) was high.

COMMON RAVEN -- 12 on Logan BBS 6/19 (SWI) were identified by their call.

PLAIN TITMOUSE -- 2 at Trujillo Canyon 6/7 and 1 at Mills Canyon, on the Canadian R., on 6/8 (JH, RWD).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- 7 in Zuni Mts. 7/3 (OC); 1 in Albuquerque 7/31 (BO); 10 in Magdalena Mts. 6/2 (JB1+); 3 in Gallinas Mts. 6/18 (SWI).

CACTUS WREN -- unusual: 1 on Sabinoso BBS (San Miguel County) 6/20 (SWI), well north of usual range, was present for the second time in 3 years.

AMERICAN DIPPER -- 1 on Holden Prong (tributary of Animas Creek in the Black Range) 6/16 (GE); stream nearly dry.

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- 4 in Zuni Mts. 7/3 (OC); fairly common on the Sandias from Capulin Spring to Sandia Crest (HS); 1 in Magdalena Mts. 6/2 (JB1+); 4 on Cloudcroft BBS 6/21 (SW, MMe).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- 2 in Guadalupe Canyon 6/4, 5 (SWI, OC).

VEERY -- 2 on Ojo Sarco BBS 6/19 for third consecutive year (JRT).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- A singing male in Chama area 7/11 (JB1).

AMERICAN ROBIN -- breeding: Several nesting adults with young at Clayton this period (WC), an irregular occurrence.

GRAY CATBIRD -- 1 at San Simon Cienega 6/6 (SWI, OC) was well out of range, especially for summer.

SAGE THRASHER -- 4 on La Plata BBS 6/10 (OC); 1 at Maxwell NWR 7/26 (PSt); 9 on Fence L. BBS 6/9 (OC).

BENDIRE'S THRASHER -- 3 on Nageesl BBS 6/14 (GS); 11 on Cerro Verde BBS 6/23 (Greg Farley, Gabrielle Stryker); 4 on Valencia BBS 6/3 (HS); 6 on San Augustin Plains 6/13 (JS).

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER -- Possibly increasing in Sandia foothills, but still scarcer than Crissal Thrasher (HS).

PHAINOPEPLA -- Northerly were singles at Bosque NWR 6/14 and at Sevilleta NWR 6/7 (RT); 60 in Guadalupe Canyon 6/4-5 (SWI, OC) but, surprisingly, none found there 7/29-30 (CB).

BELL'S VIREO -- 2 on Roswell BBS on the Rio Felix 6/16 (SWI) were well north of usual; 1 singing on Black R. s. of Whites City 7/6 (SW); present at five sites in Guadalupe Canyon 6/4-5; 3 singing there 7/29-30 (CB).

GRAY VIREO -- 2 or 3 in Mullen Canyon, Zuni, 6/27 (OC); one feeding a cowbird near Placitas 7/24 was thought to be this species (HS).

SOLITARY VIREO -- In Trujillo and Mills Canyons 6/7 (JH, RWD).

HUTTON'S VIREO -- In the Mogollon Mts., 2 in Sheridan Canyon 7/16 and 1 at Mineral Creek 7/17 (JH).

WARBLING VIREO -- 25 in Magdalena Mts. 6/2 (JB1+).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- 1 on Ojo Sarco BBS 6/19 (JT); 4 in Zuni Mts. 7/3 (DC); 1 in Magdalena Mts. 6/2 (fide JB1); 2 at Sierra Blanca 6/18 (RMa).

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER -- 1 singing in Trujillo Canyon 6/7 and 1 in Millie Canyon 6/8 (JH, RWD).

YELLOW-RUMPED (Audubon's) WARBLER -- 1 on Rodeo BBS 6/3 (RS).

GRACE'S WARBLER -- 11 in Magdalena Mts. 6/2 (JB1+); 1 each on Gallinas Mts. BBS 6/18 and Carrizozo BBS 6/17 (SW1).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- 1 on 7/4 was a first for Mangas Springs (RF).

AMERICAN REDSTART -- 2 at Dripping Springs 6/23 (CSa), including a singing second-year male.

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- 1 without a tail at Caprock was well described, and an unusual summer record (RMa).

KENTUCKY WARBLER -- 1 at Jacona 6/16 (Mike Williams, fide BL); 1 singing in Magdalena Mts. 6/2 (ASw, BO+).

MacGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER -- 3 in Magdalena Mts. 6/2 (JB1+); 1 at Sierra Blanca 6/18 (RMa+).

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT -- Singles at Rattlesnake Springs 6/1 and south of Malaga 7/19 (SW); rare in Eddy County in summer.

WILSON'S WARBLER -- 1 at Bosque NWR 6/2 (RT, PB); late migrant.

RED-FACED WARBLER -- 4 in Magdalena Mts. 6/2 (JB1+); "numbers" in the Black Range w. of Kingston 6/19 (RMa+); 2 on Signal Peak 6/2 and 2 singing males in McMillan Canyon 6/9-16 (RF).

PAINTED REDSTART -- "Numbers" in the Black Range 6/19 (RMa+); several in Mogollon Mts. 7/17 and 1 in Glenwood's Catwalk area 7/18 (JH).

OLIVE WARBLER -- 1 pair at Signal Peak 6/12, 16 and 1 at upper Cherry Creek 7/14 (RF).

HEPATIC Tanager -- 3 at Trujillo Canyon 6/7 (JH, RWD); family group of 5 at Aguirre Springs 7/31 (CSa).

NORTHERN CARDINAL -- 1 w. of Roswell 6/16 (SW1) was at a new locale for the species; up to 6 near Loving 7/20 (SW+).

LAZULI BUNTING -- 1 singing near Nogal, Lincoln County, 6/18 (RMa) was south of normal breeding range.

INDIGO BUNTING -- A female near Cloudcroft 6/21 (SW); 1 or 2 at Aguirre Springs 6/30-7/22 (GE, Richard Ketchum).

VARIED BUNTING -- Only 1 in Guadalupe Canyon 6/5 (SW1, DC), but 2 to 4 males by 7/29-30 (CB).

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE -- 1, late, at Guadalupe Canyon 6/4 (SW1, DC).

ABERT'S TOWHEE -- 2 pairs at San Simon Cienega 6/6 (SW1, DC).

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- Up to 12 at Zuni 6/27-7/4 (DC) were north-erly. Easterly, 2 near Laguna, Cibola County 6/23 (Greg Farley), 2 at Fence L. 6/9 (DC) and 1 at Los Lunas 6/3 (HS).

BREWER'S SPARROW -- 25 on a 10-mile transect in the San Augustin Plains 6/13 (JS).

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW -- Again in Trujillo Canyon, with at least 3 6/7 (JH, RWD); 1 in Gallinas Mts. near Corona 6/18 (SW1).

VESPER SPARROW -- 14 on the San Augustin Plains 6/13 (JSl, 12 in the Gallinas Mts. 6/18 and 9 near Carrizozo 6/17 (SW1) were southerly.

LARK BUNTING -- Among the few summering in the northeast were 2 near Farley 6/3 (K. Mitchell) and 7 near Grenville 6/17 (KS). A straggler was at Bosque NWR 6/14 (RT, PB).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- Widespread in the northeast in June, with at least 13 at Maxwell NWR 6/27 (LG, TH), 2 at Grenville 6/17 (KS), 3+ west of Kenton, Okla., 6/13 (PL), 3 near Clayton 6/22 (HS), and up to 5 summering at Las Vegas NWR (GS). In the extreme southwest, 30 near Cloverdale 6/4 (SW1).

SONG SPARROW -- A local first, 2 summering at Las Vegas NWR (GS).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW -- Singles at Bluewater L. 6/26 (SI) and at Zuni 6/30-7/1 (DC) were very late.

EASTERN MEADOWLARK -- 4+ near Clayton 6/22 (HS), well north of usual range.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- breeding: 500+ summered at Las Vegas NWR (GS), with nests 6/6 (JH, RWO)...Vagrant at Mesilla 6/8 (GE).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE -- breeding: Up to 10 near Clayton, with nesting apparently for first time (fide WC)...1 near Gallup 6/2 (SI) and 5 at Zuni 6/13 (DC).

COMMON GRACKLE -- breeding: 7 nests in Albuquerque (BO)...12 near Los Lunas 6/3 (HS), 6 at Bosque NWR 6/12, 14 (PB+); increasing at Carlsbad.

BRONZED COWBIRD -- 5 daily at Truth or Consequences (DM); 1 on 6/25, 29 at Las Cruces, where Northern Oriole nest was parasitized, and a pair at Rattlesnake Springs 6/1 (SW). Pairs also at Mangas Springs (RF) and San Simon Cienega (OC,SW1).

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD -- Male 7/12 at Capulin Spring in Sandias, 8,800 feet, may have been close to altitude limit (HS).

ORCHARD ORIOLE -- breeding: Nestlings at Black R. Village 6/6 (SW).

NORTHERN (Baltimore) ORIOLE -- a male\* at Clayton 7/28 (WC).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE -- 2 singing males 2 miles ne. of Golden (DS).

PINE GROSBEAK -- 3 near Hopewell L. 7/13 and 1 at Williams L. area on Wheeler Peak 7/23 (CB).

CASSIN'S FINCH -- At Capulin Spring, Sandias, 2 males 6/8 (PSt) and 1 territorial male 7/12 (HS).

RED CROSSBILL -- Major invasion of northern mountains in July, including the Sandias (v.o.).

EVENING GROSBEAK -- unusual: 2 on 6/17-20 and 7 on 7/22 at Silver City (DSM2).