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Report Sightings to Dr. Sartor O. Williams III, New Mexico Bird Records committee, New Mexico Dept. of Game and Fish, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504. Continuing a recent trend, the fall season generally was wetter and warmer than "usual". Although the Pacific storms of late September only brushed N.M., they may have assisted the arrival of a previously unreported shorebird for New Mexico's 494th verified species pending acceptance by the N.M. Bird Records Committee. It was a Wandering Tattler. It was an exciting loon season and shorebirds lingered late. Meanwhile, clearly lacking was any repeat of last year's massive incursion of finches, parids, nuthatches, and jays.

Abbreviations Used

AFB CG Co. EBL L. Mt(s) NM WWR N.M. R RGNC RGV SP V.O. + *	Natl. Monument Natl. Wildlife Refuge New Mexico River Rio Grande Nature Center Rio Grande Valley State Park various observers pius, and others details provided photo, tape taken specim	
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Shook, Roland (RS) Snider, Pat (PRS) Takamine, J. (JT) West, Steve (SW) PLACE NAMES AND THEIR COUNTIES Caballo Lake (Sierra) Cannon AFB (Curry) Carlsbad (Eddy) Chuska Mts. (San Juan & McKinley) Albuquerque (Bernalillo) Animas Valley (Hidalgo) Belen (Valencia) Bitter L. NWR (Chaves) Boone's Draw (Roosevelt) Bosque (del Apache) NWR (Socorro) Clayton (Union) Cliff (Grant) Clovis (Curry) Cochiti Lake (Sandoval) Columbus (Luna) Deming (Luna) Elephant Butte L. (Sierra) Farmington (San Juan) Fort Sumner (De Baca) Gila R. Valley (Grant) Holloman Lake (Otero) Jemez Mountains (Sandoval) Las Vegas, NWR (San Miguel) Lordsburg (Hidalgo)

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SPECIES ACCOUNTS

RED-THROATED LOON -- 1 immature at Stubblefield L. on 11/8 (JEP*, JO*).

PACIFIC LOON -- Singles at Stubblefield L. 11/8 (JEP, JO*); immature at Cochiti L. on 11/10 (BH*); Nutria L. near Zuni from 11/9 (JO) to 11/26 (DC**).

COMMON LOON -- Lived up to their name with 1 to 4 at 13 sites in 9 counties; the earliest was 1 at Clayton L. on 9/28 (DE, BN, CR).

HORNED GREBE -- Found where seldom reported were 1 on 11/9 at Chuska L. in Tohatchi (JO), 2 on Cherry Valley L. e. of Watrous on 11/8 (JO, JEP), and on a pond e. of Lordsburg 11/23 (JO) A high count of 15 to 20 on Stubblefield L. on 11/8 (JO, JEP).

WESTERN GREBE -- 5 at the Cannon AFB sewage lagoons 10/23 was a new local record (Ross Rasmussen).

CLARK'S GREBE -- Breeding: a pair with 3 young at Bosque NWR on 8/25 (PRS, BW+);...1 at Cannon AFB on 10/23 was a new locality (R. Rasmussen).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- Late for the north was 1 at Morgan L. on 11/22 (TR) and 1 at Sumner L. on 11/27 (JO). 52 were still at EBL on 11/29 (CR).

BROWN PELICAN -- An immature at Sumner L. on 10/25 (JEP*, JO**) was the third record for DeBaca County.

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT -- Noteworthy for the Pecos Valley were 5 at Bitter L. NWR on 8/6 (SW) and 3 on 8/22 and 8/31 (JO, JEP+). At Bosque NWR they outnumbered Double-cresteds by a ratio of 10 to 1 in Sept. and Oct. (v.o.). 40 of 56 present on 10/16 were in breeding plumage (SOW).

LEAST BITTERN -- 1 still at Bosque NWR on 9/27 (JEP).

GREAT EGRET -- Peripheral were singles on 9/10 at Red L. e. of Fort Sumner (PRS*, BW) and at Deming on 9/5 (LM).

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- An adult at Bosque NWR on 8/8 (JO), 8/12 (Michael Patten), and 8/26 (PRS, BW+) was the only report.

TRICOLORED HERON -- 1 adult was north to Bitter L. NWR on 8/20 (WR**) and 8/31 (CR*, DE*, BN*, JO*).

REDDISH EGRET -- A remarkable 2 were photo documented. First recorded in N.M. in 1991, these represented the state's fifth and sixth records. There was an adult at Bitter L. NWR on 8/4 (WR**) and an immature at EBL on 8/31 (BW*) until 9/6 (DE*, BN*, JEP*, JO**, JP).

CATTLE EGRET -- Late were singles near Cuba, Sandoval Co., on 11/1 (Rosamond Evans*) and at Mangas Springs from 11/15 to 11/25 (RF).

GREEN HERON -- 1 at Pecan Park in Deming 8/10, where it had been seen on 7/6 (JO).

FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK -- 2 to 3 apparently wild were at Bosque NWR 11/18 and 11/19 (Wendy McCrady*, William Hutcheson* and 11/28 (RG*, JR**, sketches, and Robert Wenrick**); there is but one accepted N.M. record.

TUNDRA SWAN -- Earliest records were single adults at Springer L. and Las Vegas NWR on 11/8 (JEP, JO).

ROSS'S GOOSE -- 1 at Farmington on 10/31 (TR); 5 near Watrous at Cherry Valley L. on 11/8 (JO, JEP); 3 at Williams Playa near Clovis on 10/24 (JEP).

WOOD DUCK -- 2 males at Zuni on 10/13 (DC), 1 male at Springer L. on 11/8 (JEP, JO), and 1 male at the San Jon sewage ponds on 11/26 (JO).

RING-NECKED DUCK -- 1 male summering at Chuska L. in Tohatchi was still present on 8/17 and 8/23 (JO).

GREATER SCAUP -- 1 female at Farmington L. 11/2 (TR*).

SURF SCOTER -- There was an impressive showing, with female plumaged singles at Cannon AFB 10/21-23 (Ross Rasmussen*, sketches); at Sumner L. 11/27 (JO**), at Tyrone sewage ponds on 10/19 (DZ*, EL); Sunland Park, Dona Ana Co., on 11/9-13 (JNP*); plus 3 females at Bosque NWR on 10/26 (DE*, BN*).

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER -- 1 male, 1 female-plumaged at Maxwell NWR on 11/22 (DE*, BN*).

COMMON GOLDENEYE -- 2 at San Jon on 11/26 (JO).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- 1 female on Nutria L. near Zuni on 11/22 (DC*).

TURKEY VULTURE -- Only a few lingered past mid-October: 25 at Carlsbad on 10/23 (SW) was a large number for so late. A late immature was at Boone's Draw on 10/25 (JO, JEP).

OSPREY — A near record 47 were counted in the Manzano Mts. hawk watch site 8/13 to 10/12 (HWI). Notably late was 1 at Morgan L. on 11/22 (TR**).

BALD EAGLE -- An adult at the Valle Grande in the Jemez Mts. on 9/25 (fide T. Johnson) was unusually early. 2 adults at Wall L., Catron Co., on 11/14 (David Probst).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- 9 passed the Manzano Mts. lookout from 9/2 to 10/24 (HWI).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- 5 passed the Manzano Mts. lookout 9/28 to 10/13 (HWI).

COMMON BLACK-HAWK -- An adult was still at San Patricio, Lincoln Co., on 8/25 (Peter Rogers, fide AP); last seen in the Gila Valley was 3 at Cliff 10/9 (SOW) and another downstream from there on 10/9 (RS).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK -- 1 was at the Manzano Mts. lookout on 9/27 (HWI).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK -- South was 1 in the s. Animas Valley on 11/29 (AC, JO, NMC).

MERLIN -- Early were singles at Bosque NWR on 3/25 (PRS, BW+), Mangas Springs on 9/8 (RE), and w. of Columbus on 9/13 (JNP); a near record 42 passed the Manzano Mts. lookout from 9/11 to 11/3, more than double the 5-year average (HWI).

PEREGRINE FALCON -- 67 were counted at the Manzano Mts. look-out from 8/27 to 10/30 (HWI).

LESSER PRAIRIE-CHICKEN -- An extraordinary report of 6 to 8 probables in s. Union Co. seen occasionally (Jim Hall, fide WC); none have been verified in ne. N.M. for many years.

VIRGINIA RAIL -- Breeding: an adult with 4 young at the Nutria L. near Zuni on 8/9 (DC).

SORA -- 1 immature was banded at the RGNC in Albuquerque on 8/30 (SC, NC, LG+).

COMMON MOORHEN -- North was 1 immature at Texico in Curry Co. on 9/1 (JO*).

SANDHILL CRANE -- 1 was early at Deming on 10/5 (LM).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 4 at Stubblefield L. 11/8 (JEP, JO), 1 at Onava n. of Las Vegas on 9/27-28 (CR, DE), 1 at Bosque NWR on 10/11 (JO, JP, CR*, DE), 1 at Bitter L. NWR on 8/31 (JO), and 2 at Holloman L. on 10/3 (GE).

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER -- Singles at Onava n. of Las Vegas on 9/24-25 (BW*, PRS*) and EBL on 9/6 (JEP*, DE*, BN*, JO**, JP).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- Moderate numbers stopped over at the Moriarty and Los Lunas turf farms 8/9 to 10/9 (BH, JEP, JO, PRS, JT, v.o.). High count of 179 at Los Lunas on 9/6 (CR, DE).

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- Late were 2 at Bitter L. NWR 11/8 (SW, JY).

AMERICAN AVOCET -- Late were 10 at EBL on 11/29 (CR).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS -- Late was 1 at Bosque NWR on 11/15 (JEP, JO) until 11/22 (LM) and 11/25 (JO).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- A late 1 at Bosque NWR 10/11 (CR).

WILLET -- Late were 10 at Bitter L. NWR 11/8 (SW, JY).

WANDERING TATTLER -- First record for N.M. was present at the Navajo Agricultural Project (NAPI) sewage pond 9 miles south of Farmington from 9/27 to 10/6 (John Rees** TR**, LG**, SW, JY, v.o.). It was heard calling.

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- 1 calling at Bosque Redondo L. near Fort Sumner on 3/30 (CR). 10 at Bitter L. NWR on 3/22 (JEP, JO).

WHIMBREL -- Rare in fall. 2 at Onava n. of Las Vegas on 9/24-25 (BW*, PRS*).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- 36 were late at Deming on 11/21 (LM*). A high count of 150 was near Loving, Eddy Co., on 8/31 (JO).

RUDDY TURNSTONE -- 1 at EBL on 8/9 (Brian Locke*) provided the first record in over three years.

SANDERLING -- Singles at Morgan L. on 9/28 (TR) and EBL on 8/2 (JO).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 1 at the Portales sewage ponds on 9/10 (PRS*, BW); 3 immatures at Bitter L. NWR 8/23 (JEP*, JO, LC) and 6 on 8/31 (JO).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER -- Last seen was 6 at Stubblefield L. on 11/8 (JO, JEP).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- Had a good season with reports from 9 counties (v.o.). High counts were 10 on 10/10 near Farmington (JO) and 17 at the Moriarty turf farm 9/21 (CR, DE) . 1 was late at Bosque NWR 11/19 (JO, LC).

STILT SANDPIPER -- An impressive 100+ were at Bitter L. NWR on 8/3 (BN, DE, CR).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- A high count of 700 at Holloman L. 8/17 (GE). Last report was 1 at Clayton 10/1 (PRS, BW).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE -- 1 to 2 at the Onava exit n. of Las Vegas on 9/25 (PRS*), 9/27 (CR, BN, DE+), and 9/28 (JT); 1 to 5 at Tyrone 9/11 to 9/28 (EL, v.o.); 1 on 9/5 and 3 on 9/25 at Deming (LM).

RED PHALAROPE -- 1 immature was at Las Vegas NWR on 10/26 (JO*) and 2 at Bosque NWR on 10/11 (DE*, BN*, CR*)

HEERMANN'S GULL -- A first-winter at the playas w. of Lordsburg on 10/23 (Thomas Gill*) was the fifth well documented N.M. record and the first for fall.

CALIFORNIA GULL -- 1 at Deming on 8/12 (LM).

HERRING GULL -- 2 at Deming on 11/20 (LM).

THAYER'S GULL -- Single first winter birds at Storrie L. near Las Vegas on 11/22 (JEP*, JO) and at EBL on 11/15 and 11/29 (JEP*, JO, CR*, DE).

THAYER'S X HERRING GULL -- An apparent hybrid was at Storrie L. near Las Vegas on 11/22 (JO**).

SABINE'S GULLS -- A fine season found single immatures at Farmington L. on 9/21 (TR*), Sumner L. on 9/21 (CR*, DE), and Portales on 9/10 (PRS, BW). 2, included a rare adult, at EBL on 9/6 (JO*, JEP*, DE*, BN*). 1 immature was very late at Bosque NWR 11/16 (JO*, Mike Ramos, JY).

CASPIAN TERN -- The only report was 1 at Bitter L. NWR on 8/3 (BN*, DE*).

COMMON TERN -- 1 was late at McAllister L. near Las Vegas on 10/26 (JO**).

BLACK TERN -- 3 were at Clayton L. on 9/22 (WC) and 2 near Bill Evans L. near Cliff on 8/30 (RF), with singles at Tyrone on 9/4 (EL) and Deming on 8/18 (LM).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- The Silver City population continued to thrive and, unlike the ones in the Gila Valley, showed no evidence of fall migration (DZ). Late highs were 44 there on 11/27 (EL) and 30 at nearby Tyrone on 11/30(Beverly Hutchins, fide DZ).

INCA DOVE -- Breeding: 2 adults with a fledgling were in Carlsbad on 9/24 (SW); 1 was far north to Aztec, San Juan Co., from 10/29 to 11/11 (TR*), 2 in Albuquerque on 8/12 (Sharon Doher); 2 at Basque NWR on 10/21 (BH*, Man Howe). They continued to expand in Eddy Co. (SW).

WESTERN SCREECH-OWL -- 1 was heard at the Oklahoma state line at Corrumpa Creek ne. of Clayton on 9/28 (CR, DE).

BLACK SWIFT -- Breeding: only four nests, each with 1 nestling, were active at the Jemez Mts. "colony" on 8/21 (HS), down from six in 1996.

BLUE-THROATED HUNMINBIRD -- The only report was 1 male at Post Office Canyon on 10/29 (RTS).

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD -- Continuing presence in the Sacramento Mts. with 2 at Ruidoso 8/28 and 2 at Bonita L. on 8/29 in Lincoln Co. (Dianna Harris, fide AP). 2 adult and 5 immature males banded near Roberts L., Grant Co., 8/14 to 8/19 (William Calder). Last at Post Office Canyon was a male on 10/6 (RTS).

LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD -- More scarce than usual throughout the Peloncillo Mts. The last at Post Office Canyon was a female on 10/2 (RTS).

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- Post-breeding were a male at Silver City on 9/22 (DZ+) and 1 at Deming on 8/21 (LM). The last male was in

Post Office Canyon on 11/21 (RTS) and 4 in the central Peloncillo Mts. on 8/7 (WB).

ELEGANT TROGON -- Failed to breed in the Peloncillo Mts. this year; last reported were 2 males, but no females on 8/6-7 (WB).

LEWIS'S WOODPECKER -- 1 was south in the middle RGV to Veguita in Socorro Co. on 9/7 (JO).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- 1 west to Los Alamos on 9/9 (JT).

RED-NAPED SAPSUCKER -- 1 east to the Okla. line on Corrumpa Creek ne. of Clayton on 10/1 (PRS, BW).

DOWNY WOODPECKER -- Notable were 2 on the Gila R. near Cliff on 10/17 and 10/25 (LM, RS).

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER -- Up to 4 were seen at the Dome Burn area in the Jemez Mts. from 8/12 through 10/7 with an immature male on 9/14 and a female close enough on 9/29 to count her toes! (PRS+).

YELLOW-SHAFTED X RED-SHAFTED FLICKER -- This hybrid was seen along Corrumpa Creek ne. of Clayton near the Okla. line on 9/28 (CR, DE) and 10/1 (PRS, BW). It had yellow wings and tail with a brown crown and red whiskers. Another was at Boone's Draw on 10/19 (BN, DE, CR).

LEAST FLYCATCHER -- All reports were from Roosevelt Co. at the migrant trap w. of Melrose and Boone's Draw with 1 to 7 from 8/30 to 9/21 (CR, BN, DE, JO, PRS*, v.o.). Very early was an undetailed possible at the Melrose trap on 8/3 (DE, BN).

GRAY FLYCATCHER -- Breeding: an adult feeding a fledgling near Springtime CG in the San Mateo Mts., Socorro Co., on 8/20 (GE).

EASTERN PHOEBE -- 1 near Clayton 8/20 (WC); 1 near Clovis on 10/18 (DE, BN); and 1 at Percha Dam SP on 11/15 (JO).

GREAT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER -- At least 1 or 2 at the migrant trap w. of Melrose and 1 at Boone's Draw from 9/10 to 9/14 were the only ones reported (JEP*, DE*, BN*, PRS*, v.o.).

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD -- Breeding: nest with young on 8/3 at the Placitas Open Space in Sandoval Co. (HS).

THICK-BILLED KINGBIRD -- Surprising for the season and the locale was a vocal one far north at Glenwood, Catron Co., on 11/29 (Clive Green*, sketch).

WESTERN KINGBIRD -- 1 in Los Alamos where it is unusual on 8/12 (CR*, PRS).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- The last reports were singles near Boone's Draw on 10/18 (JEP, JO) and Otis, Eddy Co., on 10/19 (SW).

STELLER'S JAY -- The only submontane reports were singles in the Albuquerque bosque on 11/22 (CR) and in the Gila Valley near Cliff on 10/17 (RS).

BLUE JAY -- The only RGV report was 1 at Santa Fe on 11/7 (SOW, Greg Schmitt).

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER -- 1 was e. to Clayton on 11/10 (WC); another was low in altitude at the Malpais NM. in Cibola Co. on 8/22 (PRS).

AMERICAN CROW -- Noteworthy were 3 south to the Florida Mts. near Deming on 8/18 (LM) and 2 at Bear Canyon L. in Grant Co. on 8/27 (EL).

CHIHUAHUAN RAVEN -- Out of range was a flock of 70 heard calling at the Onava exit north of Las Vegas on 9/27 (CR, DE, BN).

COMMON RAVEN -- Easterly were 1 heard on the Okla. Line in Union Co. ne. of Clayton on 9/28 (CR, DE), 2 near Broadview in Curry Co. on 8/30 (CR, DE), and 1 heard at Boone's Draw on 8/31 (CR).

BRIDLED TITMOUSE -- 1 found in the RGV at Percha Dam SP from 8/31 (JNP), 9/6 (JO) to 11/15 (JP).

CACTUS WREN -- 2 were n. to Fort Sumner 9/10 (PRS, BW).

WINTER WREN -- The only report was 1 at Ned Houk Park near Clovis on 10/18 (BN*, DE*).

SEDGE WREN -- Undetailed was a possible at the N. Playa L. on Cannon AFB near Clovis from 10/21 to 11/1 (Ross Rasmussen).

MARSH WREN -- A few lingered north, including singles all on 11/22 at Morgan L. (TR), Cochiti L. (JO, JP), and Stubblefield L. (BN, DE); while 2 were at San Jon on 11/26 (JO).

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER -- Breeding: not necessarily a pretty sight were 2 feeding a young cowbird in Las Cruces on 8/21 (GE).

GRAY CATBIRD -- 1 at Sabinal and 5 near Belen on 9/7 (JO) 1 at Sumner L. on 10/19 (JO, LC).

BROWN THRASHER -- 1 ne. of Clayton on 9/28 (CR, DE). At the Melrose trap 2 on 9/21 (CR, DE); 1 on 8/30, 9/1, and 10/23 (JO); and 1 at Bitter L. NWR on 11/22 (Sherry Bixler+).

LONG-BILLED THRASHER -- Demonstrating amazing tenacity was the lonely 1 at Bosque Redondo Park near Fort Sumner on 10/18 (JEP, JO*), and still there on 11/1 (JO, JEP).

SPRAGUE'S PIPIT -- The only reports were 1 near Santa Teresa, Dona Ana Co., on 11/16 (JNP*) and 2 in the Animas Valley on 11/29 (AC, JO*, NMC*, sketch).

CEDAR WAXWING -- Conspicuously absent. The only report was 20 at Farmington on 11/16 (TR).

PHAINOPEPLA -- Where seldom reported were 1 at Tyrone from 11/3 to 11/26 (EL) and 2 in the Florida Mts. near Deming on 11/19 (LM). East were singles at Carlsbad on 9/20 (SW, JY) and Rattlesnake Springs, Eddy Co., 9/13 (SW, Tom Hines).

NORTHERN SHRIKE -- Single adults at Farmington L. 11/21 (TR*) and Los Alamos 11/30 (Martin MacRoberts*); 1 at Cerrillos, Santa Fe Co., on 11/9 (Lawry Sager).

WHITE-EYED VIREO -- Providing the state's first record in September was 1 at Sabinal from 9/7 to 9/16 (JO*, BW*, Dolores Phillips).

GRAY VIREO -- 1 near Zuni on 8/12 (DC).

CASSIN'S VIREO -- Singles in the Chuska Mts. in San Juan and McKinley Cos. on 8/23 (JO).

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO -- 1 was near Gila on 8/21-22 (Scott Stoleson) for the first Grant Co. record.

PHILADELPHIA VIREO -- Very rare in N.M. was 1 at the Melrose migrant trap on 11/22-24 (JEP*, JO*, D. Narins), by four days the state's latest ever.

RED-EYED VIREO -- 1 at Santa Rosa on 9/14 (DE*, BN*) and 1 at the Melrose trap on 9/13 (JEP*)

NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 2 at Boone's Draw and another at the Melrose trap 10/19 were the last of autumn (CR, DE, BN.).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER -- 1 at the RGNC in Albuquerque on 10/8 (Dean Cutten*).

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER -- 1 at the Green Chaparral Turf Ranch near Moriarty on 9/28 (CR*, DE).

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER -- 1 at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 10/19 (BN*).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- Single females at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 9/1 (JO) and 9/10 (PRS, BW) and 1 at Percha Dam SP on 9/6 (BN, DE, JO, JEP, JP).

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER -- Singles at Bosque NWR banded on 9/10 (DF+) and Percha Dam SP on 9/6 (JEP*, DE*, BN*, JO**, RG, JR).

OVENBIRD -- 1 at the Melrose trap on 10/19 (DE).

NORTHERN CARDINAL -- A male frequented a Portales feeder from 9/25 through the season (Gary Pfaffenberger).

PYRRHULOXIA -- North was 1 at the Melrose trap 10/23-25 (JO, JEP).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK -- An immature male was reported from Los Alamos on 8/10 (JT).

BLUE GROSBEAK -- Late was 1 at Carlsbad 10/11 (SW, JY).

LAZULI BUNTING -- Lingering were 2 at Deming on 10/14 (LM) and 3 in the Animas Valley on 11/29 (AC, NMC, JO).

INDIGO BUNTING -- 1 in Los Alamos 8/10 (JT); 1 at Belen on 8/9 (CR); 2 at Santa Rosa on 9/21 (CR); 1 near Cliff on 8/26 (GE).

PAINTED BUNTING -- Singles were seen at the Melrose trap on 9/10 (PRS, BW) and 9/13 (DE, BN) and at Percha Dam SP on 9/20 (JEP). 1 hatch year male banded at the RGNC in Albuquerque 8/30 (SC, NC+). A male was netted in Rhodes Canyon in the San Andres Mts., Dona Ana Co., on 8/20 (B. North, fide Mara Weisenberger).

DICKCISSEL -- 1 on Otero Mesa in Otero Co. on 9/16 (Ray Meyer*) furnished a local first.

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW -- The earliest was 1 at Galisteo, Santa Fe Co., on 11/2 (JT). South and early was 1 banded in Albuquerque on 11/9 (LG, NC, SC). 2 were at Cochiti L. on 11/10 (BH).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW -- Judging from undetailed sightings they may have been more numerous than usual in the RGV and the southwest. Notable were 15 banded in September at the RGNC in Albuquerque (NC, SC+) and 11 banded at Bosque NWR from 9/3 to 9/11 (DF+).

BREWER'S SPARROW -- Unusual for so late in autumn were 50 or more north to Petroglyph N.M. w. of Albuquerque 11/16 and 11/29 (HS).

FIELD SPARROW -- A very good season found 1 or 2 on Corrumpa Creek ne. of Clayton on 9/28 (CR*, DE) and 10/1 (PRS); at Boone's Draw on 10/19 (CR*, DE, BN); and 1 at Cannon AFB near Clovis on 11/1 (R. Rasmussen). 2 to 4 at the Melrose trap from 10/18 to 11/1 (DE, BN, CR, JO, JEP, v.o.).

VESPER SPARROW -- Late was 1 at the Petroglyph N.M near Albuquerque on 11/16 (HS).

LARK SPARROW -- Late was 1 at Caballo L. on 11/23 (SW).

BAIRD'S SPARROW -- Rare was 1 in the s. Animas Valley on 11/29 (AC, JO**, NMC).

FOX SPARROW -- 1 reddish race at the Melrose trap 10/18 (JO, JEP).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW -- 1 at the RGNC in Albuquerque 11/21 (JO). 1 at Bosque NWR on 10/19 (CR, DE) and on 10/26 (BN).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW -- Late was a dark-lored race at Pancho Villa SP near Columbus on 11/28 (JO).

SLATE-COLORED DARK-EYED JUNCO -- 1 in Los Alamos on 11/26 (PRS).

LAPLAND LONGSPUR -- Up to 3 at the Maxwell NWR on 11/8 (JEP, JO).

BOBOLINK -- 1 at the turf farm near Moriarty on 9/13 (JO**) was a first record for Torrance Co.

EASTERN MEADOWLARK -- A late 1 was singing north to the west mesa of Albuquerque on 11/19 (HS), where it is not known to winter. RUSTY BLACKBIRD -- 1 winter plumaged male at San Jon on 11/26 (JO*) furnished a local first. COMMON GRACKLE -- 1 was in Albuquerque on 11/7 (PRS, Pat Insley). ORCHARD ORIOLE -- 1 was north to Boone's Draw 8/31 (CR). HOODED ORIOLE -- 1 was in the seldom visited Florida Mts. near Deming on 9/8 (LM). BULLOCK'S ORIOLE -- 1 was very late at Caballo L. 11/28 And 11/29 (CR*, LG**) PINE GROSBEAK -- 5 or 6 at Cumbres Pass n. of Chama, Rio Arriba Co., on 8/16 (JEP, JO). CASSIN'S FINCH -- In contrast to last year's spectacular finch movements, this fall found them practically nonexistent anywhere in the state. RED CROSSBILL -- In small numbers in only a few montane areas in the north and west. LAWRENCE'S GOLDFINCH -- No encore flight, not a single one reported after last year's numbers. EVENING GROSBEAK -- They were in only tiny numbers that were restricted to the Jemez and Zuni Mts.

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