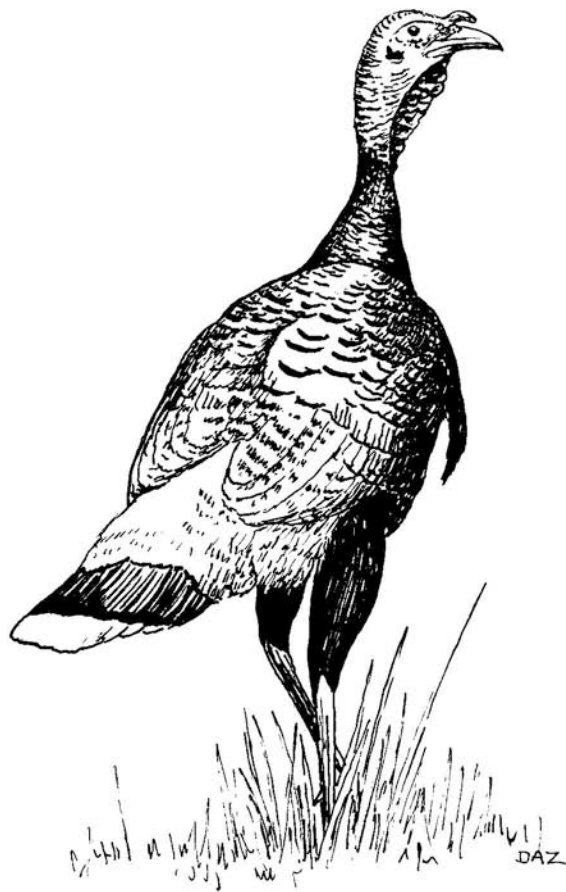


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SUMMER SEASON 2005

Summer 2005 was marked by warm and dry weather, but generous precipitation from both winter and spring resulted in healthy grasslands and recharged wetlands. Work on breeding birds proceeded on several fronts, and several rarities were found. Yet another species—Short-tailed Hawk—was verified in the state.

Localities and Counties

Albuquerque, *Bernalillo*
Animas, Cr., Mts., Valley, *Hidalgo*
Antelope Wells, *Hidalgo*
Belen, *Valencia*
Bitter Lake NWR, *Chaves*
Bosque del Apache NWR, *Socorro*
Brantley Lake, *Eddy*
Burro Mts., *Grant*
Caprock, *Lea*
Carlsbad, *Eddy*
Chama, *Rio Arriba*
Cimarron, Canyon, River *Colfax*
Clanton Canyon, *Hidalgo*
Clayton, Lake, *Union*
Cliff, *Grant*
Cloudcroft, *Otero*
Clovis, *Curry*
Cochiti, Dam, Lake, *Sandoval*
Conchas Lake, Dam, *San Miguel*
Corona, *Lincoln*
Corrales, *Sandoval*
Cottonwood Canyon, *Hidalgo*
Deming, *Luna*
Eagle Nest, Lake, *Colfax*
Eldorado, *Santa Fe*
Elephant Butte Lake, *Sierra*
El Morro NM, *Cibola*
El Rito, Cr., *Rio Arriba*
El Vado Lake, *Rio Arriba*
Escondida, *Socorro*
Farley, *Colfax*
Floyd, *Roosevelt*
Fort Sumner, *De Baca*
Gallinas Mts., *Lincoln*
Gila Bird Area, *Grant*
Grenville, *Union*
Guadalupe Canyon, *Hidalgo*
Guadalupe Mts., *Eddy*
Hobbs, *Lea*
Holloman Lake, *Otero*
Horse Lake, *Rio Arriba*
Isleta, *Bernalillo/Valencia*
Jal, Lake, *Lea*
Jemez Falls, *Sandoval*
Jicarita Peak, *Taos*
La Joya, *Socorro*
Lake Avalon, *Eddy*
Lake Roberts, *Grant*
La Plata, River, *San Juan*
Las Vegas, NWR, *San Miguel*
Lordsburg, *Hidalgo*
Magdalena, Mts., *Socorro*
Maxwell, NWR, *Colfax*
Mayhill, *Otero*
Mills, Canyon, *Harding*
Milnesand, *Roosevelt*
Mimbres, *Grant*
Mosquero, *Harding*
north *Roosevelt* trap (NRT)
Oasis SP, *Roosevelt*
Organ Mts., *Doña Ana*
Pastura, *Guadalupe*
Peloncillo Mts., *Hidalgo*
Pinos Altos Mts., *Grant*
Ponil Cr., *Colfax*
Portales, *Roosevelt*
Post Office Canyon, *Hidalgo*
Radium Springs, *Doña Ana*
Ramah Lake, *McKinley*
Ranchos de Taos, *Taos*
Raton, *Colfax*
Rattlesnake Springs, *Eddy*
Rodeo, *Hidalgo*
Sandia Crest, *Bernalillo*
Sandia Mts., *Sandoval/Bernalillo*
San Jon, *Curry*
San Lorenzo, *Grant*
San Mateo Mts., *Socorro*
Santa Barbara Divide, *RA/MO/TA*
Santa Fe, Ski Basin, *Santa Fe*
Serpent Lake, *Taos*
Silver City, *Grant*
Socorro, *Socorro*
Springer, Lake, *Colfax*

Stinking Lake, *Rio Arriba*
 Stone Lake, *Rio Arriba*
 Stubblefield Lake, *Colfax*
 Sugarite SP, *Colfax*
 Sumner Lake, Dam, *De Baca*
 Taos, Ski Valley, *Taos*

Tijeras, *Bernalillo*
 Tucumcari, Lake, *Quay*
 Tyrone, *Grant*
 Watrous, *Mora*
 Whites City, *Eddy*
 Zuni Mts, *McKinley/Cibola*

Standard Abbreviations

AFB	Air Force Base	RGNC	Rio Grande Nature Center
Bosque NWR	Bosque del Apache NWR	RGV	Rio Grande Valley State Park
BLNWR	Bitter Lake NWR	SP	State Park
BBS	Breeding Bird Survey	UNM	Univ. of New Mexico
CBC	Christmas Bird Count	USFWS	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
CCNP	Carslbad Caverns NP	WMA	Wildlife Management Area
CG	Camp Ground	WSMR	White Sands Missile Range
Cr.	Creek	ad(s).	adult(s)
EBL	Elephant Butte Lake	subad(s).	subadult(s)
GBA	Gila Bird Area	imm(s).	immature(s)
L.	Lake	juv(s).	juvenile(s)
LVNWR	Las Vegas NWR	sp.	species
MSB	Museum of Southwestern Biology	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		

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SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Common Loon—Apparently “summered” at Stubblefield L., where there were 4 on 3 Jun (DJC**, ph. of one in breeding plumage), one on 9 Jun, 2 on 1 Jul, one on 7 Jul (DJC**, ph. of one in non-breeding plumage), and one on 26 Jul (DJC).

Eared Grebe—Nested again in *Rio Arriba*, with high counts of 60 incubating at Stinking L. 27 Jun, 26 incubating at Stone L. 15 Jul, one incubating at Enbom L. 15 Jul, and 100 incubating at Horse L. 15 Jul (DWS*). In *Colfax*, four pairs were tending chicks at Stubblefield L. 20 Jul (DJC*).

***Aechmophorus* grebes**—Several pairs of both **Western** and **Clark’s** enjoyed an extended nesting season at Stubblefield L., with ads. of both tending young on various dates 9 Jun-20 Jul (DJC**). Farther south, a **Clark’s** pair with 4 chicks was at Bosque NWR 9 Jul (CGL) and both **Western** and **Clark’s** broods were reported there 17 Jul (CMR), and a **Clark’s** with one chick was at Fort Craig, *Socorro* 7 Jun (RHD).

American White Pelican—High counts for lingering individuals were 38 at El Vado L. 11 Jun (DWS) and 18 at Bosque NWR 15 Jun (WFW).

Double-crested Cormorant—One wandered to Bonita L., *Lincoln* 14 Jun (SW).

American Bittern—Noteworthy for *Colfax* were singles at Stubblefield L. 3 Jun (CMB) & 17 Jun (DJC**) and Maxwell NWR 5 Jun (KAG).

Least Bittern—Up to 2 summered at Bosque NWR 15 Jun (WFW) & 9 Jul (JEP); at least one was at BLNWR 9 & 15 Jun and 13 Jul (GLW), where nesting was suspected. One was at Bitter Cr., *Chaves* 18 Jun (GLW).

Great Egret—Singles were north to Maxwell NWR 18 Jun (DJC) and nearby Stubblefield L. 30 Jun-2 Aug (DJC**), LVNWR 17 & 28 Jul (*fide* PRS), and Clovis 27 Jul (JRO).

Little Blue Heron—An ad. was at La Joya 3-4 Jun (JRO**, JEP*) and an imm. was at Bosque NWR 2 Jun (JRO**).

Tricolored Heron—An ad. was at the Bosque NWR roost 3 Jun (JEP*).

Reddish Egret—An ad. was described at Brantley L. 12 Jun (MJB*, RDB, RLV).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron—An imm. at Maxwell NWR 5 Jul (PH**) provided a *Colfax* first and New Mexico’s most northerly ever.

White Ibis—An ad. was at Bosque NWR 24-29 Jul (CMB, JRO**, JEP*).

White-faced Ibis—At least 50 pairs nested in flooded saltcedar and willow at Stubblefield L., where eggs were found 3 Jun, nestlings were present 17 Jun, fledglings were seen by 30 Jun, and late nests continued through Jul (DJC**).

Roseate Spoonbill—An imm. was at BLNWR 20 Jul (JRO**) & 27 Jul (GLW), marking the 4th consecutive year for the species to reach New Mexico.

Bar-headed Goose—One, considered an escape, continued from mid-May at Bosque NWR Jun-Jul (CGL**, JRO).

Ruddy Shelduck—One, considered an escape, was at Texico, *Curry* 27 Jul (JRO).

Mexican Duck—A female with 8 downies was at McKinney Tank w. of Antelope Wells 9 Jun (SOW). At Deming, 25 young were produced at the water treatment plant during the season (LKM).

Lesser Scaup—Lingering were a pair at French L., *Colfax* 4 Jul (DJC) and 2 males at LVNWR 26 Jun (WFW).

Bufflehead—Late was one at LVNWR 4 Jun (WFW).

Hooded Merganser—Again summered at Bosque NWR, where 2 were present 1 Jul and a “female/imm.” was seen 27 Jul (JRO).

Osprey—Of New Mexico’s 18 known breeding territories, 16 are in n. *Rio Arriba*, where 10 were successful, fledging 21 young in 2005 (DWS); elsewhere, the territory at Cochiti was occupied by a lone adult while the territory at Ramah L. fledged one (DWS).

White-tailed Kite—Likely related to favorable grassland conditions (and a year-long absence of cattle?) 3-4 appeared in the Animas Valley 16-30 Jul (DJK, JMR, JEP, JRO**, CGL**).

Mississippi Kite—Continued in evidence in the middle RGV, with a nest at Peralta, *Valencia* 17 Jun (E. Nuñez), 7 including 2 juvs. at Belen 28 Jul (DLH), and one at Bosque NWR 9 Jul (CGL). North to the Canadian R. drainage were 3 below Conchas Dam 26 Jun (WFW), 3 in e. *San Miguel* south of Mosquero 29-30 Jul (MDM), and 5 on Parajito Cr. northwest of Tucumcari 28 Jun (JRO).

Bald Eagle—Two of the 3 monitored *Colfax* breeding territories were successful, fledging 4 young by Jun (SOW).

Northern Harrier—Favorable grassland conditions encouraged widespread summering, including a nest with nestlings at Maxwell NWR 22 Jun (PH) and a nest discovered in the former L. McMillan lakebed, *Eddy* in Apr (M. Walthall**) that produced 2 young by 6 Jun (RHD*). Others in likely breeding areas during the Jun-early Jul period were at Springer L. (DJC), below Conchas Dam (WFW), near Clovis (CLH), near Floyd (BDN), BLNWR (GLW), L. Avalon (SW), south of Whites City (SW), Hobbs (DLH), Bosque NWR (CGL), and the s. Animas Valley (DJK, JMR).

Cooper’s Hawk—Noteworthy was a pair of subads. that nested successfully at Corrales, found tending 2 nestlings 23 Jul (GG).

Northern Goshawk—Single ads. were reported in the s. Sangre de Cristo (WFW), Sandia (BDN), s. Sacramento (WHH), Peloncillo (CDL), and Animas (JEP, JRO) ranges Jun-Jul.

Gray Hawk—Again occupied upper Guadalupe Canyon, with 1-2 ads. near the 2004 nest 8 & 31 Jul (JRO**, JEP, NM-C, AMC, CGL*) and a imm. down canyon near the “orchard” 8 Jul (JRO**, JEP).

Common Black-Hawk—Maintaining the species’ presence in the middle RGV was a pair at Isleta 1 & 14 Jun (J. Smith).

Zone-tailed Hawk—Although first found north to the Canadian R. in 1957, occurrence there since has been spotty; this year, a pair nested in Mills Canyon and produced a fledgling by late Jul (HRS**).

Short-tailed Hawk—A light morph ad. in the Animas Mts., perhaps the one first found there in late May, was photographed 28 Jun (JPD**), providing the first verification for the state.

Ferruginous Hawk—Unusual for the season were 2 in the s. Animas Valley 16 Jul (DJK, JMR).

Merlin—Very late was a probable one seen chasing collared-doves at Socorro 4 Jun (JWS*).

White-tailed Ptarmigan—A pair was on the Santa Barbara Divide near Jicarita Peak 26 Jun (CMR, BDN et al.), 17 Jul (JRO, JEP et al.), and 20 Jul (AJR**).

Blue Grouse—A male was displaying at Aspen Vista above Santa Fe 29 Jun (WFW) and 2 Jul (JEP).

Scaled Quail—Had a good season wherever found, with large and multiple broods noted May-Jul (m.ob.).

Gambel’s Quail—As with Scaleds, Gambel’s had a good season wherever found, with large and multiple broods noted May-Jul (m.ob.).

Northern Bobwhite—Six in e. *San Miguel* south of Mosquero 18 Jun (MDM) provided a local first.

Montezuma Quail—Unreported from the Gallinas Mts. near Corona for at least 50 years, 2 were at the Gallinas Peak firetower 5 Jun (L. Powell).

Common Moorhen—At least 2 were north to Isleta, *Bernalillo* but neither survived the experience: one was found dead on the road 17 Jul (CMR***) and another found in the same condition 19 Jul (BV).

American Coot—A pair with 2 young was at Jal L. 4 Jun (SOW).

Black-bellied Plover—Unexpected in mid-summer, 3 were at BLNWR 6 Jul (GLW).

Snowy Plover—Numbers at BLNWR peaked at 379 on 6 Jul (GLW).

Killdeer—One was incubating only 2 m from busy train tracks at Socorro 15 Jun (JWS), where railroaders considerably unloaded trains elsewhere to avoid disturbance.

Mountain Plover—Breeding birds recorded in *Colfax* (DJC**), *Union* (CMR), and *Harding* (LAS, CLH) 4-24 Jun.

Black-necked Stilt—Noteworthy for the southwest, a pair produced 2 chicks at Deming in Jun (LKM).

American Avocet—An ad. with 2 chicks in McKinney Flats west of Antelope Wells 9 Jun (SOW) provided a breeding first for the well-studied Gray Ranch.

Willet—Noteworthy for *Cibola* was one at El Morro 28 Jun (CJG).

Spotted Sandpiper—Evidence of breeding in the Pecos Valley was provided by 2 displaying at Sumner L. 11 Jun (WHH) and a pair with a chick at BLNWR 24 Jun (GLW).

Upland Sandpiper—The first southbound birds were 3 at BLNWR 27 Jul (GLW).

Long-billed Curlew—Found on 10 BBS routes, including a high 23 near Pastura 11 Jun (WHH) and 3 south to Caprock 5 Jun (SOW). A pair with 2 chicks was south to Milnesand 7 Jun (T. McDaniel).

Marbled Godwit—Early were singles at Holloman L. 30 Jun (CGL) and Stubblefield L. 1 Jul (DJC) and 4 at BLNWR 2 Jul (S. Matherly).

Sanderling—One was at Springer L. 21 Jul (DJC).

Western Sandpiper—Late was one at BLNWR 1 Jun (JEP).

White-rumped Sandpiper—Rare west to the RGV, one was at Bosque NWR 4 Jun (JEP, JRO, CGL). High count was 35 at BLNWR 1 Jun (GLW); last were singles at Brantley L. 9 Jun (SW) and BLNWR 15 Jun (GLW).

Stilt Sandpiper—Noteworthy for June were 4 at BLNWR 22 Jun (GLW), where there were 11 on 6 Jul (GLW).

Short-billed Dowitcher—A bright ad. was at BLNWR 3 Jun (JRO**).

Common Snipe—Summering were 2 at the Ranchitos Rd. marsh, Taos 20 Jun (WFW) and a vocal one at Springer L. 18 Jun (DJC).

Red-necked Phalarope—Noteworthy for the season were one at BLNWR 3 Jun (JRO**) and 5 there 13 Jul (GLW).

Laughing Gull—An ad. in breeding plumage made a brief appearance at L. Avalon 23 Jul (NSC, SWC, RDB, RLV).

California Gull—Some 15-25 were at Eagle Nest L. 18 Jun-9 Jul (JEP, DJC), but no breeding was noted.

Herring Gull—A 2nd-year bird lingered at EBL 8 & 10 Jun (JRO, JEP).

Caspian Tern—An ad. was at EBL's Rock Canyon Marina 8 Jun (JRO**).

Common Tern—Two were at Brantley L. 13 Jun (JRO).

Forster's Tern—An ad. was west to Lordsburg 26 Jul (CGL).

Least Tern—A record 14 pairs nested at BLNWR; 13 were successful, fledging 23 young (JBM). At Brantley L., where up to 8 ads. lingered 16 Jun-14 Jul (JBM, RHD), high water plus disturbance resulted in no nesting. An ad. was west to Bosque NWR 17 Jun (CGL**).

Eurasian Collared-Dove—Having successfully invaded cities, towns, and villages essentially statewide, the species began moving into the mountains, including 3 at 2250 m west of Mayhill 13 Jun (SW) and one flying with Band-tailed Pigeons at 2400 m in the Animas Mts. (NM-C, AMC). Some 73 were detected on 12 BBS routes.

White-winged Dove—Five were at 2650 m in Cloudcroft 24-25 Jun (WHH).

Mourning Dove—Likely the most widespread breeding bird in New Mexico; this season 1939 were reported on 59 of 61 BBS routes, more routes than any other species.

Inca Dove—Noteworthy for Guadalupe Canyon was one on a nest 8 Jul (NM-C).

Common Ground-Dove—Relatively conspicuous in *Hidalgo*, with one to 3 at three Animas Valley sites 25 Jun-30 Jul (JEP, JRO, DJK, JMR, CGL) and up to 4 in Guadalupe Canyon 8 & 31 Jul (JEP, JRO, NM-C, AMC, CGL).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo—Made a strong showing, especially in the east, where there were reports of one to 4 summering at 16 sites in *Colfax*, *Harding*, *San Miguel*, *Quay*, *DeBaca*, *Roosevelt*, and *Chaves*. In *Eddy*, there were 3 at Brantley L. 9 Jun (RHD), 3 near Lakewood 14 Jul (RHD), singles on the Black R. 9 Jun (SW) and the Delaware R. 25 Jun (SW), and a high 8 at Rattlesnake Springs 29 Jun (SW). Noteworthy for the southwest was one in the middle Animas Valley 7 Jul (JEP).

Greater Roadrunner—One was north to the Maxwell area 18 Jun (DJC**).

Barn Owl—North to *Colfax* were a nest with young in a cave on Cerrososo Cr. 20 Jun (DJC**) and another nest with young in an abandoned house near Maxwell 20 Jun (DJC**).

Whiskered Screech-Owl—A vocal one persisted at the mouth of Indian Cr. Canyon, Animas Mts. 25 Jun (JEP, JRO, NM-C, AMC).

Northern Pygmy-Owl—Individuals were giving two-note calls in Clanton Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. 18 Jul (DJK) and Indian Cr. Canyon, Animas Mts. 26 Jun (JRO).

Elf Owl—Detected in *Eddy* in Dark Canyon, Last Chance Canyon, and Rocky Arroyo (SW). One was north to Sawmill Canyon, Magdalena Mts. 13 Jun (AJR).

Long-eared Owl—Summering birds where seldom reported were singles at Ute Mt., Taos 25 Jun & 2 Jul (*fide* GG), Silver City 8 Jul (M. A. Zimmerman), and Clanton Canyon 24 Jun (CGL).

Short-eared Owl—Two persisted in a grassy field west of Portales Jun-Jul (GSK*, JDA*), where they exhibited territorial behavior, including defending that area against intruders, but no nest was found. A freshly dead ad. female was found in a fence near Farley, Colfax 22 Jul (LAS*).

Whip-poor-will—North to the Zuni Mts. were 2 vocal in Hausner Canyon 18 Jun (CJG) and Little Water Canyon 1 Jul (JAT *fide* PRS). One was vocal in the Sandia Mts. at Doc Long Picnic Area 20 Jun (CMB).

Black Swift—Up to 5 on nests at Jemez Falls 2 Jul (JEP).

Broad-billed Hummingbird—Away from usual haunts were singles in Cottonwood Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. 25 Jun (JEP, JRO) and Double Adobe Cr., Animas Mts. 19-26 Jul (R. J. Jankowitz).

White-eared Hummingbird—One at a golf course 9 mi southeast of Cloudcroft 29 Jun (D. & G. Champion**) & 30 Jun (JRO**) was the first for the Sacramento Mts. and for southeastern New Mexico. Another was north to Little Cr., s. *Catron* 15 Jun (WFW*).

Blue-throated Hummingbird—One was at L. Roberts 8-24 Jul (JD-M, JEP).

Magnificent Hummingbird—Well represented in s. *Catron* and *Grant* Jun-Jul (m.ob.), including one at Tyrone 26 Jul (PT *fide* ERL). In the southeast, one was at Cloudcroft 24-25 Jul (WHH) and another was near Cloudcroft 1 Jul (JEP).

Lucifer Hummingbird—A male was in Cottonwood Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. 25 Jun (JEP).

Anna's Hummingbird—Unreported in Jun; earliest were singles in Clanton Canyon 6-7 Jul (JRO, JEP), Silver City 9 Jul (*fide* DJB), and Post Office Canyon on 10 Jul (CDL).

Costa's Hummingbird—A male was in Clanton Canyon 17 Jul (DJK*).

Rufous Hummingbird—Earliest were singles at Maxwell (DJC) and near L. Roberts (*fide* DJB) 23 Jun, with reports of singles from seven additional sites 24-30 Jun (m.ob.).

Allen's Hummingbird—Three were banded at L. Roberts: ad. males on 14 & 23 Jul and an ad. female on 17 Jul (JD-M).

Elegant Trogon—Remarkable if accurate, an apparent female was northeast to NRT 11 Jun (G. J. Parker*).

Acorn Woodpecker—One was very far north to Enbom L., *Rio Arriba* 29 Jun (DWS).

Gila Woodpecker—One was in oak woodlands in Clanton Canyon 17 Jul (DJK).

American Three-toed Woodpecker—A pair was south to Sandia Crest Jun-Jul (CMR, JEP*, JRO**, CGL*, CMB*).

Olive-sided Flycatcher—Singing singles where seldom found in summer were at Ojo Redondo, Zuni Mts. 24 Jun (HRS), Gallinas Mts. near Corona 17 Jun (HRS), and San Francisco Mts., *Catron* 24 Jun (SOW).

Greater Pewee—Unexpected in the Peloncillo Mts., one was singing in Cottonwood Canyon 11 Jun (JRO).

Willow Flycatcher—Providing a breeding first for the Mimbres Valley was a nest south of San Lorenzo 8 Jun (RR*).

Hammond's Flycatcher—Conspicuous in the Zuni Mts., including 4-5 in Hausner Canyon 18 Jun (CJG) and 3 in Sawyer Canyon 22 Jun (HRS); others were detected at five sites in the Sangre de Cristo Mts. 25 Jun-20 Jul (v.o.).

Gray Flycatcher—One in upper Dark Canyon, *Eddy* 23-24 Jun (SW) furnished a local first. Statewide, 61 Grays were counted on 16 BBS routes.

Dusky Flycatcher—Nested east to Sugarite SP, where one was singing 10 Jul (CAH) and ads. with begging fledglings were seen 16 Jul (DJC). Far south was one singing in upper Dark Canyon, Guadalupe Mts. 23-24 Jun (SW).

Black Phoebe—Additional evidence of northward advance was provided by a pair feeding 4 fledglings at Ranchos de Taos in Jul (GFO), ads. feeding fledglings on the Mora R. near Watrous 5 Jun (CMR), a pair nesting on the Cimarron R. west of Cimarron 2 Jun-18 Jul (DJC), and a nest with nestlings elsewhere on the Cimarron R. 22-24 Jun (DJC**).

Eastern Phoebe—Suggestive of local breeding were 2 in e. *San Miguel* south of Mosquero 17 Jun (MDM) and one singing at Fort Sumner 2 Jun (SOW).

Say's Phoebe—One was at 3220 m on Buck Mt., *Lincoln* 14 Jun (SW).

Vermilion Flycatcher—On the northern and eastern edges of the range were 3 in e. *San Miguel* south of Mosquero 17 Jun and 2 there 29-30 Jul (MDM), and a pair at BLNWR that fledged young by 13 Jun and initiated a 2nd clutch in the same nest (GLW).

Great Kiskadee—One strayed to Eunice, *Lea* 1 Jul, where it remained through Jul (P. McCasland**, R. G. Cates*), furnishing New Mexico's 7th well-documented record.

Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher—One was in Guadalupe Canyon 8 Jul (JEP*, JRO*, P. E. Lehman*), the 4th consecutive year for the species there.

Couch's Kingbird—Unexpected but nicely described was a singing and calling one seen at Conchas Dam 26 Jun (WFW*).

Thick-billed Kingbird—Only one was in New Mexico's Guadalupe Canyon 8 Jul (JEP, JRO, NM-C, AMC) and 31 Jul (CGL), where the species has declined in recent years.

Eastern Kingbird—Two pairs were south to Ruby Ranch north of Las Vegas 4 Jun (WFW).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher—Several were found west of usual, including 4 in e. *San Miguel* south of Mosquero 18 Jun (MDM), one at Newkirk, *Guadalupe* 27 Jun (JEP), 2 at Yeso, *DeBaca* 27 Jun (JRO), 2 near Fort Sumner 2 Jun (SOW), and a pair at BLNWR that fledged young 2 Jul (GLW).

Bell's Vireo—North in the RGV were singing singles at Bosque NWR 4 Jun (CGL) and 22 Jul (CMB) and 4 at San Marcial, *Socorro* 7 Jun (RHD); in the southwest, 2 were singing at Rodeo 9 Jun (AMC).

Gray Vireo—Noteworthy were one north of Salt L., *Catron* 25 Jun (SOW) and a nest with young in Helm's Valley, *Oscura Mts.*, *Socorro* 8 Jun (CGL).

Yellow-throated Vireo—The species has a habit of appearing in New Mexico in June; this season found one in the Peñasco Valley near Elk, *Chaves* 4 Jun (JRO**) and one singing on the Mimbres R. near Mimbres 23 Jun (RR*).

Hutton's Vireo—East to the Organ Mts. were fledglings seen 2 Jun (DJG) and 2 ads. 10 Jul (CGL).

Warbling Vireo—An ad. was feeding a cowbird chick at Sugarite SP 10 Jul (CAH).

Red-eyed Vireo—Singles were seen and heard in the Sandia Mts. near Tijeras 28 Jul (CMB*), *Veguita*, *Socorro* 17 Jun (DLH), and Rattlesnake Springs 29 Jun (SW*), and 2 were at NRT 8 Jun (RHD).

Yellow-green Vireo—Nicely described was a singing ad. north of Bernalillo, *Sandoval* 28 Jun (H. A. Walker*), providing the 6th credible state record.

Mexican Jay—A good acorn crop in the Peloncillo Mts. apparently encouraged clans to produce 2nd broods by Jul (CDL).

American Crow—Noteworthy for summer were 12 near El Morro 13 Jun (CJG).

Chihuahuan Raven—Again nested in *Colfax*, where 5 nests near Abbott had nestlings 18 Jun (DJC).

Purple Martin—Much in evidence in the Zuni, San Mateo, Mogollon, Pinos Altos, and Sacramento ranges, while in the recently colonized Sangre de Cristo Mts., several were in Dillon Canyon west of Raton 24 Jun (DJC)—including juvs. there 25 Jul (DJC**)—and in Crow Canyon near Koehler, *Colfax* 7 Jun (DJC); noteworthy were 3 in the Bear Mts. north of Magdalena 2 Jun (HRS).

Tree Swallow—A pair was feeding nestlings in a Wood Duck box at L. Maloya, Sugarite SP, 11 Jul (CAH); elsewhere, single pairs were feeding young on Ponil Cr. near Cimarron 28 Jun-4 Jul (DJC**) and at LVNWR 26 Jun (WFW).

Bank Swallow—A small colony discovered in an arroyo near Zia Pueblo, *Sandoval* 3 Jun (GG) provided a new breeding locale.

Cave Swallow—In *Eddy*, the species was found expanding away from cave sites, including 12 active nests in culverts south of Whites City, plus nests in three additional culverts in the same area 28 Jun (SW) and up to 28 birds at two bridge sites at Carlsbad 29-30 Jun (SW). Farther east, 3 apparent juvs. were at Maddox L., *Lea* 3 Jul (JRO**).

Mexican Chickadee—Some 13, including two family groups, were in the Animas Mts. 26 Jun (NM-C+).

Bushtit—Bushtits with “black ears” are unexpected north to Albuquerque, where 4 were banded 24 Jun (SWC**).

Brown Creeper—Certainly unexpected in cottonwood riparian habitat, a pair nested in Albuquerque’s South Valley, where they were tending 2 fledglings 9 Jun (DLH*).

Cactus Wren—Continued to appear beyond historic range, including one in northeast *Union* at Knowles School 16 Jun (LAS), one at Eldorado 18 Jul (JPB), 14 near Pastura 11 Jun (WHH), and a nest with eggs in the Bear Mts. north of Magdalena 3 Jun (HRS*).

House Wren—Ten in the Animas Mts. 26 Jun (NM-C, AMC) included one fledgling and “2 definite brown-throated types.”

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher—A pair with fledglings at Cistern Saddle 27 Jun (NM-C, AMC) provided a rare Animas Mts. breeding record.

Black-tailed Gnatcatcher—Four were north to Oscura Mts. foothills, *Socorro* 18 Jul (CGL).

Veery—Went undetected at traditional locales in the Sangre de Cristo Mts., but 2-3 were found at Chama 7 Jul (WFW) and 17 Jul (JRO).

Swainson’s Thrush—In apparent breeding areas were 4 north of Chama 18 Jun (JRO), one singing in Osha Canyon 20 Jun (WFW) plus 2 along the adjacent Rio Peñasco, *Taos* 24 Jun (JEP) and 3 there 16 Jul (JRO).

Gray Catbird—A pair with fledglings at Sugarite SP 9 Jul (CAH) was part of a sizable breeding population there. Far south for summer, singles were near Cliff 26 Jun (banded, CF) and at Davies Tank, *Doña Ana* 29 Jun (RAM).

Northern Mockingbird—Especially widespread and conspicuous, as evidenced by 2227 counted on 54 of 61 BBS routes.

Curve-billed Thrasher—A nest with eggs near Farley 18 Jun (DJC**) may be the first for *Colfax*.

Crissal Thrasher—One was singing near Bluewater, *Cibola* 28-29 Jun (JAT *vide* PRS).

Olive Warbler—Singles were north to the Magdalena Mts. 4 Jun (AJR**) & 17 Jul (*vide* JWS). Fledglings were at two Burro Mts. sites 5-7 Jul (JPD).

Orange-crowned Warbler—Noteworthy for the Zuni Mts. were one or more in Hausner Canyon 18 Jun (CJG) and north of P.O. Flats 24 Jun (HRS).

Lucy's Warbler—East of normal range, a pair at Rattlesnake Springs Apr-Jul (RAM, SW, JRO) likely nested there.

Northern Parula—One was singing at Trigg Ranch, e. *San Miguel* south of Mosquero, 17 Jun (MDM).

Black-throated Gray Warbler—A female with 3 fledglings was in upper Skull Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. 24 Jul (CDL).

Black-and-white Warbler—A female was west to Mimbres 14 Jul (RR).

American Redstart—A male and female were together on Ponil Cr. near Cimarron 27 Jun, where one to 2 continued to be seen through 12 Jul (DJC**). One was near Cliff 12 Jun (banded, CF).

Ovenbird—Once again, one was singing north of El Rito (JRO), but proof of breeding remained elusive.

Kentucky Warbler—Providing a *Colfax* first was one seen and heard along the Cimarron R. 1 mi west of Cimarron 11 Dec (audio, DJC*).

Common Yellowthroat—A male was singing at Rattlesnake Springs 9 Jun (SW), where not known to breed.

Hooded Warbler—One apparent female was at GBA 16 Jun (JPB*), and a male was near Cliff 26 Jun (banded, PT *fide* DJB).

Wilson's Warbler—In presumed breeding habitat were 4 at the Taos Ski Valley 20 Jun (WFW) and at least 7 singing in low dense willows in the Serpent L. area below the Santa Barbara Divide 26 Jun (CMR).

Red-faced Warbler—One in the Peloncillo Mts. 30 Jul (CGL) was probably an early migrant. Continuing records included 8 north to the Magdalena Mts. 3-4 Jun (AJR), 2 in the San Mateo Mts. above Springtime CG 10 Jun (HRS), and one on the Cloudcroft BBS 25 Jun (WHH).

Hepatic Tanager—Rare north to *Taos*, a pair was at a campground on the rim of the Rio Grande Gorge west of Lama in Jun (*fide* JB). Noteworthy for *Bernalillo* was a pair feeding begging fledglings in Otero Canyon 24 Jul (BV).

Summer Tanager—Singles were north to El Morro 8 Jul (CJG) and Mills Canyon 23 Jun (LAS*) and 3 were in e. *San Miguel* south of Mosquero 17 Jun (MDM).

Western Tanager—Earliest migrant was a male at Radium Springs 8 Jul (MTS).

Cassin's Sparrow—Was the most numerous species detected on New Mexico BBS routes, with 2405 individuals counted on 34 routes during the season.

Botteri's Sparrow—In the middle Animas Valley, 66 territories were mapped 4-7 Jul (SOW, PM), where the species seems to have benefited from removal of cattle and generous winter-spring rains.

Brewer's Sparrow—Very early, the first migrant reached Albuquerque 9 Jul (WHH*).

Black-chinned Sparrow—For the 2nd consecutive year, the species was found north to La Jara Cr., *Rio Arriba* (*fide* JB).

Sage Sparrow—Noteworthy for *Taos* was an ad. with 3 juvs. near Pilar 10 Jul (MMR).

Lark Bunting—Numerous and widespread in *Colfax*, *Union*, and *Harding*, including 81 near Maxwell 5 Jun (KAG), 213 near Grenville 20 Jun (CMR), and 218 at 30 *Harding* sites 16-24 Jun (LAS). West were 32, including at least 2 broods, at Caja del Rio near Santa Fe 11 Jun (MMR).

Grasshopper Sparrow—Some 70 were in native and exotic grasslands on the caprock south of San Jon 3 Jun (CMR).

Dark-eyed Junco—A pair of *dorsalis* Gray-headed Juncos produced fledglings in the Burro Mts. 7 Jul (JPD).

Yellow-eyed Junco—Junco surveys found seven territories in the Burro Mts. and documented breeding in four of them by 7 Jul (JPD**). In the Animas Mts., nine territories were documented by 28 Jun, including four in seldom-visited upper Bear Canyon (JPD).

Northern Cardinal—A male persisted in Albuquerque's South Valley 26 May until at least 3 Aug (DLH).

Pyrrhuloxia—A nest with eggs at Escondida 18 Jun (D. Perry) documented breeding north to *Socorro*; the nest failed due to predation by 26 Jun. Two were north of BLNWR 8 Jun (WHH).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak—Last of the numerous spring migrants was a male at NRT 2 Jun (SOW).

Painted Bunting—North and east of usual were a male in e. *San Miguel* south of Mosquero 18 Jun (MDM), a singing male east of Conchas L. 26 Jun (WFW), and a pair at Taiban, *DeBaca* 23 Jun (NSC). Fall migrants in the southwest included 2 at Rodeo 23 Jul (REW) and one near L. Roberts 29 Jul (*fide* DJB).

Dickcissel—Notably conspicuous in *Colfax* (DJC**, CAH), *Union* (LAS), *Harding* (DJC), *San Miguel* (MMR, MDM), *DeBaca* (SOW), *Quay* (JRO**, CMR), *Curry* (JRO), *Chaves* (GLW), and *Eddy* (RHD), and many may have been breeders; high counts included 7 near Farley 18 Jun (DJC), 2 pairs near Clayton 18 Jun (LAS), 8 south of Mosquero 18 Jun (MDM), and 7 south of San Jon 3 Jun (CMR).

Eastern Meadowlark—Noteworthy at 2400 m was an Eastern Meadowlark singing at Quemado L., *Catron* 24 Jun (SOW).

Yellow-headed Blackbird—Early southbound migrants were 2 each near Dunkin, *Chaves* 10 Jul (SW) and Brantley L. 13 Jul (RHD).

Brewer's Blackbird—Summering south to the Sacramento Mts. were 2 each at Angus, *Lincoln* 13-14 Jun (SW) and near Cloudcroft 25 Jun (WHH).

Common Grackle—West was one on the La Plata BBS 5 Jun (T. Reeves).

Bronzed Cowbird—Continuing a seemingly relentless expansion, pioneers included singles north to Albuquerque 26 Jun (BV) and Conchas Dam 28 Jun (JRO**), and east to Oasis SP in Jun (GSK, JDA) and Hobbs 3 Jul (JRO**).

Orchard Oriole—A young male was singing north to Conchas Dam 26 Jun (WFW); 3 at Rattlesnake Springs 29 Jul (RHD) provided the only additional report.

Pine Grosbeak—Prevalent in both the San Juan and Sangre de Cristo ranges (m.ob.), including some 15 found feasting on spruce budworms in the Apache Cr. area, *Rio Arriba* 18-19 Jul (AJR**, WFW).

Cassin's Finch—Two ads. were feeding a fledgling at Chama 11 Jul (JRO).

Red Crossbill—Relatively scarce this season, with only scattered reports of small numbers from the Sangre de Cristo, Zuni, Datil, and Magdalena ranges.

Pine Siskin—Remnants of large wintering flocks, lingering siskins included several in Post Office Canyon 1-5 Jun (CDL), singles at BLNWR 8 Jun (WHH) and Socorro 10 Jun (JWS), and 2 at Radium Springs 1-17 Jun (MTS, JEZ). Early returnees were several at Silver City 18 Jul (*fide* DJB) and one at Deming 28 Jul (LKM).

American Goldfinch—In known breeding areas were 2 on the Cimarron R. west of Cimarron 27 Jul (DJC) and up to 5 on nearby Ponil Cr. by 18 Jul (DJC). Away from *Colfax*, apparently summering birds were several at Chama 7 Jul (WFW), a pair at Taos 18 Jun (JEP), and 2 pairs at Belen Jun-Jul (DLH).

Evening Grosbeak—Detected on 6 BBS routes in the San Juan, Sangre de Cristo, Jemez, and Sacramento ranges; high count was 18 near Cloudcroft 25 Jun (WHH).

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