

Southwest Region: Arizona

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The fall period had a little bit of everything. No one would have believed even a few years ago that we would be writing of multiple sightings of Aztec Thrush, Eared Trogon, and Ruddy Ground-Dove in Arizona, yet we have almost come to expect their occurrence on a regular basis. Will Flame-colored Tanager be next? A peppering of quality eastern vagrants, several quality waterbirds, and even a small incursion of rosy-finches made the fall of 1994 a memorable one.

Coverage in many areas of the state has been very good in the past several years, while it remains clear that other areas are grossly undercovered. Information is particularly lacking from anywhere in far western and extreme northwestern Arizona.

Many thanks are due to the numerous observers who tirelessly forward their sightings, documentation, and photographs to us. Without your observations, there would be no meaningful report for Arizona. If you do not already submit your sightings, we welcome your input!

Abbreviations: A.B.C. (*Arizona Bird Committee*); B.A.N.W.R. (*Buenos Aires N.W.R.*);

G.F.P. (*Gila Farms Pond*); L.C.R.V. (*Lower Colorado R. Valley*); M.F.L. (*Many Farms Lake*); P.A.P. (*Pinal Air Park*); P.R.D. (*Painted Rock Dam*); S.P.R. (*San Pedro R.*); S.T.P. (*Sewage Treatment Plant*); S.W.R.S. (*Southwestern Research Station*).

Grebes to Raptors

Horned Grebes appeared this November in good numbers. One was in c. Tucson Nov. 9–25, (GHe *et al.*), one–two were present at P.R.D., Nov. 20–29 (RJ), one was at the Willcox Ponds Nov. 24 (JN), and another at the G.F.P., Nov. 26–27 (DE). In addition, as many as ten were along the L.C.R.V. at L. Havasu Nov. 26 (JN), which is more than usual. A complete surprise was a report of a first-winter Red-necked Grebe at Kayenta on the very early date of Sept. 21 (†CL). There are only 4 previous sightings for the state. Clark's Grebes continue to turn up in Arizona away from known breeding locales. One present at P.R.D. since the summer was joined by two more Oct. 13 (RJ), though only two were present Nov. 12–13 (DKa *et al.*). Another was present at Granite Reef Dam Sept. 19–21 (RJ).

Fewer than normal numbers of Brown Pelicans were reported in the s. half of the state this fall. The only reports were of two at Arizona City Sept. 26–Oct. 3 (MS *et al.*), and from two–six at P.R.D., Aug. 1–Nov. 20 (SGa *et al.*). More surprising was one photographed along the Verde R., 2 mi downstream from Camp Verde (ph. J. Hanna, *fide* TC). Neotropic Cormorant was more widely reported than usual. Beside the usual several birds habitually present at Patagonia L., singles were found at Granite Reef Dam Sept. 17–23 (RJ *et al.*), and at Snyder Hill S.T.P., Oct. 5 (S. Edwards). The Neotropic Cormorant present at P.R.D. since May was joined by two more Nov. 12–13 (DE, MS).

Observers should be watchful for any evidence of breeding at this site in the near future. A Great Egret at M.F.L., Sept. 14 (CL) provided a rare sighting for n. Arizona.

A concentration of at least 220 Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks at the Nogales S.T.P., Oct. 13 (GM) was a large number for Arizona. Tundra Swans put in a good showing in s. Arizona, with five individuals reported. Single birds were found at P.R.D., Nov. 20 (RJ), and at Chandler Nov. 27 (PMo), while three birds were seen flying over mid-town Tucson Nov. 22 (JH). There was a major push of Greater White-fronted Geese into s. Arizona in the first 2 weeks of September, with at least 102 individuals in 3 flocks reported from 3 different areas. Additionally, singles were found during this same period at M.F.L., Sept. 10 (CL, *et al.*), and at Cow Springs L., Sept. 11–20 (CL *et al.*). Single individuals, apparently settled in for the winter, were found w. of Tucson Oct. 16 (m.ob.), another at Kansas Settlement Nov. 4 (*fide* CW), and another at Arizona City Nov. 28 (MS). Above-average numbers of Ross' Geese were reported in November, with eight individuals showing up at various locations in s.c. Arizona (m.ob.). Large concentrations of Green-winged Teal have seldom been observed in Arizona, so a concentration of 1300 at Cow Springs L., Sept. 12, and 3000 at M.F.L., Sept. 19 (CL) were noteworthy. We have come to expect a few reports of Eur. Wigeon every fall, and this year was no exception. Single males returned to the Phoenix Zoo Oct. 15 (PMo), and another reported there Oct. 22 (RJ), with all staying through the period. A male returned for the winter to Chandler Nov. 8 (SGa). Another male was found at Kino Springs Nov. 29. Female Eur. Wigeons are reported in N. America far less frequently than the showy males, so one at Tempe Nov. 21 (JiB) was quite a find.

Greater Scaup is a rare migrant and wintering bird in Arizona, and is especially so away from the L.C.R.V., so a female at Kayenta Oct. 17–Nov. 20 (CL), and three more at Fountain Hills Nov. 27 (RBr) were noteworthy. Two Surf Scoters were reported. The first was a female reportedly shot at Beef Corral Tank, 15 mi n.e. of Bylas on the early date of Oct. 8 (*fide* TC); the second was a single bird at Kayenta Nov. 16–21 (CL). A surprising four Hooded Mergansers were found at Kayenta Nov. 19 (CL); this species is generally quite scarce in n. Arizona. Red-breasted Merganser is rarely reported away from the L.C.R.V., therefore several sightings in the last half of November were notable: Two were observed at P.R.D., Nov. 12 (DKa *et al.*); a female was at the Nogales S.T.P., Nov. 15–22 (CDB, GHR *et al.*); and two more were found at Granite Reef Dam Nov. 21 (DKa, B. Norton).

At least 78 Black Vultures, a surprising number away from the immediate Mexican border, were seen at the P.A.P. pecan grove



Nov. 19 (CDB *et al.*), where small numbers have been present for some time. At least 15 White-tailed Kites were reported throughout s. Arizona, including at least 10 birds in the Marana area n.w. of Tucson Aug. 16 (DS). Gray Hawks away from known breeding localities appeared at Marana (an adult) Aug. 27 (DS), one at Continental Aug. 29 (SM), a juvenile at the P.A.P. pecan grove Sept. 19–Oct. 2 (MS *et al.*), and a rather late adult at Tanque Verde Wash, e. of Tucson, Oct. 11 (CDB, JC). A Red-shouldered Hawk was reported from Page Sept. 26 (†JGr, J. Spence, *vide* JC), representing possibly only the 3rd n. Arizona record. As last year, 8 Broad-winged Hawks were reported from the s. rim of the Grand Canyon during hawk watch surveys during the period (*vide* CVC). Although we are confident in the validity of these reports, we have yet to see any written documentation of this scarce (in Arizona) species for any of the recent multiple observations made at the Grand Canyon. Rough-legged Hawks made a respectable push into s. Arizona in November with one s. of the P.A.P. pecan grove Nov. 1+ (GHe *et al.*), two at B.A.N.W.R., Nov. 8 (GM), one s. of Elfrida Nov. 25 (SH), and another n. of Douglas Nov. 27 (SH). A Crested Caracara wandered to the P.A.P. pecan grove Nov. 30 (v.o.).

Cranes to Terns

Two Sandhill Cranes at M.F.L., Oct. 25 (CL) were a surprise, since this may represent only the 2nd record for n. Arizona since 1936. Five Black-bellied Plovers statewide Aug. 8–Oct. 23 was about average. More unusual were two Am. Golden-Plovers at the Gilbert S.T.P., Oct. 21–29 (RJ, DKa *et al.*). There are now some 40 records of this scarce migrant in Arizona. Four Mt. Plovers were discovered in a new wintering area s. of Casa Grande Oct. 15 (GHR *et al.*), with numbers building to 93 by Nov. 28 (MS).

There are still relatively few records of Black-necked Stilt for n. Arizona, so one at Lower L. Mary Sept. 7 (DS, CDB) was noteworthy. Three Ruddy Turnstones were discovered. In n. Arizona, one was at Rough Rock Sept. 7 (CL), and another at M.F.L. the same day (CL). In s. Arizona, a juvenile was at the Green Valley S.T.P., Sept. 16 (LV). There are only about 30 records for this species in Arizona. Two Red Knots were found at the Gila Farms Ponds Sept. 2–6 (RJ, DE); fewer than 25 have been reported in Arizona since 1980. Eleven Sanderlings reported statewide was an average showing. Of these, three at M.F.L., Sept. 6 (CL), and one at Rough Rock Sept. 8 (CL) were of particular interest as this species is especially scarce in n. Arizona. At least 10, and possibly as many as 14, Semipalmated Sandpipers were reported statewide between Aug. 7–Oct. 5. Another juvenile re-

ported from M.F.L., Oct. 9–16 (†CL) represented the latest fall report for Arizona. A late W. Sandpiper was sighted at Willow Tank, near Portal Nov. 24 (DJa). A Baird's Sandpiper reported from the Sierra Vista S.T.P., Nov. 2 (SH) provided the 2nd latest fall report. Dunlin records for n.e. Arizona are few, so two–three at M.F.L., Oct. 15–16 (CL) were a good find. Slightly below recent averages, only seven Short-billed Dowitchers were reported in s. Arizona Aug. 5–Oct. 3. Two Long-billed Dowitchers at Willcox Nov. 24 (JN) were late. A flock of 130 Red-necked Phalaropes at the Sierra Vista S.T.P., Aug. 20 (SH) was a large concentration for that early date. Nearly annual in recent years, Red Phalaropes were reported again this fall with singles at Roosevelt L., Sept. 17 (GHe), and at Willcox Nov. 4 (P. Friederici).

↔ A juv. Parasitic Jaeger at Mormon L., Sept. 7–10 (†DS, †CDB *et al.*) was not a complete surprise, but was only the 2nd reported in the state since 1984, and the first record of this species in n. Arizona, pending acceptance by the A.B.C. Another jaeger sp., thought to be a Parasitic, was described from Gilbert S.T.P., Sept. 5 (†JoB). The only report of Franklin's Gull were two rather early birds at Kayenta Aug. 20–21 (CL). Once again, Heermann's Gulls appeared during November, with two birds at the Sells S.T.P., Nov. 3 (J. Bourlard) and an adult at the Nogales S.T.P., Nov. 14 (MS); most of Arizona's Heermann's Gulls have been one–two individuals seen for one day. An early first-year Herring Gull was found at M.F.L., Oct. 5 (CL), and another first-year bird was at San Carlos Res., Nov. 5 (GHe). This species is casual away from the L.C.R.V. A large gull, identified as an ad. Glaucous-winged Gull, was observed at M.F.L., Sept. 6–7 (†CL). There are currently 5 acceptable records for this species in Arizona. Casual in n.e. Arizona, a Caspian Tern was found at M.F.L., Sept. 18 (CL). A Com. Tern found at M.F.L., Oct. 20 (CL) provided the 2nd latest date for a fall migrant.

Doves to Woodpeckers

Band-tailed Pigeon is rarely reported in the lowlands, so one in Tempe Oct. 22 (H. Fibel) was unexpected. Extralimital records of Inca Dove this fall included singles at Portal Oct. 2 (H. Walker), and one in Flagstaff Oct. 7 (P. Scott), with another or the same there Nov. 4 (T. Blows); there have been only 4 previous records for n. Arizona. No fewer than six Ruddy Ground-Doves were reported this fall. A early female was seen along the upper S.P.R., Aug. 23–24 (†SM, G. MacKiernan, B. Cooper), a male at Chandler Sept. 30–Oct. 2 (RJ *et al.*), one in Green Valley Oct. 15–22 (MS *et al.*), two more at Paloma Ranch Nov. 12+ (†TC *et al.*), and, finally, another single just s. of the P.A.P. pecan grove

Nov. 13 (GHe). It was a good fall for Groove-billed Anis, with three and possibly four being found. First was one along the upper S.P.R., Aug. 8 (A. Anderson, SH), a second along the Verde R. e. of Phoenix Oct. 2 (ph PMo, T. Brodner), and another at the P.A.P. pecan grove Oct. 9–16 (T. Staudt, ph. GHR, †CDB *et al.*). Another or the same was nearby in Marana on or around Nov. 20 (*vide* SGa). A N. Saw-whet Owl was found dead along I–10 between Bowie and San Simon Nov. 16 (*, H. Snyder); there are about 10 lowland records for this species in the state.

↔ Yet another Black Swift sighting was tallied when one was seen flying with Vaux's Swift in Bisbee Sept. 15 (JWh). Single Vaux's Swifts, rarely recorded in n. Arizona, were sighted at Beaver Dam Wash in extreme n.w. Arizona Sept. 2 (S. Summers), and another was at Mormon L. s. of Flagstaff Sept. 8 (JC). Away from Ramsey Canyon, the only White-eared Hummingbird reported was an imm. male at the S.W.R.S., Aug. 15 (DJa). A Violet-crowned Hummingbird along the upper S.P.R., July 30–Aug. 3 (*vide* JWh) was at an unusual locality, while one visiting a feeder in Bisbee Oct. 28–Nov. 7 may be the same individual that has frequented the area during fall and winter in the past several years. Away from Portal, single Lucifer Hummingbirds were at Madera Canyon Aug. 6–8 (B. O'Brien, W. Cady), and at Bisbee Sept. 13 (JWh). Another paid a brief visit to a feeder e. of Tucson in the last half of October (WR). An Anna's Hummingbird found at Beaver Dam Wash Sept. 2 (S. Summers) was well n. of that species' range in the state.

↔ All of this season's reports of Eared Trogons came from the Huachuca Mts. Other than the traditional bird in Ramsey Canyon, single birds were reported from Miller Canyon Aug. 7–Sept. 25 (m.ob.), and another was found in Scheelite Canyon Oct. 26 (SH). Although reports of this rare bird in Arizona have become rather commonplace in recent years, observers should be mindful that it is still a review species that requires written description when seen, especially when seen away from upper Ramsey Canyon. Although Green Kingfishers have recently established themselves along the upper S.P.R., records away from there are still relatively few. The most unusual of these reports was of a single female found in mid-town Tucson Sept. 4+ (m.ob., ph. RD), the first sighting of this species in Tucson in many years. A Lewis' Woodpecker in Patagonia Sept. 12 (S. Davis *et al.*) was somewhat early. Wandering Acorn Woodpeckers turned up in Willcox Aug. 12 (JBo, CDB), in Scottsdale Sept. 6 (J. Bartley), and the P.A.P. pecan grove Oct. 27, where one was seen on this date in 1993 (ph. DS). Four reports of Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, a very sparse migrant and wintering bird in the state,

came from n. Arizona: a juv. bird on Black Mesa Sept. 28 (†CL), another juvenile at Wupatki N.M., Oct. 2 (WR), a female at Becker L. near Springerville Oct. 8 (CBa, *et al.*), and another (age unknown) from Lee's Ferry Nov. 27 (JGr). Three reports of Red-breasted Sapsucker were received: from Green Valley Oct. 22–Nov. 1 (R. Hilton, MS), Wupatki N.M. Oct. 30 (P. Scott), and B.T.A., Nov. 6–27 (RJ, JJ). A Williamson's Sapsucker at B.T.A., Nov. 4–27 (RJ) was at a low elevation.

Flycatchers to Vireos

A Greater Pewee first found at the P.A.P. pecan grove Sept. 26 (DS) remained through the period. This is no doubt the same bird which wintered there last year. A Buff-breasted Flycatcher reported from near Parker Canyon L., Aug. 21 (S. Germaine) represented one of the very few records of migrants away from traditional breeding areas. Two E. Phoebes were reported. The first was from Ganado Sept. 10 (RJ, SGa), and the 2nd from B.T.A., Nov. 6 (RJ, JJ *et al.*). A Dusky-capped Flycatcher lingered at Portal through Oct. 23 (DJa), providing one of the latest records for this species in the state, apart from November and January records along the L.C.R.V. Also surprising was a Brown-crested Flycatcher feeding two dependent young at Cook's L., Aug. 28 (DS), as this species is normally absent after mid-August; family groups have been reported several times in late August, however, and may result from 2nd attempts at nesting after initial failures.

A Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher seen at the Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum w. of Tucson Aug. 22 (B. Bickle) represented one of the very few lowland records of this species in the state. Western Kingbirds also lingered later than usual, with *ten* present at the B.A.N.W.R., Oct. 23 (DS, JBo, R. Roche), and another s. of the P.A.P. pecan grove Oct. 27 (DS). At least four E. Kingbirds were found the first 2 weeks of September. One was along the upper S.P.R., Sept. 3–4 (RD, *et al.*), one at Paloma Ranch Sept. 6 (K. Rademaker), one at the P.A.P. pecan grove Sept. 10 (JN), and another along Proctor Rd., below Madera Canyon Sept. 15 (LV). The two Scissor-tailed Flycatchers present w. of Gila Bend since early July remained until at least Aug. 28 (m.ob.).

Adding to the growing number of records for the Chiricahuas, a Clark's Nutcracker was seen at Barfoot Park Nov. 20 (H. Snyder). Small family groups of Mt. Chickadees were observed daily near Florida Saddle, Santa Rita Mts., Aug. 19–28 (RH), suggesting that this species is now breeding in this range. A Cactus Wren in Flagstaff Nov. 6 (J. Quine, *vide* T. Blows) was a first local record. An Am. Dipper was present in South Fork, Cave Cr., Chiricahua Mts., Oct. 21 (DJa). An E. Blue-

bird reported from Cook's L., Nov. 28 (D. Laush) was an exceptional find; previous lowland winter specimens have proven to be the eastern, migratory subspecies. Multiple Rufous-backed Robins wandered N from Mexico, with sightings of single birds at B.T.A., Nov. 6+ (MS *et al.*), Patagonia Nov. 19 (JH, J. Higgins), and Kino Springs Nov. 26 (MS). Always a surprise, a Varied Thrush showed up at the Hassayampa R. Preserve Oct. 27 (J. Forrest). More exciting were four Aztec Thrushes in the border mountains in August. The first was a juvenile at Ramsey Canyon Aug. 13–15 (JWh, R. Taylor *et al.*), another adult in Cave Cr. Canyon Aug. 17–22 (DJa, G. MacKiernan), and two in Madera Canyon Aug. 21 (JM, RJ, SGa). There are now about 18 records for Arizona. A Gray Catbird was in Portal Oct. 19 (DJa), where this species has been found in 3 of the last 5 years. No fewer than eight N. Shrikes were present w. of Kayenta between Oct. 31 and the end of the period (CL); a slightly above average number for this species at this time of year in n.e. Arizona. A Red-eyed Vireo, an increasingly rare migrant in the state, was reported from Eager Oct. 8 (DE, CBa).

Warblers to Tanagers

Constituting the 8th record for Arizona, a **Blue-winged Warbler** was observed along Sonoita Cr. downstream from Patagonia L., Oct. 12 (†M. Chew); this rare vagrant to the west has been recorded in each of the past 4 years. Nearly as rare, single ad. ♂ Golden-winged Warblers were found at Paloma Ranch Nov. 12–19 (ph. †DKa, †DE *et al.*), and e. of Arivaca Nov. 13 (†JN). Nearly annual in Arizona in very small numbers, Tennessee Warblers turned up again, with one at Chandler Sept. 6 (DE) and two more at Paloma Ranch Nov. 20, where one remained until Nov. 26 (RJ, JJ). A late Lucy's Warbler was e. of Tucson Oct. 11 (CDB, JC). The fall's only N. Parula was one at the P.A.P. pecan grove Sept. 19 (JK, GHR, CDB). Similarly, the only Chestnut-sided Warbler reported was one from Wupatki N.M., Oct. 2 (WR). The first Magnolia Warbler seen in the state since 1990 was also at Wupatki N.M., Oct. 2 (WR). A ♀ Black-throated Blue Warbler was mist-netted at Lee's Ferry Oct. 12 (P. Hodgetts), providing the only record this fall. Grace's Warbler is exceedingly rare in the lowlands, so one in Phoenix Oct. 2 (R. Meyers) was of great interest. Arizona's 4th **Pine Warbler** was discovered w. of Tucson Oct. 27–28 (D. Touret, ph. DS). A Palm Warbler, nearly annual in the state, was sighted at P.R.D., Nov. 9 (G. Homel). Early by more than 2 weeks was a Blackpoll Warbler along the Santa Cruz R. w. of Tucson Aug. 28 (S. Levy). Another was photographed along the s. fork of the Little Colorado R., Sept. 21 (ph. - RJ).

A 3rd was mist-netted at the Grand Canyon Sept. 26 (P. Hodgetts, *vide* JC). Four Black-and-white Warblers and five Am. Redstarts for the period represented slightly below average numbers, while nine N. Waterthrushes was about normal. A Prothonotary Warbler e. of Tucson Sept. 10–25 (SGo, ph. RD) was a nice surprise. A Worm-eating Warbler was briefly observed at the P.A.P. pecan grove Oct. 2 (ph. GHR, †CDB, JBo). Single Ovenbirds were reported from Cave Cr. Canyon Oct. 12 (DJa), and from Green Valley Oct. 16 (B. Buttery, MS). A Louisiana Waterthrush was unmasked in Madera Canyon Oct. 31 (MS). A ♀ Hooded Warbler was reported from S Fork, Chiricahua Mts., Aug. 26 (R. Taylor). Records of Red-faced Warbler in the lowlands are few, so one at Ahwatukee, s. of Phoenix, Aug. 7–8 (ph. RD), and another along the Salt R. e. of Phoenix Oct. 30 (JoB) were notable. Single Painted Restarts along the upper S.P.R., Sept. 4 (MS, JBo), and at the P.A.P. pecan grove Oct. 2 (GHR, CDB, JBo) were in the lowlands where rare. Two more at Seven Springs Nov. 6 (RBr) were unusually late for that locale. The Summer Tanager which has wintered successfully at the Phoenix Zoo for the past 3 years returned there Oct. 22 (RJ). A Scarlet Tanager which struck a window in Phoenix Nov. 4 was rehabilitated and released along the Verde R. e. of there in December (*vide* RBr). There are only about 20 records of this scarce migrant in the state. A dull-colored ♀ **Flame-colored Tanager** was reported from Ramsey Canyon Sept. 25 (W. Collins), and was possibly the same bird seen there in July.

Grosbeaks to Goldfinches

Three Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were reported, including an imm. male at Cochise Aug. 28 (CDB), another at Paloma Ranch Sept. 26–Oct. 1 (J. Dunn, RJ) and a 3rd at Patagonia Nov. 5 (SH). A Varied Bunting was present at the P.A.P. pecan grove Sept. 14 (CDB *et al.*), a species infrequently encountered in Arizona away from breeding localities. At least *seven* Painted Buntings were detected. One was seen in California Gulch Aug. 9 (C. Cathers), one at the P.A.P. pecan grove Aug. 14 (DS), another one–two there Aug. 31–Sept. 19 (WR, †CDB, GHR *et al.*), another at Elgin Sept. 3–4 (RH), one at Chandler Sept. 6 (RJ, SGa), an imm. bird much farther north at Tez Nez Iah Sept. 10 (ph. RJ, SGa, CL), and yet another bird at Granite Reef Dam Sept. 19–21 (JiB, SGa). Eight Dickcissels were reported from around the state beginning in the first week of September; this is near the recent fall average for this species. A singing Rufous-winged Sparrow at Cook's L., Aug. 28 (DS) was n. of that species' normal range. At least *ten* Clay-colored Sparrows, far more than usual, were re-

ported Sept. 3–Oct. 12; eight of these being found during the first 2 weeks of September (m.ob.). Seldom detected in migration, a juv. Baird's Sparrow was photographed in a weedy vacant lot in mid-town Tucson Oct. 12 (ph. DS). A Grasshopper Sparrow n. of Rio Verde e. of Phoenix Sept. 17 (TC) provided only the 3rd record for *Maricopa*. A Fox Sparrow discovered at Granite Reef Dam Sept. 17 (RJ) and another at Teec Nos Pos Sept. 24 (DTr) were both early. The only Golden-crowned Sparrow report was of one at the P.A.P. pecan grove Oct. 27 (DS). A Harris' Sparrow was at Willcox Nov. 15 (GM). Unusual longspurs included a single McCown's at Cow Springs L., Sept. 29 (†J. Dunn, GHR), and a single Lapland at M.F.L., Oct. 8–9 (CL, *et al.* ph. DE). Three Bobolinks were found in the last 2 weeks of September: at Lee's Ferry Sept. 15 (JGr), P.A.P. pecan grove Sept. 22 (WR), and the next day at Kayenta (JiB, CL). Yet another Com. Grackle, an extremely rare visitor to the state, was reported from Kayenta Nov. 7–8 (†CL). A flock of five **Gray-crowned Rosy-Finches** and >35 **Black Rosy-Finches** on Black Mesa Nov. 22 (CL) represented one of the few Arizona records of this species complex. Four Red Crossbills flying over mid-town Tucson Oct. 22 (DS, R. Roche, G. Warren) were the only ones reported in the lowlands this fall. A ♂ Lesser Goldfinch feeding dependent young at Luna L. near Alpine Oct. 4 (GM) represented a significantly late nesting for n. Arizona. Lawrence's Goldfinches put in a poor showing this fall, with only scattered individuals and small flocks being detected Oct. 1–Nov. 10 (m.ob.).

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New Mexico

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A warm and dry fall saw good waterbird and passerine migrations, and in the south grassland birds generated much excitement. Several montane species—notably woodpeckers, jays, nuthatches, and chickadees—staged lowland incursions, but finches were unusually scarce.

Abbreviations: Bitter Lake (*Bitter Lake N.W.R.*); Bosque Refuge (*Bosque del Apache N.W.R.*); E.B.L. (*Elephant Butte Lake*); L.V.N.W.R. (*Las Vegas N.W.R.*); R.G.N.C. (*Rio Grande Nature Center, Albuquerque*); R.G.V. (*Rio Grande Valley*); Zuni (*Zuni Indian Reservation*).

Loons to Ibises

A **Red-throated Loon** that "crashed" in Albuquerque Oct. 26 was released at R.G.N.C., where last seen Oct. 30 (JO, JEP, ph. LG). The only **Pacific Loon** was at Stubblefield L., Nov. 5 (JEP, JO). Common Loons were widespread after mid-October, with reports from 14 sites, and including seven at Clayton L., Nov. 19 (JO). Small numbers of Horned Grebes were in the east and in the R.G.V. after Oct. 22 (v.o.); one was early at Bosque Refuge Oct. 2 (JO) while another was far west at Farmington Nov. 30 (ph. TR). Two–three pairs of Clark's Grebes nested late at L.V.N.W.R., with small chicks Sept. 20 (PN), half-grown young Oct. 23 (SOW), and an adult still feeding young Nov. 6 (BF). A concentration of 3800 W. Grebes at E.B.L., Nov. 1 contained only three Clark's (SOW). Late for the north were

Snine Double-crested Cormorants at Morgan L., Nov. 23 (TR), as were four at Maxwell N.W.R., plus six at Clayton L., Nov. 19 (JO). Also late were an Am. Bittern at Morgan L., Nov. 22 (TR) and a Great Egret at Bitter Lake Nov. 25 (JEP, JO). Single Little Blue Herons were at Bitter Lake Aug. 13 (CR) and Caballo L., Oct. 9 (CS). The sub-ad. **Reddish Egret** present at Bitter Lake since July 15 remained there (CR, JEP, WH) and was last seen Sept. 17 (JO). Moderate numbers of White-faced Ibises occurred statewide early August–Sept. 24 (v.o.); the high was 150 at Zuni Aug. 27 (DC).

Swans to Falcons

The 17 Tundra Swans at Bosque Refuge Nov. 23–30 (J. Taylor) were the largest concentration there in recent memory. Greater White-fronted Geese were rarely reported included one at Farmington Nov. 5 (TR) and three at Ute L., Nov. 20 (JO); one in the Hondo Valley Nov. 18 may have been crippled (SW). Wood Ducks away from usual areas were singles at Maxwell N.W.R., Sept. 16 & 21 (CR, PN) and Conchas L., Nov. 19 (MP) and two at Jal L., Nov. 25 (JEP, JO). A **Eurasian Wigeon** was at Percha Oct. 18 (GE) and another was at Sunland Park Nov. 19 (JNP). The earliest Greater Scaup reports included five at Ute L. and several at Conchas L., Oct. 29 (JEP, JO). Single Oldsquaws were at Stubblefield L., Nov. 5 (JEP, JO) and Bosque Refuge Nov. 25 (W. Maynard). A **Surf Scoter** was at Farmington Oct. 15–Nov. 5 (v.o., ph. TR); single **White-winged Scoters** were at Farmington Nov. 27 (ph. TR) and Holloman L., Oct. 24 (GE). The earliest Barrow's Goldeneye was at Navajo Dam Nov. 26 (ph. TR). A Turkey Vulture was late at Conchas L., Oct. 26 (MP). Ospreys continued to demonstrate strong improvement, with a record 38 passing the Manzano Mts. lookout (H.W.I.) and one–three at 17 other



This Red-throated Loon crash-landed in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Oct. 26, 1994, and was released at the Rio Grande Nature Center. Photograph/Steven W. Cox.