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FROM THE EDITORS:

The Aplomado Falcon had not been reported in New Mexico since December of 1978. Thus a possible sighting at Holloman Lake on May 25 demanded attention, though details were scant. This was reinforced in early summer by reports of an immature Aplomado on the nearby White Sands missile range.

A sampling of other interesting sightings, rare or out of place: Very rare Carolina Wren in the Sandias, Red-shouldered Hawk at Rattlesnake Springs, Purple Gallinule at Bosque NWR, and American Woodcock in Gatron County. Common Black Hawk near Rio Grande Nature Center, Bridled Titmouse in the Sandias, and Clayton's first Blackburnian Warbler were far out of place. Other scarcities, a Yellow-throated Warbler and a Le Conte's Sparrow. An oddity was a Common Ground Dove that wintered in Postoffice Canyon.

HANKWATCH INTERNATIONAL'S 1991 spring count in the Sandias of north-bound raptors extended from February 14 through May 10. Of the 3,359 raptors observed, 3,232 were identified as to species, as tabulated below. The total of 3,359 was the second greatest since the count was inaugurated in 1984.

Turkey Vulture	1,246	Northern Goshawk	7	Golden Eagle	209
Osprey	34	Broad-winged Hawk	2	American Kestrel	183
Bald Eagle	23	Swanson's Hawk	43	Merlin	4
Northern Harrier	47	Red-tailed Hawk	354	Prairie Falcon	23
Sharp-Shinned Hawk	297	Ferruginous Hawk	16	Peregrine Falcon	20
Cooper's Hawk	722	Zone-tailed Hawk	2		

SPRING BIRD COUNTS IN N.M. (name, sponsor, date, compiler, species, total)

ESPAÑOLA Big Day Count (Sangre de Cristo Audubon Society), 5/12, Burton Lewis, 101, 2,541

GILA Valley Spring Migration Count and Big Bird Bash (Southwest Audubon Society and N. M. Audubon Council), 5/4, Ralph Fisher, 154, 7,481

(name in capital letters is used in species accounts to identify count)

Correction: On p. 50 of Vol. 29, No. 4, the juvenile Magnificent Hummingbird was seen at Mangas Springs, not Silver City.

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LOCALITIES AND THEIR COUNTIES IN THIS ISSUE

abbreviations and symbols in text:

BBS -- Breeding Bird Survey SGR -- State Game Refuge
 L. -- Lake R. -- River
 Mt. (Mts.) -- Mountain(s) SP -- State Park
 NM -- National Monument
 N. M. -- New Mexico * -- details provided
 NP -- National Park ** -- photograph
 NWR -- National Wildlife Refuge *** -- specimen

Abiquiu L. -- Rio Arriba	Fort Sumner -- DeBaca	Mesilla -- Doña Ana
Albuquerque -- Bernalillo	Frijoles Canyon, Bandelier	Mimbres R. -- Grant, Luna
Animas Mts. -- Hidalgo	NM -- Sandoval	Moriarty - Torrance
Apache Creek -- Catron	Garfield -- Doña Ana	Mule Creek - Grant
Artesia -- Eddy	Gila R. -- Grant, Hidalgo	Nambe -- Santa Fe
Aspen Spring, Animas	Glenwood -- Catron	New Mexico State
Mts. -- Hidalgo	Glenwood Hatchery-Catron	U. -- Doña Ana
Bandelier N.M. -- Sandoval,	Grasslands Turf Farm, Los	Otia -- Loving
Los Alamos	Lunas -- Valencia	Owl Spring - Eddy
Bernardo -- Socorro	Gray Ranch -- Hidalgo	Pancho Villa SP -
Bitter L. NWR (Bitter	Guadalupe Canyon --	Luna
L.) -- Chaves	Hidalgo	Paradise Canyon -
Black Range -- Grant,	Guadalupe Mts. -- Eddy	Union
Sierra	Holloman L. -- Otero	Pecos Valley --
Black R. Village -- Eddy	Hope -- Eddy	Santa Fe to Eddy
Black Rock Dam, etc.,	Horse Springs -- Catron	Peloncillo Mts. -
Zuni -- McKinley	Jal -- Lea	Hidalgo
Boone's Draw -- Roosevelt	Jornada (del Muerto)	Percha Dam SP --
Bosque del Apache NWR	Valley -- Doña Ana	Sierra
(Bosque NWR) -- Socorro	Karr Canyon -- Otero	Petroglyph NM --
Brantley L. -- Eddy	Kingston -- Sierra	Bernalillo
Caballo L. -- Sierra	Kiowa National Grass-	Pilar -- Taos
Capulin Springs, Sandia	land -- Union	Pine Canyon, Gray
Mts. -- Bernalillo	La Joya SGR -- Socorro	Ranch -- Hidalgo
Carlsbad -- Eddy	La Luz Canyon, Organ	Piños Altos - Grant
Carlsbad Caverns NP, -- Eddy	Mts. -- Doña Ana	Pleasanton - Grant
Carrizo Creek -- Union	Laguna Grande -- Eddy	Post Office Canyon
Charette L. -- Mora	Las Cruces -- Doña Ana	-- Hidalgo
Cherry Creek Canyon --	Las Uvas Valley -- Doña	Queen, Guadalupe
Grant	Ana	Mts. -- Eddy
Clanton Canyon -- Hidalgo	Las Vegas NWR -- San	Radium Springs --
Clayton, L. -- Union	Miguel	Doña Ana
Clovis -- Curry	Lordsburg -- Hidalgo	Rattlesnake Springs
Cochiti L. -- Sandoval	Los Alamos - Los Alamos	-- Eddy
Corrales -- Sandoval	Los Lunas -- Valencia	Red River Ski Area
Cotton City -- Hidalgo	Madrid -- Santa Fe	-- Taos
Cottonwood Canyon --	Magdalena Mts. -- Socorro	Redrock -- Grant
Catron	Mangas Springs -- Grant	Ribera - San Miguel
Dexter -- Chaves	Manzano Mts. -- Torrance	Rio Grande Nature
Doc Long Picnic Area,	Maxwell NWR -- Colfax	Center - Albuquerque
Sandias -- Bernalillo	McAllister L. -- San	Sacaton Creek - Catron
Dripping Springs Natural	Miguel	San Antonio - Socorro
Area -- Doña Ana	McMillan campground and	San Francisco R. --
El Dorado -- Santa Fe	canyon -- Grant	Catron
Elephant Butte L. --	Meadow Creek -- Grant	San Ildefonso Pueb-
Sierra	Melrose -- Curry	lo - Santa Fe
Fence L. -- Cibola	Mescalero Sands -- Chaves	

San Mateo Mts.-- Socorro	Taos -- Taos
San Miguel -- San Miguel	Tesuque, Tesuque Peak -- Santa Fe
San Simon Cienega -- Hidelgo	Three Gun Canyon, Sandias --
Sandia Mts., crest -- Bernalillo	Bernalillo
Santa Fe -- Santa Fe	Truth or Consequences - Sierra
Santa Rosa, Santa Rosa L. --	UNM campus, Albuquerque
Guadalupe	Villanueva -- San Miguel
Silver City -- Grant	Wagon Mound -- Mora
Sitting Bull Falls -- Eddy	Water Canyon, Magdalena Mts.
Slaughter Canyon, Carlsbad Caverns	-- Socorro
NP -- Eddy	Waterfall Canyon, Sandia Mts.
Sulphur Canyon, Sandia Mts.---	-- Bernalillo
Bernalillo	White Rock -- Los Alamos
Sumner L. SP -- DeBaca	Williamsburg -- Sierra
	Zuni reservation -- McKinley

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

COMMON LOON -- Singles at Sumner L. 3/9 and at Brantley L. 4/1 (JPa); 1 at Bitter L. 5/8 (JS); 8 at Elephant Butte L. 3/8 (JH+).

PIED-BILLED GREBE -- 1 at Zuni 3/10 (DC); 6 at Las Vegas NWR 4/14 (PI, CR+); 20 at Bosque NWR 4/6 (PSn).

EARED GREBE -- Seen statewide (v.o.); top of 2,000+ 3/8 at Elephant Butte L. (JH+).

WESTERN GREBE -- 7 pairs at Abiquiu L. 5/23 (JH+); 5 at Zuni 4/27-28 (DC); 1 or 2 at Las Vegas NWR 4/14-25 (v.o.).

CLARK'S GREBE -- a pair at Abiquiu L. 5/23 (JH+); 5 at Las Vegas NWR 5/31 (PI, CR); 20 at Caballo L. 3/7 (JH); 1 at Holloman L. 5/25 (GE+).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- 1 or 2 at Zuni 3/24-4/6 (DC); up to 40 at Bosque NWR 4/21 (SW+); 1 as late as 5/25 at Bitter L. (JPa); up to 157 at Caballo L. 3/27 (CS+)...30 to 40 at Elephant Butte L. 3/8 (JV, JH).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- Breeding: 29 nests at Abiquiu L. 5/23 (JH+). ...1 at Holloman L. 4/21 (GE).

NEOTROPICAL CORMORANT -- As many as 44 at Bosque NWR 4/6-5/9 (v. o.); 150+ at Elephant Butte L. 3/6 (JH+).

LEAST BITTERN -- 1 at Bosque NWR 5/3-4 (JPa+) and 5/20 (OS).

GREAT BLUE HERON -- Breeding: 28 nests 5/9 in the Gila valley (RF).

GREAT EGRET -- 5 to 6 at Bosque NWR as early as 4/13 (JPa, DC); 1 at Bitter L. 4/9 (CR).

SNOWY EGRET -- 2 at Charette L. 4/15 (JV); 50 at Bosque NWR 5/19 (DS); 4 at Laguna Grande area 4/8 (CR).

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- Single adults at Bosque NWR 5/3 and at Bitter L. 5/11 (JPa+).

TRICOLORED HERON -- 1 adult at Bosque NWR 4/13-5/20 (v. o.)**

CATTLE EGRET -- 4 to 5 at Bosque NWR 4/13 (JPa+).

GREEN-BACKED HERON -- 1 at Owl Springs 4/24 (SW).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON -- About 175 at Laguna Grande 4/8 (CR).

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- Widespread, including 19 on Española count, up to 75 at Zuni 5/5 (DC), 25 at Charette L. 4/25 (JV), 230 at Bosque NWR 4/22 (CR), 56 at Redrook 5/4 (RF), 211 at Caballo L. 4/28 (CR, PSn, EW), and 150 at Holloman L. 4/21 (GE).

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 1 immature as late as 4/13-14 at Bosque NWR (DC, JPa).

SNOW GOOSE -- 2 as late as 5/28 at Bosque NWR (CR+).

ROSS' GOOSE -- Late pair 4/9 at Bitter L. (CR).

CANADA GOOSE -- Breeding: Nest with 6 eggs at Charette L. 5/1 (JH+)* and 2 nests on platforms at Bosque NWR 4/6 (PSn).

WOOD DUCK -- 1 in Gila valley 5/4 (RF).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL -- 300 at Bosque NWR 4/22 (CR).

MALLARD -- 2 pairs of Mexican form at Gray Ranch 3/13 (SWi).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL -- 4 males, 6 females near Tesuque 5/1; 1 still there 5/24 (DS).

BLUE-WINGED x CINNAMON TEAL HYBRID -- 1 at La Joya SGR 4/7 (LG).

NORTHERN SHOVELER -- 1,000+ at Bosque NWR 4/22 (CR).

CANVASBACK -- 1 female at Las Vegas NWR 5/31 (CR, PI); 1 at Bosque NWR 5/28 (CR+); a pair at Las Cruces 3/2 (CSa).

REDHEAD -- 230 at Zuni 3/3 (DC); 17 at Las Vegas NWR 5/31 (PI, CR).

RING-NECKED DUCK -- 2 pairs in Gila valley through 5/26 (RF); 1 female at Rattlesnake Springs until 5/7 (SW).

LESSER SCAUP -- 2 near Española 3/17 (PI+); 4 at Charette L. 5/1 (JH); up to 15 at Las Vegas NWR 4/30 (v. o.); 4 at Bosque NWR 4/22 and 2 on 5/28 (CR+); 17 at Bitter L. 4/9 (CR); 20 on Gila count.

COMMON GOLDENEYE -- Several at Pilar 3/10 (PSn); 2 females at Las Vegas NWR 4/17 (CR).

BUFFLEHEAD -- 2 at Holloman L. 5/10 (v. o.); 1 near Otis 4/27 (SW).

HOODED MERGANSER -- unusual: 1 male at Zuni 4/20 (DC).

COMMON MERGANSER -- 12 female at Caballo L. 3/17 (CSa); 30 on Gila count.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- 2 females at San Ildefonso Pueblo 5/7 (PSn); 3 at Bitter L. 3/30 (JPa); 5 at Elephant Butte L. 4/20 (v. o.).

RUDDY DUCK -- 3 at Las Vegas NWR 5/31 (PI, CR); 34 at Bitter L. 4/30 (LH).

OSPREY -- 8 present on Gila count; singles at Las Vegas NWR (CR), at Clayton L. 4/17-25 (WC, John Hart) and at Black R. Village 5/1 (fide SW).

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- 1 at Clayton 5/20 (WC) had an injured eye dangling from the socket, but appeared to be acting normally and doing well.... 1 at Mesilla 5/22 was west of usual range (fide CSa).

BALD EAGLE -- 4 adults and 1 immature at Caballo L. 3/7 (JH).

NORTHERN HARRIER -- Single stragglers at Las Vegas NWR 5/31 (PI, CR) and at Holloman L. 5/25 (CSa).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK -- unusual: 1 at Clayton feeder 3/16 and 3/31 (WC).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- Breeding: In Grant County, female on nest unoccupied for previous 3 days, on 5/30, plus another possible Grant County nest.... 1 "resident" in Three Gun Canyon 3/24 (DS).

COMMON BLACK HAWK -- unusual: Singles near Albuquerque Nature Center 4/27 (BV) and 5/16 (CAH) were well north of usual range. Breeding: Numbers were possibly the highest ever in southwest N.M., with as many as 14 nesting pairs in San Francisco, Gila and Mimbres Valleys (RF).

HARRIS' HAWK -- 3 or 4 in the southwest (SWi)... "Numbers in Eddy County appear to be stabilizing after a very sharp drop over the past several years" (SW).

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK -- unusual: An individual possibly of this species was at Rattlesnake Springs 5/7 (SW). Very few documented records in N.M.

BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- Singles at Percha Dam SP 4/27 (CB++, JB1) and at Rattlesnake Springs 5/2 (CB) and 5/7 (SW).

SWAINSON'S HAWK -- 1 in Las Uvas Valley 4/2 (PSt) was first of season. First at Carlsbad 4/4 (SW) was later than usual.... 3 at Texas-N.M. border (US62/180) 4/20 (JH)... 1 at Isleta exit of I-25 4/22 (JH, RWD).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK -- 1 at Post Office Canyon 4/10 was first record there (RS)... A pair at established nest site in Pine Canyon, Gray Ranch, and 1 at Pueblo Park campground, Catron County, 4/25 (SWi).

RED-TAILED HAWK -- Melanistic single at Caballo Dam 3/7 (JH) and at San Simon Cienega 4/5 (SWi)... 1 erythritic (reddish-brown) at Apache Creek 3/23 (JH).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK -- One at I-25 Levy exit in Mora County 5/1 (JH); 1 along Mule Creek Road, Grant County, 4/14 (RF) was late.

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK -- 1 at Zuni 3/10 (DC).

MERLIN -- Only 3 reported, the latest at Bosque NWR 4/29 (PSn).

APLOMADO FALCON -- 1 possibly of this species reported with scant details at Holloman L. 5/25 (Tim McKimmie and P. Malchow). Species long absent from New Mexico. (see introductory note)

LESSER PRAIRIE CHICKEN -- 4 in the traditional Mescalero Sands area west of Caprock 3/31 (JPa, BDP).

WILD TURKEY -- 2 in San Mateo Mts. 4/15 (TH); 54 at Bosque NWR 4/22 (CR); several near Queen, Guadalupe Mts., 4/20-22 (JH+); 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 4/9 (CR); 12 in the Animas Mts. 4/26 (SWi).

MONTEZUMA QUAIL -- Pair in San Mateo Mts. 4/15 (TH) and 2 others 4/10; absent from Mangas Springs (RF); 1 or 2 pairs in the Peloncillo and Animas Mts. (SWi) and in Guadalupe Canyon in April (CB).

NORTHERN BOBWHITE -- 2 at Fort Sumner 5/11, and 1 heard at Rattlesnake Springs 5/26-27 (JPa).

SCALED QUAIL -- 1 at Las Vegas NWR 5/7 was possibly the first there since the 1970s (CR).

GAMBEL'S QUAIL -- 1 near Madrid 5/23 (CR), where few if any previous records exist.

VIRGINIA RAIL -- 8 at Bosque NWR 5/20 (DSm).

SORA -- Up to 12 at Bosque NWR 4/29 (CR, PSn); 8 remained 5/20 (DSm). ...singles at Rattlesnake Springs, where seldom seen, 4/14 and 4/29 (SW, TJH, LH).

PURPLE GALLINULE -- unusual: 1 adult at Bosque NWR 5/23 was well described (CR, SWi+). Very rare in N.M.

COMMON MOORHEN -- Up to 4 at Bosque NWR 4/13-5/20 (v. d.).

AMERICAN COOT -- 27 at Las Vegas NWR 5/15 (CR).

SANDHILL CRANE -- Last seen, 2 at San Antonio 4/6 (JPa+).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 13 near Zuni 4/19 (SW); 1 at Bosque NWR 5/20 (DSW).

LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER -- 1 at Las Vegas NWR 4/30 (JH+).

SNOWY PLOVER -- 1 at Wagon Mound 5/11 (JH+) and at Bosque NWR 5/18 (JPa, LG); young at Bitter L. 5/3 (MP); 2 at Elephant Butte L. 4/28 (CR, PSn); up to 22 on Holloman L. 5/31 (GE); 12 at Laguna Grande 4/8 (CR).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER -- 6 at Charette L. 5/L (JH+); 12 at Bosque NWR 5/4 (JPa+); 1 on Elephant Butte L. 4/28 (PSn, CR); 6 at Holloman L. 4/27 (CSa).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- 1 or 2 at Grasslands Turf Farm 3/16 through 4/21 (JPa+).

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- 100 at Bosque NWR 4/28 (CR, PSn).

AMERICAN AVOCET -- Breeding: 4 adults with eggs at Los Lunas 5/27 (HS); 48 near Lordsburg 3/13 (SWi).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS -- 18 at Bosque NWR 4/22 (CR).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS -- 49 at Zuni 4/27 (DC); up to 150 at Bosque NWR 4/28 (CR, PSn).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- 4 at Bosque NWR 4/20 (JPa, AK, LG); 1 near Las Cruces 5/1-3 (CSa).

WILLET -- Up to 30 at Zuni 4/20 (DC); 100 at Las Vegas NWR 4/30 (JH+); up to 127 at Bosque NWR 4/28 (CR, PSn); 26 at Mangas Springs 4/26 (RF).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- 1 in Gila Valley 5/9-21 (RF+).

WHIMBREL -- 1 at Elephant Butte L. 4/20 (JPa, LG).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- Singles at Zuni 4/27 (DC), at Las Vegas NWR 4/26 (Ward Feurt), near Dexter 4/1 (JPa);, at Mangas Springs 5/8 (RF), and at Black River Village 4/8 (CR).... 1 to 5 at Bosque NWR 4/13-20 (DC, JPa, LG); 5 at Elephant Butte L. 4/20 (LG, LPa); 4 at Holloman L. 5/31 (GE).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- 1 at Bosque NWR 4/20 (JPa, LG).

DUNLIN -- 1 at Bosque NWR 4/4 (DC); 11 at Caballo L. 3/7 (JH+); 3 at Laguna Grande 4/8 (CR).

STILT SANDPIPER -- 1 at Bitter L. 5/25 (JPa).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 200 at Las Vegas NWR 4/30 (JH+); 350 at Bosque NWR 4/28 (CR, PSn).

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 1 at La Joya SGR 4/20 (JPa, LG); 1 at Holloman L. 4/27 (CSa).

COMMON SNIFE -- 3 at Clayton (date unstated) (WC, Jim Hall); 1 at Las Cruces 5/3 (CSa).

AMERICAN WOODCOCK -- unusual: 1 along Sacaton Creek, Catron County, 3/12 (SWi). Fifth record for New Mexico.

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- Abundant statewide. High counts: 55 at Maxwell NWR 4/24 (WMO, Kay Plotner); 75 at Las Vegas NWR (JH+); 400 at Bosque NWR and 400+ at Elephant Butte L. 4/28 (CR, PSn).

Other sandpipers on page 27

FRANKLIN'S GULL -- In all areas except southwest and northeast, 4/17 to 5/25. Maximums, 35 at McAllister L. 4/30 and 25 at Wagon Mound 5/1 (JH+).

BONAPARTE'S GULL -- 1 at Abiquiu L. 5/23 (JH+); 1 at Bosque NWR 4/7 (LG, Carol Davis); 10+ at Elephant Butte L. 3/6 (JH).

RING-BILLED GULL -- 300 at Elephant Butte L. 5/8 (JH+); 21 at Holloman L. 4/27 (CSa),

CALIFORNIA GULL -- 3 at Abiquiu L. 5/23 and 5 at Wagon Mound 5/11 (JH+); 1 at Elephant Butte L. 3/8 (JV) and 4/20 (JPa, LG).

HERRING GULL -- 3 to 5 at Elephant Butte L. 3/8 (JH, JV); 5+ at Caballo L. 3/7 (JH).

THAYER'S GULL -- 1 or 2 possibly of this species at Elephant Butte L. 3/8 (JV) and at Caballo L. 3/7 (JH).

CASPIAN TERN -- 1 at Elephant Butte L. 4/20 (JPa, LG **). Now detected almost annually in N.M.

FORSTER'S TERN -- Reported from Las Vegas NWR, Holloman L. and the Rio Grande and Pecos valleys 4/26-5/20; maximum of 29 at Bosque NWR 5/20 (DSm).

LEAST TERN -- 5 adults returned to Bitter L. 5/10 (LM).

BLACK TERN -- 55+ at Las Vegas NWR 5/21, but only 17 next day (CR); 2 at Bosque NWR 5/18 (LG, fide JPa); 1 at Bitter L. 5/11 (JPa).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- Breeding: 1 on nest on N.M. State University campus 3/12 seemed early (GE)...A pair in Albuquerque north valley beginning 5/2 (BO) and 1 in central Albuquerque 5/20 (BV), plus other recent records, suggest the species is becoming regular there....105 on Gila count was high.

INCA DOVE -- Small numbers persist in Carlsbad (SW).

COMMON GROUND DOVE -- unusual: 1 all winter in Postoffice Canyon began calling on 3/14 and was last seen 4/13 (RS).

GREATER ROADRUNNER -- None seen in southwest during entire period; only 2 found on spring migration count (RF).

GROOVE-BILLED ANI -- 1 near Garfield (details) 3/10 (Bryan Nygren).

BARN OWL -- 2 or 3 south of Clayton 3/15 and 5/14 (HS). Wes Cook of Clayton says it is rare in the Kiowa area.

GREAT HORNED OWL -- Breeding: 1 adult on nest near Cotton City 3/13, 4/5 (SWi).

WHISKERED SCREECH OWL -- 1 or 2 singing in Clanton Canyon 3/13, 14, and 2 calling together in the Peloncillo Mts. canyon n. of Clanton 4/5, 6. 22 (SWi).

NORTHERN PYGMY OWL -- 1 calling in Black Range n. of Kingston 4/25 (SWi).

ELF OWL -- unusual: 1 in Water Canyon was northeast of usual range 5/2 (JPa)...5 in Peloncillo Mts. canyon n. of Clanton 4/22 (SWi)...1 in Black Range s. of Kingston 5/16 (SWi).

BURROWING OWL -- unusual: A record 5 on Española count... Breeding: "Numbers seem up this spring in Eddy County, with at least 6 nest sites located" (SW).

SPOTTED OWL -- Breeding: 2 on nest ledge in Zuni area 5/11 (DC)...Singles in Magdalena Mts. 3/8 (JBI) and at Gray Ranch 4/24 (SWi).

LONG-EARED OWL -- Breeding: Pair at nest on Las Vegas NWR 4/17, single there 5/22, and owlets present 5/31 (CR)...1 near Zuni 4/20 and 1 adult with 1 to 3 immatures 5/18, 19, 30 (DC**).

SHORT-EARED OWL -- unusual: 1 n. of Moriarty 5/22; sketchy details K.C. Parkes, RWD).

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL -- unusual: 2 heard, 1 seen at Capulin Springs, Sandia Mts., 4/17 (JPa, AK, LG); 1 heard in upper Water Canyon 4/26 (CB, JBI).

LESSER NIGHTHAWK -- Early were 1 at La Joya SGR 4/27 (JPa, LG), 25 over Bosque NWR 4/28 and 1 s. of Williamsburg 5/23 (PSn).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK -- 2 at Santa Rosa 5/10 (JPa) were early.

POORWILL -- 4 in Canyon n. of Clanton 4/22 (SWi).

BUFF-COLLARED NIGHTJAR -- Active search in Guadalupe Canyon on 2 nights did not result in any response from this species (CB).

WHIP-POOR-WILL -- 1 in Jemez Mts. 5/25 was northerly (Terry Johnson); his first record of the species in this area... 1 at Dripping Springs Natural Area 2/24 (KSk); 4 in Peloncillo Mts. canyon n. of Clanton 4/22 (SWi).

SWIFTS sp. -- 4 to 5 Chaetura swifts at Guadalupe Canyon 4/19-20 (CB) may have been Chimney Swifts or Vaux's Swifts. Vaux's have not yet been verified in New Mexico.

CHIMNEY SWIFTS -- 2 in Roswell residential area 5/24 (JPa); 7 near Clayton 5/15 (HS).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT -- Arrived in numbers in White Rock Canyon 4/4 and in Frijoles Canyon 4/11 (PSn); 3 at Sitting Bull Falls 4/20 (JH).

BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD -- Numerous in Guadalupe Canyon, with 4 or 5 males apparently establishing territories 4/19-21 (CB).

VIOLET-CROWNED HUMMINGBIRD -- Seemed absent from Guadalupe Canyon 4/19-21 (CB).

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD -- Female gathering spider web for nesting in McMillan Canyon 5/16 (RF).

LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD -- A female returned "on schedule" to Post Office Canyon 3/25; a male came 3/26, with 10 to 12 present thereafter (RS).

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 male in Peloncillo Mts. canyon n. of Clanton 4/23, with details (SWi).

COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 male in Peloncillo Mts. canyon n. of Clanton 4/5, 6 (SWi).

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD -- Singles near Pleasanton 3/13 and in Cottonwood Canyon, Peloncillo Mts., 3/15 (SWi).

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD -- unusual: 1 adult male at Post Office Canyon 3/25; males present through 4/14 (RS).

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GILA WOODPECKER -- A pair at San Simon Cienega 4/20 (CB) and a single calling at Double Adobe Creek at Gray Ranch 4/26 (SWi) were outside their normal Gila Valley or Guadalupe Canyon ranges.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER -- unusual: A female, first sighted in December by T. & J. Reynolds and SW, was still at Rattlesnake Springs 4/1 (JPa, JJK) and 4/8 (CR).

DOWNY WOODPECKER -- 2 in the Manzano Mts. 4/26 (CR, PSn) and 3 in the Pinos Altos Mts. 5/5 (CR+) were southerly.

STRICKLAND'S WOODPECKER -- A pair was present in Clanton Canyon 5/27 and another individual was calling there 3/15 (SWi).

NORTHERN FLICKER -- One yellow-shafted form at Jal 3/10 (SWi).

NORTHERN BEARDLESS TYRANNULET -- 2 singing in Guadalupe Canyon 4/19-21 (CB) and 5/26 (CR+).

GREATER PEWEE -- 1 at Gray Ranch 4/24 (SWi); a pair at McMillan campground 4/29 (H&RW), and singles singing there 5/5 (CR) and 5/6 (RF); 2 singing at Meadow Creek, Grant county, 5/24 (Hiram Parent, fide RF).

HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER -- 1 singing in Sulphur Canyon, Sandias, 5/30 (HS), where not known to breed.

GRAY FLYCATCHER -- 1 singing in Guadalupe Mts. 4/21 (JH, RWD) was southerly.

VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- Breeding: Female completing a nest 30 feet up in a cottonwood at San Simon Cienega 4/5 (SWi).

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD -- Earliest migrants: 2 to 5 in Santa Fe 4/22-25 (JH), 2+ at Queen 4/21 (JH+), 1 near Stanley 4/20 (CR), 1 at San Simon Cienega 4/5 (SWi), and 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 4/14 (SW+).

WESTERN KINGBIRD -- Singles at Jornada 3/26 (CSa), at Artesia 3/30 (T. J. Hines) and at Truth or Consequences 4/6 (DM) were early.

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- Singles on Española Count and at Albuquerque 4/29 (BO).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- Vagrant at Ribera 4/25 (CR).

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW -- An early 2 at Percha SP 3/7 (JH).

BANK SWALLOW -- A colony of 100 to 200 burrows in Albuquerque in late May (JH) was noteworthy, as this species nests only locally in N.M. Planned development of the area was delayed until young had fledged.

CAVE SWALLOW -- Number at Carlsbad Caverns NP peaked at 3,200 4/26 to 5/12 (SW).

BARN SWALLOW -- 3 at Jornada 3/26 (CSa) were earliest reported.

GRAY JAY -- 3+ on Tesuque Peak 5/28 (JH).

STELLER'S JAY -- unusual: 8 at Dripping Springs, where rare, on 4/26 (KSk).

BLUE JAY -- 20 at Fort Sumner 3/9 and 15 there 5/11 were the highest numbers reported for the Pecos Valley (JPa).

SCRUB JAY -- 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 4/9 (CR).

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER -- 1 in San Mateo Mts. 5/11 (TH).

AMERICAN CROW -- Breeding: A pair at a nest in Santa Fe 4/14 (JH).

CHIHUAHUAN RAVEN -- Breeding: A calling pair with 1 at nest near Stanley 4/20 (CR, LH).

COMMON RAVEN -- 1 was chased by a Chihuahuan Raven on Carrizo Creek near Clayton 4/20 (HS).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE -- 35 on Española count was a high total.

MEXICAN CHICKADEE -- 2 at Aspen Spring, Animas Mts., 4/24 (SWi).

BRIDLED TITMOUSE -- unusual: 1 at Sandia Hawkwatch station 4/7 (Paul McConnell) was far northeast of range; no details available. Nearest confirmed reports in Magdalena Mts.

BROWN CREEPER -- 3 on Española count; several in Manzano Mts. 4/26 (PSn); 1 at upper Cherry Creek 5/6 (RF); 1 in Animas Mts. 4/24 (SWi).

CAROLINA WREN -- unusual: 1** at Waterfall Canyon, Sandia Mts., photographed 5/2 (HS) and 5/5 (JB1, CB) and heard singing from early April to early June (HS). Very rare in N.M.

WINTER WREN -- 1 (no details) on Falls Trail in Bandelier NM 3/9 (Bernard Foy).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- First reports 4/13 on the Zuni Reservation (DC) and at Cochiti L. (CR).

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER -- 1, no details, at Dripping Springs 4/20 (KSK); another at Guadalupe Canyon 4/19-21 (CB).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- 1 or 2 from Santa Fe 3/18 in the north (JH) to Rattlesnake Springs 4/30 in the south (LH); at Zuni 3/9 (DC) and Cliff 5/4 (fide RF) in the west; a pair at San Miguel 4/25 (CR).

WESTERN BLUEBIRD -- Breeding: Pair feeding 3 young in nest cavity on Española count.

SAGE THRASHER -- 1 at Eldorado 3/8 (SWi) was the year's first; 3 on Fence Lake BBS 5/26 (DC).

BENDIRE'S THRASHER -- 1 on Horse Springs BBS 5/25 (DC); 1 at Petroglyph NM 5/5 (HS); 2 w. of Los Lunas 4/6 (JPa); 2 sw. of Lordsburg 5/25 (CR+); 1 at Radium Springs 5/22 (PSn); 1 singing near Cotton City 3/13 (SWi).

CRISSAL THRASHER -- 1 at Petroglyph NM 5/5 (HS) was unusual there.

AMERICAN PIPIT -- In lowlands statewide to mid-May, with "hundreds" at Percha SP 3/1 (PSt), 1 on Gray Ranch 4/24 (SWi), and 2 in the Magdalena Mts. 5/20 (JH).

CEDAR WAXWING -- Small numbers in north. Higher counts, 47 at Corrales 5/16 (CR), 65 on Gila count, 20 on NMSU campus 4/10 (GE), and 30 at Rattlesnake Springs 5/7 (SW).

PHAINOPEPLA -- 2 at Aguirre Springs SP 5/22 (PSn); 22 in N.M. portion of Guadalupe Canyon 5/26 (SWi).

NORTHERN SHRIKE -- Only report, 2 near Raton 3/6 (PL, Shawneen Finnegan).

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE -- Breeding: Adults feeding clutches of 3 or 4 fledglings at Jornada 5/21 (CSa).

WHITE-EYED VIREO -- 1 singing and seen well at Black Rock bosque 4/13-14 (DC).

BELL'S VIREO -- Only 2 on Gila count; 1 singing at Rattlesnake Springs 4/8 (CR) and 3+ there 5/25-27 (JPa); 1 at San Simon Cienega 4/19 (CB); 6+ in Guadalupe Canyon 4/19-21 (CB).

GRAY VIREO -- 2 at Zuni 5/12, 17 (DC); 1 pair on n. side of Sandias in May (HS), continuing recent sightings there; 2 at Slaughter Canyon 5/27 (JPa).

SOLITARY VIREO -- Earliest arrivals, 1 at Dripping Springs 4/20 (KSK) and 5 in Guadalupe Mts. 4/21 (JH, RWD).

HUTTON'S VIREO -- 1 at mouth of Sacaton Creek in Grant County 3/27 (JH) and 5/21 (SWi), who also saw a pair gathering nest material in the Black Range n. of Kingston 5/5, 1 s. of there 5/16, and 2 in Animas Mts. 4/24.

WARBLING VIREO -- Earliest was 1 at Percha dam 4/28 (PSn+).

RED-EYED VIREO -- 1 singing at Clovis 5/18 (BO).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- Earliest, 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 4/9 and 4 in Villanueva area 4/25 (CR).

NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 1 at Black Rock 5/12 (DC).

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER -- 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 4/9 and 2 at Bosque NWR 4/22 (CR).

LUCY'S WARBLER -- 1 or 2 at Bosque NWR 4/7 (LG, Carol Davis) and 4/29 (PSn, CR) were near the north edge of the species' range (breeding has been recorded n. to the Bernardo area); arrived at Mangas Springs 4/5 (RF); 66 on Gila count.

NORTHERN PARULA -- A female at Bitter L. 5/4 (CB).

YELLOW WARBLER -- 5 singing at San Simon Cienega 4/5 (SWi) indicated how early the species appears in the area; other arrivals, at Rattlesnake Springs 4/14 (SW) and Bosque NWR 4/22 (CR).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER -- 1 probably of this species near Clayton 5/16 (HS).

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER -- Female at Rattlesnake Springs 5/20 (CB).

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER -- Several males at Corrales 4/14 (BF); 2 on Gila count; a male in Animas Mts. 4/25 (SWi).

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER -- Generally rare in spring. A female at Water Canyon 5/10 (BF); 2 on Gila count; a male in Animas Mts. 4/25 (SWi).

HERMIT WARBLER -- unusual: 1 male w. of Melrose 5/3 (JB1, Anne Farley) was very far east; singles along upper Cherry Creek 5/6 and in Clanton Canyon 4/20 (CB, Charles Troup).

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER -- unusual: 1 male reported, and apparently photographed, east of Clayton 5/16 (Alvina Frye, fide WC). This would be the area's first record.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER -- Singing male with white lores at Rattlesnake Springs 5/25 (JPa) meticulously described. Scarce in New Mexico.

PALM WARBLER -- 1 seen well at San Mateo Peak 4/25 (TH).
BLACKPOLL WARBLER -- 1 probable male at Nambe 5/11 (Clint Scovil, JD), and another male the same day at Boone's Draw (JB1, CB).
AMERICAN REDSTART -- Female at Rattlesnake Springs 5/26 (JPa) was the only report.
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER -- Singing male with no tail seen on Española count.
WORM-EATING WARBLER -- 1 was singing at Rattlesnake Springs 5/12 (LG+ **); another seen s. of Melrose on Highway 88 5/3 (JB1, Anne Farley).
OVENBIRD -- 1 well seen at Rio Grande Nature Center 5/17 (JPa); another was west of Melrose 5/10 (JB1, CB).
NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- At least 1 at Tesuque on and off 5/1-24 (DS+); 1 at Zuni 5/11 (DC).
CONNECTICUT WARBLER -- 1 possibly of this species reported from Corrales Bosque 5/17 (TB). Details under review. There is one other sightrecord for New Mexico.
MacGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER -- 1 at Santa Fe 5/3 (JH) was the season's first report.
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT -- 3 at Bosque NWR 4/22 and 1 at Villanueva 4/25 (both CR) were the earliest sightings.
WILSON'S WARBLER -- Earliest, 3 at Rattlesnake Springs 4/9 (CR), and 1 at Dripping Springs 4/13 (KSk); 105 on Gila count.
RED-FACED WARBLER -- 1 in Waterfall Canyon 5/12 (GP, fide HS) was the first for the Sandias since they nested there in 1982. 2 singing in Water Canyon 4/27 (LG); present in San Mateo Mts. 4/15 (TH); 1 in Karr Canyon 5/25 (CSa).
PAINTED REDSTART -- 1 in San Mateo Mts. 4/4 (TH).
YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT -- 10 on Gila count.
OLIVE WARBLER -- 1 female at upper Cherry Creek in the Piños Altos Mts. 5/5 (CR+), and a pair there 5/6 (RF).
SUMMER TANAGER -- A first-year male at Las Vegas NWR 5/22 (CR) was northerly.
WESTERN TANAGER -- At least 223 passed through on Española count.
NORTHERN CARDINAL -- 25 on Gila count was high; singles on Gray Ranch at Animas Creek 4/24 and Double Adobe Creek 4/26 (SWi); 1 or 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 4/1-5/29 (v. o.). Singles at Black R. valley 5/16 and at Owl Spring, Eddy County, 4/24 (SW).
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEEK -- Four singles: female at Las Vegas NWR 5/7 (CR); males at Bosque NWR 5/18 (LG, JPa) and Truth or Consequences 5/23 (DM), and a female at Rattlesnake Springs 5/26 (JPa).
BLUE GROSBEEK -- unusual: 1 male at 7,250 feet at Los Alamos 5/16 (Barbara Peaslee, fide BL).

LAZULI BUNTING -- Earliest at Truth or Consequences 4/26 (DM).

INDIGO BUNTING -- 1 male at U. of New Mexico golf course 5/16 (JPa); adult male at Silver City 5/7-9 (MZ); 1 at La Luz Canyon, Organ Mts., 5/23 (EW).

VARIED BUNTING -- Male in Guadalupe Canyon 3/26 (CR+).

CANYON TOWHEE -- 2 all winter at Los Alamos until 3/19 (PSn) were higher than usual at 7,600 feet.

ABERT'S TOWHEE -- Only 1 on Gila count, but 3 pairs at San Simon Cienega 4/5 (SWi).

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- Singing birds: hundreds s. of Clayton 5/16 (HS); singles near Truth or Consequences 4/29 (SWi), Percha Dam 4/27 (JPa, LG), Jornada 5/8 (CSa), Brantley L. 4/30 (LH), and Hope 4/22 (JH, RWD).

RUFIOUS-CROWNED SPARROW -- 1 near Clayton 4/6 (WC) at a new area; previously only at Clayton L. and Paradise Canyon.

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW -- 25 at Maxwell NWR 3/6 (PL) and 1 at Fort Sumner 3/9 (JPa).

FIELD SPARROW -- Only report, 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 4/1 (JPa, BPa).

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW -- 1 near Madrid 5/23 (CR) was northerly and a local first.

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- Common on Kiowa National Grasslands, with 6 at Unit 33 on 5/15 (HS); 2 at Gray Ranch headquarters 5/27 (CR+).

LE CONTE'S SPARROW -- unusual: 1 probable vagrant at Taos 5/8 (CR) was late.

SONG SPARROW -- Breeding: 2 carrying nest material at Las Vegas NWR 4/17 (CR) and 2+ singing there 4/30 (JH+); first record of breeding there.

SWAMP SPARROW -- unusual: 1 at Glenwood, where scarce, 3/25 (JH); singles at Bosque NWR 4/7 (LG) and 4/27 (LG, JPa), and about 25 at Rattlesnake Springs 4/1 (JPa, BPa).

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW -- Only report, 1 all winter at Post Office Canyon; last seen 5/5 (RS).

HARRIS' SPARROW -- Singles at Bitter L. 5/17-18 (SB+), Bosque NWR 5/4-5 (JPa, BV), and Las Cruces 5/3 (CSa).

MCCOWN'S LONGSPUR -- Hundreds at Moriarty and Los Lunas sod farms in March (v. o.); latest, 1 on 4/21 (JPa).

LAPLAND LONGSPUR -- 1 on 3/2 and 2 on 3/16 at Los Lunas sod farm (JPa).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK -- 1 at Zuni 4/20 (DC) and 2 near Fence L. 5/26 (DC). A fair number singing s. of Clayton 5/14-17 (HS) well north of the previously reported N.M. range.

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE -- Increasing in irrigated areas of Union County (fide WC).

COMMON GRACKLE -- Breeding: 9 nests with young at Albuquerque 5/31 (BO).

BRONZED COWBIRD -- Single males at Truth or Consequences 5/6 (DM), at Mangas Springs 5/15 (RF) and Las Cruces 5/18 (GE).

HOODED ORIOLE -- Male at Mangas Springs 4/1 (RF).

NORTHERN ORIOLE -- First males seen: 1 at Truth or Consequences 4/6 (DM), 3 at Mangas Springs 4/10 (RF), 3 at Las Cruces 4/21 (CSa), and 1 at Bosque NWR 4/22 (CR).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE -- Single males at Petroglyph NM 5/11 (HS), Mangas Springs 4/11 (RF), Jornada 4/9 (CSa), and Dripping Springs 4/8 (KSk).

ROSY FINCH (black) -- 23 at Red R. cross-country ski area 3/2 (CB, JB1).

PURPLE FINCH -- unusual: 1 or 2 males at Glenwood 3/25 (JH) may have wintered there.

RED CROSSBILL -- A few in Jemez, Sangre de Cristo and Sandia ranges (v. o.); 20 in Manzano Mts. 4/26 (CR, PSn), and several in the San Mateo Mts. 4/30 and 5/7 (TH).

PINE SISKIN -- Breeding: An adult feeding a recently fledged young near Doc Long Picnic Area, Sandia Mts., 5/18 (HS).

LAWRENCE'S GOLDFINCH -- unusual: At least 1 female at Pancho Villa SP 4/22 (CB, Charles Troup).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- 10 pairs in full breeding plumage at Glenwood fish hatchery 4/24 (RF).

EVENING GROSBEAK -- Widespread in low to moderate numbers in and near montane areas. Noteworthy were 25 at Zuni 4/20 (DC), 117 in Ribera-Villanueva area 4/25 (CR), and 6 at Pleasanton 3/28 (JH).

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These sandpipers omitted by mistake from page 19:

MARbled GODWIT -- Up to 74 at Bosque NWR 4/28 (v.o.); 70+ at Elephant Butte L. 4/27 (JB1**, CB); 67 at Holloman L. 4/27-28 (CSa, GE).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 1 at Bosque NWR 4/27 (JPa, LG); up to 6 at Holloman L. 4/27 (CSa).

WESTERN SANDPIPER -- Up to 150 at Bosque NWR 4/28 (CR, PSn)171 at Holloman L. 4/27 (CSa).

LEAST SANDPIPER -- 2 on Española count; 10 at Zuni 4/20 (DC); 166 at Bosque NWR 4/22 (CR); 1 at Mangas Springs 4/5 (RF); 5 at Holloman L. 4/27 (CSa).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER - unusual: 4 at Bitter L. 5/11 and 1 on 5/25 (JPa+).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER -- 2 at Charette L. 5/1 and 1 at La Joya SGR 5/20 (JH); 2 at Bosque NWR 4/20-22 (v.o.); 1 at Bitter L. 5/11 (JPa+); 4 at Holloman L. 4/27 (CSa).