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WINTER 1991-1992 HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE EDITORS:

"An El Niño winter, characterized by relatively mild, moist conditions over most of the state, was likely responsible for many species lingering late, returning northward early, and/or overwintering in unusually high numbers, as well as for early breeding activity by several others." (SOW).

Seen by a multitude of birders at Conchas Lake was the state's first Yellow-billed Loon. The "Patagonia Picnic-Table Effect" also produced a Mew Gull there seen well by many, New Mexico's first verified record. Other less common gulls were Bonaparte's at Conchas, Elephant Butte, Caballo, and Brantley Lakes; and a Thayer's at Elephant Butte Lake. Intriguing was a possible Great Black-backed Gull at Las Vegas NWR.

Although numbers of Bald Eagles were down somewhat, there seems to be a healthy population, by February known nests were occupied. Unusual were single Common Black and Zone-tailed Hawks, and Harris' Hawks seem to be making a comeback in southern areas. Other buteos were present in good numbers statewide, with falcon numbers about normal.

Greater Roadrunners were scarce in the Silver City area. Whiskered Screech-Owls calling in two canyons in the Peloncillo Mts. confirmed winter residency. A high of 19 Long-eared Owls was counted on the Caballo CBC, and a single Short-eared Owl was on the Zuni CBC. White-throated Swifts were spotted at several southern locations. A few Anna's Hummingbirds were again present in Las Cruces in December and January.

A pair of White-winged Doves that wintered in Albuquerque may be the same pair that wintered last year and appeared last summer with four younger birds. Most unusual were two male Red-bellied Woodpeckers seen a mile apart on the Gallinas River for the Las Vegas CBC. It had been verified for the first time in the state only last year.

A Steller's Jay was found on the Roswell CBC, while on the Santa Fe CBC 1536 Pinyon Jays was the nation's highest count. A concentration of 11 Cactus Wrens south of Conchas Lake was found which had begun nest building and singing in February. At Valmora a Carolina Wren was heard singing, and at Bosque NWR a Sedge Wren was present on the CBC.

At Socorro a Rufous-backed Robin was the fourth record at that location. Statewide American Robins dominated the winter season with a peak count of 2633 at Albuquerque.

A Gray Catbird was found on the Carlsbad Caverns CBC, while western Brown Thrashers were at Zuni and near Bill Evans Lake. Crissal Thrashers were found nesting on Albuquerque's West Mesa in late February. Unusual winter vireos and warblers included several Hutton's Vireos in the lower Rio Grande valley, a Solitary Vireo and large numbers of Orange-crowned Warblers at Las Cruces, a probable Townsend's Warbler at Silver City, and a Common Yellowthroat at Zuni.

AOU Checklist Changes of the 39th Supplement:

Green-backed Heron will again be Green Heron.
 Black-shouldered Kite returns to White-tailed Kite
 Lesser Golden-Plover has been split into American Golden-Plover and Pacific Golden-Plover.
 Ringed Turtle-Dove has been dropped from the checklist.
 Rosy Finch is split again into three species: Gray-crowned, Black, and Brown-capped Rosy-Finches.

| <u>Christmas Bird Counts:</u> | <u>date</u> | <u>compiler</u> | <u>species</u> | <u>individuals</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Albuquerque | 12/15/91 | HRS | 107 | 22,571 |
| Bosque del Apache | 12/14/91 | STC | 109 | 40,084 |
| Bluewater Lake | 12/14/91 | STI | 48 | 1,491 |
| Caballo | 12/29/91 | BRZ | 124 | 31,131 |
| Carlsbad Caverns NP | 12/14/91 | STW | 85 | 3,321 |
| Clayton | 12/28/91 | MAM | 48 | 2,096 |
| Española | 12/29/91 | WBL | 81 | 8,522 |
| Farmington | 12/21/91 | ALN | 68 | 24,114 |
| Gila River | 12/28/91 | RAF | 107 | 5,176 |
| Lakes Avalon-Brantley | 12/24/91 | MIM | 90 | 14,184 |
| Las Cruces | 12/15/91 | BRZ | 114 | 14,618 |
| La Luz-Otero Co. | 12/28/91 | ROJ | 62 | 5,515 |
| Las Vegas | 12/22/91 | GEB | 85 | 16,974 |
| Loving | 12/31/91 | STW | 88 | 4,851 |
| Peloncillo Mts. | 12/29/91 | RTS | 101 | 7,721 |
| Roswell | 12/14/91 | SMB | 99 | 66,305 |
| Silver City | 12/14/91 | RAF | 83 | 5,100 |
| Santa Fe | 12/14/91 | API | 61 | 13,136 |
| Sandia Mts. | 12/28/91 | KAA | 43 | 2,836 |
| Zuni | 12/15/91 | JOT | 85 | 5,113 |

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PLACE NAMES AND THEIR COUNTIES:

| | | | |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Albuquerque | Bernalillo | Mesilla, Dam | Doña Ana |
| Angel Fire | Colfax | Moon Ranch | Grant |
| Animas Valley | Hidalgo | Mora | Mora |
| Apache Creek | Catron | Moriarty | Torrance |
| Archuleta | San Juan | Navajo Dam, L. | San Juan |
| Avalon L. | Eddy | Newkirk | Guadalupe |
| Bear Canyon L. | Grant | Otis | Eddy |
| Belen | Valencia | Peloncillo Mts. | Hidalgo |
| Bernal | San Miguel | Petroglyph NM | Bernalillo |
| Bernalillo . | Sandoval | Pilar | Taos |
| Bill Evans L. | Grant | Playas Valley | Hidalgo |
| Bitter L. NWR | Chaves | Pleasanton | Catron |
| Black Rock L. | McKinley | Post Office Canyon | Hidalgo |
| Bluewater L. | Cibola | Questa | Taos |
| Bosque NWR | Socorro | Rattlesnake Springs | Eddy |
| Brantley L. | Eddy | Red River | Taos |
| Burn L. | Doña Ana | Roberts L. | Grant |
| Caballo L. | Sierra | Roswell | Chaves |
| Carlsbad | Eddy | San Jon | Quay |
| Carlsbad Caverns NP | Eddy | San Luis | Sandoval |
| Clayton and L. | Union | Sandia Mts., Crest | Bernalillo |
| Cochiti L. | Sandoval | Sangre de Cristo Mts. | Santa Fe |
| Conchas L. | San Miguel | | Taos |
| Corrales | Sandoval | Santa Fe, Pueblo | Santa Fe |
| Donkey Farm ponds | Grant | Santa Rosa | Guadalupe |
| Elephant Butte L. | Sierra | Sapillo Creek | Grant |
| Española | Rio Arriba | Separ | Grant |
| Farmington | San Juan | Sevilleta NWR | Socorro |
| Gallinas Canyon | San Miguel | Silver City | Grant |
| Gila, Gila River Valley | Grant | Six-Mile Dam | Eddy |
| Glenwood | Catron | Socorro | Socorro |
| Gray Ranch | Hidalgo | Springer L. | Colfax |
| Hatch | Doña Ana | Storrie L. | San Miguel |
| Jemez Canyon Reservoir | Sandoval | Stubblefield L. | Colfax |
| Jemez Mts. | Sandoval | Sumner L. | DeBaca |
| Jicarilla IR | Rio Arriba | Taos | Taos |
| Jornada | Doña Ana | Tesuque | Santa Fe |
| La Cienega, Ponds | Santa Fe | Texico | Curry |
| La Luz | Otero | Tres Piedras | Taos |
| Laguna Grande | Eddy | Trujillo Canyon | San Miguel |
| Laguna Huerfana | San Miguel | Tyrone Sewage Ponds | Grant |
| Las Cruces | Doña Ana | Ute L. | Quay |
| Las Vegas, and NWR | San Miguel | Valmora | Mora |
| Lordsburg, Playas | Hidalgo | Vaughn | Guadalupe |
| Los Alamos | Los Alamos | Wagon Mound | Mora |
| Loving | Eddy | Watrous | Mora |
| Mangas Springs | Grant | Willard | Torrance |
| Maxwell NWR | Colfax | Youngsville | Rio Arri |
| McAllister L. | San Miguel | Zuni | McKinley |

Abbreviations used in this issue:

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| CBC | Christmas Bird Count | NMSU | N.M. State University |
| Co. | County | NP | National Park |
| FWD | N.M. Fish & Wildlife Dept. | NWR | Natl. Wildlife Refuge |
| IR | Indian Reservation | R. | River |
| L. | Lake | RGNC | Rio Grande Nature Center |
| Mt., Mts. | Mountain(s) | SGR | State Game Refuge |
| NF | National Forest | SP | State Park |
| NM | Natl. Monument | v.o. | various observers |
| * | details | ** | photograph |
| | | *** | specimen |

SPECIES ACCOUNTS:

PACIFIC LOON -- Unusual: 4 on Conchas L. 2/20 (LAG, TYH); 2 on Elephant Butte L. 1/16 (LAG, TYH), 1 on 2/2 (RLT+) and 2/15 (JJP*).

COMMON LOON -- High of 8 at Conchas L. 1/25 (STW+); 1 at Sumner L. 2/13 (CHR); up to 7 on Elephant Butte L. 1/4 to 2/15 (JJP); 1 on Burn L. 12/1-17 (EGW, GOE, BRZ); 4 near Loving 12/31 and 3 on Willow L., Eddy Co., 2/8 (STW+).

YELLOW-BILLED LOON -- First state record: first found on Conchas L. on 1/22 (CHR), seen by many through the end of February and well documented. (LAG**, v.o.).

HORNED GREBE -- High of 11 on Conchas L. 2/15 (CHR, JJP); with 1 at Bosque NWR 12/8 (JOT, PRS); 2 to 8 on Elephant Butte L. 1/4 to 2/20 (LAG+); and 1 on the Caballo CBC.

RED-NECKED GREBE -- Unusual: 1 at Conchas L. 1/26 (PRS+) and 2/20 (LAG, TYH).

EARED GREBE -- Up to 40 on Conchas L. from 1/23 to 2/7 (CHR); 1 on Bill Evans L. 1/23 (RAF); 18 on the Caballo CBC.

WESTERN GREBE -- 2 on Ute L. 12/14 (JRV); 2 on Bill Evans L. 12/4-10 (RAF, EUL); 4 on the Caballo CBC.

CLARK'S GREBE -- 3 on the Española CBC; 1 on the Las Vegas CBC; 1 on Bill Evans L. 12/4-10 (EUL); over 300 at Elephant Butte L. 1/26 (CIS); 3 on the Caballo CBC.

PIED-BILLED GREBE -- Low numbers reported except for 54 on the Roswell CBC.

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- 300 at Bosque NWR 11/10 (RLT); 148 on the Caballo CBC with 30 there through January (PAS, CIS); 17 on 12/24 at Brantley L. 12/24 (MIM+).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- 1 on the river near Corrales 12/15 (TYB); 2 on the Albuquerque CBC and 57 on the Bosque NWR CBC; 80 on the Lakes Avalon-Brantley CBC.

NEOTROPICAL CORMORANT -- 17 on the Bosque NWR CBC; 1 on Bill Evans L. 12/13 and 28 (RAF**); 13 on the Caballo CBC.

GREAT BLUE HERON -- 20 on the Albuquerque CBC, and 20 on the Bosque NWR CBC.

GREAT EGRET -- 1 at Bosque NWR 1/4 (JJP).

SNOWY EGRET -- 1 on the Bosque NWR 12/14 (STC+).

CATTLE EGRET -- 14 were at Las Cruces 12/15 (BRZ+) and 2 on 1/19-20 (Susan B. Tweit).

GREEN HERON -- 1 in the Gila Valley 12/7 (RAF).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- 9 on the Bosque NWR CBC and 24 on the Loving CBC.

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- 2 at Bosque WR 2/1 to 2/15 (v.o.).

TUNDRA SWAN -- 1 at Bosque NWR on 12/21 (JJP).

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 2 on the Las Vegas NWR 12/5, with 32 on 2/25 (CHR); 6 on the Albuquerque CBC; 58 on the Gray Ranch 2/15 (AMC, NCM).

SNOW GOOSE -- 400 at McAllister L. 1/18 (CHR); over 20,000 on the Bosque NWR CBC, 392 on the Caballo CBC, 3 on the Las Cruces CBC.

ROSS' GOOSE -- 7 on McAllister L. 1/18 (CHR); 2 in the Albuquerque CBC area 12/8 and 15 (TYB, HRS+); 253 on the Bosque NWR CBC, and 35 on the Caballo CBC.

CANADA GOOSE -- Up to 1600 at McAllister L. 1/18 (CHR); 568 on the Albuquerque CBC.

WOOD DUCK -- 1 on the Bluewater L. CBC; 165 on the Albuquerque CBC with over 250 at the RGNC 1/12 (PAS); 4 on the Silver City CBC; 1 on the Las Cruces CBC and on 2/8 (fide CIS); 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 2/8-17 (BRV, STW).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL -- Common in Zuni (DJC); 92 on the Albuquerque CBC; 2 at Apache Creek 2/21 (JPH); 15 at the Tyrone Sewage Ponds 12/6 (EUL).

MALLARD -- Mexican form: a pair on the Moon Ranch 2/19 (RAF); 2 on the Caballo CBC and 5 on the Las Cruces CBC.

NORTHERN PINTAIL -- Up to 50 at Black Rock L. 2/23 (DJC).

CINNAMON TEAL -- 4 at Apache Creek 2/21 (JPH).

NORTHERN SHOVELER -- 36 at the Tyrone Sewage Ponds 1/2 and 10 on Bill Evans L. 12/13 (EUL)

GADWALL -- Fairly common in Zuni in December and February (DJC); 10 at Cochiti L. 2/1 and 2 at La Cienega 1/20 (JPH); 56 on the Albuquerque CBC; 20 in the Gila Valley 12/13-14 (RAF); 3 at the Tyrone Sewage Ponds 12/1, 30 near Bill Evans L. 12/13, 11 at Bear Canyon L. 1/31, and 4 at Roberts L. 2/25 (EUL); 1654 on the Caballo CBC.

EURASIAN WIGEON -- Unusual: a male at Cass Draw between Otis and Loving 12/31 (STW).

AMERICAN WIGEON -- Fairly common in Zuni in December and February (DJC); 3 at Cochiti L. 1/20, 15 at La Cienega Pond 1/20, 14 at Apache Creek 2/21, and around 80 at Glenwood 2/25 (JPH); 6 near Bill Evans L. 12/13 (EUL); 36 on the Moon Ranch ponds 12/7 (RAF); 2096 on the Caballo CBC; 3 males e. of Hatch 2/27 (JPH).

CANVASBACK -- fairly common in Zuni December and February (DJC); a male at Storrie L. 2/5 (JPH, JRV); 50 at the Las Vegas NWR 2/5 (CHR); 6 around Santa Rosa 1/25 (STW+); 5 pairs in the Gila Valley 12/13-14 (RAF); 10 near Bill Evans L. 12/13 (EUL); 4 at Bear Canyon L. 1/31 (EUL).

REDHEAD -- Common in Zuni in December and February (DJC); 300 at Las Vegas NWR 1/27 (CHR); 2 pairs in the Gila Valley 12/13-14 (RAF); 4 at the Tyrone Sewage Ponds 12/14 (RAF); 4 on Bill Evans L. 12/13, and 1 on Roberts L. 2/25 (EUL).

RING-NECKED DUCK -- 68 on the Clayton CBC; fairly common in Zuni in December and February (DJC); 5 at La Cienega 1/20 (JPH); 30 at Glenwood 2/25 (JPH); with 47 at the Tyrone Sewage Ponds 12/12, 58 on the Moon Ranch 12/4, and 4 near Bill Evans L. 12/13 (EUL).

GREATER SCAUP -- 2 at Maxwell NWR 2/8 (CHR); 5 at McAlister L. 12/5 to 2/25 (CHR, JJP, CHB); 3 at Conchas L. 1/25 (JJP, ADK).

LESSER SCAUP -- 6 at Black Rock L. 2/23 (DJC); 1 at La Cienega Pond 1/20 (JPH); 87 at Bill Evans L. 12/4, 6 at the Moon Ranch 12/4, 4 to 5 at Bear Canyon L. 1/31 to 2/25, and 4 on Roberts L. 2/25 (EUL); seen with Greater Scaup at Elephant Butte L. 1/26 (CIS).

OLDSQUAW -- 1 at Conchas L. 1/23 (CHR) to 2/22 (JJP).

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER -- 1 immature female at Elephant Butte L. 1/4 to 2/15 (JJP+).

COMMON GOLDENEYE -- 18 at Stubblefield L. and about 10 at Clayton L. on 2/5 (JPH, JRV); 1 female at Black Rock L. 12/24 (DJC); 185 at Navajo Dam 2/20 (CHR, PRS); 5 at Storrie L. 2/5 (JPH, JRV); 14 at Conchas L. 1/22 (CHR); 1 at Sumner L. 2/13 (CHR); a male along the Gila R. 2/17 (RAF); 1 male at Bear Canyon L. 1/31 (EUL); 1 male at Caballo L. 1/26 (CIS); 1 female at the Lordsburg Playas 2/15 (EUL); 3 at Burn L. 1/13 (fide CIS).

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE -- Unusual: up to 10 at the San Juan R. below Navajo Dam 12/26 to 2/22 (DJC**).

BUFFLEHEAD -- fairly common in Zuni December and February (DJC); 15 at Cochiti L. 12/22 and 2/1 (JPH); 1 to 2 males on Conchas L. 1/26 (PRS); 4 to 6 pairs on the Gila Valley throughout the period (RAF); 12 near Bill Evans L. 12/13 and 5 to 6 1/31 to 2/25 (EUL); 1 on the Lakes Avalon-Brantley CBC.

HOODED MERGANSER -- 8 at Clayton L. 12/28 (CHR, MAM); 11 at Maxwell NWR 2/8 (CHR) and 12 at Storrie L. 12/24 (CHR); up to 10 at Bosque NWR 12/14 to 1/26 (v.o.); 2 to 3 in the Gila Valley 12/13 and 28 (RAF, EUL); 1 on the Lakes Avalon-Brantley CBC.

COMMON MERGANSER -- 1 male on the river s. of Pilar 2/6 (PRS); on 2/5 over 200 at Springer L., 100+ at Stubblefield L., and about 20 at Clayton L. (JPH, JRV); over 25 on Jemez Canyon Reservoir 2/15 (JPH); 45 at Cochiti L. 2/15 (API+); 1 female at Santa Fe Pueblo 1/2 (JPH); 50+ at Wagon Mound 2/5 (JPH, JRV); up to 150 at Storrie L. 12/24 (CHR); 64 on the Albuquerque CBC with 2 females at the RGNC 2/2 (JJP); 4 at Apache Creek 2/21 and 2 at Glenwood 2/25 (JPH); 2 at Bosque NWR 1/19 (API+); 4 near Bill Evans L. 2/24 and 5 on Bear Canyon L. 2/25 (EUL) with over 10,000 on the Caballo CBC.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- up to 11 at Conchas L. 1/23 (CHR); 66 at Elephant Butte L. 1/16 (LAG, TYH).

BALD EAGLE -- breeding: 2 known nests in Colfax and Sierra Cos. were reoccupied by mid-February (fide SOW)...308 eagles were counted in the Annual GFD Aerial Survey 1/13-15, 59% adult, 41% immatures; third highest count since the survey was begun in the early 1970's (SOW+); 10 in Harding Co. (fide WEC); 25 for the Bosque NWR CBC was high; "very low numbers in Grant, Luna, and Hidalgo Cos. this winter" (RAF).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- 1 on Zuni CBC; 1 n. of Santa Fe 12/1-14, 16-31 (L. Vikland); 3 on the Albuquerque CBC, while 1 in Albuquerque's North Valley on 2/8 may be one of those counted (TYB); 1 in southern Eddy Co. 12/23 (STW).

COMMON BLACK-HAWK -- unusual: 1 Glenwood 2/21 (M.Gates, fide JPH).

HARRIS' HAWK -- 6 at three Hidalgo Co. sites 2/15-26 (EUL); 10 on Southwest Raptor Count 12/7 (RAF+); "numbers in the Carlsbad area continue to rebound with several groups of 8 to 10 noted" (STW).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK -- Unusual: 1 at Gila on 1/22 (SPM, fide RAF), no details, casual there in winter.

RED-TAILED HAWK -- Breeding: "residents paired and courting by mid-January" in the Gila Valley (RAF)....33 on the Carlsbad Caverns NP CBC, a new count high;....2 "Harlan's" form on the Albuquerque CBC (LAG, HRS); 2 "Harlan's" on the Bosque NWR CBC; between Malaga and Willow L., Eddy Co., a possible "Harlan's" 12/31 (STW**).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK -- Frequent observations statewide with numbers greater in the north and east (v.o.), 1 to 10 seen on 13 of the 20 state CBC's (JOS); 17 in Hidalgo Co. on the Southwest Raptor Count (RAF+); 5 to 6 wintered in the Animas Valley, 2 in the Playas Valley (AMC+); "numbers during winter were the highest ever noted in the Carlsbad area (STW).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK -- Numerous observations statewide (v.o.), 1 to 6 on 11 of the 20 CBCs conducted (JOS); high was 10 at Angel Fire 1/30 (CHR, SYB); singles in the Peloncillo Mts. 12/28 (RTS) and Animas Valley 1/8 (AMC, NCM) were south of their usual locations.

MERLIN -- Widely scattered reports (v.o) mostly of individuals; 2 near Youngsville 2/20 (CHR, PRS); 1 at Sevilleta NWR 10/2, 2/27 (RLT, PAS) where rare in winter; 2 on the Peloncillo Mts. CBC.

PEREGRINE FALCON -- Unusual: 1 12/7-28 and on the Gila Valley CBC (RAF), count first;...scattered sightings of individuals (v.o.).

PRAIRIE FALCON -- Breeding: 2 adults courting near Donkey Farm ponds 1/23 (RAF); a mated pair on location in the Peloncillo Mts. 1/28 (SOW);....1-2 in many locations around the state (v.o.); 4 on the Peloncillo CBC was the highest number on any of the counts; "numbers during fall and winter were the highest in Eddy Co. over many years" (STW).

RING-NECKED PHEASANT - 1 on the Farmington CBC; 1 at Clayton in late December (fide MAM); 1 of unknown origin coming to a feeder near NMSU, Las Cruces, all winter (CIS).

WILD TURKEY - 10 on the Clayton CBC (CHR, MAM); 5 on the Roswell CBC were of unknown origin.

MONTEZUMA QUAIL - Several pairs present and vocal in Post Office Canyon all winter (RTS); 15 on the Peloncillo Mts. CBC.

NORTHERN BOBWHITE - 12 on the Roswell CBC was a high count; 3 atattlesnake Springs 12/14 (CHR).

SCALED QUAIL - 89 on the Clayton CBC (CHR, MAM); 9 near Newkirk 2/23 (CHR); 108 on Albuquerque CBC; 102 on Peloncillo Mts. CBC.

GAMBEL'S QUAIL - Some CBC results were 28 at Farmington, 150 at Silver City, 293 at Las Cruces, and 480 in the Peloncillo Mts.

VIRGINIA RAIL -- 2 on the Albuquerque CBC 12/15 (HRS+); 2 at Bitter L. NWR 2/27 (CHR).

SORA -- 6 on the Albuquerque CBC.

COMMON MOORHEN -- 3 on the Zuni CBC, 7 on the Las Cruces CBC, and 5 on the Loving CBC.

AMERICAN COOT -- Up to 1000 at McAllister L. 1/18 (CHR).

SANDHILL CRANE -- 3 at Maxwell NWR 2/8 (CHR); 40 at McAllister L. 1/18 (CHR); 225 on the Albuquerque CBC; 10,520 on the Bosque NWR CBC; 17,000 at the La Grulla NWR, Roosevelt Co., 2/13 (CHR); 3 to 5 at Jornada on 1/15 (CIS).

WHOOPIING CRANE -- 7 on Bosque NWR CBC 12/14 (STC+).

KILLDEER -- Numbers low in the Gila Valley (RAF).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS -- 9 on the Bosque NWR CBC; 24 at Bitter L. NWR 12/14 (SMS+); 75 at the Laguna Grande 12/28 (STW+).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS -- 1 on the Bosque NWR CBC; 1 on the Loving CBC.

SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- 1 along the Gila R. 12/13 through 2/15 (RAF); 1 on the Loving CBC.

WESTERN SANDPIPER -- 18 on the Loving CBC 12/31.

LEAST SANDPIPER -- 1 on the Bosque NWR CBC, 49 on the Las Cruces CBC, and 210 on the Loving CBC.

DUNLIN -- 3 on Bosque NWR 12/4 (CHB) and 2/16 (LAG, CAD); 3 at Bitter L. NWR 12/9 (CHB).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 12 on the Bosque NWR CBC, with 80 on 2/1 (JJP, D. Hughes).

COMMON SNIFE -- 2 on the Albuquerque CBC; 2 to 3 at Mangas Springs 12/3 to 1/1, but not after that (RAF); 1 at the Tyrone Sewage Ponds 1/10 (EUL); 5 at Elephant Butte L. 1/26 (CIS).

BONAPARTE'S GULL - 2 at Conchas L. 1/26-27 (CHR+); 1 was present at Elephant Butte L. 1/19 (LAG+), 6 on 2/1 (JJP, David Hughes), and 15 on 2/6 (PAS); 11 on the Caballo CBC; 1 on the Lakes Avalon-Brantley CBC 12/24 (fide MIM).

MEW GULL - First verified state record: an adult found at Conchas L. 2/22 (JJP). Seen through 2/24 (CHR, GRL, LAG, TYH, PRS, v.o.), documented by extensive details, photos, and tape recordings.

RING-BILLED GULL - Small numbers remained on the northern lakes for most of the winter (v.o.); 1 e. of Lordsburg 1/12 (ALS); higher CBC results were 591 at Roswell, 820 at Caballo, and 269 Lakes Avalon-Brantley; spring movements included 120 at Bernalillo 2/15 (JPH).

CALIFORNIA GULL - 1 adult was apparently in the INTEL parking lot, Rio Rancho, 2/19 (TYB, fide PRS); 1 adult at Elephant Butte L. 2/15 (JJP); 1 immature and 2 adults at Caballo L. 1/26 (CIS).

HERRING GULL - 1 at Clayton L. 2/6 (JPH); 1 to 2 at Storrie L. on 12/14, 2/2 (CHR) and 2/5 (JPH); 1 to 2 Las Vegas NWR 2/5 and 2/25 (CHR); 1 to 2 at Conchas L. 2/15-23 (JJP+); 1 on Cochiti L. 12/20, 1/2 (JPH) and 2/15 (API+); 1 at Bosque NWR 12/14 (LAG); 1 adult at Elephant Butte L. 2/2 (BRV); 2 at Caballo L. 12/29 (fide BRZ), 1/26 (CIS), and 1 adult and 4 immatures 2/27 (JPH).

THAYER'S GULL - Unusual: 1 immature was at Elephant Butte L. 1/16 (LAG), 1/26 (CIS), 2/15 (JJP), and 2/22 (LAG, CAD).

GULL species - 1 seen at a distance at Las Vegas NWR 2/25 (CHR) was considerably larger than a nearby Herring Gull, and thought to have possibly been a Great Black-backed Gull.

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- Unusual: 2 remained all winter in Albuquerque for the second consecutive year (ALS);...local high counts were 559 on the Las Cruces CBC and 95 on the Lakes Avalon-Brantley CBC.

INCA DOVE -- 1 to 3 were at Bosque NWR 12/14 (STC+) and 2/2 (DJC, fide PRS); 6 were on the La Luz CBC (ROJ+); 49 on the Las Cruces CBC; a few were at a feeder in Carlsbad (fide STW).

COMMON GROUND-DOVE -- 1 in the Animas Valley 1/22 (AMC*, Y. Babb).

GREATER ROADRUNNER -- Breeding: "a pair building a nest in early February, were incubating by the end of the month" in Las Cruces (GOE);...1 below Bill Evans L. was the "only 1 seen all winter" (RAF); 1 to 2 around Silver City (v.o.); 1 to 2 in Post Office Canyon where "colonized by a pair last year for the first time, at least one remained all winter" (RTS).

GREAT HORNED OWL -- Breeding: "residents were paired and courting by mid-January", a female on a nest in Grant Co. 2/28 "was on the side of nest as though she may already have had chicks" (RAF).

WHISKERED SCREECH-OWL -- Singles calling in 2 canyons in the Peloncillo Mts. 1/27-28, establishes winter residency in area" (SOW).

BURROWING OWL -- Unusual: 4 on the Albuquerque CBC 12/15 (HRS+).

LONG-EARED OWL -- Unusual: 19 on Caballo CBC, a high number (BRZ+).

SHORT-EARED OWL -- Unusual: 1 on Zuni CBC (JOT+), details sketchy.

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT -- 5+ flying over Glenwood 2/26 (DAM); 15 at Caballo L. 12/29 (BRZ+); on Peloncillo Mts. CBC (RTS).

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- Unusual: 1-2 at feeders in Las Cruces mid-December to mid-January (TIL, T. Glen, fide CIS), with 1 on the Las Cruces CBC. Apparently have been winter visitors in recent years.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- 1 at Mesilla 12/15 (BRZ) to 1/4 (GOE) in the same location as last winter; reported as an immature in December, but by January the head was red.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER -- Unusual: 2 males* (sketched, seen 1 mile apart) by the Gallinas River on the Las Vegas CBC 12/22 (CIS+); the first state verification was last year.

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER -- Immature male and female at Conchas L. 1/23 (CHR*, LAG); 1 at Bosque NWR 12/14 (JJP, ADK, LAG*) and 1/4 (JJP, JAB**); on Albuquerque CBC, with 1 on the Las Cruces CBC.

RED-NAPED SAPSUCKER -- 2 at Tesuque 12/15 (CHR) were late.

LADDER-BACKED WOODPECKER -- 2 on the Española CBC 12/29 (WBL).

DOWNY WOODPECKER -- 16 on the Santa Fe CBC was high; 1 female at Bosque NWR 2/22 (RLT, PAB); 2 on Silver City CBC were southerly.

NORTHERN FLICKER -- "Yellow-shafted" forms reported were 1 at Las Vegas NWR 2/11 and 3/25 (CHR), with 4 individuals reported along the Rio Grande Valley from Cochiti L. to Las Cruces (v.o.).

HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER -- At Percha Dam SP 2 on 12/29 (BRZ**), 1 on 1/26 (CIS), 1 on 2/15 (JJP*) and 1 on 2/22 (LAG**).

DUSKY FLYCATCHER -- 1 possible at Percha Dam SP 1/4 (JJP*) and 1 possible at Glenwood 2/25 (JPH).

BLACK PHOEBE -- Singles at Española 12/29 and Cochiti L. 2/15 (API) were northerly.

EASTERN PHOEBE -- 1 at Gila 12/28 (SPM*) was westerly; at Percha Dam SP 2* on 12/29 (BRZ+), 1 on 1/4 and 2/15 (JJP) and 1 on 2/22 (LAG, CAD); 1 at Las Cruces 12/19 (BRZ*).

SAY'S PHOEBE -- 1-2 at Zuni 12/11 and 1/29 (DJC) and 1 at Cochiti L. 1/19 (BRV) were northerly; 52 at Caballo L. 12/29 (BRZ+).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- 2** at Caballo L. 12/29 (BRZ+).

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD -- Unusual: 1 in the Gila Valley 1/9, 23 (RAF), apparently only the second winter report for the state.

TREE SWALLOW -- 2 at Bosque NWR 2/16 (LAG, CAD); and 4 at Mangas Springs 2/21 (RAF) were early.

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW -- Unusual: 2* at Caballo L. 12/29 (BRZ+);....5 at Bill Evans L. 2/24 (EUL) were early.

CAVE SWALLOW -- Returned to Carlsbad Caverns NP 1/23 (STW), the earliest date ever by four days.

GRAY JAY -- 1 at Bobcat Pass near Red River 1/30 (CHR, SYB) and 1 at Red River ski area 2/8 (PRS+).

STELLER'S JAY -- Unusual: 1 was on the Roswell CBC 12/14.

BLUE JAY -- Westerly reports from the Rio Grande Valley included: 3 in the Santa Fe area 12/14 (API) and 1/24 (SYB); 1 to 2 at Corrales 1/5 to 2/10 (TYB, BRV); singles at Albuquerque 12/15 (JJP), Percha SP 1/4 and 2/15 (JJP), and on Caballo CBC and Las Cruces CBC.

INYON JAY -- 1536 on the Santa Fe CBC 12/15 was the nation's high count; 8 at Conchas L. 1/25 (STW+) were easterly; while 6 at Pleasanton 2/24 (JPH), 91 on the Silver City CBC, plus 31 in the Sapillo Creek area 2/25 (EUL) were southerly.

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE -- Southerly reports were 1 at Arroyo Chico 13 mi. sw. of San Luis 12/27 (JPH) and 1 at Corrales 1/26 (JJP, TYB).

AMERICAN CROW -- 332 on the Las Vegas CBC 12/22 was high; 2 were at Conchas L. 2/15 (CHR+); and 2 at Glenwood 2/25 (JPH).

CHIHUAHUA RAVEN -- 7 on the Albuquerque CBC (4 at UNM roosts and 3 on West Mesa) (HRS+); flocks totalling over 500 were gathering and roosting at dusk in an area southeast of Vaughn 2/27 (CHR+).

COMMON RAVEN -- 1 on the Las Cruces CBC where rarely reported.

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE - 3 Navajo Dam area 12/26 (DJC**); 43 on the Española CBC, 9 on the Las Vegas CBC, 17 on the Santa Fe CBC, and 39 on the Albuquerque CBC were high counts.

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE - 2 at Bernal 2/2 (CHR); 143 on the Santa Fe CBC; 1 on the Las Vegas NWR 12/5 (CHR); 1 in Trujillo Canyon 12/26 (CHR). Lowland records included regular sightings in Albuquerque (ALS, JJP, HRS), present at Corrales 2/16 (JJP), Belen 2/20 (ALS), and Percha SP 12/29 (fide BRZ) and 2/15 (JJP).

BRIDLED TITMOUSE - 6 on the Caballo CBC (GOE, BRZ); 13 on the Silver City CBC; 9 on Gila River CBC; 2 at Bill Evans Lake 12/4 (EUL); with 52 on the Peloncillo Mts. CBC.

PLAIN TITMOUSE - 2 in Trujillo Canyon 12/26 (CHR); 3 on the Albuquerque CBC; 4 e. of Willard 2/26 (CHR+); 16 Peloncillo Mts. CBC.

VERDIN - Breeding: 1 with nest material along Deer Creek, Gray Ranch 1/31 (NCM, AMC); ...5 on Bosque NWR CBC, 1 on Lakes Avalon-Brantley CBC, 3 on Carlsbad Caverns CBC, 1 on the Loving CBC.

BUSHTIT - 7 at Archuleta 2/20, 60 at Bernal 2/2, and 5 at Watrous 2/24 (CHR); 544 on the Santa Fe CBC; 242 on the Zuni CBC; 20 Chico Wash, 13 mi. s. of San Luis, 12/27 (JPH); 84 on the Albuquerque CBC; 6 on the Roswell CBC; 5 at Elephant Butte L. 1/26 (CIS); 270 on the Peloncillo Mts. CBC.

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH - Reported regularly from Santa Fe north (v. o.); 3 in Trujillo Canyon 12/26 and 1 at Bernal 2/2 (CHR); 1 at Albuquerque 12/15 (fide HRS) and 1/18 (ALS); 19 on the Sandia Mts. CBC and 3 on the Gila River CBC.

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH - 9 at Tesuque 12/15 (CHR); with 33 on the Española CBC, a new high; 31 on the Albuquerque CBC, 10 the Caballo CBC, 35 on the Silver City CBC, and 2 on the Peloncillo Mts. CBC.

PYGMY NUTHATCH - Common at Zuni as usual (DJC); 7 at Las Vegas 12/21 (CHR, CIS); 6 in the Angel Fire area 1/30 (CHR, SYB); 12 on the Española CBC, a new high.

BROWN CREEPER - Small numbers reported throughout northern and western areas (v.o), with 17 on the Santa Fe CBC; eastern and southern records included 1 to 2 at Conchas L. 1/23 to 2/22 (CHR+), 11 on the Albuquerque CBC, 1 Sumner Lake SP 2/13 (CHR), 1 on the Roswell CBC, 17 on the Caballo CBC, 3 on the Gila River CBC, and 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 2/8 (STW, Tommy Joe Hines).

CACTUS WREN -- Unusual breeding: a group of 11 counted s. of Conchas L., carrying nesting material on 2/15 and singing on 2/23. 5 nest structures were noted, with an estimated total of 16 birds present, allowing for an overlap of counts on the two dates. The area is well north of its normal range (CHR).

ROCK WREN -- 18 was a high count on the Albuquerque CBC 12/15.

CANYON WREN -- 6 at Clayton 12/28 (CHR, MAM) and 1 at Conchas L. 1/22 (CHR) were easterly.

CAROLINA WREN -- Unusual: 1 heard, but not seen, at Valmora 1/29 (CHR), observer familiar with its song in the southeastern U.S.

HOUSE WREN -- High count of 12 was on the Carlsbad Caverns NP CBC.

WINTER WREN -- 1* was at Corrales 2/10-27 (TYB, JJP, LAG, TYH), and another at Silver City 1/21 (Paul Boucher, fide RAF, no details).

SEDGE WREN -- Unusual: 1 was on the Bosque NWR CBC (JJP*, ADK).

MARSH WREN -- Northerly records were 1 at Española 2/9 (SYB), 3 at Clayton L. 12/28 (CHR, MAM), 1 to 2 at Las Vegas NWR 1/22 and 2/5 (CHR). 1 on the Las Vegas CBC was new to the count.

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET - 1 on the Farmington CBC; 3 Trujillo Canyon 12/26 (CHR); 1 Albuquerque 2/18 (ALS); 5 Bitter L. NWR 2/27 (CHR+); 1 Aguirre Springs SP, Doña Ana Co., 12/28 (RIK, GOE**, fide CIS); on the Lakes Avalon-Brantley CBC; 1 on the Peloncillo Mts. CBC.

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET - Northern records included 5 on the Farmington CBC, 10 on the Española CBC, 7 on the Santa Fe CBC, 2 on the Las Vegas CBC, and a high 33 on the Zuni CBC. 1 at Conchas L. 2/7 and 4 Sumner Lake SP 2/13 (CHR). Farther south were 48 on the La Luz-Otero Co. CBC and 113 on the Las Cruces CBC.

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER - 1 on the Jornada 1/15 (CIS); 6 on the Las Cruces CBC; and 5 on the Peloncillo Mts. CBC.

GNATCATCHER species - 1 on the Bosque NWR CBC was thought to have been a Blue-gray.

EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- The number of reports and the number of birds seen continues to increase for the Rio Grande Valley from Española to Mesilla. Particularly high counts: 16 at Santa Fe 1/20 (LCH), 2 on the Caballo CBC, 40 at Percha SP 2/6 (PAS), and 12 on the Las Cruces CBC. Elsewhere on southern counts were 5 on the Gila, 40 on the Lakes Avalon-Brantley, and a high 205 on the Carlsbad Caverns.

WESTERN BLUEBIRD -- Above average numbers and widely distributed. In some areas Westerns were more abundant than Mountains, but in other areas the numbers were reversed.

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD -- Above average numbers and widely distributed (see above). Easterly were 25 near Clapham, Union Co., 2/6 (JPH, JRV) and 1 near Texico 2/13 (CHR).

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE -- 18 on Clayton CBC (CHR, MAM) were easterly

HERMIT THRUSH -- 1 on the Clayton CBC 12/28 was a count first, and 5 on the Zuni CBC 12/15 was high.

RUFOUS-BACKED ROBIN -- unusual: 1 at Socorro 12/16 to 1/15 (PAB), was the fourth record there since 1986.

AMERICAN ROBIN -- present in extraordinary numbers on CBCs: 1476 on Española, 1279 on Santa Fe, 443 on Clayton, 363 on Zuni, 2633 on Albuquerque, 191 on Silver City, and 276 on the Las Cruces.

GRAY CATBIRD - 1 on the Carlsbad Caverns CBC 12/14 (fide STW) was an unusual winter record.

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD - 1 on the Sandia Mts. CBC, 2 on the Roswell CBC, and 18 on the Lakes Avalon/Brantley CBC.

SAGE THRASHER - Small numbers all winter nearly statewide, including at Newkirk 2/15 (CHR). The largest number reported was 48 on the Peloncillo Mts. CBC.

BROWN THRASHER - unusual: 1 on the Zuni CBC; 1 near the RGNC 1/12 (Terry Walker, fide HRS); 1 near Bill Evans L. 1/24 (MAZ+, fide RAF); with 5 on the Carlsbad Caverns CBC.

BENDIRE'S THRASHER - 2 on the Peloncillo Mts. CBC (RTS).

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER - Numerous reports came from the Conchas L., Newkirk, and Sumner L. areas in February, with 1 at San Jon 2/13 (CHR+). Also present throughout the lower Pecos valley, Rio Grande valley from Albuquerque south, Alamogordo, and in the southwest (v.o.). 36 were on the Las Cruces CBC.

CRISSAL THRASHER - Breeding: a nest with 2 eggs was located at Petroglyph NM 2/28 (HRS), the area's first verified breeding. It is a notoriously early breeder;...3 on the Albuquerque CBC, 17 on the La Luz-Otero Co. CBC, 26 on the Las Cruces CBC, and 61 on the Peloncillo Mts. CBC.

AMERICAN PIPIT - Northern records in December came from Española (fide WBL), Santa Fe (fide API), and Zuni (JOT); 503 were on the Caballo CBC and 3 on the Peloncillo Mts. CBC.

CEDAR WAXWING - Small numbers reported nearly statewide (v.o). The highest numbers were 50 on the Farmington CBC, 103 on the Santa Fe CBC, and 31 on the Las Cruces CBC. 10 at Rattlesnake Springs 2/16 were the only ones there for the season (STW).

PHAINOPEPLA - A male at Six-Mile Dam 1/28 was the first local record for this species (STW); 35 along Smuggler Creek on the Gray Ranch 2/9 was a large concentration (NCM, AMC); 49 were on the Peloncillo Mts. CBC and 20 on the Las Cruces CBC.

NORTHERN SHRIKE - Numerous records in the north: 1 in Gallinas Canyon, 12/22 (CHR, CIS); with 1 s. of the Jicarilla IR 2/20 and 1 below Navajo Dam 2/20 (CHR); 1 10 mi. n. of Questa 1/30 (CHR, SYB); 1 a mile s. and 1 6 miles s. of Tres Piedras 2/9 (SYB); 1 8 miles s. of Taos 1/30 (CHR, SYB); 1 3 miles n. of Storrie L. 2/2 and 8; 1 8 miles n. of Mora 2/8 (CHR); 1 at Zuni the week of 12/15 (fide JOT); while 1 near L.Avalon 12/24 (STW) was well described.

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE - Reported statewide: 47 on the Roswell CBC; 24 on the Caballo CBC; 48 on the La Luz-Otero Co. CBC; 140 on the Southwest Raptor Count 12/7 (fide RAF); 65 Peloncillo Mts. CBC.

SOLITARY VIREO - 1 cassini at Mesilla 12/15 (fide BRZ) was supported by good details.

HUTTON'S VIREO - 1 Percha SP 1/4, 2/15 (JJP); 1 at the Old Refuge near Las Cruces 1/4 (GOE), 1 Las Cruces CBC; 2 Peloncillo Mts. CBC.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER - 1 on the Caballo CBC; 1 at Percha SP 1/4 (JJP) and 2/22 (LAG+); 17 Las Cruces CBC was a very high number.

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER - Small numbers of "Myrtle's" reported from Zuni, Albuquerque, and Conchas L. south (v.o.);... "Audubon's" had high northern numbers: 13 on the Farmington CBC, 20 on the Santa Fe CBC, and 14 on the Zuni CBC; moderate numbers throughout the south.

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER - 1 apparent female was seen briefly at Silver City 1/29 (EUL). Details did not specifically rule out Blackburnian Warbler, but Townsend's is certainly much more likely.

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT - 1 very late bird heard at Zuni 12/13 (JOT).

NORTHERN CARDINAL -- A male near Separ 12/7 (EUL).

PYRRHULOXIA -- Northerly were 4 on 12/24 (STC+) and 1 on 1/26 (BRV) at Bosque NWR, 1 at Bitter L. NWR 2/27 (CHR+), and 2 in the Gila Valley 12/28 (RAF+); Las Cruces had a high of 102 12/15 (BRZ+).

RUFIOUS-SIDED TOWHEE -- Unusual: a possible female "eastern" at Socorro 12/4 to 1/31 (PAB), this race is unverified in the state.

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- 1 at Caballo L. 12/29 (BRZ*) and 1 singing at Cottonwood Springs, Eddy Co., on the early date of 2/22 (STW).

RUFIOUS-CROWNED SPARROW -- 2 on 12/26 (CHR) and 1 on 1/26 (JYT+, fide PRS) at Trujillo Canyon, and 1 singing at Conchas L. 2/22 (CHR+) were all northerly.

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW -- Large flocks east of the mountains from Maxwell NWR south to Moriarty 12/18 to 2/22 (v.o.); 1 at Caballo L. 12/29 (BRZ+).

BREWER'S SPARROW -- 1 at Petroglyph NM 1/25 (HRS), rare in winter.

FIELD SPARROW -- Singles at Conchas L. 2/6 (SYB), 2/15 (CHR*+) and 2/20 (LAG*); 1 at Sumner L. SP 2/13 (CHR*).

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW -- 1 singing at Petroglyph NM 2/8 (TYB).

LARK SPARROW -- Unusual: 1 at Zuni 12/15 and 1/15 (DJC**) and 7 at Las Cruces 12/15 (BRZ**) were northerly.

BLACK-THROATED SPARROW -- Wintering north to the Albuquerque area with 2 in Juan Tabo Canyon 12/15, 2 in Embudito Canyon 2/19 and 25, and 1 at Petroglyph N.M. 2/6 and 21 (HRS).

SAGE SPARROW -- 4 singing at Angel Peak SP, San Juan Co, on 2/20 (CHR, PRS), were early.

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW -- Single immatures at Espanola 12/29 (WBL*) and at Corrales from 1/5 (BRV*) through 2/26 (TYB+).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW -- Late was 1 dark-lore'd at Zuni 12/15 (JOT).

HARRIS' SPARROW -- Westerly singles were at Zuni 12/12 (JOT) and the Gila Valley 12/29 (RAF); 2 were at Albuquerque 12/15 (HRS); a banded 1 returned to Las Cruces for its 4th winter there (CIS).

LAPLAND LONGSPUR -- All reports were e. of the mountains at three sites: 8 at Maxwell NWR 2/8 and 1 to 3 in the Las Vegas area 12/5 to 2/22 (CHR+). At the Green Chaparral Turf Ranch near Moriarty on 12/4 (CHB), 1 on 1/21 (ALS), and 2 males on 1/23 (PAS*).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK -- 1 singing at Petroglyph NM 2/24, 2/28 (HRS).

RUSTY BLACKBIRD -- Unusual: 2 females at Rattlesnake Springs 12/3 (CHB*) were vagrants.

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD -- 50+ at Clayton 2/6 (JPH, JRV); 1 at Zuni 12/15 (JOT); and at the Las Vegas NWR: 16 on 12/18, 14 on 12/21, 15 on 12/22, 21 on 1/18, 2 on 1/27, and 3 on 2/5 (CHR).

ROSY FINCH species -- 350 near Tres Piedras 2/9 (SYB); 75 at the Red River ski area 2/8 (PRS+); and 250 at Angel Fire 1/30 (CHR, SYB) and 2/8 (PRS+) were mostly Brown-capped with a few Gray-crowned.

PINE GROSBEEK -- In the Sandia Mts. where irregular: 2 males and 1 female on the Crest 1/16, 1/18 (LAG**, JJP) and 4 males and 3 females near the Prow, on the w. side, 2/27 (HRS).

PURPLE FINCH -- Unusual: possible male at Caballo L. 12/29 (GOE*); at Las Cruces 1** on 12/15 (BRZ, BRV) and 1 female on 12/17 (BRZ).

RED CROSSBILL -- Only 3 sightings: 2 on 12/26 (CHR) and 1 on 1/26 (PRS+) in Trujillo Canyon with 1 in Los Alamos 1/16 (PRS).

PINE SISKIN -- Widespread in low to moderate numbers, including east to Clayton and the lower Pecos Valley (v.o). Exceptional were 160 at Laguna Huerfana 2/23 (CHR) and "large flocks" in the Silver City area (EUL).

LESSER GOLDFINCH -- 5 at Zuni 12/13 (DJC) and 2 males at the Petroglyph NM 2/1 (HRS) were northerly.

EVENING GROSBEAK -- Moderate numbers in or near the Jemez and Sangre de Cristo Mts.(v.o.). Elsewhere 5 at Navajo Dam 2/20 (CHR,PRS), 15 at Zuni 1/11 (DJC), 1 at Albuquerque 12/15 and 1/18 (JJP+), 8 in the Sandia Mts. (KAA+), and 6 in Post Office Canyon 12/29-30 (RTS, CIS), a local first.

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