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## SUMMER 1994 HIGHLIGHTS

"Summer began drier and warmer than usual, mainly in the southern tier of counties. Wildfires were widespread. June rains in the eastern plains and scattered rains elsewhere by mid-July helped to restore at least some semblance of normalcy turning the country green." (SOW). There was evidence of early migration in July.

A notable summer with Reddish Egret, Tricolored Heron, White Ibis, Gray Hawk, White-eyed and Yellow-throated vireos, Blue-winged and Hooded warblers noted. Cassin's and Grasshopper sparrow numbers were good.

"Feeder watchers reported hummingbirds unusually abundant from July on, leading to speculations that dry conditions and lack of wildflowers concentrated them at feeders" (SOW).

Amazing to those who in the mid-century thought there were almost no Gray Flycatchers in the state, are the number and range of reports now being received. Whether they have increased or (as is more likely) more observers are in the field is unknown.

Note: The New Mexico Bird Records Committee was established in 1993, with Sartor O. Williams III as Secretary. Record evaluation was begun in 1994 by a committee of five Members. Some results have been published in the NMOS Bulletins, Volume 23, No. 4, pages 87-96 and Volume 24, No. 4, pages 59-68. Other records are still under review.

A rejection does not mean that the record wasn't believed, rather that there were not enough details and evidence submitted to support the sighting.

### Abbreviations Used

AFB - Air Force Base	R. - River
BBS - Breeding Bird Survey	RBA - Rare Bird Alert
CG - Campground	RGV - Rio Grande Valley
Co. - County	SP - State Park
EBL - Elephant Butte Lake	WMA - WildlifeManagementArea
IR - Indian Reservation	WSMR - WhiteSandsMissileRange
L. - Lake	v.o. - various observers
Mt(s) - Mountain (s)	+ - and others
N.M. - New Mexico	* - details given
NF - National Forest	** - photo or tape submitted
NM,NP - NationalMonument,Park	*** - specimen collected
NWR - Natl. Wildlife Refuge	

## PLACE NAMES AND THEIR COUNTIES

Albuquerque (Bernalillo)	Jornada Range (Doña Ana)
Animas Creek (Sierra)	La Joya WMA (Socorro)
Animas Mts., Valley (Hidalgo)	La Plata (San Juan)
Artesia (Eddy)	Ladder Ranch (Sierra)
Aztec (San Juan)	Laguna Grande (Eddy)
Belen (Valencia)	Lake Valley (Sierra)
Bernardo (Socorro)	Lakewood (Eddy)
Bitter Lake NWR (Chaves)	Las Cruces (Doña Ana)
Black Range (Sierra\Grant)	Las Vegas (San Miguel)
Bluewater Lake (Cibola)	Los Lunas (Valencia)
Boone's Draw (Roosevelt)	Los Ojos (Rio Arriba)
Bosque(del Apache)NWR (Socorro)	Luna (Catron)
Canjilon Lake (Rio Arriba)	Magdalena, Mts (Socorro)
Cedar Crest (Bernalillo)	Mangas Springs (Grant)
Cedar Hill (San Juan)	Maxwell NWR (Colfax)
Cliff (Hidalgo)	Mount Taylor (Cibola)
Cloudcroft (Otero)	Nageezi (San Juan)
Corona (Lincoln)	Ojo Sarco (Taos)
Counselor (Sandoval)	Pecos, NM (San Miguel)
Datil (Catron)	Peloncillo Mts. (Hidalgo)
Eagle Nest Lake (Colfax)	Piñon (Otero)
Elephant Butte L. (Sierra)	Pinos Altos Mts. (Grant)
Farley (Colfax)	Post Office Canyon (Hidalgo)
Fence Lake (Cibola)	Rattlesnake Springs (Eddy)
Fort Sumner (DeBaca)	Redrock (Grant)
Gallinas (San Miguel)	Reserve (Catron)
Gallinas Mts. (Lincoln)	Roberts Lake (Grant)
Gila River Valley (Grant)	Rosebud (Harding)
Glenwood (Catron)	Roswell (Chaves)
Grenville (Union)	Sabinoso (San Miguel)
Guadalupe Canyon (Hidalgo)	San Andres NWR (Doña Ana)
Guadalupe Mts. (Eddy)	San Marcial (Socorro)
Heron Lake (Rio Arriba)	Sandia Mts. (Bernalillo)
High Rolls (Otero)	Sedan (Harding/Union)
Hillsboro (Sierra)	Stinking(Burford)L. (Rio Arriba)
Hobbs (Lea)	Tijeras (Bernalillo)
Holloman Lake (Otero)	Zuni, Mts. (McKinley/Cibola)

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### SPECIES ACCOUNTS

EARED GREBE -- Breeding: estimated were 1200 active nests on 6/11 in two colonies at Stinking L. (DS); over 200 nests at two locations near Zuni in June and July (DC).

Aechmophorus grebes -- Western and Clark's were summering together on Morgan L., San Juan Co., 7/29 (TR), Springer L., Colfax Co., on 6/26 (SOW), and EBL on 6/5 (SW).

WESTERN GREBE -- Breeding: 3 or 4 nests at Stinking L. on 6/11 (DS);....3 near Zuni on Nutria L. 7/9 (DC\*\*); a high count of 48 on EBL 6/5 (SW); 1 found dead on 6/1 at the Laguna Grande was an local first record (SW+).

CLARK'S GREBE -- A high count of about 126 on EBL on 6/5 SW); 8 on Caballo L., Sierra Co., 6/5 (SW); 1 on Holloman L. on 7/16 (GE).

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT -- Breeding: 6 to 8 nests in a newly discovered heronry at Bosque NWR on 7/12 and 7/18 (DL, WH, WM);....3 were near Belen on 6/5 (WH).

Heron species -- Breeding: detected at Bosque NWR 7/12 was a heronry with about 50 pairs of Snowy Egrets, 10 pairs of Cattle Egrets, 2 to 6 pairs of Great Egrets, and 75 pairs of Black-crowned Night-Herons (DL, WH, WM). Near Artesia Snowy and Cattle egrets and Black-crowned Night-Herons had nests in a heronry on 7/4 (ML). A heronry at Laguna Grande was abandoned, though 15 to 20 Black-crowned Night-Heron pairs were seen at a previously unknown site nearby, which was also abandoned by August (SW, Scott Vail).

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- An adult was at Bosque NWR from 7/8 to 7/17 (JP, BN, DE, CS, CR, DC\*\*); 3 or 4 were in the middle RGV from San Marcial to EBL 6/25 and 7/12-13 (CB).

TRICOLORED HERON -- Unusual: 1 was at Bitter L. NWR from 6/10 to 6/12 (SMB+, few details).

REDDISH EGRET -- Unusual: A well documented first winter immature at Bitter L. NWR from 7/15 into September. (SN\*, SMB+), was the third N.M. record.

CATTLE EGRET -- 1 was seen on the Rodeo BBS, Hidalgo Co., on 6/4 (RS).

WHITE IBIS -- Unusual: An adult was feeding with 13 White-faced Ibis at Maxwell NWR on 7/24 (LS\*, John Schulte), for the second N.M. record this year.

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- Breeding: at Stinking L. 28 nests produced 30 young by 6/28 (DS); the fourth N.M. nesting locale of 4 to 6 adults and 2 nests with eggs was found on 7/18 at Bosque NWR (DL).

SNOW GOOSE -- 1 at Stinking L. on 7/14 was very late (WW, *fide* RBA).

WOOD DUCK -- Breeding: on 7/9 a female and 2 males with 3 ducklings were at the Isleta marsh, Bernalillo Co. (CR);....4 near Belen on 6/5 (WH).

REDHEAD -- Breeding: small numbers at three wetlands near Zuni including 3 broods from 6/7 to 7/9 (DC); a brood at Isleta marsh on 6/7, Bernalillo Co. (DM, JT).

LESSER SCAUP -- 5 were s. of Angel Fire, Colfax Co., on 6/18, but there was no evidence of breeding (CR).

OSPREY -- Breeding: the 2 nests in Rio Arriba Co. were successful with 4 young fledged (DS);....singles were at Los Ojos 7/21 (WM), in the Zuni Mts. 6/16 (HS), on the Gila R. near Cliff 7/15 (RF) and at Redrock 6/1 (SOW).

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- Singles were in the RGV at Corrales, Sandoval Co., 6/12 (JP), n. of Los Lunas 6/25 (DM), and at Mesilla Park, Doña Ana Co., 7/15 (Craig Benkman, *fide* CS).

BALD EAGLE -- Breeding: by June the two known nests were successful with 2 young fledged in Colfax Co. and 1 young fledged in Sierra Co. (v.o.).

NORTHERN HARRIER -- Apparently summering were singles at Springer, Colfax Co., and Fort Sumner 6/2 (SOW); and at Lakewood 6/14 (WH). 4 were near Roswell on 6/15 (WH, SN); early was 1 at Morgan L., San Juan Co., 7/24 (TR) and 2 on the Jornada Range 7/13 and 7/28 (CS).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK -- Breeding: a nest in Barro Canyon, Sandia Mts., at 7600 feet, fledged 3 on July 21 (HS).

COOPER'S HAWK -- Breeding: a nest at the Retherford WMA at Bloomfield, San Juan Co., on 7/22 with 1 young (TR).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- Singles were found in the Sangre de Cristo Mts. 7/26 (WM), in the Sandia Mts. on 7/26 (WH+), Magdalena Mts. on 6/23 (CB), Black Range on 6/13 (Paul Boucher), and in the Gallinas Mts. 6/17 (SOW). Reported to have done poorly in Grant Co. with 20 monitored territories all failing (*fide* RF).

COMMON BLACK-HAWK - Breeding: in the southwest in mature riparian forests 35 territories were located in the San Francisco and Gila R. drainages, Grant and Catron Cos. Of 15 monitored nests 87% were successful (Roger Skaggs, WM). A nest with young found on the Ladder Ranch on 7/8 (CB+) was a Sierra Co. first.

HARRIS' HAWK -- Breeding: production seemingly "crashed" in its Eddy Co. stronghold. Only 2 monitored nests produced young (Douglas Lynn). Dry conditions causing greatly reduced prey populations were believed to be the reason.

GRAY HAWK -- Unusual: a first year bird molting into adult plumage was in the s. Animas Valley 7/22 (JP\*, CS\*, CR\*).

SWAINSON'S HAWK -- Unexpected on 6/1 was a congregation of 47 on the Jornada Range, apparently feeding on cicadas (CS). Another group of 29 was in one field at Bosque, Valencia Co., on 7/9 (CR).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK -- Breeding: a nest near Abbott, Colfax County, on 6/23 fledged 2 young (HS).

MERLIN -- 1 possible at Nutria L. near Zuni 7/5 (WM, no details). There are no verified summer records (SOW).

BLUE GROUSE -- Breeding: a hen with 5 young in Comales Canyon south of Placitas, Taos Co., on 7/8 (CR).

WILD TURKEY -- Breeding: circa 20 in the Mount Taylor vicinity on 7/10, including 15 half-grown young (JPH).

MONTEZUMA QUAIL -- 2 separate pairs along Animas Creek on the Ladder Ranch on 7/11 and 7/17 (CB).

NORTHERN BOBWHITE -- 1 n. of Ute L. in Harding Co. on 6/3 (SOW). 10 on the Bitter L. BBS on 6/15 (WH, SN).

SCALED QUAIL -- Numbers were up on the Jornada Range (CS).

VIRGINIA RAIL -- Breeding: adults with chicks and 5 nests were found at Stinking L. 6/12-13 (WH, DS); at Bosque NWR 6/4 (CS) and 7/13 (WH, DL); at Mangas Springs 6/12 (RF); and at Bitter L. NWR 6/16 (SMB);...present at Monastery L. near Pecos on 7/7 (WM); 30 seen at once in a drying ditch on 7/2 at Bosque NWR was a high number (JP).

COMMON MOORHEN -- Breeding: at least 1 young was at Bosque NWR on 7/9 (CR).

SANDHILL CRANE -- 1 flying near Los Lunas on 6/5 (WH), provided one of the state's few summer records.

SNOWY PLOVER -- Breeding: much in evidence at Holloman L. in June and July with a high of 92, including at least 12 young, on 7/16 (GE, SW, CS, TF);...2 at the WSMR, Otero Co., on 6/3 were in a new locale (David Holdermann); 56 were at the usual Laguna Grande areas on 6/11, while 200, with several young, were in an area previously unsurveyed there on 7/9 (SW, Scott Vail).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- Breeding: an adult with 1 tiny chick was s. of Abbott, Colfax Co., 6/21 (HS):...2 near Raton, Colfax Co., 6/4 (KM); 4 on the Farley BBS 6/8 (GF); 3 on the Grenville BBS on 6/11 (Ken Seyffert); while far west were 2 e. of Fence L. 6/2 (DC\*\*) and 2 on the Datil BBS 6/9 (Lisa Ellis). Unusually early were 30 at the Los Lunas turf farm on 7/8 (JRP, *fide* RBA).

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- Breeding: nests and young reported at Holloman L. 6/17 (GE) and at Bitter L. NWR 6/14 (SOW);...1 was in the Belen area 6/5 (WH) and 2 on 6/18 (DM).

AMERICAN AVOCET -- Breeding: reported at the Ojo Amarillo sewage ponds, San Juan Co., 7/24 (TR+), at Stinking L. on 6/11 (DS), s. of Abbott, Colfax Co., on 6/1 and 6/24 (HS), and at Holloman L. 7/16 (GE);...2 near Artesia on 7/4 (ML); 1 on the Caprock BBS 6/16 (SOW).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- 1 at the Ojo Amarillo sewage ponds, San

Juan Co. 7/29 (TR+); 1 at the La Joya WMA 7/16 (JP).

WILLET -- Singles at Bosque NWR on 7/9 (CS, CR) and 7/16 (JP), and at EBL 6/5 (SW).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- 1 was in an atypical habitat 7/30 in Post Office Canyon in the Peloncillo Mts. (RS). [It's interesting to note that 1 was on the desert road near Portal, Arizona, on May 5, 1985 (PRS, CR, B. Hansen)].

WHIMBREL -- Unusual: 1 at Holloman L. 6/4-5 (CB\*).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- June reports from 12 northeast areas from Colfax and Union Cos. south to DeBaca and Roosevelt Cos. (v.o). High counts of 12 on both the Sedan BBS (KM) and Rosebud BBS (WM) on 6/5.

MARbled GODWIT -- 1 at Holloman L. on 7/7 (GE\*).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- A remarkable 16 to 28 counted east of Elida at Red L., Roosevelt Co, on 6/2 to 6/4 (CB, JP\*); 1 to 4 from 6/4 to 6/7 at Holloman L. (CB, GE).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- 1 at Stinking L. 7/14 (WW, *fide* RBA); 1 at Holloman L. 7/16 to 7/31 (EW, TF, both *fide* CS); 3 in the Laguna Grande area on 7/9 (SW+).

DUNLIN -- 1 in breeding plumage at Red L. near Elida, Roosevelt Co., on 6/4 (JP) was very late.

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER -- Unusual: 1 at Bitter L. NWR 6/11 to 6/13 (SN+, SW\*\*).

STILT SANDPIPER -- 1 in breeding plumage at Bitter L. NWR on 6/14 (WH).

COMMON SNIPE -- 2 winnowing snipe were at Canjilon L. on 6/18 (JP) and at Los Ojos on 7/9, in Rio Arriba Co. (PRS+).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- Breeding: nested for the second consecutive year near Zuni. 6 adults and a nest with 4 eggs were found on 6/17 (SA\*\*, J.Trochet+);...not breeding but unusually abundant at Holloman L., increased from 200 on 6/17 to 500 on 7/7 and 7/16 (GE) and 600 on 7/31 (CS, EW).

CALIFORNIA GULL -- Several adults at Stinking L. 6/12 (WH); 10 Heron L. 7/9 (PRS); 2 adults at Las Vegas NWR 7/24 (WH); 2 at Eagle Nest L. 6/3 (PS); 1 at EBL 7/9 (BN+, DE, CS).

GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL -- Unusual: 1 immature at EBL since at least 4/16 was still present 7/30 (JP, LG\*\*, BN\*) for the second well-documented N.M. record. It may not have been well as it



seemed to be flying poorly (DE).

FORSTER'S TERN -- 1 at Bitter L. NWR 6/13 (SW) was the only June report.

LEAST TERN -- Breeding: 4 pairs nested at Bitter L. NWR in June, down from 7 pairs in 1993. At least 4 young were fledged by 7/27 (SN+, SOW).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON -- Relatively numerous in the southwest and south-central mountains, but few were reported in northern areas (v.o.). High counts of 50 at Hillsboro 6/9 (GE) and 40 on the Mescalero IR, Otero Co., 7/14 (SW+).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- Having apparently established secure beachheads north to Albuquerque and Roswell, they continued to show signs of expansion, including s. of Fort Sumner on 6/2 (SOW), up into the Sacramento Mts. at High Rolls (LS) and Piñon 6/14 (WH), and the Guadalupe Mts. near Queen (SW).

INCA DOVE -- 1 at Truth or Consequences, Sierra Co., on 7/16 (JP).

COMMON GROUND-DOVE -- 1 on 7/8 at Gallina Springs on Palomas Creek of the Ladder Ranch (CB\*) was a new Sierra Co. locality.

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- 1 was s. of Aztec on 7/8 (AH). They were reported in 17 areas from Glenwood, Bernardo, and Fort Sumner south (v.o.), with high counts of 9 near Cliff 7/29 (SOW) and 8 at Rattlesnake Springs on 6/8 (SW).

BARN OWL -- Breeding: a nest being incubated by an adult on Perico Creek near Clayton, Union Co., on 6/23 (HS).

NORTHERN PYGMY-OWL -- Present on the San Francisco R. near Luna 6/10 (WM); 4 at the Gila Cliff Dwellings NM, Catron Co., on 7/23 (Paul McConnell); 1 calling on Animas Creek on the Ladder Ranch on 7/11 (CB).

ELF OWL -- Far from its usual range was 1 at Mockingbird Gap in the n. San Andres Mts., e. Socorro Co., where it appeared at home in a telephone pole amid scrub of the Chihuahuan desert (D. Holdermann). Other singles were at Animas Creek on 6/4 (CS, TF) and 6/24 (JP) and at Percha Creek near Hillsboro on 6/25 (Karen Copeland-Williams).

SPOTTED OWL -- A pair and 2 dead young near Zuni on 7/3 (DC); a pair in the Magdalena Mts. on 6/23 (CE); 2 in the Pinos Altos Mts. on 6/8 (DM); and 1 in the Black Range on 7/30 (JP).

LONG-EARED OWL -- 1 in Fillmore Canyon in the Organ Mts. near Las Cruces on 7/6 (GE).

LESSER NIGHTHAWK -- 100+ at La Joya WMA 7/12 (WH); 2 n. Bitter L. NWR 6/15 were a bit north of its range (WH\*, SN).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK -- Breeding: a local first was several nests in the Doña Ana Mts., Doña Ana Co. (*fide* CS).

BLACK SWIFT -- Breeding: at least 1 nest was occupied at Jemez Falls, Sandoval Co., on 7/9 (JP);....intriguing were 2 over Otero Canyon in the Manzanito Mts. near Cedro in Bernalillo Co., on 7/29 (HS\*).

CHIMNEY SWIFT -- 5 at Tucumcari L., Quay Co, 7/3 (JP).

BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 female at Mangas Springs 7/9-13 was north of its range and a local first (RF\*\*).

WHITE-EARED HUMMINGBIRD -- Unusual: a male and a female in the Manzano Mts. 13 miles se. of Tijeras in Bernalillo Co. from 7/1 to 8/16 (Joan Day-Martin\*\*).

LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD -- Up to 8 in Post Office Canyon in June and July (RS); a female in Guadalupe Canyon 6/9 was unexpected (SOW).

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 female at Mangas Springs on 7/3 (RF). Also seen in Post Office Canyon in June and July (RS), including 4 on 7/23 (JP, CS, CR); 1 singing in Skeleton Canyon on 7/23 (JP, CS, CR).

COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 or 2 in Post Office Canyon on 6/13 and in late July (RS). Seen 7/22 by JP\*, CR\*, CS.

CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD -- The earliest arrival at Mangas Springs was a male on 7/9 (RF).

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD -- The earliest arrival was 1 in Los Alamos on 6/29 (PRS). Others arrived on 7/3 at Mangas Springs (RF); 7/4 at Zuni (DC) and Las Cruces (GE); 7/5 at Cedar Crest (PS); 7/7 at Pecos NM (WM); and on 7/8 at La Junta Canyon, Taos Co. (CR) and in Albuquerque (WH).

ELEGANT TROGON -- Away from the Peloncillo Mts. was a lone male in the n. Black Range, Sierra Co., on 7/23 (Peter Stacey\*), the second report in these mountains in two years.

BELTED KINGFISHER -- Breeding: an adult was feeding 2 juveniles in the Zuni Mts. 7/16 (DC).

LEWIS' WOODPECKER -- Breeding: a nest at Monastery L. near Pecos on 7/7 (WM);....single pairs were south of their range near Los Lunas on 6/25 (DM) and at Willie Chavez SP at Belen throughout

June (DM, WH).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- 6 at Fort Sumner on 6/2 (SOW); 4 at Boone's Draw near Portales on 6/2 (CE).

ACORN WOODPECKER -- Near the northern range limit were 3 near McGaffey, McKinley Co., on 7/11 (SC, NC); 3 in the Mount Taylor area on 7/16 (CR).

GILA WOODPECKER -- Notably scarce in the Gila/Cliff area (RF), where 1 on 7/29 (SOW) was the only report. In the Animas Valley 3 were at Double Adobe on 6/8 (SOW) and 1 at the X-T Bottoms 7/22 (CS, JP, CR).

RED-NAPED SAPSUCKER -- Breeding: 2 nests on 6/19 on Trout and Romero Creeks nw. of Luna, and 1 nest on 6/13 on the San Francisco R. near Luna (WM).

DOWNY WOODPECKER -- Breeding: an adult feeding nestlings near Piñon 6/14 (WH) was the southernmost breeding record in the Sacramento Mts.;.....5 were south of their range near Belen on 6/5 (WH).

HAIRY WOODPECKER -- Breeding: a female feeding young in the Gallinas Mts. near Corona on 6/17 (SOW).

STRICKLAND'S WOODPECKER -- 2 pairs at Indian Creek in the Animas Mts. on 6/8 (SOW).

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER -- A female was feeding an adult plumaged bird (apparently a young bird) on the Winsor Trail just above the Santa Fe Ski Basin 7/24 (DM); 2 at Jemez Falls in the Jemez Mts., Sandoval Co., on 7/9 (JP); 1 w. of Luna 6/13 (WM) in an area where rarely reported.

GREATER PEWEE -- 1 singing at Dry Blue Creek, w. Catron Co., on 6/11 (WM) was a new and northerly locale.

WILLOW FLYCATCHER -- Formal surveys from 6/10 to 7/22 located about 52 territories in 7 general areas (v.o.).

DUSKY FLYCATCHER -- 1 near Reserve 6/10 was late (DM).

GRAY FLYCATCHER -- In San Juan Co. 1 at Cedar Hill 6/15 and 1 between Aztec and La Plata at 6315 feet 6/22 (TR); 1 on the La Plata BBS 6/4 (DC); 1 on the Ojo Sarco BBS 6/14 (JT); singing at Mount Taylor on 7/16 (CR); 10 on the Pecos BBS 6/9 (CR); 1 s. of Chilili, Torrance Co., 6/3 (CR); 1 on the Reserve BBS 6/10 (DM); 1 on Dry Blue Creek, Catron Co. 6/11 (WM); singles on the Ladder Ranch on Palomas and Animas Creeks on 7/8 and 7/11 (CB); 3 near Piñon 6/14 (WH) provided the first summer record for the s. Sacramento Mts; 1 in the Gallinas Mts. near Corona 6/18 (SOW); 1

calling on the ridge above Big Canyon in the s. Guadalupe Mts.  
6/16 (SW, Tom Hines).

CORDILLERAN FLYCATCHER -- Breeding: nests at Black Canyon near Santa Fe on 7/8 (WM); at High Rolls in June (LS); and at the Red Cloud CG, Gallinas Mts., 6/18 (SOW).

BLACK PHOEBE -- 1 on the Animas R. at Cedar Hill 7/29-30 was north of its range (AH); 1 on the Pecos BBS 6/9 (CR).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- Single males on the San Andres NWR 7/5 (MW) and at Salt Creek of Bitter L. NWR 6/15 (WH, SN).

DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER -- Unprecedented were 3 seen and heard east of its range at Animas Creek on the Ladder Ranch, on 7/10 (CB).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER -- Breeding: adults were feeding a fledgling at Heron L. on 7/9 (PRS, P.Insley+); nesting at Mangas Springs (RF).

BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER -- After the spring discovery in the Rio Grande drainage on Animas Creek, additional work indicated they were unexpectedly numerous in the Sierra Co. area, with an apparent nest 6/19 (Al Eisner), 13 birds elsewhere on Animas Creek (CB, v.o.), 2 pairs on Palomas Creek, on 7/10-11 (CB), and 1 at Percha SP on 7/9 (BN, DE+). In their normal range w. of the Continental Divide, they were reported at 8 locales from Glenwood (B. McKnight) south to Guadalupe Canyon (SOW, v.o.).

THICK-BILLED KINGBIRD -- A pair at Double Adobe on 6/8 (SOW), the first recorded for that Animas Valley site.

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- Singles wandered to Zuni 6/4 (*fide* SA) and s. of Wagon Mound, Mora Co., on 7/25 (Linda Mowbray, *fide* RBA); high counts were 21 near Hobbs on 6/3 (CB) and 19 near Jal, Lea Co., 6/25 (GS).

PURPLE MARTIN -- Breeding: nesting in the Zuni Mts. near Rice Park, Cibola Co. 7/19 (HS), 3 pairs in the Tularosa Mts., Catron Co., 6/28 (SOW), and 3 pairs s. of Gila Hot Springs, Grant Co., 6/23 (SOW);...3 near Zuni 6/6 (DC); 1 over Bluewater L., 6/16 (PS); 3 at Mt. Taylor 6/17 (BW); 1 at Canjilon L. 6/18 (JP); 1 near Gallinas 6/4 (CR); 4 on the Fence L. BBS 6/1 (DC); 1 at Bill Knight Gap n. of Luna on 6/29 (SOW); 8 on the Reserve BBS 6/10 (DM); 1 on 6/27 at Roberts L. 6/27 (TB) and 2 on 7/25 (RF); 2 at Lookout Mt. in the Black Range, Sierra Co., 6/11 (JP, LG); 1 at the Iron Creek CG, Grant Co., 7/30 (JP); and 3 on the Cloudcroft BBS 6/24 (CR).

TREE SWALLOW -- 2 near Rice Park in the Zuni Mts., Cibola Co., on 7/7 was a new locality (HS).

BANK SWALLOW -- Breeding: about 10 pairs at the colony at San Juan Pueblo, Rio Arriba Co., on 6/7 (JPH, EE). 150 burrows were active at a nw. Albuquerque colony in June to mid-July (WH).

CAVE SWALLOW -- Having recently colonized Doña Ana Co., an estimated 30 were feeding over alfalfa fields near Mesquite on 6/6 (SW).

PINYON JAY -- Breeding: young in Santa Fe 6/23 to 7/13, with a high count of about 200 on 7/7 (JPH, EE).

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER -- Breeding: 1 begging juvenile in the Zuni Mts. on 7/16 (DC);....4 on the Reserve BBS 6/10 (DM).

AMERICAN CROW -- Breeding: feeding 2 juveniles near Cliff on 7/29 (SOW);....continued to press east, with 3 each on the Sedan BBS 6/5 (KM) and Variadero BBS, San Miguel Co., 6/22 (CR); 1 at Ute Creek in Harding Co. 6/3 (SOW). 2 at Piñon on 6/14 (WH) were at the s. edge of its range.

CHIHUAHUAN RAVEN -- Breeding: An adult with 3 fledglings s. of Rio Rancho on 7/31 (WH) provided further nesting evidence in Bernalillo Co.

COMMON RAVEN -- 1 Bitter L. NWR 6/15 was unexpected (WH\*).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE -- A report of 7 near McGaffey on 6/11 (SC, NC, no details) may be a first for the Zuni Mts.

BRIDLED TITMOUSE -- Noted as being common on the Ladder Ranch in July in all riparian areas with at least 5 on 7/11 on Animas Creek (CB), east of their range.

VERDIN -- Breeding: -- feeding fledglings on Percha Creek near Hillsboro on 6/25 (K. Copeland-Williams); a nest at Bosque NWR on 7/12 (WH) with 3 juveniles seen 7/13 (GE).

BUSHTIT -- Breeding: juveniles in Santa Fe 6/12 (JPH, EE).

CACTUS WREN -- Continued northward expansion was evidenced by 2 n. of Ute L. in Harding Co. 6/3 (SOW), 2 on 6/22 on the Variadero BBS, San Miguel Co. (CR), and 3 e. of Corona on 6/15 (DM).

CAROLINA WREN -- Unusual: 1 reported in spring at Fort Sumner was still present on 6/4 (JP, LG).

MARSH WREN -- Breeding: the colony discovered in 1992 at Stinking L. continued to grow, with a record 30 nests containing eggs or young on 6/11 (DS).

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER -- Surveys found small numbers throughout the arroyos and slopes at the base of the San Andres Mts. (MW); 4 at the San Simon Cienega, Hidalgo Co., on 7/22 (JP, CR, CS); 1 female at Cass Draw near Loving on 6/8 (SW\*) was about the twelfth Eddy Co. record.

EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- 1 on the Gila R. near Cliff 7/29 (SOW).

WESTERN BLUEBIRD -- A pair in the Animas Mts. 6/8 (SOW).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- 6 between Lianito Frio CG and Comales CG s. of Placitas, Taos Co., on 7/8 (CR, no details).

VEERY -- 2 were on the Rio Pueblo s. of Placitas, Taos Co., 6/14 (JT) and 7/8 (CR), where breeding has long been suspected.

HERMIT THRUSH -- 1 at Goat Mt. in June (MW) was noteworthy for the San Andres Mts., Doña Ana Co.

GRAY CATBIRD -- Breeding: 2 adults found scolding near an empty nest at San Marcial on 7/14 (WH, WM) was possibly the most southern breeding evidence yet in the RGV; also in the RGV were 2 or 3 at Corrales, Sandoval Co., on 6/15 (JO) and 4 on 7/25 (TB); 1 on 6/5 at Albuquerque (DM); 2 at the Isleta marsh, Bernalillo Co., on 7/16 (JO); 5 on the Belen BBS 6/5 (WH); 3 at the Bosque bridge, Valencia Co., 7/9 (CR); 3 on the Laborcita BBS, Socorro Co., 6/5 (NC, SC). 1 was in Cimarron Canyon, Colfax Co., on 6/13 (RG, JR, *fide* RBA).

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD -- Had an excellent year, reported as "common" to "extremely abundant" in most areas (v.o.).

BENDIRE'S THRASHER -- 6 to 8 near Kirtland, San Juan Co., on 7/24 (TR\*); 1 near Corona 6/18 (SOW) at the e. limit of its range.

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER -- 1 seen carrying food at Santa Fe on 6/13 and 6/17 may have indicated breeding (JPH, EE); 1 on the Logan BBS in Harding Co. on 6/3 (SOW).

CEDAR WAXWING -- 1 near Lyden, Rio Arriba Co. on 6/7 (JPH), unexpected in summer.

PHAINOPEPLA -- Breeding: a nest at Bosque NWR fledged 3 on 7/12 (DL, *fide* WH);...singles at Tijeras 7/14 (Tamie Bulow\*), La Joya WMA 7/12 (WH), Lake Valley BBS 6/16 (GS), and Vick's Peak BBS, Socorro Co., 6/24 (GS); 7 on the Rio Salado n. of Magdalena 7/6 and 7/8 (JRP). Easterly and at high elevation were singles at Piñon on 6/14 (WH) and the Guadalupe Mts. 6/29 (SW). 60 was a high count on 6/8-9 for Guadalupe Canyon (SOW).

WHITE-EYED VIREO -- Unusual: singing singles were seen near Aztec 7/13 (AH), in the Corrales bosque, Sandoval Co., on 6/11 (CB\*) and 6/13 (JP\*, LG) and at Roswell on 6/27 (SMB\*).

BELL'S VIREO -- Breeding: 2 nests at Rattlesnake Springs produced only cowbirds (SW);....north in the RGV with 2 singing n. of San Marcial (CB, *fide* WH) and 1 singing n. of Socorro, Socorro Co., on 6/19 (CB).

GRAY VIREO -- Breeding: searches in the San Andres Mts. found 6 singing males or pairs in June and July, including a nest (MW); on Kirtland AFB near Albuquerque from 6/26 to 7/5, with 2 family groups of fledglings seen (CB);....1 singing in the Ortiz Mts., Santa Fe Co., in June (Lawry Sager\*); a possible at Aguirre Springs, Doña Ana Co., on 7/13 (GE\*).

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO -- Unusual: persisted in the RGV with 1 singing n. of Bernardo on 6/5 (WH, good\*); 1 was singing near San Acacia, Socorro Co., 6/17 (CB\*).

HUTTON'S VIREO -- 1 in Sawmill Canyon of the Magdalena Mts. on 6/29 was northeast of its range (HS\*).

RED-EYED VIREO -- Singles at Boone's Draw on 6/4 (JP\*, LG) and Los Lunas on 6/25 (DM).

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 near Belen 6/5 (WH\*); 1 singing at Trout Creek near Luna on 6/14 (WM\*\*).

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER -- Breeding: an adult feeding young in the Pinos Altos Mts. on 7/18 (RF) and near Las Cruces at Dripping Springs on 7/8 (CS);....1 was singing at San Luis Pass, Hidalgo Co., on 6/6 (SOW).

LUCY'S WARBLER -- Breeding: 2 adults "apparently with fledglings" n. of Bernardo on 6/5 was the northernmost breeding evidence for the RGV (WH);....1 was east of its range at Rattlesnake Springs on 6/3 (CB).

NORTHERN PARULA -- 1 singing s. of Socorro, Socorro Co., 6/22 (CB); 1 singing male near the Gila Cliff Dwellings at the Heart Bar WMA, Catron Co., on 6/11 (WW\*).

YELLOW WARBLER -- 2 singing on 7/14 at San Marcial were the only apparent breeders in the middle RGV south of Isleta marsh in s. Bernalillo Co. (WH, DL, CB); they were common in the area in the 1950's and 1960's.

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- 1 was singing at Albuquerque on 6/14 (CB); 1 was in the Pinos Altos Mts. on 7/18 (RF).

OVENBIRD -- 1 heard singing 6/7 along the Pecos R. near Artesia

(ML\*).

KENTUCKY WARBLER -- 1 at Boone's Draw on 6/2 (CB\*).

HOODED WARBLER -- Unusual: A male singing on 6/28 at the Gila Cliff Dwellings NM, Catron Co., (WW\*), a female 7/23 to 8/1 (RF\*, DC\*\*, P. McConnell+, good\*), and a pair 8/4 (Alan Craig, Narca Moore-Craig). No young were seen, but breeding was suspected.

PAINTED REDSTART -- 1 singing in Sawmill Canyon in the Magdalena Mts. on 6/29 (HS).

HEPATIC TANAGER -- 6 on the Mt. Taylor BBS on 6/17 (BW); 2 on the Carrizozo BBS, Lincoln Co., 6/17 (SOW).

SUMMER TANAGER -- A pair at Bloomfield, San Juan Co., 6/19 to 7/22 (TR); 1 on the Sabinoso BBS 6/17 (CR).

NORTHERN CARDINAL -- Breeding: a nest on 6/7 at Rattlesnake Springs (SW);....1 was w. of Roswell 6/15 (SOW).

LAZULI BUNTING -- 2 or 3 at Zuni 7/1, 7/8, and 7/20 (DC); 1 near Alma, Catron Co., 6/30 (Barbara and Steve Rothman\*).

LAZULI X INDIGO BUNTING -- an apparent hybrid male was at High Rolls 5/25 to 7/31 (LS\*\*).

INDIGO BUNTING -- A high count of 15 on the Belen BBS on 6/5 (WH); single males e. of Mineral Hill, San Miguel Co., on 6/4 (CR), in the Gallinas Mts. near Corona 6/18 (SOW), and near Redrock on 6/1 (SOW).

VARIED BUNTING -- Present at four Guadalupe Canyon sites, including a pair carrying food on 6/9 (SOW).

PAINTED BUNTING -- Evidence of its occupying the RGV was a singing male at Socorro, Socorro Co, on 6/20 (CB), a pair s. of Hatch, Doña Ana Co., on 6/5 (SW), and a male on the Jornada Range on 7/17 (R. Dunlap, *fide* CS).

DICKCISSEL -- 4 to 8 at the Maxwell NWR 6/19 to 7/24 (JR, RG, WH, LS), 1 near the Las Vegas NWR 7/24 (WH), and 3 s. of Fort Sumner on 6/4 (JP, LG); 1 singing in an alfalfa field s. of La Plata on 6/4 was far nw. of its range (DC).

ABERT'S TOWHEE -- High counts were 3 pairs in the Lower Gila R. Box Canyon, Grant Co., 7/15 to 7/17 (WM) and 6 at the San Simon Cienega, Hidalgo Co., on 7/22 (JP, CS, CR).

BOTTERI'S SPARROW -- Returned to the Animas Valley for the fourth consecutive year, with 1 on 7/1 (TB) and 3 to 5 on 7/22



(JP, CS, CR).

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- Breeding: 2 fledged young near Boone's Draw on 6/4 (LG);....did especially well in their eastern strongholds, where 10 BBS's averaged 155 each, but numbers in the dry southwest were lower than usual (SOW). High BBS counts were 210 at Roswell 6/15 (SOW), 197 on the Bitter L. NWR 6/15 (WH, SN), and 240 at Lakewood 6/13 (SW). In the northwestern BBS counts: 3 on the Nageezi 6/20 (GS), 1 6/21 on the Counselor (GS), 2 on the La Cienega, Santa Fe Co., 6/11 (JT), 3 on the Cerro Verde near Laguna, Cibola Co., 6/18 (GF), 10 on the Valencia 6/4 (HS), and 1 on the Datil 6/9 (L. Ellis). 20+ were near Zuni on 7/19 (DC); 2 on the Rio Salado n. of Magdalena on 7/6 (JRP).

CHIPPING SPARROW -- Early migrants were 2 at San Marcial on 7/14 (WH) and 1 banded at Dripping Springs near Las Cruces on 7/8 (CS).

BREWER'S SPARROW -- Unusually east in range near Farley on 6/8 (GF).

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW -- 4 on the Pastura BBS, Guadalupe Co., on 6/1 (CB); 1 at White Oaks, Lincoln Co., on 6/17 (SOW); 2 on the Piñon BBS 6/14 (WH); several on the San Andres NWR in June and July (MW, WH).

LARK SPARROW -- Early migrants were at Mangas Springs by mid-July (RF).

BLACK-THROATED SPARROW -- 3 on the La Cienega BBS, Santa Fe Co., on 6/11 (JT); 1 on the Variadero BBS, San Miguel Co., on 6/22 (CR).

LARK BUNTING -- Southwest of the normal breeding range were 4 e. of Corona on 6/14 (DM); 2 males at the Los Lunas turf farm on 7/8 were early (JRP, *fide* RBA).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- Made a good showing in the east, with 1 to 9 at 13 locales from Maxwell, Farley, and Grenville south to Pastura in Guadalupe Co., Fort Sumner, and Hobbs (v.o.).

SONG SPARROW -- 3 to 4 summered on Bluewater Creek, Cibola Co., in the Zuni Mts. 6/16 to 7/21 (HS).

BOBOLINK -- An apparent female was at Bosque NWR on 7/13 (WH\*, DL, WM).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK -- At the northern fringes of their range were 2 near Mt. Taylor on 6/17 (BW), 1 singing in Harding Co. w. of Logan on 6/3 (SOW), and 7 with 144 Westerns near Rosebud on 6/5 (WM).

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD -- Southerly were 25 on the Cloudcroft BBS on 6/24 (CR).

COMMON GRACKLE -- Farther west than normal were 3 at Aztec on 6/1 (TR), 5 near Farmington, San Juan Co., on 7/24 (TR), and a pair near Cliff on 7/29 (SOW).

BRONZED COWBIRD -- 1 male at a Truth or Consequences park, Sierra Co, 6/25 (JP); a pair in Silver City, Grant Co., in early June (EL); 1 male on the Ladder Ranch on 7/8 (CB).

ORCHARD ORIOLE -- 3 males at Lakewood on 6/14 (WH) were at their northern limit in the Pecos Valley.

SCOTT'S ORIOLE -- Northerly BBS totals were 1 on the La Plata 6/4 (DC), 2 on the Counselor 6/21 (GS), 1 on the La Cienega BBS, Santa Fe Co., on 6/11 (JT), and 2 on the Sabinoso 6/17 (CR). A high count was 17 on the Redrock BBS on 6/1 (SOW).

PINE GROSBEAK -- A pair were in the n. San Juan Mts. e. of Chama, Rio Arriba Co., on 7/15 (CR); reported at Black Canyon at Hyde SP near Santa Fe on 7/8 (WM).

CASSIN'S FINCH -- Small numbers in the n. highlands (v.o) and Sandia Mts. (PS); 5 at Cedar Hill on 6/15 (TR).

RED CROSSBILL -- Small numbers in the n. highlands (v.o) and Sandia Mts. (WH, PS); 6 at Cedar Hill 6/15 (TR). 6 at Mt. Taylor on 6/17 (BW) and 22 on 6/24 at Cloudcroft (CR).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- A female on 6/19 at Bloomfield, San Juan Co., with a male on 7/22 (TR\*\*); singles on the Belen BBS on 6/5 (WH) and the Lake Valley BBS on 6/16 (GS).

EVENING GROSBEAK -- South in range were 1 near Reserve 6/10 (DM), 2 pairs but no fledglings in the Pinos Altos Mts. through mid-June (RF), and 1 near Cloudcroft on 6/24 CR).

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