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SPRING 1995 SIGHTINGS

The mild winter continued through March, but ended abruptly in April with a series of cold, windy, often wet western systems. Birding was not spectacular but did prove exciting on occasion, and included a species new to N. M., the Glossy Ibis, and one last verified over a half century ago, the Buff-breasted Flycatcher. Several well detailed rare warblers were at Rattlesnake Springs. (SOW). Dove and quail numbers were up, due to the abundant winter rains. There were several reports of unusual hummingbirds. Many species arrived later than normal.

Abbreviations Used

CG - Campground	R - River
Co. - County	RBA - Rare Bird Alert
EBL - Elephant Butte Lake	RGNC - Rio Grande Nature Center
L. - Lake	RGV - Rio Grande Valley
Mt (s) - Mountains	SP - State Park
N.M. - New Mexico	v.o. - various observers
NM - National Monument	+ - and others
NWR - Natl. Wildlife Refuge	* - details provided
** - photo/tape provided	*** - specimen collected

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DC - Cleary, David	TR - Reeves, Tim
LC - Cuellar, Louis	CR - Rustay, Chris
DE - Emkalns, Doug	CS - Sandell, Cathy
GE - Ewing, Gordon	RS - Scholes, Robt.
RF - Fisher, Ralph	HS - Schwarz, Hart
BF - Foy, Bernard	PRS - Snider, Pat
LG - Gorbet, Larry	DS - Stahlecker, Dale
HWI - HawkWatch Int.	PES - Steel, Paul
TH - Hines, Tom	RT - Teuber, Ross
WH - Howe, William	MW - Weisenberger, M
JPH - Hubbard, John	SW - West, Steve
EL - Lewis, Eugene	SOW - Williams, S.O.
SL - Lynch, Sherry	EW - Wootten, Eleanor
DM - Mehlman, David	BZ - Zimmer, Barry
RM - Meyer, Ray	DAZ - Zimmerman, Dale

Albuquerque (Bernalillo)	Morgan Lake (San Juan)
Bitter L. NWR (Chaves)	Mule Creek (Grant)
Boone's Draw (Roosevelt)	Peloncillo Mts. (Hidalgo)
Bosque (delApache) NWR (Socorro)	Percha Dam SP (Sierra)
Brantley Lake (Eddy)	Pinos Altos Mts. (Grant)
Burro Mountains (Grant)	Pleasanton (Catron)
Carlsbad (Eddy)	Post Office Canyon (Hidalgo)
Clayton (Union)	Rattlesnake Springs (Eddy)
Columbus (Luna)	Roswell (Chaves)
Conchas Lake (San Miguel)	Ruidoso (Lincoln)
Elephant Butte L. (Sierra)	San Andres NWR (Doña Ana)
Espanola (Rio Arriba)	San Ildefonso (Santa Fe)
Farmington, L. (San Juan)	San Lorenzo (Grant)
Fort Sumner (DeBaca)	San Simon Cienega (Hidalgo)
Gage (Luna)	Sandia Mts. (Bernalillo)
Guadalupe Canyon (Hidalgo)	Santa Fe (Santa Fe)
Guadalupe Mts. (Eddy)	Santa Rosa, L. (Guadalupe)
Hachita (Grant)	Silver City (Grant)
Hatch (Doña Ana)	Socorro (Socorro)
Hobbs (Lea)	Sumner Lake SP (DeBaca)
Holloman Lakes (Otero)	Three Rivers (Otero)
Jal, L. (Lea)	Tucumcari, Lake (Quay)
Las Cruces (Doña Ana)	Tyrone (Grant)
Las Vegas NWR (San Miguel)	Ute Lake SP (Quay)
Lordsburg (Hidalgo)	Wagon Mound (Mora)
Los Alamos (Los Alamos)	Water Canyon (Socorro)
Loving (Eddy)	Willard (Torrance)
Mangas Springs (Grant)	Zuni (McKinley)
Maxwell NWR (Colfax)	Zuni Mts. (McKinley/Cibola)
Melrose trap (Roosevelt)	

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

COMMON LOON -- Late were singles at Ute L. on 5/29 (JO), Black Rock L. near Zuni on 5/20 (DC), at Bitter L. NWR on 5/26 (SN+), and Roberts L. in Grant Co. on 5/13 (Paul Boucher, *vide* RF).

HORNED GREBE -- 1 was late near Flora Vista, San Juan Co., on 4/23 (TR). 3 were on Ute L. on 3/11 (JO) and 1 on EBL on 3/18 (JO, JP, LG).

WESTERN GREBE -- A high count of 154 on Farmington L. on 4/24 (TR).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- Breeding: 80 bred north to Santa Rosa L., with 30 nests on 4/25 (DS).

GREAT BLUE HERON -- Breeding: 10 nests at the Glenwood Fish Hatchery, Catron Co., on 3/29 were early (JPH); no nests at the Heart Bar heronry near Gila Hot Springs in Grant Co. were being

used this spring (RF);...high count of 17 was at Tekapo L. near Zuni on 4/1 (DC).

GREAT EGRET -- 4 strayed north to Espanola 5/7 (BF+, CR*).

SNOWY EGRET -- Late birds in areas where breeding is not known included singles at Moriarty, Torrance Co., on 5/29 (JO), Hurley in Grant Co. on 5/27 (EL) and 3 at the newly discovered Lordsburg marsh on 5/28 (SOW).

CATTLE EGRET -- 1 near Morgan L. 5/3 (TR); 1 near Zuni on 5/20 (DC); 1 on Conchas L. on 5/11 (MP); 1 at Santa Rosa L. on 4/25 (DS); 8 along US 285 in Guadalupe Co. 5/7 (JO); 1 at the Lordsburg marsh 4/8 (JO, JP) and 2 on 5/27 (JO, JP, LC); and 12 at Jal on 5/7 (John Dunn).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- Breeding: New nesting sites were established, with 12 adults, 1 immature, and nests (1 with an egg) at Morgan L. on 5/3 (TR**) and the Pecos R. near Loving 4/29-30 (WH, CR, DM).

GLOSSY IBIS -- Unusual: 1 amid several White-faced Ibises near Fort Sumner 4/14-15 was the first state record (CR*, JO*, JP*, LG+, Steven Cox**, videotape images proved diagnostic). Another possible was at Santa Rosa L. 4/25 (DS*).

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- Inundated N.M. from Hidalgo and Lea Cos. north to San Juan and Union Cos. from April to mid-May (v.o.); earliest reports were singles at Tyrone 3/30 (EL) and Hobbs on 3/25 (JO). High counts were of 222 in 3 flocks on 4/30 at the Ojo Amarillo Sewage Ponds in San Juan Co. (TR); 160 at Tekapo L. near Zuni on 4/15 (DC); and a peak of 400 at Bosque NWR on 5/10 (JO, LC).

TUNDRA SWAN -- Lingering birds included 1 at Maxwell NWR on 3/12 (JO) and 4 at Bosque NWR on 3/5 (JP, JO).

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 1 at the RGNC on 3/19 in Albuquerque (JP, LG+) and on 3/21 (JO).

SNOW GOOSE -- 1 remained at Columbus on 3/10 (JPH) and 1 on Jal L. on 3/25 (JO).

ROSS'GOOSE -- 1 at Jal L. 3/1 to 3/8 (Pam Morris*, JO) and on 5/20 (JO**) had been banded.

WOOD DUCK -- Continued to be seen in out-of-the-way places, including 2 pairs at San Ildefonso Pueblo 5/7 (CR); 2 pairs at the Ute Creek arm of Ute L., Harding Co., on 4/15 (CR, PRS) and a male on 5/29 (JO); 2 near Fort Sumner on 4/15 (JO, JP, LC); 3 at Jal L. 3/2 (Pam Morris) and 1 male on 4/22 and 5/6-7 (JO, J.

Dunn).

MALLARD -- Breeding: a Mexican form female was on a nest with 9 eggs on 5/13 and 5/20 near Mule Creek (JPH+).

BLUE-WINGED X CINNAMON TEAL -- A well described apparent hybrid male was at Bitter L. NWR on 3/17 (CR*).

EURASIAN WIGEON -- Only recently verified in N.M., this spring found a male at Bosque NWR from 4/1 to 4/8 (JP*, JO*, PRS*, SW, v.o.) and a male at the Las Palomas marsh, Sierra Co., on 3/19 (JO*) and 4/1 to 4/9 (JP*, JO*, LC). Not detailed was a possible female there on 4/8 (CS).

OLDSQUAW -- 1 at Bitter L. NWR without details on 3/24 (SN) was the only report.

SURF SCOTER -- Singles were a female-plumaged at Bosque NWR 5/8 to 5/14 (R.Prickett*, RT, PB, WH*, JO*, v.o.) and a subadult male at Bitter L. NWR from 5/9 to 5/20 (SMB*, CB**, JO*, JP*, v.o.).

COMMON GOLDENEYE -- A male at a pond e. of Lordsburg on 3/4 (JO, JP).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- 10 on 3/19 at Six-Mile Dam s. of Carlsbad (SW).

TURKEY VULTURE -- The first arrival was 1 at Carlsbad on 3/8 (Dick and Jean Hoffman). High counts were 165 in the Holloman L. area on 5/3 (GE) and a roost of 175 on 4/16 at Rattlesnake Springs (SW+). 1217 counted at the Sandia Mts. hawk watch site from 3/15 to 5/1 (HWI).

OSPREY -- Numbers continued to show a strong recovery, with often multiple reports from over 25 locales (v.o.), including 71 at the Sandia Mts. site from 3/25 to 5/2 (HWI), up nearly 40% from the 10 year average there.

WHITE-TAILED KITE -- Singles at the Armendariz Ranch, Sierra Co., 3/14 (Ann Henry*) and near Otis in Eddy Co. on 3/25 (SW+).

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- Early arrivals were singles at Albuquerque 4/24-25 (Bruce Ostyn) and Brantley L. 4/22 (JP).

NORTHERN HARRIER -- Late in potential breeding areas included singles at Maxwell NWR on 5/23 (DM), 5/27 at Columbus (SOW), and n. of Carlsbad 5/26 (TH, *fide* SW).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- 16 at the Sandia Mts. site from 2/25 to 5/1 (HWI). 1 in the Sandia Mts. on 5/13 (DM).

HARRIS'S HAWK -- More evidence of their occupying the RGV was shown in Dona Ana Co. by 2 at Leasburg on 3/31 (EW, Lorraine Schulte, *fide* CS) and 3 on 3/26 at Mesilla (Hal Harrison, *fide* CS).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- Regular, usually scarce migrants, they made a strong showing: a record-tying 7 from 4/8 to 4/29 at the Sandia Mts. site (HWI); 1 immature on 5/5 at Fort Sumner (JO); an adult and an immature on 4/23 in Boone's Draw (JP, JO**) and an immature on 5/12-13 (JO, JP); an adult on the Ladder Ranch in Sierra Co. on 4/28 (Steve Dobrott*+); 1 adult at Rattlesnake Springs 4/16 (BN+) and 4/22 (JO*, JP) and an immature 5/7 (JO, John Dunn) and 5/12 (DE); 1 on 5/6 at Tatum, Lea Co. (JO); 1 immature at Hobbs on 4/22 (JO*).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK -- North of the normal range was 1 at Farmington on 5/11 (TR**).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK -- A high count of 20 near Willard on 3/2 (CR).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK -- 3 near Willard on 3/2 (CR). A late one e. of Wagon Mound on 4/15 (CR, PRS).

MERLIN -- The 18 that passed the Sandia Mts. site from 3/4 to 4/29 (HWI) passed the old record of 9, and was 350% above the 10 year average.

PEREGRINE FALCON -- 47 counted from 2/27 to 5/5 at the Sandia Mts. hawk watch site (HWI).

QUAIL -- Gambel's and Scaled quail numbers were up in the southwest (RS, SOW), probably due to abundant winter rains, but Scaled Quail numbers were down in the dry southeast (SW) and in the Clayton area (Wes Cook).

MONTEZUMA QUAIL -- 2 were in Water Canyon 5/19 (DM); 5 in Roberts Canyon in the San Mateo Mts., Socorro Co., 3/18 (JP, JO, LC).

SORA -- 1 found dead at the mouth of Rinconada Canyon at Petroglyph NM near Albuquerque on 4/23 (*fide* HS); 1 flushed from brush in the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 5/21 (JO).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 10 or 11 in breeding plumage on 5/13 at Bitter L. NWR (JO, JP) dwindled to 1 on 5/19 (JO); 1 was at Bosque NWR 5/10 to 5/12 (JO, PB, RT).

PIPING PLOVER -- Unusual: 1 at Brantley L. on 4/29 (JO**, LC) was the state's second confirmed record; another was well-described at Santa Rosa L. on 4/24 (DS*).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- Breeding: the first systematic surveys ever for breeding birds located 56 at 13 sites in Taos, Colfax, Union, Mora, Harding, San Miguel, Sandoval, Cibola, and Socorro Cos. from 4/11 to 5/31 (Lawry Sager+, HS**); these surveys will continue into summer.

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- About 24 seemed very much at home at the Lordsburg marsh in late May (CR, JO, SOW), which would be a new breeding area.

AMERICAN AVOCET -- Seemed at home at the Lordsburg marsh in late May (CR, JO, SOW); possibly a new breeding area.

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- 1 at the Tamarisk Oasis, San Juan Co., on 5/5 (TR); 2 at Mangas Springs 4/25 to 4/29 (RF); 1 at Jal L. on 4/22 (JO).

WILLET -- High counts of 21 at Mangas Springs 4/25 (RF) and 13 at Brantley L. on 4/16 (JO).

WHIMBREL -- Notable were 2 at Bitter L. NWR 5/19 (JO*).

HUDSONIAN GODWIT -- Unusual: a probable at Bitter L. NWR on 5/19 (CB*) was the state's 11th report and the first in three years.

MARbled GODWIT -- Small numbers in the Cimarron, Pecos, Canadian, Rio Grande, San Juan, and Zuni drainages from 4/7 to 5/16 (v.0.). High counts of 43 at Morgan L. on 4/15 (TR) and 60 at Sumner L. on 4/23 (JO).

SANDERLING -- 1 at Farmington L. on 4/27, 2 at Morgan L. on 5/3 (TR**); 1 at Elida, Roosevelt Co., on 5/20 (JO); 1 to 10 at Bitter L. NWR from 4/22 to 5/19 (JO, JP, RM); 2 at Brantley L. on 4/22 (JP).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 1 to 2 at Bitter L. NWR 4/15 to 5/19 (JO, JP, CR*); 1 on Brantley L. on 4/22 (JP).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- The only report was 1 at the Harding Co. part of Ute L. on 5/29 (JO*).

DUNLIN -- Scarce migrants, so noteworthy were 6 on 3/26 at Bottomless L. SP, Chaves Co. (JO, LC) and 15 at the Laguna Grande e. of Loving on 4/22 (SW, SL); elsewhere singles at Bosque NWR 3/11 (JP+) and 3/19 (JO), Bitter L. NWR 4/16 to 4/28 (JP, JO, LC, SN), w. of Las Cruces on 4/22 (Bill Glenn, *fide* CS).

STILT SANDPIPER -- 2 at Bosque Refuge on 4/25 and 5/1 (JO); 1 at Holloman L. on 5/17 (CR).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- Notably early at Bosque NWR with 1 first seen on 3/11 (JP+).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE -- 1 to 2 in the Farmington area on 4/22 and 5/13 (TR); 2 at the Las Vegas NWR on 5/12 (CR, Karen Copeland-Williams); 4 or 5 at Bosque NWR 5/12 to 5/18 (WH, JO, DM, Gary Froelich); at least 2 at Bitter L. NWR from 5/13 to 5/19 (SN, JO, RM); and 3 at Holloman L. on 5/17 (CR).

CALIFORNIA GULL -- 1 adult at the playas w. of Lordsburg on 4/8 (JP, JO*).

FORSTER'S TERN -- Late were singles at Tucumcari L. on 5/29 (JO) and Avalon L. near Carlsbad on 5/31 (*fide* SW).

LEAST TERN -- Westerly were singles at the San Ildefonso Pueblo pond 5/7-8 (PRS*, Bill West), Bosque NWR 5/11-12 (PB, RT, G. Froelich), and at Holloman L. on 5/27 (BZ**).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON -- About 100 were visiting Silver City feeders in April and May (EL), 190 on the 5/13 Grant Co. Count (RF+), perhaps due to food scarcity in the nearby mountains; unusual was 1 at Rattlesnake Springs on 4/30 (WH, CR*, DM).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- Continued their northward advance, including about 4 at Mangas Springs by 4/26 (RF) and 1 singing at Logan on 4/15 (CR, PRS).

INCA DOVE -- Beyond their usual range were 1 on 4/29 at Fort Sumner (JP) and 2 at Jal on 5/20 (JO).

COMMON GROUND-DOVE -- The only report was 1 at Mangas Springs on 5/26 (RF).

FLAMMULATED OWL -- 1 at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 5/12 (JP, JO**) was east of its range.

WHISKERED SCREECH-OWL -- Surveys found 7 territories in 2 Peloncillo Mts. canyons 5/8 and 5/11 (SOW); where Western Screech-Owls were also present.

LONG-EARED OWL -- Breeding: a nest found at Morgan L. had 2 young on 5/12 (TR**);.....1 on 5/6 at the migrant trap w. of Melrose (JP, LC).

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL -- An injured bird was found in Los Alamos on 4/27 and taken to the Espanola Wildlife Center where it later died (Marge Cash, *fide* RBA). 1 at the Red Canyon CG, Manzano Mts. in Tarrant Co., on 3/31 (JO).

LESSER NIGHTHAWK -- Earliest reports were at Bosque NWR 4/25 (JO) and Carlsbad 4/12 (SL, *fide* SW); unusual were flocks totaling 150 to 200 near Bosque NWR on 5/16 and 5/18 (Jerry Hobart, JO).

WHIP-POOR-WILL -- 1 calling along Forest Rd. 540 in the Guadalupe Mts. on 5/19 (JO).

CHIMNEY SWIFT -- Restricted to the east, with 2 on 5/29 at Tucumcari L. (JO), 3 at Roswell on 5/13 (SMB+), 1 over Carlsbad on 5/3 (SW), and 1 near Rattlesnake Springs on 4/22 (JP, JO).

BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD -- A male was east of its range at Dripping Springs in the Organ Mts. near Las Cruces on 5/15 to 5/17 (Jennifer Atchley*, BZ**).

BLUE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD -- Very early was a female in Post Office Canyon on 3/12 (RS).

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD -- The female that wintered at Ruidoso was still there on 3/16 (CR*, Diana Harris); 1 to 4 were at two Grant Co. locales into May (RF, BZ) and 1 or 2 in Post Office Canyon 4/29 and 5/11 to 5/17 (RS).

LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD -- Returned to Post Office Canyon on 3/20 (RS).

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 or 2 males, described as singing, were in 3 Peloncillo Mts. canyons in April and May (JO, JP, BN, CR, v.o.), but breeding was not documented.

COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- Staged an impressive invasion this spring: 2 territorial males in Mayberry Canyon of the San Andres Mts. 3/29 to 4/26, with 1 still there 5/25 (MW**); a courting pair on the lower Gila R. 3/27 (Paul Boucher*, DAZ), where a male was heard on 3/23 (SOW, Roger Skaggs); single males were in the Burro Mts. on 4/12 (P. Boucher*) and in Guadalupe Canyon on 4/8 (JP*, JO*).

ELEGANT TROGON -- 1 had returned to the Peloncillo Mts. on 4/9 (JP*, JO*).

LEWIS' WOODPECKER -- 1 near San Lorenzo, Grant Co., 5/21 (EL) was south of the range.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- Singles were at Bitter L. NWR on 3/13 to 3/20 (RM) and at Mesilla Park in Dona Ana Co. 3/16 to 3/19 (BN, DE+).

ACORN WOODPECKER -- They were absent from Water Canyon in spring

(JP), while singles appeared in unlikely settings, including at Socorro on 5/5 (PB) and Carrizalillo Spring, Luna Co., on 5/18 (CR, DE).

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER -- 1 at Carlsbad 3/13 to 3/16 (TH, *fide* SW) provided a rare treat there. Another was at San Andres NWR from 3/29 into April (MW).

LADDER-BACKED WOODPECKER -- Breeding: nests were found at Sumner L. on 4/20-21 (PES) and at Mangas Springs 4/30 (RF).

DOWNY WOODPECKER -- Notably south were singles at Bitter L. NWR 4/28-30 (CR+, WH, DM, JO+) and Ruidoso 3/16 (CR).

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER -- The only report was a female in Hausner Canyon in the Zuni Mts. on 5/27 (HS).

NORTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET -- 1 in Guadalupe Canyon on 3/4; about 5 calling on 4/8 and 5/28 (JP, JO, LC).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER -- A 'fall-out' of 12 in Rinconada Canyon at the base of Mt. Taylor, Cibola Co., on 5/28 (HS).

GREATER PEWEE -- 1 or 2 at McMillan CG in the Pinos Altos Mts. 5/3 to 5/28 (RF, BZ**) and in the Animas Mts. of Hidalgo Co. on 5/9 and 5/11 (SOW).

WOOD-PEWEE species -- A wood-pewee that may have been an Eastern (verified only once in N.M.) was at Rattlesnake Springs on 5/18 (C. Brozek*) and 5/20 (JO); descriptions and vocalizations were uncertain (SOW).

LEAST FLYCATCHER -- At least 1 singing at Boone's Draw on 5/6 (JP, JO, LC), where rare but regular; westerly was 1 at Percha SP on 5/27 (BZ+*).

GRAY FLYCATCHER -- Breeding: a nest in the e. Zuni Mts. On 6/14 with 4 nestlings (HS), probably begun about 5/27;....3 singing in Water Canyon on 5/19 (DM); up to 10 singing birds in the Big Burro Mts. on 4/24 and in the Big Lue Mts. at 2 sites near Mule Creek on 4/27-28 and 5/20 (JPH).

BUFF-BREASTED FLYCATCHER -- Unusual: 1 in Clanton Canyon of the Peloncillo Mts. on 5/20 was the first verified in the state in over half a century (DE*, CR*, BN**).

EASTERN PHOEBE -- Westerly was 1 singing at San Ildefonso Pueblo on 5/1 to 5/7 (PRS, CR*, B. West).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- Pushing the ne. limits of their N.M.

range were a male at Logan on 4/15 (CR, PRS), a pair at Conchas L. on 5/2 and 5/11 (MP), and a male at Boone's Draw 4/27 (SOW) to 5/21 (JP, JO, LG+, B. West). Another male was at Socorro on 4/28 (PB).

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- 2 or 3 near Pena Blanca, Sandoval Co., 5/24 (B. West, *fide* RBA) and 5/29 (CR). 1 at the San Francisco R. bridge near Luna, Catron Co., 5/27 (Stuart Healy).

VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW -- Easterly and late were 15 below Conchas L. dam on 5/29 (JO).

CAVE SWALLOW -- Breeding: for the fourth year in a row, at least 10 pairs nested near La Union, Doña Ana Co. (BZ).

STELLER'S JAY -- Remnants of last winters lowland jay invasion included 1 at Percha SP 3/19 (JO) and up to 8 at Rattlesnake Springs until 4/30 (JO, SW, JP, DM, WH+).

GREEN JAY -- Unexpected and most likely an escape, was 1 at Las Cruces 5/20-21 (Sue Hill** (also videotape), GE+).

SCRUB JAY: -- Also from the lowland invasion were 2 to 4 at Rattlesnake Springs on 4/30 (WH, DM, CR) and 5/20 (SW). To the east singles were sighted near Gallegos in Harding Co., 4/15 (CR, PRS) and at Conchas L. 3/15 to 4/12 (MP).

PINYON JAY -- An unexpected sighting was 2 on the West Mesa of Albuquerque on 5/20 (WH).

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE -- At the s. limit of its range were 1 near Isleta Pueblo, Bernalillo Co., 5/3 (J. Richardson, *fide* WH) and 3 at Dilia, Guadalupe Co., on 3/5 (CR).

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE -- 1 near Three Rivers on 5/10 (GE).

PLAIN TITMOUSE -- Breeding: near their southern limits in the Organ Mts., a fledgling was being fed at Dripping Springs near Las Cruces on 5/29 (GE).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- Late for the plains was 1 at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 5/21 (JO).

RED-VENTED BULBUL -- Obviously an escape, this popular cage bird was seen and described at the Rio Grande bridge at Belen, Valencia Co., 4/8 (Sharon Ramirez*, *fide* RBA).

WINTER WREN — A possible near La Plata on 5/13 (TR*) was one of the few San Juan Co. reports. Two, 1 singing, was in upper Frijoles Canyon near Los Alamos on May 13 and 19 with no details

(Eric Hein, *fide* PRS). One seen nearby on 6/3 (JP, JO).

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER -- Efforts to detect them in the southwest paid off with 3 at San Simon Cienega on 3/3 (JO, JP), 1 singing at nearby Granite Gap in the Peloncillo Mts. on 3/9 (Alan Craig and Narca Moore-Craig); 2 at San Andres NWR on 5/11 (MW).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- A singing bird was late in Guadalupe Canyon on 5/28 (JP, JO, LC).

GRAY CATBIRD -- 2 singing at Zuni on 5/29 were late (DC).

LONG-BILLED THRASHER -- The bird at Rattlesnake Springs since February (JO**) seen at least until 4/22 (JP*, JO*).

BROWN THRASHER -- 1 or 2 were at Rattlesnake Springs from 4/30 (WH) into May (JP, v.o.). 1 was at Morgan L. 3/17 to 4/23 (TR).

BENDIRE'S THRASHER -- 2 on 4/16 at the Petroglyph NM near Albuquerque (HS).

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER -- 1 was gathering nest material at Conchas L. on 4/2 (MP).

CRISSAL THRASHER -- Breeding: remarkably early was a nest with nestlings at the Petroglyph NM near Albuquerque on 3/11, indicating nest initiation about 2/21 (HS).

CEDAR WAXWING -- A strong showing statewide with small to moderate numbers into late May south to Guadalupe Canyon on 5/28 (JO+), San Andres NWR (MW), 1 at Dripping Springs on 5/29 (GE), 9 at Holloman L. on 5/17 (GE), and at Rattlesnake Springs until 5/20 (JO, JP).

PHAINOPEPLA -- A female at the edge of its range on 5/13 at Bitter L. NWR (RM).

NORTHERN SHRIKE -- Lingering from the impressive winter invasion were 1 at Lamy, Santa Fe Co., 3/16 (CR), an adult at the Las Vegas NWR on 3/4 (Sy Baldwin), 1 n. of Clayton on 3/12 (JO), an adult n. of Melrose, Curry Co., 3/5 (CR*).

WHITE-EYED VIREO -- Unusual: 1 was heard singing on 4/15 at Bosque Redondo Park near Fort Sumner (JO).

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO -- 1 or 2 were at Boone's Draw on 4/23 to 5/6 (JP*, JO**).

PHILADELPHIA VIREO -- Unusual: 1 at Boone's Draw on 5/11 (CB*,

JB).

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 male at Rattlesnake Springs on 5/10-11 (RM*, DE*).

LUCY'S WARBLER -- Far east was 1 at Boone's Draw on 5/13 (JP*, LG, JO**, Carol Davis).

NORTHERN PARULA -- Had a good season, with 1 or 2 males and a female at the migrant trap w. of Melrose 4/30 (JO); 1 female at Boone's Draw 4/29-30 (JP*, JO, Lane Leckman); a pair at Bitter L. NWR 4/22 (SN); a female at Rattlesnake Springs on 5/10 (RM*) and a male 5/11 (DE*).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER -- 1 male to the Water Canyon area on 5/19 (DM*); 1 female at Sumner L. 5/21 (JO*); a male on 5/6 at the migrant trap w. of Melrose (JP*, LC); and 1 male at Boone's Draw on 5/13 (JO*, JP*, LG, C.Davis) and on 5/17 (CR*).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 male at Boone's Draw on 5/11 (CB*, JB).

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER -- 1 male on 5/18 at Rattlesnake Springs (RM*).

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 male at Boone's Draw on 5/11 (CB*, JB).

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 of the white-lored race was at Rattlesnake Springs on 4/22 (JP*, JO*).

BLACKPOLL WARBLER -- 1 male on 5/11 near Tingley Park in Albuquerque (Marge Williams*); 1 female at Boone's Draw on 5/11 (CB*, JB); 1 singing male at the Washington Ranch near Rattlesnake Springs on 5/14 (JP*, JO**).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- 1 at an Albuquerque park 5/11 (JO); a female at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 5/5-6 (JO, JP, L.Leckman); 1 female on 4/23 (JO) and a singing male at Boone's Draw on 4/24 (JP, L. Leckman) and 5/6 (JP, JO); 1 on 5/22 at Aguirre Springs, Doña Ana Co. (Craig Benkman, *fide* CS); and a female at Pep, Roosevelt Co., on 5/20 (JO).

AMERICAN REDSTART -- 1 male at Farmington L. on 5/13 (TR); 1 first year male at La Cienega, Santa Fe Co., on 5/13 (CR, Pat Insley); 2 near Peña Blanca, Sandoval Co., on 5/29 (CR); 1 female at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 5/11 (CB, JB, *fide* RBA) and 1 female on 5/21 (JO); 1 or 2 females 5/11 to 5/21 at Boone's Draw (JO, JP, CB, JB, CR); 1 immature male at Rattlesnake Springs on 5/7 (JO, John Dunn).

OVENBIRD -- 2 at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 4/30 and 1 on 5/5 (JO**), 5/6 (JP, LC) and 5/12 (JP, JO); singles at Las Cruces on 5/17-19 (Sue Hill**, GE, CS+) and on 5/10 at Rattlesnake Springs (RM*).

KENTUCKY WARBLER -- 1 female at Boone's Draw on 5/11 (CB*, JB) and on 5/13 (JP*, JO**, LG).

HOODED WARBLER -- 1 male singing in Sawmill Canyon of the lower Magdalena Mts., Socorro Co., on 5/20 (HS).

HEPATIC TANAGER -- Unexpected so far east was a male at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 5/5-6 (JP, JO**).

SUMMER TANAGER -- Earliest in the east were singles at Sumner L. on 4/20 (PES), Rattlesnake Springs on 4/16 (SW+), and Hobbs on 4/22 (JO).

NORTHERN CARDINAL -- Now firmly established in Eddy Co. (SW, WH), 1 to 2 were found east to Jal and Eunice in Lea Co. on 4/22 and 5/6, and north to Tucumcari L. on 5/29 (JO).

PYRRHULOXIA -- Northerly was 1 at Boone's Draw 4/23 to 4/30 (JO, JP, L. Leckman).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK -- Reported at 16 locales 4/27 to 5/23 (v.o.), including 1 w. to San Lorenzo on 5/14 (RF).

VARIED BUNTING -- 1 singing at Dripping Springs near Las Cruces 5/17-18 (EW, J. Atchley) was a local first record.

PAINTED BUNTING -- Far north at Santa Fe was a male 4/29 to 5/9 (CR, PRS, Nancy Downen**), a local first.

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- 7 singing at the Maxwell NWR on 5/23 (DM) and 3 near Cochiti L., Sandoval Co., on 5/29 (CR). Perhaps reflecting dry conditions in the southwest, they were found in below normal numbers near Lordsburg, Gage, Hachita, and Columbus 5/27 to 5/30 (SOW).

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW -- 1 fitting the description was near Santa Fe on the late date of 5/13 (Linda Mowbray*).

SAVANNAH SPARROW -- Surveys for grassland birds revealed an impressive 20 singing at Maxwell NWR on 5/23 (DM). Others were 5 at Zuni on 5/29 (DC).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- Grassland surveys found 22 singing males at Maxwell NWR on 5/23 and 1 singing at Las Vegas NWR on 5/24

(DM).

LECONTE'S SPARROW -- Unusual: a probable second-year bird was at Bosque NWR on 4/30 (LG*, Jim Place).

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW -- Late and a local first was 1 near Cuba, Sandoval Co., on 5/4 (Celia Cooper*).

SLATE-COLORED DARK-EYED JUNCO -- 1 or 2 at Pleasanton until 4/5 (JPH).

BOBOLINK -- 2 males at Caballo L., Sierra Co., on 5/17 (Storm Sermay*) provided the only report.

BRONZED COWBIRD -- East in range and a local first were male at Hobbs on 5/6 and a female on 5/20 (JO**).

ORCHARD ORIOLE -- Stragglers to the north were a male at Santa Rosa L. on 5/4 (DS); a male at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 5/5 (JO) and a first year male to Bitter L. NWR 5/13 to 5/20 (RM).

HOODED ORIOLE -- 1 north to Conchas L. on 4/28 (MP) and a first year male to Bitter L. NWR on 5/13 (SN, RM). A male was in Post Office Canyon on 4/28 and 5/2 (RS).

CASSIN'S FINCH -- 1 female was at Ruidoso on 3/16, where rarely reported (CR). Hard to find this spring with the only other reports being from Farmington (TR), Los Alamos (Joyce Takamine), Cedar Crest area in Bernalillo Co (PES, JO), and Pleasanton (JPH).

HOUSE FINCH -- Breeding: the mild late-winter weather induced some to breed early, evidenced by a nest with eggs at Santa Fe on 3/15 which later failed (DS) and recently fledged young at Tyrone on 3/23 (EL).

RED CROSSBILL -- The only reports this spring were from Los Alamos. (PRS+).

PINE SISKIN -- Late for the east were 40 at Conchas L. 5/2 (MP), 2 at Boone's Draw on 5/17 (CR), and 1 on 5/20 at Rattlesnake Springs (SW, SL).

EVENING GROSBEAK -- Small numbers appeared east to Roy and Mills Canyon in Harding Co. on 4/15 (CR, PRS), and to Timberon, Otero Co. (Marilyn Ellison), but were unreported in the southwest.

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