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FALL 1996 HIGHLIGHTS

A rather "typical" autumn, with generally adequate rainfall after midsummer, produced a rather ordinary migration season. However it was spiced with choice surprises including an intriguing flycatcher certainly new to the state and perhaps to the country. Notable was a rather substantial submontane movement by several species, mainly corvids, chickadees, nuthatches, Brown Creepers, finches, and Red Crossbills, plus an invasion from the west by Lawrence's Goldfinches.

Abbreviations Used

AFB - Air Force base	RGNC - Rio Grande Nature Center
Co. - county	RGV - Rio Grande Valley
EBL - Elephant Butte Lake	R. - river
L. - lake	SP - state park
LSU - La. State Univ.	WMA - wildlife management area
Mt(s) - mountain(s)	v.o. - various observers
NM - National Monument	+ - plus or et al.
NP - National Park	* - details provided
NWR - Natl. Wildlife Refuge	*** - specimen collected
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PLACE NAMES AND THEIR COUNTIES

Alameda	Portales
Albuquerque	Bernalillo
Animas Mts, Valley	Bernalillo
Belen	Hidalgo
Bitter Lake NWR	Valencia
Bloomfield	Chaves
Bluewater Lake	San Juan
Boone's Draw	Cibola
Bosque (del Apache) NWR	Roosevelt
Caballo Lake	Socorro
Carlsbad Caverns NP	Sierra
Cedar Crest	Eddy
Clanton Canyon	Bernalillo
Clayton, Lake	Hidalgo
Clovis	Union
Cochiti Lake	Curry
Corona	Sandoval
Corrumpa Creek	Lincoln
Deming	Union
Edgewood	Luna
Elephant Butte, Lake	Bernalillo
Elida	Sierra
Espanola	Roosevelt
Farmington	Rio Arriba
Flora Vista	San Juan
Fort Sumner	San Juan
Hillsboro	DeBaca
Holloman Lakes	Sierra
Isleta	Otero
Jal Lake	Bernalillo
Jemez Mountains	Lea
La Joya WMA	Sandoval
Las Cruces	Socorro
Las Vegas, NWR	Dona Ana
Lordsburg	San Miguel
Los Alamos	Hidalgo
Los Lunas	Los Alamos
Lovington	Valencia
Manzano Mts.	Lea
Maxwell NWR	Torrance
Melrose trap	Colfax
Moriarty	Roosevelt
Navajo Lake	Torrance
Peloncillo Mountains	San Juan
Percha Dam SP	Hidalgo

Sierra	Zuni Mts.
Roosevelt	Hidalgo
Post Office Canyon	Torrance
Quarai Ruins	Eddy
Rattlesnake Springs	Lincoln
Ruidoso	Socorro
San Antonio	Bernalillo
Sandia Crest, Mountains	Santa Fe
Santa Fe	Guadalupe
Santa Rosa, Lake	Grant
Silver City	Socorro
Socorro	Colfax
Springer, Lake	Colfax
Stubblefield Lake	DeBaca
Sumner Lake	Dona Ana
Sunland Park	Grant
Tyrone	Quay
Ute Lake SP	Otero
White Sands NM	McKinley
Zuni	McKinley

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

PACIFIC LOON — Singles at Stubblefield L. on 11/2 (JP*, JO**) and Ute L. on 11/17 (JO*)

COMMON LOON -- Earliest singles at Santa Ana Pueblo golf course pond, Sandoval Co., on 10/31 (Frank & Rita Slowen) and Maxwell NWR 10/26 (SW, JY); 2 Ute L. 10/26 (SW, JY)

PIED-BILLED GREBE -- Breeding: at Las Vegas NWR 1 adult with 2 young on 8/10 and 1 with 1 young on 9/2 (CR)

HORNED GREBE -- Early were 2 at Stubblefield L. on 9/24 (JP, JO) and singles at Tyrone on 9/24 to 9/29 (EL) and Holloman L. on 9/19 (GE)

RED-NECKED GREBE -- The "resident" at Caballo L. was seen on various dates from 8/11 (JO**) to 10/3 (JNP, JO, JP, BP, GE*); another immature was at Cochiti L. 11/24 (BH*) and 11/25 (JO*, PRS*)

AECHMOPHORUS GREBES -- Of 2500 on upper EBL on 10/2, all seen well or heard were Westerns (SOW)

WESTERN GREBE -- Late were 2 near Zuni on 11/28 (DC)

CLARK'S GREBE -- Late was 1 on a pond e. of Lordsburg on 11/28 (JO)

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- A high count of 1274 at Caballo L. on 9/29 (JNP)

BROWN PELICAN -- An immature was at Sumner L. 10/19 (CR*, DE*); single immatures were also at upper EBL on 9/12 (TH*, CP) and Caballo L. on 8/11 and 8/18 (JO**); and on 11/28 (JEP*)

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT -- Unusual for the Pecos Valley were 1 at Santa Rosa L. 11/2 (CR*) and 1 or 2 at Bitter L. NWR from 8/13 (BH*) until 9/14 (CR, DE, BN, JP, JO, v.o.). 90 at a Bosque NWR roost on 11/9-10 (SOW), where there were still young in nests on 8/25 (PRS, U)

GREAT EGRET -- Singles wandered west to the Acoma Pueblo sewage pond, Cibola Co., on 10/4 (BH) and the Lordsburg marsh 9/22 (JO, JP). 1 at Jal L. on 8/28 and 8/30 (SW)

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- 1 adult at La Joya WMA on 8/25 (LJ, PRS); 1 calico with an odd barred white belly at Bosque NWR from 9/2 to 9/8 (JT, DE, BN, BZ)

CATTLE EGRET -- Late were 8 at Santa Rosa L. 11/17 (JO) and 2 on Sumner L. on 11/16 (EN, DE)

RUDDY SHELDUCK -- 2 female-plumaged at Holloman L. 9/19 and in October were obviously escapes (GE)

TUNDRA SWAN -- An early flock of 7 at Maxwell NWR on 11/2 (JP, JO), were still present on 11/17 (DE, BN), with 8 on 11/24 (JO)

MUTE SWAN -- 1 released or escaped bird on 8/11 in Truth or Consequences, Sierra Co. (JO)

EGYPTIAN GOOSE -- Escapes were 2 to 4 at Caballo L. from 8/11 through 11/26 (JO**, CR, SOW, BH, BN, DE)

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 8 on Maxwell NWR on 11/17 (BN, DE); 1 at Bosque NWR on 10/29 (GE*)

SNOW GOOSE -- 5 at the marsh at Lordsburg on 8/10-11 (DE, BN); 2 at Holloman L. on 11/19 (GE)

ROSS'S GOOSE -- 1 at the Lordsburg marsh 8/11 (BN, DE)

WOOD DUCK -- 2 in Deming on 11/28 (JO); 1 male on Jal L. on 10/13 (SW, JY)

CANVASBACK -- Early were 2 at Maxwell NWR 8/17 (JP, JO).

RING-NECKED DUCK -- Early were singles at Zuni on 8/2 and later (DC, JAT) and at La Joya WMA on 8/11 (BH)

GREATER SCAUP -- Single males on 11/2 at the RGNC in Albuquerque (JO) and on 11/3 (JP) and at Bosque NWR on 11/11 (JO) ; 1 female on Farmington L. on 11/17 (TR*)

SURF SCOTER -- 1 female or immature on Santa Rosa L. on 11/2 (CR*) and a male on 11/3 (JO*)

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER -- 1 on Santa Rosa L. on 11/2 (CR*)

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE -- An early male on the San Juan R. below Navajo L. on 11/16 (TR*)

BUFFLEHEAD -- An albino female near Navajo L. on 11/1 and 11/16 (TR**)

HOODED MERGANSER -- Very early were 2 females at Bosque NWR 8/25 (PRS, LJ) and 9/8 (BZ); 1 female at the golf course in Belen on 8/13-14 (PB) and 1 female at La Joya WMA on 8/11 (JO)

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- 1 female at Green Meadow L. in Hobbs, Lea Co., on 11/9 (JO).

TURKEY VULTURE -- A partial albino in n. Harding Co. on 9/25 (JO**, JP) 640 counted from 8/27 to 10/14 at the Manzano Mts. site (HWI) was a record high count.

OSPREY -- 33 counted over the Manzano Mts. lookout 9/2 to 10/6 (HWI)

WHITE-TAILED KITE -- 1 hunting in the Uvas Valley e. of Nutt in Luna Co. on 11/2 (JH), where there have been persistent reports in recent years. 1 near El Sueco in Chihuahua, Mexico, on 8/6 (BH+).

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- In northeastern N.M. 1 along the Dry Cimarron R., Union Co., on 9/4 (GS) and 2 were near Clayton 9/14 (WC) . A flock of 19 over Clovis 8/27 (JO)

NORTHERN HARRIER -- 64 at the Manzano Mts. lookout from 8/26 to 11/2 (HWI)

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK -- Record numbers of 2174 counted on the Manzano Mts. lookout site from 8/27 to 11/5 (HWI)

COOPER'S HAWK -- A record count of 1205 at the Manzano Mts. lookout site from 9/1 to 11/2 (HWI)

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- 9 counted on the Manzano Mts. Site from 9/16 to 10/31 was the fewest there in 6 years (HWI) 1 in the Peloncillo Mts. on 8/13 (SOW)

COMMON BLACK-HAWK -- An immature was following a riding mower at the Glenwood Fish Hatchery, Catron Co., on 8/26 looking for choice morsels (PRS, LJ)

GRAY HAWK -- The well documented subadult in the Animas Valley in summer was last reported on 8/10 (DE*, BN*)

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK -- An immature at Chaparral Park in Lovington on 9/13 (JO*, JP*) provided a local first.

BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- Continued to demonstrate a very narrow migrational window, with 4 passing the Manzano Mts. lookout 9/27-28 (HWI); singles at Boone's Draw on 9/26 (JP, JO) and in Carlsbad 9/24 mobbed by jays (SW)

SWAINSON'S HAWK -- 867 were counted at the Manzano Mts. lookout from 8/27 to 10/8 (HWI)

RED-TAILED HAWK -- 771 counted at the Manzano Mts. site from 8/28 to 11/5 was a record count (HWI)

GOLDEN EAGLE -- 151 counted at the Manzano Mts. lookout from 8/28 to 11/5 (HWI)

AMERICAN KESTREL -- A record number of 905 over the Manzano Mts. site from 8/27 to 10/31 (HWI)

MERLIN -- A record count of 48 at the Manzano Mts. site from 9/2 to 11/4 (HWI)

PEREGRINE FALCON -- Also a record number of 60 passed the Manzano Mts. lookout from 8/30 to 10/19 (HWI)

PRAIRIE FALCON -- 19 counted at the Manzano Mts. site from 9/1 to 10/11 (HWI)

WHITE-TAILED PTARMIGAN -- Breeding: encouraging was a pair with 4 chicks on the west slope about a half mile se. of Jicarita Peak on the Santa Barbara Ridge at 12,560 feet in s. Taos Co. on 8/3 (JO**);...1 male and 3 females were seen nearby (JP, JO)

MONTEZUMA QUAIL -- An impressive 28 were in Indian Creek Canyon of the Animas Mts. 10/5 to 10/13 (TH)

NORTHERN BOBWHITE -- 2 at Ute L. SP on 10/26 (SW, JY) . A covey of 24 at Bitter L. NWR on 11/24 (SMB) was a large number.

VIRGINIA RAIL -- Considered late were 1 or 2 in San Juan Co. on 11/27 (TR), and 9 near Zuni on 11/9 (DC).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 1 to 3 were at La Joya WMA on 8/11 (BH, JO) and 1 at Bitter L. NWR on 9/6 (JP, JO)

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER -- Well detailed was 1 at Bitter L. NWR on 9/27 (JP*, JO*)

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER -- Late were singles at Bluewater L. on 11/7-8 (CR*, JO, JP) and Holloman L. on 11/3 (CR*)

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- Migrants included 150 in 3 flocks near Farley in Colfax Co. 9/4 (GS) and 9 nw. of Roy, Harding Co., on 9/5 (GS) . Other migrants passed through the turf farms at Moriarty from 8/12 to 9/20 and Los Lunas 8/10 to 9/20, where there were single day maxima of 78 and 48, respectively (EN, DE, BH+, PRS+, BZ, CR, v.o.)

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- Migration was judged poor in the southeast, where high counts amounted to but 6 or 7 at Bitter L. NWR 8/13 to 8/17 (BH, SN), 9 e. of Loving in Eddy Co. on 8/18 (SW+), and 5 near Rattlesnake Springs on 8/25 (DE+) . Westerly were singles at Santa Fe 9/15 (CR) and at the turf farm at Los Lunas on 8/10 (DE, BN)

LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- Unexpected so far west was 1 at Black Rock L. near Zuni on 9/2 (DC*); 2 in Santa Fe Co. at temporary Galisteo L. on 9/8 (CR) . 1 at Ute L. on 11/22 was late (JO)

MARBLED GODWIT -- Reported from the RGV eastward from 8/4 to 9/23 (v.o.); high counts were 5 at Maxwell NWR on 8/10 (JO) and 14 at Caballo L. on 8/10 (BN, DE)

SANDERLING -- Singles at the Isleta marsh on 8/15 (JO), La Joya WMA on 8/25 (PRS, U), Portales sewage ponds on 9/26 (JP, JO), Tyrone sewage ponds on 8/22 (EL), and at Malpais Spring on the

White Sands Missile Range, Sierra Co., on 10/1 (JEP); with 9 at the Maxwell NWR 9/22 (CR); 2 to 3 at Holloman L. from 9/6 to 9/19 (BZ, GE); 4 at Brantley L.~ Eddy Co., 9/26 (JP, JO); and 4 at Six-Mile Dam near Otis in Eddy Co. on 9/26 (JP, JO)

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER -- A very high count was about 2000 at the La Joya WMA on 8/30 (JO).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- More reports than usual: 1 to 8 in San Juan Co. 9/13 to 10/12 (TR); 1 at Espanola 9/15 (JT); 2 at Maxwell NWR on 9/22 (CR); 1 or 2 at Springer L. 8/17 (JO, JP); 10 to 12 near Moriarty on 9/16 (JO); 2 near Los Lunas 9/20 (BK); 1 at La Joya WMA on 8/11 (BK); 2 at San Antonio on 10/6 (JO); 1 at Cannon AFB near Clovis on 8/27 (JO); 3 near Dora, Roosevelt Co., on 9/26 (JO, JP); 3 at Bitter L. NWR 9/14 (CR, DE, BN); and 10 at Lordsburg on 9/21 (JO, JP)

DUNLIN -- Few reports; an early 1 at Bitter L. NWR 8/13 (BK); others included 2 at Morgan L.1 San Juan Co., 10/12 (TR**) and 5 at Bosque NWR on 11/28 (JP)

STILT SANDPIPER -- More prevalent than usual (v.o.); 4 to 10 were westerly in San Juan Co. from 8/15 to 9/14 (TR) and 2 at a lake at Ojo Caliente in Cibola Co. 8/27 (JAT*) . High count of 250 at La Joya WMA on 8/30 (JO) and at Bitter L. NWR on 8/24 (JO, DE, BN)

COMMON SNIPE -- Seemingly early for a migrant was 1 at Bitter Lake NWR on 8/13 (BK)

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE -- High count was 89 at Maxwell NWR on 9/22 (CR) ; late was 1 near Clovis on 10/26 (SW)

RED PHALAROPE -- 1 near Clayton on 9/24 (JP*, JO**), 1 at Sumner L. 10/7 (R. Dickerman***) and another on 10/12 (JO*)

PARASITIC JAEGER -- Still unverified in N.M., a juvenile probable was at EBL on 9/15 (JQ**) A videotape of this bird is under review.

LONG-TAILED JAEGER -- Well documented was a juvenile at Bitter L. NWR on 8/25 (BN*, DE*, JP*, JO**), 8/26 (SN*), and 9/6 (SN*, W. Radke**, Rob Larrafiaga**, B. Russell)

HERRING GULL -- A high count of 7 first year immatures was at Santa Rosa L. on 11/17 (JO)

THAYER'S GULL -- An apparent immature at Bluewater L. on 11/7-8 (CR*, jp*, JQ*); 2 immatures at Caballo L. 11/11 and 1 on 11/27 (JQ**, video)

GLAUCOUS GULL -- A first winter probable was at Caballo L. on 11/29 (JP*, LG).

SABINE'S GULL -- Another good season found 3 (including the only adult) at Maxwell NWR on 9/22 (CR*); singles at Santa Rosa L. on 9/29 (JO*) and EBL on 9/28 (JP*, JO); 1 at Caballo L. on 9/23 (JP*, JO*) and 2 there 10/4 (JO); 1 at Sunland Park on 9/13 (JNP*)

CASPIAN TERN -- 2 at EBL on 9/10 (TH*, CP) and 1 on 9/15 there (JO**); 2 at Bitter L. NWR on 9/27 (JP*, JO*).

COMMON TERN -- All immatures reported: 2 at Santa Rosa L. on 9/29 (JO*; 3 at EBL 9/15 (JO), 1 on 9/20 (JP, JO), and 2 on 9/28 (JP*, JO); 1 on 9/23 at Caballo L. (JP*, JO); 1 or 2 at Bitter L. NWR on 9/14 (BN*, DE*, CR) and 1 on 9/26 (JO, JP); 1 at Avalon L., Eddy Co., 9/26 (JP, JO). The only adult was 1 at Sumner L. on 9/2 (JO*)

LEAST TERN -- 3 feeding at the Dexter Fish Hatchery in Chaves Co. 8/25 (Marsha Radke); the last 1 at Bitter L. NWR was seen on 9/6-7 (JP, JO)

BAND-TAILED PIGEON -- In the Zuni Mts. 106 were found gorging on acorns on 8/29 (JAT)

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- 1 wandered to Bingham, Socorro Co., 8/19 (Tim Mitchusson); 24 endured a snowstorm at Silver City on 11/29 (EL), but most left shortly thereafter.

INCA DOVE -- Singles were north in the RGV to Espanola on 11/24 (JT, Martin MacRoberts*) and Alameda on 10/30 (Beth Hurst, fide HS)

WHISKERED SCREECH-OWL -- 6 found in three canyons of the Peloncillo Mts. from 8/15 to 8/21 (SOW)

NORTHERN PYGMY-OWL -- A presumed family group of 5 in Zuni Canyon, Cibola Co., on 8/24 included 2 that called both one- and two-note songs (JAT)

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL -- 1 near Capulin Springs in the Sandia Mts. on 11/22 (JP, DE, BN)

COMMON NIGHTHAWK -- 1 was late at Maxwell NWR 9/22 (CR)

WHIP-POOR-WILL -- Also late was 1 on 8/24 in Zuni Canyon in Cibola Co. (JAT).

BLACK SWIFT -- Breeding: 6 active nests in the Jemez Mts. with fledging occurring from late August to mid-September (HS); a possible 1 was feeding with swallows on 8/21 at Grindstone L. near Ruidoso (DS)

CHAETURA SWIFT -- One 15 miles s. of Hachita, Hidalgo Co., on 9/2 (JNP*) was either a Chimney or a Vaux's. The latter is unconfirmed in the state.

BLUE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD -- Late was a male on 11/27 at Post Office Canyon (RS)

LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD -- The last female of the season was seen in Post Office Canyon on 9/22 (RS)

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- A probable female n. to Los Alamos on 9/12 (PRS*); others were 1 or 2 males in Post Office Canyon until 11/16 (RS) and another male seen elsewhere in the Peloncillo Mts. on 9/22 (JP, JO**), plus 1 at Las Cruces 11/18 to 11/24 (LS)

COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- A subadult male heard and seen in Black Rock Canyon below the dam near Zuni on 8/27 (JAT*), where there are no previous reports.

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD -- 454 banded at Roberts L. in Grant Co. from 8/5 to 8/12 (W. A. Calder)

BELTED KINGFISHER -- In unexpected places were 1 on 9/13 over a gravel mining operation in grasslands e. of Tolar, Roosevelt Co., (CR); 2 away from water s. of the Mesa Rest Stop, Chaves Co., 9/27 (JO, JP); 1 at Deming 11/29 (JO)

LEWIS'S WOODPECKER -- Singles in the RGV were at Rio Rancho, Sandoval Co., on 9/24 (BE), Isleta Pueblo L. on 10/20 (By), Percha SP from 11/9 to 11/26 (BN, DE, GE, BH, JO, JP, JT), and for the second consecutive year near Sunland Park on 10/30 and later (JNP, Greg Lasley+)

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- Single immatures at Bitter L. NWR on 9/26 (JP, JO), and Sumner L. on 9/29 (JO)

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER -- Lowland records were single females near Moriarty on 9/8 (JO, JP) and 9/15 (BN, DE) and at Percha SP on 9/22 (JNP)

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER -- A recently burned Dome Fire area in the Jemez Mts. was dependable for 1 or 2 from 8/17 (DE, BN) to 10/26 (JP, JO, BZ, v.o.); 1 at a small burned area near Sandia Crest 10/13 at 10,200 feet was noteworthy (ES)

LEAST FLYCATCHER -- 1 was westerly at Ramon, Lincoln Co., on 9/12 (JO). At Boone's Draw 2 or 3 on 8/24 (JO), 1 on 8/27 (JO), and 1 on 10/6 (DE, BN); at Rattlesnake Springs 1 on 9/8 (CR*); 1 in Lovington on 9/13 (JP, JO).

GRAY FLYCATCHER -- 1 at the RGNC in Albuquerque 10/4 (BH*)

EASTERN PHOEBE -- 1 at the RGNC in Albuquerque on 9/11 (BZ) ; 1 immature at the Las Vegas NWR 8/10 (CR, PRS) and 1 on 8/17 (JO, JP); 1 in Santa Rosa on 9/29 (JO); 1 at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 10/19 (CR, JO, JP); and 1 at Rattlesnake Springs on 9/27 (JP, JO)

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER -- This season found 2 at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 9/13 (CR*); 2 at Boone's Draw on 9/8 (JP*, JO**) and 1 on 9/11 (Bill West*); 2 or 3 at Rattlesnake Springs on 9/13 (JP*, JO**) and 1 or 2 on 9/14 (BN*, DE*, CR*).

PIRATIC FLYCATCHER -- The bird of the season has yet to be positively identified--an unusual flycatcher at Rattlesnake Springs on 9/2 (JO**) and 9/7 (JO**, JP*, SW** with sketch, v.o.) that was first believed to be a Variegated from South America, but may eventually prove to be a juvenile Piratic (fide J. V. Remsen), a species heretofore unreported north of Mexico; written details, photos, and videotape of this tropical mystery are under review at L.S.U. and elsewhere.

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- Widely reported west to the middle RGV with singles on 9/1 at the Corrales Bosque, Sandoval Co (BV) and on 8/27 in Albuquerque's south valley (DE); late were 2 at Maxwell NWR on 9/22 (CR), while unusual was 1 on 8/4 at Mountainair, Torrance Co. (SW)

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- Singles were near Elida and Boone's Draw 10/6 (BN, DE) and at Jal on 10/13 (SW).

PURPLE MARTIN -- 2 females were at Bosque NWR on 9/8 (BZ), where rarely seen.

CAVE SWALLOW -- Enjoyed good productivity at Carlsbad Caverns NP, where 2000 were counted on 8/14 and 800 were still present on 10/20 (SW)

CAVE X BARN SWALLOW -- This hybrid was banded at Carlsbad Caverns NP on 9/7 (SW)

BARN SWALLOW -- Notably late were 2 at Stubblefield L. (JT) and Santa Rosa (JO) on 11/3.

BLUE JAY — Singles west to Albuquerque's south valley on 10/9 (DE) and Socorro on 10/11 (PB)

PINYON JAY -- South to the Peloncillo Mts. with 1 or 2 in Post Office Canyon on 10/7 (RS) and in Clanton Canyon on 10/5 (JO)

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER -- Invaded the pinyon-juniper zone of the n. and c. highlands (BZ, PRS), and were especially conspicuous in the Sandia and Manzano Mts. (HS, PS, JO, BH); notable were 1 near Madrid, Santa Fe Co., on 9/11 and 2 on 9/29 (Lawry Sager)

CHIHUAHUAN RAVEN -- High count of about 580 northwest of Floyd on 9/13 (CR). Another 250 were near Kenna the same day (CR). Both places are in Roosevelt Co.

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE -- Found east to Union Co. with 1 at Folsom, Union Co., on 11/23 (JO) and 14 northeast of Clayton 11/13 (Reba Manglesdorf, fide WC}; 3 at Springer on 11/24 (JO)

MEXICAN CHICKADEE -- 1 persisted in Clanton Canyon until 9/21 (JP, JO)

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE -- Notably widespread in lowland areas almost statewide, the movement began in early September and continued throughout the autumn; especially evident on the e. plains in Harding, Guadalupe, DeBaca, and Roosevelt Cos. and in the RGV south to Las Cruces (v.o.).

BUSHTIT -- 1 at the migrant trap w. of Melrose 11/9 (JO)

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- Similarly widespread in submontane areas almost statewide, from Farmington (TR) east to Clayton (WC, JO), south to Post Office Canyon (RS), Deming (SW, JO), Las Cruces (LS, GE, JO), and Carlsbad (SW)

BROWN CREEPER -- Also present in above normal numbers in the lowlands (v.o.).

CACTUS WREN -- Continuing a trend in the northeast, 2 at a new site s. of Conchas L., San Miguel Co., on 10/12 (CR), northeast of the junction of highways 104 and 129.

CAROLINA WREN -- 1 singing in Boone's Draw 8/23-24 (JP*, BP, JO*, BN*, DE*) was a rare treat.

WINTER WREN — Singles were at Boone's Draw 10/19 (JP*, JO*) and in the Gila Valley s. of Cliff in Grant Co. on 10/25 (Roland Shook*)

MARSH WREN -- Late for the north was 1 at Clayton L. on 11/23 (JO)

AMERICAN DIPPER -- 1 along Ruidoso Creek, Ruidoso, on 8/19 (AP)

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- Easterly singles at Corrupa Creek on 9/25 (JP, JO) and Boone's Draw 9/26 (JP, JO) and 10/12 (JO)

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- Lingering singles near Navajo L. on 11/1 (TR) and Bosque NWR on 11/11 (JO)

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER -- A possible 1 was north to Boone's Draw on 9/13 (CR*) where it was unknown and unexpected. 2 were near Black R. Village in Eddy Co. on 11/10 (JO)

EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- 6 along Corrupa Creek on 9/25 (JP, JO), where breeding is suspected.

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD -- At least 500 were seen between Roy and Mills in Harding Co. on 10/26 (SW, JY)

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE -- Seemed to be in numbers in the northern valleys with 40 on 9/27 from Edgewood to Cedar Crest (SW). 22 were near Hillsboro on 10/9 (GE)

WOOD THRUSH — Well detailed were singles at Zuni 10/7 to 10/12 (DC**) and Roswell, Chaves Co., 10/23 (SMB*)

GRAY CATBIRD -- Breeding: a fledgling was being tended by an adult near Zuni on 8/9-10 (DC**);...1 was in the area on 8/24 and 8/29 (JAT), while an adult was late at Zuni on 11/8-9 (DC*) . Singles at Corrupa Creek on 9/25 (JO, JP); the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 9/29 (JO); at Socorro until 8/16 (PB); in the Animas Mts. on 10/8 (TH); and at Rattlesnake Springs on 9/8 (CR)

SAGE THRASHER -- Late at Farmington was 1 on 10/15 (TR)

BROWN THRASHER -- Made a strong showing, including 3 on Corrumpa Creek on 9/25 (JP, JO); 2 to 4 near Fort Sumner at Bosque Redondo Park on 9/2 (JO) and 9/8 (JO, JP) plus 1 on 9/29 (JO), where it apparently summered. Singles at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 11/9 (JO), Las Palomas, Sierra Co., 11/9 (GE), and Rattlesnake Springs 11/10 (JO).

SPRAGUE'S PIPIT -- 2 in grasslands in the Animas Valley on 11/28 (JO*) provided the only report.

CEDAR WAXWING -- Earliest reports were 2 in Farmington on 8/6 (TR) and singles at Zuni 8/29 (JAT), at Percha SP 8/31 (JP, JO), and White Sands NM on 8/31 (JO). Southerly were 10 at Deming 11/10 (SW+) and 5 at Jal on 11/10 (JO)

PHAINOPEPLA -- Northerly were 2 at Zuni on 8/24 (JAT); 1 to 6 at Placitas, Sandoval Co., 8/3 to 9/20 (HS+); and 2 females in Sawmill Canyon in the Magdalena Mts., Socorro Co., on 9/28 (HS). A male was in Socorro on 8/4 (JO) and 3 were to the south in Luis Lopez on 8/11 (JO)

NORTHERN SHRIKE -- The only reports were singles on 11/16 near Navajo L. (TR), at Maxwell NWR on 11/17 (DE, BN), and an immature at Valmora in Mora Co. on 11/24 (JO)

GRAY VIREO -- 1 at Zuni on 8/27 (JAT) established a local late date.

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO -- 1 near Rattlesnake Springs on 9/7 (JP*, JO**, SW*, T. Brownell)

HUTTON'S VIREO -- Singles continued an easterly trend at Percha SP on 8/31 (DE, CR), 9/15 and 9/29 (JNP), and at Dripping Springs near Las Cruces on 11/29 (JO)

PHILADELPHIA VIREO -- A probable was found in Harding Co. 7 miles n. of Logan on 10/12 (CR*)

RED-EYED VIREO -- Generally a scarce migrant: 1 near the Las Vegas NWR 9/7 (CR*, PRS, Bernard Foy+); 1 on 9/14 at the migrant trap w. of Melrose (JP*); 3 at Rattlesnake Springs on 8/14 (BN*, DE*, CR) and 2 on 9/13 (JP*, JO)

LUCY'S WARBLER -- A probable 1 was east to Rattlesnake Springs on 9/8 (CR*)

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER -- Singles at the Moriarty turf farm on 9/14 (JO, JP*) and an immature at the Melrose migrant trap on 10/19 (JP*, JO*)

MAGNOLIA WARBLER -- 1 at the turf farm near Moriarty on 10/4 (CR*)

CAPE MAY WARBLER -- 1 immature male in w. DeBaca Co. south of Vaughn on 9/22 (SW*)

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER -- Singles were a male at Cedar Crest on 10/21 (JH*), a male at the Melrose trap on 9/26 (JP*, JO*), a male at Boone's Draw on 10/19 (JP*, JO*), and a female at Bosque NWR 11/2-3 (RT*, CR*)

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER -- The Myrtle race reported at Caballo L. 11/26 (SOW, BH), 1 at Percha SP 11/14 (GE).

HERMIT WARBLER -- 2 at Tekapo near Zuni on 8/27 (JAT) and 1 female-plumaged at Percha SP 8/31 (DE, BN, CR*)

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER -- 1 at the Melrose trap on 10/19 (JP*, JO**, CR*, DE); 1 found dead near Santa Fe in October (DS).

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER -- 1 male at Rattlesnake Springs on 9/14 (DE*, BN*, CR*, sketch)

PALM WARBLER -- 1 western race at the Melrose trap on 10/19 (JP*, JO**, DE*, CR*)

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- 1 to 7 at the Melrose trap on 9/13-14 (CR, JO, JP); 1 female at Percha SP 8/31 (CR, BN, DE); and 2 at Rattlesnake Springs on 9/13 (JP, JO)

AMERICAN REDSTART -- There was a good number of reports (v.o.) including 1 male near Zuni on 8/2 (DC*) and an immature male at the Quarai Ruins on 9/7 (HS)

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER -- Enjoyed an impressive season, with singles at 5 locales: a male in a Farmington park on 9/16-20 (TR**), a male in Las Vegas on 8/25 (JT*), 1 was seen by many among the shopping carts and potted plants in an Albuquerque garden center on 10/31 (Louis Cuellar) to 11/3 (JO**, JP*, LG, HS, v.o.), 1 at Percha SP on 10/6 (JO**) and 10/20 (EW*), and 1 at Rattlesnake Springs on 9/13 (JP*, JO*) and 9/14 (DE*, BN*, CR*)

SWAINSON'S WARBLER CORRIGENDUM -- In Volume 28, Number 4, page 55 there is no date. The date should be May 14.

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- 1 in Los Alamos on 8/30 was a new locale (Alan Schmierer*). In Albuquerque 1 found dead on 8/25 (HS)

MOURNING WARBLER -- Far west and a local first was 1 at Zuni on 8/28 (JAT*)

PAINTED REDSTART -- Unusual among the cactus at Pancho Villa SP in Columbus, Luna Co., was 1 on 9/2 (JNP).

SUMMER TANAGER -- Breeding: parents were still feeding 3 fledglings at Socorro on 9/5 (PB)

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK -- Very late was a female at the Shady L. Farm in Alameda from 11/18 to 11/23 (Joanne Phillips, RT*)

INDIGO BUNTING -- A singing male at a Farmington park on 8/5-6 (TR); 1 male at Zuni on 8/27 (JAT); 1 male in White Oaks, Lincoln Co., on 8/2 (AP+); 1 at Percha SP 8/31 (CR); 1 at Rattlesnake Springs from 9/7 (SW) to 9/14 (CR+)

PAINTED BUNTING -- North of usual included 2 immatures at the Melrose trap and at Boone's Draw on 9/13 (CR*) and 1 male at Bitter L. NWR on 8/23 (JP, BP)

DICKCISSEL -- 1 at Quarai Ruins on 9/7 (HS+) furnished a local first.

BOTTERI'S SPARROW -- Breeding: 1 just fledged begging from an adult in the Animas Valley on 8/16 (SOW) documented successful breeding for the second consecutive year; all territories visited (10) were occupied on 8/15 and 8/16 (SOW)

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW -- Early and westerly was 1 near Zuni on 10/27 (DC*). 1 at Cochiti L. on 11/24 (BH); 2 at the Melrose trap on 11/9 (JO)

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW -- Unusual for the southwest were single probables at Lordsburg (JO, JP) and in the Animas Valley (JO, JP) on 9/21.

FIELD SPARROW -- A surprising 4 were at Sumner L. 11/16 (DE, BN). 1 at the Melrose trap on 10/19 (JO, CR, DE) and 11/9 (JO**) provided the only additional report.

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW -- 4 were a surprise at a brushy grasslands by a railroad track near Corona on 8/17 (CR)

BLACK-THROATED SPARROW -- An immature was in Farmington on 8/26-27 (TR**)

SAGE SPARROW -- Late was 1 near Farmington 11/27 (TR)

LARK BUNTING -- 1 was near Zuni on 8/27 (JAT).

BAIRD'S SPARROW -- Efforts to locate were successful in grasslands of the Jornada del Muerto e. of San Antonio, with singles 8/25 and 9/8 (Douglas Burkett*, Ray Meyer) and 3 on 10/25 (D. Burkett*) . Another was at Isaack's Pond on the Jornada Range, Dona Ana Co., on 8/28 (Ray Meyer*)

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- 5 found singing near El Sueco in Chihuahua, Mexico, on 8/7 suggested local breeding (BH)

FOX SPARROW -- 1 reddish race at the Maxwell NWR 11/17 (DE, BN).

SWAMP SPARROW -- 1 at Bluewater L. on 11/7 (CR); 1 in Santa Rosa on 11/2 (CR); 1 at Portales on 11/9 (JO); and 20 at Rattlesnake Springs on 11/10 (JO)

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW -- 1 near Gallegos, Harding Co., on 10/12 (CR) was early and a local first.

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW -- 1 at Quarai Ruins 11/23 (HS*) provided a local first; 1 or 2 immatures entertained many at Bosque NWR from 11/9 to 11/28 (BN*, DE*, BH*, JP* JO**, SW)

HARRIS'S SPARROW -- Arrived in November, with singles in Eldorado near Santa Fe 11/12-16 and 11/28-29 (Karen Copeland*, SOW), Albuquerque 11/29 (Peter Teare, fide HS), and an immature at Sumner L. on 11/9 (JO*).

DARK-EYED JUNCO -- 1 Slate-colored race in Farmington on 11/30 (TR**); 1 at the Shady Lakes Farm at Alameda on 11/21 (J. Phillips)

MCCOWN'S LONGSPUR -- 1 at Bluewater L. on 11/8 (JO, JP).

LAPLAND LONGSPUR -- Singles were south and west to Bluewater L. on 11/7-8 (CR, JP, JO) and EBL on 11/14 (CR)

BOBOLINK -- A female-plumaged bird was ne. of Clayton on the Oklahoma State Line Road 9/24 (JP*, JO**)

COMMON GRACKLE -- Singles were lingering w. to Zuni on 10/11 and 10/13 (DC**) and at Bluewater Village on 11/7 (CR) . 20 were reported near Bloomfield on 10/17 (TR+)

ORCHARD ORIOLE -- Noteworthy for fall was a flock of 7 at Boone's Draw on 8/24 (JO, BN, DE).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE -- Late was 1 in Las Cruces 10/22 (GE)

PINE GROSBEAK -- 2 near Jicarita Peak in s. Taos Co. on the Santa Barbara Ridge on 8/3 (JO, JP)

CASSIN'S FINCH -- Staged a spectacular lowland invasion, with reports from all regions except the extreme southeast, including east to Union, Curry, and Roosevelt Cos. and south to the Peloncillo Mts., Las Cruces, San Andres Mts. in Dona Ana Co., and Alamogordo, Otero Co. (v.o.)

RED CROSSBILL -- Conspicuous in both montane and lowland areas, including east to Clayton, where there were 5 on 11/16 (WC), south to Post Office Canyon (RS), in Deming (JO), Las Cruces (GE, BH, SOW, JO, LS), at Sunland Park and El Paso, Texas (JNP), and Rattlesnake Springs (JO, JP) . An early male was at Las Vegas NWR on 8/10 (CR)

PINE SISKIN -- Moved into lowland areas early, including 1 at La Joya WMA on 8/11 (BH), and a high count of 90 at Las Vegas NWR on 9/2 (CR).

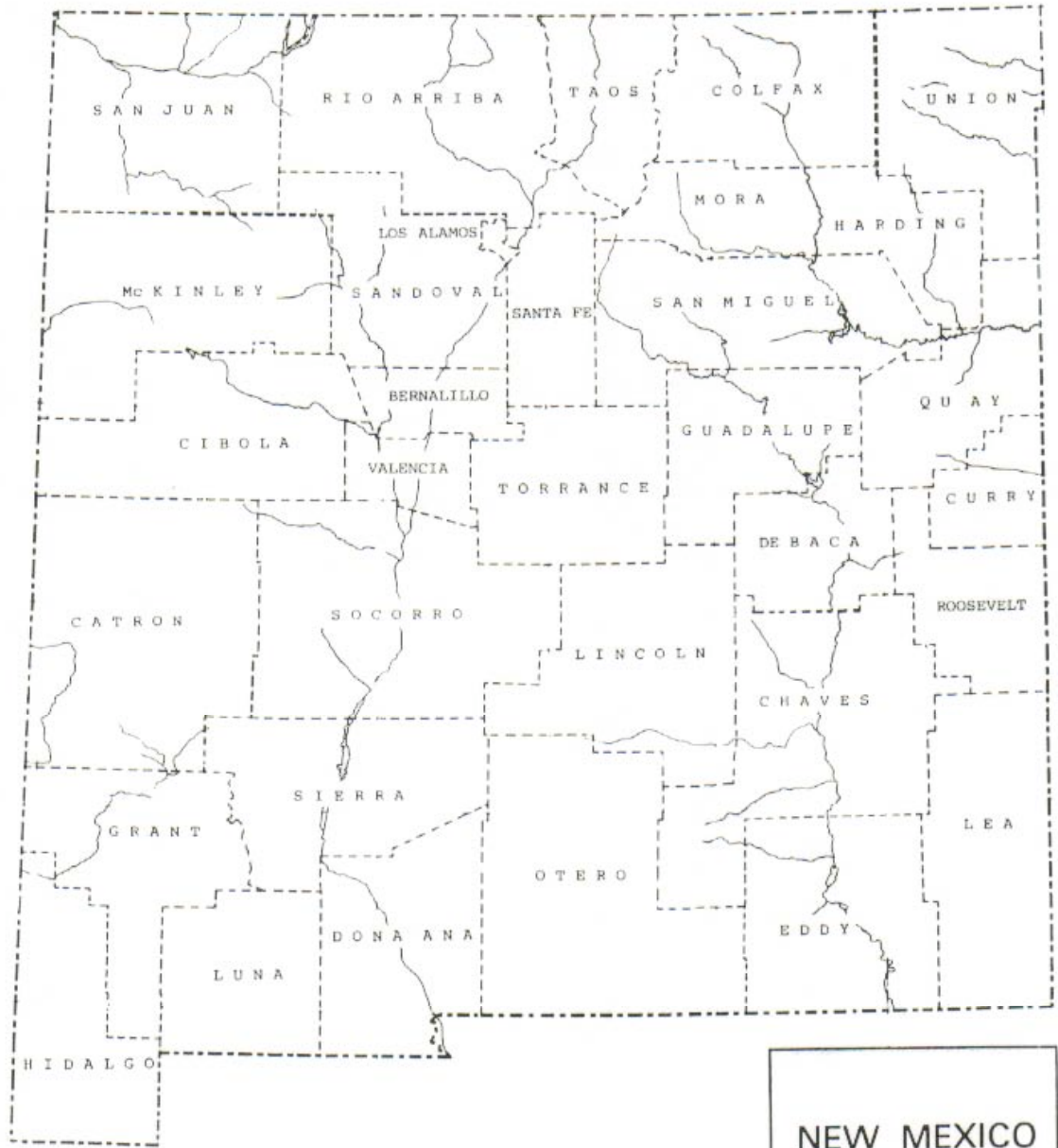
LESSER GOLDFINCH -- Breeding: surprising was 1 feeding young at Socorro on 11/3 (PB); Notably late were 2 at Albuquerque on 11/30 (BH)

LAWRENCE'S GOLDFINCH -- Not reported in the state since 1991, it staged an impressive invasion. First noted was 1 in the Peloncillo Mts. on 9/22 (JO*, JP*), followed by up to 3 at Silver City 10/16 to 10/23 (DAZ*, MZ*), 1 far north near Bloomfield on 10/17 (TR**, Nell Mahon*), about 20 at Caballo L. on 10/17 (LS), about 100 at Oliver Lee SP near Alamogordo on 10/26 (GE*) . The birds remained at Caballo L. (CR, BN*, DE*, JO**, GE*, BH*, JP*, JO**, LG, JT) and Oliver Lee SP (CR*, SW*, JY) through November; 3 were at Radium Springs, Dona Ana Co., 11/29 (JO**) and 10 or 12 in Las Cruces on 11/14 (LS)

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- Early were 1 at 3 Zuni sites 8/3-4 (DC) and 1 at Charette L., Mora Co., on 8/17 (JO, JP)

EVENING GROSBEAK -- Joined in the lowland invasion with reports which began in early September and continued through November, in the west from Farmington and Flora Vista (TR) south to Post Office Canyon (RS) and Las Cruces (LS, GE), and in the east from Clayton to Boone's Draw.

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