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SUMMER 1995 HIGHLIGHTS

Relatively plentiful moisture in much of the north and west had lakes and streams full, but the southeast and northeast continued hot and dry. Birds and birders were active, and several important nesting records were established. First nestings of Lucifer Hummingbird and Cedar Waxwing were documented. Down were nesting hawk numbers in the Clayton area (Wes Cook). Reported were low hummingbird numbers in Post Office Canyon (RS) and Grant Co. (RF). Rare warbler species were found; while in the southwest their numbers were low (DZ, RF).

Abbreviations Used

BBS	Breeding Bird Survey	N.M.	New Mexico
CG	Campground	R.	River, Rio
Co.	County	RBA	Rare Bird Alert
EBL	Elephant Butte Lake	RGNC	Rio Grande Nature Center
IR	Indian Reservation	RGV	Rio Grande Valley
L.	Lake	SP	State Park
Mt(s)	Mountain(s)	VLA	Very Large Array
NM	Natl. Monument	v.o.	various observers
NWR	Natl. Wildlife Refuge	***	specimen collected
+	et al., and others	**	photo/tape given
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PLACE NAMES AND THEIR COUNTIES

Aguirre Springs	Doña Ana	Los Alamos	Los Alamos
Albuquerque	Bernalillo	Los Lunas	Valencia
Angel Fire	Colfax	Los Ojos	Rio Arriba
Animas Mts., Valley	Hidalgo	Maxwell NWR	Colfax
Belen	Valencia	Mesilla	Doña Ana
Bitter L. NWR	Chaves	Mills Canyon	Harding
Blanco	San Juan	Mogollon	Catron
Bluewater L.	Cibola	Mt. Taylor	Cibola

Bosque (del Apache) NWR	Ojo Amarillo	San Juan
Brantley L.	Socorro	San Miguel
Caballo L.	Eddy	Pecos
Chuska Mts.	Sierra	Peloncillo Mts.
Clayton	San Juan	Piñon
Cliff	Union	Playas Valley
Cloudcroft	Grant	Post Office Canyon
Conchas L.	Otero	Queen
Corona	San Miguel	Quemado, L.
Dripping Springs	Lincoln	Rattlesnake Springs
Eagle Nest L.	Doña Ana	Raton
El Vado L.	Colfax	Roberts L.
Elephant Butte L.	Rio Arriba	Rodeo
Farmington	Sierra	Rosebud
Floyd	San Juan	Roswell
Fort Sumner	Roosevelt	Sabinoso
Guadalupe Canyon	DeBaca	San Ildefonso
Heron L.	Hidalgo	San Juan Pueblo
High Rolls	Rio Arriba	Sandia Mts.
Hillsboro	Otero	Santa Fe
Hobbs	Sierra	Silver City
Holloman L.	Lea	Socorro
Hopewell L.	Otero	Springer
Jal L.	Rio Arriba	Stinking (Burford) L.
Jemez Mts., Falls	Lea	Rio Arriba
Lake Valley	Sandoval	Stubblefield L.
Las Cruces	Sierra	Taos
Las Vegas NWR	Doña Ana	Valle Vidal
Lordsburg	San Miguel	Taos and
	Hidalgo	Colfax
	Variadero	San Miguel
	Zuni, R., Mts.	McKinley

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

COMMON LOON -- 1 at Maxwell NWR 6/4 (JO); 3 at nearby Stubblefield L. on 7/23 (JP, JO); 1 at Las Vegas NWR on 7/15 (CR). This loon is a novelty in summer.

EARED GREBE -- Breeding: took advantage of favorable conditions in the northwest, with about 1000 nests at Stinking L. in July (DS), 161 nests at Long L. in the Chuska Mts. 7/21 (DC**), and about 95 nests at Black Rock L. near Zuni on 7/27 (DC, SA).

WESTERN GREBE -- Breeding: a pair was at Nutria L. near Zuni tending 3 chicks from 7/14 to 7/26 (DC**).

Albatross species -- What was described as a light-colored albatross with very long, thin black-bordered wings glided low over Peralta, Valencia Co., on 7/26 (Dan Harris*, Dianna Padilla-Harris). There are no reports in the state of any *Diomedidae*.

BROWN PELICAN -- An immature was flying east over 1-10 at Akela in Luna Co. on 6/17 (CS). It may have been the same one found exhausted later that day in a Las Cruces parking lot, where it was captured and moved to Burn L. (press photo). It was last seen 6/22 (GE+). Another immature was at Caballo L. 6/19 (E. Wootten**) and 7/7 (DE, BN*); 2 immatures were present 7/4 (JO*).

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT -- North were 4 at Corrales in Sandoval Co. on 6/3 (JP, JO); a local first was 1 in the Animas Valley on 7/6 (JO**).

AMERICAN BITTERN -- 1 at Stinking L. on 6/10 was the first in many years (DS).

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- Found in three middle RGV areas: 1 calico immature at Bosque NWR 6/18, an immature at the Las Palomas marsh, Sierra Co., 6/11 and an adult on 6/18 and 7/30 (all by JO*); and in two Pecos Valley locales: 1 at Bitter L. NWR 6/6 (SOW); 1 near Artesia, Eddy Co., on 6/17 (Mike Livingston*).

TRICOLORED HERON -- 1 at Bitter L. NWR on 6/24 (SB).

CATTLE EGRET -- 1 at Stinking L. on 7/16 (JP, JO) and on 7/20 (Bill West, *fide* RBA).

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- 1 adult at San Ildefonso Pueblo on 7/29 (Karl David*), a new northern locale.

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- Breeding: 5 nests were found on 6/8 at Stinking L. (DS) and 15 at Nutria L. near Zuni on 6/7 (SA). Success was poor at both sites.

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 1 immature molting into adult plumage was seen at Bosque NWR on 6/18 (JO**).

WOOD DUCK: -- Breeding: a female with 2 young on the Zuni R. near Black Rock L. on 6/24 (JT); a female was escorting 7 young e. of Socorro 7/9 (Bruce Morrison), where breeding is poorly documented;...singles were at Mesilla on 6/5 (RM) and a male at Jal L. 6/9 (CP, TH).

MALLARD -- Breeding: an adult Mexican-type with young in Silver City on 6/1 (Paul Boucher, *fide* DZ); in the Animas Valley a female with 7 large young 6/8 and a female with 5 large young on 6/9 (SOW).

COMMON GOLDENEYE -- 1 male at Bluewater L. 7/9 (JO).

BUFFLEHEAD -- A pair was near Zuni on 6/2 (DC).

HOODED MERGANSER -- Single females at Maxwell NWR on 7/6 (DM) and at Zuni 7/11 and 8/1 (DC**).

COMMON MERGANSER -- Breeding: a female with 17 young on the Gila R. in Grant Co. on 6/9 (RF).

OSPREY -- Breeding: the nest at El Vado L. produced 3 fledglings, but the nest at Heron L. failed to produce eggs (DS)...Areas where not known to breed included 1 at Nutria L. near Zuni on 7/14 (DC**) and 1 on 7/18 in the Sacramento Mts. s. of Ruidoso, Otero Co. (GE).

WHITE-TAILED KITE -- An adult near Lordsburg on 7/28 (CR*) and 1 or 2 in the Animas Valley on 7/5 (JO*), 7/19 (SOW, GS), and 7/31 (SOW, AMC); nesting in the state remains undocumented.

BALD EAGLE -- Breeding: the single nests in Colfax and Sierra Cos. fledged 3 and 2 young, respectively (SOW, JO); unusual was an adult near Mule Creek in Grant Co. on 7/8 (Hiram Parent, *fide* DZ).

NORTHERN HARRIER -- 4 or 5 near Roswell on 6/9 (BH) furnished a high summer count for anywhere in N.M.

HARRIS'S HAWK -- Further evidence of its establishment in the RGV was 1 near Fort Craig, Socorro Co., on 7/9 (Bruce Morrison+). 1 at Holloman L. on 7/31 (GE).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK -- 2 in upper Mills Canyon 6/22 (W. and B. Peeples, *fide* HS) were the first reported at that northeast site since 1957.

RED-TAILED HAWK -- 1 made the Los Alamos newspaper for frequenting a local ballpark and diving "to pick up tidbits of food left by spectators" (*fide* PRS).

BLUE GROUSE -- Breeding: A female with a chick was seen below the Santa Fe Ski Basin on 7/8 (JP).

QUAIL -- Dry conditions in the southeast were likely responsible for low numbers and poor productivity of Northern Bobwhites and Scaled Quail (SW); favorable conditions in the southwest resulted in multiple broods of Scaled and Gambel's Quail there (v.o.).

SCALED QUAIL -- 1 west of Taos on 7/2 (JP), 1 near Cimarron, Colfax Co., 7/22 (JP, JO) were northerly.

VIRGINIA RAIL -- Breeding: 2 with 3 downy black young at Quemado L. on 7/21 (CR+).

COMMON MOORHEN -- Breeding: A pair with about 6 downy chicks plus 2 additional immatures were south of San Marcial, Socorro Co., on 7/30 (JO**).

SNOWY PLOVER -- 1 was west of the range at the playas w. of Lordsburg on 6/15 (RF).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER -- Early records included 3 at the Ojo Amarillo sewage ponds on 7/31 (TR), 1 at Maxwell NWR on 7/23 (JO, JP), 1 at Tekapo L. near Zuni on 7/27 (DC), 1 at Caballo L. 7/29 (CR, Sheila Gershen), and 2 at Holloman L. on 7/31 (GE).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- Breeding: surveys in June and July located 125, including 16 young, at 23 sites in nine counties - Colfax, Union, McKinley, Cibola, Sandoval, Taos, Mora, Harding, and Lincoln (Lawry Sager+). In the south an adult and 2 large young were e.of Corona on 6/11 (DM).

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- A high count of 83 at Holloman L. on 6/26 (GE).

AMERICAN AVOCET -- Breeding; at Tohatchi, McKinley Co., there were 17 adults and 3 young 7/21 and 7/28 (DC**); 6 nests at Stinking L. 6/10 to 6/24 (DS);...On July 28 4 were at the Coyote Canyon sewage pond and 15 at the Crownpoint sewage ponds in McKinley Co. (DC). A high count of 150 were at Holloman L. on 6/26 (GE).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- Earliest were singles at Maxwell NWR and near Springer on 7/23 (JP, JO); unusual was 1 on 7/30 in the Peloncillo Mts. near Rodeo (*fide* RS).

WILLET -- Singles at the Ojo Amarillo sewage ponds on 6/16 (TR), Bosque NWR on 7/3 (JP, Ben Parmeter), and at Caballo L. on 7/29 (CR, S. Gershen).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- Breeding: at least 12 nesting at Rice Park in upper Sawyer Canyon of the Zuni Mts. in Cibola Co. on 6/15 (HS); 2 nests contained 4 eggs each.

WHIMBREL -- Unusual: 1 was at the Ojo Amarillo sewage ponds on 7/11 (TR**, good details).

MARbled GODWIT -- Singles were late June 21 at Heron L. (Bill West, *fide* RBA) and Bitter L. NWR (SOW); 2 on 7/23 at Stubblefield L. (JO, JP), 7 at EBL 7/29 (CR+), and 1 to 6 at Caballo L. 7/29 to 7/30 (CR+, JO) were returning early.

SANDERLING -- 1 in molting plumage, still with much red, at EBL on 7/29 (CR*, S. Gershen).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- West of the usual range were 5 at Maxwell NWR on 6/4 (JO*), 1 at Bosque NWR on 6/3 (DE, BN), and 3 at Holloman L. on 6/14 (GE, *good).

STILT SANDPIPER -- Rare at Zuni, 1 to 3 were seen 7/18 (DC**) for the first summer record. 4 at Wagon Mound, Mora Co., on 7/23 (JP, JO).
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COMMON SNIPE -- Small numbers summered near Canjilon L on 6/23-24 (JP, JO), 1 at Eagle Nest L. on 7/8 (DM), 16 at Angel Fire 6/28 (CR), 5 at Wagon Mound in Mora Co. on 6/4 (JO), and 1 at Las Vegas NWR on 7/15 (CR). Far south was 1 in the Animas Valley on 6/13 (SOW).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- Breeding: nested at Zuni where 2 nests with eggs were found on 6/1 (SA**);...1 near Rodeo on 7/29 (RS).

FRANKLIN'S GULL -- Late were 2 at Stinking L. on 6/10 (DS) and 11 at Maxwell NWR and nearby Stubblefield L. on 6/4 (JO).

BONAPARTE'S GULL -- Late was 1 at Maxwell NWR 6/4 (JO).

CALIFORNIA GULL -- At Heron L. 9 on 7/16 (JO, JP), 20 or so at Stinking L. on 7/16 (JO, JP), 9 at Bluewater L. on 7/28 (DC**); including a high count of 121 at Eagle Nest L. on 7/8 (DM).

FORSTER'S TERN -- Not reported in June; the earliest were 4 at Avalon L., Eddy Co., on 7/17 (TJH, *fide* SW).

LEAST TERN -- Breeding: 6 pairs nested at Bitter L. NWR, up from 4 last year (Sonia Najera, SOW).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- 1 in the Sacramento Mts. at Piñon on 6/10 (BH); 3 in the Guadalupe Mts. near Queen 6/19 (SW); in the west 1 north to Cliff on 6/11 in the Gila Valley (RF).

COMMON GROUND-DOVE -- 1 in the Animas Valley on 7/6 (JO**).

COCKATIEL -- Undoubtedly an escape was 1 flying over Jal L. on 6/9 (CP, TH).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- Made a strong showing in the south, including 8 near Cliff 7/21 (SOW), 18 on transects near Brantley L. in June (M. Livingston), and 8 at Rattlesnake Springs 6/18 and 7/15 (SW+). Northerly were a pair at Blanco 6/29 (TR**), 1 to 3 at Maxwell NWR on various dates from 6/7 to 7/23 (DM, JP, JO).

FLAMMULATED OWL -- Breeding: an immature with an adult on 7/13 near the Los Alamos Reservoir, with 7 more in the area (DS);...Out of habitat was an apparent one heard in Farmington on 6/11 (TR*); 1 at Cienega Canyon in the Sandia Mts. on 6/19 (JO). 28 counted in a Jemez Mts. survey in June and July (Archibald McCallum).

WESTERN SCREECH-OWL -- Breeding: adults were feeding 2 fledglings in pinyon-juniper in Eldorado near Santa Fe on 6/13 (DS).

NORTHERN PYGMY-OWL -- Reports on 6/23 included singles near Canjilon L. (JP) and near Cloudcroft (CR, CS).

LONG-EARED OWL -- Singles at Burned Mt. s. of Hopewell L. on 6/24 (JO) and at Maxwell NWR on 7/5 (DM).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK -- About 125 in 3 flocks on the e. side of Albuquerque on 6/3 (DM).

COMMON POORWILL -- Breeding: east of its usual range was 1 flushed from 2 eggs on the ground in shinnery oak habitat near Hobbs on 6/10 (TH, CP).

WHIP-POOR-WILL -- Notably north was 1 heard 6/6 near Gallinas, San Miguel Co. (CR).

BLACK SWIFT -- 3 had returned to Jemez Falls by 6/17 (JP, JO, Louis Cuellar). None found on 6/3 (JO, JP).

CHAETURA SWIFT -- 1 believed to be a Chimney was at Dripping Springs on 6/7 (Jack Dozier, *fide* BN).

BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD -- Breeding: 7 males and 3 females, including a female on eggs, were in Guadalupe Canyon 6/10-11 (SOW);...1 male was north in another canyon in the Peloncillo Mts. on 7/6 (JO).

WHITE-EARED HUMMINGBIRD -- A banner year with reports from 3 mountain ranges: an adult male 12 miles s. of Tijeras, Bernalillo Co., from 7/14 to 7/30 when banded by Joan Day-Martin**, seen for the second consecutive year; 2 near Roberts L. from 6/10 to 7/31 (RF**, JO**, v.o.); and an immature in the Animas Mts. 6/23 (AMC, NMC*, sketch), the first in several years.

BLUE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 to 3 at the feeders in Mogollon on 7/22 and 7/29 (CR*, JO*, v.o.); a male summered near Roberts L. (RF).

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD -- Several at feeders on 6/20 at Mogollon (Eleanor Wootten*), 7/22 (CR, v.o.), and 7/29 (JO) where they have summered for the last three years according to local residents; 2 summered at Roberts L. (RF).

LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD -- Breeding: first state record of nesting was a female on a nest** with 2 young in the Peloncillo Mts. 7/13 to 7/28, another female carrying nest material;...with at least 10 or 12 found in 3 canyons in the Peloncillos (William Baltosser**, SOW, JO*);.8 to 10 summered in Post Office Canyon (RS).

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- A total of 5 at 3 sites in the Peloncillo Mts. 7/13 to 7/28 (W. Baltosser).

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD -- Early for the West Mesa of Albuquerque was 1 on 6/24 (BH).

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 male s. of Tijeras, Bernalillo Co., on 6/28 (Joan Day-Martin) was the earliest ever seen there.

LEWIS'S WOODPECKER -- Breeding: on 6/24 a nest near Apache Creek, Catron Co., (DM**); ...unexpected was 1 at Willie Chavez SP near Belen on 6/12 (DM).

ACORN WOODPECKER -- 4 were nw. in the Chuska Mts. 7/21 (DC). 1 at Mt. Taylor on 7/9 (JO). Out of range was 1 flying north along US 285 s. of Vaughn at the Lincoln/Guadalupe Co. line on 6/8 (BH).

GILA WOODPECKER -- Breeding: adults feeding 2 young at a nest in the Animas Valley on 6/8 (SOW).

RED-NAPED SAPSUCKER -- Breeding: adults at holes in the Canjilon area 6/24 and the Valle Vidal 6/25 (JO).

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER -- Breeding: a pair at a nest hole in the Valle Vidal on 6/25 (JO).

DOWNY WOODPECKER -- 1 at Madrone Pond near Belen on 7/28 (JO).

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER -- 1 female near Canjilon L. on 6/24 (JO).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER -- About 130 territories near Cliff in June and July (R.W. Skaggs+) comprised perhaps the densest concentration yet discovered in the southwest.

HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER -- Breeding: a Mt. Taylor colony at Rinconada Canyon provided an area first - 8 adults were in oak-alder foothills habitat 6/16, with a nest with nestlings and a family of fledglings on 7/3 (HS).

GRAY FLYCATCHER -- Breeding: a nest with 4 young at Limekiln Canyon in the Zuni Mts. on 6/14 (HS**); at the southeast edge of its range were 2 at Piñon 6/10 (BH) and 3 at Robinson Draw in the Guadalupe Mts. near Queen on 7/14 (SW, TJH).

BLACK PHOEBE -- 1 near Pecos, San Miguel Co., on 6/10 at the Forked Lightning Ranch (CR).

EASTERN PHOEBE -- West of its range was 1 near Taos on 6/24 and 7/1-2 (JP, B.Parmeter); 1 at the Boys' School at Springer on 6/4 (JO).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- A pair at Conchas L. 6/3 (CR).

DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER -- 1 was vocal s. of Hillsboro on the east slope of the Black Range on 6/24 (SOW).

BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER -- Breeding: a pair feeding young at a nest hole in a cottonwood in the Animas Valley on 6/9 (SOW).

WESTERN KINGBIRD -- Breeding: an adult nesting on a moving oil well pumpjack near Hobbs on 6/7 (CP, TH).

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- Breeding: pair feeding 3 nestlings at Bloomfield on 7/14 (TR) provided one of the few San Juan Co. nesting records;...1 near San Juan Pueblo on 6/23 and 6/26 (BH); 1 at Bosque NWR on 6/10 (JP).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- Out of range were 2 near Carson in Taos Co. on 6/28 (GS).

PURPLE MARTIN -- Breeding: 5, including 2 males, were nesting in martin houses at Luna, Catron Co., on 6/28 (SOW); natural cavities are the norm in western states. 15 at nest holes at Quemado L. on 7/21 (CR+);...2 in the Chuska Mts. 7/21 (DC); 1 at Nutria L. near Zuni on 6/7 (DC); 1 near Canjilon L. on 6/23 (JP); 1 on 7/21 e. of Pie Town, Catron Co. (CR+); 25 at Rancho Grande Estates near Reserve, Catron Co. on 7/29 (JO).

STELLER'S JAY -- 2 on Rowe Mesa near Pecos in pinyon-junipers on 6/10 (CR) were out of habitat.

SCRUB JAY -- Also persisting in the lowlands was 1 at the Jornada Range, Doña Ana Co., until 6/9 (CS).

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER -- Out of its usual habitat was 1 in pinyon-juniper on Rowe Mesa near Pecos 6/10 (CR).

AMERICAN CROW -- Breeding: a nest with 1 young above Mills Canyon on 6/6 (HS);...summering in peripheral areas were 2 near Gallegos, Harding Co., on 6/2 (SOW), 1 in Sugarite Canyon SP near Raton on 7/7 (DM), 1 near Rosebud on 6/9 (William Maynard), 8 near Variadero on 6/3 (CR), and a southerly 1 was at Piñon on 6/10 (BH).

COMMON RAVEN -- Breeding: a pair feeding 4 juveniles at Robinson Draw in the Guadalupe Mts. near Queen on 7/9 (SW, B. Click);... Notably east were 1 or 2 w. of Rosebud on 6/16 (CR) and 1 at Bitter L. NWR 6/9 (BH).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE -- Breeding: present at 6 sites along 4 miles of the Rio Grande bosque n. of the RGNC in Albuquerque 7/4, including a pair with young (BH).

MEXICAN CHICKADEE -- 20 were counted at seven Animas Mt. sites on 6/22-24 (AMC, NMC).

BUSHTIT -- Breeding: 2 pairs with young along the Rio Grande n. of the RGNC in Albuquerque on 7/4 (BH).

CACTUS WREN -- Notably northeast were 3 near Variadero on 6/3 (CR), 2 n. of Ute L. in Harding Co. 6/2 (SOW), and 4 e. of Corona on 6/11 (DM).

ROCK WREN -- Breeding: an adult with 4 fledglings at Aguirre Springs on 6/5 (GE).

BEWICK'S WREN -- 4 singing in the Rio Grande bosque n. of the RGNC in Albuquerque 6/27 and 7/4 (BH), surveys there a decade ago found none in summer.

WINTER WREN -- Surprising was 1 singing at the Upper Crossing in Frijoles Canyon of Bandelier NM near Los Alamos on 6/3 (JP*, JO*), first summer report since 1 was in nearby Pajarito Canyon in 1987.

MARSH WREN -- Breeding: the newly established colony at Stinking L. continued to thrive, with 22 nests containing eggs or young 6/10-11 (DS). Pioneers were discovered building nests 15 miles north at Embom L. in early July (DS); ...1 was singing at Maxwell NWR on 6/7 and 7/8 (DM).

AMERICAN DIPPER -- Breeding: a pair at Jemez Falls on 6/3 (JO, JP) had a nest; hatchlings could be heard.

EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- 1 male was noteworthy at Mills Canyon on 6/27 (Barbara and Wiley Peebles, *fide* HS).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- A late 1 at Maxwell NWR 6/7 (DM).

GRAY CATBIRD -- Breeding: at least 7 pairs were near San Juan Pueblo 6/23 and 6/26 carrying food to nestlings (BH); ...2 at Burn Lake at Los Ojos on 7/20 (BW, *fide* RBA); 1 or 2 persisted until 7/16 at Zuni (DC**); 8 along the Rio Grande from Belen to Bernardo, Socorro Co., on 6/21 (BH).

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD -- 104 on the Logan BBS on 6/2 in 48 stops in Harding Co. (SOW) and on the Variadero BBS 6/3 (CR); 114 in 41 stops on the Piñon BBS 6/10 (BH).

SAGE THRASHER -- Summering birds were notably south on the San Augustin Plains on 6/3 near Datil, Catron Co., (Lisa Ellis), a pair on 6/24 near the VLA rest stop w. of Magdalena, Socorro Co., (DM) and 5 on 7/21 (CR+). Late was 1 near Rosebud on 6/9 (W. Maynard); 2, 1 with food and possibly nesting, were unusual along NM 42 in the saltbush flats located se. of Willard, Torrance Co., on 6/11 (DM).

BENDIRE'S THRASHER -- Breeding: nest with 4 fledglings near Zuni 6/25 (JT); 2 adults at a nest containing 2 immatures near Burnham, San Juan Co., 6/30 and 7/2 (TR).

AMERICAN PIPIT -- Unusual for summer were 2 at Chuska L. in McKinley Co. on 7/28 (DC).

CEDAR WAXWING -- Breeding: the state's first nest was found near San Juan Pueblo with at least 2 adults present 6/23 and 6/26 eating mulberries (BH, David Leal, Janice Anderson), nest in a Russian olive with 2 nestlings located on 7/19 (D. Leal). Adults were feeding fledglings on 7/22 (D. Leal, RM).

PHAINOPEPLA -- North and east of the usual range was 1 near Lake Valley 6/9 (GS), 24 along the R. Salado n. of Magdalena, Socorro Co., in early June (Jim Place), 2 at San Patricio, Lincoln Co., on 6/17 (SB), and 2 near Piñon on 6/10 (BH).

BELL'S VIREO -- 1 in the Rio Felix area w. of Roswell on 6/22 (SOW).

GRAY VIREO -- Seldom noted in the Sacramento Mts. were 2 singing near Piñon 6/10 (BH); 2, 1 singing, at a box canyon near Six-Mile Canyon in the Magdalena Mts. w. of Socorro 6/10 and 7/3 (JP); 1 near Aguirre Springs on 6/7 (Jack Dozier, *fide* BN); 4 on the San Andres NWR, Doña Ana Co., 6/13 and 1 singing 6/29 (M. Weisenberger); 1 in Robinson Canyon in the Guadalupe Mts. near Queen on 7/14 (SW, TJH).

WARBLING VIREO -- Not known to nest in the middle RGV, so noteworthy was 1 singing near Belen on 6/21 (BH); 2 at Mesilla, Doña Ana Co., on 6/5 (RM) were late.

LUCY'S WARBLER -- 2 at Lake Valley on 6/9 (GS).

NORTHERN PARULA -- 1 singing near Los Lunas 6/21 (BH); 1 male near Cliff 6/7 to 6/12 (Steve Pelikan, RF**).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 singing male on 6/21 on the Fort Bliss area in the McGregor Range in the s. Sacramento Mts., Otero Co. (RM*).

AMERICAN REDSTART -- 1 male at the Ghost Ranch near Abiquiu, Rio Arriba Co., on 6/16 (Celestyn Brozek*); 1 singing on 6/21 at the Rio Grande bridge at Bosque, Valencia Co. (BH).

OVENBIRD -- 1 singing near Willie Chaves SP near Belen on 7/13 (DM*, tape).

KENTUCKY WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 adult female in Silver City on 6/3 (DZ*, Marian Zimmerman).

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HOODED WARBLER -- Unusual: 1 male singing n. of Belen on 6/21 (BH*).

WILSON'S WARBLER -- 1 near Sedan, Union Co., on 6/5 (Kathleen Milne) was late.

PAINTED REDSTART -- 1 adult male east to Rattlesnake Springs on 6/7 (Marilyn Ellison, good*).

OLIVE WARBLER -- Breeding: a pair feeding 2 young at the Pine Flat CG n. of Pinos Altos, Grant Co., on 6/10 (RF);...a singing male and a female were 17 miles s. of Reserve in Catron Co. on Forest Road 141 6/24 (DM).

HEPATIC Tanager -- 1 east of its range near Sabinoso on 6/16 (CR); 2 to 4 on Rowe Mesa near Pecos on 6/10 (CR); 6 counted in the Piñon area on 6/10 (BH).

SUMMER Tanager -- Northerly was 1 singing near Peña Blanca, Sandoval Co., on 6/4 (PRS).

NORTHERN CARDINAL -- 2 males and 1 female were w of Conchas L. on 6/3 (CR*).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEEK -- 1 male at the San Andres NWR, Doña Ana Co., at Ropes Spring 6/28 (M. Weisenberger).

INDIGO BUNTING -- Conspicuous in the north, including single males at Blanco 6/29 and 7/11 (TR), near Raton at Sugarite Canyon SP on 7/7 (DM), Maxwell NWR on 6/9 and 7/5 where seemingly paired with a Lazuli (DM), at Guadalupita, Mora Co., 6/28 (CR), and 2 w of Conchas L. on 6/3 (CR). In the south a male near White Oaks, in Lincoln Co., 6/23 (SOW); 2 at Oliver Lee SP s. of Alamogordo, Otero Co., on 6/7 (CS+); and 1 at Aguirre Springs on 6/20 (GE).

INDIGO X LAZULI BUNTING -- A male at High Rolls 7/18 and 7/19 (Lorraine Schulte) where 1 was seen in 1994.

PAINTED BUNTING -- 1 singing male at the Animas Flats of Caballo L. on 6/30 (JO) was the most northerly RGV report. 1 male near La Mesa on 7/24 sw. of Las Cruces (GE, CS, E. Wootten+).

DICKCISSEL -- A survey at the Maxwell NWR on 6/7 found only 3 singing males, but there was an unprecedented 33 singing males when repeated on 7/5-6 (DM). Other reports were 2 at Fort Sumner on 6/1 (SOW) and 1 near Floyd on 6/4 (BN, DE).

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE -- 1 singing in pinyon-juniper near High Rolls on 7/15 was unexpected (CS).

BOTTERI'S SPARROW -- Breeding: first verified in N.M. only in 1991, a thriving colony was documented this summer in giant sacaton grass in the Animas Valley, with 21 territories identified and nesting activity noted in June and July (SOW**).

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- Early dry conditions in the south reduced numbers (or at least detection) with 17 at Lakewood, Eddy Co., on 6/13 (SW) compared to 240 last June, but numbers were closer to normal in the more verdant northeast. 6 singing at point counts at the Maxwell NWR on 6/7-8 and 7/5-6 (DM). At Zuni none were noted in early June, but a peak of 25 were singing on 7/17 (DC). Only 2 were counted there on 7/30.

BREWER'S SPARROW -- Notably south were 10 near Datil, Catron Co., on 6/3 (L. Ellis) and 1 was singing at Quemado on 7/21 (CR+); a late migrant was at Mills Canyon on 6/6 (HS).

VESPER SPARROW -- A late 1 at Rosebud 6/9 (W. Maynard).

LARK BUNTING -- Breeding: first evidence of nesting in San Juan Co. was obtained at the De-Na-Zin Wilderness on the Navajo IR, where adults were carrying food on 7/2 and 7/11, with adults feeding fledglings, present 7/14 (TR**). Also in the west were 2 at Zuni on 7/18 (DC). "Best year ever" with 19 s. of Abbott in Union Co. on 6/7 in a loose colony evidently breeding; still present on 6/23 (HS).

SAVANNAH SPARROW -- Breeding: 2 feeding 2 fledglings at Los Ojos on 7/14 (CR, PI);...Detected in moderate numbers elsewhere in the north, including 22 at Angel Fire on 6/28 (CR) and 43 to 45 on surveys at Maxwell NWR on 6/7-8 and 7/5-6 (DM).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- Breeding: surveys at Maxwell NWR found 60 singing on 6/7-8 and 77 on 7/5-6 (DM). Others were at 8 additional locales in 6 e. counties, including a nest with young near Clayton 6/22 (HS**). In the southwest, 39 in the Animas Valley and 19 in the Playas Valley 6/8-9 (SOW) further documented a four year decline there.

LINCOLN'S SPARROW -- Breeding: an adult was on a nest with 4 eggs in the canyon below Black Rock L. near Zuni on 6/24 (JT).

YELLOW-EYED JUNCO -- Breeding: In the Animas Mts. 28, including a group of 12 juveniles, were at 9 sites on 6/22-24 (AMC, NMC)

BOBOLINK -- Again summered at Los Ojos with up to 9 present in June and July (JO*, JP*, L. Cuellar, CR, PI).
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BRONZED COWBIRD -- North to the San Francisco and Gila valleys, with about 1 to 4 at Glenwood, Catron Co., on 7/8 (JO) and 7/21 (CR+) and several near Cliff (RF, JO) in June and July included parasitism of the nest of a Willow Flycatcher (R. Skaggs).

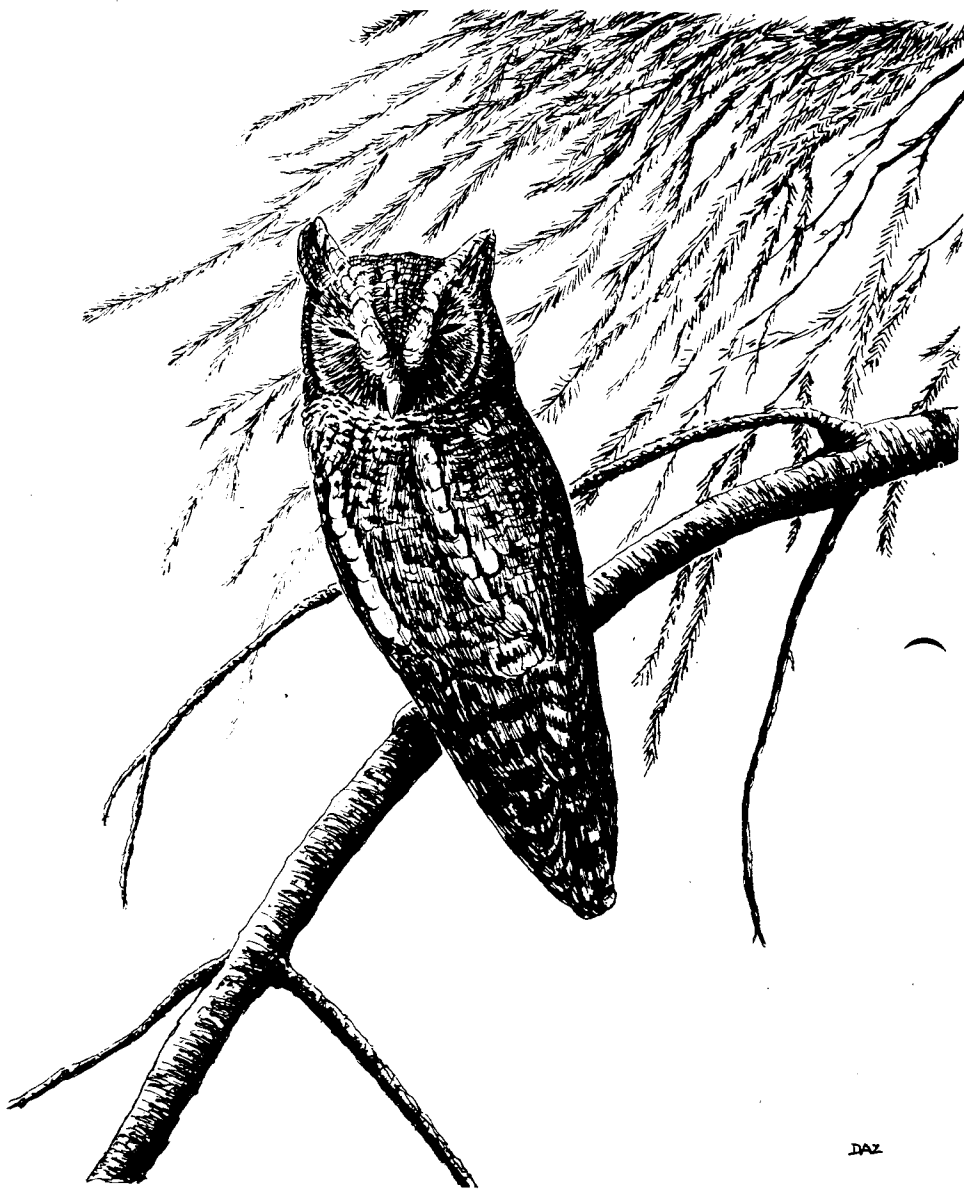
PINE GROSBEAK -- Up to 6 at Apache Creek near Cumbres Pass n. of Chama, Rio Arriba Co., on 7/15-16 (JP, JO); 2 to 3 at the Santa Fe Ski Basin on 7/8 and 7/15 (JP, JO); and w. of Mora, Mora Co., on 6/11 on the trail to Oshe Canyon (TH).

CASSIN'S FINCH -- Breeding: in low numbers in the San Juan, Sangre de Cristo, Jemez, and Sandia Mts., with apparently locally produced young at Los Ojos on 7/14 (CR, PI) and a female with 3 juveniles at Cedar Crest, Bernalillo Co., 7/27 to 7/31 (Paul Steel).

RED CROSSBILL -- Present in six mountain ranges statewide, including an apparent breeding pair, the male carrying food in the Animas Mts. on 6/23 (AMC, NMC); an adult pair (of the ponderosa type 2) were at a nest with at least 2 begging young in upper Four Mile Canyon on McKenzie Ridge at 8700 feet in the Zuni Mts. 6/26 (JT).....8 in the Gallinas Mts. near Corona 6/21 (SOW); 1 on 7/9 in the Guadalupe Mts. at Robinson Draw near Queen (SW+).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- Breeding: A female on a nest containing 4 eggs at the junction of the Zuni R. and Sand Springs Wash near Zuni on 6/24 (JT).

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