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SUMMER 1996 HIGHLIGHTS

The summer of 1996 was a season of contrasts with extreme drought in June followed by abundant rains in July, resulting in reduced or delayed breeding by some species. Many of the higher forested areas (such as the Jemez Mts.) were closed to all usage in June, and not opened until early July after the rains began. A record 59 of 63 possible Breeding Bird Survey routes were conducted. Another species, a Black Vulture, was added to the official state list. A fire at Bosque del Apache NWR burned much of the north end.

Abbreviations Used

BBS	Breeding Bird Survey	R.	River
Co.	County	RGNC	Rio Grande Nature Center
EBL	Elephant Butte Lake	RGV	Rio Grande Valley
L.	Lake	SP	State Park
Mt(s).	Mountain(s)	v.o.	various observers
N.M.	New Mexico	WMA	Wildlife Management Area
NM	Natl. Monument	+	plus, et al.
NMTU	N.M. Tech University	*	details provided
NP	Natl. Park	***	specimen collected
NWR	Natl. Wildlife Refuge		
**	photo or tape provided		

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PLACE NAMES AND THEIR COUNTIES

Albuquerque	Bernalillo	Los Lunas	Valencia
Angel Fire	Colfax	Los Ojos	Rio Arriba
Animas Mts., Valley	Hidalgo	Magdalena, Mts.	Socorro
Avalon Lake	Eddy	Mangas Springs	Grant
Belen	Valencia	Manzano Mts.	Torrance
Bitter Lake NWR	Chaves	Maxwell NWR	Colfax
Bosque (del Apache)	NWR	Mesilla	Doña Ana
	Socorro	Morgan Lake	San Juan
Caballo Lake	Sierra	Peloncillo Mts.	Hidalgo
Carlsbad	Eddy	Piñon	Lincoln
Chama	Rio Arriba	Post Office Canyon	Hidalgo
Chuska Mts.	San Juan	Quarai Ruins	Torrance
Clanton Canyon	Hidalgo	Queen	Eddy
Cloudcroft	Otero	Rattlesnake Springs	Eddy
Columbus	Luna	Reserve	Catron
Corona	Lincoln	Rodeo	Hidalgo
Deer Creek	Hidalgo	Ruidoso	Lincoln
Elephant Butte L.	Sierra	San Juan Pueblo	Rio Arriba
El Rito	Rio Arriba	Sandia Mts.	Bernalillo
Farmington, Lake	San Juan	Socorro	Socorro
Fort Sumner	DeBaca	Springer Lake	Colfax
Glenwood	Catron	Stinking (Burford) Lake	
Guadalupe Canyon	Hidalgo		Rio Arriba
Guadalupe Mts.	Eddy	Tucumcari, L.	Quay
Isleta Pueblo	Bernalillo	Variadero	San Miguel
Jemez Mountains	Sandoval	Vaughn	Guadalupe
Jornada Range	Doña Ana	Wagon Mound	Mora
Las Animas Canyon	Sierra	Watrous	Mora
Las Cruces	Doña Ana	White Oaks	Lincoln
Las Vegas, NWR	San Miguel	Zuni	McKinley
Lordsburg	Hidalgo		
Los Alamos	Los Alamos		

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

COMMON LOON -- Late were 1 in basic plumage at Maxwell NWR and 1 at nearby Stubblefield L. on 6/1 (JO, JP).

RED-NECKED GREBE -- Causing considerable excitement was an adult in breeding plumage at Caballo L. from 6/16 to 7/26 (BN*, DE*, JO**, JP*, CR, CS*, JD*, WR), perhaps the same individual present earlier in the year.

EARED GREBE -- Breeding: 125 nests were counted at Long L. in the Chuska Mts. on 7/25 (DC); 990 nests at Stinking L. 7/12 (DS); 44 nests at Maxwell NWR 7/27 (BN, DE, CR).

WESTERN GREBE -- Among 40 pairs at Horse L., Rio Arriba Co. on 6/17 were 6 active nests (DS).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- Among reports of lingering were 5 at Morgan L. 6/9 and 6/22 (ML, DL), 56 at Stinking L. 7/2 (DS), 15 at Maxwell NWR on 6/4 (KG), 26 at a playa near Amistad in Union Co. on 6/25 (R. Maulsby, *fide* WC), 3 at Nutria L. near Zuni on 6/26 and 7/4 (DC**), and 20 at La Joya WMA, Socorro Co., on 6/21 and later (JO, JP).

BROWN PELICAN -- A sub-adult was on upper EBL near the Sierra/Socorro Co. line off of Windmill Point 6/19 (TJH*, Charles Painter**)

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT -- Breeding: may be increasing north to Bosque NWR, where on 7/19 there were 75 individuals and 23 nests (CR).

GREAT EGRET -- Breeding: made an impressive showing with 33 at Bosque NWR on 7/9 (GE) and 4 nests on 7/9 and 7/19 (GE, CR);....10 at upper EBL 6/17 to 6/21 (TJH), 3 north to Tucumcari on 6/8 (CR), 10 at Avalon L. 7/13 (SW+), 1 at Jal L., Lea Co., in July (Santa Fe New Mexican photo by the Associated Press).

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- Single adults were at the RGNC in Albuquerque on 6/4 (JO) and at the n. end of Caballo L. 6/22 (JP, JO); an immature at Bosque NWR 7/7 (BF, DF).

TRICOLORED HERON -- Far north was an immature by the Rio Grande at the mouth of Alamo Canyon, Bandelier NM, in Sandoval Co. on 6/21 (Melanie Asaki*, sketch, Miki Promislow).

CATTLE EGRET -- 1 at the Nutria L. near Zuni on 7/4 (DC**); 2 at Morgan L. on 6/12 (TR+).

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- Breeding: 4 nests were located on 6/8 at Stinking L. (DS).

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK -- 6 adults at Maxwell NWR 7/14 (Elaine Morrall*); 1 adult at the Lordsburg marsh 7/19 to 7/26 (SW*, JO**, JP*, CR, JD*, WR, v.o.)

MUTE SWAN -- 3 at the north end of Caballo L. on 6/22 (JO, JP) were probably escapes.

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 1 at Maxwell NWR 7/13 (JP, JO) and 7/27 (CR, BN, DE) was unusual in summer.

SNOW GOOSE -- Also unseasonal were 2 at Stinking L. 6/17 and 6/27 (DS); and 5 at the Lordsburg marsh from 6/15 to 7/28 (SW+, CS, CR, JO, JP, BN, DE, JD, WR).

ROSS'S GOOSE -- Out of season was an adult found at the Lordsburg marsh from 6/15 to 7/28 (SW+, CS, JP, JO, BN, DE, JD+, CR).

OLDSQUAW -- Unexpected was 1 at Stinking L. on 6/5 (BW*).

SURF SCOTER -- 1 flying female-plumaged bird was on the Animas R. near Flora Vista, San Juan Co., on 6/5-6 (TR*, DL, ML**)

COMMON GOLDENEYE -- 2 immature males on the Maxwell NWR on 6/1 were late (JO, JP).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- 1 male on temporary Isaack's L. on the Jornada Range 7/29 (LS*, Sue Hill+) and 7/30 (CS).

BLACK VULTURE -- Unusual: finally added to the state's verified list was 1 north of Rodeo on 7/21 (JD**, WR*).

OSPREY -- Breeding: in Rio Arriba Co. a new nesting pair was discovered in mid-June at Tierra Amarilla, but the nest was unsuccessful (*fide* DS); in late July the El Vado L. nest fledged 3, but the Heron L. nest failed (DS). Rumors persisted of another pair far to the south near Ruidoso;....1 was at Farmington on 7/26-27 (TR).

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- Reports w. to the RGV were singles s. of Belen on 6/1 (BH) and 7/26 (JP, JO) and near La Union, Doña Ana Co., on 7/27 (CS, Sei Tokuda) .

NORTHERN HARRIER -- Breeding: possibly nesting was a pair at Morgan L. on 6/12 (TR, ML, DL) and 7/6 (DL, ML), plus singles at two sites near Zuni on 6/10 and 7/4 (DC) and 1 at Las Cruces on 6/11 (CS).

COMMON BLACK-HAWK -- Breeding: 1 fledged in the Hondo-San Patricio area, Lincoln Co. (*fide* SMB), where there have been persistent, unverified, reports of summering birds for several years.....In areas where not known to breed were an adult in the Animas Valley 7/27 (JP, JO) and a juvenile in Guadalupe Canyon 6/12 (SOW*).

HARRIS'S HAWK -- In the lower RGV 1 was at Hill near Leasburg, Doña Ana Co., 6/12 (LS*, Eleanor Wootten+).

GRAY HAWK -- On 7/5 an adult and a subadult were in the Animas Valley (AMC, NMC); the subadult remained through 7/21 (SOW*, JO**, JP*, JD*, CR, CS).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK -- 2 on the road to the Maes Ranch off NM 104 e. of Las Vegas on 6/15 (John Haskell*).

APLOMADO FALCON -- A juvenile near Las Cruces 7/19-20 and 7/25 (Peter Jungemann**), additional encouragement that natural recolonization may be underway.

CHUKAR -- Introduced or escapees were 5 at the Ladder Ranch in Las Animas Canyon on 6/15 (GE).

NORTHERN BOBWHITE -- 1 was west of its range near San Geronimo, San Miguel Co., on 6/9 (CR, BW).

COMMON MOORHEN -- 1 n of Belen on 6/28 (BH) was a local first.

SNOWY PLOVER -- Breeding: 3 pairs plus a nest with eggs at Malpais Spring w. of Three Rivers, Otero Co., on 7/3 (David Holderman) furnished a new breeding locale;....2 at Dry L. near Fort Union NM at Watrous on 7/27 (CR, BN, DE).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER -- Late were 2 at Maxwell NWR 6/1 (JP, JO).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- 15 on the Grenville BBS, Union Co., on 6/12 (Ken Seyffert) were the most for that route in several years; early fall migrants at both turf farms included 50 at Moriarty, Torrance Co., and 30 at Los Lunas on 7/21 (JO).

AMERICAN AVOCET -- 9 at Hammell south of Queen on 7/29 (SW) was a first local record for the Guadalupe Mts.

GREATER YELLOWLEGS -- Earliest return was 3 on 7/4-5 at Lordsburg (JO, JP).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS -- The earliest reports on 7/4 were singles at Zuni (DC) and at Lordsburg (JO, JP).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- Notable was 1 in s. Doña Ana Co. 26 miles w. of Santa Teresa on 7/14 (CR, CS). 1 was near Rodeo on 7/21 (JD, WR).

WILLET -- 1 was at the marsh at Lordsburg 6/15 (BN, DE).

WHIMBREL -- 6 at Springer L. on 7/20 (John and Marty Hirth*) was a large number.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT -- 1 with a Marbled at Avalon L. on 7/13 (SW*, CC) provided one of the few Eddy Co. records.

MARBLED GODWIT -- Reports were singles at Springer L. on 7/13 (JP, JO) and 7/27 (CR, BN, DE), Bitter L. NWR 6/23 (SOW), and the Lordsburg marsh on 7/12 (CR, CS).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 2 at Maxwell NWR on 6/1 (JP*, JO*, CR, CB)).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- Early June proved productive, including 16 to 18 at Maxwell NWR on 6/1 (JP*, JO*, CR, CB), 9 at Tucumcari L. on 6/8 (CR), 2 west to Bosque NWR on 6/8 (JP*) and 2 at Bitter L. NWR on 6/14 (BH*).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- Earliest reports were 1 seen at Isaack's L. on the Jornada Range on 7/29 (LS*, Sue Hill+) and 4 at a temporary playa sw. of Sitting Bull Falls near Carlsbad on 7/27 (SW).

STILT SANDPIPER -- 1 at the Lordsburg marsh on 7/12 (CR, CS) and on 7/19 (SW, Jonalyn Yancey, CC+).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- 1 near Vaughn on 7/31 had eaten so many tadpoles it was incapable of flight (SW).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE -- Late were 1 or 2 at Maxwell NWR (JP, JO, CR, CB) and Wagon Mound (JO, JP) on 6/1.

FRANKLIN'S GULL -- Small numbers of nonbreeders were lingering into the third week of June at ten sites from Morgan L. , Maxwell NWR, and Tucumcari south to Lordsburg and Holloman L., Otero Co. (v.o.).

BONAPARTE'S GULL -- Late was 1 at Stinking L. on 6/2 (JP, JO).

COMMON TERN -- Amazing was 1 at EBL 6/21 (JP*, JO**).

LEAST TERN -- Breeding: at Bitter L. NWR , the state's sole breeding population numbered 7 pairs but fledging only 5 chicks (James Montgomery+);....Singles wandered west to Morgan L. on 6/9 (DL, ML), Bosque NWR 6/29 (JO,

JP), and 7/7 (BF, DF), and EBL 6/22 (JP, JO). 2 were at the Dexter Fish Hatchery, Chaves Co., on 7/2 and 1 on 7/9 (Marsha Radke).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- The range expansion continued, with 1 north to Zuni on 6/14 (DC**), 2 near Piñon 6/3 (BH), and described as increasing in the Guadalupe Mts. due to increased urbanization of the forest there (SW).

COMMON GROUND-DOVE -- 2 were at the NMTU golf course in Socorro during summer (Tim Mitchusson), including 6/12 and 6/22 (PB). 1 was at Lordsburg 7/19 (SW) and 1 was calling in Guadalupe Canyon 7/5 and 7/20 (JP*, JO**).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- Breeding: an adult was feeding 2 fledglings at Mangas Springs on 7/31 (RF);... records in the north were 1 on the Chama R. s. of the Christ of the Desert Monastery near Abiquiu, Rio Arriba Co., 6/7 (CS); 4 at San Juan Pueblo on 6/16 (DS) and 1 on 7/28 (BF*). In Eddy Co.: 1 at Avalon L., 2 at Six-Mile Dam near Otis, 15 at Rattlesnake Springs, and 4 at Willow L. all on 7/13 (SW).

WESTERN SCREECH-OWL -- Breeding: the well-documented pair at Mesilla had young 6/8 (Pat Arrowood, *fide* CS).

BURROWING OWL -- Breeding; described as increasing at Carlsbad with 5 nests found (SW);...noted on at least ten BBS routes statewide (v.o.).

WHIP-POOR-WILL -- North of its range was a apparent 1 heard at Montezuma, San Miguel Co., on 6/9 (CR, BW).

CHIMNEY SWIFT -- A few again summered in Clayton in Union Co., but "still no nests seen" (WC).

BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD -- A female east to Dripping Springs near Las Cruces 6/1 to 7/31 (JA*, JEP**, GE*), was the second consecutive year this species has appeared there; another was in the central Peloncillo Mts. on 7/23 (SOW, AMC) and 7/26 (WB) north of its Guadalupe Canyon stronghold.

VIOLET-CROWNED HUMMINGBIRD -- Breeding: in Guadalupe Canyon had a successful season, including 2 nests on 7/5 and 7/20 (JP, JO); local firsts were 1 in Clanton Canyon in the Peloncillo Mts. on 7/5 (BF*) and 2 in a canyon to the north on 7/26 (WB*).

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD -- Appeared east of their range in the Sacramento Mts. at Ruidoso 7/14 (Anita Powell); a male on 7/15-16 at Dripping Springs in the Organ Mts. near Las Cruces (JA*, JEP**); and a female at the San Andres NWR, Doña Ana Co., on 6/19 (MW**).

LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD -- Breeding: a female on a nest in the c. Peloncillo Mts. on 7/20 (WB**), for the second consecutive year that nesting was documented there;.... others away from their Post Office Canyon stronghold in Hidalgo Co. were a male north to Gila, Grant Co., from 6/17 to 6/30 (RF**), a female in the c. Peloncillo Mts. on 6/19 (SOW), 7/6 (JP, JO), and 7 on 7/19-20 (WB).

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- Single nonbreeders were a singing male in the Peloncillo Mts. on 7/6 (JP, JO) and 7/22 (JD, WR), 3 on 7/19 there (WB); and at Carlsbad from 7/22 to 7/26 (Bates and Daniel Estabrooks**, SW).

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD -- The earliest migrant reached Santa Fe on 6/29 (CR).

BELTED KINGFISHER -- 1 at Rattlesnake Springs on 6/30 was south for the summer (SW).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- 2 near Mosquero, Harding Co., on 6/30 provided a local first (CR).

GILA WOODPECKER -- At least 1 persisted east of the Continental Divide at Deer Creek, Hidalgo Co., where it was seen on 7/21 (SOW, AMC).

NORTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET -- Breeding: in Guadalupe Canyon at four sites 6/12 to 6/14 (SOW) and a pair was nest building on 7/13 (CR, CS).

GREATER PEWEE -- 1 e. to the Black Range, Grant/Sierra Cos., on 6/13 (PFB), where rarely reported.

HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER -- 6 on 6/13 in Rinconada Canyon at the base of Mt. Taylor, Cibola Co. (HS).

DUSKY FLYCATCHER -- Its status in the Sangre de Cristo Mts. is poorly understood; this summer singing singles were s. of Angel Fire 6/15 (CR, PRS) and near Gallinas, San Miguel Co., on 6/9 (CR, BW).

GRAY FLYCATCHER -- Breeding: occurred southwest to the Pinos Altos Mts., Grant Co., where an adult was tending 2 fledglings 7/21 (CR, BF+);....southeast to Piñon, with 3 on 6/3 (BH); 5 near Chloride, Sierra Co., 6/29 (JP, JO).

WESTERN FLYCATCHER -- Late was a "Western type" seen at Mesilla on 6/6 (Ray Meyer).

BUFF-BREASTED FLYCATCHER -- For the second consecutive year a probable was calling in Clanton Canyon 6/29-30 (BN*, DE*, JNP*), but numerous follow-up searches were negative.

BLACK PHOEBE -- Northerly were singles at El Rito 6/16 (JO) and singing in Arroyo Hondo, Taos Co., on 6/1 (CR); 2 in Ojo Caliente, Taos Co., on 6/16 (JO).

EASTERN PHOEBE -- Breeding: noteworthy was a nest at a Union Co. rest stop 6 miles s. of Branson, Colorado, on 6/7 (WM**);....late in the RGV was 1 calling at the Rio Grande bridge at Bosque, Valencia Co., on 6/1 (BH).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- At the northeast limit in N.M. was 1 near Variadero on 6/8 (CR).

BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER -- Breeding: 2 or 3 summered for the third consecutive year on Las Animas Creek (JNP, BN, DE, CS+, PRS, GE). Adults were feeding nestlings in a sycamore in this canyon w of Caballo L. 6/22 (JO, JP).

SULPHUR-BELLIED FLYCATCHER -- A possible 1 seen briefly in Guadalupe Canyon on 7/13 (CS*), but could not be relocated.

TROPICAL KINGBIRD -- A possible was reported on 7/19 in the Animas Valley (SW*, J. Yancey+), but subsequent searches were negative. The species is unverified in N.M.

THICK-BILLED KINGBIRD -- Unexpected and a local first were 2 e. of the Animas Mts. on Deer Creek on 7/10 (AMC, NMC), as was 1 on Animas Creek in the Animas Valley 7/17 (AMC, NMC) and 7/18 (JD, AMC).

EASTERN KINGBIRD --Breeding: nesting was observed with 3 territories at San Juan Pueblo (DS) and 2 with 2 young near Golondrinas, Mora Co., on 7/27 (CR, BN, DE);....1 at La Cueva WMA, Mora Co., on 6/15 (PRS, CR), high count of 27 on Maxwell NWR 7/27 (CR+); 1 n. of Belen on 6/1 (BH).

PURPLE MARTIN -- Breeding: 2 pairs nesting near Paxton Springs in the Zuni Mts., Cibola Co., 6/12 (HS), where also found in 1994.

BANK SWALLOW -- Breeding: continue to suffer from habitat destruction and disturbance from off-road vehicles, dirt bikes, and rampant development in the Albuquerque area. The traditional Calabacillas Arroyo colony was abandoned this year, the swallows forced down canyon to a new site where there were 350 burrows, on 7/5 some with nestlings, while another site near Rio Rancho in Sandoval Co. had 310 "mostly new" burrows the same day (BH); however both sites were judged vulnerable.

BARN SWALLOW -- Breeding: nested in Los Alamos at 7400 feet altitude with a nest and 2 young on 7/15 (JT).

GRAY JAY -- Breeding: a family of 5 on the Middle Fork of the Red River in Taos Co. on 6/23 (PS).

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER -- 1 near Chuska Peak on 6/9 (JO); there are few reports for the Chuska Mts.

AMERICAN CROW -- Summering in peripheral areas included 1 at Gallegos, Harding Co., 6/5 (SOW), 3 or 4 at Virden, Hidalgo Co., on 7/5 (JP, JO), and 6 near Piñon 6/3 (BH).

MEXICAN CHICKADEE -- 1 to 3 nonbreeders were in Clanton Canyon from 6/28 to 7/22 (SOW, AMC, JD*, JNP*, BN, DE, BF+, JP, JO, CR, CS).

PLAIN TITMOUSE -- Noteworthy were 2 at Mangas Springs on 6/7 (RF), where Bridled Titmice are the rule.

CACTUS WREN -- The northeastward advance included 1 in the Gallinas Mts. s. of Corona on 6/6 (SOW) and 6 east of there 6/16 (Lisa Ellis), 1 near Fort Sumner on 6/4 (SOW), 3 at 2 sites in Harding Co. w. of Logan on 6/5 (SOW), 1 at Floyd, Roosevelt Co., 6/21 (David Leal).

MARSH WREN -- Breeding: Dry conditions reduced nesting efforts by almost half at Stinking L. where there were but 75 nests and 14 clutches on 6/8, plus only 2 more clutches in July (DS);....1 was singing at Springer L. on 7/13 (JP, JO, Louis Cuellar).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: High counts were 5 at Capulin Springs, Sandia Mts., 7/3 (PS) and 12 near Cloudcroft on 6/22 (CR, CS).

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER -- 1 at the San Simon Cienega, Hidalgo Co., 7/5 (JP, JO), a pair in Guadalupe Canyon on 6/12-13 (SOW).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- A male near Cloverdale in the Animas Valley on 7/27 (JP, JO) provided the only report.

VEERY -- 1 singing along the Rio Chama at the s. end of Chama near the Elkhorn Lodge on 7/6 (Rebecca Gracey*, Jim Rini). 2 at the usual site e. of Vadito, Taos Co., on 6/19 (Jim Travis).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- Late for the plains was 1 at the migrant trap w. of Melrose, Roosevelt Co., on 6/4 (SOW). 2 e. of Peñasco, Taos Co., on 7/27 (CR, BN, DE).

HERMIT THRUSH -- In the Jemez Mts. they became especially vociferous with the onset of rains in early July (PRS).

GRAY CATBIRD -- Breeding: a nest with young on 7/17 in Socorro that fledged 3 by 7/29 (PB) was a local first;Conspicuous west and south of the normal range were singing singles at 2 Zuni areas in June and July (DC**), 1 singing at Guadalupita, Mora Co., on 6/15 (CR, PRS), 5 at 4 sites near Belen on 6/1 (BH), 1 at Bosque NWR on 7/14 (JO), 1 at Laborcita, Socorro Co., on 6/16 (Nancy and Steve Cox), 1 at White Sands NM from 5/30 to 6/3 (JM).

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD -- Perhaps in response to drought, they moved higher in elevation, including into many areas where not usually found at Los Alamos and Bandelier NM (Terrell Johnson, JT), 3 up to 7200 feet in the Manzano Mts. on 6/18 (HS), 1 was at the Valle Grande in the Jemez Mts. at over 9000 feet on 7/21 (JT).

BROWN THRASHER -- 1 in Bosque Redondo Park at Fort Sumner on 6/4 (SOW), where there had been several spring reports.

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER -- Breeding: noteworthy was a nest with 3 eggs in a cholla at the head of Mills Canyon, in Harding Co., on 6/25 (HS).

CRISSAL THRASHER -- 2 in the Guadalupe Mts. in 2 areas near Queen on 7/1 were noteworthy (SW).

CEDAR WAXWING -- Small numbers lingered through 6/6 at Farmington (TR*); on 6/11 and 7/15 at San Juan Pueblo (DS); and in June and July at Zuni (DC), but there was no evidence of nesting.

PHAINOPEPLA -- Breeding: up to 12 at the Quarai Ruins at 6600 feet 6/9 to 7/21, including a nest with 2 young on 7/21 (HS*), 1st for Torrance Co. and perhaps a northernmost state record;...Have spread north and east in numbers, including up to 7 at Zuni 6/15 to 7/27 (DC**), 3 n. of Placitas, Sandoval Co., in June and July (HS+), 1 at Bitter L. NWR on 6/14 (BH), and 1 at Crossroads, Lea Co, on 6/5 (TJH). Numbers were low in Guadalupe Canyon this year due to a poor food crop (SOW).

GRAY VIREO -- Very few were reported; noteworthy were 1 near Six-Mile Canyon e. of Magdalena on 6/8 (JP); 2 territories at Zuni 6/6 plus 1 on 7/7 (DC); 1 singing in the c. Peloncillo Mts. on 6/19 (SOW).

HUTTON'S VIREO -- North on 6/6 were 2 at Sawmill Canyon, s. Magdalena Mts. (HS), where nesting was suspected. 1 s. of Chloride, Sierra Co., on 6/29 (JO).

RED-EYED VIREO -- Presumably late were singles singing near El Rito on 6/15 (JP*) and Union Co. s. of Branson, Colo. on 6/7 (WM*, tape); another was singing at Isleta Pueblo on 7/19 (BH).

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER -- Appeared to concentrate in wetter canyons, as evidenced by 26 (3 times the usual number) in a 2 mile transect in Tajique Canyon in the Manzano Mts. on 6/17 (HS). Unusual was 1 at Belen 6/28 (BH+), while 7 at Isleta Pueblo on 7/19 were early (BH).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER -- 1 male at High Rolls, Otero Co., on 6/28 (John Lavin*).

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER -- Unusual for summer was a female in Clanton Canyon on 7/18 (JD*, WR).

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER -- 1 adult male banded at the RGNC in Albuquerque on 6/4 (Wang Yong).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- 1 singing loudly at the Echo Amphitheater n. of Abiquiu, Rio Arriba Co., on 6/7 (CR); 1 at White Sands NM on 6/1 (JM).

AMERICAN REDSTART -- 1 immature male at Dripping Springs on 6/2 (JEP**, JA*).

WORM-EATING WARBLER -- 1 at White Sands NM on 6/11 (JM*).

OVENBIRD -- 1 singing in oak scrub w. of El Rito from 6/15 to 6/17 (JP, PRS, JO**); 1 at White Sands NM on 6/1 (JM, *fide* CS).

RED-FACED WARBLER -- At least 2 were near Cloudcroft on 6/21 (CR, CS), where regular in summer; 27 on the Emory Pass BBS on the Sierra/Grant Co. border on 6/13 (PFB) suggested it is thriving in the Black Range.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT -- 12 summered at the Quarai Ruins 6/9 to 7/28 (HS), a sizable Torrence Co. concentration.

SUMMER TANAGER -- North were 3 calling on the Canadian R. near Sabinoso, San Miguel Co., on 6/30 (CR), 1 was e. of Conchas L., San Miguel Co., at a rest stop on 6/8 (CR).

SCARLET TANAGER -- An adult male provided a rare treat at Dripping Springs near Las Cruces on 6/2 (JA*, JEP**).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK -- Following an impressive spring showing, they remained much in evidence. Males on 7/28 at Albuquerque (BN, DE); Riley in Socorro Co. in mid-June (Carla Alford); Glenwood on 6/17 (SOW); Mangas Springs on 6/13 (RF); Ruidoso all summer (*fide* CS); 1 or 2 near Cloudcroft on 6/22 (Jodi Bennett); Lake Valley on 6/15 (Greg Schmitt); and Dripping Springs near Las Cruces 6/2 (JEP**).

LAZULI BUNTING -- Late were single males in the Animas Mts. on 6/1 (CS, AMC) and at Columbus on 6/14 (DE, BN); 2 near Reserve on 6/8 (JO) were s. of the usual summer range.

INDIGO BUNTING -- A good number of reports: 1 or 2 in the Zuni area from 6/27 to 7/10 (DC); 1 male singing at Coyote Creek SP near Guadalupita, Mora Co., on 6/15 (PRS, CR); 16 along the Rio Grande from Bosque to Belen on 6/1 (BH); 2 males, 2 females at Socorro 6/5 to 7/31 (PB); 1 singing male at Mangas Springs on 7/21 (JD+); 2 at Percha Creek near Hillsboro, Sierra Co., on 6/13 (GE); a male on Las Animas Creek on 6/18 (JNP); 1 at Mesilla 6/6 (R. Meyer); a male at Rattlesnake Springs 6/30 to 7/26 (SW+).

PAINTED BUNTING -- Far north was a male near Tucumcari on 6/8 (CR), while a pair was near La Mesa, Doña Ana Co., on 6/27 and 6/29 (CS) for the 2nd consecutive year.

DICKCISSEL -- Fewer summered at the Maxwell NWR, with only a few present on 6/4 (KG) and only 5 on 7/13 (JO, JP) and 10 on 7/27 (CR, BN, DE).

BOTTERI'S SPARROW -- Again summered in numbers in Hidalgo Co., with 25 territories found in two Animas Valley sites on 7/20 (AMC, SOW), plus a pair e. of the Animas Mts. in giant sacaton grass on Deer Creek in the w. Playas Valley on 6/12 (SOW) and 7/21 (SOW, AMC).

CHIPPING SPARROW -- Unusual was 1 in the Albuquerque bosque near the Paseo del Norte bridge on 6/23 (BH).

BREWER'S SPARROW -- 1 was unusual near Los Lunas on 6/3 (HS); the earliest fall migrant reached Albuquerque on 7/15 (BH).

VESPER SPARROW -- Far south was 1 near Piñon on 6/3 (BH), some 90 miles south of the nearest known summering area at White Oaks.

SAVANNAH SPARROW -- 3 at Stinking L. 6/17-18 (DS), where breeding is known; 1 singing at Horse L., Rio Arriba Co., to the north on 6/17 provided a local first; suggestive of local breeding were 15 at Angel Fire on 6/15 (CR, PRS) and 10 at Maxwell NWR on 6/4 (KG).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- The *ammolegus* race continued its 5-year decline in Hidalgo Co., with only 22 on an Animas Valley transect on 6/11 and 7 on a Playas Valley transect on 6/12 (SOW), down 80% and 83%, respectively, from peak counts in 1992.

CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR -- Noticeably early, or lost, was a male in breeding plumage at Stinking (Burford) L. on 7/11 (Celia Cooper*).

BOBOLINK -- 1 male at Los Ojos on 6/1 (JP, JO) and a male and female on 6/5 (BW), but no nesting was reported.

EASTERN MEADOWLARK -- At the north edge of the range were 2 or 3 in the Zuni area in June and July (DC), 1 on Rowe Mesa near Pecos on 6/13 (CR), 1 giving its call notes at the Las Vegas NWR on 7/19 (PRS+), and 1 near Variadero on 6/8 (CR).

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD -- Notable for the Sacramento Mts. were 3 near Cloudcroft on 6/22 (CR, CS).

BRONZED COWBIRD -- Continued to be successful across the southwest, including 7 n. to Glenwood on 6/17 (SOW), plus singles north in Sierra Co. to the Ladder Ranch on Las Animas Creek on 6/15 (GE) and a female on 6/21 at Truth or Consequences (JP, JO).

HOODED ORIOLE -- Far north was an adult male near Madrid, Santa Fe Co., on 7/10 (Lawry Sager).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE -- 1 n. of Logan in Harding Co. 6/5 (SOW). 5 at La Cienega south of Santa Fe, Santa Fe Co., on 6/26 (JRT).

PINE GROSBEAK -- 6 at Apache Creek in the San Juan Mts. n. of Chama on 6/2 (JP, JO).

CASSIN'S FINCH -- Among the few reports in the Sandia Mts. were 3 to 6 at Capulin Spring on 6/6 and 6/12 (PS) and up to 5 at Cedar Crest from 6/1 to 6/19 (PS).

RED CROSSBILL -- Conspicuous east to near Angel Fire were 7 on 6/15 (CR, PRS), 14 in the Gallinas Mts. near Corona on 6/6 (SOW), 3 in the Jicarilla Mts. near White Oaks on 6/22 (SOW), 53 at Cloudcroft on 6/22 (CR, CS), and 6 at Piñon on 6/3 (BH); 4 were in the Guadalupe Mts. on 7/1 (SW) and several were in the Peloncillo Mts. on 7/20 (JP, JO), while 6 near La Plata in San Juan Co. on 6/8 (TR) and 2 on Albuquerque's West Mesa on 7/6 were in unusual habitat (BH).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- Singles were at Los Ojos on 6/27 (PS) and Zuni 6/15 and 7/8 (DC), increasing to 4 at Zuni by 7/31 (DC).

EVENING GROSBEAK -- Moderate numbers were widespread in the n. mountains, notable singles at Owl Spring, Chuska Mts. on 6/9 (JO) and Zuni on 6/27 (DC), and 23 s. to Cloudcroft on 6/22 (CR, CS).

HOUSE SPARROW -- Discovered to be much at home in the Guadalupe Mts. at Queen on 7/29 (SW), where they were predicted to multiply with increased development there.

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