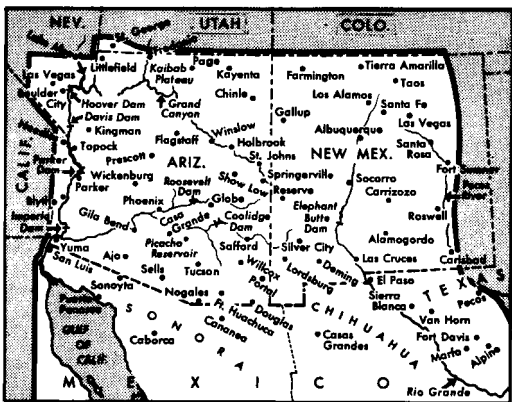


SOUTHWEST REGION

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All parts of the Region, almost without exception, received above-normal precipitation, continuing the trend of the preceding season, so that new plant growth and seed crops were heavy. Plentiful rains brought excellent stands of grasses, especially. Hills and swales covered with cured gramas, dropseeds, tobosas, three-awns, etc., were typical at the close of the period. Ponds, lakes, streams, and reservoirs, often dry in other years, were filled or flowing, a contrast to drought conditions a year ago.



The Southwest was unusually cold, with killing frosts striking much earlier than usual, coming in parts of the Region before tree leaves had a chance to change color. Storm systems passed through often after the last week in September. Snow fell in the higher country in mid-October, 20 in. at Flagstaff, Ariz. on October 18 being the greatest accumulation in October in 51 years. More snow came before October's end, leaving the mountains blanketed with white at the beginning of winter. Snows were accompanied by unusual early cold — only 6° F. at Flagstaff on October 19, for example. Well below the snow line, Tucson reported a record low of 26° F. on October 30. November storms were weaker, with less snow and cold, and average temperatures were nearly normal.

In spite of harsh weather, invasion of low country by high country birds almost failed to occur. In fact, Robins, bluebirds, and Townsend's Solitaires, as well as juncos, were not as common as usual at this season in the Sonoran Life Zones.

There was a veritable avalanche of unusual water bird records, particularly from s. Nevada and Arizona, including boobies and a Wandering Tattler. Gambel's and Scaled Quail numbers were low, but Harlequin Quail reproduced in almost fantastic numbers. Eastern warblers and sparrows were reported in larger numbers than usual.

LOONS, GREBES — An Arctic Loon was observed at Boulder Beach, L. Mead, Nev. Oct. 2-Nov. 5 (CL et al.). Another was found freshly dead along a street in s. Tucson, Nov. 19 (Mervin Larson, fide GMo). A Red-throated Loon was reported from Boulder Beach, Oct. 1 (CL). Western Grebes were widespread

and unusually numerous. Among the records were: 1 near Cananea, Sonora, Mexico, Oct. 13 (LS & SS); 1 at Show Low L., Navajo Co., Ariz., Oct. 28 (GMo); 14 at L. Pleasant, Maricopa Co., Ariz., Nov. 12 (BB & PN); and 12 at L. Farmington, San Juan Co., N. Mex., Nov. 13 (H. L. Sparance, fide AN). These are insignificant, however, when compared to at least 15,000 counted on the w. part of L. Mead in Nevada Oct. 31; more than 50,000 were probably present on the entire lake the same day (CL & VM).

PELICAN, BOOBIES, FRIGATEBIRD — This was a great year for these birds along the lower Colorado River. A Brown Pelican was found at Martinez L., Yuma Co., Ariz. in late August (RI) and on Oct. 3 (F. & W.S., fide AC). Three were seen in Cottonwood Cove, Mohave Co., Ariz., on L. Mohave, Sept. 26 (Terry Phillips, fide CL), and 1 was noted at Davis Dam, Ariz. — Calif. Oct. 2 (W. Stumpf, fide CL). Another was present at Las Vegas Bay, Nev., on L. Mead, Sept. 13-30 (CL et al., photos). Three imm. **Blue-footed Boobies** were found on the w. end of L. Mead, Aug. 27-Nov. 29, for a new record for Nevada (CL et al., photos; details to be published elsewhere.) Five to six were present on Martinez L. from mid-August to the end of October (RI), 1 of them still present Dec. 1 (F. & W.S., fide AC). Another new species for Nevada was the **Brown Booby**, 1 ad. and 1 imm. of which were observed on the w. end of L. Mead, Aug. 27-Sept. 19 (CL et al., details to be published elsewhere.) Single frigatebirds (sp.) were seen at Tucson (DP) and at Davis Dam (Arthur Johnson, fide CL), both on Sept. 3.

CATTLE EGRET — One was found at Phoenix, Oct. 30 (RW); 1 was seen at La Joya Refuge, on the Rio Grande below Albuquerque, Nov. 16 (JSa); and a third was present at a Tucson pond, Nov. 18 & 20 (HF et al.).

IBISES — Twenty Wood Ibises were found at Roosevelt L., Ariz., Oct. 5 (Win Green, fide Dick Todd). A single was seen in mid-September on a ranch e. of the Huachuca Mtns., Ariz. (Ed Lehner, fide PN). At a pond near Tucson Sept. 5, 64 White-faced Ibises were found (DP), an unusually large number.

WATERFOWL — A Whistling Swan was discovered at Tule Springs Park, near Las Vegas, Nev., Oct. 29 (CL, GK, & AH). In the Topock Marsh, Havasu Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, Ariz., 650 Snow Geese were feeding at the end of November, a good increase over last year (BHW). Eighteen had arrived at the Bosque del Apache Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, N. Mex., Sept. 20, with about 8500 there at the close of the period (JSt). Eleven imm. Black-bellied Tree Ducks stayed at Nogales, Ariz. until at least Nov. 14 (BHa, TP, & SS). A Fulvous Tree Duck was found at Phoenix, Sept. 26 (SB & RW). At least 18 Mexican Ducks were regular at the Bosque Refuge all through the fall (JSt). Wood Duck singles were reported from Rattlesnake Springs, Eddy Co., N. Mex., Nov. 6 or 7 (FW), and from Martinez L. in late November (F. & W.S., fide AC).

Canvasback numbers were up at Farmington, San Juan Co., N. Mex. (AN), and as many as 114 were on a Tucson pond Dec. 3 (GMo). An Oldsquaw was found at Phoenix, Nov. 24-27 (BB & FB). One to 2 White-winged Scoters were at Phoenix, Oct. 29-Nov. 12 (BB et al.), and 2 were at Las Vegas Bay, Oct.

30 and Nov. 3 (VM, CL). A Surf Scoter was at Tucson, Nov. 12 (GMO), and 2 were noted there the next day (HF). A Hooded Merganser was seen at Tule Springs Park, Nov. 15 (VM), and 2 were found n.w. of Phoenix, Nov. 30 (ZB & TJ). A pair of Red-breasted Mergansers was shot by a hunter at Bitter Lake Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, N. Mex., Nov. 7 (fide LK); 3 were at Tucson Nov. 7 (HF); 2 were at L. Pleasant Nov. 12 (BB & PN); and 2 were at Phoenix Nov. 26 (BB).

HAWKS — More than 100 Turkey Vultures were roosting at Ft. Bayard, Grant Co., N. Mex., Sept. 16, the largest gathering found there in years (RF). At Imuris, Sonora, Mexico, 41 Black Vultures were seen, Oct. 13, with another 15 observed about 20 mi. to the e. (LS & SS). A single was soaring s.w. of Red Rock, Pinal Co., Ariz., Sept. 18 (GG, PN, & SS). Buteos were common along the Santa Cruz R. below Tucson after late October, with as many as 43 Red-tailed Hawks counted Nov. 20 (DP). Several well-documented records of Harlan's Hawk came from s.e. Arizona: 1 near Willcox, Nov. 8 (B & DS); a pale phase bird at Tucson after Nov. 12 (GMO et al.); and dark phase birds n. of Sonoita, Nov. 25 (SS & RL) and e. of Tucson, Dec. 1 (TP). Thirty to 35 Swainson's Hawks fed on the ground 5 miles s. of Moriarty, Torrance Co., N. Mex., Oct. 2 (DL). Six Ferruginous Hawks were seen near Tucson, Nov. 20 (DP). Two Harris' Hawks were identified on the Bosque Refuge, Oct. 10 (ME).

A few Golden Eagles were reported from all parts of the Region except s.e. Arizona. Bald Eagle reports were: 2 at Martinez L. several times in the fall (RI); 2 flying high near Angels Peak, San Juan Co., N. Mex., Oct. 18 (Don Hitt, fide AN); 2 ads. in Boulder Canyon, L. Mead, Ariz.-Nev., Nov. 24 (John & Sandy Townsend, fide CL); and 1 sharing a cow carcass with a Golden Eagle and ravens on the San Carlos Indian Reservation, Ariz., Nov. 4 (BJ). Several Ospreys were seen: 1 at Canoa Ranch near Green Valley, Pima Co., Ariz., Oct. 1 (PN), Oct. 9 (LS), and Oct. 11 (B & DS); 1 over Tucson, Oct. 4 (Edward Chalif); 4 e. of Phoenix, Oct. 6 (SD, HL, & ER); 1 at Tsaille L., e. part of Navajo Indian Reservation, Ariz., Oct. 7 (RF); and 1 at L. Patagonia, Santa Cruz Co., Ariz., Oct. 16 (TP, TB) and Oct. 24 (BHa). Only 3 Peregrine Falcons were reported (HF et al.; CL; and T & BH). Richard Ryan of West Orange, N.J., is sure he saw an Aplomado Falcon 5 miles n. of Nogales Oct. 7. Only 4 Pigeon Hawks were recorded.

QUAIL — Observers uniformly reported numbers of Scaled and Gambel's Quail were down, a result of the drought last spring and early summer. Harlequin Quail, on the other hand, benefited from the heavy rains of late summer and produced large crops of young. Hundreds were reported from the area of the Santa Rita and Huachuca Mtns. in Arizona. A pair with 8 half-grown young were observed e. of L. Roberts, Grant Co., N. Mex., Oct. 23; the young must have been hatched after Oct. 1 (OG, fide RF).

CRANE — Twelve Sandhill Cranes had reached Bitter Lake Refuge by Sept. 30 (DB). Flocks of 35-70 were seen high over Albuquerque, Oct. 8 & 9, and again Nov. 14 (ME). They first arrived in the Gila-Cliff area of Grant Co., N. Mex., Oct. 15 (RF). Four were

observed at Horizon L., about 30 mi. e. of El Paso, Nov. 6 (BHu). Near Willcox, 455 were counted Nov. 9 (B & DS). The Bosque Refuge reported a peak of 9420 Nov. 19 (JSt).

SHOREBIRDS — Two Semipalmated Plovers were seen at Morgan L., San Juan Co., N. Mex., Oct. 10 (RF), a first fall record for that area. More than usual were seen at Phoenix (BB, SD et al.). A Piping Plover was observed at Puerto Penasco, Sonora, Mexico, Nov. 27 (JWi & RW). Single Snowy Plovers were seen at Phoenix, Aug. 27-Sept. 8 (ZB, SD, RW) and Sept. 23-Oct. 3 (BB et al.). Singles were also seen at Tucson, Oct. 11 (HF), and on several dates between then and Dec. 3 (GMO); 2 were seen Nov. 18 (PN & SO). An Am. Golden Plover was found at Phoenix, Nov. 10-18 (SD, JWi et al.), and another was at Tucson, Oct. 31-Nov. 2 (HF et al.). A Black-bellied Plover at Phoenix Aug. 7 (fide JWi) was very early; later, singles were seen on several dates at Phoenix and Tucson, 1 remaining at Phoenix until Nov. 14 (BB). A Whimbrel was at Phoenix, Aug. 28 (RW).

The find of the season was a **Wandering Tattler**, a new bird for Arizona, seen at Phoenix Sept. 18-Oct. 9 (BB et al.; photo by RW; details to be published elsewhere). A Willet was noted at Phoenix, where it is rare, Sept. 4 (ZB, SD). One to 2 Dunlins were at Phoenix, Oct. 10-Nov. 9 (SB, MW, & RW); 1 was at Tucson, Oct. 24 & 25 (GG & PN), and again Nov. 27 (HF). Stilt Sandpipers included 1-3 at Phoenix, Aug. 11-19 (SB & RW); 1 at Phoenix, Sept. 13 (RW); and 1 at Tucson, Oct. 11 (PN). Three Marbled Godwits were at Phoenix Oct. 1 (BB et al.). Two to 5 Sanderlings were at Phoenix, Sept. 10-30, with a last one Oct. 1 (SD, BB et al.). Three were at Boulder Beach on L. Mead, Oct. 11 (CL). Never have so many Red Phalaropes been seen in Arizona: 1-8 (never more than 2 at a time) at Phoenix, Sept. 8 intermittently through Oct. 27 (SD, BB RW et al.); 1 eight mi. n. of Nogales, Oct. 17 (BHa, SS & TP); 2 at Tucson, Oct. 16 & 17 (PN); and 1 at Quitobaquito, Organ Pipe Cactus Nat'l Monument, Ariz., Oct. 17 (SO).

GULLS, TERNS — One to 3 **Glaucous-winged Gulls** were identified at Las Vegas Bay, Oct. 30-Nov. 29, for a new Nevada bird (VM, J & GK, CL; photos by CL; details to be published elsewhere). One to 2 of the subspecies *thayeri* of the Herring Gull were found from Oct. 30 until Nov. 29 at Las Vegas Bay (CL, VM, GMe; photos by CL; details to be published elsewhere; Guy McCaskie and Joseph Jehl of the San Diego Museum of Natural History have checked the photos and vouch for the authenticity of the records). Franklin's Gulls were reported from L. Mead on the northwest to Bitter Lake Refuge on the southeast, on dates ranging from Oct. 8 to Nov. 17 (this last at Phoenix, SD). Bonaparte's Gulls were also widely distributed, including 11 at Phoenix Nov. 7 (BB & RW), and 1 at Balmorhea L., Reeves Co., Tex., Nov. 25 (FO & RR). A Heermann's Gull was at Tucson Oct. 16 (PN) and Oct. 28 (HF). A Black-legged Kittiwake was seen at Caballo L., Sierra Co., N. Mex., Nov. 19 & 24 (GW), but the record needs authentication. Three Sabine's Gulls were at Phoenix Oct. 28 (Steve Flowers, fide JWi).

This was also a good fall for Com. Terns in s. Arizona and s. Nevada. At Las Vegas Bay, 25 in all were observed between Sept. 13 and Oct. 16, with a maximum of 14 on Sept. 18 (CL, VM). Two were seen near Nogales, Oct. 17 (BH_a, TP & SS); 1 at Phoenix, Oct. 26 (SD & HL); 1 at Arivaca Jct., Pima Co., Ariz., Oct. 16 (TP & TB); 3 on Oct. 17 (PN), 6 on Oct. 19 (GMO), 8 on Oct. 21 (PN), and 1 on Oct. 25 (PN), all at Tucson. Also, 2 were reported at Bitter Lake Refuge Aug. 23 (Gary Graves).

PIGEON, DOVES — Band-tailed Pigeons were common in Gambel Oaks near Toadlena, San Juan Co., N. Mex., Sept. 4 (AN). One was seen at Tule Springs Park, Las Vegas, Nev., Oct. 17 (CL, VM). A White-winged Dove stayed at Globe, Ariz. until Nov. 20 (SH, fide BJ). An *Inca Dove* was at Boulder City, Nev., Oct. 24-31 (CL, PL, VM; photo by CL) details to be published elsewhere for a new bird for Nevada.

CUCKOO, OWLS — A Yellow-billed Cuckoo at Boulder City Oct. 11 (NP) was late. A Screech Owl returned to its box in Farmington in early September (Judy Nordstrom, fide AN). A Flammulated Owl was taken in a mist net at the same time as a Screech Owl, in S. U. Canyon, San Francisco Mtns., Catron Co., N. Mex., Oct. 10 (BM). Another was caught by a cat in e. Tucson, Oct. 9, and brought to the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, where it later died (GMO). A Pygmy Owl was seen at the lower edge of oaks 11 miles e. of Imuris, Sonora, Oct. 13 (LS). No Burrowing Owls could be found in agricultural lands near Roll, Yuma Co., Ariz., where they formerly were abundant, possibly a result of heavy insecticide use (AR). Single Spotted Owls were seen at 6800 ft. on Animas Peak, Hidalgo Co., N. Mex., Aug. 29 (Kevin Bowler, fide Gregory Toffic), and near L. Roberts, Oct. 16 (OG, fide RF). A Long-eared Owl was found at Phoenix, Oct. 31 (RW), and 6 were seen at Randel Pool, El Paso, Nov. 13 (BH_u). Short-eared Owls were often seen during November at Bitter Lake Refuge (LK); at least 1 was found near Tucson, Nov. 29 (fide HF); and 1 was seen in Gardner Canyon near Sonoita, Ariz., Nov. 30 (GMO, Mike and Carol Newlon).

POORWILL — A Poorwill was heard near 8000 ft. at Alpine, Apache Co., Ariz., Aug. 23 (GMO). One at Farmington, Sept. 22, was the first local record; another was found dead nearby, Sept. 27 (AN). Two were netted at Cedar Crest, Sandia Mtns., N. Mex., Oct. 15 and 16 (BM). A Poorwill was at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum near Tucson, Nov. 13 (GMO); 2 were seen the same night in the road between the Museum and Old Tucson (Jack Satterthwaite, fide GMO); and 1 was picked up along the road near Oracle, Pinal Co., Ariz., the next morning (Chuck Klopfenstein, fide GMO). One might wonder at the cause of these November records coming all at one time. Another Poorwill, apparently stunned by a car, was found along a road in the Tucson Mtns., Ariz., Nov. 29 (Linda Rosebrugh, fide GMO).

HUMMINGBIRDS — A ♂ Costa's Hummingbird was found at Sun City, n.w. of Phoenix, on the extraordinarily early date of Aug. 4. What were identified as imm. Costa's arrived there in early October (Fred Miller, fide JWi). Anna's Hummingbirds returned to several Phoenix yards the first week in September

(JWi); a ♂ was found in Madera Canyon, Santa Rita Mtns., Sept. 9 (CL & VM); but the species was not noted in Globe until Oct. 4 (SH, fide BJ). A hummingbird identified as a ♀ Broad-tailed was still at La Cueva, Sandoval Co., N. Mex., Sept. 27, after a week of unusually cold weather (MS). A ♀ or imm. Rufous or Allen Hummingbird was there the same date (MS), and one remained at Globe to Oct. 12 (SH, fide BJ). Calliope Hummingbirds were widely reported, including 2 at Cave Creek Canyon, Chiricahua Mtns., Ariz., July 22 (GMO); 1 or more at Farmington July 30-Aug. 26 (AN); and singles off Country Club Road in New Mexico n. of El Paso, Aug. 10 (GW); Aug. 10-23 at Globe (Cornelia Hilton, fide BJ); at Albuquerque, Aug. 16-19 (DD); on Escudilla Mtn., Apache Co., Ariz., Aug. 24 (GMO); and at the Arizona - Sonora Desert Museum, Sept. 26 (GMO). Two ♂♂ Rivoli's Hummingbirds were near L. Roberts to Aug. 16 (RF). A Broad-billed Hummingbird returned to a Phoenix feeder, Nov. 14 (RB, fide JWi), and another was at Nogales until at least Nov. 26 (BH_a).

WOODPECKERS — Four Yellow-shafted Flickers (including one specimen) were observed near Roll, Nov. 13 & 14 (AR). There was an unexpected lack of Gila Woodpeckers along the lower Gila R. from Komatke, Maricopa Co., Ariz. to Yuma (AR) — a side effect of heavy pesticide applications? An Acorn Woodpecker was in Phoenix, Oct. 20 (AA); 1 was seen at Roll, Nov. 13 & 14 (AR); and 1 at Boulder City, Oct. 23-31. (PL, CL) was a third record for Nevada (photo by CL). A fair invasion of Lewis' Woodpeckers occurred in the Arizona and Nevada lowlands: 1 to 2 in the Las Vegas area, Sept. 3-Oct. 30 (CL); as many as 8 in six different areas around Phoenix after Oct. 1 (BB, SD et al.); 1 in the Sulphur Springs Valley, Oct. 9 (Charles & Joan Coston); 1 in Cave Creek Canyon, Chiricahua Mtns., Oct. 23 (TP); 2 flying across the Willcox Playa, Oct. 24 (TP); 2 at the San Simon Cienega, Hidalgo Co., N. Mex. (just e. of the Arizona line), Oct. 25 (B & DS); and 1 at Roll, Nov. 13 & 14 (AR). Unusual Williamson's Sapsucker records were a ♂ in New Mexico near Canutillo, El Paso Co., Tex., Sept. 19 (Jennie Bailey, et al., fide Gw), and another ♂ in pine-oak country in the Sierra Cananea, Sonora, Oct. 13 (LS & SS). A record that must be regarded as dubious, although details are convincing, was that of a White-headed Woodpecker in Ponderosa Pines about 4 miles n. of Luna, Catron Co., N. Mex., Sept. 5 (RF).

FLYCATCHERS — A Scissor-tailed Flycatcher was observed about 4 mi. s. of Moriarty, Oct. 2 (DL). Another was observed at the Hueco Club e. of El Paso, Sept. 27 (James Koon, fide GW), and 1 was at Tucson about Oct. 1 (Mary Blythe, fide PN). One or 2 Black Phoebes were present at Bitter Lake Refuge through November (LK). An Olivaceous Flycatcher was seen and heard calling at Pena Blanca L., Oct. 17 (SS, TP, & BH_a). Single late Olive-sided Flycatchers were seen at Dixon, Rio Arriba Co., N. Mex., Sept. 24 & Oct. 1 (JWh) and Albuquerque, Oct. 1 (DD).

SWALLOWS — Violet-green Swallows remained at Dixon until Sept. 27 (JWh). Two Tree Swallows were seen near Nogales, Nov. 14 (BH_a). A Rough-winged

Swallow not long out of the nest was taken at Prescott, Ariz., Sept. 14 (AR). Some swallows were found at Tucson ponds on very late dates: 19 Violet-green and 10 Tree Swallows, Oct. 29 (GMO); 2 Cliff Swallows, Oct. 19 (GMO); and 4 Purple Martins, Nov. 1 (GMO, LS). On Sept. 23, 4500 Purple Martins were estimated at a Tucson pond; 380 were there, Oct. 19, and 23 on Oct. 29 (GMO). Never before have martins been recorded so late in Arizona.

RAVEN, CREEPER, DIPPER, WREN — On Nov. 14 at least 120 White-necked Ravens were feeding on pecans in five large trees n.e. of Nogales, leading the observer to speculate on what may happen to ravens when large acreages of pecans planted recently s. of Tucson reach bearing age (BHa). Brown Creepers were seen at unusually low elevations: 1 at Tule Springs Park, Oct. 10 (CL); 1 at Boulder City, Oct. 14 (PL) 1 at Bitter Lake Refuge, Nov. 9 (LK); and at least 12 in Phoenix, Nov. 16 (BB, HL, et al.). A Dipper was found in Ramsey Canyon, Nov. 14 (Charles McMoran), for the first Huachuca Mtns. record since 1903; it was still present, Nov. 30 (GMO, Newlons). Two Winter Wrens were seen on Oct. 16 in Ramsey Canyon during a Tucson Audubon Society field trip; they were still there, Nov. 30 (GMO, Newlons). One was found on Sonoita Creek near Patagonia Nov. 27 (SS, RL).

MIMIDS, THRUSHES — A Catbird was observed at Corrales, Bernalillo Co., N. Mex., Sept. 4 (DL). A Brown Thrasher was at Dixon, Sept. 18 (JWH). Another stayed at L. Roberts, Oct. 17-24 (OG, fide RF). A Rufous-backed Robin was seen n. of Phoenix, Nov. 6 (EJ & ER). A Wood Thrush was identified in Phoenix, Oct. 16 (Ellis Jones & ER) for a third state record. There was a very good migration of Hermit Thrushes at Los Alamos, N. Mex., Sept. 18-Oct. 30 (PS).

GNATCATCHER, KINGLET — A Blue-gray Gnatcatcher stayed until Oct. 31 at Farmington (AN). At least 2 Golden-crowned Kinglets were found in pinyon-juniper in S.U. Canyon, San Francisco Mtns., Oct. 25 (BM). Two were in Boulder City, Nov. 20 (VM, J&GK).

PHAINOPEPLA, VIREOS — Twelve Phainopeplas were found in the lower part of the Guadalupe Mtns., Tex., Nov. 28 (FO & RR). A Yellow-throated Vireo was in Phoenix, Aug. 18 (SD & ZB). Red-eyed Vireos were at Corn Creek Field Station, Desert Nat'l Wildlife Range, Nev.: 2 on Aug. 21, 1 on Sept. 4 (both VM).

WARBLERS — Single Black-and-white Warblers were seen in New Mexico near Canutillo, Tex., Sept. 19 (LM et al.); e. of Phoenix, Nov. 20 (RW et al.); and in the lower part of the Guadalupe Mtns., Tex., Nov. 28 (FO & RR). A Nashville Warbler was observed at Farmington, Sept. 10 (Annie Williams, fide AN), and a cat killed 1 at the same place, Oct. 4 (Four Corners Bird Club, fide AN). A ♀ Parula Warbler was banded at Nogales, Nov. 7 (BHa), and a ♂ was seen at the California end of Imperial Dam on the Colorado R., Nov. 27 (GMA & RS). A Magnolia Warbler was found in Albuquerque, Sept. 22 (ME). Several Black-throated Blue Warblers were reported: 1 in lower Gardner Canyon, Pima Co., Ariz., Sept. 18 (TP); 1 in S.U. Canyon, San Francisco Mtns., Oct. 8 (BM);

1 in Boulder City Oct. 10 (PL); 1 netted at Cedar Crest, Sandia Mtns., Oct. 16 (BM); 3 ♀♀ at Boulder City Nov. 24 (CL & PL); 1 at Albuquerque Oct. 28 (MM); and 1 at Farmington Nov. 6 & 7 (Mollie Barrett et al., fide AN). Late Townsend's Warblers were reported: 1 in S.U. Canyon, San Francisco Mtns., Oct. 8 (BM); 2 in Albuquerque, Oct. 28 (MM); 1 e. of Phoenix, Oct. 28 (BB); and 1 at Los Alamos, Nov. 13 (BL).

A ♂ Black-throated Green Warbler was noted in Ramsey Canyon, Huachuca Mtns., Sept. 9 (TP, TB & PN). A Hermit Warbler at Phoenix, Nov. 9 (SD et al.) was late. The same is true of a ♀ Grace's Warbler in upper Bear Canyon, Santa Catalina Mtns., Ariz., Oct. 3 (TB & TP). A Chestnut-sided Warbler was found in Juan Tabo Canyon, Sandia Mtns., Sept. 15 (Jack Cully, fide BM). A Blackpoll Warbler was identified near Red Rock, Pinal Co., Ariz., Sept. 18 (SS, PN). An Ovenbird was found at Tule Springs Park, Las Vegas, Oct. 17 (CL & VM). A N. Waterthrush was recorded at Corn Creek, Desert Wildlife Range, Sept. 4 (VM), and another was found near Red Rock, Sept. 18 (SS & PN). A Louisiana Waterthrush appeared in Ramsey Canyon about Nov. 20, and was still there Nov. 30 (GMO, Newlons). A late MacGillivray's Warbler was observed near the California end of Laguna Dam on the Colorado R., Nov. 27 (RS & GMA). An Am. Redstart was found along the Verde R. e. of Phoenix, Oct. 27 and 28 (EF & BB).

ICTERIDS, TANAGERS — Several Bobolinks were observed in S. Nevada: 1 at Corn Creek, Desert Wildlife Range, Sept. 6 (VM); 2 at Mormon Farm near Las Vegas Sept. 6 (VM); 1 at Tule Springs Park, Oct. 10, and 2 more on Oct. 12 (CL, photos). A Scarlet-headed Oriole was reported from the Guevavi Ranch n. of Nogales Oct. 1 (PN). A ♂ Scott's Oriole appeared at a Nogales feeder for the eighth consecutive year (BHa). An imm. ♂ Bullock's Oriole was banded at Yuma, Ariz., Nov. 16 (AC). Eight Rusty Blackbirds were with other blackbirds at a feed lot in the upper Rio Grande Valley, El Paso, Oct. 2 (GW). A pair of Hepatic Tanagers was found in the Patagonia Mtns., Ariz., Nov. 21 (BHa).

FINCHES, SPARROWS — A Black-headed Grosbeak at Tule Springs Park, Las Vegas, Nov. 12 (CL), was late. Adult ♂ Indigo Buntings were noted at Alpine, Aug. 25 (GMO), and at Prescott, Sept. 17 (AR). A ♀ or imm. Lazuli Bunting was banded in S.U. Canyon, San Francisco Mtns., Oct. 8 (BM). Two family groups of Varied Buntings, including young being fed, were found 10-15 mi. e. of Imuris, Sonora, Oct. 16 (LS & SS). Four Dickcissels were found in the upper Rio Grande Valley, El Paso, Oct. 17 (Ruby Allen, fide GW). During September and early October, Lesser Goldfinches at Watson L., Prescott, were abundantly engaged in courtship behavior. Apparently this terminated when cottonwoods and willows lost leaves. Numerous copulations were witnessed, but no nests were built — at least, none were found (AR). Two Lark Buntings were near Bloomfield, San Juan Co., N. Mex., Sept. 6, for a first local record (AN). Another was identified at Mormon Farm, Las Vegas, Nev., Sept. 6 (VM). A Grasshopper Sparrow was seen at Tule Springs Park, Oct. 11 & 12 (VM, CL). Young

Five-striped Sparrows were seen being fed by ads. at Patagonia, Ariz., Sept. 8 (CL & GMo) and Sept. 18 & 19 (TP). The species was observed along the Santa Cruz R. in Sonora about 10 mi. below the border Aug. 27 (SS). Two families of Rufous-crowned Sparrows were still feeding young Oct. 13, about 12 miles e. of Imuris, Sonora (SS & LS). A White-winged Junco was observed at Roll, Nov. 13 & 14 (AR). A Tree Sparrow was identified at Corn Creek, Desert Wildlife Range Oct. 28 (CL; photos). Harris' Sparrows were found as follows: 1 at Boulder City, Oct. 30-Nov. 12 (CL et al.; photos); 1 at Cave Creek, Maricopa Co., Ariz., Nov. 11 & 12 (ER, SD); 1 at Cave Creek, Nov. 15 (EJ, fide ER); and 2 at Corn Creek Nov. 19 (GK & AH). Several White-throated Sparrows were reported: 1 at Tule Springs Park, Oct. 10-Nov. 13 (CL et al.); 1 at Dixon, Oct. 14 (JWh); 1 at Rattlesnake Springs, Eddy Co., N. Mex., Nov. 6 or 7 (FW); 1 at Cave Creek, Nov. 15, 20, 21, & 28 (ER); 2 in the Patagonia area Nov. 25 (SS & RL); 1 in the lower Guadalupe Mtns., Tex., Nov. 28 (FO & RR); and 6 at Rattlesnake Springs Nov. 28 (FO & RR). A Fox Sparrow was found at Rattlesnake Springs Nov. 6 or 7 (FW), and 1 was at Cave Creek Nov. 12-22 (ER). Swamp Sparrows were in s. Nevada: 1 at Tule Springs Park Oct. 11-16 (CL, VM); and 1 at Corn Creek Oct. 17 & 18 (CL, VM). One was found at Quitobaquito, Organ Pipe Cactus Nat'l Monument Oct. 16 (SO & PN), and 6 were at Rattlesnake Springs Nov. 28 (FO & RR). A Chestnut-collared Longspur at Tule Springs Park Nov. 30, is apparently a first record for Nevada (CL).

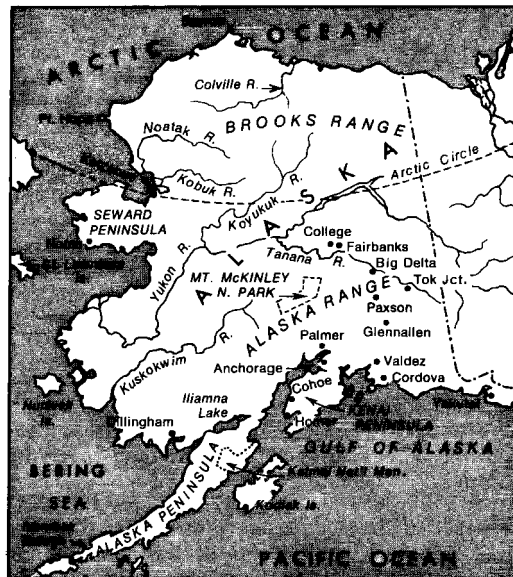
CORRIGENDA — No Ross' Goose was seen in Phoenix (AB 25:780). Prothonotary Warblers date should be July 14 (AB 25:891).

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Fall movements in 1971 were described in various areas of the Region as either on time or late; nowhere were there noticeably early movements. Characteristically, conditions varied a great deal from one part of Alaska to another. Precipitation levels were estimated



to have been above normal in s.e. Alaska, at Glacier Bay Nat'l Monument, at Juneau, and at Kake, but temperatures were generally mild. Elsewhere, however, it was generally cool. In s.w. Alaska, at Cold Bay, five of the preceding eleven months had averaged record lows, and the migration there was later than usual. In the interior, at Fairbanks, there was a heavy leaf fall in mid-September that coincided with a major exodus of numbers of birds, and the first hard freeze (25°F.) occurred on Sept. 27, on time.

A mist-netting operation was conducted by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife in alder thickets at Izembek Nat'l Wildlife Range from August to late October, and a very interesting sample of passerine species at the tip of the Alaska Peninsula was captured and banded.

LOONS, GREBS — Yellow-billed Loon was not recorded in Glacier Bay Monument waters until Sept. 1 (CLE); last year's first fall arrival, though somewhat early, was noted two weeks earlier. Red-necked Grebes were commented on only from s.e. Alaska, where their numbers increased markedly after Oct. 31 at Kake (CLE). A single W. Grebe was observed at Kake Oct. 28 (LJE).

GEESE — Canada Geese were reported on time in most areas. Three small flocks totaling some 120 birds were observed departing Prince William Sound on the extremely late date of Nov. 18 (PI), a full month later than usual. A single Aleutian Canada Goose (*B. c. leucopareia*) was observed at Izembek Nov. 3 (GVB). The majority of Black Brant left Izembek, their princi-