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FROM THE EDITORS:

Another addition to our state's list is the Sharp-tailed Sandpiper. A juvenile was sighted and identified at Bosque NWR on November 3 by John Parmeter, and was seen and photographed by numerous other birders into early December. The species normally breeds in Siberia and migrates widely in the western Pacific. It also regularly visits Alaska, wanders rarely to coastal California, and has been seen in Arizona, Colorado and other states. New Mexico fits into this pattern.

Three other rarities were well described, but in the absence of photos or specimens, remain formally unconfirmed as New Mexico species. Two were hummingbirds -- the state's first Plain-capped Starthroat, a Mexican species that has been a rare but regular visitor to Arizona, and a female Allen's Hummingbird banded in Grant County. The third, an adult male Red-bellied Woodpecker, was seen at Clayton.

You will find other game in this unusually large issue.

HAWKWATCH INTERNATIONAL's count of southbound raptors in the Manzano Mts. from August 27 through October 31 was at a record low because of fog in late September and an early chill in October. The count of 2,541 was 41% below average. It included 2,349 identified as to species and 192 unclassified.

Turkey Vulture	316	Northern Goshawk	3	Golden Eagle	52
Osprey	12	Broad-winged	3	Amer. Kestrel	1409
Bald Eagle	4	Swainson's Hawk	9	Merlin	9
Northern Harrier	27	Red-tailed Hawk	333	Prairie Falcon	9
Sharp-shinned	677	Ferruginous	13	Paragrine	5
Cooper's Hawk	268				

CORRECTION: A wrong locale for Spotted Owls was stated on p. 3 of Vol. 29, No. 3 for summer 1990. The birds were in Sand Springs Canyon in the Zuni Mts. Dave Cleary saw the adults there June 2, 8 and 11, and the juveniles with them on June 26, 28 and 30.

PLACE NAMES AND THEIR COUNTIES

abbreviations and symbols in the text:

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

Aguirre Springs -- Dona Ana	Black Rock Dam, etc. --	Carlsbad -- Eddy
Albuquerque -- Bernalillo	Zuni, McKinley	Carlsbad Caverns NP
Alma -- Catron	Black Canyon -- Santa Fe	-- Eddy
Animas Creek -- Sierra	Bluswater L. -- Cibola,	Carrizozo -- Lincoln
Animas Mts. -- Hidalgo	McKinley	Cherette Lakes --
Animas Valley -- Hidalgo	Bosque del Apache NWR	Mora
	(Bosque NWR) -- Socorro	Clayton -- Union
Bandelier NM -- Sandoval		Clayton L. -- Union
Belen Valley SP -- Valencia	Ceballos L. -- Sierra	Clovis -- Curry
Belen -- Valencia	Cannon Air Force Base	Cochiti L. --
Bill Evans L. -- Grant	-- Curry	Sandoval
Bernardo SGR -- Socorro	Capilla Peak -- Torrance	Cottonwood Gulch --
Black R., Black R.	Capulin Springs --	McKinley
Village -- Eddy	Bernalillo	

Cox Ranch -- Doña Ana	La Joya SGR -- Socorro	Rehoboth -- McKinley
Davis Canyon, Gila	L. Roberts -- Grant	Rio Grande Nature
Valley -- Grant	Las Cruces - Doña Ana	Center -- Bernalillo
Deer Creek, Animas	Las Vegas NWR -- San	Rodeo -- Hidalgo
Mts. -- Hidalgo	Miguel	Roswell -- Chaves
Double Adobe Creek, Ani-	La Jara L. -- Rio Arriba	San Antonio - Socorro
mas Mts. -- Hidalgo	Leasburg Dam -- Doña Ana	San Lorenzo -- Grant
Dry Cimarron Valley --	Lordsburg -- Hidalgo	San Simon Cienega --
Union	Los Alamos -- Los Alamos	Hidalgo
Eldorado -- Santa Fe	Malaga -- Eddy	Sandia Mts. - Bernalillo
El Malpais NM -- McKinley	Mangas Springs -- Grant	Sangre de Cristo Mts. -
Elliott Barker SGR --	McAllister L. -- San	Santa Fe, Colfax,
Colfax	Miguel	Taos, Mora
Espanola -- Rio Arriba	Melrose -- Curry	Santa Fe -- Santa Fe
Gallup -- McKinley	Mesilla -- Doña Ana	Santa Fe Baldy -- Santa
Gila R. Valley -- Grant	Mogollon Mts. -- Catron	Fe
Glenwood -- Catron	Moriarty -- Torrance	Sevilleta NWR - Socorro
Glenwood Catwalk -- Catron	Nogal Canyon -- Lincoln	
Glorieta Baldy --	Nutt -- Luna	Signal Peak -- Grant
Santa Fe	Organ Mts. -- Doña Ana	Sierra Blanca -- Otero
Grasslands Turf Farm --	Otis -- Eddy	Silver City -- Grant
Valencia	Paloncillo Mts. --	
Gray Ranch -- Hidalgo	Hidalgo	'Springer -- Colfax
Green Chaparral Turf	Percha Dam SP - Sierra	Tijeras Canyon --
Farm -- Valencia	Patroglyph NM --	Bernalillo
Heron L. -- Rio Arriba	Bernalillo	Trout Creek - Grant
Hobbs -- Lea	Playas Valley - Hidalgo	Valle Grande - Sandoval
Holloman L. -- Otero	Pleasanton -- Grant	Vaughn -- Guadalupe
Hyde SP -- Santa Fe	Portales - Roosevelt	Wheeler Peak -- Taos
Jemez Mts., R., Dam,	Post Office Canyon	Willie M. Chavez SP
Falls -- Sandoval	-- Hidalgo	-- Valencia
Jornada Valley -- Doña Ana	Rattlesnake Springs	Zuni (Reservation) (
	-- Eddy	-- McKinley

INITIALED OBSERVERS IN THIS ISSUE

PB -- Pat Beahm	JH -- John P. Hubbard	KS -- Kate Skaggs
CB -- Charles Black	SI -- Stephen Ingraham	PSn -- Pat Snider
JB1 -- James Black	PI -- Pat Inaley	PSt -- Paul Steel
SBe -- Sy Baldwin	CJe -- Carlyn Jervis	RT -- Rosa Teuber
DC -- David Cleary	BL -- W. Burton Lewis	JT -- John Trochet
WC -- Was Cook	BMc -- Barbara McKnight	JV -- James Vaught
JND -- John Durrie	MMe -- Mike Medrano	SW -- Steve West
GE -- Gordon Ewing	JPa -- John Parmeter	SWi -- Sartor Williams
RF -- Ralph Fisher	CSa -- Catherine Sandell	EW -- Eleanor Wootten
LG -- Larry Gorbet	RS -- Robert Scholes	BZ == Barry Zimmer
BH -- Bruce Hayward	GS -- Gregory Schmitt	DSMz -- Dale and Marian
LH -- Lois Herrmann	LHS -- Lorraine Schulte	Zimmerman
DSJHo -- Dick and Jean	HŠ -- Hart Schwarz	
Hoffman	JS -- John Shipman	

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

COMMON LOON -- Pair on Nutria L. 9/8, 3 at Rehoboth 9/1 and 3 on Bluewater L 9/15 (SI); 1 at Jemez Canyon dam 11/22 (JPa); 1 on McAllister L. 11/14 (Sheila Gershen, SBe); a sickly example captured in Albuquerque 10/27 and taken to the Rio Grande Nature Center had recovered by 11/1 (LG, fide PSn).

EARED GREBE -- 2 at Wagon Mound and 3 at Las Vegas NWR 9/29 (JH+); 86 at McAllister L. 8/3 (GS); 5 at Quemado L. 11/23 (JH); singles at Bosque NWR 11/16, 18 (Pst, PSn); 2 at Bill Evans L. throughout period (RF).

WESTERN GREBE -- Pair at Bluewater L. 9/15 (SI); 2 at Cochiti L. 11/22, 1 at Rio Grande Nature Center 11/10 and 2 at Bosque NWR 11/3 (JPa); 2 at Roberts L. 11/22 (RF); 4 at Holloman L. 8/19 and 9/3 (CSa).

CLARK'S GREBE -- 1 at Charette L. 9/29 (JH); up to 7 at Las Vegas NWR through 11/4 (GS, PI); 2 at Roberts L. in November (RF).

PIED-BILLED GREBE -- Seen statewide.

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- 14 to 16 near Gallup in mid-August (SI); others at Bluewater Lake: at the time (DC); over 50 at Sumner L. 10/19 (JH); 25 on 8/13 and 4 on 9/8 at Bosque NWR (PSn, JPa); over 200 at Cabello L. 9/8 (CSa); 2 at Elephant Butte L. 11/22 (LG); 7 at Carlsbad Caverns NP in September (fide Bill Bourbon).

BROWN PELICAN -- 1 immature at Brantley L. 8/25-26 (CB).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- 2 near Española 9/5 (PSn); 3 at McAllister L. 8/8 (GS); 3 at Bosque NWR 11/18 (PSn).

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT -- 3 at Bosque NWR 9/8 (PSn); 2 at Leesburg Dam 8/11 (CSa).

Correction: In the item on Neotropical Cormorants on page 32 of the Notes for summer 1990 (Vol. 29, No. 3) the nests at Elephant Butte L. should have been attributed to "Cormorant sp", as indicated by the observer. Based on past records, the nests are most likely to be those of Double-crested.

AMERICAN BITTERN -- Singles at Las Vegas NWR 9/27 and 10/5 (GS).

LEAST BITTERN -- Singles at Bernardo 9/4 (GS) and at Bosque NWR 8/18 and 9/8 (JPa, Pst, EW, CSa).

GREAT BLUE HERON -- 2 or 3 near Española 9/15 (PSn).

SNOWY EGRET -- 1 at McAllister L. 8/3 (GS); 30 at Bosque NWR 8/18 and 20 on 9/15 (JPa); 25 at Leesburg Dam 8/3 (CSa).

TRICOLORED HERON -- 1 adult at Bitter L. 8/25 (CB).

CATTLE EGRET -- 1 at Heron L. 8/29 (Pst); 8 near Abiquiu 10/30 (DSt); 3 at Mesilla 11/3 (CSa).

GREEN-BACKED HERON -- 5 or 6 near Española 9/15 (PSn); 1 at Bosque NWR 11/17 (Pst).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON -- 8 at McAllister L. 8/3 (GS); 5 at Percha SP 10/7 (CSa).

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- 1 or 2 at Zuni 11/7 (DC), Nutria L. 9/8 (SI), Las Vegas NWR 8/8 (GS) and La Jara 9/16 (PSn). Up to 104 at La Joya 8/21-25 (GS); 233 at Bosque NWR 8/21-25, then down to 10 on 10/13 (RT, JPa); 18 flew over Mangas Springs 8/15, with 3 there 9/14 (RF); 16 at Leesburg 8/3 and 17 at Holloman L. 8/19 (CSa); 50 at L. Avalon 9/9 (OSJHo).

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- At Bosque NWR, 39 on 11/10, 20 on 11/16 and 10 to 16 on 11/24 and 29 (RT, Pst, PSn, JPa).

SNOW GOOSE -- Early at Bosque NWR 9/15 (JPa).

ROSS' GOOSE -- 28 at Las Vegas NWR 11/23 (GS); 1 at Bosque NWR by 10/13 (JPa); 1 in Gila Valley 11/15 (RF).

CANADA GOOSE -- Small geese at Clayton in October (WC).

WOOD DUCK -- 4 at Las Vegas NWR 8/3 (GS); up to 18 at Corrales and 28 at Rio Grande Nature Center 11/16 (S8a); 2 pairs at Bosque NWR 9/23 and 2 at Mesilla 8/12 (CSa).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL -- 75 at McAllister L. 8/3 (GS); 16 at Holloman L. 8/27 (CSa).

MALLARD (Mexican form) -- 2 pairs at Bosque NWR 11/24 and 1 or 2 at Gray Ranch 8/6 (SW1).

NORTHERN PINTAIL -- 14 at Las Vegas NWR 8/3 (GS); 1 female at Holloman L. 8/27 (CSa).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL -- 5 at Holloman L. 8/16 (CSa).

CINNAMON TEAL -- 3 to 12 at Las Vegas NWR 8/3-16 (GS); 21 at Holloman L. 8/19; 15 still at Bosque NWR 11/14 (SW1).

NORTHERN SHOVELER -- 8 at Las Vegas NWR 8/16 (GS); 8 at Holloman L. 9/3 (CSa).

GAOWALL -- 3 at San Ildefonso pond 9/7 (PSn); 20 at Quemado L. 11/23 (JH).

AMERICAN WIGEON -- Over 50 at Nutria L. 9/8 (SI); 3 at Las Vegas NWR 8/3 (GS); 15 at Quemado L. 11/23 (JH).

CANVASBACK -- 7 at Charette L. and 3 at Watrous 9/29 (JH+); 4 at Las Vegas NWR 8/8 (GS); 5 at Bosque NWR by 11/3 (JPa); 9 in Las Cruces 11/26 (CSa).

REDHEAD -- 10 at Wagon Mound 9/29 (JH+); 51 at Las Vegas NWR 8/3 (GS).

RING-NECKED DUCK -- 5 at Las Vegas NWR 8/3 (GS); 6 at Glenwood fish hatchery 11/21 (JH).

GREATER SCAUP -- A Subadult male at Rio Grande Nature Center 11/21-25 (HS, JPa).

LESSER SCAUP -- 4 to 5 at Bluewater L. 10/13 (SI); 5 at Las Vegas NWR 8/3 (GS); 1 at Glenwood fish hatchery 11/21 (JH); 30 at Bill Evans L. 10/18, with up to 150-200 by the end of November (RF).

SURF SCOTER -- A male at Bosque NWR 11/10-16 (RT, PSt).

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER -- A female at Bear Canyon Dam 11/22 (RF).

COMMON GOLDENEYE -- 2 males at Bluewater L. 11/23 (SI); 2 probable females at Jemez Canyon dam 11/22 (JPa); 7 at Las Vegas NWR 11/23 (GS); 2 females at Bosque NWR 11/17 (JPa, Mary Alice Root).

BUFFLEHEAD -- 2 on San Ildefonso pond 11/1 (PSn); as early as 8/8 at Las Vegas NWR (GS); 15 at Quemado L. 11/23 (JH); 15 to 20 at Bosque NWR 11/18 (PSn).

HOODED MERGANSER -- 3 females at Rio Grande Nature Center 11/25 (JPa); 1 at Quemado L. 11/23 (JH); 1 at Bosque NWR 11/18 (PSn), with 5 there 11/24 (JPa, Andy Kraynik).

COMMON MERGANSER -- 5 at Bluewater L. 10/20 (JPa) and up to 35 there 11/23 (SI); 30 at Cochiti L. and 20 at Jemez Canyon dam 11/22 (JPa); 2 at Quemado L. 11/23 (JH); 8 at Bosque NWR 11/18(LG) and up to 40 on 11/29 (PSn, JPa, Andy Kraynik); a female at Glenwood hatchery 11/21 (JH).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER --2 at Bluewater L. 11/22-24 (DC); 2 at Cochiti L. 11/22, 24 (JPa, JH); 1 to 3 females at Bosque NWR 11/3-18 (LG, JPa, Mary Alice Root); 1 at Bill Evans L. 11/11 (DZ+).

RUDDY DUCK -- 1 on San Ildefonso pond 11/8 (PSn).

TURKEY VULTURE -- 1 at Springer 10/14 (SW1) was late; 1 at Las Vegas NWR 11/4 (PSn, PI)...Migration occurred over Mangas Springs between 8/19 and 8/25 (RF).

OSPREY -- First sighting ever at Mangas Springs, a pair on 10/10 (RF).... As many as 8 at Holloman L. 9/23 (GE); he also saw 1 at Gray Ranch 9/22. Our first report from there. At least 18 others were seen statewide (v.o.) for a high total.

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- A. L. Gennaro, of Eastern N.N. University, made a study of breeding in eastern locales in the summer and early autumn. At Clovis there were 23 nests on the golf course and 65 more in the area. A total of 46 adults and 8 yearlings were counted at Portales, Roswell, Hobbs, Las Cruces, Mesilla and the Cannon Air Force base. In all, the nests produced a total of 27 fledglings....CSa reported a nest at Mesilla with 2 young fledged. One kite was sighted over Carlsbad 8/20 (SW), and 6 were roosting in a dead tree there 9/3 (M. Leishman).

BALD EAGLE -- 1 to 3 immatures at McAllister L. 11/1 and 9, and 1 to 3 adults 11/15 and 29 (GS). Single adults at Jemez Dam and at Bosque NWR 11/24, plus 1 immature at Caballo L. 10/27 (JPa)....First fall arrival at Davis Canyon in Gila valley 11/18 (RF); 1 at Gray Ranch 10/26 (Gordon Chisholm).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- 1 near Hyde SP 9/22 (JPa). Unusual: 1 at Dripping Springs 11/9 (KSk).

HARRIS' HAWK -- Numbers remain low in Eddy County (SW).

SWAINSON'S HAWK -- breeding: 1 adult at nest with nestling in Hidalgo County 8/9 (SWI)....Last of season at Jornada 10/2 (CSa).

RED-TAILED HAWK -- unusual: 1 Krider's morph at Carlsbad 11/1; possibly the same morph with a melanistic bird within 2 miles of the original sighting 11/7 (SW)....1 Merian's type e. of San Antonio 11/18 and another over Bosque NWR 11/29 (PSn). The rufous-phase female returned to Mangas Springs for the fourth straight year 10/3 and another was in the Gila Valley 11/18 and 12/1 (RF).

MERLIN -- 1 female at McAllister L. 9/27 (GS); early singles at Bosque NWR 9/23 (CSa) and at Mangas Springs 9/14 (RF).

BLUE GROUSE -- 1 at Wheeler Peak 9/1 (JPa).

WHITE-TAILED PTARMIGAN -- 4 on Santa Fe Baldy 8/25 (C. Crawford), 15 miles sw. of 1981's release site (fide JH).

WILD TURKEY --76 on Bosque NWR 9/6 (RT, PB); 14 in Mogollon Mts. 11/22 (JH); up to 11 at Rattlesnake Springs during the fall (SW). Female Gould's with 9 chicks was in the Animas Mts (SWI), but no young were seen in the Peloncillo Mts. (Darryl York).

MONTEZUMA QUAIL -- 1 near Double Adobes, Animas Mts., 8/10 (SWI); present as usual near Rodeo all season (RS).

NORTHERN BOBWHITE -- breeding: 4, including 2 young, near Malaga 9/8 (DEJHo)....Decreasing in western Eddy County, but a few persist along the upper Black R. (SW).

SCALED QUAIL -- Numbers very low in Las Cruces area (CSa).

VIRGINIA RAIL -- 4 at McAllister L. 8/3 (GS); a juvenile at Mangas Springs 9/6; up to 6 heard through 9/15 (RF).

SORA -- 2 at McAllister L. 8/8 (GS); 1 at Rio Grande Nature Center 10/13 and a few at Bosque NWR during period (JPa); up to 16 at Mangas Springs through the period (RF).

COMMON MOORHEN -- 1 at Rio Grande Nature Center 11/11 (PSt); 2 at Bosque NWR 11/3 (JPa).

SANDHILL CRANE -- 9 at Bernardo by 9/20 (fide GS); 2 at Las Vegas NWR 9/27); 4 at Bosque NWR by 9/29 (JPa, Benjamin Parmeter); 16 at Jornada 10/14-11/4 (CSa); 52 in Gila Valley 11/15 (RF); 20 in Bernalillo 10/7 and 300 along Santa Fe R. 11/24 (JH).

WHODPING CRANE -- 2 as early as 11/3 at Bosque NWR (JPa).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- A few at La Joya SGR 8/21 (GS); 1 or 2 at Bosque NWR 10/6, 10/14 and 11/3 (Carol Davis, LG, JPa); 1 or 2 at Holloman L. 8/16-11/11 (GE+).

LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER -- 1 at Loving 9/6 (OSJHo).

SNOWY PLOVER -- 2 juveniles 8/7 and up to 50 on 8/16 at Holloman L. (CSa).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER -- 1 at Rio Grande Nature Center 8/25 (JPa); 5 at Bosque NWR 9/8 (PSt); up to 6 at Holloman L. by 8/29 (CSa).

KILLDEER -- 21 at Percha Dam in October and over 20 at Holloman L. in August (CSa).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- 70 at Los Lunas 9/7 (PSt); 150 at Moriarty 8/5 and 3 there 10/26 (DC); 2 at La Joya 9/18 (GS).

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- 2 at Bosque NWR 8/9 (RT).

AMERICAN AVOCET -- 1 at Bluewater L. 11/11 (DC); 1 at Las Vegas NWR 8/3 and 30 still there 11/4 (PI); 10 at Bosque NWR 11/29 (PSn); over 50 at Holloman L. 8/7 (CSa).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS -- 5 at McAllister L. 8/3 (GS); 1 at Tucumcari L. 10/21 (JH); 10 to 20 at Bosque NWR 11/18-24 (PSn, SW1); over 13 at Holloman L. 8/7 (CSa).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS -- 10 at Wagon Mound 9/29 (JH+); 9 at Holloman L. 8/7 (CSa).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- 1 or 2 from 8/12 to 9/10 near Las Cruces (CSa).

WILLET -- Singles at Heron L. 8/29 (PSt) and Bosque NWR 11/11 (RT, PSt); 1 or 2 at Holloman L. 8/16, 19 and 23 (CSa, GE).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- 8 to 10 at Bluewater L. 9/30 (SI); 1 at Española 9/15 (PSn); 5 at McAllister L. 8/3 (GS); 1 at Mangas Springs 9/13-14 (RF).

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- 1 in Eddy County 8/5 and 3 on 9/1 & 8 (SW).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- 1 to 9 in central and southern areas (v.o.); high counts: up to 63 at Otis and over 60 at Carlsbad 8/25 (SW, CSa); 120 at Loving 9/8 (OSJHo).

RUDDY TURNSTONE -- unusual: 1 at Holloman L. 8/26-27 (CSa, CB).

SANDERLING -- 1 or 2 at Bosque NWR (SBA); 2 at Holloman L. 8/22-27 (CB, CSa).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- Singles at Holloman L. 8/9, 19 (CB, CSa, LG).

WESTERN SANDPIPER -- Up to a dozen at Bosque NWR 11/14 (JS); over 550 at Holloman L. 8/27 (CSa).

LEAST SANDPIPER -- 2 at Bluewater L. 9/3 (SI); 5 at Wagon Mound 9/29 (JH+); 14 at Las Vegas NWR on 8/22 (GS); 10 at Bosque NWR in November (JPa).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER -- 4 or 5 at Bluewater L. 9/3 (SI); 2 at Bosque NWR: 11/13 (RT, PSt); 6 at Holloman L. 8/16 and up to 47 by 9/3 (CSa).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- 1 or 2 at Bluewater L. 10/20 and 1 or 2 at Bosque NWR 11/3-24 (JPa+); up to 5 at Holloman L. 8/7 and 28 (LG, CSa).

SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER -- unusual: First record for N.M. was a juvenile first seen at Bosque NWR on 11/3 by JPa, who identified it. The bird remained until about 12/2 and was seen by numerous birders, some of whom wrote detailed descriptions of it. Photos were provided by LG and RT. See introduction to this issue for background details.

DUNLIN -- 1 at Bosque NWR 11/3, 27 and 29 (JPa, LG, PSn).

STILT SANDPIPER -- 14 at Zuni 8/14 (DC).

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 1 adult (8/4) and 2 juveniles (8/25) at Zuni (DC).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 3 at Las Vegas NWR 8/3 (GS); several at Bosque NWR 11/3, 13 (JPa, RT, Pst); 4 to 7 at Holloman L. 8/7 and 16 (CSa, GE).

COMMON SNIFE -- Singles at Las Vegas NWR 8/16 (GS), Glenwood fish hatchery 11/21 (JH) and Bosque NWR 11/18 (PSn); 5 at Mangas Springs 11/28 (RF).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- 5 to 7 at Rehoboth 9/1 (SI); 5 at Las Vegas NWR 8/3 and up to 100 on 8/16 (GS); 5 at Bosque NWR 8/18 (JPa) and 1 on 9/2 (LG, CB); over 500 at Holloman L. 8/7 (CSa).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE -- 80 at Bosque NWR 9/2 (LG, CB), down to 6 on 9/29; 2 at Holloman L. 8/9 (LG, CB).

FRANKLIN'S GULL -- 8 at La Joya SGR 9/12 (GS, Janelle Ward); 1 at Bosque NWR 11/3 (JPa) was late.

BONAPARTE'S GULL -- 4 at Cochiti L. 11/26 (LH); at Bosque NWR, 2 on 11/3 (JPa) and 11/10 (RT, PB); 22 there and 18 at La Joya SGR 11/6 (Pst); 1 at Bill Evans L. 11/11 (DZ).

RING-BILLED GULL -- 12 at La Joya SGR were the first of the fall on surveys there, though 3 were at Las Vegas NWR 8/3 (GS), 6 at Bosque NWR 8/9 (RT, PB) and 8 at Holloman L. 8/19 (CSa). 62 were at Bill Evans L. 11/11 (RF).

CALIFORNIA GULL -- 1 on watery plays west of Lordsburg 8/9 (SW) and 2 at Bill Evans L. 11/11 (DZ+) were first local records; 1 was at Charette L. 9/29 and 3 at Cochiti L. 11/24 (JH+), and 1 adult at Bosque NWR 11/3 (JPa).

HERRING GULL -- 1 immature at McAllister L. 10/12 (GS).

BLAUCOUS GULL -- A probable first-year bird was reported with considerable detail at Masilla 11/3-4 (GE, EW).

COMMON TERN -- Up to 8, including 4 immatures, at Heron L. 8/29-9/1 (Pst); 1 at Bluewater L. 10/6 (DC).

FORSTER'S TERN -- Reported in Rio Grande Valley 8/9-9/27 (v.o.); a high of 9 at McAllister L. 9/27 (GS); 2 at Holloman L. 8/7 through August (CSa).

BLACK TERN -- 7 at Clayton L. SP 8/17 (SBa); present in Rio Grande Valley 8/6-9/27 (v.o.), with a high of 20 at Las Vegas NWR 8/16 (GS); 2 at Holloman L. 8/7 through August (CSa).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON -- 8 in Peloncillo Mts. 8/8 (SWI).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- unusual: 2 near Rio Grande Nature Center 8/12 (Pst)...2 still at Post Office Canyon at the end of November (RS) were late; unusual numbers in Las Cruces area -- 32 on 9/8 (GE), plus 19 at nearby Dripping Springs (CSa).

INCA DOVE -- 7 at Socorro 7/21 (JS).

COMMON GROUND DOVE -- unusual: 1 in Post Office Canyon, where rare, 11/3-30 (RS).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- unusual: 1 at Black River Village was late and carrying a worm, but no nest was located; also 8, a high number, at Rattlesnake Springs 8/25 (SW).

GREATER ROADRUNNER -- 2 along Roswell-Carrizozo highway, with 1 at an elevation of 6,600 feet, on 8/3 (SW).

BARN OWL -- 2 at Jornada 7/25 and 1 on 10/7 (CSa).

FLAMMULATED OWL -- 1 at Bandelier NM 11/16 (SBa, PI+)...Grown juvenile found alive 8/12 on a lawn in Santa Fe. Very tame, suggesting that it possibly had been a captive for some time (T. Martinez, fide JH). ...1 captured and released in Animas Mts. 9/28 (CP, L. Fitzgerald).

WHISKERED SCREECH OWL -- 1 calling in Peloncillo Mts. 8/7 (SW1).

NORTHERN PYGMY OWL -- 1 adult at Whitewater Canyon Catwalk 9/26 (RF+).

ELF OWL -- 1 heard at Percha SP 10/7 (CSa). Apparently a first for the area.

LONG-EARED OWL -- Singles at McAllister L. 8/8, 9/6, 11/1 (GS); 1 or 2 at Jornada 7/25 and 10/17 (CSa).

LESSER NIGHTHAWK -- 1 at Belen Valley SP 8/18 (JPa). Last seen at Jornada 10/3 (CSa).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK -- Singles at Santa Fe 10/20 (fide BL) and over University of New Mexico campus in Albuquerque (JPa).

BLACK SWIFT -- breeding: 3 active nests, each with 1 occupant, at the Jemez Falls site described in the previous issue. Nests were observed between 8/12 and 9/22, with photographs taken by LG and HS. JPa saw 15 adults at the falls 8/11.

CHIMNEY SWIFT -- Seen in flight over Melrose 8/26 (CB).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT -- About 20 at Charette L. 9/29 (JH) were late, as were 5 at Dripping Springs 11/24 (KSk).

HUMMINGBIRDS -- unusual: 378 hummingbirds were banded near L. Roberts 8/14-18 by W. A. Calder. Included 52 Black-chinned, 82 Broad Tailed, 17 Calliopes, 225 Rufous, and most remarkably, 1 probable Allen's (see below).

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 female at feeder in Albuquerque 9/3-9 (JND); 1 juvenile at Silver City 9/24 (RF).

PLAIN-CAPPED STARTRHOAT -- unusual: First report in the state, observed 8/13 at Deer Creek, Animas Mts. (SW, MMe). Copious and very convincing details, but the species remains unconfirmed for lack of a photograph or specimen. It is a scarce but regular visitor to southern Arizona, including sites just across the state line from this sighting.

LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD -- 2 or 3 stayed at Post Office Canyon to 9/20 (RS).

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD -- A female at feeder in Los Alamos 8/19 and 31 at 7,500 feet, above usual altitude (PSn). Last report from Albuquerque 9/26 (HS), and from Las Cruces 11/4 (GE).

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 adult male near University of New Mexico campus in Albuquerque 8/15-19 (80); 1 at Deer Creek, Animas Mts., 8/13 (SW, MMe).

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 very late male, possibly this species, reported at Carlsbad from 10/23 to end of period (fide Jean Hoffman). Present at Post Office Canyon 7/9-9/20 (RS).

ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD -- Highly probable female banded at Trout Creek, Grant county, 8/15 (fide SW1, RF). Details. Unfortunately not photographed while bird was in hand. Species not yet confirmed in N.M. by specimen or photograph.

LEWIS' WOODPECKER -- 1 at Alma 10/29 (RF) was southerly.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- 1 at Bosque NWR 9/20 (RT, PB) and 1** at Mesilla Dam 11/23 (BZ, GE+) and on 11/24, 29 (LHS, EW) were westerly.

GILA WOODPECKER -- 1 at Double Adobe Creek, Gray Ranch, 8/8 (SWI) and 3 there 8/13 (SW, MMe).

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER -- unusual: 1* male at Clayton 10/21 (R. Mangelsdorf) was well described, but species still lacks formal confirmation.

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER -- 1** adult male photographed at Mesilla Dam 11/23 (BZ+) and another male was at Mangas Springs 10/26, 11/1 (RF).

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER -- Male at Animas Creek (Animas Mts.) 10/25 at 7,000 feet (Graham Chisholm).

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER -- Male at Jemez Falls 8/11 and a male and female elsewhere in the Jemez Mts. 8/26 (JPa).

NORTHERN BEARDLESS TYRANNULET -- 1 netted at San Simon Cienega in mid-October (BH+) was n. of usual range. Easterly was a probable one e. of the Animas Mts. in Gray Ranch 8/13 (SW, MMe).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER -- 1 at Las Vegas NWR 8/29 (GS), 2 at Gray Ranch 8/10 (SW, MMe), 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/7 (DSJHo).

GREATER PEWEE -- 1 at Gray Ranch 8/11 (SW, MMe).

DUSKY FLYCATCHER -- 1 netted at Black Canyon, Sangre de Cristo Mts., 9/15 (JH) was late.

VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- 1 northerly at Corrales 9/1 (BD). A stub-tailed juvenile e. of the Animas Mts. 8/9 (SWI) was late.

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD -- breeding: Late nests in the Peloncillo Mts. 8/7 (SWI) and e. of the Animas Mts. 8/13 (SW, MMe)...1 at Vaughn 10/13 (SW) was a bit late.

WESTERN KINGBIRD -- 3 or 4 at Valle Grande 8/31 and 1 on 9/16 (PSn) were at a higher elevation than normal.

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- Singles near Moriarty 9/24 (PI) and at Rattlesnake Springs 9/7 (DSJHo).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER - 1 "yellow-bellied" at Otis 8/25 (SW,CSa).

PURPLE MARTIN -- unusual: Singles at Bosque NWR 8/9 (RT, PB) and 8/18 (JPa).

TREE SWALLOW -- 3 at Bosque NWR 11/17 (JPa) were late; 1 at Gray Ranch 8/9 (SW, MMe) and 2 there 8/9 (SWI).

CLIFF SWALLOW -- breeding: Nests in s. Animas Valley in mid-August (SWI+). ...1 at Las Vegas NWR 11/4 (PSn) was late.

CAVE SWALLOW -- Numbers at Carlsbad Caverns NP were "stable" at 3,800 to 4,000 (SW); last seen 11/16 (fide SW).

BARN SWALLOW -- breeding: Nests in s. Animas Valley in mid-August (SWI+)...Singles at Las Vegas NWR 11/4 (PI, PSn) and Bosque NWR 11/3 (JPa) were late.

GRAY JAY -- 1 eating at a road kill was encountered in the Jemez Mts. 9/16 (PSn); 2 on Glorieta Baldy 10/28 (SWI) were at southern limit.

PINYON JAY -- unusual: 1 was heard on Tesuque Peak, in the Sangre de Cristo Mts., at 11,500+ feet 8/27 (JH, JV); 1 was on Albuquerque west mesa 10/28 (HS), far from pinyon or juniper habitat...1 at San Simon Cienega 8/17-19 (BH+); flocks of 20 to 30 seen occasionally at Mangas Springs and 20 were at San Lorenzo 11/22 (RF).

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE -- 1 at Clayton L. 11/18 (WC) was somewhat south of its usual Dry Cimarron Valley range limit; 1 at Jemez Dam 9/8 (JPa) was southerly for the Rio Grande valley.

AMERICAN CROW -- 100+ between Eldorado and Moriarty, with an additional 100+ at Moriarty 9/24 (PI+).

CHIHUAHUA RAVEN -- unusual: 1 or 2 on Albuquerque west mesa, August to November, were identified by call (HS); 2 in Corrales bosque 9/1 (BO) (no details); 1 at La Joya SGR 9/5 and 2 at Bernardo SGR 8/20 and 9/4 (GS).

MEXICAN CHICKADEE -- Fairly common in the oak and pine forests in the Animas Mts. 10/23, 25 (Graham Chisholm).

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE -- None seen at Mangas Springs all season (RF).

BRIDLED TITMOUSE -- 5 in Animas Mts. 8/9 (SW1).

VERDIN -- 3 banded at Bosque NWR 11/13 (LG).

REO-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- 2 in Los Alamos 9/7 (CJe, PSn); 1 or 2 in Jemez Mts. 9/27 and Los Alamos Canyon 10/11 (PSn). No nuthatches at Mangas Springs all season (RF).

BEWICK'S WREN -- Abundant 40 in Animas Mts. 8/11 (SW, MMe).

WINTER WREN -- 1 at Blackrock bosque (Zuni) 11/25 (DC) was probable.

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- 2+ at Elliot Barker SGR, Colfax County, 10/14 (SW1); several in Hyde SP 11/10 (LH); 1 in Sandia Mts. 9/13 (PSt); 1 at Bosque NWR 11/13 (John Saba); 2 at Aguirre Springs 11/17 (GE).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET -- Arrived at Mangas Springs 10/10 (RF); 50+ in Zuni area 10/13 (SI); 30+ at Dripping Springs 10/26 (KSk).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- 10 to 15 in Zuni area 9/15 (SI); 5 at Bosque NWR 9/6 (RT, PB).

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER -- A pair at Sevillata NWR 9/27 (RT, PB); second record there.

EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- 1 at Pleasanton 11/16 (JH) was highly probable.

GRAY CATBIRD -- 1 at Zuni 10/28 (DC); 1 at Belen 8/18 (JPa).

SAGE THRASHER -- 1 in Santa Fe 8/4 (JH); 5 at Cochiti L. 8/7 (PSt); 8 at Carlsbad Caverns NP 10/30 were the only ones seen in Eddy County all fall (SW); present in Las Cruces area 9/18-10/24 (CSa).

BROWN THRASHER -- 1 in Santa Fe 11/7 (Scott Smith, fide PSn).

BENDIRE'S THRASHER -- 2 n. of the Animas Mts. 8/8 (SW1).

CRISSAL THRASHER -- 1 near Jemez dam 8/26 (JPa) was well north of usual range, adding to recent sightings from that area.

AMERICAN PIPIT -- 1 at Jornada 9/9 was a bit early (CSa); 30 on Wheeler Peak 9/1, where it breeds (JPa); 30 at Las Vegas NWR 11/4 (PSn); 7 on Sandia Crest 9/13 and 6 at Capilla Peak 9/21 (PSt); 50+ at Mangas Springs 11/8 (RF).

SPRAGUE'S PIPIT -- 2 at Palomas, Mexico (across border from Columbus) on 11/2 (BO, JBl).

CEDAR WAXWING -- 20 at Rattlesnake Springs 8/25 (SW+) were early.

PHAINOPEPLA -- 3 together at La Joya SGR 8/7 (GS) were at the very north edge of the species' range in the Rio Grande valley; another at Bosque NWR 8/9 (RT, PB).

NORTHERN SHRIKE -- Only report, adult at Las Vegas NWR 11/4 (PI) and 11/15 (GS).

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE -- 1 at Rehoboth 11/22 (SI).

BELL'S VIREO -- 1 singing at Double Adobe Creek 8/8, 10 (SW1, SW, MMe) was the second record there; a very high 17 were in the Rattlesnake Springs area 8/25 (SW), with 1 still there 9/7 (DSJHo).

HUTTON'S VIREO -- 1 at Mangas Springs 9/5 (RF); 2 north of Silver City 8/19 (DSMZ); unusual and easterly, 1 at Dripping Springs 8/20 (CSa).

WARBLING VIREO -- 2 at Bosque NWR 9/20 (RT, PB); 2 at Double Adobe Creek 8/8 (SW1); 2 near Rodeo 8/14 (RS).

TENNESSEE WARBLER -- 1 at Española 9/15 (PI); 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 8/26 (CB).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- Latest, 2 at Cottonwood Gulch 10/13 (SI).

NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 4 recorded at Zuni 9/8 to 9/30 (SI).

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER -- 1 at McAllister L. 8/16 and 14 there 8/29 (GS); latest, 2 at Zuni 9/30 (SI).

LUCY'S WARBLER -- Still at Mangas Springs 9/25 (RF); 1 at Double Adobe Creek 8/8 (SW1) and 8/10 (SW).

YELLOW WARBLER -- At Mangas Springs through 10/15 (RF), a late date; 6 on Gray Ranch 8/12 (SW, MMe).

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER -- 1 at Eldorado 9/22 (Steve Fosberg, fide Psn). Details not provided.

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER -- Reported statewide from 8/9 (1 at Capulin Springs -- Pst) to 10/26 (1 at Corrales -- SBa).

HERMIT WARBLER -- 1 mist-netted at Zuni 8/18 (JT); 1 immature at Signal Peak 8/16 (B1).

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER -- 1 at Roswell 11/14 (Mary Peckinpaugh).

GRACE'S WARBLER -- unusual: A male at Los Alamos 11/28 (Mike McKey, fide BL) was extremely late....1 at Bandelier NM 9/30 (Benjamin Parmeter).

BLACKPOLL WARBLER -- 1 probable at Corrales 10/26 (SBa).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 8/9 (LG, CB).

AMERICAN REDSTART -- 2 in Corrales bosque 9/7 (SBa); 1 at Belen 8/18 (JPa); 3 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/9 (CB).

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER -- 1 supposedly seen in the Jemez Mts. during the fall (MMe, fide SW), but no details have been provided.

WORM-EATING WARBLER -- 1 mist-netted at Zuni 8/18 (JT); another well seen in the Animas Mts. 10/25 (Graham Chisholm).

OVENBIRD -- 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/9 (CB).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- Singles at McAllister L. 8/29, 9/6 and 9/19 (GS); 1 netted at Zuni 8/18 (JT); 1 at Green Chaparral Turf Farm, Moriarty, 9/7 (CB); 1 at Bosque NWR 9/6 (RT, PB); 1 at Percha Dam SP 9/9 (PSt); 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 8/25 (SW+).

MacGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER -- Migrants first spotted at La Joya SGR 8/21 (GS, Janell Ward); arrived at Mangas Springs 9/6 (RF).

COMMON YELLOWTHRUSH -- Last seen at Mangas Springs 9/25 (RF), but a high 27 were at Bernardo SGR on that date (GS).

WILSON'S WARBLER -- Migrants reported from 8/16 (7 at Las Vegas NWR -- GS) to 26 at Dripping Springs on 10/26 (KSK).

SUMMER Tanager -- A male at Black River Village 10/10 (SW) was somewhat late.

NORTHERN CARDINAL -- 5 at Gray Ranch 8/8 (SW1).

BLUE GROSBEAK -- breeding: A nest incorporating toilet paper and plastic with young at Rattlesnake 9/7 (OSJHo)... 1 female at Bosque NWR 11/16 (CSa) was late.

LAZULI BUNTING -- A record 106, mostly males, banded at Rio Grande Nature Center 8/5-9/22, plus 1 or 2 apparent Lazuli x Indigo hybrids 8/12 and 26 (LG).

PAINTED BUNTING -- unusual: 1 banded at Glenwood 9/2 (BMc).

DICKCISSEL -- 1 molting female near Gallup 10/1 (SI) and 1 female and 1 immature at Las Cruces (EW) were westerly; 1 immature e. of Melage 9/8 (OSJHo).

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE -- 2 at Gray Ranch 8/10 (NMc).

CANYON TOWHEE -- 2 at 7,500 feet in Los Alamos 9/22-11/30 (PSn) were high for the species.

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- About 80 singing in Animas Valley 8/7-8, and another 160 in the Playas Valley 8/9, with adults carrying food to juveniles... 60 singing near Nutt 8/10 (SW1) and 22 at Jornada 8/15 (CSa).

RUFOUS-CROWNED SPARROW -- 1+ at Petroglyph NM, Albuquerque, first record for the area; this easily overlooked species should prove to be resident there.

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW -- 1 southerly at Zuni 11/22 (OC); 1 early 9/12 at Las Vegas NWR, with peak of 39 on 11/23 (GS).

CHIPPING SPARROW -- Remarkable 1,159 banded at Rio Grande Nature Center 8/5 to 11/29 (LG+); 2 recaptured had been banded in 1988.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW -- 33 banded at Rio Grande Nature Center 9/2-30; 1 banded 9/10 was recaptured 10/20. 2 at Bosque NWR 9/15 (JPa) and 8 on 9/28 (CSa); first on 9/17 and last 10/12 in Mesilla valley (CSa). 3 immatures near Gallup 9/21 and 1 there 9/30 (SI).

SAGE SPARROW -- Over 30 at Petroglyph NM 11/19 (HS); 1 at La Joya SGR 9/5 (GS) was early.

LARK BUNTING -- Present in south by 8/3-8, including up to 72 in the Animas valley (SW1) and 40 at Jornada (CSa).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- 1 near Gallup 9/24 (SI); 3 on 8/16 and 2 on 10/5 at Las Vegas NWR (GS); 5 singing near Nutt 8/10 (SW1). Transects in southwest yielded 95 in Animas valley 8/7-8 and 76 in Playas valley 8/9 (SW1).

FOX SPARROW -- Singles at Silver City 10/9 and 11/19-20 (OSMZ) and at Percha Dam SP 11/22 (LG).

SWAMP SPARROW -- Earliest dates: 2 near Gallup 9/23 (SI); 3 at Las Vegas NWR 10/12 (GS); 1 banded at Rio Grande Nature Center 10/27 (LG).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW -- Widespread in small numbers. 1 to 2 immatures at Silver City 10/22-11/20 (OSMZ) were the first recorded there in many years.

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW -- 1 at Zuni 11/22, 24 (OC).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW -- Migrants evident from 9/8 on. 18 oriantha banded at Rio Grande Nature Center 9/8-10/13 (LG); recaptures 11/4 and 10 were very late for this form.

HARRIS' SPARROW -- 1 at Bosque NWR 11/16 (RT, PST). 1 banded at Las Cruces the previous winter was recaptured 11/23 (CSa).

LAPLAND LONGSPUR -- 1 possible at Bluewater L. 10/13 (JPa).

CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR -- 15 on 10/12 and 3 on 11/1 at Las Vegas NWR (GS); 8 at Green Chaparral turf farm 10/26 (DC); 200 at Grasslands turf farm 11/24 (JPA); 1 at Jornada 11/29 (CSa) and 6+ at Palomas, Mexico, 11/2 (BO, JB1).

BOBOLINK -- unusual: An immature near Gallup 9/29-10/2 (SI).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- 1 at Bosque NWR 8/9 (RT, PB) and 2 just s. of Gray Ranch headquarters 8/12 (SW, MMe) were early migrants.

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE -- 4 at mouth of Deer Creek, Gray Ranch, 8/13 (MMe).

COMMON GRACKLE -- Singles at Santa Fe 11/11 (LH, SBa); those at Zuni 11/24 (OC) and Bosque NWR 11/24 (JPa) were late.

BRONZED COWBIRD -- 1 very young, apparently raised by a Northern (Bullock's) Oriole, at Las Cruces was last seen 8/9 (CSa).

NORTHERN (BALTIMORE) ORIOLE -- 1 female at Willie M. Chavez SP, Valencia County, 9/29 (JPa).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE -- 1 at La Joya SGR 8/7 (GS).

CASSIN'S FINCH -- All of the few reported were in or near montane areas beginning 10/7-8.

RED CROSSBILL -- Continued numerous and widespread in northern and central mountains, but fewer were in evidence by the end of the period (v.o.). Elsewhere there were several on Bear Mt. near Silver City 8/19 (DSMZ) and a "large family" in Nogal Canyon near Sierra Blanca Mt. in October.

PINE SISKIN -- 1 at Bosque NWR 8/9 (RT, PB) was early.

LESSER GOLDFINCH -- breeding: Nest building at Corrales 9/1 (BO) and an adult with begging young in Tijeras Canyon 11/6 (HS) was late.

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- 1 at Zuni 8/18 (JT) was early.

EVENING GROSBEAK -- Scarce or absent, in contrast to last year's invasion of lower elevations. 2 at El Malpais NM 11/23 (JH) and 1 at Silver City 11/14 (DSMZ).