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WINTER 1993-1994 HIGHLIGHTS

It was an exceptionally dry and mild winter. Many species lingered or over-wintered north of their usual ranges. A Yellow-billed Loon and a Mew Gull appeared for the third winter in a row. There was an Aplomado Falcon reported in the Animas Valley. Immature Thayer's and Glaucous-winged Gulls appeared. A Common Nighthawk was seen for over a week in Carlsbad. A Black-and-White and an Olive Warbler were seen near Mesilla. Rusty Blackbirds were found at two localities in the south. Discovered far south was a White-winged Crossbill on the Caballo CBC.

1993-1994 Christmas Bird Counts (CBC): (*=high counts)

<u>Count</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Compiler</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Numbers</u>
Albuquerque	12/19/93	HS	97	20,527
Bluewater L.	12/17/93	SI	62	2,417
Bosque NWR	12/18/93	SC	105	49,381
Caballo/Percha	1/ 2/94	BZ	127*	14,969
Carlsbad Caverns	12/20/93	SW	78	1,965
Clayton	12/26/93	MMA	43	5,394
Española	12/18/93	BF	77	8,146
Farmington	12/18/93	AN	76	33,345
Five Points	12/17/93	RT	35	823
Gila River	12/30/93	RF	100	7,266
L.Avalon-Brantley	12/23/93	MMe	80	8,572
Las Cruces	12/19/93	BZ	110	29,361
Las Vegas	1/ 2/94	GB	80	11,066
Loving	12/28/93	SW	104	11,040
Peloncillo Mts.	1/ 1/94	RS	96	12,876
Roswell	12/18/93	SMB	106	* 52,180
Sandia Mts.	1/ 2/94	TB	59	4,859
Santa Fe	12/26/93	PI	65	10,603
Sevilleta NWR	12/21/93	TS	64	14,784
Silver City	12/18/93	RF	93	5,867
Zuni	12/19/93	JT	75	5,007

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Cox, Steve	SC	Ingraham, Steve	SI	Snider, Pat	PRS
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PLACE NAMES AND THEIR COUNTIES

Abiquiu, Lake	Rio Arriba	Glenwood	Catron
Alameda	Bernalillo	Heron Lake	Rio Arriba
Animas Valley	Hidalgo	High Rolls	Otero
Artesia	Eddy	Hobbs	Lea
Avalon Lake	Eddy	Holloman Lake	Otero
Bandelier NM	Sandoval	Jemez Mts.	Sandoval
Bill Evans Lake	Grant	Las Cruces	Doña Ana
Bingham	Socorro	Las Palomas	Sierra
Bitter Lake NWR	Chaves	Las Vegas, NWR	San Miguel
Black River	Eddy	Lordsburg	Hidalgo
Bloomfield	San Juan	Los Alamos	Los Alamos
Bluewater Lake	Cibola	Los Ojos	Rio Arriba
Bosque (del Apache)	NWR	Loving	Eddy
	Socorro	Magdalena Mts.	Socorro
Bottomless L. SP	Chaves	Mangas Springs	Grant
Brantley Lake	Eddy	Maxwell NWR	Colfax
Caballo Lake	Sierra	Mesilla, Park	Doña Ana
Carlsbad	Eddy	Morgan Lake	San Juan
Carlsbad Caverns NP	Eddy	Navajo Lake	San Juan
Cedar Hill	San Juan	Peloncillo Mts.	Hidalgo
Chaco Canyon NM	San Juan	Percha SP	Sierra
Clayton, Lake	Union	Pilar	Taos
Cloudcroft	Otero	Rattlesnake Springs	Eddy
Clovis	Curry	Roswell	Chaves
Cochiti Pueblo, L.	Sandoval	San Antonio	Socorro
Conchas Lake	San Miguel	Sandia Mts.	Bernalillo
Corrales	Sandoval	Santa Teresa	Doña Ana
Crownpoint	McKinley	Sevilleta NWR	Socorro
Elephant Butte L.	Sierra	Silver City	Grant
Española	Rio Arriba	Storrie Lake	San Miguel
Farmington, Lake	San Juan	Sumner Lake	DeBaca
Five Points	Socorro	Tatum	Lea
Flora Vista	San Juan	Tesuque	Santa Fe
Gila River Valley	Grant	Tucumcari, Lake	Quay
		Zuni	McKinley

Abbreviations Used:

BRC	N.M. Bird Records Committee		
CG	Campground	N.M.	New Mexico
Co.	County	R.	River
EBL	Elephant Butte L.	RBA	Rare Bird Alert
L.	Lake	RGNC	Rio Grande Nature Center, Albuquerque
Mt(s)	Mountain (s)	RGV	Rio Grande Valley
NM	National Monument	SP	State Park
NP	National Park	v.o.	various observers
NWR	Natl. Wildlife Refuge	**	photo/tape submitted
+	et al., plus	***	specimen collected
*	details provided		

SPECIES ACCOUNTS:

RED-THROATED LOON -- Unusual: 2 small loons on Navajo L. 1/1 and 1/8 were reported as Red-throated (TR+, details). 2 small loons there too far out to identify on 1/15 were either Red-throated or Pacific Loons (JP, LG).

PACIFIC LOON -- 2 at Conchas L. 12/4 (JP*, LG) and 1 on 12/10 (MP, CR*); 1 with no details at Caballo L. 12/11 (LG, Carol Davis, fide RBA).

COMMON LOON -- Reported from Conchas, Elephant Butte, Caballo, and Brantley lakes from 12/10 to 2/28 (v.o.)

YELLOW-BILLED LOON -- Unusual: 1, first seen 11/14 at Storrie L., was seen again 12/4 (BF), 12/10 (CR*), and possibly 12/11 and 12/15 (Al Eisner, PI, fide RBA) when it was seen flying. It was not reported after 12/15.

HORNED GREBE -- Occurred in small numbers at 7 locations from the RGV eastward (v.o.) and included high counts of 9 at Conchas L. 12/10 (CR) and 5 at EBL on 1/22 (JP, LG, fide RBA) and 2/3 (CR). Certainly no longer casual in N.M.

EARED GREBE -- Winter records were at Heron L. 12/7 (JPH); Black Rock L. near Zuni with 6 on 12/6, 2 on 1/12 (DC) and on the CBC (CR+); 11 were on the Bluewater L. CBC; 1 near Clovis on 1/14 (CR); 113 on the Caballo CBC; and 10 at Brantley L. 1/22 (CR, PRS).

Aechmophorus grebes -- 41 were on Morgan L. 1/3 (TR). Large numbers wintered in the EBL/Caballo L. area, with 429 at the latter 1/2 (BZ+). About 2000 were counted on EBL 1/12 (SOW) and 3000+ on 2/3 (CR). Also once considered rare or casual.

WESTERN GREBE -- 81 seen at Morgan L. on 2/27 (TR).

CLARK'S GREBE -- Late singles were on Heron L. 12/8 (JPH), Storrie L. 12/10 (CR), and Bill Evans L. 12/20 (RF); other singles were on Morgan L. 2/27 (TR*), Avalon L. on 12/6 (RH, JH), and Maddox L. 12/5 (SW, TH). The latter was probably a first Lea Co. record. 3 were on Sumner L. 12/4 (JP, LG).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- 2 at Bitter L. NWR 1/9 (SB, SG); 10 on the Caballo CBC; 1 on Brantley L. 1/22 (SW, TH).

Cormorant species -- Double-crested and Neotropic were inexplicably scarce this winter compared to recent years (v.o.).

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT -- Only report was 7 on the Caballo CBC.

AMERICAN BITTERN -- Singles were on the Roswell CBC and at Maddox L. in Lea Co. 12/5 (SW, TH).

GREAT BLUE HERON -- 18 found standing together on a gravel road near Bluewater L. on 12/10 (DC).

GREAT EGRET -- Lingering at Bitter L. NWR were 2 on 12/18 (SMB+) and 1 on 1/9 (SB, SG), 1 at the n. end of Caballo L. 1/8 (JP) and 1 in the Vado bosque near Mesilla 2/4 (CR).

CATTLE EGRET -- Late were 8 on the Las Cruces CBC.

GREEN HERON -- Singles on the Albuquerque CBC and in the Animas Valley 1/1 (S. Upson*) were unusual in winter. '94-1 (Winter '93-'94)

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- 5 at Morgan L. on 2/18 were early (TR).

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- 1 at Bosque NWR 2/6 (GF, fide RBA) and 2/11 (SB) was early.

TUNDRA SWAN -- Singles were seen near Farmington 12/4-5 (TR) and on Clayton L. 12/5 (Wesley Cook); an immature was at Conchas L. 12/2 to 12/11 (CR, MP), 1 was seen there 1/11 in an aerial survey (SOW, GS). 2 at Bosque NWR on 2/11 (SB).

Swan species -- An immature at Conchas L. 12/2 (CR*) may possibly have been a Trumpeter. 4 or 5 swans at Bosque NWR 2/6 (GF, fide RBA) and 2/9 (GE+) with no details.

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- Singles at the B-Square Ranch in Farmington 1/22 (TR) and on the Bosque CBC (Jim Place**). Unexpected was 1 near Tinnie, Lincoln Co., 12/3 (SMB).

ROSS' GOOSE -- 2 near Farmington on 1/22 (TR).

WOOD DUCK -- CBC totals were 4 at Española (T.Thomas*), 1 on Bluewater L., 2 at Roswell, and 1 at Silver City; 3 near Mesilla 12/19 (BZ+). The Albuquerque population continues to thrive with 222 on the CBC. Several found at Rattlesnake Springs all winter, with a high count of 7 on 12/20 (SW**).

CINNAMON TEAL -- Several were lingering: single males at Morgan L. 2/5 (TR) and on the Zuni CBC (CR); 15 on the Bosque CBC and 2 males on 1/14 (Paul Steel); 1 on Holloman L. on 1/15 (GE). A high of 100 at Las Palomas 2/3 (CR).

NORTHERN SHOVELER -- About 2000 near Clovis 1/14 (CR).

EURASIAN WIGEON -- Unusual: a male was at Bottomless L. SP 1/20 (Stuart Healy + Wings tour); it was not relocated.

AMERICAN WIGEON -- Circa 5000 near Clovis on 1/14 (CR).

RING-NECKED DUCK -- 107 at Maddox L. near Hobbs 1/21 (CR+).

GREATER SCAUP -- Regular in recent years on eastern lakes: at Conchas L. from 12/4 to 1/12 (MP, CR*) with a high of 31 on 12/4 (JP, LG); other reports were of a possible female on Farmington L. 1/22 (TR*), 2 males at the Maxwell NWR 2/21 (SB+, sketch*), a pair at Bottomless L. SP 1/21 (CR*, PRS), 1 male at Caballo L. 1/2 (BZ*) and 2/12 (CS, EW).

OLDSQUAW -- 1 or 2 females at Holloman L. 12/2 at least until 12/12 (Bill Fuchs+, GE, BZ**, BN*, DE); at EBL 2 on 1/22 and 2/13 (JP*, LG), and at least 1 male 2/3 (CR*).

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE -- Found to be regular in winter on the San Juan R. below Navajo L. Reports were of a male on 12/10 (DC) and 5 on 1/15 (JP), with a high of 15-20 2/26 (DC**).

HOODED MERGANSER -- High count was 53 on the Roswell CBC.

COMMON MERGANSER -- 560 on the Caballo L. CBC with up to 4000 on 2/19 (CS).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- 1 female on Farmington L. 1/22 to 2/21 (TR, AN+); 4 males and 3 females on Nutria Lakes near Zuni 12/6 (Albert Chopito*). Noteworthy for the RGV were 100 at EBL 2/27 (BN, DE). High counts were 3 on Sumner L. 12/4 (JP, LG), a male on Bottomless L. SP 1/14-21 (CR, PRS, SMB); about 11 on Brantley L. 12/29 to 2/5 (JP, CR, PRS+); and 15 on Avalon L. on 12/6 (RH, JH).

OSPREY -- Rare in winter was 1 on the Avalon L. CBC.

BALD EAGLE -- A near record 478 (268 adults, 210 immatures) were counted on aerial transects 1/10-12 (SOW, GS), a 128% increase over averages for the late 1980s; in Union Co. 5 near Seneca 12/26 and 3 at Clayton L. 1/21 (fide W. Cook); 5 near Pastura, Guadalupe Co., 2/11 (Mike Sonnier); 3 near Elk in Chaves Co. on 12/27 (CR). A high count of 44 was at the Maxwell NWR in December (W. J. Mosley).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK -- A record high 11 on the Santa Fe CBC.

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- CBC totals were a high count of 3 on the Santa Fe (SB*, CR+), 1 on the Zuni, and 1 on the Sandia Mts.

COMMON BLACK-HAWK -- 1 was very late at Vado, Doña Ana Co., 12/26, where it lingered for about a week (fide CS).

HARRIS' HAWK -- Numbers continued to improve in Eddy Co. with 15 on the Loving CBC (SW).

RED-TAILED HAWK -- A Harlan's adult was at San Antonio on 2/11 (SB, good*) and on the Las Cruces CBC (BZ+, details).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK -- A high count of 10 on the Roswell CBC.

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK -- 1 was w. of Las Cruces on 1/2 (SW) and at Mesilla on 1/29 (John Anderson, fide CS).

MERLIN -- Well represented from the Farmington, Santa Fe, and Maxwell NWR areas southward (v.o.), included singles at Clovis 1/14 (CR), the White Sands Missile Range 12/19-20 (David Holderman), Mesilla on 2/4 (CS), and Tatum 1/21 (CR, PRS); with a high of 5 on the Roswell CBC. A female-plumaged richardsonii near Carrizozo, Lincoln Co., 1/10 (JPH, RWD).

APLOMADO FALCON -- Unusual: An unbanded bird was in the Animas Valley 2/8 (Harrison Tordoff*, Frank Gill*). Perched, it was described as a "first-year bird".

PEREGRINE FALCON -- Late were singles on the Zuni CBC (JT, SI) and on the Albuquerque CBC (Dale Stahlecker*).

GAMBEL'S QUAIL -- A high count of 861 on the Peloncillo CBC.

VIRGINIA RAIL and SORA -- More in evidence than usual, particularly in the Gila, lower Rio Grande and Pecos Valleys.

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11 Virginias on the Zuni CBC and 7 on the Albuquerque CBC were noteworthy, as were 9 Soras on the Loving CBC.

COMMON MOORHEN -- Made a nice showing in Eddy Co. with 1 near Loving 12/5 (RH, JH), 5 on the Loving CBC, and 1 on the upper Black R. on 2/12 (SW). 9 on the Las Cruces CBC was the only RGV report.

AMERICAN COOT -- A high 8100 on Conchas Lake on 12/4 (MP).

SANDHILL CRANE -- Up to 490 near Columbus 1/4 (SB, SG). The cranes roost in wetlands near Palomas in Chihuahua, Mexico, and feed in fields in southern Luna Co. (fide GS).

KILLDEER -- 124 on the Las Cruces CBC; 119 in fields n. of Loving on 12/5 (RH, JH).

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- 1 on the Loving CBC (Scott Vail*).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS -- 1 Bosque NWR 1/17 to 2/19 (BZ**, JP+).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- Lingering singles were at Navajo L. 1/1 and 2/11 (TR), and Bill Evans L. 12/3 (RF). CBC counts were 3 on the Gila R. Valley, 4 on the Caballo L., 2 on the Las Cruces, and 1 on the Loving.

LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- Late were 87 s. of Artesia 12/29 (JP).

WESTERN SANDPIPER -- 7 were on the Roswell CBC and 3 on the Loving CBC. 3 were at Caballo L. 12/11 (LG+, fide RBA).

LEAST SANDPIPER -- 4 at two San Juan Co. sites 1/1-3 (TR*). High CBC counts of 33 on the Caballo, 64 on the Las Cruces, and 40 on the Loving. 91 near Mesilla on 2/4 (CR).

DUNLIN -- 1 on Bosque NWR from 12/15 to 2/27 (J.Place*, v.o.). Up to 4 wintered at Caballo L. from 12/11 to 2/19 (BZ**, JP, SB, CS, v.o.).

STILT SANDPIPER -- Unusual: 1 probable at Brantley L. 1/26 (EW*, Lorraine Schulte). It is very rare in winter.

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- One of very few winter reports was a possible at Bottomless L. SP 1/14 (SMB, no details) not Bitter L. NWR as stated in Audubon Field Notes 48, No. 2, p. 236. There are no verified January records.

BONAPARTE'S GULL -- Apparently vacated the state in mid-winter; last seen were 14 on the Roswell CBC (Betsy Rosenbloom*). The earliest returnees, all on 1/22, were 94 at EBL (JP, LG), 2 at Brantley L., and 3 at Six-Mile Dam near Loving (both SW).

MEW GULL -- Unusual: probable was an adult at Caballo L. on 2/19 (JP*, LG**, C. Black); the third report in 3 years.

CALIFORNIA GULL -- 3 at Heron L. SP 12/3 (CR, SG) and 1 or 2 on 12/7-8 (JPH) were late; while 2 to 5 at Caballo L. 1/22 to 2/19 (CS, CR, JP, v.o.), 4 at EBL 2/3 (CR) and 1 at Brantley L. 2/5 (CR, CS, EW) were early.

THAYER'S GULL -- Unusual: a well described pale first-year bird seen by many at Caballo L. 1/16 (BZ**) to 2/5 (JP*, LG, SB*, sketch); another darker bird there on 2/19 (JP+, CS).

GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL -- Unusual: 1 without details at Caballo L. 1/16 (Dick Ketchum, fide CS, RBA) and a possible immature 2/6 (BN*, DE+); a possible first winter bird at EBL 2/12 (CS*, EW).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON -- Rare in the state in winter. 2 were in Mill Canyon of the Magdalena Mts. at 8800 feet on 1/23 (HS).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- Breeding: Surprising was a nest at Las Cruces in December, feeding young by January (CS);...Its range expansion continued with small numbers wintering in several Albuquerque areas (Alan Swain, Roy Tomlinson); a record 35 were on the Roswell CBC with increased numbers in Carlsbad (SW). An amazing count was 2759 on the Las Cruces CBC. 1 was in Silver City 1/19 (Eugene Lewis), where the population is normally migratory.

INCA DOVE -- Conspicuous in the south, with 6 on the Roswell CBC and others southward through the Pecos R. Valley (SW+); 92 on the Las Cruces CBC; 11 at Tatum 1/21 (CR*, PRS).

GREATER ROADRUNNER -- Breeding: Began nesting in Las Cruces by late February (GE);...1 on the Zuni CBC; 1 at Eldorado near Santa Fe all winter (SOW+) with 1 in Santa Fe on 12/30 (Carol Smith, fide RBA) and 1/5 (EE+).

WHISKERED SCREECH-OWL -- 1 in the Peloncillo Mts. on 1/1 (SW) for a winter record.

NORTHERN PYGMY-OWL -- Seen more often than usual: singles were heard near Bloomfield on 2/25 (TR); on a wire near Pilar on 1/22 (SB); at Bandelier NM 2/26 (Marge Cash, fide RBA); at Zuni in December (JT); at Glenwood on 12/8 (Dan and Barbara McKnight, fide SOW); and in Post Office Canyon in the Peloncillo Mts. 1/18 (RS); 2 on the Bluewater CBC.

BURROWING OWL -- A high count of 16 on the Roswell CBC.

LONG-EARED OWL -- Notable concentrations of 5 in the Animas Valley 1/1 (D. Danforth*) and 12 on the Las Cruces CBC.

SHORT-EARED OWL -- 4 on the Zuni CBC was a high number; singles on the Bosque NWR CBC (SC*) and at the playas w. of Lordsburg 1/1 (SW).

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL -- 1 on the Sandia Mts. CBC (SC*, Nancy Cox). 1 near Sandia Heights 2/26 (Roger Hoppe, HS**).

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COMMON NIGHTHAWK -- Unusual: the mild December weather was responsible for a probable at Carlsbad. Found and termed a male 12/2 (JH, RH) later seen by others as it silently fed over an auto dealership (SW, v.o.); last seen 12/11 when a storm hit. Most winter records have been of Lessers.

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT -- Early were 2 at High Rolls 2/19 (GE), 4 or 5 on the White Sands Missile Range, Otero Co., on 2/20 (D. Holderman), and 6 near Mesilla 2/1 (SB).

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD -- Again wintered in Grant Co., with 3 at Pinos Altos and 2 at Silver City (RF+).

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD -- Surprising was 1 male at Silver City all winter (RF+).

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD -- Early was 1 in Post Office Canyon in the Peloncillo Mts. 2/27 (RS).

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD -- A late male remained in Las Cruces until 12/16 (GE).

LEWIS' WOODPECKER -- An unusually high count was 9 at Bandelier NM 2/11 (CR); 1 at High Rolls 2/7-8 (fide L. Schulte, CS), where rare.

ACORN WOODPECKER -- 1 at Roswell 1/7 (Elmer Schooley, fide SMB) was east of its normal range.

GILA WOODPECKER -- Only 2 on the Gila Valley CBC (RF+); 7 were in the Animas Valley on 1/1 (RS+).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER -- Wintering were 1 adult female in Tesuque 12/26 (CR*) and 2/17 (SB*); 2 immatures in Santa Fe 12/26 and a male on 2/19 (SB*); 1 male at Conchas L. 12/4 (JP, LG); 1 at Corrales 12/11 (T. Brownell, fide RBA); 1 on the Gila Valley CBC; 1 on the Roswell CBC; 1 immature at Percha SP 1/2 (BZ**+); 1 in Mesilla Park 12/19 (BZ**).

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER -- Lingered in the north were single females at Navajo L. 1/29 (TR), Tesuque 12/26 (CR+), Bandelier NM 12/21 (SB, SG), and near Los Alamos 12/19 (Joyce Wolff*); 1 male at Zuni in December (JT).

DOWNY WOODPECKER -- High counts were 5 at Corrales 1/17 (CR) and 4 on the Silver City CBC. A male was on the Bosque NWR CBC (SC*); 1 on the Roswell CBC.

STRICKLAND'S WOODPECKER -- 1 was on the Peloncillo Mts. CBC.

Empidonax flycatchers -- A well-detailed but sadly voiceless bird in Alameda on 12/20 (GF*, David Mehlman) was a Dusky/Hammond's type and may have been a Dusky (fide HS). Possibly a winter first was a Cordilleran/Pacific Slope type near Santa Teresa 1/8-14 (Sally Homan+, BZ**). Although it never vocalized, it was believed to be a Cordilleran based on its vigorous reaction to taped Cordilleran calls, contrasted with its lack of response to taped Pacific Slope calls.

HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER -- 1 was in the Percha SP area 1/2;
1 at Mesilla Park 12/19 (both BZ*).

EASTERN PHOEBE -- 1 near Tinnie, Lincoln Co., 12/3 (SMB);
1 on the Bosque NWR CBC (TB+) and at Percha SP 1/2 to 2/5
(BZ**, JP, LG, v.o.).

TREE SWALLOW -- 1 at the Crownpoint sewage ponds on 12/17
skimming over the ice (JPH*) and 1 at Willow L., Eddy Co.,
12/28 (TH*, fide SW) were late; while 2 were early at Mangas
Springs on 2/9 (RF).

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW -- A flock of 250 at Caballo
L. 1/2 (Ken Stinnett*) furnished 1 of the state's very
few January records.

CAVE SWALLOW -- Arrived at Carlsbad Caverns NP 2/11 (SW).

BLUE JAY -- In the Santa Fe area all winter (CR, SB, v.o.),
including a high of 6 on the CBC; 1 or 2 in the Los Alamos
area all winter (Marge Cash+, fide RBA); 1 on the Sandia
Mts. CBC; 1 at Las Vegas 12/25 (Cheryl Boardman, fide RBA);
85 on the Roswell CBC was indicative of the numbers east
of the mountains; 3 at Tatum 1/21 (CR, PRS).

SCRUB JAY -- 343 on the Santa Fe CBC; a record high.

PINYON JAY -- CBC totals were 116 at Farmington, 797 at
Santa Fe, 635 in the Sandia Mts., 140 at Zuni, 162 at Blue-
water L., 76 at Las Vegas, and 57 in Silver City; 35 were
near Bingham on 1/10 (JPH, RWD); 3 were near Elk, Chaves
Co., 12/27 (CR).

COMMON RAVEN -- 1 in the grasslands just w. of Vaughn,
Guadalupe Co., on 1/11 was a bit east (JPH, RWD***).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE -- 4 at Flora Vista on 12/25 (TR);
11 on the Five Points CBC.

BRIDLED TITMOUSE -- Although recorded there in past winters,
71 on the Caballo-Percha CBC may be a record for the RGV.

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- 69 on the Sandia Mts. CBC; 3 or 4
in Roswell 12/18 and 1/7 (SMB).

PYGMY NUTHATCH -- 391 were seen on the Bluewater L. CBC.

CACTUS WREN -- 2 on the Five Points CBC; 111 on the
Peloncillo Mts. CBC; 1 near Hobbs on 1/21 (CR, PRS).

HOUSE WREN -- 1 lingered in the Corrales bosque 1/17 (CR*).

WINTER WREN -- Not reported every winter. Singles were found
at Corrales 12/11 (T. Brownell, fide RBA); in the Sandia
Mts. at Las Huertas CG 1/2 (Steve Hoffman*) and Hondo Canyon
1/13 (HS); Mesilla 12/19 (BZ*); heard at Loving 12/28 (CR).

MARSH WREN -- 1 at the Parkview Fish Hatchery in Los Ojos
12/7 (JPH) was late; 119 on the Loving CBC was a high count.
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AMERICAN DIPPER -- 1 on the Animas R. at Cedar Hill on 1/1 and 1/22 (TR+); 1 at the Abiquiu L. spillway 12/7 (JPH); single pairs singing and courting in Cimarron Canyon in Colfax Co. on 2/26 (CR) and on Coyote Creek, Mora Co., 2/27 (SB, L. Herrmann); 1 at Tesuque on 12/2 (Bill West, fide RBA; 1 at Cochiti L. on 2/16 (SB).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- Unexpected in the southeastern lowlands were 2 at Loving 12/5 (RH, JH).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- A well detailed 1 wintering at Percha SP 1/16 (BZ), 1/22 (JP, LG), and 2/5 (JP); 2 in Las Cruces 12/19 (BZ**).

Gnatcatcher species -- 1 west of Malaga, Eddy Co., in early December (RH, JH): undetailed reports of a Blue-gray and 7 Black-tailed in the Peloncillo Mts. 1/1 (RS+).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- Widespread in eastern N.M. west into the RGV (v.o) with a high of 167 on the Roswell CBC; in the southwest smaller numbers (1 to 13) were on the Gila Valley, Silver City, and Peloncillo Mts. CBCs.

WESTERN and MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRDS -- Both were widespread and unusually numerous, including southern lowlands areas (v.o.).

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE -- Unexpected in the southeastern lowlands were 2 on the Roswell CBC, 2 on the Avalon-Brantley CBC, and 1 at Tatum on 1/21 (CR, PRS).

HERMIT THRUSH -- The mild early winter allowed them to stay northward in larger than usual numbers, including CBC totals of 4 at Española, 12 at Santa Fe, 3 at Zuni, 1 on the Sandia Mts., and 8 at Albuquerque.

AMERICAN ROBIN -- After an off-year numbers rebounded nicely, with hundreds or in some cases thousands in widely scattered areas (v.o.).

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD -- North for winter were singles at Morgan L. 1/23 and 2/5 (TR), at Clayton (W. Cook), in Los Alamos (Carlyn Jervis, fide PRS), and on the Zuni CBC (CR).

SAGE THRASHER -- Wintered in the north in relatively large numbers, especially in the upper RGV from Española and Santa Fe to Albuquerque (v.o.); 'a mild invasion' in Grant Co. (RF); in contrast, numbers were down in Eddy Co. (SW).

BROWN THRASHER -- A good showing in the east: 1 at Tucumcari 12/10 (CR), 2 on the Roswell CBC, 1 on the Loving CBC; at Rattlesnake Springs 3 on 12/30 (JP) and 2 1/22 (CR, PRS); 2 on the nearby Black R. 1/10-11 (RWD, fide JPH). In the RGV 2 in White Rock near Los Alamos 12/19 to 1/15 (Joyce Wolff*); 1 near Santa Teresa 12/5 to 1/10 (Sally Homan, BZ**).

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER -- 1 singing at Cochiti L. on 2/16 (SB); 1 at Conchas L. 12/4 (JP, LG); 7 on the Albuquerque CBC; 1 at Ned Houk Park near Clovis on 1/14 (CR).

BENDIRE'S THRASHER -- 2 on the Peloncillo Mt. CBC were late.

CRISSAL THRASHER -- 14 on the Albuquerque CBC; 67 on the Peloncillo Mts. CBC.

SPRAGUE'S PIPIT -- 1 reported without details on the White Sands Missile Range, Sierra Co., on 12/7 (D. Holderman).

CEDAR WAXWING -- Moderately abundant in most sections and especially numerous in the Santa Fe area (v.o.).

NORTHERN SHRIKE -- 1 s. of Navajo L. 12/31 (BF) and an adult to the north on 1/15 (JP, LG, TR+); 3 near El Vado L., Rio Arriba Co., 12/3 (CR); 1 near San Antonio Mt., Tres Piedras in Taos Co., 2/13 (BF); 2 near Carson, Taos Co., 12/8 (JPH); 1 near Pilar 1/28 (CR); 2 s. of Villanueva, San Miguel Co., 12/1 (Richard Irvin); 1 immature at the RGNC in Albuquerque 12/19 (fide HS*); 1 adult at Bitter L. NWR 12/29 (JP*).

SOLITARY VIREO -- A remarkable 3 on the Las Cruces CBC 12/19 where it now occurs almost regularly in winter; these were described as 2 cassinii** and 1 plumbeus. (BZ).

HUTTON'S VIREO -- Singles at Aguirre Springs, Doña Ana Co., 1/15 (BZ+*) and 2/4 (CR*). 4 on the Peloncillo Mts. CBC.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- 1 at Percha SP 1/2 (BZ+) and 1/7 (GS); 49 on the Las Cruces CBC was a record high count; 2 on the Loving CBC (CR*).

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER -- Myrtle singles in downtown Santa Fe on 1/21 (JPH), in Tesuque 12/26 (CR+), and a female at the Bishop's Lodge 2/17 (SB). Elsewhere, a male at Flora Vista 12/25 (TR); on the CBCs: 11 Zuni, 10 Albuquerque, 1 Silver City, 2 Caballo, 5 Roswell, 1 Las Cruces, 1 Loving.

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- Unusual: a female at Mesilla Park 12/18 to 1/15 (BZ+) was the second well-documented winter record for the state.

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT -- 2 heard at Las Palomas 2/3 (CR); 5 on the Loving CBC (TH, CR*) was a first Eddy Co. winter record.

OLIVE WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 female or immature was at Mesilla Park 12/19 (Jim Paten, Brad Vaughn+, BZ**).

NORTHERN CARDINAL -- North of its range was a female on the Zuni CBC (CR*) and a male at Tucumcari L. 12/10 (CR*); 1 female at a Roswell feeder 12/30 to 2/28 (SMB).

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- A probable on the Las Cruces CBC (EW*).

RUFIOUS-CROWNED SPARROW -- 1 on the Sevilleta CBC.

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW -- The few reports were restricted to the Maxwell NWR, 15 on 2/21 (SB) and in the Las Vegas area (GS, SB, CR), suggesting that fewer wintered this year. 1 at Chaco Canyon NM on 12/17 was a new locale (RWD, JPH).

CHIPPING SPARROW -- 1475 on the Peloncillo Mts. CBC.

BREWER'S SPARROW -- 909 on the Peloncillo Mts. CBC.

FIELD SPARROW -- 1 on the Roswell CBC had been regular at a feeder all fall; 1 to 3 in the Rattlesnake Springs area 12/20 (SW+) and 1/22 (CR, PRS).

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW -- 49 in the Peloncillo Mts. area 1/1 (RS+) was a high count. The previous high was 14.

SAGE SPARROW -- 1 at Navajo L. on 2/26 (DC) was somewhat early; widespread in the south from Lordsburg, Albuquerque, and the lower Pecos Valley areas southward (v.o), unusually abundant in Doña Ana Co. all winter (CS).

LARK BUNTING -- High counts were 1325 s. of Deming on 12/4 (Eugene Lewis) and 278 on the Peloncillo Mts. CBC.

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- 9 on the Peloncillo Mts. CBC.

FOX SPARROW -- Reports were all from the south: 1 gray form at Percha SP 1/27 (P. Steel); 1 red form at Dripping Springs near Las Cruces 12/19 (GE+); an apparent schistacea or gray form at Aguirre Springs, Doña Ana Co., 1/15 (BZ+*); 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 12/30 (JP); 1 'gray and red form' on the Loving CBC (CR); 2 on the Avalon-Brantley CBC.

LINCOLN'S SPARROW -- Late for the north was 1 at Española 12/18 (CR*).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW -- Small numbers reported including 1 near Navajo L. 1/15 (JP, LG), 1 on the Las Vegas CBC, 2 at Corrales 12/6 (T. Brownell, fide RBA) and 1/17 (CR), 1 on the Zuni CBC, 2 on the Bosque NWR CBC and 1 on 2/11 (SB), 5 on the Caballo CBC, and 3 at Rattlesnake Springs 12/30 (JP).

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW -- 1 adult at Flora Vista on 1/8-9 (TR, no details); 1 adult at a Santa Fe park 1/23 (Joe Healy, fide RBA) and 2/12 (SB*, sketch); in Albuquerque an immature at a feeder on 12/19 (Roger Hoppe*) and an adult at Kit Carson Park 1/15 (Jim Rini, Rebecca Gracey, fide RBA), 1/23 (JP*), and 2/12 (CR*, TB); 1 immature at Three-Gun Springs in the Sandia Mts. on 2/9 (Paul Pisano, fide RBA).

CORRIGENDUM:

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW -- Vol. 32, No. 4, page 62: the one by CR+ was seen on 10/17, not 11/17.

HARRIS' SPARROW -- 1 at Kirtland, San Juan Co., on 12/30 (GS***); an immature near Cochiti Pueblo 2/21 (CR*); 1 at Corrales on 1/28 (T. Brownell, fide RBA); and an immature at Bosque NWR 12/11 to 2/19 (JP*, v.o.).

LAPLAND LONGSPUR -- Noteworthy were 5 at Eagle Nest, Colfax Co., on 2/19 (CR) and 17 on the Las Vegas CBC.

CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR -- North of its winter ranger were 2 on the Las Vegas CBC.

EASTERN MEADOWLARK -- 2 on the Zuni CBC; 1 near Willard, Torrance Co., on 1/11 (JPH***, RWD).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- 1 near Farmington 2/18 (TR); 1 on the Albuquerque CBC was considered late (HS).

RUSTY BLACKBIRD -- Unusual: 6 at Percha SP 1/2 (BZ*, Jim Paton) was accepted by the BRC; 3 to 9 in the Rattlesnake Springs area on 12/30 (JP*), 1/10 (LG**), 1/22 (CR*, PRS) and 2/5 (CR, CS, EW).

COMMON GRACKLE -- A local first was 1 at Mangas Springs 12/8 (RF**); 575 on the Roswell CBC was a very high number.

SCOTT'S ORIOLE -- 1 male at Pancho Villa SP, Luna Co., on 1/4, was the 4th recent winter record there (SB).

ROSY-FINCH species -- A flock of circa 140 near Bobcat Pass at the Enchanted Forest Nordic Ski Area, e. of Red River in Taos Co., 2/26 contained mostly Brown-capped, 5 Black, and 2 Gray-crowned, including a possible littoralis (or Hepburn's) (BN, DE, CR*).

PINE GROSBEAK -- Unusual: at Tajique Canyon in the Manzano Mts., Torrance Co., 4 males on 12/21 and 2 males and a female on 1/16 (Jade deForest, fide HS). There were no reports from the Sandia Mts. (HS).

CASSIN'S FINCH and RED CROSSBILL -- Relatively numerous in the Jemez, Sangre de Cristo, and Sandia Mts. (v.o), but scarce elsewhere. Small numbers of both were in Mill Canyon of the Magdalena Mts. 1/23 (HS) while 2 Cassin's were on the Caballo CBC (BZ) and 1 on the Silver City CBC (RF) and 4 female crossbills were near Cloudcroft 2/19 (GE+). At the Bandelier NM on 2/11 CR felt that two subspecies of crossbills were present, because of bill shape differences (sketches*) of the 15 seen.

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL -- Unusual: 1 highly probable described as an immature near the top of Timber Mt. e. of Caballo L. 1/2 (EW+, details). Attempts to find the bird again failed (JP).

LESSER GOLDFINCH -- 2 near Santa Fe 12/1 (JPH, EE) and 1/1 (BF*) where they are uncommon in winter; a high count of 55 was on the Albuquerque CBC.

EVENING GROSBEAK -- Rather plentiful in and near the Jemez and Sangre de Cristo Mts., with 400 at Bandelier NM 2/11 (CR), but scarce elsewhere with only small numbers (4 on 12/26) at Farmington (TR) and singles on the Sandia Mts. CBC and on the Silver City CBC.

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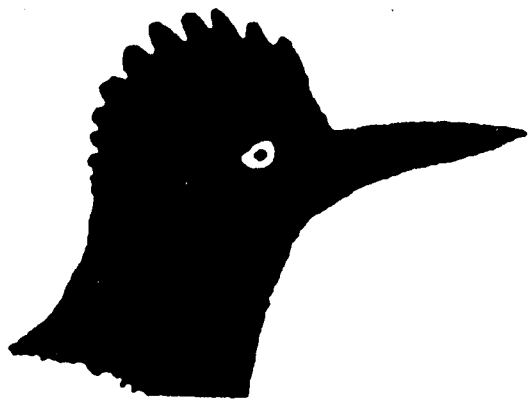
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