

***New Mexico
Ornithological Society
Field Notes***

Volume 33, No. 4
August 1 to November 30, 1994

Editor: Patricia R. Snider

Editorial Advisor:
Sartor O. Williams III

Report Sightings to Dr. Sartor O. Williams III
New Mexico Bird Records committee
65 Verano Loop, Santa Fe, NM 87505

Fall 1994 Highlights

A warm, dry fall saw good water bird and passerine migration. In the south grassland birds generated much excitement. Montane species, such as jays, woodpeckers, nuthatches, and chickadees, staged lowland incursions, but Cardueline finches were unusually scarce or badly under-reported. Arid conditions in the mountains seem to have driven some birds into towns for food.

Unusual reports included Red-throated Loon, Brown Pelican, Reddish Egret, Eurasian Wigeon, White-winged and Surf scoters, Red Phalarope, possibly all three jaegers, Laughing, Mew, and Glaucous-winged gulls, Black-billed Cuckoo, Groove-billed Ani, White-eared and Ruby-throated hummingbirds, Red-breasted Sapsucker, Acadian Flycatcher, Carolina Wren, Rufous-backed Robin, various warblers, Scarlet Tanager, and Purple Finch.

Abbreviations Used:

Co. - County	RGNC - RioGrandeNatureCenter
EBL - Elephant Butte L.	RGV - Rio Grande Valley
L. - Lake	SP - State Park
HWI - HawkWatch International	v.o. - various observers
Mt(s) - Mountain(s)	WMA - WildlifeManagementArea
NM - National Monument	+ - and others
NP - National Park	* - details given
NWR - Natl. Wildlife Refuge	** - photo and/or tape
RBA - Rare Bird Alert	*** - specimen collected

PLACE NAMES AND THEIR COUNTIES

Albuquerque (Bernalillo)	Farmington, Lake (San Juan)
Artesia (Eddy)	Heron Lake SP (Rio Arriba)
Avalon Lake (Eddy)	Holloman Lake (Otero)
Bill Evans Lake (Grant)	Isleta marsh (Bernalillo)
Bitter Lake NWR (Chaves)	Jemez Mts., Falls (Sandoval)
Black Range (Sierra/Grant)	Jal, Lake (Lea)
Boone's Draw (Roosevelt)	Jornada Range (Dona Ana)
Bosque(delApache)NWR (Socorro)	Las Cruces (Dona Ana)
Caballo Lake (Sierra)	Las Palomas (Sierra)
Capitan (Lincoln)	Las Vegas, NWR (San Miguel)
Carlsbad (Eddy)	Lordsburg (Hidalgo)
Cimarron (Colfax)	Los Alamos (Los Alamos)
Clayton, Lake (Union)	Los Lunas (Valencia)
Cloudcroft (Otero)	Loving (Eddy)
Conchas Lake (San Miguel)	Lovington (Lea)
Dexter (Chaves)	Mangas Springs (Grant)
Elephant Butte Lake (Sierra)	Manzano Mts. (Torrance)

Maxwell NWR (Colfax)
Morgan Lake (San Juan)
Moriarty (Torrance)
Otis (Eddy)
Percha SP (Sierra)
Pleasanton (Catron)
Post Office Canyon (Hidalgo)
Rattlesnake Springs (Eddy)
Roswell (Chaves)
San Andres NWR (Doña Ana)
Sandia Mts., Peak (Bernalillo)
Santa Fe (Santa Fe)
Santa Rosa, Lake (Guadalupe)
Santa Teresa (Doña Ana)
Silver City (Grant)

Socorro (Socorro)
Stone Lake (Rio Arriba)
Storrie Lake SP (San Miguel)
Stubblefield Lake (Colfax)
Sunland Park (Doña Ana)
Taos (Taos)
Tatum (Lea)
Tres Ritos (Taos)
Tucumcari, Lake (Quay)
Tularosa Valley (Otero)
Ute Lake SP (Quay)
Valmora (Mora)
Virden (Hidalgo)
Watrous (Mora)
Zuni, Mts. (McKinley)

CONTRIBUTOR'S INITIAL'S

PB - Basham, Pat
SB - Bixler, Sherry
CB - Black, Charles
TB - Brownell, Terry
DC - Cleary, David
WC - Cook, Wesley
NC - Cox, Nancy
SC - Cox, Steve
LC - Cuellar, Louis
CD - Davis, Carol
DE - Emkalns, Doug
EE - Espinoza, Ellen
GE - Ewing, Gordon
RF - Fisher, Ralph
BF - Foy, Bernard
LG - Gorbet, Larry
TH - Hines, Tom J.
WH - Howe, William
JPH - Hubbard, John
EL - Lewis, Eugene
WM - Maynard, Bill
AN - Nelson, Alan
BN - Neville, Bruce
PN - Nistico, Paul

JO - Oldenettel, Jerry
KBO - Ostyn, Bruce
BP - Parmeter, Ben
JP - Parmeter, John
JNP - Paton, James
MP - Peckinpaugh, Mary
TR - Reeves, Tim
MAR - Root, Mary Alice
CR - Rustay, Chris
CS - Sandell, Cathie
RS - Scholes, Robert
HS - Schwarz, Hart
PRS - Snider, Pat
DS - Stahlecker, Dale
PS - Steel, Paul
MW - Weisenberger, M.
SW - West, Steve
WW - West, William
SOW - Williams, S.O.
EW - Wootten, Eleanor
WY - Yong, Wang
BZ - Zimmer, Barry
DAZ - Zimmerman, Dale
MZ - Zimmerman, Marian

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

RED-THROATED LOON -- Unusual: 1 "crash-landed" 10/25 in Albuquerque, treated at a rescue center (Shirley. Kendall, *fide* SC), and released on 10/26 at the RGNC. It was last seen on

10/30 (JO*, JP, LG**, SC**).

PACIFIC LOON -- 1 in winter plumage at Stubblefield L. 11/5 (JP*, JO*, LC) and on 11/9 at the nearby Maxwell NWR (WW, *fide* RBA).

COMMON LOON -- Widespread after mid-October, reported from 15 sites. High count of 7 at Clayton L. on 11/19 (JO); 2 on Willow L., Eddy Co., on 11/26 (JO, JP, SW).

PIED-BILLED GREBE -- Breeding: an adult with 5 young was seen at the Isleta marsh on 8/5 (WH).

HORNED GREBE -- Small numbers in the east and the RGV after 10/22 (v.o); 1 in winter plumage at Farmington L. 11/30 (TR**); 1 was early at Bosque NWR 10/2 (JO*).

EARED GREBE - A high count of 145 on Holloman L. on 10/29 (SOW).

Aechmophorus Grebes -- On 11/1 a concentration of 3800 Westerns at EBL contained only 3 Clark's (SOW).

CLARK'S GREBE -- Breeding: 2 to 3 pairs bred late at the Las Vegas NWR, with small chicks on 9/20 (PN). 4 adults with 3 half-grown young 10/23 (SOW), and adults feeding young on 11/6 (BE).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- High counts of 194 at Bitter L. NWR on 9/9 (CR, CS) and 186 at Avalon L. (TH, *fide* SW). A flock of 60 flew over Last Chance Canyon near Sitting Bull Falls, Eddy Co., on 11/5 (SW, TH+).

BROWN PELICAN -- Unusual: an immature at the Tansill Dam near Carlsbad on 9/24 (Tom and Mannie Bemis*).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- Late for the north were 6 to 9 at Morgan L. 11/23 (TR+); 4 at Maxwell NWR and 6 at Clayton L. 11/19, 1 at Tucumcari L. 11/20 (all JO).

AMERICAN BITTERN -- 1 was at Morgan L. on 11/22 (TR).

GREAT EGRET -- 1 at Tucumcari L. 9/25 (JO); 1 at Bitter L. NWR on 11/25 was late (JP, JO). A high count of 23 at Caballo L. on 9/5 (CR, DE) and 10/9 (CS).

SNOWY EGRET -- High counts of 304 at Bitter L. NWR on 8/13 (SB+) and 180 at Caballo L. on 9/5 (CR, DE).

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- Singles at Bitter L. NWR on 8/13 (CR*) and at Caballo L. on 10/9 (CS).

REDDISH EGRET -- Unusual: a sub-adult present at Bitter L. NWR since 7/15 remained (CR*, JP*, WH*, CS, SB) to 9/17 (JO*).

CATTLE EGRET -- 22 at Cherry Valley L. near Valmora on 9/28 (WW, *fide* RBA); 1 at Conchas L. on 10/25 (LG**, NC, SC); 2 adults on the Jornada Range 8/23 (MW); 2 at Cass Draw pond near Loving on 10/11 (SW).

GREEN HERON -- Late were 10 at Bosque NWR on 11/18 (CS, Peter Dunne); 1 at a pond in Last Chance Canyon near Carlsbad on 11/5 was unexpected (SW, TH).

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- Moderate numbers statewide from early August to 9/24 (v.o.); the peak count was 150 at Black Rock L. near Zuni on 8/27 (DC).

TUNDRA SWAN -- 17 at Bosque NWR 11/23 to 11/30 was the largest concentration in recent memory (John Taylor+).

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 1 at Farmington on 11/5 (TR) and 3 at Ute L. 11/20 (JO) where not often found; 1 in the Hondo Valley near Tinnie, Lincoln Co., 11/18 present since April may have been crippled (SW). A high count of 17 at Maxwell NWR on 11/5 (JP, JO).

WOOD DUCK -- Away from usual areas was a female at the Maxwell NWR 9/16 and 9/21 (CR, PN), a male at Conchas L. on 11/9 (MP), 1 at Santa Rosa L. on 8/23 (DS), and 2 males at Jal L. on 11/25 (JP, JO).

MALLARD -- Mexican Ducks on the playas w. of Lordsburg were 8 on 11/23 (EL) and 2 on 11/30 (JPH, EE). 1 pair near Percha SP on 9/10 (RF), 3 below Caballo L. dam on 11/1 (SOW), and 2 at Vado, Doña Ana Co., 9/7 (CR, DE).

GADWALL -- Breeding: a female with 9 young was near Zuni on 8/17 (DC).

EURASIAN WIGEON -- Unusual: single adult males were at Percha SP on 10/18 (GE*) and Sunland Park 11/19 (JNP*).

GREATER SCAUP -- Earliest report was 10 at Conchas L. and 5 at Ute L. 10/29 (JP, JO); 6 on Holloman L. 10/30 (JO); 1 in female plumage near Loving on 11/25 (JP, JO).

OLDSQUAW -- A female in winter plumage on Stubblefield L. on 11/5 (JP*, JO*, LC); 1 at Bosque NWR on 11/25 (WM).

SURF SCOTER -- Unusual: 1 female near Farmington from 10/15 to 11/5 (TR**, PRS*, AN+). 3 males and a female at Bill Evans L. on 11/25 (JPH*, EE).

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER -- Unusual: Single females were at Farmington 11/27 (TR**, AN+) and Holloman L. 10/24 (GE*).

COMMON GOLDENEYE -- Southerly was 1 on Bill Evans L. on 11/25 (JPH, EE) and a female at the Sunland Park Race Track on 11/19 (JNP).

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE -- The first report was a male near Navajo L., San Juan Co., on 11/26 (TR**).

RUDDY DUCK -- Breeding: 4 females with young near Zuni 8/13 (DC); 14 at Isleta marsh 8/5 included 5 young (WH).

TURKEY VULTURE -- Late singles at Conchas L. on 10/26 (MP) and at Silver City on 10/25 (JPH, EE).

OSPREY -- Continued to demonstrate strong improvement. A record 38 passed the Manzano Mts. lookout from 9/5 to 10/11 (HWI) and 1 to 3 were at 17 other locales in the state (v.o.). Last report was 1 at Clayton L. 11/6 (WC).

WHITE-TAILED KITE -- 2 adults on the Armendariz Ranch, Sierra Co., 11/13 (Ann Henry*) provided the first RGV record in over a year.

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- Noteworthy was a juvenile at Fort Sumner on 9/4 (WH) and 1 at Artesia on 8/28 (JP, BP).

BALD EAGLE -- Early reports away from known nest areas were single adults at Storrie L. 10/19 (WW, *fide* RBA), Las Vegas NWR 10/23 (SOW), and Conchas L. 10/29 (JO, JP). An adult was at Black Rock L. near Zuni on 11/26 (DC); 1 was flying over the Sandia Mts. ski area on 11/10 (PS).

NORTHERN HARRIER -- 1 on the San Andres NWR on 8/5 (MW) may have summered locally.

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- 1 immature in the Jemez Mts. on 9/9 (PRS); an adult in the Black Range 9/10 (RE); 1 found dead on Signal Peak in Grant Co. on 9/16 (DAZ, MZ).

HARRIS' HAWK -- Reduced prey in Eddy Co. may have been responsible for appearances north in the Pecos Valley: an immature to Bitter L. NWR on 9/13 (PRS) and 3 near Hagerman, Chaves Co., on 8/13 (CR). Also out of range were 1 at Rio Grande SP in Albuquerque 11/26 (KBO, SC+); 1 in the Tularosa Valley 10/31 and 3 at Holloman L. on 11/21 (CB); 1 at Mangas Springs 9/4 (EL). In the RGV 1 at Percha SP from 10/14 to 10/23 (LG, CR*, v.o.), 1 at the turf farm near Santa Teresa on 10/10 (BZ).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- An impressive 7 passed the Manzano Mts. lookout from 9/22 to 9/25 (HWI). Singles were near Santa Teresa on 9/24 and 10/1 (JNP).

SWAINSON'S HAWK -- High counts of 120 near Moriarty 10/5 (WW, *fide* RBA) and 70 at the Maxwell NWR on 9/21 (PN).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK -- 1 adult was at Percha SP on 8/21 (BN, DE) and an immature on 9/29-30 (JO**).

MERLIN -- 2 near Valmora 8/27 were early (CR); singles at Mangas Springs 9/13 (RF), Tatum and Jal 11/25 (JP, JO). A high count of 4 at Bosque NWR on 10/23 (JO).

PEREGRINE FALCON -- 37 were counted at the Manzano Mts. lookout site from 8/31 to 10/20 (HWI).

BLUE GROUSE -- Breeding: 1 with 3 mostly grown young was near Tres Ritos on 8/19 (CR).

QUAIL Species -- Due to the drought, low numbers were found this fall of Scaled Quail at Clayton (WC). Scaled and Bobwhite quail in the Carlsbad area (SW), Montezuma Quail in Post Office Canyon (RS).

SANDHILL CRANE -- On 11/28 170 in 4 flocks were seen near Estancia, Torrance Co. (SOW) that were going to roost on the Laguna del Perro; 2 at Pleasanton 11/29 was the first local record (JPH, EE); at the San Andres NWR flocks of 9 on 10/25 and 8 on 10/26 flew over (MW).

WHOOPING CRANE -- 2 strayed south to fields near Percha SP on 11/17 (CS).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- Singles in the Farmington area on 8/14 and 10/16 (TR**); 1 or 2 at Bosque NWR 10/15 to 10/23 (JO, JP*, LC); 1 at Bitter L. NWR on 8/23 (GE).

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER -- Unusual: 1 at Holloman L. on 9/11 (CB, good*).

SNOWY PLOVER -- A count at Bitter L. NWR of 113 to 120 on 8/13 included young birds (SB+, CR).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER -- 4 reported at Morgan L. on 8/27 and 1 on 9/17 (TR**); 2 at Black Rock L. near Zuni on 8/27 and 3 on 9/4 (DC); 1 at the Isleta marshes on 9/7 (JO); 3 at Santa Rosa L. 8/23 (DS); 1 at Bosque NWR on 8/27 (JO); 3 to 5 at Bitter L. NWR 8/13 (SB, CR) and 2 on 9/9 (CR, CS); 1 at Caballo L. on 9/5 (CR, DE); 10 at Holloman L. on 8/17 (CS) and 2 on 9/21 (GE*).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- Migrants reported from 8/21 to 9/30 (v.o.), with notable concentrations of 75 to 100 w. of Clayton on 9/5 (WC); 171 near Moriarty on 8/21 and 22 at Los Lunas 9/5 at the turf farms (WH). 22 at Otis on 9/11 were the first there in

several years (SW).

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- A high count of 321 at Bitter L. NWR 8/13 (SB+). 2 were late at Avalon L. 11/25 (JP, JO).

AMERICAN AVOCET -- Late on 11/15 were 7 at Cochiti L., Sandoval Co., (WW, *fide* RBA) and 1 at Santa Rosa L. (DS). High count of 366 at Bitter L. NWR on 8/13 (SB+).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS -- A high count of 50 in the Zuni area on 8/27, with a late one seen on 11/5 (DC).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- Small numbers were migrating from 8/13 to 9/11 (v.o.). 1 at Stone L. 8/20 (CR, S.Gershen); 1 near Zuni 8/20 (DC); 1 near Belen, Valenica Co., 9/11 (JO); 5 or 6 at the sewage ponds at Capitan on 9/4 (JO); 1 near Mesa, Chaves Co., on 9/4 (WH); and 3 at Maddox L. near Hobbs in Lea Co. 8/13 (CR). High counts of 11 near Las Palomas 9/5 (CR, DE) and 7 at Las Cruces on 8/31 (CS).

WILLET -- 2 near Zuni on 8/13 (DC); 2 at Santa Rosa L. on 8/23 (DS); 1 near Texico, Curry Co., on 8/12 (CR); 1 to 4 at Bitter L. NWR from 8/13 to 8/23 (SB+, JP, BP, GE); 2 at Holloman L. on 8/10 and 7 on 9/5 (GE); 1 in the Lindsey L. area, Eddy Co., on 8/20 (SW+).

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- Small numbers in the east from 8/7 to 9/10 (v.o.). High counts of 18 each were near Dexter on 8/13 (CR) and s. of Artesia on 8/28 (JP); singles near Moriarty on 8/21 (WH) and 8/28 (JO); in Doña Ana Co. 2 at Mesquite and 3 at La Mesa on 8/20 (CS+) and 1 near Santa Teresa on 9/4 (JNP).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- 1 at Bernalillo, Sandoval Co., on 8/26 (JPH); a remarkable 440 were at Otis on 10/16 (SW).

MARBLED GODWIT -- Migrating from 8/10 to 9/17 (v.o.); singles in the Morgan L. area on 8/21 and 8/28 (TR**).

SANDERLING -- 1 near Morgan L. 10/7 (TR+**); 1 at Heron L. on 9/8 (PS*); 3 near Bill Evans L. 9/4 (EL); 1 Bitter L. NWR 8/26 (JP, BP) and 9/9 (CR, CS); 1 on 9/5 near Las Palomas (JP+); 1 at Holloman L. on 10/12 (CB).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 1+ at Bitter L. NWR 8/8 to 9/9 (LG*, CR, CS, JP+, WH*, SB+); 1 or 2 at Holloman L. on 8/13 to 9/5 (DE, BN*, CS, GE).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER -- High counts were 44 near Morgan L. on 8/14 (TR) and 38 near Watrous on 8/27 (CR+).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- Migrants reported from 8/10 to 10/2 (v.o.); 1 was late near Farmington on 11/S (TR**). 2 at Black

Rock L. near Zuni on 9/24 (DC); 1 or 2 at the sewage ponds at Moriarty on 9/25 (JO). A high count of 7 at Holloman L. on 9/21 (GE).

DUNLIN — Singles near Morgan L. 10/29 to 11/6 (TR**), at Bosque NWR on 10/19 (JO*, LC); and at Holloman L. on 10/12 (GE*).

STILT SANDPIPER -- A good showing in the east, with a high count of 86 at Bitter L. NWR on 9/9 (CR, CS) and 30 ne. of Otis 9/11 (SW); in the northwest 5 to 8 were near Morgan L. from 8/21 to 9/7 (TR**). At Holloman L. 1 on 8/10 (GE*) and 3 on 8/17 (CS).

DOWITCHER species -- Dowitchers believed to be Short-billed included 1 to 3 near Zuni on 8/20 and 8/27 (DC), an immature at Bitter L. NWR on 8/13 (CR*). On 8/11 2 were calling at Holloman L. (CB*).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- A high count of 1400 in the area of Holloman L. on 8/10 (GE); 1 at Bosque NWR on 10/26 (JP) was late.

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE -- 24 on Dry L. near Watrous 8/27 (CR*, S. Gershen). Singles at Bosque NWR on 9/5 (JP+) and Bitter L. NWR on 9/17 (JO). 1 at the Laguna Grande, Eddy Co., on 8/20 (SW+), the first in many years.

RED PHALAROPE -- Unusual: probables included singles at Bosque NWR 10/30 (Les Hawkins*, MAR, Sei Tokuda, James Karo+) and at EBL on 9/4 (Dorothy Russell*, sketch). 2 possibles at Avalon L. on 10/23 (SW**+).

JAEGERS -- Unusual: immature jaegers caused excitement at EBL in late September, with a probable Long-tailed on 9/18 (JO, good*), a possible Parasitic on 9/27 (LG*, SC, NC, CD) and 9/30 (JP*), and a possible Pomarine on 9/27 (LG*, SC, NC, CD).

LAUGHING GULL -- Unusual: at Conchas L. 10/22 (JP*, JO**) and 10/25 (LG*, SC, NC) a possible first-year immature was recorded.

BONAPARTE'S GULL -- A high count of 25 at La Joya WMA, Valencia Co., on 11/18 (JO).

MEW GULL -- Unusual: a possible first-winter bird was at the Caballo L. dam on 11/S (TB*) and 11/17 (CS*).

CALIFORNIA GULL -- 40 at Eagle Nest L., Colfax Co., on 11/5 (JP, JO); 8 at Bluewater L., Cibola Co., 10/8 and 6 on 11/25 (DC); 1 or 2 at Charette L., Mora Co., 11/9 (CR, *fide* RBA); 4 on Storrie L. 10/12 (WW, *fide* RBA); 1 on Bill Evans L. 11/21 (RF, DAZ+), perhaps the same 1 at the Tyrone sewage ponds, Grant Co., on 11/29 (RF).

HERRING GULL -- Single adults at Morgan L. 10/29 (TR+) and at Dulce L., Rio Arriba Co., on 11/1 (PRS).

GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL -- Unusual: the second record, well documented, was present at EBL for more than six months (v.o.), and was thought by some to be not well. On 10/3 it became a specimen.

SABINE'S GULL -- Single immatures were at Morgan L. on 9/30 and 10/1 (TR**) and Caballo L. on 9/10 (JO*, LC). 1 or 2 at Avalon L. on 9/27 to 10/1 (TH, SW**).

CASPIAN TERN -- The only report was 1 at Caballo L. on 9/5 (CR*, DE).

COMMON TERN -- 1 at Pescado L. near Zuni on 9/4 (DC*); 6 at Heron L. on 9/7-8 (PS*); at EBL an immature 9/17 (JP*), 6 to 8 on 9/24 (BN*, DE), and 1 on 9/27 (LG+**). 4 to 8 immatures at Bitter L. NWR on 9/4 (WH*, JO*).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON -- Most are gone from New Mexico by mid-October. 50 in the Zuni Mts. in Hausner Canyon, in Cibola Co. on 10/15 was notable (HS). A lowland record was 1 at Percha SP on 10/18 (JP).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- Breeding: a pair nested at Roswell in early August (Lee Marlatt**);...4 lingered in Silver City until 11/22 (EL).

INCA DOVE -- 1 lingered in Silver City until 10/23 (EL).

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO -- Uncommon: A possible 1 was in Socorro on 8/6 (PB*).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- Breeding: at Percha SP in August 1 was feeding a fledgling (CS).

GREATER ROADRUNNER -- Singles at Capulin in Union County on 11/19 (JO), at Black Rock L. near Zuni on 8/27 (DC), in Silver City 9/3 to 9/23 (DAZ, MZ), and at 8400 feet in the Animas Mts., Hidalgo Co., on 10/17 (C. Painter).

GROOVE-BILLED ANI -- Unusual: 1 at Bosque NWR on 11/17 to 11/20 was seen by very many at the Crane Festival (T. Bulow*, JO**, LG**, JP*, J. Holcombe**, SW**, CR*, GE*). It was examined and diagnosed with acute lead poisoning, treated, and driven by car to Texas in December (Kathleen Ramsay).

NORTHERN PYGMY-OWL -- 1 that hit a window in Pleasanton on 10/22 (JPH***, EE) and 1 in Mangas Springs on 10/30 (RF) were

unexpected lowland records.

SPOTTED OWL -- 1 was found road-killed in the desert near Deming, Luna Co., on 11/20 (P. Houde***, *fide* CS).

LESSER NIGHTHAWK -- A late 1 at Percha SP 10/19 (JO, LC).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK -- Late singles at Santa Fe 9/20 to 9/29 (CR), at Albuquerque on 9/29 (WH), and near Santa Teresa on 10/16 (BZ).

BLACK SWIFT -- Breeding: 6 active nests at Jemez Falls, on 8/13 contained 2 to 4 week-old nestlings (HS);...2 were seen over the Farmington Glade on 8/12 (TR*).

CHAETURA Swifts -- 1 near Las Cruces on 9/24 (JNP); a possible Chimney was rescued from a canal near Percha SP on 10/15 and released (H. Harrison+, *fide* CS**).

WHITE-EARED HUMMINGBIRD -- Unusual: 2 near Tijeras in Bernalillo Co from 7/1 to 8/16 (Joan Day-Martin**) were north of their range.

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD -- North of its range were 2 near Tijeras, Bernalillo Co., through 8/15 (Joan Day-Martin) and 1 at Cloudcroft on 8/13 (DE, BN).

LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD -- Last seen in Post Office Canyon on 9/12 in the Peloncillo Mts. (RS).

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD -- Unusual: 1 adult male at Boone's Draw on 9/9 (CR*, CS*) was probable. 2 records in fall at nearby Portales are verified specimens from the mid-1970's.

LEWIS' WOODPECKER -- A flock of 23 flew north on 9/5 by S. Sandia Peak (CB). Southerly were 1 at Belen on 8/5 (WH); at least 2 at Socorro on 8/8, 9/27 and 10/7 (PB); 1 at Bosque NWR 10/2 (JO); 1 or 2 at Silver City 9/22 (DAZ, MZ) and 10/17 to 10/25 (EL); 1 near Virden on 11/29 (JPH, EE); 1 at Percha SP 10/6 (EW, *fide* RBA); 1 at Rattlesnake Springs on 10/26 (SB).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- An immature was at Percha SP 9/24 and 10/8 (JP, JO**).

ACORN WOODPECKER -- 2 at the Malpais NM s. of Grants, Cibola Co., on 8/25 (JPH, EE).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER -- Single immatures on 10/22 at Conchas L. and at Lovington on 11/25 (JP, JO).

RED-BREASTED SAPSUCKER -- Uncommon: A possible in the Ortiz

Mts., Santa Fe Co., on 9/22 (Lawry Sager*). It is unverified for the state.

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER -- Migrants reported from "all over the lowlands." Singles in the RGV on 9/27-28 at Albuquerque (JO); Socorro 9/13 (PB); Bosque NWR 9/17 (JP); and Percha SP 9/30 to 10/2 (DE). 3 were at the San Andres NWR 9/28-30 (MW). 1 east to Conchas L. 10/8 (CR) and 10/29 (JP, JO); 1 in Lovington 11/25 (JP, JO).

DOWNY WOODPECKER -- Singles reported at Conchas L. on 10/8 (CR), 10/22, and 10/29 (JO, JP); 1 at Santa Rosa on 9/22 (CR); 1 at Bluff Springs in the Sacramento Mts. near Sunspot, Otero Co., on 9/12 (GE*).

HAIRY WOODPECKER -- 1 was at Conchas L. on 9/24 (MP); 1 at Percha SP on 9/5 (JP, Andy Kraynik).

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER -- 1 at San Gregorio L. in the Jemez Mts. on 9/3 (JP).

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER -- Unusual: 1 possible at Boone's Draw on 9/9 (CR*, CS*) couldn't be relocated on 9/10.

LEAST FLYCATCHER -- More reports than usual: at Boone's Draw 1 on 8/26 (JP, BP) and 2 on 9/9-10 (CR, CS, JP, LG); at Bitter L. NWR singles on 8/26 (JP, BP) and 9/4 (WH*); at Rattlesnake Springs 1 on 8/27 (JP), 3 on 9/3 (JO*, SW), and 1 on 9/8 (CR). 1 was banded at the RGNC in Albuquerque on 9/8 (WY).

HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER -- 1 at Rattlesnake Springs on 11/26 was late (JO, JP, SW).

EASTERN PHOEBE -- Singles were early at Santa Rosa on 9/22 (CR) and Capitan on 9/4 (JO). 1 at the Rio Grande bridge at Bosque, Valenica Co., 10/21 (CR); 1 at Percha SP 10/18-19 (JP, JO*) and 10/23 (CR); 1 at Artesia 10/5 (KBO); 1 or 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 11/26 (JO, JP, SW).

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER -- Unusual: Had an excellent season with singles at Boone's Draw on 8/26 (JP*, BP), 9/9 (CR, CS), and 9/10 (JP*, LG*); at Dexter on 8/13 (CR*); near Santa Teresa on 9/7 (CR*, DE) and 9/4 (JNP*); and Rattlesnake Springs on 9/8 and 9/11 (CR*, CS+).

BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER -- 1 was reportedly banded at Bosque NWR on 9/2 (WY).

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD -- A notable roost of 150 at Rattlesnake Springs on 8/28 (SW, TH).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- A concentration of 30 seen going to roost at Tatum on 9/23 (SOW).

PURPLE MARTIN -- 2 to 6 in the Zuni area 8/6 to 8/13 (DC); 1 at Carlsbad on 8/25 (SW).

TREE SWALLOW -- A late 1 was seen by many at Bosque NWR on 11/19-20 (WH).

VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW -- Late were 2 at Percha SP 10/15 (JO).

CLIFF SWALLOW -- 3 near Zuni 10/21 were late (DC).

CAVE SWALLOW -- Numbers were stable in the Carlsbad Caverns NP area, with the last 1 seen on 10/31 (SW).

BARN SWALLOW -- 3 at Percha SP 11/13 were late (JNP).

GRAY JAY -- In the Jemez Mts. 5 were at San Pedro Park on 9/29 (PS) and 6 at nearby San Gregorio L. 9/3 (JP). 16 were near Tres Ritos on 8/19 (CR+).

STELLER'S JAY -- Staged a sub-montane invasion. They were at Albuquerque by mid-Sept. (JO), Mangas Springs and Silver City by mid-Oct. (RF, DAZ+) and in the lower Pecos Valley by 10/9 (SW) including circa 30 by late November at Rattlesnake Springs (JO, JP, SW).

BLUE JAY -- 1 to 3 strayed west to Santa Fe (WW+, Lois Herrmann), Corrales in Sandoval Co. (BF) and to Albuquerque (JO, JP) from 10/10 to 11/8.

SCRUB JAY -- Also staged an invasion to the lowlands. Wandering birds were noticeably in evidence after early September east to Conchas L. (MP) and Broadview, Curry Co. (CR); in the RGV from Corrales, Sandoval Co., (TB) southward and at Holloman L. (CB, GE) and Rattlesnake Springs (SW).

GRAY-BREASTED JAY -- 4 or more near Pueblo Park nw. of Alma, Catron Co., on 10/31 (JPH, EE).

PINYON JAY -- 49 near Broadview, Curry Co., 9/22 were 10 miles from the Texas line and headed that way (CR).

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER -- 2 were nw. of Alma, Catron Co., on 10/31 (JPH, EE).

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE -- South of their usual range were 5 at Corrales, Sandoval Co., on 10/28 (TB) and 2 at Galisteo, Santa Fe Co., on 11/2 (SOW).

AMERICAN CROW -- 2 near Virden on 11/29 (JPH*, EE).

CHIHUAHUAN RAVEN -- 2 in Albuquerque 8/18 (WH); 2 at the Isleta marshes 8/5 (WH); 50 at Moriarty 9/5 (JO).

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE -- Joined in the lowland invasion. Singles east to Conchas L. on 10/1 (MP) and Roswell on 10/13 (SB); small numbers in the RGV from Corrales in Sandoval Co. (TB) south to Percha SP (BN, DE, SOW) beginning on 10/2; highs of 7 in Silver City (DAZ, MZ) and 10 at Rattlesnake Springs on 11/26 (JO, JP, SW); others at Holloman L. "all fall" (CB).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- Migrants were conspicuous in the lowlands from 8/27 to 10/27, including an early 2 or 3 at Percha SP 8/15 and 8/21 (GE, DE, BN+) and 3 at Rattlesnake Springs on 9/3 (JO, SW, TH). 1 was at the San Andres NWR on 9/30 (MW). In the east singles were at Boone's Draw 9/9 (CR, CS) and on 9/11 n. of Ramon in Guadalupe Co. (CR).

PYGMY NUTHATCH -- Far from usual haunts were 1 at Percha SP on 9/27 (LG*, SC, NC, CD) and 6 at Mesilla Park, Doña Ana Co., on 11/26 (CS, EW).

CACTUS WREN -- North of its range were 1 or 2 at Santa Rosa SP and near Palomas in Quay Co., both new locations, on 9/22 (CR), plus 6 in s. San Miguel Co. on 11/6 (JO).

CAROLINA WREN -- Unusual: 1 was singing at Rattlesnake Springs on 10/6-7 (KBO, good*).

WINTER WREN -- 1 at the San Andres NWR on 9/30 (MW*).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- 2 in the Zuni Mts. on 10/8 (DC); 2+ in Sheridan Canyon of the Mogollon Mts. in Catron Co. on 10/27, heard on 11/2 (JPH); 2 on Signal Peak in the Pines Altos Mts., Grant Co., 9/16 (DAZ, MZ); 2 in La Luz Canyon of the Sacramento Mts., Otero Co., on 10/29 (SOW). A high count of 16 near Tres Ritos on 8/19 (CR+).

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER -- Noted at several San Andres NWR localities, including 16 at 3 sites on 8/22 and a group of 7 on 9/26 (MW).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- Reported strictly in the east after early October; furthest west was in the Manzanito Mts. near Albuquerque on 11/22 (HS*).

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD -- A high count of about 400 west of Chama, Rio Arriba Co., on 8/20 (CR, S. Gershen).

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE -- Considered in "great numbers" on the San

Andres NWR in October and November (MW).

WOOD THRUSH -- Unusual: 1 struck a window in Las Cruces 11/12, but survived, and was last seen 11/17 (GE*, Susan Tweit*, Lorraine Schulte*).

RUFOUS-BACKED ROBIN -- Unusual: the state's 5th record was found near Santa Teresa on 10/16 (BZ**, JNP*, BN*, JP*, CR*, GE*, v.o.); and last seen 10/23 (JO**).

GRAY CATBIRD -- In the west 1 was at Morgan L. on 10/29 (TR+). 1 to 10 in the Corrales bosque, Sandoval Co., August through 10/30 (TB, BF); 1 in Socorro 9/5 to 9/13 (PB); 3 or 4 at Boone's Draw on 10/9 (JO); 1 near Santa Teresa on 10/21 (CR, DE).

SAGE THRASHER -- Early records included 4 at the San Andres NWR on 8/12 (MW) and 1 at the Jornada Range on 8/2 (CS). High counts of 30 near Albuquerque (WH) and Santa Rosa SP (CR), both on 9/22.

BROWN THRASHER -- Singles w. of Melrose, Roosevelt Co, on 9/17 (JO, LC), in Socorro on 11/18-19 (John Shipman, JP, JO), 9/20 to 9/26 at Pleasanton (JPH*, EE), Percha SP on 10/8 (JP, JO**), and Rattlesnake Springs on 11/26 (JP, JO). 2 at Boone's Draw on 10/9 (JO**).

SPRAGUE'S PIPIT -- Unusual: up to 5 at the Santa Teresa turf farm from 10/9 until 10/29, (BN*, DE, BZ**, JO**, LG**, JNP, SC**, JP*, CR*, CS, v.o.). 1 at Holloman L. on 10/16 and 10/29 (CB*).

CEDAR WAXWING -- Made a good showing almost statewide after mid-September, but were most numerous in the far west (v.o.).

NORTHERN SHRIKE -- Single adults n. of Taos on 11/4 (Greg Schmidt) and w. of Cimarron on 11/5 (JP). An immature at the Santa Rosa Fish Hatchery on 11/6 (JO).

GRAY VIREO -- 1 to 3 were on the San Andres NWR 8/16 to 8/26 (MW).

SOLITARY VIREO -- Among the several races reported (some without details) were single Blue-headed w. of Melrose, Roosevelt Co., on 10/9 (JO**) and Lovington (JP*, JO) on 11/25. Single Cassin's at Farmington on 9/16 (TR), at Dripping Springs near Las Cruces on 9/15 and 9/24 (GE, CS) and at Rattlesnake Springs on 9/3 and 9/8 (JO, CR).

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO -- Unusual: A probable 1 was at Boone's Draw on 9/4 (BF*).

HUTTON'S VIREO -- Unexpected was 1 in Dog Canyon of the

Sacramento Mts., Otero Co., on 10/17 (CB).

RED-EYED VIREO -- An immature was in Albuquerque 9/5 (JO*); 1 in Clanton Canyon in the Peloncillo Mts. of Hidalgo Co. on 10/1 (JO**). 1 was banded at Bosque NWR on 9/20 (WY).

TENNESSEE WARBLER -- 1 in Silver City on 9/28 (MZ*).

NORTHERN PARULA -- 1 at Percha SP from 8/1 to 9/5 (CS, BN*, DE+, JP*, CR, EW, PRS); a pair was at the Animas Creek Flats at Caballo L. on 11/5 (TB*).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 adult in fall plumage at the Middle Chaco Oasis about 40 miles sw. of Farmington on 10/9 (TR**, J.Rees); 1 near Santa Teresa on 9/25 (BN*, DE) and 10/16 (JNP*, BZ*).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 possible in fall plumage was at the Maxwell NWR on 9/21 (PN*).

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER -- A possible female at Percha SP on 9/30 (TB, no details).

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER -- Unexpected was 1 on the Jornada Range on 8/24 (CS).

HERMIT WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 immature at Percha SP on 10/2 (BN*, DE).

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER -- Unusual: 2 immatures at Boone's Draw on 10/9 (JO**, good*).

PALM WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 at Holloman L. on 9/7 (CB*).

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 possible at Carlsbad on 10/26 (Gary Luther*).

BLACKPOLL WARBLER -- Singles at Santa Rosa on 9/22 (CR*) and at Percha SP on 10/8 and 10/12 (JP*, JO*).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- A female at Percha SP on 9/5 (JP, A. Kraynik); 1 male banded in Albuquerque at the RGNC on 9/6 (WY).

OVENBIRD -- An immature was at Boone's Draw on 9/17 (JO, LC) and another was found dead at the WIPP site in Eddy Co. on 9/27 (D. Lynn, *fide* SW).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- Reports from 8 sites from 8/22 to 9/14 (v.o.); 1 was on the San Andres NWR on 8/31 (MW*).

LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH -- Unusual: A possible at Socorro on 9/4 (PB*).

MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER -- 1 at Water Canyon on 11/20 (MAR*, Sei Tokuda, v.o.) was late.

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT -- 1 was late at Jal L. on 11/25 (JP, JO).

HOODED WARBLER -- The pair at the Gila Cliff Dwellings, in Catron Co., in summer, last seen on 8/4 (Alan Craig*, Narca Moore-Craig*) may have nested, as a nest structure typical of the species was collected in November (RF) (corrigendum: the 1 in summer credited to WW, was really seen by WM). 1 was at Rattlesnake Springs on 9/8 (CR*).

PAINTED REDSTART -- 1 at Percha SP from at least 9/14 through 10/2 (BF, TB, CS, LG**, SC**, JO, JP, v.o.).

HEPATIC TANAGER -- 1 at Bandelier N.M., Sandoval Co., on 10/1 was late (PRS, Pat Insley).

SUMMER TANAGER -- 1 at Tucumcari L. on 9/25 described as the eastern race (JO). Northerly were 3 at Santa Rosa on 9/22 (CR) and 1 at Fort Sumner, DeBaca Co, 9/4 (WH). 1 was late at Rattlesnake Springs on 10/9 (SW).

SCARLET TANAGER -- Unusual: a probable 1 in winter plumage was at Percha SP 9/27 (LG*, SC+), 9/30 (TB), and 10/2 (BN*, DE).

NORTHERN CARDINAL -- 1 male at Tucumcari L. 10/29 (JP, JO) was the second recent report.

PYRRHULOXIA -- 1 at the La Joya WMA, Valencia Co, on 11/19 (JP, *fide* RBA).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK -- The only report was of an immature male banded at the RGNC 10/1 (LG, *fide* RBA).

PAINTED BUNTING -- Appearing north in the RGV were a female to Socorro on 9/4 (PB*) and another female to Albuquerque on 9/14 (WY). A male was at Hondo in Lincoln Co. on 8/5 (SB).

DICKCISSEL -- Conspicuous in the eastern plains and the Pecos Valley; in the RGV 1 to 2 at 8 sites (v.o.) and at Holloman L. (CB) from 8/31 to 10/5; singles at Mangas Springs 10/20 (RF) and at Silver City from 10/8 to 10/11 (EL).

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE -- 1 was early at the San Andres NWR on 8/25 (MW).

RUFIOUS-CROWNED SPARROW -- 1 at Santa Fe on 9/7 where it's rarely reported (Lois Herrmann*, Linda Mowbray). 1 in Mills Canyon, Harding Co., on 9/16 (CR); at least 3 were singing near Valmora on 8/6 (CR, PRS).

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW -- The first seen was 1 north of Pueblo on 10/16 in San Miguel Co (JO). A high count of 30 at the Maxwell NWR on 11/19 (JO).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW -- Unusually widely reported from the RGV eastward and in the southwest, 8/21 to 10/16 (v.o.); 1 was at Pleasanton 9/4 to 9/22 (JPH*, EE).

FIELD SPARROW -- 1 was early at the RGNC in Albuquerque on 10/2 (LG*); 2 at Conchas L. on 10/16 (JO).

SAGE SPARROW -- 1 at Valmora on 10/14 (CR*). At least 50 in Rinconada Canyon, Petroglyph NM, near Albuquerque on 11/6 (David Mehlman).

LARK BUNTING -- An early flock of 12 migrants at Los Lunas on 8/5 (WH) and at Bernardo, Socorro Co., on 8/9 (SOW); at the San Andres NWR by mid-August (MW), and they were abundant in the south by 8/20-21 (BN). 10 near North Plains s. of the El Malpais NM, Cibola Co., on 8/25 (JPH, EE).

BAIRD'S SPARROW -- They go unreported for years, so 1 or 2 were noteworthy near Santa Teresa 10/10 to 10/26 (BN*, DE*, JO**, BZ**, JP*, CR*, JNP*, v.o.); another was at Toston L. in Lea Co. on 10/2 (SW*).

FOX SPARROW -- The only report was singles banded at Dripping Springs e. of Las Cruces 10/8 and 11/5 (CS).

SWAMP SPARROW -- 1 at the Las Vegas NWR on 10/7 (CR, S. Gershen); 1 at Jal L. on 11/25 (JP, JO).

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW -- 1 at Kit Carson SP on 11/24 in Albuquerque (JP*, JO*) was the third record in three winters; 1 was banded at the RGNC "in fall" (WY); 1 immature in Pleasanton on 11/2 (JPH*, EE).

DARK-EYED JUNCO -- 1 or 2 Slate-colored forms were at Pleasanton from 10/31 to 11/28 (JPH, EE).

LAPLAND LONGSPUR -- Unexpected was an early possible in immature plumage at EBL on 9/27 (LG** SC**, NC, CD).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE -- 10 at Conchas Lake on 10/29 (MP).

COMMON GRACKLE -- Lingering in the north were 1 male at Morgan L. on 11/5 and 11/11 (TR); 2 at Des Moines in Union Co. on 11/19 (JO); 12 at Conchas L. on 10/29 (MP); and 1 male there on 11/6 (JO).

ORCHARD ORIOLE -- 2 immatures strayed north to the RGNC in Albuquerque on 8/20 and were banded (LG**).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE -- 1 in female plumage at Morgan L. on 8/27 (TR+).

PINE GROSBEAK -- The only report was 1 at Tres Ritos on 8/19 (CR, David Henderson+).

PURPLE FINCH -- Unusual: a female or immature at Conchas L. on 10/22 (JP*, JO**) and a male on 10/25 (LG*, SC).

CASSIN'S FINCH -- The only report was 1 at Albuquerque on 10/19 (WH).

HOUSE FINCH -- Numbers were down in the Santa Fe area (SOW) and "greatly reduced" in the Silver City area this fall (DAZ, MZ).

RED CROSSBILL -- Especially scarce, with reports of only 3 at Zuni on 8/6 (DC), a few in Los Alamos until early October (PRS), and 1 at Albuquerque on 9/29 and 10/7 (JO).

PINE SISKIN -- Widespread in the lowlands, but reported dying in Los Alamos and Santa Fe (PRS).

EVENING GROSBEAK -- Very few and confined to the northern highlands, where some were reported dying in early August in Chama, Rio Arriba Co., (*fide* L. Schulte) and 2 were found dead in Los Alamos on 8/23 (W. Burton Lewis).

Published August 5, 1997