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AUTUMN SEASON 2001

Autumn 2001 was characterized by relatively warm and dry conditions, with the cold and snow delayed until late November. Both birds and birders were active, and several interesting rarities were documented.

Localities and Counties

Aguirre Springs, *Doña Ana*
Alameda, *Bernalillo*
Albuquerque, *Bernalillo*
Animas, Mts., Valley, *Hidalgo*
Bernardo, *Socorro*
Bitter Lake NWR, *Chaves*
Boone's Draw, *Roosevelt*
Bosque del Apache NWR, *Socorro*
Bosque Redondo, *De Baca*
Brantley Lake, *Eddy*
Caballo Lake, Dam, *Sierra*
Capilla Peak, *Torrance*
Carlsbad, Lake, *Eddy*
Carlsbad Caverns NP, *Eddy*
Carrizozo, *Lincoln*
Casa Colorada, *Valencia*
Chamberino, *Doña Ana*
Charette Lake, *Mora*
Clanton Canyon, Cienega, *Hidalgo*
Clayton, Lake, *Union*
Cliff, Cliff-Gila Valley, *Grant*
Conchas Lake, Dam, *San Miguel*
Cochiti Lake, Dam, *Sandoval*
Corrales, *Sandoval*
Delaware River, *Eddy*
Deming, *Luna*
Eagle Nest, Lake, *Colfax*
Encino, *Torrance*
Elephant Butte Lake, Dam, *Sierra*
Fort Sumner, *De Baca*
Gallup, *McKinley*
Gila, *Grant*
Gila Bird Area, *Grant*
Guadalupe Canyon, *Hidalgo*
Guadalupe Mts., *Eddy*
Holloman Lake, *Otero*
House, *Quay*
Jal, Lake, *Lea*
Jemez Falls, *Sandoval*
La Joya, WMA, *Socorro*
La Mesa, *Doña Ana*
La Union, *Doña Ana*
Lake Avalon, *Eddy*
Lake Roberts, *Grant*
Las Animas Creek, *Sierra*
Las Cruces, *Doña Ana*
Las Vegas, NWR, *San Miguel*
Logan, *Quay*
Los Alamos, *Los Alamos*
Los Lunas, *Valencia*
Luis Lopez, *Socorro*
Madrid, *Santa Fe*
Maljamar, *Lea*
Mangas Springs, *Grant*
Manzano, Mts., *Torrance*
Maxwell, NWR, *Colfax*
Melrose, *Curry*
Mesilla, Dam, Valley, *Doña Ana*
Milnesand, *Roosevelt*
Moriarty, *Torrance*
Mountainair, *Torrance*
north *Roosevelt* trap, *Roosevelt*
Nara Visa, *Quay*
Otero Mesa, *Otero*
Otis, *Eddy*
Peloncillo Mts., *Hidalgo*
Percha SP, *Sierra*
Portales, *Roosevelt*
Post Office Canyon, *Hidalgo*
Queen, *Eddy*
Quemado Lake, *Catron*
Radium Springs, *Doña Ana*
Ramon, *Lincoln*
Raton, *Colfax*
Rattlesnake Springs, *Eddy*
Rio Grande Nature Center, *Bernalillo*
Rodeo, *Hidalgo*
Roswell, *Chaves*
Ruby Ranch, *San Miguel*
Sandia Mts., *Bernalillo/Sandoval*
San Andres Mts., *Sierra/Doña Ana*
San Luis Mts., Pass, *Hidalgo*
San Marcial, *Socorro*
San Mateo Mts., *Socorro*

Santa Rosa, *Guadalupe*
 Santa Teresa, *Doña Ana*
 Seneca, *Union*
 Sevilleta NWR, *Socorro*
 Silver City, *Grant*
 Six-Mile Dam, *Eddy*
 Skeleton Canyon, *Hidalgo*
 Springer, Lake, *Colfax*
 Stanley, *Santa Fe*
 Stone Lake, *Rio Arriba*
 Storrie Lake, *San Miguel*
 Stubblefield Lake, *Colfax*

Sumner Lake, Dam, *De Baca*
 Sunland Park, *Doña Ana*
 Taos, Ski Valley, *Taos*
 Tatum, *Lea*
 Tolar, *Roosevelt*
 Tucumcari, *Quay*
 Ute Lake, *Quay*
 Vaughn, *Guadalupe*
 Waldrop Park, *Chaves*
 Water Canyon, *Socorro*
 Whites City, *Eddy*
 Zuni Mts, *McKinley/Cibola*

Abbreviations

AFB	Air Force Base	RGV	Rio Grande Valley
Bosque NWR	Bosque del Apache NWR	SP	State Park
BLNWR	Bitter Lake NWR	USFWS	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
BBS	Breeding Bird Survey	WMA	Wildlife Management Area
CBC	Christmas Bird Count	WSMR	White Sands Missile Range
CG	Camp Ground	ad(s).	adult(s)
Cr.	Creek	subad(s).	subadult(s)
EBL	Elephant Butte Lake	imm(s).	immature(s)
GBA	Gila Bird Area	juv(s).	juvenile(s)
L.	Lake	sp.	species
LVNWR	Las Vegas NWR	m.ob	many observers
Mt(s).	Mountain(s)	v.o.	various observers
NM	National Monument	+	others; et al.
NMSU	New Mexico State Univ.	*	written details provided
NP	National Park	**	photo or tape provided
NRT	north <i>Roosevelt</i> trap	***	specimen obtained
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge		
R.	River		
RGNC	Rio Grande Nature Center		

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SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Pacific Loon—A good season produced singles at Clayton L. 10 Nov (JRO**), Charette L. 11 Nov (JRO**), Eagle Nest L. 13 Nov (DJC*), and Sumner L. 28 Nov (WFW).

Common Loon—Reported from 12 locales from the RGV eastward, including 8 at seldom-visited Charette L. 11 Nov (JRO). West was one at Quemado L. 28 Oct (JRO).

Horned Grebe—The few reports were restricted to the northeast and included 4 at Springer L. 1-7 Nov (DJC) and a displaying pair at LVNWR 3 Nov (JRO).

Eared Grebe—Rarely reported in *Torrance*, 5 were at Mountainair 30 Sep (BV).

Clark's Grebe—At Stubblefield L., 12 pairs had produced 8 chicks by 23 Aug (DJC). At Bosque NWR, ads. were with one chick 2 Aug (MTS, JEZ).

***Aechmophorus* grebes**—Numbers of migrants (mostly Westerns) much reduced at EBL, where there were only 3200 on 25 Aug (CMR), 1500 on 30 Sep (CMR), and 170 on 24 Oct (SOW).

American White Pelican—High counts included 210 at Stubblefield L. 10 Oct (DJC) and 329 at Caballo L. 23 Sep (MTS, JEZ).

Neotropic Cormorant—An ad. was far north to Stubblefield L. 13 Aug-26 Sep (DJC**).

Least Bittern—One at Bosque NWR 19 Aug (MTS, JEZ) provided the only report.

Great Egret—Northerly for the season were 2 at Bernardo 30 Sep (BV); late were 5 at BLNWR 2 Nov (GLW), 2 near Radium Springs 25 Nov (JRO), and one at Six-Mile Dam 30 Nov (JRO).

Little Blue Heron—Two were at BLNWR 13 Sep (CMR) and one was at Holloman L. 29 Aug (GJE).

Reddish Egret—Made an exceptionally strong showing, with single imms. at Sumner L. 21 Aug-18 Sep (WFW*, JRO, JEP*), Ute L. 8 & 22-23 Sep (JRO**), and Caballo L. 25 Sep (WFW*) plus 1-2 at BLNWR on various dates 3 Aug-15 Sep (GLW, JEP*, WFW*, SW); the species was unreported in New Mexico prior to 1991, but recently has been found annually.

Cattle Egret—About 500 in flooded alfalfa in the La Union area 10 Aug & 11 Sep (MTS, JEZ). Last was one at Bosque NWR 4 Nov (PRS).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron—Made an impressive showing, with 2 juvs. at Bosque Redondo 4 & 7 Sep (WFW*, JN-M**, JEP*), 3 juvs. 7 mi north of Bellview, *Curry* 22 Sep (JRO**), and an ad. at Tatum 18 Aug (JRO**).

Glossy Ibis—An ad. near Fort Sumner 8 Sep (JEP*, JRO**) furnished New Mexico's first fall record.

Turkey Vulture—Exited the state on schedule; last were singles at Deming 17 Oct (LKM), BLNWR 18 Oct (GLW), and Delaware R. 20 Oct (SW).

Tundra Swan—Five, including one juv., were at Maxwell NWR 29 Oct-26 Nov (DJC**, MLW, JEP, JRO).

Wood Duck—Continued to increase, with reports from 10 counties (*Rio Arriba, Colfax, Sandoval, Bernalillo, Valencia, Guadalupe, Quay, Roosevelt, Luna, and Doña Ana*) including 18 near Sunland Park 23 Oct (MTS, JEZ).

Eurasian Wigeon—Singles were at RGNC 18-19 Nov (GRY) and Deming 17-21 Nov (LKM*).

“Mexican” Duck—A female with 2 young was at Nation’s Tank, San Luis Mts. 23 Aug (SOW, PM).

Canvasback—High counts on aerial surveys included 1030 at LVNWR 5 Nov (MLW) and 1220 on Stone L. 6 Nov (MLW).

Greater Scaup—Providing the only reports were 2 at Conchas L. 31 Oct (WFW), 2 at Bosque NWR 4 Nov (JRO), and singles at Sunland Park 10 Nov & 19-22 Nov (MTS*, JEZ*).

White-winged Scoter—An imm. was at Ruby Ranch’s L. David 14 Nov (WFW*).

Long-tailed Duck—Singles were at Stubblefield L. 16 Oct (DJC*) and L. Avalon 29 Nov-1 Dec (SW*, JRO).

Osprey—Late were singles at Conchas L. 10 Nov (JRO) and EBL 25 Nov (JRO).

White-tailed Kite—Were in evidence in *Hidalgo*, with at least 2 near Rodeo 4 Aug (Chet Gresham) and one in the southern Animas Valley 8 Sep (AMC, NM-C).

Mississippi Kite—Noteworthy for the lower RGV were 3 at Sunland Park 11 Aug (MTS, JEZ); last were one at Fort Sumner and 3 at Melrose 22 Sep (JRO).

Bald Eagle—Early for *San Miguel* was an ad. at Ruby Ranch 7 Oct (WFW).

Common Black-Hawk—An ad. was hunting bullfrogs on Negrito Cr. near San Francisco Plaza, *Catron* 1 Sep (MLW). Last in the Cliff-Gila Valley was one seen 12 Oct (RSS).

Harris’s Hawk—North in the RGV was one at Bosque NWR 16 Nov (GJE); noteworthy for the Tularosa Basin was one at Holloman L. 29 Aug (GJE).

Broad-winged Hawk—Reports included an imm. at Bosque Redondo 21 Sep (JEP) and an ad. there 6 Oct (JEP), an imm. at NRT 22 Sep (JEP, JRO**), and an ad. near Sunland Park 24 Sep (JEZ*).

Zone-tailed Hawk—Two ads. were with a juv. in Turkey Canyon, Guadalupe Mts. 8 Aug (SW).

“Harlan’s” Hawk—One was at Bosque NWR 28 Oct (WHH*).

Rough-legged Hawk—First of the season were 1-2 at Stubblefield L. 26 Oct (DJC).

Merlin—Very early were singles at Holloman L. 29 Aug (GJE) and Milnesand 1 Sep (JRO*); found nearly statewide after 1 Oct.

Apomado Falcon—The resident pair in southern New Mexico remained on territory through the season (RAM); elsewhere in southern New Mexico, a lone ad. was found 24 Aug (SOW*, PM*) and another pair was reported on Otero Mesa 14 Nov (Ed Mayfield).

Wild Turkey—A flock of about 30 “Gould’s” Wild Turkeys, composed of females and juvs., was in Clanton Canyon 11 Oct (C. L. Hayes**).

Montezuma Quail—Among the few reports were 3 in the GBA 25 Sep (RSS), 8 in Post Office Canyon 28 Nov (CDL), and one at McNatt Spring, *Otero* 26 Aug (SW, RW).

Sora—Singles where seldom reported were near Vaughn 30 Sep (JRO**) and at Carrizozo 14 Oct (JRO).

Sandhill Crane—Earliest arrivals were 2 at Maxwell NWR 20 Sep (DJC), 6 at Ruby Ranch 23 Sep (WFW), 4 at BLNWR 28 Sep (GLW), and 51 at Percha SP 30 Sep (CMR).

Whooping Crane—One of the experimental flock was at Casa Colorada 8 Nov (MLW).

Black-bellied Plover—Singles were at Stubblefield L. 12-29 Sep (DJC*, JEP, JRO), Ruby Ranch 7 Oct (WFW), EBL 27 Sep (JEP, JRO), and BLNWR 18 Oct (GLW).

American Golden-Plover—Singles at BLNWR 28 Sep (*fide* GLW) and at a Santa Teresa turf farm 2-9 Oct (BRZ**, MTS*, JEZ**).

Snowy Plover—North were 3 at Stubblefield L. 20-23 Aug (DJC**); last reported were 4 at BLNWR 18 Oct (GLW) and 6 at Brantley L. 23 Oct (SW).

Semipalmated Plover—Late were 4 at EBL 22 Nov (JRO).

Mountain Plover—Some 45 were at the Moriarty turf farm 26 Aug (JRO). One at a Santa Teresa turf farm 8-9 Oct (MTS, JEZ**, BRZ**) furnished one of the few *Doña Ana* records.

American Avocet—Unusual for the date and locale were 16 at Corrales 19 Nov (Mary P. Day).

Solitary Sandpiper—One at Mountainair 19 Aug & 9 Sep (JRO), 3 at Clanton Cienega 25 Aug (AMC, NM-C), and one near Queen 16 Sep (SW) were in locales where seldom reported.

Upland Sandpiper—An impressive 32 were at Bosque Redondo 21 Aug (WFW). Smaller numbers passed through NRT, Portales, BLNWR, Carlsbad, Otero Mesa, and Animas Valley 1 Aug-9 Sep (JRO, JEP, SW, RAM, DLH).

Long-billed Curlew—High count was 250 near Tatum 18 Aug (JRO).

Sanderling—Small numbers were at Stubblefield L., Maxwell NWR, Ruby Ranch, Sumner L., and EBL 1 Aug-24 Oct (v.o.); high count was 20 at BLNWR 28 Sep (GLW).

Baird's Sandpiper—Much in evidence at Stubblefield L. 1 Aug-24 Oct, with maxima of 580 on 31 Aug and 485 on 16 Sep (DJC); elsewhere, 72 were at Moriarty 31 Aug (JRO) and 295 at BLNWR 3 Aug (GLW).

Stilt Sandpiper—Conspicuous in the east 1 Aug-24 Oct (m.ob), including a high 320 at BLNWR 3 Aug (GLW).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper—One strayed west to Alameda, where it was seen by many 28-30 Sep (JRO** et al., HRS**, sketch NV). Another was at the Moriarty turf farm 29 Sep (JRO**).

Short-billed Dowitcher—Nicely documented was a juv. at the Moriarty turf farm 15 Sep (JEP*, JRO**).

Little Gull—An apparent winter-plumaged ad. was watched in flight for over 10 minutes at L. Avalon 29 Nov (SW*); details included “underwing totally dark except for white tip and white trailing edge.”

California Gull—An impressive 90, mostly ads., were at Eagle Nest L. 28 Aug (DJC**). Farther south were 2 at Deming 24 Nov (LKM, JRO**) and singles at Sunland Park 24 Nov (MTS, JEZ), L. Avalon 30 Nov (JRO), and L. Carlsbad 30 Nov (JRO).

Sabine's Gull—Made a good showing, with reports (all of juvs.) from 8 locales from the RGV eastward 7 Sep-17 Oct: 2-4 at Stubblefield L. 7-22 Sep, including 4 on 18 Sep (DJC**); singles at Ruby Ranch 23 Sep, 7 & 17 Oct (WFW); one at Storrie L. 29 Sep (JEP, JRO); 2 at Sumner L. 15-22 Sep (JEP, WFW); one at Bosque Redondo 9 Sep (9 Sep (JRO**)); one at Ute L. 23 Sep (JRO); a high 7 at various EBL locales 25 Sep (WFW); and one at Sunland Park 21-30 Sep (MTS*, JEZ, JNP*).

Black-legged Kittiwake—A juv. at Springer L. 25-26 Sep (DJC**) was a first for *Colfax* and the state's earliest ever.

Caspian Tern—One at Ute L. 23 Sep (JRO**) provided the only report.

Common Tern—Apparent Commons were 3 juvs. at Springer L. 25-26 Sep (DJC*), 2 juvs. at Sumner L. 18 Sep (WFW) and one there 30 Sep (JRO), and an ad. with 2 Forster's Terns at Cochiti L. 16 Sep (WHH*).

Least Tern—Last of the season were 2 at BLNWR 18 Aug (GLW).

Black Tern—Relatively scarce, as usual, with 65 at Maxwell NWR 1 Aug (DJC**) the high count.

Band-tailed Pigeon—Very late were 13 in Water Canyon 18 Nov (*vide* HRS); the species usually vacates central New Mexico by mid-Oct.

Eurasian Collared-Dove—The colonizing tide continued to sweep across New Mexico, with often multiple reports from 23 of the state's 33 counties; most westerly were 3 at Gallup 5 Sep (Gerald Johnson), 25 at Silver City Oct-Nov (DAZ, JRO), and up to 7 at Playas, *Hidalgo* 7 Aug (Paul Pirtle).

White-winged Dove—Northerly were one at Clayton 10 Nov (JRO**), 8 at Ute L. 8 Sep (JRO), 20 at Tucumcari 31 Oct (WFW), and 3 at Madrid 30 Nov (LAS).

Inca Dove—Continued to increase north to Albuquerque, including an ad. with fledglings at the Zia elementary school 27-28 Sep (Evelyn Hamilton) and 11 there 7 Oct (BV), plus one in Old Town 16 Sep (John Arnold).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo—Several in seemingly unlikely places, including singles at Encino 9 Sep (JRO), House 8 Sep (JRO), WSMR headquarters in *Doña Ana* 16 Sep (DAH), and Last Chance Canyon, Guadalupe Mts. 9 Aug (SW). Likely breeding were 2 carrying food on Las Animas Cr., *Sierra* 26 Aug (CMR) and vocal birds at Percha SP 10 Aug (PRS) and Six-Mile Dam 3 Aug (SW).

Greater Roadrunner—Noteworthy was one north to Raton 21 Nov (DJC).

Flammulated Owl—An impressive 156 banded at Capilla Peak during the period 27 Aug-6 Oct (peaking during the first 2 weeks of Sep) (JPD) demonstrated the importance of the Manzano Mts. for this Neotropical migrant.

Long-eared Owl—Migrants included singles near Stanley 15 Sep (JRO**), at N.R.T. 3 Oct (WFW), and banded at Capilla Peak 9 Sep (JPD).

Northern Saw-whet Owl—13 banded at Capilla Peak 25 Sep-21 Oct (JPD). One was vocal at 10,200 ft on Buck Mt., *Lincoln* 24 Aug (SW).

Common Poorwill—Late for the north were 2 at Raton 10 Oct (DJC). Last reported were singles near Rodeo and in Post Office Canyon 1 Nov (CDL).

Black Swift—Six nests, each with one nestling, were at Jemez Falls 23 Aug (HRS), where fledging was expected by 1 Sep.

Broad-billed Hummingbird—An ad. male north in the Peloncillo Mts. to Post Office Canyon 26 Aug (RTS).

Lucifer Hummingbird—A juv. was in Skeleton Canyon 18-19 Sep (WHB). Last at Post Office Canyon was one 18 Oct (CDL).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird—An imm. male at Fort Sumner 19 Aug (JRO**) & 21 Aug (WFW*) furnished New Mexico's 6th credible report.

Anna's Hummingbird—Post-breeders spread across southern New Mexico in the expected pattern, present in the Peloncillo Mts. 4 Aug-29 Oct, peaking in early Oct (CDL, RTS, WHB), at Deer Cr., Animas Mts. 24 Aug (SOW, PM), near Gila 13 Oct-10 Nov (HDW), and reaching Las Cruces 13 Nov (MTS, JEZ) and Carlsbad 29 Nov (SW, Eric Pierce).

Allen's Hummingbird—Banding studies in *Grant* continued to clarify our understanding of Allen's Hummingbird in New Mexico: along Sapillo Cr. near L. Roberts (where 2 had been banded in mid-Jul), an ad. female was banded and measured at Trout Valley 6 Aug (WAC) and a juv. female was similarly processed at nearby Grey Feathers Lodge 11 Aug (JD-M).

Lewis's Woodpecker—Moving south in the RGV were 2 at Corrales 1 Sep (WHH), 4 at Los Lunas 28 Oct (CMR), one at Luis Lopez 10 Sep (JRO), and one at La Mesa 4 Nov (MTS, JEZ**).

Gila Woodpecker—One-two were at 4 Animas Valley sites during the period 22 Aug-2 Oct (SOW, PM, AMC, NM-C). East of the Animas Mts., at least one was on Deer Cr. 24 Aug (SOW, PM).

Williamson's Sapsucker—Migrants included 2 on Salinas Peak, San Andres Mts., *Sierra* 1 Oct (DAH).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker—Reports included single imms. at Sumner Dam 13 Oct (JEP) and N.R.T. 6 Oct (JRO) and 2 imms. at Maljamar 14 Oct (JRO**).

Red-breasted Sapsucker—One, nicely described as an ad. of the northern *daggetti* race, was at Los Alamos National Lab 5-6 Nov (JT*, BRF*), but security restrictions prevented others (and their cameras) from visiting the area; the species remains unconfirmed in the state.

Hairy Woodpecker—Apparently early was one in the Organ Mts. at Aguirre Springs 19 & 29 Sep (BRZ), where not known to breed.

“Yellow-shafted” Flicker—A male was west to Albuquerque's North Valley 2 Nov (DWM).

Least Flycatcher—Reports were received from 9 sites from the RGV eastward, primarily during the period 18 Aug-8 Sep (JRO, JEP, SW, MTS, JEZ).

Hammond's Flycatcher—Three banded at RGNC 8-9 Sep and singles banded at Capilla Peak 4 & 17 Sep (NSC, SWC).

Dusky Flycatcher—Nine banded at RGNC 18 Aug-30 Sep and 4 banded at Capilla Peak 27 Aug-3 Sep (NSC, SWC).

Pacific-slope Flycatcher—One, apparently this recently-split species, was measured and banded at RGNC 9 Sep (NSC, SWC).

Buff-breasted Flycatcher—Nicely described was one in Skeleton Canyon 24 Sep (DAZ*, MAZ*), the first ever for the observers in New Mexico.

Black Phoebe—North were two at the John Dunn bridge west of Arroyo Hondo, *Taos* 19 Aug (BJ). East was one at Sumner Dam 15 Sep (JEP).

Vermilion Flycatcher—North and east were singles near Encino 21 Sep (JRO), House 8 Sep (JRO**), and Stephens Park, *Lea* 2 Sep (JRO).

Great Crested Flycatcher—Singles were in the Pecos Valley at Fort Sumner 18 Sep (WFW) and Rattlesnake Springs 2 Sep (JRO*, SW*).

Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher—One in Last Chance Canyon 9 Aug (SW*) furnished an *Eddy* first.

Cassin's Kingbird—Notably late was one in Post Office Canyon 5 Nov (CDL).

Eastern Kingbird—One was at the Albuquerque oxbow 26 Aug (sketch NV).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher—Apparent migrants in the northeast included one in *Harding* 9 miles north of Logan 22 Sep (JRO**), 2 near Forrest, *Quay* 21 Sep (JRO), and one at Tolar 30 Sep (JRO); high count was 27 at Otis 12 Sep (SW); last were one at Otis 10 Oct (SW) and 3 at Milnesand 13 Oct (JRO).

Bell's Vireo—Four were banded at San Marcial 29 Aug-12 Sep, including a female with a brood patch on 10 Sep (HAW).

Cassin's Vireo—Five at NRT 22 Sep (JEP) was a high count for the eastern plains.

Blue-headed Vireo—Well-documented was one at Mesilla 12-13 Nov (BRZ**, GJE, sketch MTS, JEZ*); elsewhere, singles were reported at NRT 3 Oct (WFW) and Ramon, *Lincoln* 13 Sep (CMR*).

Hutton's Vireo—Reports from east of the historic range were 4 at Aguirre Springs 29 Sep (BRZ) and 5 at Carlsbad Caverns NP in middle Slaughter Canyon 18 Nov (SW, RW).

Philadelphia Vireo—Singles apparently of this species were at NRT 3 Oct (WFW*), the southern Corrales bosque, *Bernalillo* 3 Sep (WHH*), and Socorro 29 Sep (DAE*, BDN*, CMR*).

Red-eyed Vireo—West to the RGV was one in Albuquerque's South Valley 27-29 Oct (DAE*, BDN*). Farther east were singles at NRT 8-16 Sep (JEP, JRO**) and near Waldrop Park 18 Aug (JRO).

Steller's Jay—Several dispersed to unlikely locales, including 2 at Albuquerque's oxbow 14 Oct (NV) and singles east to Mills Canyon, *Harding* 5 Nov (DJC), Seneca 7 Oct (JRO), near Encino 19 Oct (JRO), Fort Sumner 7 Oct (DAE, BDN), and at BLNWR 24 Oct (GLW).

Blue Jay—Noteworthy were 5 at Sumner Dam 19 Oct (JEP) and one in the Manzano Mts. near Mountainair 8 Oct (TH).

Pinyon Jay—Beyond expected range and habitat were 6 at Mesilla 9 Sep (MTS, JEZ), east were one at Moriarty 1 Sep (PRS) and 5 near Encino 16 Sep (JRO).

Chihuahuan Raven—A family group of 5 was in northwest Albuquerque's Paradise Hills 2 Sep (WHH).

Purple Martin—Noteworthy for the Sangre de Cristo Mts. were 8—including 3 apparent juvs.—on the Vermejo R., *Colfax* 8 Aug (DJC) and 22 on Sapello Cr. near San Ignacio, *San Miguel* 19 Aug (WFW).

Barn Swallow—Late was a nest with 4 nestlings in the Animas Valley 23 Aug (SOW, PM).

Mountain Chickadee—Late to still be nesting were 2 ads. carrying food in the Corrales bosque 3 Sep (WHH).

Verdin—Among 3 at Double Adobe, Animas Mts. was one building a winter nest 12 Oct (NM-C).

Red-breasted Nuthatch—Single migrants reached the middle RGV at Corrales 1 Sep (WHH) and Albuquerque's South Valley 9 Sep (CMR); in the east, singles were at NRT 6 Oct (JEP, JRO, DAE, BDN), Nara Visa 7 Oct (JRO), Maljamar 14 Oct (JRO), and the Delaware R. 20 Oct (SW).

Cactus Wren—One in the Sandia Mts. foothills in east Albuquerque 14 Oct (MRG) indicated that that northern population was persisting.

Winter Wren—Singles reached NRT 3-13 Oct (WFW, JEP, JRO**), Ramon 19 Oct (JRO), and Mangas Springs 23 Nov (JRO).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher—Late was one at EBL Dam 22 Nov (JRO).

Black-tailed Gnatcatcher—One was in creosotebush habitat near EBL's Monticello Point 22 Nov (JRO).

Wood Thrush—One at NRT 6 Oct (JEP*, JRO**, DAE*, BDN*) furnished the 5th record there in 4 years.

Varied Thrush—Surprising was a male at Maljamar 13-15 Oct (JRO**, Bill Whitman); this provided about the 16th well-documented New Mexico record and the 2nd from east of the Pecos Valley.

Gray Catbird—Late were singles at Mountainair 15 Nov (TH) and Santa Rosa 28 Nov (WFW).

Brown Thrasher—West to the RGV were one in a Corrales yard 3 Nov, which marked the 3rd consecutive year for the species there (WHH), and one banded at RGNC 29 Sep (NSC, SWC). In the east, singles were at Springer, Seneca, Sumner Dam, NRT, House, and BLNWR 8 Sep-7 Nov (v.o.).

Long-billed Thrasher—One singing and seen well at Bosque Redondo 13 Oct (JEP) presumably was the same one present there since 1997.

Sprague's Pipit—Seven vocal migrants were heard passing over Otero Mesa grasslands 7 Nov (RAM).

Olive Warbler—One described as a first-year male wandered down to Mesilla 11-15 Nov (MTS, JEZ, BRZ**).

Golden-winged Warbler—One was seen at NRT 6 Sep (JRO*).

Tennessee Warbler—Possible singles were reported at Los Alamos 4 Sep (JT*) and Rattlesnake Springs 16 Sep (SW); well-described was one at Rattlesnake Springs 22 Sep (CMR*).

Virginia's Warbler—Late was one at Bosque Redondo 13 Oct (JEP).

Northern Parula—A male was near Chamberino 17 & 22 Nov (MTS*, JEZ*).

Chestnut-sided Warbler—A first-fall female was at the Moriarty turf farm 2 Oct (WFW) and an ad male was at Bosque NWR 16 Oct (SEA).

Magnolia Warbler—Singles were one mile north of Stead, *Union* 7 Oct (JRO*) and at Percha SP 30 Sep (DAE*, BDN*).

Cape May Warbler—A female-plumaged possible one was at Carlsbad 27 Nov (SW*).

Black-throated Blue Warbler—A female was at NRT 15 Sep (JEP) and again 6 Oct (JEP, JRO**, DAE, BDN) and a male was there 13 Oct (JEP, JRO**), single males were at Nara Visa 7 Oct (JRO*) and Boone's Draw 13 Oct (JRO**), and a female was banded at San Marcial 9-10 Oct (BJ, HAW).

Black-throated Gray Warbler—Last reported was one in Post Office Canyon 28-29 Oct (CDL).

Hermit Warbler—An ad. male was in the San Mateo Mts. near Grassy Lookout 25 Aug (JRO**); a female was along the Pine Tree Trail at Aguirre Springs 29 Sep (BRZ).

Blackburnian Warbler—Well-described was one at Bosque Redondo 13 Oct (JEP*).

Pine Warbler—Singles were described as a male at Springer 11 Sep (DJC*) and another male at NRT 7 Oct (DAE*, BDN*); another described as female or imm. male at Randel's Pool near Santa Teresa 29 Nov (sketch MTS*, JEZ*) did not completely eliminate other possible species.

Prairie Warbler—A possible one was at Carlsbad Caverns NP 7 Oct (SW*).

Palm Warbler—Singles were one of undetermined race 4 miles WNW of Seneca 6 Oct (JRO*), one of the western race at NRT 6 Oct (DAE*, BDN*), one of the western race at Bosque NWR 16 Oct (SEA*), and an undetailed one "tail-bobbing" at Caballo Dam 30 Oct (W. C. Glenn).

Black-and-white Warbler—Singles were at the Moriarty turf farm 31 Aug (JEP), NRT 31 Aug-6 Sep (JEP, JRO), near Waldrop Park 18 Aug (JRO), at Rattlesnake Springs 2 Sep (JRO), and at Jal L. 2 Sep (JRO).

American Redstart—About 11 individuals at 8 sites, including singles west to La Joya (DWM), San Marcial 24 Aug (BJ, HAW), Mesilla 9 Sep (MTS, JEZ), Deming 8 Sep (LKM), and GBA 24 Aug (RSS).

Swainson's Warbler—One was described at Rattlesnake Springs 23 Sep (SW*); this was the first report since the species was verified for the state in 1999.

Ovenbird—Singles were in the southern Sandia Mts. 9 Sep (WHH**), NRT 8 Sep (JEP), near Santa Teresa 30 Aug (MTS, JEZ), and Whites City 7 Oct (*vide* SW).

Hooded Warbler—Singles were west to the L. Roberts area 11 Aug (MRG) and GBA 7 Aug-7 Sep (RSS), the latter a singing male.

Wilson's Warbler—Early for the south were singles near Santa Teresa 10 Aug (MTS, JEZ) and Silver City 17 Aug (*vide* DAZ).

Red-faced Warbler—One-2 were at Hudson Spring, San Mateo Mts. 25 Aug (JEP, JRO).

Painted Redstart—One was north to Potato Canyon, San Mateo Mts. 31 Aug (HRS).

Cassin's Sparrow—An ad. flushed from a nest containing 4 eggs in the middle Animas Valley 22 Aug (SOW, PM); there are few, if any, nest reports for southwest New Mexico.

Botteri's Sparrow—Ad. pairs were carrying food to unseen nests/young in 2 territories in the middle Animas Valley on the late date of 22 Aug (SOW, PM).

Clay-colored Sparrow—Noteworthy for the southwest were 2 banded in the southern Animas Valley 7-8 Sep (AMC, NM-C). Late for the north was a "bright winter ad." at Madrid 25 Oct (LAS).

Black-chinned Sparrow—Considered late were 2 in the Los Pinos Mts., Sevilleta NWR 13 Oct (HRS).

Savannah Sparrow—Two stub-tailed juvs. were begging from an ad. at Maxwell NWR 11 Aug (DJC).

Grasshopper Sparrow—A juv. being fed by an ad. were among 27 in the southern Animas Valley 25 Aug (AMC, NM-C). Three migrants were on Otero Mesa 9 Oct (RAM).

Baird's Sparrow—Singles were at one site on Otero Mesa 10 Sep (RAM) and at another site there 16 Oct (RAM), one was at Davies Tank, WSMR headquarters, *Doña Ana* 26 Nov (DAH*), and one, plus 3 unidentified *Ammodramus* sparrows, were near Deming 20 Nov (RAM).

LeConte's Sparrow—An apparent one was seen at Hammwell Tank south of Queen 16 Sep (SW*).

Harris's Sparrow—Very early was a imm. at Carlsbad 27 Sep (SW); another imm. reached Luis Lopez 9 Nov (JRO**), where it remained through the period.

Pyrrhuloxia—Two were north to Bosque Redondo 28 Nov (WFW).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak—A young male was at NRT 7 Oct (DAE*, BDN*), and another young male was near Chamberino 22 Nov (MTS, JEZ).

Blue Grosbeak—A nest with a large nestling being fed by ads. was at Double Adobe, Animas Mts. 9 Sep (AMC, NM-C).

Lazuli Bunting—Migrants were conspicuous in late Aug, including 28 at Albuquerque's oxbow 26 Aug (NV) and 75 in the Animas Valley 25 Aug (AMC, NM-C). Last were singles in the Animas Valley 12 Oct (NM-C) and in Post Office Canyon 15 Oct (CDL).

Painted Bunting—Noteworthy was an ad. male north to the Manzano Mts. near Mountainair 12-13 Aug (TH); other Painteds were reported from the eastern plains, lower Pecos Valley, lower RGV, and the Animas Valley; last were one each at Carlsbad (SW) and Rattlesnake Springs (CMR) 23 Sep.

Dickcissel—Further evidence of breeding in *Colfax* was furnished by a female carrying food to an unseen chick near Springer 21 Aug (DJC). Westerly were 4 at Luis Lopez 13 Sep (JRO) and 3 at Percha SP 30 Sep (CMR).

Yellow-headed Blackbird—Late for the north was one at LVNWR 24 Nov (CMR).

Common Grackle—Last in the north was one at Maxwell 25 Nov (DJC).

Orchard Oriole—Noteworthy was a female/imm. west to Mountainair 21 Sep (JRO) and another at Luis Lopez 21 Sep (JRO).

Baltimore Oriole—A probable female was 3 miles west of Encino 16 Sep (JRO*) and an apparent male was at Malaga on an unspecified date (SW*).

Purple Finch—A female believed to be of the eastern subspecies was at BLNWR 9-12 Nov (GLW*, CMR). Two female/imm.-types were near Post Office Canyon 17 Oct (CDL*); details included curved bills but all diagnostic marks were not seen.

Red Crossbill—Continued in evidence in most major mountain ranges, although numbers were diminished from those reported during Jul.

White-winged Crossbill—Continuing from late Jul were at least 3 at the Santa Fe Ski Basin 4-20 Aug (WFW, WHH**, MTS*, JEZ*, J&KH*), including singing males, but no breeding was documented. A male-female pair was at nearby Hyde SP 20 Aug (J&KH*) and a singing male was at 11,040 ft at Williams Lake, *Taos* 19 Aug (BJ).

Lesser Goldfinch—A late nest with 3 nestlings was at Maxwell 24 Sep (DJC). Two ads. with 3 begging fledglings were at Madrid on the late date of 20 Oct (LAS).

Evening Grosbeak—Reports were restricted to the north, including 20 enjoying Russian olives at Taos 18 Aug (MTS, JEZ) and up to 80 at Raton 27 Sep (DJC).

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