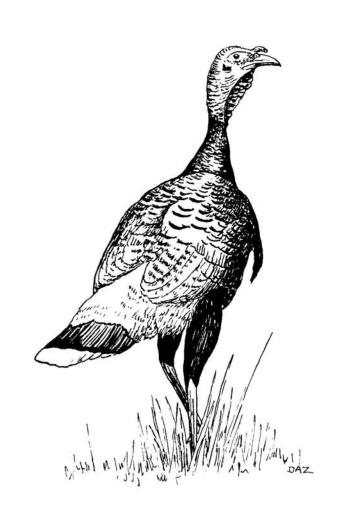
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SPRING SEASON 2005

Spring 2005 brought continued welcome precipitation early in the season, early arrival by many species, and continued expansion northward by warm-country species. Numerous rarities were discovered, thanks in large part to concerted vagrant searching in the east; 38 warbler species were credibly reported. Three species new to New Mexico were found, but only one—Little Stint—was photographed.

Localities and *Counties*

Albuquerque, *Bernalillo* Animas, Mts., Valley, *Hidalgo*

Aztec, San Juan Belen, Valencia Bernalillo, Sandoval Bitter Lake NWR, Chaves Black Range, Grant/Sierra Boone's Draw, Roosevelt

Bosque del Apache NWR, *Socorro* Bosque Redondo, *De Baca*

Bottomless Lakes SP, Chaves

Brantley Lake, *Eddy*Burro Mts., *Grant*Caballo Lake, *Sierra*Capulin NM, *Union*Carlsbad, *Eddy*

Carlsbad Caverns NP, Eddy

Carrizozo, *Lincoln*Cedar Crest, *Bernalillo*Cerrillos, *Santa Fe*Chama, *Rio Arriba*Cimarron, *Colfax*

Clanton Canyon, Cienega, Hidalgo

Clayton, Lake, Union

Cliff, Cliff-Gila Valley, Grant

Cloudcroft, *Otero* Clovis, *Curry*

Conchas Lake, Dam, San Miguel

Corrales, *Sandoval* Crossroads, *Lea* Datil, *Catron* Deming, *Luna*

Eagle Nest, Lake, Colfax

Elephant Butte Lake, Dam, Sierra

Encino, *Torrance* Farmington, *San Juan*

Folsom, Union

Fort Sumner, *DeBaca* Gila Bird Area, *Grant*

Gila Cliff Dwellings, *Catron* Guadalupe Canyon, *Hidalgo*

Guadalupe Mts., Eddy

Hachita, *Grant*Hermanas, *Luna*Holloman Lake, *Otero*Ladder Ranch, *Sierra*La Joya, *Socorro*Lake Avalon, *Eddy*Lake Roberts, *Grant*Lake Valley, *Sierra*

Las Cruces, Doña Ana

Las Vegas, NWR, San Miguel

Lingo, Roosevelt

Little Hatchet Mts., Grant/Hidalgo

Logan, Quay

Lordsburg, Playa, *Hidalgo* Luis Lopez, *Socorro* Maxwell, NWR, *Colfax*

Melrose, Curry

Mesilla, Park, Dam, Valley, Doña Ana

Miami, Lake, *Colfax*Mills, Canyon, *Harding*Milnesand, *Roosevelt*Morgan Lake, *San Juan*Mosquero, *Harding*Navajo Dam, *San Juan*

north Roosevelt trap [NRT], Roosevelt

Oasis SP, Roosevelt
Oliver Lee SP, Otero
Organ Mts., Doña Ana
Ortiz Mts., Santa Fe
Otero Mesa, Otero
Pecos, San Miguel
Peloncillo Mts., Hidalgo

Pep, Roosevelt

Petroglyph NM, Bernalillo

Percha SP, Sierra Portales, Roosevelt

Post Office Canyon, *Hidalgo*

Quarai, Torrance

Quemado, Lake, *Catron* Radium Springs, *Doña Ana* Rattlesnake Springs, *Eddy* Sumner Lake, Dam, *De Baca*

Redrock, Grant Tatum, Lea

Rodeo, *Hidalgo* Thoreau, *McKinley* Sandia Heights, Park, Crest, *Bernalillo* Timberon, *Otero* Sandia Mts., *Bernalillo/Sandoval* Tolar, *Roosevelt*

San Andres NWR, *Doña Ana* Trigg Ranch, *San Miguel* San Jon, *Quay* Tucumcari, Lake, *Quay*

San Jon, *Quay*San Mateo Mts., *Socorro*Tularosa, *Otero*Santa Fe, *Santa Fe*Ute Lake, Dam, *Quay*

Santa Rosa, Lake, Guadalupe
Seneca, Union

Vaughn, Guadalupe
Water Canyon, Socorro

Separ, *Grant*Socorro, *Socorro*Whites City, *Eddy*Springer, Lake, *Colfax*Stubblefield Lake, *Colfax*Watrous, *Mora*Whites City, *Eddy*Yeso, *De Baca*

Standard Abbreviations

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

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SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Pacific Loon—One that wintered at Brantley L. was still there 5 Mar (CMR). One at Sumner L. 5 Mar (WFW) provided the only additional report.

Common Loon—Lingering late were singles at Stubblefield L. 24 May (DJC), Conchas L. 14 May (CMR), and Ute L. 26 May (JRO).

Brown Pelican—An ad. at Ute L. 17 May (DJC**) provided a *Quay* first. The imm. that wintered near EBL's Marina del Sur was seen again 19 Mar (JEP) and 28 Mar (JRO).

Neotropic Cormorant—Continued to decline, with the few reports largely restricted to Bosque NWR, including a "high" of only 10 there 14 May (BDN, DAE). One was north to Albuquerque 1 May (BV).

American Bittern—Now quite scarce, singles were reported at BLNWR on various dates 12 Mar-4 May (GLW et al., JRO**). One at Bottomless Lakes SP 6 May (JRO).

Least Bittern—Vocal singles were at Clabber Hill Ranch below Conchas Dam 14 May (CMR), in *Harding* on the Ute Cr. arm of Ute L. 22 May (JRO), and at Bosque Redondo 22 & 25 May (JEP, JRO, WFW).

Great Blue Heron—Two nests were under construction at Morgan L. 22 Apr (APN). Three nests with young were at Quemado L. 27-28 May (SOW). At Bosque NWR, 5 ads. were standing on nests 26 Mar (CMR). One was standing on a nest along Las Animas Cr., Ladder Ranch 29 Mar (SOW).

Great Egret—North of usual were one at Morgan L. 22 Apr (APN), 3 at Stubblefield L. 24 May (DJC), one at Springer L. 22 Apr & 5 May (DJC), and one in *Harding* on Ute Cr. arm of Ute L. 22 May (JRO).

Tricolored Heron—Scarce north to *Socorro*, single ads. were at Bosque NWR 9-16 May (JRO**, JEP, MJB*, CGL**, WFW) and EBL's Monticello Point 2 May (JRO**).

Reddish Egret—What was described as a white morph individual was at Bosque NWR 6 May (PB*).

Glossy Ibis—Made a strong showing 22 Apr-19 May, with 3 ads. at Bosque Redondo 22 Apr (JEP*, JRO**), single ads. at Ute L. 2 May (DJC**) and Portales 19 May (JRO**), 3 ads. at Belen 30 Apr (CMR*) and one still there 1 May (MJB*), and one ad. at Bosque NWR 30 Apr (CMR*) & 13 May (BDN*, GKF**).

White-faced Ibis—About 180 were at Laguna Madre adjacent to Stubblefield L. 9 May (DJC), where 20 were carrying nest material into flooded saltcedar 24 & 31 May (DJC).

Turkey Vulture—Earliest in the lower Pecos Valley were 4 at Dexter, *Chaves* 5 Mar (CMR, BDN) and one at BLNWR 9 Mar (GLW).

<u>Black-bellied Whistling-Duck</u>—Nicely described, 5 ads. made a brief stop at Bosque NWR 22 Apr (MH*); follow-up searches 23-24 Apr were unsuccessful (JRO).

Tundra Swan—Last of the season were 5 at BLNWR 2 Mar (GLW).

Wood Duck—Noteworthy were 6 at Tularosa 4 Mar (MTS, JEZ). West of usual was one on the Gila R. at Redrock 6 May (JNP).

Eurasian Wigeon—The wintering male at Albuquerque was last seen at Mariposa Park 1 Mar (M. Means).

Surf Scoter—Rare in spring, a male was at EBL's Cedar Canyon area 15 Mar (J&MH*).

<u>White-winged Scoter</u>—The one that wintered at Clayton L. was still there 4 Mar (DJC**), 13 Mar (JRO**), and 14 Apr (WHH**).

Barrow's Goldeneye—Last in *Colfax* was a male at Stubblefield L. 7 & 11 Mar (DJC).

Osprey—The species continued its impressive recovery, with reports of migrants from all corners of the state; 64 were counted at the Sandia Mts. hawkwatch site 22 Mar-5 May (HWI), and 18 nests were active in northern New Mexico by 31 May (D. W. Stahlecker).

White-tailed Kite—Two were seen 2-10 May along State Line Rd. near Rodeo (REW).

Bald Eagle—Late was an ad. at L. Roberts 10 Apr (CGL). In *Catron*, a nesting pair was discovered in early May but had failed, likely owing to disturbance, by 27 May (SOW).

Northern Harrier—Suggestive of local breeding were a courting pair at the Navajo agricultural area south of Farmington 3 April (APN), where 3—including one carrying a rodent—were seen 30 May (APN), a pair at Springer L. 27 May (DJC), a pair plus 3 singles in e. *Curry* 29 May (BDN), 2 at BLNWR 22 May suspected of tending a nest (CGL), and up to 4 along State Line Rd. near Rodeo Apr-May (REW).

Cooper's Hawk—After conflicts between nesting Cooper's Hawks and motel guests in 2004, the Rio Rancho Best Western instituted an educational campaign in 2005, complete with posters and informational flyers to all guests; guests were happy to watch nature in action and, although some "dive-bombing" occurred, no one complained (GG).

Gray Hawk—One to 2 ads. were in upper Guadalupe Canyon 9 Apr (JEP*, JRO**), 11 Apr (MJB*), and 14 May (AMC).

Common Black-Hawk—One passed by the Sandia Mts. hawkwatch site 2 Apr (HWI*), the first there in 21 years of monitoring. Surprising was one seen over Guadalupe Canyon 11 Apr (MJB*), where Zone-tailed is expected but Black-Hawk is not.

Broad-winged Hawk—Only 2 passed the Sandia Mts. hawkwatch site, one each on 30 Apr & 5 May (HWI); elsewhere, singles were at Radium Springs 17 Apr (MTS*), San Jon 24 Apr (CMR), Clovis 28 Apr (JDA) & 4 May (JRO), and Tatum 6 May (JEP).

<u>Short-tailed Hawk</u>—A light morph ad. seen in the vicinity of Cistern Saddle and upper Indian Cr. Canyon, Animas Mts. 24 May (JPD*, SOW*) was the first report for New Mexico; however, coming on the heels of growing presence in se. Arizona and s. Texas and recent documentation in n. Chihuahua (JPD**), the species was expected in the state.

Zone-tailed Hawk—Continued its growing presence in the northeast, with singles in the Gallinas Valley at San Augustin, *San Miguel* 18 Apr (WFW), in e. *San Miguel* at Trigg Ranch 27 Apr (MDM), and at Sumner Dam 8 May (JEP, JRO**). Noteworthy for the Organ Mts. was one at Aguirre Springs 21 May (JNP). Nesting pairs occupied three Guadalupe Mts. canyons (SW). Early was an ad. at Redrock 26 Mar (JEP).

Merlin—Very late were singles at Deming 30 Apr (LKM), Socorro 1 May (CMR), and Albuquerque 19 May (BDN).

Aplomado Falcon—A territorial female was in s. *Luna* from 9 Mar into Jun (RAM).

Gambel's Quail—Unexpected was a vocal one at Santa Rosa L. 24 Apr (CMR). A Gambel's X Scaled hybrid was seen at Sandia Heights 8 Mar (R. Slowen*), where Gambel's was introduced several years ago.

Common Moorhen—One was northeast to Clovis 6 May (JEP).

Sandhill Crane—Late were 3 at Bosque NWR 30 Apr (CMR), where one lingered 14 May (BDN, DAE).

American Golden-Plover—One at Bosque NWR 9 May (MJB*) was the lone report.

Snowy Plover—West was one at the Navajo agricultural area south of Farmington 12 Apr (APN). Two were at Ute L. 18 Apr and one was there 19 May (DJC). Earliest at BLNWR were 2 on 2 Mar (GLW); peak there was 142 on 4 May (GLW).

Semipalmated Plover—Eleven were at Ute L. 24 Apr (CMR, BDN).

Mountain Plover—The 31 at BLNWR 16 Mar (GLW*) may have been grounded by a snowstorm. Noteworthy were 13 in fields near Logan 21 Mar (DJC), 2 west of Encino 28 Apr (JRO) and at least one there 11 May (JEP), and one at a large prairie dog town on Otero Mesa 8 Mar (RAM).

Willet—Made a strong showing 15 Apr-31 May, with highs of 45 near Cliff 2 May (CMR), 39 at Springer L. 28 Apr (DJC), 31 at Sumner Dam 9 May (JRO), 25 at EBL 6 May (JNP), 18 at Ute L. 24 Apr (CMR, BDN), and 14 at Portales 4 May (JRO).

Upland Sandpiper—Rare in spring, 4 were at Lingo 14 May (LAS).

Whimbrel—One at Ute L. 4 May (DJC**) provided the lone report.

Long-billed Curlew—Two were found dead after a mid-March snowstorm hit the Mills area (*fide* CMR). Mid-Apr surveys for breeding curlews found birds in *Union*, *Harding Santa Fe, San Miguel, Quay, De Baca*, and *Roosevelt* (WHH, CMR, DJK, SOW).

Marbled Godwit—Conspicuous from the RGV eastward 6 Apr-18 May, including highs of 220 at Ute L. 24 Apr (CMR, BDN) and up to 90 at Bosque NWR 24 Apr (JRO, MJB).

Sanderling—Very early was one at Lordsburg 8 Apr (JEP). One on the Ute Cr. arm of Ute L. 22 May and 4 there 26 May (JRO) may be the first for *Harding*.

<u>Little Stint</u>—Previously unreported in New Mexico, an ad. in breeding plumage was at BLNWR 31 May (JRO**, M. Male**, J. Fieth*, GLW*). Field marks and behavior were generally consistent with Little Stint and not the similar Rufous-necked Stint.

White-rumped Sandpiper—Small numbers at four eastern locales 11-31 May, with high counts of 15 at Portales 27 May (JEP) and 20 at BLNWR 31 May (JRO).

Pectoral Sandpiper—High count of 11 at Portales 8 May (CMR, BDN).

Dunlin—One in winter plumage at Holloman L. 10 Mar (SW).

Stilt Sandpiper—Scarce in the RGV, singles were at Bosque NWR 23 Apr (JEP, JRO) & 3 May (JRO). High count in the east was 157 at BLNWR 18 May (GLW).

<u>Laughing Gull</u>—Single breeding plumaged ads. were at Ruby Ranch north of Las Vegas 18 Apr (WFW*) and Sumner L. 8 May (JRO**, JEP*) and a 2nd-winter bird was at Clovis 25 May (WFW*) & 30 May (JRO**).

Herring Gull—Scarce in the southwest, one was at Lordsburg 8 Apr (JEP, JRO). Notable were 7 at Morgan L. 8 May (APN) and 8 at L. Avalon 5 Mar (CMR, BDN).

Caspian Tern—Typically rare, this season found singles at Morgan L. 30 May (APN), Bosque NWR 2 May (JRO**), Ute L. 5 May (JRO**), and L. Avalon 6 May (JRO**).

Common Tern—Rare in spring, 2 were at Clovis 30 May (JRO**).

<u>Arctic Tern</u>—Unreported since 2002, single ads. were at Sumner L. 9 May (JRO**) & 11 May (JEP*) and at Tucumcari L. 26 May (JRO**) & 29 May (BDN*, CMR).

Forster's Tern—One at L. Avalon 5 Mar (CMR, BDN) may have wintered locally.

Least Tern—Very early was one at Caballo L. 18 Apr (JRO). Other migrants away from known breeding areas were singles at Morgan L. 30 May (APN), Tucumcari L. 26 May (JRO), Clovis 25, 26 & 30 May (WFW, JRO), and Bosque NWR 16 [not 25, as previously reported] May (WFW). The first nest at BLNWR was initiated 15 May (J. B. Montgomery), while the Brantley L. colony numbered 18 ads. 24 May (RHD).

Band-tailed Pigeon—Early was one on Jack's Peak, Burro Mts. 5 Mar (JEP) and 5 were there 27 Mar (JRO); early for the Sandia Mts. was one at Sandia Park 2 Apr (JEP).

Eurasian Collared-Dove—Although the colonization novelty has passed, observers are encouraged to continue reporting this invader, especially breeding activity. This season, 2 at Crownpoint, *McKinley* 30 May (DLH) provided a new locality, and an active nest was found in an elm at Ned Houk Park, *Curry* 28 May (CMR).

White-winged Dove—Continued to expand northward, including 2 at Thoreau 22 May (CMR, BDN), one at Maxwell 28 Apr-28 May (DJC**), one at Roy, *Harding* 23 Apr (CMR, BDN), one at Trigg Ranch 28 Apr (MDM), 3 at Conchas L. 14 May (CMR), and singles at NRT 12 Apr-21 May (m.ob.), as well as upward into forested mountain areas, including singles in Armijo Canyon, Sandia Mts. 21 Apr (HRS) and Water Canyon, Magdalena Mts. 26 Apr (HRS).

Inca Dove—Two were at Carrizozo's Spencer Park 31 Mar (JRO).

Common Ground-Dove—Up to 2 persisted at Rodeo to 12 Mar (JEP*, CGL*, REW) with one still there 10 Apr (MJB). Three were in Guadalupe Canyon 14 May (AMC).

<u>Ruddy Ground-Dove</u>—Up to 5 of the flock that wintered at Rodeo were still there 4 Mar (JEP*, CGL*) and 4 were there 10 Apr (MJB); last was one 25 Apr (WFW).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo—Unusual were 2 in a dense, oak-juniper arroyo near the Caprock Amphitheater in *Quay* south of San Jon 29 May (CMR, BDN). Others where seldom reported included one on Ute Cr., *Harding* 22 & 26 May (JRO), 2 at Trigg Ranch 14 May (MDM), one 4 mi north of Melrose 28 May (CMR, BDN), 3 near Lingo 20 May and later (T. McDaniel), one east of Milnesand 14 May (LAS), and one at Tatum 19 May (JRO).

Barn Owl—Two nests in nest boxes at BLNWR contained fledged or near-fledged young 30 Apr (GLW*). Seven were roosting together at Pep 27 May (JEP).

Flammulated Owl—A pair was in Indian Cr. Canyon, Animas Mts. 14 May (NM-C).

<u>Eastern Screech-Owl</u>—The resident at Portales entertained many NMOS annual meeting attendees 6-8 May (DJK**, JRO**, m.ob.).

Whiskered Screech-Owl—One was vocal at the mouth of Indian Cr. Canyon, Animas Mts. 23-24 May (SOW, JPD).

Elf Owl—Early was a vocal one in Clanton Canyon 11 Mar (CGL). The species was heard along Las Animas Cr., Ladder Ranch by 25 Mar (S. Dobrott). In *Eddy*, singles were vocal in Rocky Arroyo 15 Apr (JEP) & 5 May (JRO).

Long-eared Owl—Perhaps responding to favorable environmental conditions, an unprecedented number of nests were found in widely scattered locales and in varying habitats, including prairie woodlots, riparian cottonwoods, mountain pines, and desert mesquite. Nests with young and/or fledglings were at Vermejo Ranch near Cimarron 13 May (DJC**), Maxwell NWR 12 May (P. Hoban**), Santa Fe 17 May (JPB), Cerrillos 18 May (AF, LAS), Corrales in May (GG), Bosque NWR in Apr (USFWS), L. Roberts 13-15 May (R. & E. Daily**), and Rodeo 18 Apr (M. Brown, M. Parmer**).

Short-eared Owl—A pair took up residence in a field west of Portales, where seen by many 7-13 May (JEP*, m.ob.) and where still present 25-31 May (JPB*, JRO**, GSK). Another was at Boone's Draw 8 May (JPD*).

Lesser Nighthawk—Singles arrived at both Radium Springs (MTS, JEZ) and Brantley L. (JEP) 15 Apr. North were at least 3 vocalizing at Clabber Hill Ranch below Conchas Dam 14 May (CMR).

Common Poorwill—At least one was vocal in Clanton Canyon 3-4 Mar (JRO).

Whip-poor-will—One was singing in Cienega Canyon, Sandia Mts. 18 May (JEP).

Black Swift—A possible 2 were reported near the Gila Cliff Dwellings 7 May (DJB); such early arrival remains to be verified in New Mexico, where the species is not expected until late May or early June.

White-throated Swift—Rare east to *De Baca*, one was at Sumner Dam 8 May (JEP).

Broad-billed Hummingbird—North in the Peloncillo Mts. were singles in Cottonwood Canyon 25 Apr (WFW) and Post Office Canyon 14 May (CDL).

Magnificent Hummingbird—One was at L. Roberts 14 Mar (JD-M), where singles were banded 8 & 9 May (JD-M). Three were in the Animas Mts. 24 May (SOW, JPD).

Lucifer Hummingbird—In Post Office Canyon, 8 ad. males and one ad. female were banded 17-20 May (JD-M). Elsewhere in the Peloncillo Mts., a male was in Cottonwood Canyon 25 Apr (WFW*) and 25 May (REW*).

Black-chinned Hummingbird—Earliest reported were singles at Radium Springs 28 Mar (MTS, JEZ) and Deming 31 Mar (LKM); early in the north were single males at Albuquerque 10 Apr (WHH) and Cedar Hill, *San Juan* 11 Apr (J. Wells *fide* TR).

Costa's Hummingbird—A male was in Guadalupe Canyon 9 Apr (JEP*, JRO**) & 11 Apr (MJB*).

Broad-tailed Hummingbird—Early was a male at Oliver Lee SP 4 Mar (MTS, JEZ).

Red-headed Woodpecker—One ad. at Vermejo Ranch near Cimarron 14 May (DJC**).

Red-bellied Woodpecker—Continuing from Dec was one at Trigg Ranch, e. *San Miguel* 3 Mar (MDM*), 24 Mar (MDM**), & 14 May (MDM). Another was west to Springer's Allen L. 18 Mar (CMB*).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker—Nicely documented were up to 3 at Trigg Ranch, including an ad. male, ad. female, and imm. there 3 Mar (MDM*), 2 on 24 Mar (MDM**), and a male battling a male Red-naped Sapsucker there 27 Apr (MDM).

Red-naped Sapsucker—East was one in s. *Roosevelt* near the Texas line 9 Apr (LAS).

American Three-toes Woodpecker—Scarce in the Sacramento Mts., a female was in Philadelphia Canyon (near Bonito L.), *Lincoln* 11 Mar (SW*).

Greater Pewee—Providing a first for the Magdalena Mts. was a vocal one in Water Canyon 1 May (T. Brownell) & 10 May (JEP, JRO).

<u>Acadian Flycatcher</u>—One vocal at NRT 19 May (audio JRO*, MJB*, CGL*) provided the 5th well-documented state record.

Least Flycatcher—Nicely detailed was one at NRT 27 May (JEP*) & 28 May (CMR); singles were at Boone's Draw 16 May (JRO) and Rattlesnake Springs 7 May (SW*).

Gray Flycatcher—Notably early was one at Redrock 26 Mar (JEP, JRO).

Cordilleran Flycatcher—An active nest was in the Animas Mts. 24 May (JPD**).

Black Phoebe—The species increased its northerly presence, including return to Farmington by 13 Mar (APN), one in Pump Canyon below Navajo Dam 12 Mar (TR), one at Watrous 23 Apr (CMR, BDN), singles at two Cimarron sites (both occupied in 2004) 22 & 30 Apr (DJC), 2 at Springer 12 May (DJC), one at Conchas L. 14 May (CMR), and 2 at Trigg Ranch 24 Mar (MDM).

Eastern Phoebe—In likely breeding areas were 2 at Clayton L. 14 Apr (WHH) & 30 May (JRO), 4 at Trigg Ranch 24-25 Mar & 13-14 May (MDM), and up to 2 at Ute Dam 22 Mar & 8 Apr (audio DJC). Late for the south was one at Las Cruces 14 May (GJE).

Vermilion Flycatcher—Far northwest was a male at Chaco Canyon, *San Juan* 18 Apr (BS**). Continued to expand in the northeast, including one far north to Seneca 29 May (JRO**). Others in the north and east included one at Cerrillos 1 May (AF, LAS), one at Conchas L. 14 May (CMR), a pair at Trigg Ranch 27 Apr & 13 May (MDM), an active nest at Sumner Dam 9-21 May (JRO**, CMR), a female at NRT 12 Apr (SOW), a male at the Mesa Rest Area, n. *Chaves* 25 May (RHD), a pair at BLNWR 22 Apr (JEP, JRO), and one at Lingo 10 Apr (LAS).

Dusky-capped Flycatcher—Nicely documented were one or two vocal birds in the Jack's Peak area, Burro Mts. 13-14 May (audio RW, DJB), where at least one and possibly 2 pairs were suspected; at least one was singing there 23 May (RW, DJB). East was one at the Ladder Ranch 17 May (WFW).

Ash-throated Flycatcher—Early were singles at Carlsbad 23 Mar (SW) and Redrock 26 Mar (JEP, JRO).

Great Kiskadee—Continuing from Feb, the Las Cruces bird was seen 11 Mar (CGL).

Thick-billed Kingbird—Only one was located in Guadalupe Canyon 14 May (AMC).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher—Two were west to Farmington 8 May (J. Hamilton*). Others beyond usual range were singles at Cimarron 14 May (DJC**) and LVNWR 1-22 May (J. Arrott, DW), a pair in e. *San Miguel* 14 May (MDM), and singles near Conchas L. 14 May (CMR), San Jon 29 May (CMR, BDN), and Tolar 8 May (BDN).

Northern Shrike—In *Union*, single ads. were 4.5 mi west of Folsom 11 Mar (M. Stake*) and 9 mi east of Folsom 13 Mar (JRO).

<u>White-eyed Vireo</u>—A good showing produced singles at NRT 21 May (JEP*, JRO*), Crossroads 29 Apr (JEP*, JRO**), and Rattlesnake Springs 7 May (SW*).

Bell's Vireo—One was singing north to NRT 22 May (CGL, JEP, JRO) and up to 4 were singing at Bosque NWR 10 May (JEP). Others where seldom reported were singles at Deming 30 Apr (LKM), Little Hatchet Mts. 30 May (SOW), and Lordsburg 14 May (AMC).

Yellow-throated Vireo—Singles were at Boone's Draw 28 May (JPB) and Percha SP 15 May (CGL**).

Plumbeous Vireo—One at Mesilla Park 8 Apr (CGL) may have wintered locally.

Cassin's Vireo—Singles reached Deming 12 Apr (LKM), Hachita 20 Apr (WHH), and Boone's Draw 21 Apr (JDA).

Blue-headed Vireo—One at NRT 18 May (JRO**) provided the only detailed report.

Hutton's Vireo—One was singing at Aguirre Springs, Organ Mts. 30 May (DJG).

Red-eyed Vireo—Singles were singing at NRT 28-31 May (m.ob., JRO**) and Boone's Draw on various dates 16-28 May (m.ob., JRO**, CGL**).

Blue Jay—Noteworthy for *Colfax* were 2 in Cimarron Canyon west of Cimarron 30 Apr (DJC), 2 at Cimarron 6-7 May (DJC), and one at Philmont 7 May (DJC).

Pinyon Jay—A nest being incubated at Santa Fe 13 Mar (BRF) was abandoned after a mid-March snowstorm. East were 62 at Trigg Ranch, e. *San Miguel* 25 Mar (MDM) and 6 along the caprock south of San Jon 14 May (SW).

Common Raven—Generally scarce in the Guadalupe Mts., one was in Robinson Draw near Queen 15 Apr (JEP).

Purple Martin—Present at Bitter Tank, west side San Mateo Mts. 1 May (TM).

Cave Swallow—Several were frequenting a culvert at a new site north of Las Cruces 5 May (R. Ketchum). Three nests were at a new Whites City locale 12 May (SW). Following cold wet weather, 70 were found dead at CCNP 3 May (SW).

Mexican Chickadee—Encouraging were 18, including one carrying food, in the Animas Mts. 14 May (NM-C).

Red-breasted Nuthatch—Remnants of the winter's lowland invasion continued into spring, including singles at Mesilla Park 8 Apr (CGL), Deming 12 Apr (LKM), NRT 8 May (DJK), and Vaughn 15 May (CMR).

Pygmy Nuthatch—Two were east to Mills Canyon 3 Apr (CMR, BDN).

<u>Carolina Wren</u>—A vocal one on the CS Ranch east of Cimarron 13 May (audio DJC) provided a *Colfax* first.

Winter Wren—Singles were at La Joya 27 Mar (CMR) and Rattlesnake Springs 6 & 20 Mar (SW); the latter apparently wintered locally.

Golden-crowned Kinglet—Late for the eastern plains was one near Bueyeros, *Harding* 23 Apr (CMR, BDN). One lingered at Rattlesnake Springs 16 Apr (JEP).

Black-tailed Gnatcatcher—*Luna* reports were singles near Hermanas 4 Mar (JEP, JRO) and in the Tres Hermanas Mts. 14 May (LKM) and 3 in the Little Hatchet Mts. 13 May (LKM).

Eastern Bluebird—Continued to colonize the RGV, with a nest in an agave stalk near Radium Springs that fledged young 22 Apr (MTS*, JEZ*) and 4 pairs, including an active nest, in a burned area near Abeytas, *Socorro* 10 May (DLH).

Veery—Seldom detected in migration, one was described at NRT 10 May (JMB*).

Wood Thrush—One was at NRT 14-15 May (JEP*, JRO*).

<u>Varied Thrush</u>—One found dead at San Andres Spring, *Doña Ana* 13 May (RAM*).

Gray Catbird—A pair was south in the Pecos Valley to Bosque Redondo 30 May (JEP). One was noted at NRT on various dates 8-28 May (m.ob.).

Brown Thrasher—West was one at Fruitland, San Juan 31 Mar (N. & S. Howie**).

Crissal Thrasher—More evidence of early nesting provided by a nest with small young in Embudo Canyon, Sandia Mts. 10 Mar (HRS*) and a nest with small young at Petroglyph NM 11 Mar (HRS*).

Bohemian Waxwing—Following several winter reports, the species staged a respectable incursion into n. New Mexico 8 Mar-7 Apr, with reports from *Santa Fe, San Miguel, Bernalillo, Colfax, Union,* and *Harding*, including up to 50 at Santa Fe's Randall Davey Audubon Center 8 Mar-7 Apr (R. D. Ellenberg* et al., JRO**), up to 30 north of Pecos 12-27 Mar (JPB* et al., GKF**), up to 27 in the Sandia Park-Cedar Crest area 28 Mar-2 Apr (J. D. Ligon, CMB* et al.) plus singles at Cimarron 25-26 Mar (DJC**), Maxwell 4 Apr (DJC*), Capulin NM 13 Mar (JRO*), and 2 at Mills Canyon 3 Apr (CMR, BDN*).

Cedar Waxwing—Large flocks were found statewide Mar-May. Among the last were some 700 at Corrales 15 May (J. M. Ruth).

Phainopepla—A male was north to Farmington 16 Mar (J. Tanner *fide* TR). A pair was at Lake Valley, *Sierra* 31 May (SOW).

Olive Warbler—Two to 3 were in the Burro Mts. 4 & 27 Mar (JRO), and 4 were there 2-3 May (JPD).

Blue-winged Warbler—One was at NRT 16 & 28 May (JMB*,CMR*, BDN*, JRO*).

Orange-crowned Warbler—Four that apparently wintered at Mesilla Park were still there 11 Mar (CGL).

Lucy's Warbler—East of usual range were one to 2 singing at Rattlesnake Springs 15 Apr through May (JEP et al.). At the northern limit of the range in the RGV, 4 pairs were tending fledglings at Veguita, n. *Socorro* 27 May (D. Varela-Phillips *fide* HRS).

Northern Parula—Singles were 3 mi north of Bernalillo 19 May (HAW*), at Miami L. 25 Apr (DJC**), Sumner Dam 9 May (JEP*, JRO), and Boone's Draw 21 Apr (JDA *fide* PRS) & 10 May (GSK), and up to 2 were at NRT 14-16 May (m.ob.).

<u>Tropical Parula</u>—Previously unreported in New Mexico, a singing ad. male was described at GBA 30 Apr (JPB*); efforts to relocate it were unsuccessful.

Yellow Warbler—Very early was a singing male at Percha SP 19 Mar (JEP*), as was one at Bosque NWR 26 Mar (CMR).

Chestnut-sided Warbler—Early was a male at the Albuquerque Zoo 2-17 Apr (N. Baczek*, JRO**, MJB*, JEP*, DLH). Elsewhere, at least 2 males were singing at NRT 13-15 May (JEP*, MJB*, JRO**, SW*, CMR).

Magnolia Warbler—A female was at NRT 28 May (JEP*, JRO*, BDN*, CMR).

Black-throated Gray Warbler—The one that wintered at Mesilla Park was still there 11 Mar (CGL). Earliest migrants were 3 singing in Clanton Canyon 2 Apr (JEP).

Black-throated Green Warbler—A male was at NRT 10 May (JMB*).

Hermit Warbler—Rare in spring, 2 were in the Animas Mts. 14 May (NM-C).

<u>Blackburnian Warbler</u>—A female was at NRT 15 May (JEP*, JRO**, SW, CMR) and a male was in Water Canyon 15 May (R. Reed**, C. Pasterczyk**).

Grace's Warbler—Early were singles at Emory Pass and near San Lorenzo, *Grant* 8 Apr (JEP). Noteworthy away from breeding areas was one at RGNC 3 May (AJR*).

<u>Pine Warbler</u>—The one that wintered at Albuquerque's Kirtland AFB was seen again 17 Mar (JEP*, MJB*).

Palm Warbler—One at NRT 9 May (JEP*, JRO**) was the western subspecies.

Bay-breasted Warbler—A female was at NRT 14-15 May (JEP*, JRO**, SW, CMR).

Blackpoll Warbler—A singing male was at Sumner Dam 9 May (GSK); another singing male was in the *Los Alamos* portion of Bandelier NM 20 May (JPB**).

Black-and-white Warbler—Singles at 6 sites from the RGV eastward 29 Apr-17 May (v.o.), including one at San Andres Spring, San Andres NWR 13 May (RAM).

American Redstart—One to 3 at five sites in *Santa Fe, San Miguel, Roosevelt,* and *Torrance*, the latter a female at Quarai 16 May (HRS).

Prothonotary Warbler—One was banded near Cliff 17 May (M. & C. Fugagli).

Worm-eating Warbler—Singles were at Albuquerque 3 May (J. Stanek**), Boone's Draw 8 May (JPD*), and near Cliff 29 May (K. M. Brodhead*).

Swainson's Warbler—One was at Boone's Draw 27-28 May (JEP*, JRO*, JPB).

Kentucky Warbler—Singles were in Otero Canyon, Manzanita Mts., *Bernalillo* 15 May (BV) and Rattlesnake Springs 29 Apr (CGL*).

Hooded Warbler—A singing male was west to Indian Cr. Canyon, Animas Mts. 24 May (SOW*, JPD). In the east, single males were at BLNWR 29 Apr (GSK) and Milnesand *NMOSFN* 44:2 (Spring 2005)

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29 Apr (JEP*, JRO**); at NRT, a female was present 6 May (JEP*, CMR, BDN), a male was there 12 May (JRO**), and a female 19 May (CGL**).

Red-faced Warbler—Eight were seen in Chimney Canyon, San Mateo Mts. 1 May (TM). Three were singing in Water Canyon 23 Apr (JEP).

Hepatic Tanager—Noteworthy for *Bernalillo* were a male in Hondo Canyon, Sandia Mts. 22 May (RHD) and a male and female on Cedro Peak 30 May (JEP). One was north to the Ortiz Mts. 21 May (LAS), where also present in 2004.

Summer Tanager—North was one singing at Pilar, *Rio Arriba* 23 May (WHH).

<u>Scarlet Tanager</u>—A male at Mesilla Park 4 May (J. Douglas*) provided the 2nd for *Doña Ana*.

Western Tanager—A migrant wave of 248 hit southwest Santa Fe 14 May (DW), but only 33 were found there the following day (DW).

Cassin's Sparrow—Responding to favorable conditions, many were singing early throughout eastern and southern New Mexico, including in southwest areas where typically scarce or absent in spring.

Botteri's Sparrow—One was on territory in the Animas Valley 23 May (SOW, JPD).

American Tree Sparrow—Late and surprisingly far south was one on Yeso Cr. south of Yeso 29 Mar (WHH*).

Brewer's Sparrow—Arrived at Stubblefield L. breeding area by 15 Apr, where up to 4 were singing 21 Apr-31 May (DJC).

Black-chinned Sparrow—Six were northeast to Corazon Hill, San Miguel 14 May (CR).

Lark Bunting—As expected in years of plentiful winter-spring rains, this species remained in numbers in the northeast through May. West were 18, including singing, displaying males, at Santa Fe's Caja del Rio 15 May (MMR). Noteworthy were some 130 between Vaughn and Fort Sumner 15 May (CMR).

Savannah Sparrow—One was singing at Bluewater L., Cibola 22 May (CMR, BDN).

Baird's Sparrow—Surveys located 2 near Hermanas 8 Mar (RAM).

Fox Sparrow—A grayish one was in e. *San Miguel* south of Mosquero 3 Mar (MDM*); a red one was at Rattlesnake Springs 5 Mar (CMR, BDN).

Harris's Sparrow—Unusually well distributed, with singles at Aztec 6 May (M. LaRue *fide* TR), Maxwell 14 Mar-5 May (DJC**, JRO**), west of Datil 24-27 May (J. &. G. Hardie**), e. *San Miguel* 25 Mar (MDM), near Portales 8 Mar (J. Nelson-Moore*), Milnesand 29 Apr (JEP*), Radium Springs 17 Mar-30 Apr (MTS**, JEZ**), and Rattlesnake Springs 20 Mar (SW) plus 2 at Boone's Draw 21 Apr (JDA).

Golden-crowned Sparrow—Singles were at Maxwell 7-8 May (DJC**) and the CS Ranch near Cimarron 13 May (DJC*).

Yellow-eyed Junco—Pairs were occupying four territories in the Jack's Peak area, Burro Mts. 2-4 May (JPD*); also in that area 4 May were 3 *dorsalis* Gray-headed Juncos (JPD). A nest with eggs was in the Animas Mts. 14 May (RAR, NM-C**), where a partial survey located 5 territories—including a pair with a fledgling—24 May (JPD, SOW).

Lapland Longspur—Late was a bright male north of Las Vegas 18 Apr (WFW*).

Chestnut-collared Longspur—Late in the south was one near Hermanas 30 Apr (DLH).

Northern Cardinal—North in the RGV were a male in Albuquerque's South Valley 26 May (DLH) and another male at Luis Lopez 21 Apr (JRO**). In the northeast, singles were at Santa Rosa 5 Mar (WFW) and near Conchas L. 14 May (CMR). Noteworthy for the southwest were single singing males at Lake Valley 21 May (PRS) and Little Hatchet Mts. 30 May (SOW).

Pyrrhuloxia—Two were at Riverside, *Lincoln* 6 Mar (BDN). A male was singing at Waldrop Park, e. *Chaves* 12 Mar (JRO).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak—Reported from at least 17 locales from the RGV eastward, including a male at Timberon, *Otero* 1 May (CW). West were up to 4 at Farmington 10-11 May (H. Richard, APN) and one at Silver City, *Grant* 18 May (*fide* DJB).

Lazuli Bunting—Early were single males at BLNWR and Rattlesnake Springs 15 Apr (JEP).

Painted Bunting—Three were north to Conchas L. 14 May (CMR) and a male was at NRT 14 May (JRO).

Dickcissel—Singles were at Socorro 13 May (PB*) and Ladder Ranch 17 May (WFW); in the east, one was vocal at NRT 28 May (JEP, JRO) and 2 were singing in *Curry* north of Broadview 29 May (CMR, BDN).

Bobolink—Single males were one singing in Albuquerque's North Valley 15 May (K. Herzenberg*) and at Burris Well, San Andres Mts., east *Sierra* 25 May (CGL**).

Common Grackle—West were 4 at Farmington 25 May (TR).

Bronzed Cowbird—Prevalent in *Grant, Hidalgo, Luna*, and *Doña Ana*, including 17 at Separ 17 May (LKM). In the Pecos Valley, one was north to BLNWR 24 May (GLW). In the eastern plains, one was at Oasis SP 7 May (GSK), 2 were at Boone's Draw 1 May (CGL) where there was one entering a Bullock's Oriole nest 29 May (JRO, BDN), and one was at NRT 28 May (JEP).

Orchard Oriole—Continued to appear north and west of usual, including one at Maxwell 17 May (DJC**), 2 near Conchas L. 14 May (CMR), a pair at Ute L. 18 May (JRO) and up to 4, including 3 singing males, there 26 May (DJC), and a male north of Clovis 14 May (SW).

Hooded Oriole—Far north was a male at a hummingbird feeder at El Morro NM, *Cibola* 7 May (C. J. Grimes); another was reported at Santa Fe 25 Apr (M. Grover *fide* PRS).

<u>Baltimore Oriole</u>—Extensively detailed was a first-spring female near Radium Springs 19 Apr (MTS*).

Bullock's Oriole—Early was a male near Radium Springs 28 Mar (MTS, JEZ).

Rosy-Finch—A three-species flock of 60 at Sandia Crest 13 Mar (NSC) & 12 Apr (*fide* KCS) was down to about 25 birds 13 Apr (*fide* KCS), when last reported there. The last at Eagle Nest was a three-species flock of 52, primarily **Brown-cappeds**, 1 Apr (DJC).

Pine Grosbeak—A pair was at Chama 2 Mar (RHD); 11 lingered south to Sandia Crest 18 Mar (JEP).

Cassin's Finch—Moderate numbers were widespread Mar-Apr, from Farmington east to Folsom and south to Guadalupe Canyon and Cloudcroft; noteworthy were up to 70 in the Burro Mts. 4 Mar (JRO).

Red Crossbill—Widespread, including 10 east to Mills Canyon 3 Apr (CMR. BDN), 18 in the Sawtooth Mts., *Catron* 7 Apr (SOW), 18 in the Burro Mts. 2-4 May (JPD), and 2 at Timberon 1 May (CW).

Pine Siskin—Lingered in non-breeding areas through Apr; late were 2 near Clovis 28 May (CMR, BDN), one at Deming 21 May (LKM) and 5 in the Little Hatchet Mts 30 May (SOW).

Lawrence's Goldfinch—Surprising was a male north to Corrales 9-12 Mar (J. Kneen*).

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