

Mountain West Region

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In the Region this fall, most areas had normal or slightly higher temperatures and were drier from August through October. The drought in Nevada was blamed for low reproduction in gamebird populations. This mild weather coaxed several southern species northward into the Region. Nevada had reports of Brown Pelican, Reddish Egret, Broad-billed Hummingbird, Thick-billed Kingbird, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, and two Brown Thrashers. Colorado had Brown Pelican, Acorn Woodpecker, and Pyrrhuloxia. In November and December, temperatures became colder due to several cold fronts penetrating from the north. This included some heavy snows recorded throughout Wyoming and higher elevations of Colorado. The Colorado snow pack averaged approximately 150% of normal for this period. Several western storm fronts may have launched coastal birds inland. These included Heermann's Gull, Pomarine Jaeger, and Ancient Murrelet in Nevada, and a Marbled Murrelet in Colorado. It appears that cold temperatures in mid-November in Canada caused northern species to move south earlier than usual.

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Loons to Waterfowl

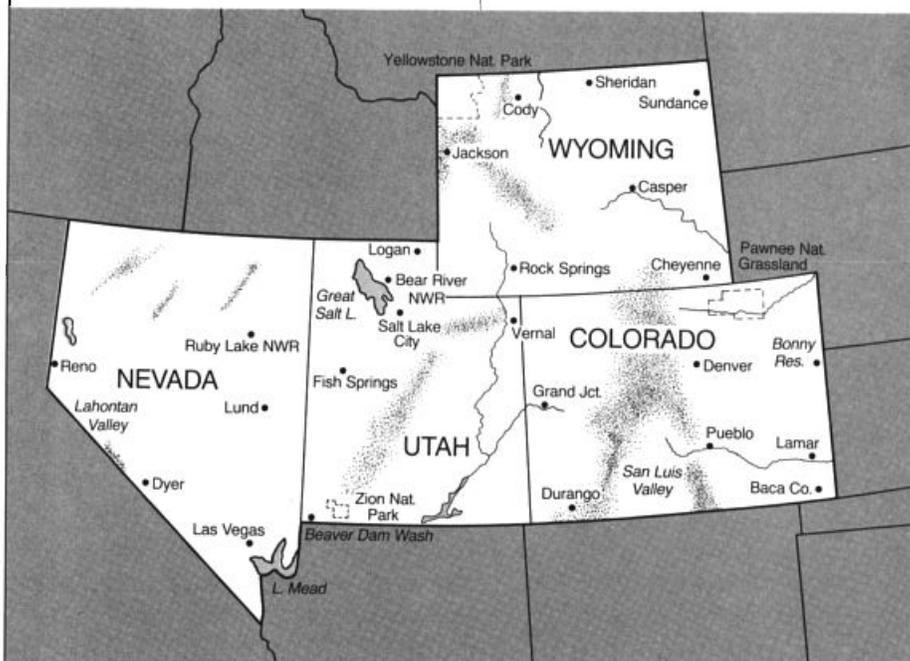
Two imm. Red-throated Loons were reported from 2 different Colorado lakes this fall. One at Pueblo Res., *Pueblo*, Nov. 18–19 (†BKP) and the other at Holbrook Res., *Otero*, Nov. 24 (†MJ, BKP). Twenty-two Pacific Loons were reported from 7 Colorado counties this season, and one at Virginia L., near Reno, *Washoe*, NV Oct 21 (MM). On Oct. 21, 812 Com. Loons were observed at Walker L., *Mineral*, NV (LN). A single imm. Yellow-billed Loon was at Park Creek Res., *Larimer*, CO Nov. 27 (DAL, DCE, WPL, JFB). This species has become almost expected in fall or winter in Colorado. At Fish Springs N.W.R., *Juab*, UT from Aug. 7–Oct. 30, ≤43 Pied-billed Grebes were counted (JB, EG). Single Horned Grebes were at Pyramid L., *Washoe*, NV Sept. 14 and Walker L., Oct. 20 (GC), and two were at Quail Creek Res., *Washington*, UT Nov 16–30 (SS, PS, M&PD, JKr). A Red-necked Grebe was at Warren L., near Fort Collins, *Larimer*, CO Nov. 27–30 (DCE). Up to 11 Eared Grebes were at Fish Springs N.W.R., UT Aug. 7–Oct. 30 (JB, EG). High counts of W. Grebes at Pyramid L., NV, included approximately 500 Sept. 7 (MM) and 1599 at Union Res., *Weld*, CO Oct.15 (TL). Approximately 100 Clark's Grebes were at Pyramid L., NV Sept. 7 (MM) and one was at Quail Creek Res., UT Oct. 26 (SS). Up to 66 Am. White Pelicans were at Fish Springs N.W.R. from Aug. 7–Sept. 18 (JB, EG). An imm. **Brown Pelican** was observed at 3 Colorado locations;



Furnishing a second record for Nevada was this Reddish Egret at Lake Mead on August 7, 1996. Photograph/Marian Cressman.

Prewitt Res. *Washington*, Aug. 21–Sept. 14 (CLW, †JK, TM), at Barr L. *Adams*, Sept. 23 (TL), at Chatfield Res., *Jefferson*, Sept. 23–Oct. 11 (JBH, m.ob.) and Cherry Creek Res., *Arapahoe*, Oct. 17 (JBH, BB). The dates and locations suggest this was probably the same individual. Also, one was at Henderson Ponds, *Clark*, NV Sept.14 (JS).

Single Least Bitterns were at Carson L., *Churchill*, NV Aug. 15 (GC) and Chatfield Res., CO Sept. 23 (JBH). A Great Egret was seen along the Santa Clara R. (Tonaquint Nature Center), *Washington*, UT Oct. 27 (SS, PS, M&PD). High counts of ≤294 Snowy Egrets were at Fish Springs N.W.R., UT Aug. 7–Sept. 18 (JB, EG). An imm. Little Blue Heron was found at Chatfield Res., Sept. 1 (JBH). Nevada's 2nd state record **Reddish Egret** wandered N to L. Mead, *Clark*, NV from Aug. 7–23 (MC). Late for n. Utah, a Cattle Egret was at Logan, *Cache*, Nov. 6 (MCo, FK). Rare in w. Colorado, single Green Herons were at Connected L., *Mesa*, Aug. 5 (RL) and Walker S.W.A., *Mesa*, Aug. 23 (CD). Up to 300 White-faced Ibis were reported at Fish Springs N.W.R., UT from Aug. 7–Oct. 16 (JB, EG). Three Tundra Swans were at Fish Springs N.W.R., UT Oct. 30 (JB, EG). This fall, Colorado had seven Tundras reported from 4 counties, and six Trumpeters were observed from 2 areas. One Trumpeter was at Mary's L., *Estes Park*, *Larimer*, Nov. 18 (EPBC) and five adults were at Roxborough Village, *Douglas*, Nov. 20–27 (JBH). Four Greater White-fronted Geese were at Pahrangat N.W.R., *Lincoln*, NV Oct. 5 (JC, MC); a rarity in s. Utah, one was at the Springs Estate Pond, *Washington*, UT Nov. 30 (SS, PS, M&PD, JKr). An imm. Snow Goose was at St. George, *Washington*, UT Oct. 27 (SS, PS, M&PD, JKr), and >10,000 were reported in *Baca*, CO Nov. 17 (JT). In Colorado, Ross' Geese were reported in record numbers. There were 150 were at Cherry Creek Res., Oct. 31 (JBH),



10–30 at Hamilton Res., *Larimer*, Nov. 1–3 (RAR), 3000 e. of Manzanola, *Otero*, Nov. 2 (BKP, MJ, BD), and 40 at Bijou Res., *Morgan*, Nov. 20 (JRe). Rare in s.w. Utah, three Ross' were in *Washington* Nov. 30 (SS, PS, M&PD). A single Brant was observed at Barr L., CO Oct. 28 (JRe, SHu). Northern Pintail counts appeared to be above average at Fish Springs N.W.R., with ≤ 5780 between Aug. 7–Oct. 30 (JB, EG). Two ♂ Eur. Wigeons were recorded in the Region; one at Ft. Collins, CO Oct. 22 (JFB) and one at Stillwater N.W.R., NV Nov. 14 (RBu). Canvas-back counts at Fish Springs N.W.R., UT Aug. 7–Oct. 16 included ≤ 17 birds (JB, EG) and 2060 were at Stillwater N.W.R., NV Nov. 7 (BH). Single Greater Scaups were reported from Big Johnson Res., *El Paso*, CO Oct. 30 and Nov. 9 (RB, TL), Clifton, *Mesa*, CO Nov. 13–14 (CD), Virginia L., NV Nov. 19 (RF), and Sandberg Pond, *Washington*, UT Nov. 30 (SS, PS, M&PD). Twenty-one Oldsquaws were reported in Colorado this fall; one was at Gunlock Res., *Washington*, UT Nov. 23–30 (JKr, SS, PS, M&PD), and one at Virginia L., NV Nov. 18 (MM). Eleven Surf Scoters were reported from e. Colorado and one at Parowan Sewage Ponds, *Iron*, UT Nov. 3 (SS). Single White-winged Scoters were at Henderson Ponds, NV Nov. 11 (HS) and Quail Creek Res., UT Nov. 13–16 (JKr). Colorado reported six White-winged Scoters Oct. 28–Nov. 20 from 2 locations. In Colorado, single Barrow's Goldeneyes were reported n. of Silverthorne, *Summit*, CO Oct. 27 (TL), L. Granby, *Grand*, Nov. 2 (TJ), and Union Res., Nov. 29 (TL). Three very early Hooded Mergansers, all immatures, were at Jumbo Res., *Sedgwick*, CO Aug. 21 (JK, CLW, TM). Also early, a Red-breasted Merganser was seen at New Castle Res., *Iron*, UT Aug. 30 (SS) and two at Pyramid L., NV Sept. 7 (MM).

Raptors to Cranes

Two Osprey were reported from Pyramid L. in August, along the Truckee R., *Washoe*, NV Aug. 11 & 22 (GC), and a late one at Rocky Ford S.W.A., *Otero*, CO Nov. 2. Two Bald Eagles were at Fish Springs N.W.R., UT Oct. 30. A late nest with three fledgling Cooper's Hawks was at Pyramid L., NV Sept. 6 (GC). This season ten Red-shouldered Hawks were reported from Nevada, where they are somewhat rare in fall. This included one w. of Tonopah, *Esmeralda*, Aug. 1 (SS, PS), an adult at Pyramid L., Aug. 3–22 (GC), six at several other locations in s. areas of the state from Aug. 6–Nov. 30 (m.ob.), an immature at Fallon, *Churchill*, Oct. 11–Nov. 6 (MM, GC), and an adult at Reno Nov. 8 & 20 (MM). Rare in Utah, a Broad-winged Hawk was observed near Torrey, *Wayne* (†AS). Col-

orado had only 2 reports, one at Golden Gate Canyon S.P., *Clear Creek*, Sept. 14 (JTe, JMa) and the other at Sugar City, *Crowley*, Sept. 29 (BKP, MJ). A kettle of 150–200 Swainson's Hawks were at Banner, *Sheridan*, WY Oct. 3 (TA). A very early Rough-legged Hawk was in *Morgan*, CO Sept 7 (JRI). Also early, a Merlin on Aug. 25 was observed n. of La Junta, *Otero*, CO (BKP, MJ, BD) and one was at Harmon Res., Fallon, NV Oct. 13 (LN). This fall, 24 Peregrine Falcons were reported at 15 different locations in Colorado and one each in Utah and Nevada. Rare, but not unexpected, an imm. Gyrfalcon was observed e. of Nunn, *Weld*, CO Nov. 11 (JTe). Two Sharp-tailed Grouse were reported from the Pawnee National Grasslands, *Weld*, CO Oct. 5 (JTe). Still being reported in wetlands in the Arkansas Valley, s.e. Colorado, ≤ 4 Black Rails were reported this season, two each at Rocky Ford S.W.A., Aug. 14–15 (JBH, JK, CLW) and Bent's Fr., *Otero*, Aug. 25–31 (BKP, MJ, BD). A single Com. Moorhen was observed Nov. 30 at Seegmiller Marsh, *Washington*, UT (SS, PS, M&PD). Two Sandhill Cranes were at Fish Springs N.W.R., UT Aug. 7–Sept. 18 (JB, EG) and a single at Stillwater N.W.R., NV Oct. 21 provided the only record for the Lahontan Valley this fall (BH).

Shorebirds

The Aug. 19–20 Lahontan Valley, NV, Shorebird Count was above average in numbers, with >38,000 individuals. Single Black-bellied Plovers were at Fish Springs N.W.R., UT Sept. 18 (JB, EG) and Upper Queens Res., Kiowa, CO Nov 16 (late; BKP, MJ, VZ). A single Am. Golden-Plover was observed at Henderson Ponds, NV Sept. 21, the first since 1993 (MC), and four were in Colorado at 3 sites, including a late one at L. Meredith, *Crowley*, Nov. 2 (PSS, CS *et al.*). At Fish Springs N.W.R., UT, ≤ 48 Snowy Plovers were counted from Aug. 7–Sept. 25 (EG, JB), and 197 were at Carson L. and Stillwater N.W.R., NV Aug. 19–20 (BH *et al.*). Two Semiplumated Plovers were at Fish Springs N.W.R., UT Aug. 14–Sept. 25 (EG, JB). Rare away from normal breeding areas in Colorado, a Piping Plover was at Prewitt Res., Aug. 25 (DFO). Mountain Plovers were observed in good numbers in *Baca*, CO: from Aug. 6–Oct. 2, there were ≤ 625 at several sites (JT *et al.*). Others in *Baca* included 20 n. of Springfield Aug. 31 (RB), and approximately 100 in a field 3 mi w. of the Kansas line Sept 1 (DFO). At Fish Springs N.W.R., UT, ≤ 78 Black-necked Stilts and ≤ 48 Am. Avocets were recorded this fall (JB, EG). Single Solitary Sandpipers showed up at Fish Springs N.W.R., Aug. 7–22 (JB, EG) and e. of Ely,

White Pine, NV Sept. 7 (MM). A single Whimbrel was at Stillwater N.W.R., NV Aug. 19 (BH *et al.*). Nevada had two Ruddy Turnstones, one at Big Soda L., Fallon, Aug. 12 (MM) and another at Stillwater N.W.R., Aug. 19 (BH). Three more Ruddy Turnstones were also reported from *Mesa*, CO Sept. 10–Oct. 13 (RL, CD). A Red Knot showed up at Timnath Res., *Larimer*, CO Aug. 21 (JMm), and three were at Henderson Ponds, NV Aug. 31 (KW). In Nevada, Semiplumated Sandpipers were recorded e. of Ely, with ≤ 7 on Aug. 11 (MM) and one at Carson L., Aug. 18 (DT, JWl). Baird's Sandpipers were reported from a wider area in Nevada. Two were at Big Soda L., Aug. 9 (MM), ≤ 5 at Henderson Ponds Aug. 9–15 (MC), two e. of Ely Aug. 11 (MM), and one at Boulder City, *Clark*, Sept. 12 (MC). At Fish Springs N.W.R., UT, ≤ 51 Baird's were counted from Aug. 14–Oct. 16 (JB, EG). Pectoral Sandpipers appeared in higher numbers in Nevada this year, with high counts of 35 in s. portions of the state from Aug. 7–Oct. 8. At Big Soda L., 28 Pectorals Sept. 26 (DT) and 24 juveniles Sept. 28 (GC) were higher-than-normal numbers for Nevada. An extremely early juv. Sharp-tailed Sandpiper was reported at Carson L., Aug. 18 (†DT, JWl). If accepted, it will provide Nevada's first state record and possibly the earliest fall record for the lower 48 States. The observers noted streaked undertail coverts. Colorado had 2 November reports of Dunlin; two Nov. 16 at Nee Noshe Res., *Kiowa* (BKP, MJ, VZ), and one Nov. 23 at Hamilton Res. (RAR). A group of six Silt Sandpipers Oct. 20 at L. Henry, *Crowley*, CO (BKP, MJ) were later than usual. There was only one report of Buff-breasted Sandpiper, an imm. at Jackson Res., *Morgan*, CO Aug. 21 (CLW, JK, TM). A juv. Short-billed Dowitcher was reported from Upper Queens Res., CO Aug. 7 (JK, CLW), three at Carson L., NV Aug. 18 (DT, JWl), two at Stillwater N.W.R., NV Aug. 19 (BH *et al.*), and an adult at Metro L., Colorado City, *Pueblo*, CO Sept. 28 (†DS). Eight Red-necked Phalarope were in *Mesa*, CO Aug. 10–Sept. 23 (CD, RL). Rarely reported at one site in Colorado, two Red Phalaropes Oct. 22–25 were at Duck L., s. of Ft. Collins, *Larimer* (DCE *et al.*).

Jaegers to Murrelets

An ad. Pomarine Jaeger was observed at Walker L., Oct. 14 (†LN); if accepted by the Nevada Records Committee, it would provide the first state record. Also, two Pomarines were reported in Colorado this fall, an immature at Cherry Creek Res., Nov. 19–27 (JBH *et al.*), and one at Douglas L., *Larimer*, Nov. 25–30 (DAL, DCE). A light-phase sub-ad. Parasitic Jaeger was seen at Blue L. (Adobe

Creek Res.), *Bent*, CO Sept. 8–11 (BKP, MJ, DN). A Franklin's Gull was at Virginia L., NV Oct. 30–Nov. 2 (MM). Early Bonaparte's Gulls were reported Aug. 3–20 at Henderson Ponds, NV (JC, MC), Aug. 7 at Fish Springs N.W.R., UT (JB, EG), and Aug. 7 at Union Res., CO (M&SP). A *Heermann's Gull* at Virginia L., Oct. 16 (MM) furnished Nevada's 6th state record. Rare, but becoming regular, an ad. Mew Gull was at Cherry Creek Res., CO Nov. 2–12 (DFO). Five Herring Gulls were at Virginia L., NV Nov. 2–19 (GC), and two were at Panguitch L., *Garfield*, UT Nov. 3 (SS). Thayer's Gulls appeared in higher numbers than normal in Colorado, with \leq three immatures at Pueblo Res., Oct. 30–Nov. 30 (m.ob.), two immatures at Horsetooth Res., *Larimer*, Nov. 1 (WPL), an immature at Chatfield Res., Nov. 6–9 (JBH *et al.*), \leq three at Cherry Creek Res., Nov. 21–26 (JBH *et al.*), one at Long Pond, n. of Ft. Collins, Nov. 25 (WPL, PDL), and two immatures at Douglas L., Nov. 30 (DAL, JMm, WPL). Others reported in the Region included \leq six at Virginia L., NV Oct. 30–Nov. 30 (MM, GC) and two at L. Mead, NV (MC). Glaucous-winged Gulls invaded Virginia L., NV, with \leq 10 from Nov. 1–30 (MM, GC). Single imm. Glaucous Gulls were at Jackson Res., CO Oct. 22 (JRe), Highline Res., *Mesa*, CO Nov. 4–8—this bird was also w. Colorado's 2nd record (\dagger RL, CD), and at Virginia L., NV Nov. 25 (MM). An ad. *Great Black-backed Gull* returned to Cherry Creek Res., CO Sept. 3–Nov. 29 (BB). (On its way to Pueblo Res.?) Four imm. Black-legged Kittiwakes were recorded in Colorado this fall. It is quite unusual to have $>$ two in one season. The reports were from Long Pond Nov. 23–24 (TL), Douglas L., Nov. 23–27 (TL, WPL, JMm), Pueblo Res., Nov. 26 (\dagger BKP), and Union Res., Nov. 28 (TL). Eastern Colorado had ten Sabine's Gulls Sept. 14–Oct. 5 and one was at Henderson Ponds, NV Oct. 26–30 (MC). An ad. Caspian Tern was at Union Res., CO Aug. 7 (M&SP), \leq eight at Fish Springs N.W.R., UT Aug. 7–22 (JB, EG), one at Henderson Ponds, NV Aug. 9 (MC), one at L. Meredith, CO Sept. 11 (VAT), and two at Chatfield Res., CO Sept. 23 (JBH). Com. Terns were reported from 11 counties in Colorado, including three in *Mesa*, Sept. 25–Oct. 29 (CD), which is rare for w. Colorado. Five imm. Commons were at Carson L., NV (MM), two at Henderson Ponds, NV Sept. 21–26 (MC), one at Big Soda L., NV Sept. 22 (MM), two at Pyramid L., NV Sept. 25 (GC, DT), and one at L. Mead, NV Sept. 26 (MC). Colorado's 2nd *Marbled Murrelet* showed up at Chatfield Res., Nov. 2 (\dagger JK, m.ob.). Details indicate it was probably the *Asian* race, *B.m.perdix*. Very rare away from the Pacific Ocean, a *Ancient Murrelet* was at



Proving once again that this is the species of alcid most likely to be found away from the ocean, this Ancient Murrelet was discovered at Pyramid Lake, Nevada, September 19, 1996. Photograph/Bob Goodman.

Pyramid L., NV Sept. 19–25 (\dagger BG, mob), the 2nd record for the lake.

Doves to Gnatcatcher

Up to 12 *Eurasian Collared-Doves* remained in Rocky Ford, CO, through the period. Local residents have seen these birds since 1995. The escape *vs.* wild status on this species is still up in the air. White-winged Doves were reported from 2 rural *Weld*, CO, locations Aug. 9 (RO) & 24 (RO, ET). Two individuals were seen at each location, which may indicate that they are the same birds. A late *Yellow-billed Cuckoo* was at Pueblo, CO Oct. 13 (BKP). An injured *Flammulated Owl* was found near Estes Park, CO Sept. 23 (SR). Rare in the *Sangre de Cristos* of Colorado, a *N. Pygmy-Owl* hit a window at a cabin near *Westcliffe*, *Custer*, Aug. 16 (JP); after recovering the bird flew off into the woods. It appears that the last pair of *Burrowing Owls* in Las Vegas, NV, were evicted this fall by the City's expansive growth (J&MC). Rarely reported in Colorado, a *Spotted Owl* was heard in a tributary to the *San Juan R.*, *Mineral*, Aug. 12 (MB). Thirteen *Long-eared Owls* were reported from e. Colorado this fall. Rare on the plains of e. Colorado, two *N. Saw-whet Owls* were reported at Rocky Ford S.W.A., Nov. 11 (RB)l. A late *Lesser Nighthawk* was reported from *Washington City*, *Washington*, UT Oct. 15 (SS, PS). Four *Vaux's Swifts* were at *Amargosa*, *Nye*, NV Aug. 20 (JC, MC).

Either a ♀ or imm. *Broad-billed Hummingbird* was at a feeder in Las Vegas, NV Oct. 1 (JS). This represents the 3rd state record. An *Anna's Hummingbird* was reported from Horsetooth Res., CO Oct. 20–27 (JBo) for the 5th or 6th State Record. A *Broad-tailed Hummingbird* stayed at Fish Springs N.W.R., UT Aug. 7–Oct. 16 (JB, EG). Also at Fish Springs N.W.R., a *Rufous Hummingbird* was reported Aug. 22 (JB, EG). An ad. ♂ *Allen's Hummingbird* was at Carpenter Canyon,

NV Sept. 11 (RSc). In Utah, two *Lewis' Woodpeckers* were at New Harmony, *Washington*, Sept. 14 (SS, PS), one at Cedar City, *Iron*, Oct. 25 (SH), two at Kanarrville Rest Area, *Iron* (SS), four at the jct. of 1-15 and New Harmony Rd., *Iron*, Nov. 24 (SS, PS), and two others in *Iron* Nov. 24 (SS, PS). It appeared to be an invasion year for the Harmony-Kanarrville area. Still drifting northward, an *Acorn Woodpecker* was reported from Spanish Peaks S.W.A., *Las Animas*, CO Aug. 26 (JMa). This may represent the 5th Colorado record. Very rare in w. Colorado, a *Red-headed Woodpecker* was at *Wolcott*, *Eagle*, in August (PH). Unusual w. of the Rockies, a *Yellow-bellied Sapsucker* was discovered at Pyramid L., NV Sept. 27 (\dagger MM). Three *Red-naped Sapsuckers* were reported from the e. Colorado plains, one each in *Bent*, *Morgan*, and *Pueblo*. A *White-headed Woodpecker* was at Pyramid L., NV Sept. 30 (GC).

Four *Alder Flycatchers* were netted at Barr L., CO Aug. 22–26 (TL), represented the first confirmed Colorado fall records. In Nevada, *Willow Flycatchers* were reported from Desert N.W.R., Aug. 4 (MC) and two at Pyramid L., Sept. 1–30 (GC). The banders at Barr L., CO caught an amazing nine *Least Flycatchers* Aug. 20–Sept. 27 (TL). Other *Leasts* included two at *Lytle Cr.*, *Crook*, WY Sept. 1 (G&MS) and one at *Tonopah*, NV Sept. 27 (DT). Single *Hammond's Flycatchers* were reported on the Colorado e. plains at L. Henry Aug. 30, *Pueblo West* Sept. 3 (BKP), and 14 were banded at Barr L., Sept. 3–27 (TL). On Sept. 27, a single *Hammond's* was reported at *Sheridan*, WY (\dagger JW). A *Gray Flycatcher* was observed at *Waterton*, *Jefferson*, CO Sept. 7 (DFO). Four–five *Black Phoebe*s remained at their nesting area near *Uravan*, *Montrose*, CO until Sept. 8 (CD). Very rare anywhere in w. Colorado, an *E. Phoebe* at *Vega Res.*, *Mesa*, Oct. 20 provided the 4th w. slope record (\dagger RL, KP). Also, two were seen on *Burnt Mill Rd.*, s.w. of Pueblo, Aug. 11 (DFO), and another one w. of Pueblo Sept. 6–12 (BKP). An extremely late nesting *Say's Phoebe* was seen feeding four nestlings Sept. 16 near *Cody*, WY (GB). Three *Vermilion Flycatchers* were reported from Nevada, one each at *Blue Diamond*, *Clark*, Aug. 4 (MC), *Miller's Rest Stop*, *Nye*, Oct. 2 (JBk), and *Logandale*, *Clark*, Nov. 14 (MC). Four *Great Crested Flycatchers* were reported from e. Colorado from Aug 31–Sept 9. Possibly the first Nevada *Thick-billed Kingbird* was reported at Henderson Ponds Oct. 29 (\dagger RSc). This species was long overdue in Nevada. An *E. Kingbird* was at Desert N.W.R., NV Aug. 4–28 (RSa). Single *Scissor-tailed Flycatchers* were at Ft. Lyon, *Bent*, CO Oct. 5 (MH, \dagger AV, SB, DA)

and Boulder City, NV Oct. 27 (CL).

Four late Tree Swallows were at Parowan Sewage Ponds, *Iron*, UT Nov. 3 (SS). On Sept. 18 at Fish Springs N.W.R., UT, observers saw six Violet-green, two N. Rough-winged, and one Bank swallow (JB, EG). Two Pinyon Jays were reported at Fish Springs N.W.R., UT Aug. 7 and a Clark's Nutcracker Sept. 18 (JB, EG). Birders recorded large numbers of Am. Crow this fall in s.w. Utah, with 1500 w. of Parowan Oct. 23 (SS). Reports of Mt. Chickadees on the e. plains of Colorado were highest in several years. Also, \leq ten were at Fish Springs N.W.R., UT, this fall (JB, EG). A single Plain Titmouse was reported from Lida, *Esmeralda*, NV Sept. 8 (MC). Numerous small flocks of Bushtits were on the e. plains of Colorado. Rare at high elevations in Colorado, nine Bushtits were at >10,000 ft. in Leadville, *Lake*, Nov. 10 (TL). A Red-breasted Nuthatch stayed at Fish Springs N.W.R., UT Aug. 22–Sept. 18 (JB, EG). In Nevada, single Brown Creepers were reported from Pahrnagat N.W.R., Oct. 8 (MC) and Desert N.W.R., Oct. 27 (JC, MC). Apparently missing for a number of years, Cactus Wrens once again were reported from the Virgin R. Valley, near St. George, UT; with three at Turf Sod Rd., *Washington*, Oct. 26 (SS). The Barr L., CO, banding station caught 32 Rock Wrens this fall, which was 8x their previous high (TL). Six Winter Wrens were reported from e. Colorado this fall. Very rare in Colorado, a Sedge Wren was observed at the w. end of John Martin Res., *Bent*, CO Nov. 2 (†BKP, MJ). A Black-tailed Gnatcatcher was at Sunset Park, *Clark*, NV Aug. 24 (JC, MC).

Thrushes to Warblers

Eleven E. Bluebirds were reported from various areas in e. Colorado this fall. A Veery was reported Sept. 8–13 and two Wood Thrushes Oct. 14–16, all at Barr L. (TL, SHu). Single Varied Thrushes were reported from Pueblo, CO Oct. 11 (MJ); Fish Springs N.W.R., UT Oct. 16 (JB, EG), and Desert N.W.R., NV Oct. 25–30 (KL). New for *Summit*, CO, four imm. Gray Catbirds were banded between Sept. 2–16 at Sutton Wildlife Area, n. of Silverthorne (SHu). Another was at Desert N.W.R., NV Sept. 21 (JH). A Brown Thrasher reported at Pyramid L., Sept. 1 provided the first n.w. Nevada record. (†GC); also in Nevada, possibly two more were at Miller's Rest Stop Sept. 17–23 (JBk *et al.*). In Colorado, an imm. Brown Thrasher was banded at Sutton Wildlife Area Sept. 12 for a new *Summit* record. Rare n. of the "Palmer Divide" in e. Colorado, a Curve-billed Thrasher was at Bonny Res., *Yuma*, Aug. 12 (†AV). Up to 20 Am. Pipits were at Fish Springs N.W.R., UT

Sept. 18–Oct. 30 (JB, EG). There were scattered reports of Bohemian Waxwings: One at Last Chance, *Washington*, CO Nov. 10 (DB), \leq 11 at Ft. Collins, CO Nov. 12–17 (DAL), 21 at Cody, *Park*, WY Nov. 20–30 (m.ob), one in Pueblo, CO Nov. 22 (JD, BD), three at Parowan, UT Nov. 23 (SS), and seven at Cherry Creek Res., CO Nov. (BB, LB). Ten–fifteen Cedar Waxwings were seen at Fish Springs N.W.R., UT Sept. 18–Oct. 16 (JB, EG) and, rare at high elevations, one was in Leadville, CO Nov. 10 (TL, RB). Up to nine Loggerhead Shrikes were reported from Fish Springs N.W.R., UT Aug. 7–Oct. 30 (JB, EG)

A White-eyed Vireo visited Muir Springs, *Morgan*, CO Sept. 21 (JTe), and a Bell's Vireo was at Pahrnagat N.W.R., *Lincoln*, NV Aug. 6 (MC). With the possibility of future splitting of 3 Solitary Vireo sub-species, reports of the Blue-headed, Cassin's, and *Plumbeous* races were noted by observers. In Colorado, single individuals of the "Blue-headed" race were found at Barr L., Sept. 12 (TL) and at Chatfield Res., Sept. 25 (JK). Eight "Cassin's" race were in Colorado Aug. 15–Oct. 18. We appreciate receiving documented observations of sub-species. It helps researchers gain knowledge of the range and distribution of species and races. A well documented Philadelphia Vireo was at Pueblo Sept. 14 (BKP, †MJ, MH).

An imm. ♂ Golden-winged Warbler was banded at Barr L., Oct. 11 (TL) and a 2nd was there Oct. 13 (JTe); this species is rarely seen in the fall in Colorado. Only three Tennessee Warblers were reported, one in Pueblo, CO Sept. 1 (MJ), one at Cherry Creek Res., CO Sept. 20 (JTe), and one in *Clark*, NV Nov. 22 (MC). A late Orange-crowned Warbler was in Pueblo Nov. 22–30 (BKP, LBr). It seemed to be a good fall for Nashville Warblers, with 16 in Colorado Aug. 16–Oct. 13, seven in Nevada Aug. 16–Oct. 6, and seven in Utah Sept. 11–23. A late Lucy's Warbler was at St. George, UT Sept. 15 (SS). The only reports of N. Parulas in Colorado were two in *Jefferson* Sept. 7 & 21 (DFO), and one at Jackson Res., *Morgan*, Sept. 25 (VD). The first November record of a Yellow Warbler in Colorado was one w. of Pueblo Nov. 14 (BKP). Single Chestnut-sided Warblers were at Barr L., Sept. 8 (TL), Jackson Res., CO Sept. 12 (JH), L. Henry, CO Sept. 13 (BKP, DSm), Tonopah, NV Sept. 17 (JBk), and L. Estes, *Larimer*, CO Oct. 2 (SR). The Region had reports of six Magnolia Warblers, all singles, from *El Paso*, CO Sept. 2 (AV), Last Chance, CO Sept. 3–5 (J&NK), Bonny Res., CO Sept. 21 (TL), Wheat Ridge, *Jefferson*, CO Sept. 24 (PE), n. of Tonopah, NV Sept. 27 (DT), and Tonopah Oct. 12 (JBk). Fewer Black-throat-

ed Blue Warblers were reported than usual. Individual birds were from n. of Tonopah, NV Sept. 1 (DT), Muir Springs, CO Sept. 21 (JTe), L. Henry, CO Oct. 5 (BKP, DSm), Pahrnagat N.W.R., NV Oct. 5 (MC, JC), Barr L., CO Oct. 10 (TL), and Fernley, *Churchill*, NV Oct. 11 (DT). In Colorado, numbers of Townsend's Warblers were above average Aug. 12–Nov. 2. Two Hermit Warblers were reported in s. Nevada, one each at Lee Canyon, *Clark*, Aug. 16 (MC) and Mt. Charleston Aug. 17 (CL). A **Black-throated Green Warbler** at Warm Springs, Oct. 5 (JBk) provided the 2nd Nevada record. Usually quite rare in e. Colorado in fall, single Black-throated Green Warblers were noted w. of Pueblo Sept. 20–22 (BKP, LBr, m.ob.), Colorado Springs Sept. 20 (RB), Barr L., Oct. 2 (JBr), Holbrook Res., Oct. 12 (BKP, BD), and Lyons Nov. 1 (DWK). A Blackburnian Warbler visited Pueblo Sept. 27 (BKP) and a Grace's Warbler was in Lee Canyon, NV Sept. 7 (MC). The only Pine Warbler reported this fall was in Wheat Ridge, CO Sept. 16 (PE). Single Palm Warblers were found at L. Henry, CO Sept. 29 (BKP), Barr L., Oct. 10 (TL), Chatfield Res., Oct. 20 (BB), and Henderson Ponds, NV Nov. 11 (MC). Four Blackpoll Warblers were reported in the Region, one n. of Tonopah, NV Sept. 2 (JBk), one at Pueblo Sept. 16–17 (BKP), one at Cedar City, UT Oct. 3 (SS, PS), and one at Fountain, *El Paso*, CO Oct. 19 (AV). Only four Black-and-white Warblers were reported, all singles Aug. 25–Sept. 11. Fourteen Am. Redstarts were in Colorado Aug. 17–Sept. 18 and seven in Nevada Aug. 21–Oct. 6. A Prothonotary Warbler stayed at Arapahoe L., *Arapahoe*, CO Sept. 30–Oct. 13 (DQ). In Colorado, seven Ovenbirds Aug. 24–Sept. 22 and 14 N. Waterthrushes Aug. 18–Sept. 22 were found. Single N. Waterthrushes visited Nevada at Desert N.W.R., Aug. 28 (MC) and Tonopah Sept. 1–4 (DT, JBk). A Kentucky Warbler w. of Pueblo Oct. 17 (†BKP) provided the 4th fall record for Colorado. A ♀ **Connecticut Warbler** was discovered at Tonopah Aug. 30–Sept. 1 (†DT, JBk), adding to very few Nevada records of this species. A late Com. Yellowthroat was at Ft. Lyon, CO Nov. 2 (MJ). Two Hooded Warblers were reported; a female n.e. of Nulca, *Montrose*, CO Sept. 8, which provided the first Colorado w. slope record (†RL), and a male in *Jefferson*, CO Sept. 9 (JK).

Tanagers to Grosbeaks

Two Summer Tanagers were in Nevada, one each at Lida Aug. 21 and Wheeler Camp Springs Aug. 22 (MC). Three Scarlet Tanagers were reported in the Region. The rarest one was in w. Colorado in *Mesa* Nov. 11–13 (CD, RL), one was in Penrose, *Fre-*

mont, Sept. 25 (JW), and one at Highlands Ranch, Douglas, Oct. 30 (LB). At probably the most unusual place for a desert species to show up was a ♂ *Pyrrhuloxia* at a feeder 3 mi w. of Grant, Park, Aug. 1–Sept. 20 (J&HJ), >200 ob., *et al.* This bird provided Colorado's 2nd record. An imm. ♂ Rose-breasted Grosbeak was reported from Quail Creek Res., UT Oct. 26 (SS). A late ♂ Lazuli Bunting was at Florence, Fremont, CO Nov. 6 (MP). The Tonopah Rest Stop, NV had an Indigo Bunting Sept. 27 and an ad. ♂ Painted Bunting Sept. 4 (JBk).

Two Am. Tree Sparrows arrived a bit early at Fish Springs N.W.R., UT Sept. 18 (JB, EG) and one was at Desert N.W.R., NV Nov. 30 (RSa). Clay-colored Sparrows appeared in Nevada, with two at Tonopah Rest Stop Sept. 10 and Oct. 12 (JBk) and one at Tonopah Oct. 2 (JBk). Eastern Colorado had reports of six Field Sparrows from 4 counties Sept. 8–Oct. 14. Two Sage Sparrows were reported Nov. 29 in Cedar Valley, Iron, UT (SS, PS). Nevada had three Lark Buntings; one near Belmont Aug. 28–Sept. 2 (JBk), one near Hiko Aug. 31 (JC, MC), and one at Tonopah Rest Stop Sept. 4 (JBk). An out-of-place Grasshopper Sparrow was reported from Eagle, CO Oct. 23–24 (†JM). A Fox Sparrow (race?) was reported from Cheyenne, WY Nov. 1–5 (AK). An early Lincoln's Sparrow was at Fallon, NV Sept. 2 (LN). A high count of 13 Swamp Sparrows were at John Martin Res., CO Nov. 2 (BKP, MJ, BD). Two White-throated Sparrows were reported from Lytle Cr., Crook, WY Oct. 4–22 (G&MS), three at Sheridan Oct. 18 (JW), one at Willow Cr., WY Nov. 13–23—a new Latilong record for this species (†JW), and one at Carson R. Diversion Dam, Churchill, NV Nov. 17 (DT). An imm. Golden-crowned Sparrow was at Greenwood Village, Arapahoe, CO Oct. 31–Nov. 6 (JRe). Harris' Sparrows included one at Tonopah, NV Sept. 27–Oct. 2 (JBk, DT), 16 in n.e. Wyoming Oct. 14–Nov. 3 (G&MS), ≤four at Sheridan, WY Oct. 18 (JW), a high count of 24 at Cody, WY Oct. 19–Nov. 30 (m.ob), one at Desert N.W.R., NV Oct. 27 (JC, MC),

one s. of Gypsum, Eagle, CO Nov. 7–24 (JM), two near Willow Cr., Fremont, WY Nov. 13–23 (JW), and one in Cheyenne, WY Nov. 17 (JLD). A "white-winged" Junco was observed at a feeder in Cheyenne Oct. 10–Nov. 2 (JPe) A Lapland Longspur was at Tonopah, NV Oct. 12 (JBk). A ♂ Chestnut-collared Longspur was one mi e. of the *El Paso* line, Lincoln, CO Aug. 10 (†AV). Single Snow Buntings were at Cherry Creek Res., CO Nov. 26 (BB, LB) and Sheridan, WY Nov. 29 (JW).

Three Rusty Blackbirds were near Lytle Creek, WY Oct. 22–Nov. 18 (G&MS), one at Willow Creek, WY Nov. 14 (†JW), and, rare in w. Colorado, one was at Eagle in November (JM). Great-tailed Grackles continue their expansion northward, with one in Yuma, CO Oct. 11 (JRi), 21 at Cedar City, UT to Nov. 21 (SS), and 70 near Barr L., Nov. 26 (TL). Approx. 650 Gray-crowned Rosy-Finches were in Leadville, CO Oct. 27 (TL), one was at Cherry Creek Res., CO Oct. 31 (JBH), seven in Canon City, Fremont, CO Nov. 11 (DP), 25 at Willow, WY Nov. 13–23 (JW), one in Denver Nov. 16 (JBH), ≤three in Cheyenne Nov. 16–17 (WS, JLD, RD), one in Boulder, CO Nov. (M&SP), one at Jackson Res., CO Nov. 18 (JH), and one at L. Henry, CO Nov. 24, which provided the first lower Arkansas Valley record of any rosy finch (BKP, MJ). A high count of >60 Black Rosy-Finches were in Leadville, CO Nov. 10 (TL). Colorado had reports of two female-plumaged Purple Finches this fall; one in Greeley Nov. 17 (JH) and one in Colorado City, Pueblo, Nov. 30 (DS). There were scattered reports of Cassin's Finches on the e. plains of Wyoming and Colorado. Last summer's invasion of Red Crossbills continued through the fall in e. Colorado. Reports were of small flocks or individuals from 10 counties, including sightings at Lamar, Two Buttes Res., Baca, and Akron, Washingto.. Also, a Red Crossbill was at Fallon, NV Sept. 15 (BH), providing the 3rd record from the lower Carson R. corridor. Later than usual, single Lesser Goldfinches were seen w. of Pueblo Oct. 27 (BKP) and Ft. Collins Nov. 15–16 (WPL, PDL). Up to ten Evening Grosbeaks were at Tonopah, NV Sept. 8–Oct. 12 (JBk), 15 at Dayton, Sheridan, WY Sept. 29 (JW), four at Desert N.W.R., NV Sept. 29–Oct. 8 (MC), three in Baca, CO Oct. 14–Nov. 28 (JT, PB), ≤12 at Fallon, NV Nov. 3–12 (BH, RBU), and other scattered reports from e. Colorado.

Addenda

We received a late report of a Greater Pewee at Tonopah, May 17, 1996, which is considered Nevada's first record (†DT, JBk).

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Fox Sparrow at Beatty, Nevada, on September 24, 1996. Photograph/Marian Cressman.