through 22 Jan (m.ob.). An ad. **Kumlien's Iceland Gull** at A.F.R. 26–27 Feb (DB, MCr, \dagger CT) was especially significant because of increasing reports of Iceland Gulls in the West. A total of six Glaucous-winged Gulls were reported in Idaho, one of which overwintered in Boise (DT). Montana reported two Glaucous-winged × W. Gulls in *Lake* 4 Dec and one in *Flathead* 18 Dec (DC). Single Glaucous Gulls visited *Kootenai*, ID, 8 Jan (LH, m.ob.), A.F.R. 26 Feb (MCr), and Polson, MT, 26-27 Feb (CP, TT).

A wayward Band-tailed Pigeon stopped in Canvon, ID, 2 Feb (MI). For the second consecutive winter, record numbers of Mourning Doves were reported in w. Montana. With vole populations down from last year, owls wandered in both states. In a continuing trend, two Barn Owls strayed to Ravalli, MT, 1 Dec-9 Jan (WT). An E. Screech-Owl in Broadwater, MT, 17 Jan provided a first for Latilong 28 (EA) and a W. Screech-Owl in Blaine, ID, 23 Dec was a new addition to Latilong 25 (BS). Another seasonal first was a Barred Owl that wintered in Boise, ID. Sightings of at least four Great Gray Owls away from expected wintering areas were noteworthy. A Boreal Owl that wandered to Twin Falls, ID, 1 Jan provided a first for Latilong 25 (MT). Like last year, single Lewis's Woodpeckers overwintered in Boise, ID (DT), and Ravalli, MT (CPo). Montana's 6th Eastern Phoebe was an incredible find in Lake 5-26 Dec (FT, m.ob.). At least ten Say's Phoebes were reported in sw. Idaho, more than usual. One of the best birds of the season, a stunning male Vermilion Flycatcher graced Ravalli, MT, 2-11 Jan (BG, ph. CB, m.ob.) and furnished Montana's first record.

JAYS THROUGH GOLDFINCHES

Only five Blue Jays were reported in Idaho throughout the period, the lowest tally in many years. They were also scarce in Montana, with the exception of a record 13 counted on the Kalispell CBC 2 Jan. Two early **Tree Swallows** in *Gooding* 17 Feb (KF) provided a first winter record for Idaho and the Region. Usually absent or rare in winter, many Mountain and Western Bluebirds were reported in *Owyhee*, ID, throughout the period. Reports of several wintering Hermit and Varied Thrushes in sw. Idaho and single Gray Catbirds in Montana's *Lake* 19 Dec (SC) and *Gallatin* 31 Dec (SH) definitely indicated a mild winter.

More seasonally rare warblers than usual were reported in both states. Single Idaho Orange-crowned Warblers were in *Twin Falls 2* Jan (*fide JR*), D.F.N.W.R. 16 Jan (DT), and below A.F.R. dam 17 Jan (*fide CT*).

Montana birders reported Yellow-rumped Warblers in Missoula 1 Dec–5 Feb (TT), *Ravalli* 25 Dec (WT), and *Park* 1 Jan (TM). A superb find was Idaho's first **Pine Warbler** at Moscow 7 Dec–29 Feb (†KD, †MD, ph. RH, m.ob.). Providing a first winter record for Montana was a **Common Yellowthroat** in *Lake* 13 Jan (JB).

Seasonally rare in Idaho, three Savannah Sparrows tarried in Canyon 26 Dec (FH), and one was below A.F.R. dam 8-22 Jan (MCr). Some sparrows that returned to Idaho early furnished winter latilong firsts, including a Sage Sparrow in Ada 21 Feb and nine Savannah Sparrows in Owyhee 4 Feb (DT). Single Lincoln's Sparrows persisted in Blaine, ID, 5 Dec (KF), Gallatin, MT, 31 Dec (EH), and Canyon, ID, 2 Feb (MJ). As usual, there were many reports of rare White-throated and Harris's Sparrows, but two Goldencrowned Sparrows that stayed below A.F.R. dam provided a first winter record for Latilong 27 (MCr). Another Goldencrowned in Cassia, ID, 13 Dec (MA) was a latilong first. An outstanding find was the imm. Rose-breasted Grosbeak near Pocatello 18 Dec (†CT), providing a first winter record for Idaho.

Rare and local in winter, single Yellowheaded Blackbirds were reported in *Gooding*, ID, 18 Dec–12 Jan (KF), *Blaine*, ID, 2 Jan (BS), and *Ravalli*, MT, 2 Jan (DL), but an astonishing 72 were tallied on the Bruneau, ID, CBC 2 Jan. The only report of Rusty Blackbirds featured 2–3 in *Gallatin*, MT, 26 Dec–23 Feb (EA, JP). Small numbers of Brewer's Blackbirds usually winter in Idaho, but a record 610 tallied on the Bruneau CBC 2 Jan provided further evidence of the mild winter. In Great-tailed Grackle news, 32 were tallied at D.F.N.W.R. 26 Dec (JG), one wintered below A.F.R. dam (CT), and one visited Twin Falls, ID, 28 Jan (KF).

Montana's 5th **Brambling** was sporadic in Helena 1 Dec–13 Feb (†JS, m.ob.). The Com. Redpoll irruption from last fall continued through winter in most locations outside of sw. Idaho. Less than annual, two Hoary Redpolls were in Gardiner, MT, 12 Dec (TM) and *eight* were in *Flathead*, MT, 2 Jan (DC). A Lesser Goldfinch that stayed below A.F.R. dam 1 Jan–26 Feb provided a first winter record for Latilong 27 (MCr).

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This year most areas in the Region were above normal in temperature and about normal or slightly below in moisture. Many species wintered much farther north than usual. In Colorado, various species which normally do not winter were reported. Some included Sandhill Crane, Bonaparte's Gull, Burrowing Owl, Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Savannah Sparrow, and Bullock's Oriole. Many others were reported in higher numbers than usual.

LOONS THROUGH RAPTORS

Two Red-throated Loons were located in Colorado, one at Pueblo Res., Pueblo, 4-14 Dec (BKP, m.ob.) and one at Chatfield Res., Jefferson/Douglas, 7-12 Dec (JBH, DAL, JK). Five Pacific Loons were reported from Colorado this winter. An imm. Yellowbilled Loon at Quail Creek Res., Washington, UT, 14 Jan-1 Mar (RDo, m.ob.) provided the 7th Utah record. Another wintered at Pueblo Res., CO, 5 Dec-29 Feb+ (MJ, m.ob.). A Red-necked Grebe was at Valmont Res., in Boulder, Boulder, CO, 19 Dec-9 Jan (JV, m.ob.). Rare in s. Utah in winter, a Horned Grebe was reported on the Silver Reef CBC, Washington, 16 Dec (PRS, JKr,TN). In Nevada, a Horned was at Walker L., Mineral, 11 Dec (DS) and five were at Pyramid L., Washoe, 1 Jan (v.o.). A high count of 219 Eared Grebes was at Pueblo Res. CBC 18 Dec (TL, et al.). Eight Am. White Pelicans were noted in Colorado and a straggler was at Pyramid L. 1 Jan (JA, et al.). A Double-crested Cormorant was at Stratton Pond, Washington, UT, 18 Dec (PRS, JK, TN). A Green Heron lingered at Oxbow Park, Washoe, NV, until 18 Dec (TF, KM). At least six Black-crowned Night-Herons were seen during the winter season in Colorado.

A Greater White-fronted Goose was near St. George, Washington, UT, 5 Feb (JKr). A Black Brant frequented two locations in Boulder, CO, 1-22 Jan (LK). Trumpeter Swans included a single at Boulder that has been there since last spring; one at McCall L., w. of Longmont, Boulder, CO, 19 Dec (JP, BP); and two in Loveland, Larimer, CO, 5 Jan-16 Feb (NK., m.ob.). Tundra Swans included an imm. in Grand Jct. 19 Dec (fide RL) and two imm. at Highline Res., Mesa, CO, 2-3 Jan (RL). A male Eur. Wigeon wintered along the Arkansas R. in Pueblo 8 Dec+ (VAT) and another male was at Durango, La Plata, CO, 22 Feb (TG). Rare in s. Utah, a pair of Greater Scaup were at Stratton Pond 18 Dec (PRS, IKr, TN) and a male and four females were there 19 Feb (DGr, Salt Lake Birders). Colorado had reports of 18 Greaters from seven locations. Scoter reports included a female Surf Scoter at Fountain, El Paso, CO, 21 Dec-9 Jan (BG, m.ob.); an imm. Whitewinged at Shipwreck Pond, Mesa, CO, 23-27 Dec (DW); and another at Clifton Ponds, Mesa, CO, 2-3 Jan (RL). A high count of 153 Barrow's Goldeneyes was recorded 1 Dec from seven locations in w. Colorado (RL, KP, et al.). Others were females along the Truckee River at Reno, Washoe, NV, 30 Jan (TF, KS) and at Patrick,

Three Red-shouldered Hawks were reported in Utah from three locations (there had been fewer than 10 records); another two were in Colorado. The Utah birds included one near Cedar City, Iron, 17 Dec and 9 Jan (PRS), one w. of Enterprise, Washington, 16 Jan and 19 Feb (PRS, SS), an imm. in the Washington Fields near St. George 19 Feb, (JKr, RFr). In Colorado, a juv. was in Adams, CO, 1-8 Jan (TL, DSc, et al,) and another juv. was at Cherry Creek Res., Arapahoe, CO, 28 Jan (BB). A rarity in winter, a Peregrine Falcon was at St. George (Mormon Temple), Washington, UT 5 Feb (JKr). A juv. gray-morph Gyrfalcon was s. of Fleming, Logan, CO, 11 Jan (NE).

GROUSE THROUGH GULLS

Greater Prairie-Chickens appear to be expanding their range in ne. Colorado; of note, one was observed along Interstate 76 in *Weld*, CO, 11 Jan (RO), Fairly rare in Colorado in winter, two Soras were reported, one near Penrose, *Fremont*, 19 Dec (*fide* RW) and another at John Martin Res., *Bent*, 21 Jan (CLW, BKP). High counts of Sandhill Cranes in w. Colorado included 115 at Delta, 18 Dec (RL) and 85 there 23 Jan (RL), 548 near Grand Junction 19 Dec (*fide* RL), and one at Meeker, *Rio Blanco*, CO, 4 Dec (DH).

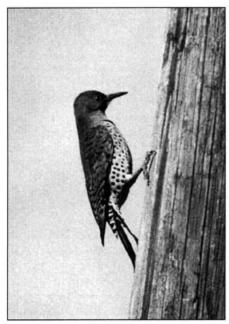
Three Mountain Plovers were at Carson L., *Churchill*, NV, 17 Dec.(LN). A W. Sandpiper was at the south end of Walker L. 30 Dec (MM, et al.). An unexpected **Baird's Sandpiper** was walking on the ice at L. Holbrook, *Otero*, CO, 31 Dec (MJ, BKP). An **American Woodcock** was observed near Longmont, *Boulder*, CO, 18–24 Dec (JP, DG, m.ob.).

Probably the result of lingering warm fall weather, Colorado's first winter jaeger reports consisted of a Pomarine at Cherry Creek Res., Arapahoe, CO, a bird that stayed to 7 Dec (BB, BF, TL, m.ob.); another darkmorph Pomarine was at Pueblo Res., Pueblo, CO, 4 Dec (MJ, BKP). Gulls were seen in extravagant numbers this season in e. Colorado. An early ad. Franklin's Gull was at Barr L., Adams, CO, 22 Jan (DF et al.) and the same bird was at Lochbuie, Adams/Weld, 26-30 Jan (TL, DF, BSu, m.ob.). The fallreported Little Gull at Pueblo Res., CO, stayed to 6 Feb (BKP, PH, TL, MJ, m.ob.). At least 110 Bonaparte's Gulls wintered at Pueblo Res., CO, with a few individuals staying to 26 Feb (BKP, MJ, m.ob.), Also in Colorado, Mew Gulls were reported from nine locations during the period, probably representing only 3-4 individuals. Reports included an ad. at Cherry Creek Res. during the fall to 1 Jan (JBH, DAL, GH), an ad at Union Res., Weld, 21-22 Dec (JP), a firstwinter at Pueblo Res. 10 Dec (BKP, VZ), two adults together at Pueblo Res. 31 Jan-13 Feb (PH, BKP, m.ob.), another ad. at Jim Hamm Pond, Boulder, 28-29 Feb+ (DWK), a firstwinter in Weld and Adams, 31 Dec-30 Jan (JV, BK, TL, m.ob.), and a first-alternate at L Henry, Crowley, 12 Feb (MJ). A second-winter hybrid Herring × Glaucous Gull, was at Horseshoe L., Larimer, CO 29 Feb+ (JV) An astonishing 18 Lesser Black-backed Gulls were recorded in e. Colorado this winter A Glaucous-winged Gull was observed at Horseshoe L., CO, 28-29 Feb+ (DEC, m.ob.). Up to five Great Black-backed Gulls were reported in e. Colorado and nine Glaucous Gull were noted this season An unexpected juv. Black-legged Kittiwake was at John Martin Res. 19-22 Jan (CLW, BKP, RO, DQ).

DOVES THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Eurasian Collared-Dove sightings from Colorado included four in Lamar 31 Jan-4 Feb (DAL) and three in Fowler, Otero, 20 Feb (BKP, LE, JW, RW). Nearby, two Inca Doves were in Rocky Ford, Otero, CO, 27-29 Feb (SO, m.ob.). Ten Barn Owls were reported from Colorado this season (v.o.). An E Screech-Owl was at Lamar, Prowers, CO, 1 Dec-29 Feb+ (DAL), and 13 N. Pygmy-Owls were reported from the Colorado mountains during the period. A hardy Burrowing Owl spent the winter near Interstate 25 s of Denver in Douglas, CO (UK, HEK), An imm. Snowy Owl was on the Pawnee Natl Grasslands, Weld, CO, 3-8 Feb (DM, JH, m.ob.). Two Barred Owls were observed along the Cimarron R., Baca, CO, 20 Jan (CLW, BKP), and may represent the 2nd Colorado record. A N. Sawwhet Owl was near Briggsdale, Weld, CO early Jan-29 Feb (JM, DCE, m.ob.).

A remarkable trilling male **Broad-tailed Hummingbird** in Boulder 21 Dec (TD) may have provided Colorado's first winter record Up to 12 Lewis's Woodpeckers wintered in the Shoal Creek Valley, *Washington*, UT (PRS, RF, JKr). Rare in winter, an imm male Williamson's Sapsucker was at Florence Mt Park, *Fremont*, CO, 19 Dec (SB, TL); a female was at Penrose, *Fremont*, CO, 20 Dec (RW) A Red-naped Sapsucker was at Grand Jct, *Mesa*, CO, 19 Jan–17 Feb (LA). A male Yellow-shafted Flicker was at Fallon, *Churchill*, NV, 22 Dec (ph. MM).



Yellow-shafted Flickers of the northerly subspecies C. a. luteus are rare to uncommon fall and winter visitors to the Southwest. This adult male was photographed at Fallon, Nevada, 22 Jan 2000. Photograph by Martin Meyers.

TITMOUSE THROUGH FINCHES

A Juniper Titmouse at Springfield, Baca, CO, 21 Jan., was e. of normal (CLW, BKP). Carolina Wrens were reported from four e. Colorado locations this season, and Winter Wrens were widespread there, including 17 from 13 locations. Two Blue-gray Gnatcatchers were at Two Buttes Res. 1-30 Dec (DAL, JP), one was w. of Pueblo 9 Dec-1 Jan (BKP, MJ), three were on the w. end of Pueblo Res. 18 Dec (CS, PSS), and three were on the Boulder CBC 19 Dec (PP, PHa). A male W. Bluebird was found near Walsh, Baca, CO, 6 Feb (MJ, BKP). Four Hermit Thrushes wintered in e. Colorado, and a female Varied Thrush was at Jackson Res., Morgan, CO, 9 Jan-12 Feb (J. Norton, m.ob.). Ten N. Mockingbirds were found in Colorado during the period. Sage Thrashers were reported from Weld, CO, 18 Jan (GH) and one was in Alamosa, CO, 17 Feb (JJR). Single Brown Thrashers were at Beulah, Pueblo, CO, 2 Jan (AW); Olathe, Montrose, CO, 24 Jan (fide C. Day); and Lamar, CO, 31 Jan-5 Feb (DAL).

An Orange-crowned Warbler was reported on the Grand Junction CBC, *Mesa*, CO, 19 Dec (*fide* RL). A Pine Warbler was at Ft. Collins, *Larimer*, CO, 13–17 Dec (BC). A Yellow Palm Warbler was near Pueblo 26 Dec (DS). A female Com.

Yellowthroat was w. of Pueblo 18 Dec (BKP), a male was e. of Pueblo 26 Dec+ (DSi), one was e. of Rocky Ford 2-19 Jan (SO, VAT et al.). Two Green-tailed Towhees were located near Grand Jct. 19 Dec (fide RL). In Colorado, E. Towhee reports included singles in Boulder 8 Dec-6 Jan (MW, BK), Penrose 10 Dec-29 Feb+ (ph. JW, RW, m.ob.), and Cañon City 19 Dec (PAG, BM, PH, LM). Possibly Utah's first Canyon Towhee was reported from Hatch Trading Post, San Juan, 7 Jan (DGr, TS). Rufouscrowned Sparrows remained in Cañon City, CO, 19 Dec-22 Jan (DSi, DJ). Rare in winter, a Field Sparrow was in e. Pueblo, CO, mid-Dec-26 Dec (DR) and another was along the Arkansas R. in Pueblo 1 Jan (BKP, MJ). A Lark Bunting was e. of Rocky Ford, CO, 2 Jan (MJ) and three were in Baca, CO, 6 Feb (MJ, BKP). At least six Savannah Sparrows were at the w. end of John Martin Res. 3–29 Feb+ (DAL, m.ob.). A Le Conte's Sparrow was at w. end of John Martin Res. 21 Jan (CLW) and ≤8 were located in wetlands near there 2-29 Feb+ (ph. DAL, m.ob.). A Red Fox Sparrow was reported from the foothills at Georgetown, Clear Creek, CO, 7 Feb (TD). Five Lincoln's Sparrows were reported from four e. Colorado locations. Rare but regular, a Swamp Sparrow was at Seegmiller Marsh, Washington, UT, 5 Feb. (JKr, JF). An imm. White-throated Sparrow was at the Carson River Diversion Dam, Churchill, NV, 26 Feb (LN), and an adult was at Oxbow Park in Reno, NV, 18-21 Dec. (v.o.). An ad. Goldencrowned Sparrow was observed w. of Pueblo 23 Dec (BKP, DSM, PAG, MP) and two were at Red Cliffs, Washington, UT, 18 Dec and 5 Feb (PRS, JK, TN). Up to 20 McCown's Longspurs wintered at Carson L., the first known wintering of this species in Nevada. At least two Lapland Longspurs also wintered at Carson L., providing the first wintering of this species in the Lahontan Valley. Single Snow Buntings were at Wolford Mt. Project Rec. Area, Routt, CO, 18 Dec (TH); Black Forest, El Paso, CO, 31 Dec (BBH); and Pueblo Res. 8-25 Jan (KS, m.ob.).

Rarely reported in winter, Yellow-headed Blackbirds included two males at Fossil Creek Marsh, *Larimer*, CO, 2 Dec-6 Jan (CC, SJD), 12 at Monte Vista N.W.R., *Rio Grande*, CO, 11 Dec (*fide* JJR), three males and one female n. of Barr L. S.P., *Adams*, CO, 31 Dec (TL), and one male at L. Meredith, *Crowley*, CO, 27 Feb (SO). A mob of 295 Great-tailed Grackles wintered near Barr L. 9 Dec-5 Feb (TL, m.ob.). Totally unexpected in Colorado in winter, single **Bullock's Orioles** were reported from Lamar, CO, 1 Dec (DAL); Brighton, Adams, CO, 1–31 Dec (MF, TL, DF); and at a feeder on the Denver CBC 18 Dec (fide DSc). An imm. or female Purple Finch was in Colorado City, Pueblo, CO, 6 Feb (DS). Lesser Goldfinches were reported from 13 locations in Colorado.

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