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FALL 1992 HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE EDITORS:

A dying LEAST STORM-PETREL found in Silver City may have been blown in by a hurricane. Several Brown Pelicans were reported. A White Ibis appeared at Bosque NWR, a Eurasian Wigeon near Las Vegas, and a Surf Scoter at EBL.

Results of the HawkWatch, International fall count at Capilla Peak in the Manzano Mts. proved 1992 a record year. 5,116 raptors of 18 species were counted between August 25 and October 25. Five species produced record counts: 26 Ospreys, 28 Merlins, 25 Ferruginous, 379 Swainson's, and 667 Red-tailed Hawks. 218 hawks of 12 species were counted on September 26, the peak date (Eric G. Meyer).

Black-shouldered Kites made a major incursion to southern parts. Harris' Hawks seem to be making a comeback to the southeast and may be expanding their range in the El Paso, Texas area. Seen intermittently near San Antonio was an unbanded APLOMADO FALCON, evidently of natural origin.

Montezuma Quail were seen at the northern fringe of their range in the Magdalena Mountains. Barn Owls were near Zuni for the first time since the spring of 1984. Found in Eddy Co. were injured Flammulated Owls, east of their normal range. Fledged young Boreal Owls were found in the San Juan Mts., the first state breeding record.

A dozen hummingbird species were reported from various localities, although numbers were reported to be down in the southwest. Individual Magnificent Hummingbirds were found around Silver City, one stayed into December. A Lucifer Hummingbird at Silver City was the second local record.

In the Fort Sumner and Boone's Draw areas over half of Red-headed Woodpeckers sighted were juveniles or immatures, a favorable sign for their future. Cave Swallows were found in s. Doña Ana Co. Blue Jay numbers continued to increase in the eastern plains and Pecos Valley. Unusually large flocks of Black-billed Magpies were near Corrales. High counts of Chihuahuan Ravens were made at Moriarty and Albuquerque. A good Red-breasted Nuthatch flight developed in the lowlands, but other montane species were scarce.

A Black-tailed Gnatcatcher was at EBL where rarely found. Far southwest were a Gray Catbird and a Brown Thrasher on the Gray Ranch. In encouraging numbers at Rattlesnake Springs were Bell's Vireos. Red-eyed Vireos were numerous and an amazing three Philadelphia Vireos were encountered. A tremendous diversity of warblers was found, with a total of 32 species reported. Large numbers of the more regular wanderers (Black-and-White Warbler, American Redstart, Northern Water-thrush), a strong showing of rarer vagrants (Tennessee, Parula, Blackpoll, Worm-eating, Prothonotary, Palm, Chestnut-sided), and a scattering of the very rare (Magnolia, Pine) made for an exciting season.

A Botteri's Sparrow was in the Animas Valley.

Abbreviations Used:

AFB	Air Force Base	NMSU	New Mexico State Univ.
CG	Campground	N.M.	New Mexico
Co.	County	NMMI	N.M. Military Institute

EBL	Elephant Butte Lake	FWS	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
PG	Picnic Ground		
GFD	N.M. Dept. Game & Fish	R.	River
IR	Indian Reservation	SGR	State Game Refuge
L.	Lake	SP	State Park
Mt.,	Mts. Mountain(s)	RDAC	Randall Davey Audubon Center, Santa Fe
NF	Natl. Forest		
NM	Natl. Monument	RGNC	Rio Grande Nature Center, Albuquerque
NP	Natl. Park		
NWR	Natl. Wildlife Refuge	UNM	University of N.M.
RBA	Rare Bird Alert	WMA	Wildlife Management Area
v.o.	various observers		
+	et. al	**	photograph or tape
*	details provided	***	specimen collected

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PLACE NAMES AND THEIR COUNTIES:

Aguirre Springs	SP	Doña Ana	Lordsburg, Playa	Hidalgo
Alamogordo		Otero	Los Alamos	Los Alamos
Albuquerque		Bernalillo	Los Lunas	Valencia
Animas Mts., Valley		Hidalgo	Loving	Eddy
Artesia		Eddy	Magdalena Mts.	Socorro
Avalon L.		Eddy	Mangas Springs, Valley	Grant
Bandelier NM		Sandoval	Manzano Mts.	Torrance
Bear Canyon L.		Grant	Maxwell NWR	Colfax
Bernalillo		Sandoval	McMillan CG	Grant
Bill Evans L.		Grant	Melrose	Curry
Bitter L. NWR		Chaves	Mesilla	Doña Ana
Black Range		Sierra/Grant	Morgan L.	San Juan
Black R. Village		Eddy	Moriarty	Torrance
Black Rock L.		McKinley	Mosquero	Harding
Boone's Draw		Roosevelt	Mule Creek	Grant

Bosque (del Apache) NWR	Socorro	Otis	Eddy
Bosque Redondo	DeBaca	Peloncillo Mts.	Hidalgo
Broadview	Curry	Peña Blanca	Sandoval
Caballo L.	Sierra	Percha Dam SP	Sierra
Cannon AFB	Curry	Petroglyph NM	Bernalillo
Capilla Peak	Torrance	Pinos Altos	Grant
Capitan	Lincoln	Portales	Roosevelt
Carlsbad	Eddy	Post Office Canyon	Hidalgo
Clanton Canyon	Hidalgo	Quemado L.	Catron
Clayton, L.	Union	Rattlesnake Springs	Eddy
Cloudcroft	Otero	Regina	Sandoval
Clovis	Curry	Rio Rancho	Sandoval
Cochiti L.	Sandoval	Road Forks	Hidalgo
Conchas L.	San Miguel	Roberts L.	Grant
Corrales	Sandoval	Roswell	Chaves
Deming	Luna	Ruidoso	Lincoln
Dripping Springs	Doña Ana	San Antonio	Socorro
El Vado L.	Rio Arriba	San Juan Pueblo, Mts.	
Elephant Butte L.	Sierra	San Mateo Mts.	Rio Arriba
Farlington	San Juan	San Patricio	Sierra
Fort Stanton	Lincoln	Sandia Pueblo	Lincoln
Fort Sumner	DeBaca	Sandia Pueblo	Sandoval
Gallinas Mts.	Lincoln	Sandia Mts., Crest	
Gila, R. Valley	Grant		Bernalillo
Glenwood	Catron	Santa Fe	Santa Fe
Gray Ranch	Hidalgo	Santa Teresa	Doña Ana
Guadalupe Canyon	Hidalgo	Santo Domingo Pueblo	
Heron L. SP	Rio Arriba		Sandoval
Hobbs	Lea	Sapillo Creek	Grant
Holloman L.	Otero	Sevilleta NWR	Socorro
Isleta Marsh	Bernalillo	Silver City	Grant
Jemez Dam, Mts.	Sandoval	Socorro	Socorro
Jornada Range	Doña Ana	Storrie L. SP	San Miguel
Kirtland	San Juan	Stubblefield L.	Colfax
La Joya SGR	Socorro	Texico	Curry
Laguna Grande	Eddy	Tucumcari L.	Quay
Las Cruces	Doña Ana	Tyrone	Grant
Las Vegas, NWR	San Miguel	White Sands NM	Otero
Lincoln	Lincoln	Whites City	Eddy
		Zuni, IR, Mts.	McKinley

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

PACIFIC LOON -- Unusual: 1 on Burn L. in Las Cruces 11/16-20 (CIS+, BRZ**).

COMMON LOON -- 4 to 6 on 10/31 at Maxwell NWR, and 1 on Springer L., Colfax Co. (LAG, JJP); 2 at Jemez Dam 11/22 (TYB); 1 at Storrie L. SP 10/16 (EUL); 1 at Las Vegas NWR 11/21 (CHB, JJP); 7 on Conchas L. 11/3 (CHR); 1 on EBL 10/17 (LAG, JJP); 3 on Mescalero L. near Ruidoso 11/24 (CHR, CIS); 1 calling at Avalon L. 10/18 (TJH, fide STW).

PIED-BILLED GREBE -- Breeding: 23 with 1 on a nest at Las Vegas NWR 8/15 (CHR); ...45 at Bosque NWR 8/23,29 (STW, TJH); 1 at Capitan 8/22 (STW); 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 10/31 (STW) where it is infrequent.

HORNED GREBE -- 2 to 4 on Stubblefield L. 10/10 to 11/27 (CHR, LAG*, JJP); 3 on Conchas L. 11/29 (LAG**, Carol Davis); 1 at Quemado L. 10/14 (EUL) is a county record; 1 at Bosque NWR 11/20 (PAS*).

EARED GREBE -- Over 400 near Zuni 8/15 with 15 on 11/7 (DJC); 11 at Quemado L. 10/14 (EUL); 1 at Bitter L. NWR 9/7 (STW); 6 at Bill Evans L. 8/13 and 1 on the Tyrone sewage ponds 9/25 (EUL); 2 on Holloman L. 9/7 (fide CIS); 1 north of Loving 9/26 (DIH, JNH).

WESTERN GREBE -- 10 to 15 on Stone L., Rio Arriba Co. 9/8,13 (PRS+); 1 at Zuni 11/7 (DJC); 5 at Las Vegas NWR on 10/25 (DVM); 1 at Bosque NWR 9/6 (EUL); 1 on Roberts L. 11/21 (EUL); 2 on Avalon L. 10/30 and 1 on 11/4 (TJH, fide STW).

Aechmophorus GREBES -- Breeding: a mixed species pair with young at Las Vegas NWR 8/15,24; young of both species in August (CHR); 150+ including both species at EBL with young on 8/10 (JPH+); young of both also at Caballo L. 8/28 (BRZ).

CLARK'S GREBE -- Breeding: young at Las Vegas NWR 8/12 (G. Wallace*, E. Speirs);...1 at Las Vegas NWR 10/25 (DVM); 2 on Conchas L. 11/3 (CHR); 1 on Bill Evans L. 11/24 (RAF); 1 at Burn L. in Las Cruces 11/20 (BRZ).

LEAST STORM-PETREL -- First state record: 1 male was found dying in Silver City 8/24 (DAZ***, MAZ) after Hurricane Lester. Specimen to UNM.

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- 30 to 40 at El Vado L. 9/8 (PRS); high count of 239 at Maxwell NWR 9/13 (CHR); 20 at La Joya SGR 8/10 (JPH+); up to 200 at Bosque NWR 8/14,16 and 9/2 (PRS, LCH); about 200 at Bitter L. NWR 8/21 (CHR); 1 to 2 at Holloman L. 9/5,7 and 10/11 (GOE+); 2 Avalon L. 11/26 (STW).

BROWN PELICAN -- An immature at EBL from 7/19 through 9/3 (fide CIS, JPH+) with 2 immatures there 10/10 to 11/26 (JJP*, LAG**, CIS, DJC**); an adult amazed spectators by landing at a Las Cruces football stadium 10/31 (GOE*).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- 7 at Morgan L. 11/24 (RWD, JPH); 39 at Maxwell NWR 9/13 (CHR); 10 or more at La Joya SGR 8/10 (JPH+); 1 Bill Evans L. 10/11,21 and 11/24 (DAZ, MAZ, RAF); 1 at Bear Canyon L. 10/6 (EUL); 2 near Gila 8/22 (RAF+, CIS); 1 at Six-mile Dam near Otis 10/10 (STW).

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT -- 1 at La Joya SGR 8/10 and 9/17 (JRV, RLT, PAS) with up to 35 at Bosque NWR 8/8 to 10/8 where its numbers exceeded Double-crested Cormorants (STW, v.o.).

AMERICAN BITTERN -- 1 at Bosque NWR on 8/8 (JJP, LAG).

LEAST BITTERN -- 1 seen at Bosque NWR 8/8 (JJP).

GREAT BLUE HERON -- 1 was at the Lordsburg Playa at the Animas exit on 9/1 (PRS, LCH); 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/5 (STW) where it is infrequent.

GREAT EGRET -- 1 Tucumcari L. 8/18 (CHR); 1 La Joya SGR 8/10 (JRV, fide JPH); 4 to 6 at Bosque NWR 8/8-15 and 2 on 11/18-22 (v.o.); 4 at the Bitter L. NWR 8/21 (CHR); 1 or 2 Percha Dam SP 9/12,26 (JJP); 1 Burn L. in Las Cruces 11/20 (BRZ).

SNOWY EGRET -- 200 at Bosque NWR 8/29 (STW+).

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- 1 to 4 at Bosque NWR 8/6-28 (v.o., DJC**); 1 at Avalon L. 9/19 (TJH, fide STW).

CATTLE EGRET -- At Bosque NWR more than 175 on 8/8 (CHR+) with 1 11/18-19 (PAS); 3 at Carlsbad as late as 10/9 (STW).

GREEN-BACKED HERON -- 11 at Tucumcari L. 8/18 (CHR); 1 at Bosque Redondo Park 10/1 (PRS); 14 at Bosque NWR 8/8 (CHR).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- Higher numbers seen near Clayton (WEC); 3 at the Tyrone sewage ponds 9/15 (EUL); 19 at Holloman L. 9/5 (GOE).

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- A probable immature at La Joya SGR 9/17 (RLT*, PAS*) and an adult at Bosque NWR 8/8-14 (CHR*, JJP, LAG**, STC**, v.o.).

WHITE IBIS -- Unusual: A subadult with details at Bosque NWR 8/26-31 (v.o., LAG**) may have come from Hurricane Lester.

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- Numerous throughout until 9/26 (v.o.); up to 438 at Zuni 9/7 (DJC**) and 205 at Bosque NWR 8/15 (JJP, CHB); last 1 at Avalon L. on 10/27 (TJH, fide STW).

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 8 to 10 at Maxwell NWR 10/31 (LAG, JJP); 4 at Las Vegas NWR 11/18 (API+); 1 at Bosque NWR 8/8-28 may have been crippled (CHR, JJP+), with up to 7 on the refuge 11/21 (v.o.)

SNOW GOOSE -- 1 near Clayton 11/8 (WEC); 1 Bosque NWR 8/6-22 (v.o.); 30 on Mescalero L. at Ruidoso on 11/24 (CIS, CHR).

ROSS' GOOSE -- Over 50 at Las Vegas NWR 11/15 (CHR+); first on Bosque NWR 10/17, 150 to 200 10/23 (JJP, GYF fide RBA).

CANADA GOOSE -- Present with a Snow Goose in Carlsbad since spring was 1 banded in Oklahoma in 1989 (STW).

WOOD DUCK -- 1 at Tucumcari L. 8/18 (CHR); 2 at the La Joya SGR 9/17 (PAS, RLT); at Bosque NWR a pair on 8/31 (BRZ+) and 11 on 11/19 (v.o.); single males at the NMMI golf course in Roswell all fall (SMB) and at Roberts L. 11/21 (EUL); a pair on an Animas Valley pond 8/7 (AMC, NCM); 1 Holloman L. 10/8 (EGW, LHS, fide CIS); 8 on Avalon L. 10/24 (TJH, fide STW).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL -- Up to 175 at Lordsburg 10/10 (EUL).

MALLARD -- Mexican form: 8 at the La Joya SGR 8/10 (JPH+); a male at Bosque NWR 11/21 (PAS).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL -- Breeding: 5 large young La Joya SGR 8/10 (JPH+);...1 female in the Animas Valley 9/29 (AMC, NCM).
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CINNAMON TEAL -- Breeding: A female with 7 young north of Texico, Curry Co., 8/10 (CHR).

EURASIAN WIGEON -- Unusual: a male was at Storrie L. SP 11/21-26 (JJP*, CHB, LAG**).

CANVASBACK -- 52 at Roberts L. 11/21 (EUL); about 50 at Mescalero L. at Ruidoso 11/24-27 (CIS, CHR).

REDHEAD -- Breeding: adults with young Bosque NWR 8/15 (CIS)

GREATER SCAUP -- A female at Storrie L. SP 11/26 (JJP); 1 male at Las Vegas NWR 11/29 (BRV*); 9 females on Conchas L. 11/29 (Carol Davis, LAG).

LESSER SCAUP -- 3 at Quemado L. 10/14 (EUL); first seen in the Animas Valley 10/10 (AMC, NCM).

SURF SCOTER -- Unusual: 1 male at EBL 10/29 (CHB*).

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE -- 1 or 2 probable females at Storrie L. SP 11/25-26 (JJP*, LAG*).

BUFFLEHEAD -- 12 at Black Rock L. 10/17 (DJC); 4 at Quemado L. 10/14 and 30 at Roberts L 11/21 ((EUL).

HOODED Merganser -- 30 to 50 at Storrie L. SP 11/26-27 (JJP, LAG, BRF); 3 Jemez Dam 11/15 (TYB, fide RBA); 1 male Black Rock L. 11/22 (DJC*); at least 6 Bosque NWR 11/27-28 (DJC).

RED-BREASTED Merganser -- 3 on Storrie L. SP 11/21 (JJP, CHB); 2 at Bosque NWR 11/14 (GYF+, fide RBA); 8 or 9 on EBL 11/7 (LAG, JJP)

RUDDY DUCK -- Breeding: 4 young at La Joya SGR 8/10 (JPH+).

TURKEY VULTURE -- Last sightings: 1 at Santa Fe 9/24 and 1 or 2 near Bernalillo 9/25-26 (JPH), 1 at Los Alamos 10/6 (PRS); and 2 over the Gila Valley 10/16 (RAF); 70 were in the Animas Valley 10/1, with the last 1 seen 10/26 (AMC, NCM); 1 se. of Whites City 10/16 (STW); 267 were counted over Capilla Peak 8/25 to 10/25 (E. Meyer).

OSPREY -- Relatively numerous with 1 to 3 reported at 19 locations (v.o.); 1 at Clayton L. 9/5 to 10/18 (WEC); 2 at Conchas L. 8/28 (CHR). Late were singles at EBL 11/7 (LAG, JJP), 11/6 at Carlsbad and 11/7 at Avalon L. (TJH, STW).

BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE -- Unusual: 1 to 4 at Bosque NWR 10/22 to 11/29 (RLT, LAG**, JJP*, CHR*, v.o.); 1 to 2 at Bitter L. NWR 10/31 to 11/3 (BER, SMB); 1 at Mangas Springs 11/13 (RAF+, good*); 1 or 2 in the southern Animas Valley 11/8-30 (AMC, NCM, v.o.).

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- Breeding: "26 nests found at the Clovis Study Site, 10 were successful with 12 fledglings. Peak date of fledging was 8/1. Severe July rains destroyed many nests. Eastern N.M. away from the study area had 84 nests: Portales 13, Clovis 17, Cannon AFB 16, Roswell 20, Hobbs 17, Artesia '92-4 (Fall '92)

1." (A. L. Gennaro);...1 on 10/2 near Boone's Draw seemed late (PRS); infrequent in Eddy Co. was 1 9/7 at Rattlesnake Springs "flying in thermals with Turkey Vultures." (STW).

BALD EAGLE -- 1 at Clayton L. 11/6,17 (WEC+); 1 at Storrie L. SP 8/11 (CHR) was early; 4 were counted over Capilla Peak 8/25 to 10/25 (E. Meyer).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- 1 in the Jemez Mts. 9/30 (PRS); 1 female at Sandy Point, Catron Co., 8/10 (RAF); 1 in the Black Range 8/31 (BRZ+); an immature in the Animas Mts. 10/1 (AMC, NCM). 16 counted over Capilla Peak 8/25 to 10/25 (E. Meyer).

COMMON BLACK HAWK -- 1 subadult at Percha Dam SP 8/27,29 (CIS, DDL).

HARRIS' HAWK -- Northerly was 1 at Bosque NWR 8/12,15 (DJC, CIS), 9/10 (RLT, PAB), "subadult" 10/2 (DDL), and 11/7 (JJP, LAG*); 1 at Percha Dam SP 9/26 (LAG*, JJP); in Hidalgo Co. 1 to 3 on 8/7, 9/2, and 10/21-25 (GOE, RAF, Bruce Hayward); a pair along I-10 w. of Deming 9/26 (BRZ); "seems to be doing rather well in the El Paso area lately and may be expanding into new areas" (BRZ). "Numbers continue to improve in Eddy Co., it's reoccupying areas where formerly absent" (STW).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- 5 counted over Capilla Peak 8/25 to 10/25 (Eric G. Meyer); 1 at Percha Dam SP 9/1 (DDL, RYM) and an immature at Rattlesnake Springs 9/6 (LAG*, JJP*, CHB).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK -- 1 in the Gallinas Mts. 8/25 (CHR+); single adults in Guadalupe and Clanton Canyons 8/22 (JJP, CHB). 2 counted over Capilla Peak 8/25 to 10/25 (E. Meyer).

RED-TAILED HAWK -- Reports of several variant color phases: 1 dark morph, possibly "Harlan's," at Maxwell NWR 10/10,25 (CHR*); 1 dark morph in the Jemez Mts. 9/30 (PRS) and at Sevilleta NWR 9/20 (RLT, PAB); a "Harlan's" type along the Rio Grande e. of San Antonio 11/22 (PAS*); "the rufous phase female returned to Mangas Springs for the 8th consecutive winter" 9/22 (RAF); 1 very dark morph 11/19 n. of Black River Village, Eddy Co. (STW); a possible "Krider's" on the Las Vegas NWR 11/29 (PRS, no details).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK -- 1 w. of Melrose 9/8 (CHR); 2 Fort Stanton 11/23 (CHR, CIS); 3 in Catron Co. 10/13 (EUL); 1 in the Mangas Valley 11/12,24 (RAF); 1 dark phase over NM 90 near Lordsburg 11/27 (EUL).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK -- 1 Bosque NWR 11/18-22 (PAS) and 11/27-28 (DJC); appeared in the Animas Valley by 11/24 (AMC).

GOLDEN EAGLE -- 119 counted over Capilla Peak 8/25 to 10/25 (Eric Meyer).

AMERICAN KESTREL -- 705 counted over Capilla Peak 8/25 to 10/25 (E. Meyer).

MERLIN -- Unusually plentiful statewide: 1 male in the Valle Vidal, Colfax Co., 9/26 (CHR); 1 to 4 at Maxwell NWR 9/13
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(CHR), 10/16 (EUL) and 10/31 (JJP, LAG); 2 at the Las Vegas NWR 9/27 (CHR) and 1 11/15,18 (CHR, API+); 1 at the Rio Guadalupe Box, Jemez Mts., 10/18 and 1 at the RDAC in Santa Fe 10/26 (both DVM); 1 over Socorro 11/20 (PRS); 1 or 2 at Bosque NWR 9/12 (CHR, CHB), 10/24 (LAG*, JJP), 11/21 (LAG, STC), and 11/25 (PRS); 1 in Silver City 11/28 (EUL); 1 at Mangas Springs 9/11, 10/4,19 (dark form) and 11/13 (RAF); 1 near Bill Evans L. 10/21-22 (DAZ, MAZ); "an apparent black adult 9/19 in the gypsum foothills near Whites City" (STW*). A richardsonii form at the turf ranch near Moriarty 11/14 (LAG**); and a female at Bosque NWR 11/18 (PAS*).

APLOMADO FALCON -- Unusual: an unbanded adult e. of San Antonio 8/8 (CHR, good*, sketch), 8/14 (JJP*, LAG**, STC**); was seen intermittently to 9/20 (BRF*, PRS*, STW*, v.o.).

PEREGRINE FALCON -- Seen in widely scattered areas: 1 to 2 at Las Vegas NWR 8/11,15 and 9/27 (CHR);...singles were at Bosque NWR 8/8, 9/26, 10/3, and 11/14 (CHR, JJP, LAG+), at Roswell 10/12 (SMB), at Percha Dam SP 10/3 (DDL+, JJP, LAG+), at Holloman L. 8/26 (CIS), Road Forks in Hidalgo Co. 10/22 (CIS), at the NMSU Campus in Las Cruces 9/7 (GOE), at Mangas Springs 8/13,29, in the Gila Valley 8/29 (RAF), and southeast of Carlsbad 8/31 (STW). 18 were counted over Capilla Peak 8/25 to 10/25 (E. Meyer).

PRAIRIE FALCON -- Widely scattered reports (v.o.); an early 1 near Otis, Eddy Co. 8/1 (STW). 17 were counted at Capilla Peak 8/25 to 10/25 (E. G. Meyer).

RING-NECKED PHEASANT -- 1 was near Carlsbad 9/17 and 10/24, where scarce (TJH, fide STW).

BLUE GROUSE -- Breeding: A female with a chick was at Sandy Point on NM 159, Gila NF in Catron Co., on 8/10 (RAF).

WILD TURKEY -- Breeding: 3 adults and 19 immatures were at Sapillo Creek, Gila NF, 8/22 (EUL); of 22 at Rattlesnake Springs 11/25, 3/4 were juveniles (STW, Mike Medrano);...15 were at Quemado L. 10/14 (EUL); "15 roosting in Roswell on 10/31 decreased to 9 in mid-December before being trapped and relocated" (SMB).

MONTEZUMA QUAIL -- Breeding: adults with young in Silver City in August and October (fide EUL) and at Mangas Springs 9/27,29 (RAF); a pair with 1 tiny young was in the Animas Mts. 8/25 (Charles Painter);...15 to 20 in the e. Magdalena Mts. in Six-Mile Canyon 11/19, a good number at the northern edge of its range (James Black, fide CHB); on 10/17 6 were in Baca Canyon near Lincoln, Lincoln Co. (SMB).

NORTHERN BOBWHITE -- 2 Tucumcari L. 8/18 (CHR); a high number of 54 at Boone's Draw 9/8 (CHR); 1 to 4 at Las Cruces August to 9/12 (GOE) were escaped or released; "present throughout the Carlsbad area" (STW).

SCALED QUAIL -- Breeding: 8, including 5 young, at Conchas L. 8/3 (CHR);...numbers up in Union Co. (WEC) and thought to be the highest in 20 years in Eddy Co. (STW).
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VIRGINIA RAIL -- Breeding: 10 at Tucumcari L. 8/18, 1 adult was with a blackish downy chick (CHR).

SORA -- Breeding: 16 with several begging young at Mangas Springs (RAF);...30 at Bosque NWR 8/29 (STW, TJH); 2 at Percha Dam SP 9/6 (TEF, fide CIS); several in Eddy Co. 9/1 to 11/14 (STW).

COMMON MOORHEN -- Breeding: up to 3 young at Bosque NWR 8/8-27 (v.o.);...2 at Isleta Marsh 8/23 (ALS); 2 at Percha Dam SP 9/12 (JJP, CHB, CHR); 1 or 2 at the Old Refuge at Mesilla 9/7,27 (CIS, STW).

SANDHILL CRANE -- 67 at Maxwell NWR 10/25 (CHR); on 10/31 500+ over Bernalillo (JPH, RWD); about 1000 over Albuquerque 11/1 (BRV); 9 over the Jornada Range on 10/13 (CIS).

WHOOPING CRANE -- 1 over Albuquerque 11/1 (BRV); 9 at Bosque NWR in the fall of 1992. The first chick in the wild was a hybrid from a male Whooping Crane and female Sandhill Crane. It arrived on 11/5 at Bosque NWR (FWS).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 1 at Bosque NWR 8/31 (BRZ+); 1 at Bitter L. NWR 9/5 (LAG, JJP, CHB); 2 at Holloman L. 10/11 (GOE, no details).

LESSER GOLDEN-PLOVER -- Unusual: 1 at the Grasslands Turf Farm at Los Lunas on 9/19-20 (LAG*, JJP*, NAC+, STC**); 1 at the Bitter L. NWR 9/5 (JJP*, CHB, LAG*).

SNOWY PLOVER -- 63 at Bitter L. NWR 8/21 (CHR); 1 at the Lordsburg Playa 8/19 (EUL); 32 at Holloman L. 8/9 while 2 were late on 11/27 (CIS).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER -- 1 at Zuni 8/22 and 9/12 (DJC); 7 at Bosque NWR 8/29 (CHR); 1 to 3 Holloman L. 8/9-23 (CIS, STW).

PIPING PLOVER -- Unusual: 1 probable Maxwell NWR 8/2 (CHR*).

KILLDEER -- Breeding: 4 young at Conchas L. 8/3 (CHR);...up to 83 near Fort Sumner 9/4 (CHR); 170 in an alfalfa field near Carlsbad 10/1 (STW).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- Up to 113 at the Los Lunas Grasslands Turf Farm 8/15 to 10/10 (BRF, CHR, JJP, LAG); a high of 136 at the Green Chaparral Turf Ranch near Moriarty 9/6 (CHR).

AMERICAN AVOCET -- 16 at L. Avalon 11/4 (TJH, fide STW).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS -- 20 to 22 at Bosque NWR 11/20-21 (SOW, CIS); 40 at Bitter L. NWR 9/7 (STW).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS -- 18 Storrie L. 8/20 (PAS); 9 Bosque 9/10 and 2 there 11/20 (v.o.); 2 at Laguna Grande 11/15 (STW).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- 1 at Maxwell NWR 8/2 (CHR); 1 in Corrales 9/10 (ALS); 1 at Bosque NWR 8/15 (v.o.); 1 or 2 at Tyrone 9/3-4 (EUL); 1 at Percha Dam SP 10/10 (JJP, LAG); 1 in Las Cruces 8/24 to 9/8 (CIS).

WILLET -- 1 at Zuni 8/10 (DJC); 2 at Bosque NWR 8/29 (STW+, CIS); 8 at Bitter L. NWR 9/7 (STW); 1 at Holloman L. 8/9 (CIS, fide RBA).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- 2 at La Joya SGR 8/10 (JPH).

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- 3 at the Grasslands Turf Farm in Los Lunas 8/15 (JJP, CHB); 9 at Tucumcari L. 8/18 (CHR); 1 at Bosque Redondo Park on 9/4 (CHR); 2 at Bitter L. NWR 8/21 (CHR); 1 at Percha Dam SP 8/31 (BRZ); up to 7 near Carlsbad between 7/28 and 9/21 (STW).

WHIMBREL -- Unusual: 1 probable at Bosque NWR 8/26 (LAG*).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- 1 at Zuni 9/7 (DJC**); 15 at Bitter L. NWR 9/5 (JJP, LAG, CHB); 6 at Holloman L. 9/6 (fide CIS); 2 at White Sands NM, Otero Co. 8/12 (DVM); 500 to 1000 near Loving 9/26 (DIH, JNH); 80 at Carlsbad 10/9 (STW).

MARbled GODWIT -- 1 at the Bosque NWR on 9/19 (LAG**, STC**, NAC, Carol Davis); 2 at Bitter L. NWR on 9/7 (JJP, CHB, LAG); 1 at Holloman L. on 8/12 and 9/2 (DVM, CIS).

RUDDY TURNSTONE -- Unusual: 1 immature at Bitter L. NWR 8/21 and 9/5,7 (CHR*, LAG*, JJP*, CHB, STW*).

RED KNOT -- 1 at Stubblefield L. 9/19 (CHR*, CHB); 1 at Bitter L. NWR 8/10,21 and 9/5 (G. Wallace*, E. Speirs, CHR, JJP*, LAG**).

SANDERLING -- 9 immatures at Stubblefield L. 9/26 (CHR); 3 at Bosque NWR 8/23 (JJP, CHB); 2 at Bitter L. NWR 11/18 (SMB); 16 at the Lordsburg Playa 9/2 (RAF); 2 at Holloman L. 8/9 (CIS); 1 at the Laguna Grande 10/3 (STW).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 6 at Bosque NWR 8/29 (CHR); 2 at Bitter L. NWR 9/5 (JJP*, LAG, CHB); 1 at Holloman L. 8/8 (TEF, fide CIS).

WESTERN SANDPIPER -- About 375 at Bosque NWR 9/11 (CHR, CHB); up to 600 at Holloman L. 8/23 (CIS).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- 1 to 3 possibles at Bosque NWR 8/14,23 and 9/6 (LAG*, v.o.); 1 at Holloman L. 8/19 and 9/2 (CIS, TEF, no details); 1 at the Laguna Grande 8/1 (STW).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- 5 at Maxwell NWR 9/19 (CHR); 1 at the turf farm near Los Lunas on 9/27,29 (JJP+, LAG**); 1 at Bosque NWR 9/19 (LAG+); 1 at Bitter L. NWR 9/5 (JJP, LAG, CHB); 4 n. of Loving 9/26 (DIH, JNH).

DUNLIN -- 1 adult in winter plumage at Bosque NWR 8/23 (BRV*), 3 there 9/26-27 (JJP, LAG*, BRV*); 2 at the Laguna Grande 9/6 (STW).

STILT SANDPIPER -- 16 at Bosque NWR 8/6 (DVM) with over 22 there 9/19 (LAG); up to 75 at Bitter L. NWR 9/5 (JJP+); 1 at Holloman L. 10/25 (GOE) with 5 on 8/12 (DVM); 1 n. of Loving 9/26 (DIH, JNH).
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BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER -- Unusual: A juvenile appeared for a short while at the Grasslands Turf Farm near Los Lunas on 9/5 (JJP*); 6 possibles at Bitter L. NWR 9/6 (STW*).

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 6 at Bosque NWR 8/29 (CHR*); at least 1 identified by call with a flock of Long-billeds at Bitter L. NWR 8/19 (CHB).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER -- Up to 229 at Bosque NWR 9/12 (CHR, CHB); at Bitter L. NWR 25 on 9/7 (STW).

COMMON SNIPE -- 1 in Santa Fe 10/3 (SOW); at least 7 at Las Vegas NWR 11/15 (CHR+); 5 in Mangas Springs on 10/5 (RAF); 14 at Percha SP Dam 9/27 (CIS, EGW); 1 in the Animas Valley 10/8 (AMC, NCM).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- 71 at Maxwell NWR 8/2 (CHR); 100 at Bosque NWR 8/29 (STW+); 40 at Bitter L. NWR 9/7 (STW); over 300 at Holloman L. 8/9 to 9/2 (CIS).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE -- 4 or 5 at Zuni 9/27 and 10/4 (DJC*); 14 at the Laguna Huerfana near Trujillo, San Miguel Co., on 9/15 (CHR); 3 at Bosque NWR 8/31 (BRZ) with 12 there 9/11 (CHR*, CHB); 2 at Holloman L. 8/23 (STW).

RED PHALAROPE -- Unusual: 1 at Las Vegas NWR 9/27 (CHR*); 1 in winter plumage at Holloman L. 10/8 (EGW*, LHS) was probable.

JAEGER species -- 1 was seen from a distance at Caballo L. 9/26 (JJP*, LAG*).

FRANKLIN'S GULL -- Singles at Maxwell NWR 9/13 (CHR), Percha Dam SP 10/17 (JJP, LAG), and Holloman L. 8/18 (GOE), 2 at Holloman L. on 8/23 (CIS).

BONAPARTE'S GULL -- The earliest report was undetailed at Caballo L. 9/27 (CIS+) while late was 1 at Storrie L. SP 11/27 (JJP+, LAG); other reports were 1 at Cochiti L. in Sandoval Co. 10/30 (JPH); 9 at Bosque NWR 11/7 (JJP, LAG); 2 at EBL 11/7 (JJP, LAG); 1 at Percha Dam SP 11/7 (LAG); and 1 at Holloman L. 11/27 (CIS, GOE, no details).

CALIFORNIA GULL -- 20 were at Heron L. SP 9/13 (PRS) and 15 at Storrie L. SP 9/7 (JPH+); numerous other reports of 1 to 4 from 8/10 to 11/21 in the Maxwell NWR area and EBL/Caballo L. (v.o.), with 1 on 8/16 at the Lordsburg Playa (PRS).

HERRING GULL -- Singles were at Las Vegas NWR 11/18 (API+), Storrie L. SP 11/26 (LAG, JJP), Bosque NWR 11/27,29 (GYF+, fide RBA); EBL 10/10 (JJP, LAG); 10 at EBL 11/7 (JJP, LAG).

THAYER'S GULL -- Unusual: A first-year bird probably this species was at Maxwell NWR 10/31 (JJP*, LAG*).

CASPIAN TERN -- 3 were at Stubblefield L. 9/19 (CHR*, CHB); 1 adult was at Bitter L. NWR 9/5 (JJP good*, LAG*, CHB); 1 at EBL 8/10 (JPH+). This is a high number of reports.

COMMON TERN -- Singles were an early adult at Springer L. 8/4, Colfax Co. (CHR*), and immatures at EBL and Caballo L. 9/26 (JJP*, LAG*); 1 possible was at Storrie L. 8/11 (CHR*).

LEAST TERN -- 1 adult at Bosque NWR 8/12 (DJC) was one of the few reports for the Rio Grande Valley; last sighting at Bitter L. NWR was on 9/5 (JJP, LAG).

BLACK TERN -- 3 at Maxwell NWR 8/2 (CHR); 1 at Broadview, Curry Co., 8/10 (CHR); 1 La Joya SGR 9/17 (PAS, RLT); 8 at Bosque NWR 8/6 (DVM) and 1 9/11 (CHR); 5 at Bitter L. NWR 9/7 (STW); 10 at EBL 8/10 and 6 on 8/13 (JPH+); 6 Holloman L. 8/12 (DVM) with 1 there 8/23 (STW).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON -- High counts of 66 at Ute Park, Colfax Co., 8/16 feeding along the river in oaks (CHR+) and 30 at Cloudcroft, Otero Co., at 8600 feet on 9/19 (CIS).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- Present in Albuquerque's north valley until 11/2 (KBO) where it has bred for the past 3 years; at least 5 to 7 stayed into December on the south side of town (ALS); 1 or 2 were northward in the Pecos Valley at Roswell 10/5,9 and 11/5 (SMB).

INCA DOVE -- Unusual: Singles strayed far north to Farmington 11/27 (PYS) and Clayton 11/2 to 12/1 (WEC**);....also northerly was 1 in Albuquerque's north valley 8/11-14 (KBO), 1 at Roswell 9/8 (SMB), and 2 at Bitter L. NWR 10/21-22 (BER); while 23 at Owen's Farm near Santa Teresa, Doña Ana Co, 10/31 in one flock was a large number (CIS).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- Widespread in southern N.M. in August and September (v.o.).

GREATER ROADRUNNER -- "Most seen in several years in Grant, Hidalgo, and Luna Cos." (RAF); with 4 in a few miles in the Gila R. Valley near Bill Evans L. 11/7. "This and other observations suggest an increase in this species which has been scarce in Grant Co. for several years." (DAZ, MAZ).

BARN OWL -- 3 on the Zuni IR 10/4,10 (DJC**), where last reported from this area 4/4/84; 18 to 20 in two wooded migrant traps on 9/18 near Texline 10 miles se. of Clayton may have been migrants (CHR, CHB); singles at Bosque Redondo Park 9/4 and Boone's Draw 9/8 (CHR); a roost of 14 at the Old Refuge near Mesilla 11/20 "a fairly normal size roost for this area in winter" (BRZ, Doug Emkalns, Bruce Neville).

FLAMMULATED OWL -- East of their normal range were 2 injured birds picked up near Artesia 5/8 and in north Carlsbad 10/14. Both were given to a bird rehabilitator (fide STW).

WHISKERED-SCREECH OWL -- 1 in Clanton Canyon 8/22 (JJP).

GREAT HORNED OWL -- 1 in se. Santa Fe on 9/21 (JPH).

BURROWING OWL -- Up to 12 present at Maxwell NWR during August and September (W. J. Mobley).

LONG-EARED OWL -- 1 on the Zuni IR 10/4 (DJC**) with Barn Owls; also 2 roosting with Barn Owls at the Old Refuge in Mesilla 11/20 (BRZ); 1 at Holloman L. 10/11 (GOE).

BOREAL OWL -- Breeding: 3, including 2 fledged young, in the San Juan Mts. 8/19 on the W. Fork of Brazos R. s. of Cumbres Pass is the first documented breeding record in N.M. (DWS).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK -- Last of season at Carlsbad 10/6 (STW).

COMMON POORWILL -- Last 2 at Mangas Springs 10/14 (RAF).

WHIP-POOR-WILL -- Calling in Springtime Canyon, San Mateo Mts. 8/8 (SOW); 2 calling Clanton Canyon 8/22 (JJP, CHB).

BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD -- "Only" 1 female in Guadalupe Canyon 8/22 (JJP, CHB).

VIOLET-CROWNED HUMMINGBIRD -- About 15 in Guadalupe Canyon 8/22 (JJP, CHB).

BLUE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 female at a feeder on the Gray Ranch 10/4,9 (AMC, NMC, some details).

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD -- 2 different immature males at Silver City feeders 9/14-21, "plus 1 10/1 (DAZ, MAZ); an immature male at a feeder across town 10/18,22 and an adult male 1 mile north from late October was still present 12/2, by far the latest record for it in Silver City" (fide DAZ); 5 banded at Sapillo Creek 8/12-14 (W. A. Calder); 1 immature male in the Animas Valley 9/9,12-13 and 1 female in the Animas Mts. on 10/15-16 (AMC, NCM).

LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD -- Unusual: a possible at Bosque NWR 9/6 (EUL*), reported in American Birds, was judged doubtful; at a feeder 8/17-31 was "the second record in the Silver City area" (DAZ**, MAZ); 6 were in Post Office Canyon 8/22 (JJP, CHB) with 6 to 10 present there until 10/13" (RTS).

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD -- Last 1 seen at Zuni on 10/7 (DJC); and on the Gray Ranch 10/25 (AMC, NCM).

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 immature and 1 adult male on the Gray Ranch 9/17 to 10/31, 1 immature male 9/21-22 and an adult male 10/21 (AMC, NCM); 1 singing male in Post Office Canyon 8/22 (JJP*, CHB), "present till 11/20 " (RTS); 1 male in Las Cruces 10/31 and 11/2-5 (fide CIS).

CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD -- A female was at Mangas Springs 8/2 (RAF); a single immature seen at Silver City on 8/20-28, 9/3-4, and 9/14 where "few seen this year" (DAZ, MAZ); 58 banded at Sapillo Creek, Gila NF, 8/12 to 9/7 (W. Calder); 1 or 2 at several locations on the Gray Ranch 9/10-18 (AMC, NCM); 1 was in Las Cruces 8/16 (GOE*).

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD --last 1 or 2 in Santa Fe 10/9 (JPH); 1 juvenile male at Mangas Springs 9/6-7 (RAF).

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD -- Very late was an adult female at Santa Fe 11/13-14 (A. Nasher**, SOW); last seen on the Gray Ranch 10/29 (AMC, NCM).

LEWIS WOODPECKER -- 3 near Mule Creek 10/3 (RAF) were south of its normal range.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- Of the 21 total individuals reported from Fort Sumner 8/30 to 9/22 (CHR, BRV, Tamie Bulow+) and Boone's Draw 8/20 to 10/2 (CHR, CHB, PRS) over half were juveniles or immatures.

GILA WOODPECKER -- Only one pair was in the Gila Valley 11/25 (RAF).

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER -- 1 at Maxwell NWR 9/13 (CHR*) was easterly; 1 at Santo Domingo Pueblo 8/13 (DDL, RYM) was early for a valley area.

DOWNY WOODPECKER -- 1 male in aspens at Turkey Springs in the Animas Mts. 11/14 (AMC*, NCM) was southerly.

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER -- 1 on Sandia Crest 11/14 (Sei Tokuda+, fide RBA).

NORTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET -- 1 calling in Guadalupe Canyon 8/22 (JJP, CHB). Singles in the Animas Valley 8/8 and at Deer Creek, Animas Mts., on 8/9 (AMC, NCM).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER -- Singles at Santo Domingo Pueblo 8/12 (DDL, RYM) and Bosque NWR 8/13 (RLT, PAS) were early.

GREATER PEWEE -- 1 of 3 seen was carrying food on 8/2 at the McMillan CG (EUL).

WESTERN WOOD-PEWEE -- Easterly was 1 near Texico 8/10 (CHR).

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE -- Unusual: A probable was vocalizing at Rattlesnake Springs on 9/1 (STW*).

LEAST FLYCATCHER -- Unusual: 2 were at Boone's Draw 8/20 (CHB*) with 1 on 9/8 (CHR*, sketch).

GRAY FLYCATCHER -- 1 at Las Vegas NWR 8/1 (CHR*) where it is seldom seen.

CORDILLERAN FLYCATCHER -- 3 at Boone's Draw 9/8 (CHR) were east of their normal range.

EASTERN PHOEBE -- 1 at Corrales 10/31 (TYB) was westerly.

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER -- Unusual: 1 at Ute Creek near Gladstone, Union Co., 9/18 (CHR*, CHB*, details good).

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD -- 7 near Bueyeros, Harding Co., 8/18 were easterly (CHR).

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- In the northeast it remained much in evidence with a high of 21 at Maxwell NWR 8/2 (CHR). Singles in the Rio Grande Valley were at Peña Blanca 8/7, San Felipe IR and Algodones, Sandoval Co., 8/12 (DDL, RYM); and near La Union, s. Doña Ana Co., 8/30 (BRZ**).

PURPLE MARTIN -- 2 probables were n. of Raton, Colfax Co., 8/2 (CHR*), east of the expected range.

TREE SWALLOW -- 20 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/1 (STW) where they are infrequent.

CLIFF SWALLOW -- 3 at Zuni 10/4 were late (DJC).

CAVE SWALLOW -- Unusual: First occurrence in Doña Ana Co. was up to 20 at canal bridges near La Union 8/26 to 9/10 (BRZ**, CIS+); nesting was suspected but not confirmed.

BLUE JAY -- Numbers still increasing in the eastern plains and Pecos Valley from Clayton (WEC, CHR) to Carlsbad (STW) with up to 15 at Fort Sumner 9/4 (CHR) while in the Rio Grande Valley 1 was at Santa Fe 10/17 and 11/26 (LCH) and 2 in Albuquerque after 10/4 (KBO).

PINYON JAY -- Unusual in valley locations were 1 at Bernalillo 8/9 (JPH) and Albuquerque 8/29 (ALS); 2 near Conchas L. 8/3 and 9/15 (CHR) were easterly.

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER -- Several were at Trigo Canyon n. of Osha Peak 9/3,10 (HRS) and at Capilla Peak 9/24 (ALS). Both sites are in the Manzano Mts.

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE -- Unusual: Flocks of 68 on 9/7 and 101 on 9/16 roosting in 3 cottonwoods on the Sandia IR near Corrales, an extraordinary number for that location (TYB).

CHIHUAHUA RAVEN -- Unusual: 50+ seen and heard roosting with about 3000 crows in Albuquerque (Barelas Bridge area) 10/22 (BIW), much higher than earlier counts; another high count was about 120 near Moriarty on 9/6 (CHR).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE -- 1 or 2 in southeast Santa Fe 9/23 and 10/5, where rarely seen (JPH); 3 to 4 were near Belen, Valencia Co., 9/29 (LAG).

MEXICAN CHICKADEE -- 2 were at Indian Creek, Animas Mts. on 11/14 (AMC, NCM).

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE -- Few reported in the lowlands this fall: exceptions were 1 at Bernalillo 10/31 (JPH) and 1 at Mesilla 11/20 (BRZ).

VERDIN -- A bird apparently this species hit a window at Montecello in the Sandia Mts. 10/11 and was released 10/12 (Lariene Treat, fide HRS) well north of the usual range. Another was at its northern limit at La Joya SGR 8/10 (JPH) and 11/29 (Joe Healy, Bill Isaacs+, fide RBA).

BUSHTIT -- Seen twice during the period at Clayton where they have been scarce (WEC); 8 to 10 were on the UNM campus 8/10-11 (LAG) and 12 in Burton Park, Albuquerque, 9/5 (ALS).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- Numerous lowland reports from 8/20 to 9/21, including at Clayton (CHR, WEC+), 3 at Fort Sumner 9/4 (CHR), 2 near Melrose 9/8 (CHR), 1 in Carlsbad 9/21 (STW); at Rattlesnake Springs and the Rio Grande Valley south to Percha Dam SP (v.o.); 13 were at the Red Cloud CG in the Gallinas Mts. 8/25 (CHR).

BROWN CREEPER -- 1 was at Kirtland 11/24 (JPH, RWD).

CACTUS WREN -- Unusual: 1 was 5 miles e. of Mosquero 8/18; 9 w. of Conchas L. 9/15 and 4 were 8 miles s. of there 8/3; 2 at Fort Sumner SP 8/21 (CHR). Nest structures were present at all but the Mosquero site (but were not necessarily used for breeding unless occupied by eggs or young). All sites are well north and east of the normal range.

WINTER WREN -- Unusual: 1 on the Zuni R. e. of the Black Rock L. bosque 10/18 (DJC*) was on a beaver lodge, the second record since beaver activity began 3 to 4 years ago.

MARSH WREN -- 1 at Tucumcari L. 8/18 (CHR) was early.

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- 2 at Percha Dam SP 9/27 (CIS, EGW) and 4 in the Animas Mts. at Turkey Springs 11/14 (AMC, NCM).

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER -- 1 probable identified by voice at EBL 10/3 (JJP*, CHB, LAG), where it is seldom seen.

EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- Breeding: adults with young at Santo Domingo Pueblo 8/12 (DDL, RYM, no details); up to 18 at Rattlesnake Springs 8/2 to 11/1 (STW, PAS, DIH, JNH) included an adult with 1 young on 8/9 (DVM);...numerous reports from the Rio Grande Valley eastward show that numbers continued to increase. 3 at Clayton 9/19 and 9 at Conchas L. 11/3 (CHR); 50+ w. of Lincoln and 12 at San Patricio 11/23 (CHR, CIS); 8 at the Old Refuge at Mesilla 9/27 (STW).

GRAY CATBIRD -- Unusual: A local first and late was 1 in Post Office Canyon, Peloncillo Mts., 11/19-20 (RTS) in the far southwest;...1 at Clayton 8/2 (WEC); 1 Bandelier NM, Sandoval Co. 10/24 (DVM); 3 at La Joya SGR 9/17, 2 or 3 Bosque NWR 8/13 (PAS, RLT) with 1 near Socorro 9/15 (PAB).

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD -- 1 was at Mangas Springs 11/26, while none were there during the summer (RAF).

SAGE THRASHER -- 1 was at Peña Blanca, Sandoval Co., 8/7 (DDL, RYM); last reported was 2 near Zuni 11/22 (DJC).

BROWN THRASHER -- Present at Clayton (WEC); 1 at Bosque NWR 11/22 (GOE); far southwest was 1 on the Gray Ranch 10/6, 18 and 22 (AMC, NCM); 1 at Las Cruces 10/20 (EGW) and 11/5 to 11/30 (both fide CIS); 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/25 (DIH, JNH) and 1 on 11/1 (PAS).

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER -- Breeding: 2 adults with 2 young were at Conchas L. 9/15 (CHR).

CRISSAL THRASHER -- 2 were at La Joya SGR 9/17 (PAS, RLT).

AMERICAN PIPIIT -- 2 on Sandia Crest 9/9 were early (good details, Roger Reason*, Nancy Bent).

CEDAR WAXWING -- Small numbers reported nearly statewide: 1 was at Las Vegas 8/24 (CHR); 20 at Mangas Springs after 11/15 (RAF); present in the Animas Valley 9/30 to 10/15 (AMC); 1 at the Jornada 8/28 and 3 11/19 (CIS); 7 to 10 were at Las Cruces 11/4-9 (CIS, GOE).

PHAINOPEPLA -- 2 at the Sevilleta NWR at the north edge of its range 8/20 (RLT, PAB); a female was at Rattlesnake Springs 9/7 (STW, ROW).

NORTHERN SHRIKE -- The only report was an immature near Storrie L. SP 11/26 (JJP*, LAG).

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE -- Numbers were "encouraging" in the Gila area (DAZ, MAZ) and elsewhere in the southwest (RAF).

BELL'S VIREO -- 1 at Mesilla on 9/7 (CIS, EGW); 16 at Rattlesnake Springs 8/2, while 8 on 9/7 were the latest report (STW, ROW).

GRAY VIREO -- 1 singing in Guadalupe Canyon 8/22 (JJP, CHB).

HUTTON'S VIREO -- Easterly singles were at Percha Dam SP 9/12 (JJP, LAG) and at Dripping Springs 9/20 (GOE) and 11/28 (EGW*, LHS). It has become regular in fall in recent years at these locations.

PHILADELPHIA VIREO -- A high number was reported this fall, including singles at Percha Dam SP 8/31 (BRZ*, Jeff Gordon) and on the Jornada 8/14 (TEF+)*; 1 found dead at the bridge at Bosque, Valencia Co., on 10/11 (BIW, *** to UNM).

RED-EYED VIREO -- A total of 5 to 7 seen 8/29 to 10/4: 1 near Melrose 9/8 (CHR*), 1 banded 10/4 at the RGNC (fide STC, NAC), 1 in Socorro 9/21 (PAB*), 1 Percha Dam SP 8/29 and 9/11 (CIS, CHR*, CHB), 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/6,25 (LAG*, DIH, JNH).

TENNESSEE WARBLER -- 1 was at Rattlesnake Springs 9/6 (JJP*, LAG*); others reported without details at Bosque NWR 8/23 (BRV), Percha Dam SP 9/9 (CHB), and Las Cruces 9/15 (CIS).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- 19 were at Percha Dam SP 9/12 (CHR+); a late bird was at Socorro 11/26 (PAB).

NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 3 at Corrales 9/12 (TYB); 2 males at Sevilleta NWR 8/20 for the first refuge record (RLT, PAB); 1 was at Percha Dam SP 9/12 (CHR*); 1 to 2 were at Mangas Springs 9/5,10 and 22 (RAF).

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER -- Early was 1 on 8/1 and 3 on 8/9 at Bernalillo (JPH, RWD) which fits a pattern similar to that found in the mid-1980's by surveys in the Middle Rio Grande Valley that detected a surge of this species into the lowlands in July and early August. (William H. Howe)

LUCY'S WARBLER -- 2 late birds at Percha Dam SP 9/27 (CIS+).

NORTHERN PARULA -- 1 at Rio Rancho 9/5 (DDL, RYM); 1 Boone's Draw 10/2 (CHR*, PRS); a very late 1 at Corrales 11/21 (TYB)

YELLOW WARBLER -- Last on the Gray Ranch 10/4 (AMC, NCM).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 in fall plumage reported with good details at Percha Dam SP 9/11 (CHR*, CHB).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 seen and well detailed at Boone's Draw 9/8 (CHR*).

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER -- Unusual: A male was found dead at Fort Sumner 10/19 (fide JPH***).

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER -- 1 or 2 "Myrtles" were at Mangas Springs 11/2,9 (RAF) with 10 or more "Audubons" at Kirtland 11/24-25 (JPH, RWD).

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER -- Last seen was 1 at Granite Pass in the Peloncillo Mts. 10/8 (AMC, NCM).

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER -- Early, widespread, and numerous: earlier than usual were 2+ at Bernalillo 8/1 (JPH, RWD); 13 in the Gallinas Mts. 8/25 (CHR); 6 in the San Mateo Mts. 8/8 (SOW); 1 was at the Old Refuge near Mesilla 9/27 (STW).

HERMIT WARBLER -- Reports further east than usual include singles in the Gallinas Mts. 8/25 (CHR*) and at Percha Dam SP 9/20 (DDL, RYM); 1 male was at McMillan CG 8/14 (EUL+).

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER -- 1 was reported without supporting details along Little Cherry Creek near Pinos Altos 8/30, Grant Co. (Bruce Hayward).

PINE WARBLER -- Unusual: a bright male was seen well at Percha Dam SP 9/9 (CHB*).

PALM WARBLER -- Unusual: Singles with no details were a late 1 at the Petroglyph NM, Bernalillo Co., 11/2 (HRS), a second area record; 1 at Percha Dam SP 9/6 (TEF+, fide CIS) and 9/10 (western race, CHB*).

BLACKPOLL WARBLER -- Unusual: 3 reports this fall: singles at Bernalillo 9/12 (JPH, RWD), Percha Dam SP 9/12 (CHR*, JJP*, LAG*, CHB), and on the Gray Ranch 9/13 (CIS*, AMC).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- 1 at Santo Domingo Pueblo 8/27 (DDL, RYM); 2 Boone's Draw 9/8 (CHR); 1 or 2 Percha Dam SP 9/1,12,14 (DDL+, JJP+); 1 on the Gray Ranch 9/13 (CIS+, AMC); 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/6-7 (STW, ROW, JJP, LAG+).

AMERICAN REDSTART -- At least 11 reported 8/21 to 9/19: 1 at Bernalillo 8/28 (DDL, RYM), RGNC (1 banded 9/12 fide STC, NAC), 1 Socorro 8/21 (PAB), Percha Dam SP with up to 5 on 9/12 (JJP, CHR+), 1 on the Gray Ranch 9/19 (AMC), and 1 male at Rattlesnake Springs 9/7 (JJP, CHB, LAG).

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER - Unusual: 1 at Percha Dam SP 9/3 (DDL, RYM) and 9/9 (CHB, *good); 1 Animas Valley 11/1 (AMC*).

WORM-EATING WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 seen and fairly well detailed at Percha Dam SP 8/29 (CIS*).

OVENBIRD -- Unusual for fall were singles at Percha Dam SP 9/10 (CHB) and at Rattlesnake Springs 9/6 (JJP, LAG).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- A minimum of 23 were detected from 8/18 to 9/20. 2 at the Las Vegas NWR 8/24 (CHR) may be the first local record; high counts were 3 banded at the RGNC 8/22-30 (fide STC, NAC); 4 to 5 at Percha Dam SP 8/27 (DDL, RYM); 3 at Alamogordo, Otero Co. 9/11 (KAJ*, Justine Hudson); and 5 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/7 (STW, ROW, JJP).

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT -- 44+ were at Tucumcari L. 8/18 (CHR).

WILSON'S WARBLER -- Roughly 70 were at Percha Dam SP 9/11 (CHR, CHB) and over 115 on 9/12 (CHR+).

RED-FACED WARBLER -- 3 in Springtime Canyon, San Mateo Mts., 8/8 (SOW).

PAINTED REDSTART -- 1 adult was at the Bird Habitat Area near Gila 9/21, the observer's first record there (RAF).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT -- The last report was 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/25 (DIH, JNH).

OLIVE WARBLER -- 1 ne. of Silver City 8/29 was thought to be a young bird (DAZ, MAZ).

SUMMER TANAGER -- A male at Conchas L. 9/15 (CHR) was northerly.

NORTHERN CARDINAL -- Singles out of range were a male at Conchas L. 11/14 (LAG**) and a female at Roswell 10/24 to 11/7 (SMB); a pair was at the Jornada 11/9 to 11/19 (CIS).

PYRRHULOXIA -- North of the range was a male at Boone's Draw 10/2 (CHR*) and 1 at Glenwood 11/18 (BAM); a pair was out of place near San Patricio with 1 near Hondo 11/23 (CHR).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK -- Single males were at Corrales 9/10 (ALS+) and at Rattlesnake Springs 9/25 (DIH, JNH).

BLUE GROSBEAK -- Migrants peaked at 300 at Bosque NWR on 9/10 (RLT, PAB).

LAZULI BUNTING -- 139 were banded at the RGNC 8/2 to 9/27 (fide STC, NAC) peaking from middle to late August.

INDIGO BUNTING -- A male near Cimarron, Colfax Co., 8/16 (CHR); 1 at Bosque NWR 8/27 (RLT, PAB); 1 male singing on Vicks Peak, San Mateo Mts., 8/9 (SOW+); 4 at Percha Dam SP 8/28 (BRZ) and 1 there 8/29 (CIS); 3 to 4 on the Gray Ranch 9/11-13 and 1 on 10/3 (AMC, NCM); and at Rattlesnake Springs 8 on 8/2, 1 on 9/1, and 2 on 9/7 (STW, ROW).

VARIED BUNTING -- 4 in Guadalupe Canyon 8/22 (CHB, JJP).

PAINTED BUNTING -- 1 immature in the Animas Mts. 9/18 (AMC*, NCM); 1 female at White Sands NM 9/10 (ROW*).

DICKCISSEL -- On 9/8 11 at Boone's Draw (CHR) and 10 at Avalon L. (TJH, fide STW); 12 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/7 (STW, ROW). Westerly singles at Mangas Springs 9/11 (RAF), at Percha Dam SP 8/28 (BRZ) and 9/6 (TEF); an adult male in the Animas Valley 10/4-5 (AMC, NCM).

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE -- 35 at Maxwell NWR 9/13 (CHR).

CANYON TOWHEE -- Uncommon away from the foothills: 3 in desert areas at Las Cruces 10/1 to 11/30 and at the Jornada 10/15 (CIS); in Eddy Co. numbers increased "dramatically" in the lowlands, including the Loving Salt Lakes area (STW).

BOTTERI'S SPARROW -- 1 singing in the Animas Valley 8/23 (JJP *good, CHB) where one was seen in 1991.

RUFIOUS-CROWNED SPARROW -- Breeding: 9 at Conchas L. 8/28, 1 feeding a juvenile;...2 east of Mosquero 8/18 (both CHR).

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW -- At Maxwell NWR 1 on 10/31 and 5 on 11/27 (JJP, LAG).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW -- Earliest was 1 at Las Cruces 8/31, last was 1 at the Jornada 10/14 (CIS).

FIELD SPARROW -- Westerly at Albuquerque were singles at the RGNC 10/11 (Giff Beaton*) and Petroglyph NM 10/25 (HRS).

SAGE SPARROW -- 1 at the Jornada 10/7 was early (CIS).

SAVANNAH SPARROW -- 6 at the Maxwell NWR 8/2 may have summered in the area (CHR).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- Breeding: 3 with 5 juveniles at the Las Vegas NWR 8/1, a new locale was 34 near Broadview, Curry Co., which included 8 juveniles 8/10 (both CHR).

FOX SPARROW -- Singles at the RGNC 11/8 and banded 11/7 (JJP, STC+), in the Animas Mts. 10/21 (AMC, NCM), and at Dripping Springs 11/28 (EGW good*, LHS).

LINCOLN'S SPARROW -- Early single migrants at Zuni 8/29 (DJC) and banded at the RGNC 8/29-30 (fide STC+), with 2 at Camp Thunderbird, near Silver City, 8/22 (EUL).

SWAMP SPARROW -- 1 at Kirtland 11/24 (RWD, fide JPH) was northerly; 1 Mesilla 9/7 was early (CIS, EGW, no details). '92-4 (Fall '92)

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW -- An immature in Corrales 11/1-27 (TYB).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW -- First arrivals banded at the RGNC were 2 oriantha 9/5-6 and 4 gambeli 9/26-27 (fide STC, NAC).

HARRIS' SPARROW -- 1 at Zuni 11/22,29 (DJC*); at Santa Fe 1 11/4-8 (JPH) and 1 immature 11/18 (SOW); 1 immature Corrales 11/12 (TYB); an early immature at Las Cruces 10/25 (CIS).

MCCOWN'S LONGSPUR -- 3 at the Los Lunas turf farm 10/17 and 8 11/15 (JJP); 3+ at the Moriarty turf ranch 11/14 (CHR); 6 to 8 at the AG Sod Farm at Santa Teresa 11/20 (BRZ+).

LAPLAND LONGSPUR -- 3 at the Maxwell NWR 11/27 (JJP*, LAG).

CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR -- Far outnumbered McCown's at the Moriarty and Los Lunas turf farms (v.o.); earliest was 10 at Los Lunas 9/20 (JJP) with 100 seen 10/17 (JJP, LAG). In small numbers at the Santa Teresa sod farm with 8 to 10 11/20 (BRZ+).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK -- 1 singing at the Petroglyph NM 11/6 and 22 (HRS).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- 50 near Waterflow, San Juan Co., on 11/24 were late (RWD, JPH).

RUSTY BLACKBIRD -- Unusual: a male Bosque NWR 11/20 (PAS*)

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD -- 500+ at Bernalillo 11/21 (JPH, RWD).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE -- A large number of 72 at Bill Evans L. 10/21 (DAZ, MAZ); 1 at Ruidoso Downs 11/23 at 6900 feet was out of place (CHR).

COMMON GRACKLE -- 1 male at Sevilleta NWR 8/20 (RLT, PAB).

BRONZED COWBIRD -- Breeding: a juvenile begging food from a female Bullock's Oriole at Las Cruces on 8/8 (CIS).

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD -- 3+ at Bernalillo 11/21 (JPH, RWD).

ORCHARD ORIOLE -- 6 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/7 were late in migrating (STW, ROW).

NORTHERN ORIOLE -- A female "Bullock's" at Socorro 11/14 was exceptionally late (PAB).

ROSY FINCH -- 40 at Angel's Peak Park, San Juan Co., 11/28 (PYS) with no details; 1 Brown-capped, 2 Black, and 23 Gray-crowned at Storrie L. SP 11/21 (JJP, CHB); 12 Gray-crowned and 1 Brown-capped at Sandia Crest 11/8 (KBO).

PINE GROSBEAK -- 2 at Sandia Crest on 11/8 (JJP) and 20 on 11/28 (DVM), a high number for this isolated range.

CASSIN'S FINCH -- Scarce in most areas. Up to 15 in the Zuni Mts. 11/7-8 (DJC); "many" near Regina 11/28 (PYS, with no details); in the Sandia Mts. 6 on 10/17 (HRS) and a female 10/18 (BRV); 12 in the Manzano Mts. 10/3 (HRS); 7 at Aguirre Springs SP 11/7 (CIS).

RED CROSSBILL -- More common than usual near Zuni with a high of 30 10/3 (DJC), but scarce elsewhere (v.o.) with the exception of 75 on an Aguirre Springs high trail 11/7 (CIS).

PINE SISKIN -- Early migrants in the lowlands were several in Bernalillo 8/1 (JPH, RWD) and 1 at Bosque NWR 8/13 (RLT, PAS).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- A male at Rattlesnake Springs 8/2 was early (STW).

EVENING GROSBEAK -- 30 near Zuni 10/18 (DJC) and "numerous" near Regina 11/28 (PYS). The few reports elsewhere were restricted to northern and central montane areas (v.o.).

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