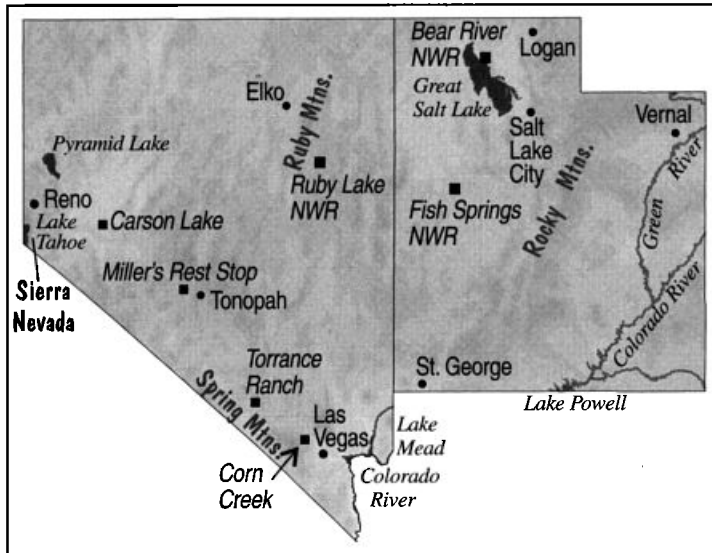


# Great Basin



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The highlights of the season were an exceptional showing by seabirds at Pyramid Lake, a heavy irruption of montane species (especially Pinyon Jays and Lewis's Woodpeckers) into the desert, and a goodly presence of eastern vagrants at the desert oases. The Pyramid Lake seabirds were preceded by a week of unsettled weather with a strong westerly flow from the Pacific Ocean, and the incursion of montane species was thought to be connected to a regional cone-crop failure. The vagrants at the desert oases, however, could not be attributed to any large-scale biological or meteorological phenomena.

**Abbreviations:** A.I.C. (Antelope Island Causeway, Davis, UT); C.C. (Corn Creek, Clark, NV); Bear River (Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, Box Elder, UT); F.B.W.M.A. (Farmington Bay W.M.A., Davis, UT); E.S.N.W.R. (Fish Springs N.W.R., Juab, UT);

H.B.V.P. (Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve, Clark, NV); I.S. (Indian Springs, Clark, NV); J.R.P. (Jordan River Parkway, Salt Lake, UT); L.V. (Las Vegas, Clark, NV); L.V.M. (Lemmon Valley Marsh, Washoe, NV); M.R.S. (Miller's Rest Stop, Esmeralda, NV); O.P. (Oxbow Park, Washoe, NV); P.L. (Pyramid Lake, Washoe, NV); P.N.W.R. (Pahrangat N.W.R., Lincoln, NV); S.F.R. (South Fork Reservoir, Elko, NV); S.L. (Soda Lake, Churchill, NV); T.R. (Torrance Ranch, Nye, NV); W.L. (Walker Lake, Mineral, NV). Records marked with @ are subject to review by the Nevada Bird Records Committee (NBRC) or Utah Bird Records Committee (UBRC).

## Loons Through Falcons

Pacific Loons were reported from Nevada at P.L. 23 Sep–16 Nov (v.o.) and W.L. 13 Oct (TF); Utah records were of 2 at Hyrum Res., Cache, 14 Oct–11 Nov (v.o.) and one at Willard Bay S.P., Box Elder, 4 Nov (MS). One or two Red-necked Grebes were at P.L. 13 Sep–5 Nov (v.o.). A disoriented **Brown Pelican** at L.V. 5 Aug was released at H.B.V.P., where it was found dead 7 Aug (@CN, \*Barrick Museum of Natural History *vide* CT). **Little Blue Herons** (@) included an ad. at F.B.W.M.A. 27 Aug (JBe, KB) and an imm. along the Bear R. near Randolph, Richan, UT, 18 Sep (PU).

Greater White-fronted Geese were at eight Nevada and two Utah locations, with a first date

of 28 Aug at Goose L., Churchill, NV (BH) and a high count of 53 at Washington, Washington, UT, 9 Sep (RF et al.). The top Snow Goose count was 300+ at W.L. 25 Nov (JW). The only Ross's Geese were 3 near Tonopah, Nye, NV, 15 Nov (JB) and one at Rancho San Rafael Park, Washoe, NV, 26 Nov (NH et al.). The Tundra Swan maximum was 1200 at L.V.M. 16 Nov (TF, BG). A Trumpeter Swan at Decker L., Salt Lake, UT, 11 Nov (JH) was at an unexpected locale. Wood Ducks were reported from 7 Nevada locations, but the only Utah report was of 3 birds at the Bureau of Reclamation Mitigation Area, Wasatch, UT, 13 Aug (MiS, MaS). The only Blue-winged Teal reports came from L.V.M. 14–20 Aug (v.o.) and S.F.R. 27 Aug (MP, LP). A Eurasian Wigeon was a good find at Provo, Utah, UT, 23 Nov (@JTU, RT). Early were 2 Greater Scaup at L.V.M. 16 Sep (TF); the maximum of several reports from P.L. 5–30 Nov (v.o.) was 28 birds 16 Nov (JW). A Lesser Scaup at H.B.V.P. 25 Aug (CT) was early. Surf Scoter reports included one at P.L. 24–27 Sep and 5 at this location 5 Nov (TF et al.); 3 at W.L. 16 Oct (LN); one at Quail Creek Res., Washington, UT, 24 Oct (RF, KW), and one at H.B.V.P. 27–28 Oct (CN et al.). A flock of 4 White-winged Scoters at Duff's Pond, Churchill, 16 Nov (AC) provided the only Nevada report, but Utah records came from F.B.W.M.A. 3–5 Nov (v.o.), A.I.C. 6 Nov (LS), and Hyrum Res., Cache, 8 Nov (KE). P.L. hosted a **Black Scoter** 16–24 Nov (@JW et al., ph. MM). The only Nevada Long-tailed Duck was at H.B.V.P. 10 Nov (RS), but the species was reported from 3 Utah locations 8–22 Nov (v.o.). A summering Bufflehead lingered at H.B.V.P. into Aug (RS). Multiple Barrow's Goldeneyes gathered at Logan Canyon, Cache, UT, 8 Nov (KE, JR) and singles were at P.L. 22–30 Nov (JW et al.) and Virginia L., Washoe, NV, 20–23 Nov (JD, HJ). The Hooded Merganser is common in w Nevada but unusual in Utah, where the only reports came from Logan, Cache, 8–25 Nov (v.o.) and J.R.P. 13 Nov (JH). Red-breasted Mergansers were noted at 3 Nevada locations 2 Sep–24 Nov, with a top count of 7 at P.L. 23 Sep (GS et al.).

Red-shouldered Hawks continued their apparent increase in Nevada, with reports from at least 14 locations; the only Utah report came from Grafton, Washington, 18 Oct (KC, BSh). Broad-winged Hawks (@) at C.C. 10 Oct (MSs) and 3 Nov (RS) were far from their usual Nevada migratory corridor in the Goshute Mts., Elko, where small numbers occur annually (DB); the only Utah sighting was from Fish L. Hightop Plateau, Sevier, 6 Sep (TS). A **Zone-tailed Hawk** continued at P.N.W.R. until 3 Aug (@MM, EG), and one was at Pine Park, Washington, UT, 16 Aug (@TS).

## Plovers Through Terns

The shorebird passage was good in Utah but unspectacular in Nevada. Highlights included single American Golden-Plovers at Provo Airport dike, *Utah*, UT, 10 Sep (DGr et al.) and Hurricane, *Washington*, UT, 4 Nov (RF, KW); a late Solitary Sandpiper at Key Pitman W.M.A., *Lincoln*, NV, 2 Oct (MSs, JP); a **Hudsonian Godwit** at Bear River 28 Aug (@CNe, TN); Ruddy Turnstones (@) at L.V.M. 20 Aug (TF, KM) and Antelope Island S.P., *Davis*, UT, 19–28 Aug (v.o.); 2 Red Knots at Bear River 28 Aug (CNe, TN); the only Utah Sanderling at A.I.C. 15 Sep (KE et al.) and Nevada records from 3 locales 16–25 Sep, led by 35 at P.L. 25 Sep (v.o.); Semipalmated Sandpipers at L.V.M. 8 Aug (TF, TL) and S.L. 31 Aug (TF); Stilt Sandpipers at H.B.V.P. 25 Aug (RS) and 3 Oct (MSs, JP) and at F.B.W.M.A. 3 Sep (DGr, DS), plus 12 at Provo Airport dike 25 Sep (DSH); a **Buff-breasted Sandpiper**, Utah's 4th if accepted, at Pruess L., *Millard*, UT, 3 Sep (@fide CT); 2 Short-billed Dowitchers at H.B.V.P. 3 Oct (MSs, JP), and single birds at Bear River 7 Aug (JHu, MS), S.L. 22 Aug (MM), and F.B.W.M.A. 23 Sep (DWh); and single **Red Phalaropes** (@) at Hurricane Sewage Lagoons, *Washington*, UT, 7 Sep (RF; somewhat early) and P.L. 25 Sep (TF, BHa).

A light-morph ad. **Pomarine Jaeger** at Little Lyman L., *Summit*, UT, 26 Aug (@ph. KF) was a real surprise. A moribund Parasitic Jaeger (@) was found near S.L. 29 Aug (BH), at least 3

were at P.L. 10–15 Sep (ph. JT, v.o.), and a late individual was at F.B.W.M.A. 28 Oct (v.o.). At least 4 **Long-tailed Jaegers** (@) were at P.L. 9–25 Sep (ph. MM, v.o.). An undetermined number of unidentified jaegers at P.L. 6–25 Sep (v.o.) may have represented a few additional individuals.

The only Franklin's Gulls in Nevada were singles at S.L. 22 Aug (MM), S.F.R. 27 Aug (MP, LP) and near T.R. 23 Oct (MSs, JD). Bonaparte's Gulls appeared in small numbers at five Nevada locations 15 Oct–4 Nov (v.o.); large numbers were at Bear River until 20 Nov (DP). Deer Creek Res., *Wasatch*, UT, hosted 2 Mew Gulls 6 Oct (@JBe et al.). The first of a scattering of Nevada Herring Gull reports came from P.L. 9 Sep (MM, TF). Thayer's Gulls reports came from A.I.C. 18 Nov (TS) and West Bountiful Landfill, *Davis*, UT, 19 Nov (MS, SSt). A 2nd-winter **Western Gull** was at P.L. 19–20 Nov (@ph. MM et al.). Single Glaucous-winged Gulls were at P.L. 18 Nov (JW) and Reno, *Washoe*, NV, 26 Nov (TF). A Glaucous-winged x Western Gull was at W.L. 13 Oct (TF) and at least 3 were at P.L. 5–23 Nov (v.o.). Sabine's Gulls (@) made an excellent showing: singles were at H.B.V.P. 22 Aug–8 Oct (v.o.), Panguitch L., *Garfield*, UT, 16–28 Sep (RD), and Humboldt Sink, *Pershing*, NV, 20 Sep (LN); 2 were at Deer Creek Res. 6–7 Oct (v.o.); 3 were at P.N.W.R. 2 Oct (MSs, JP); and many passed through P.L. 13–25 Sep (see S.A.).

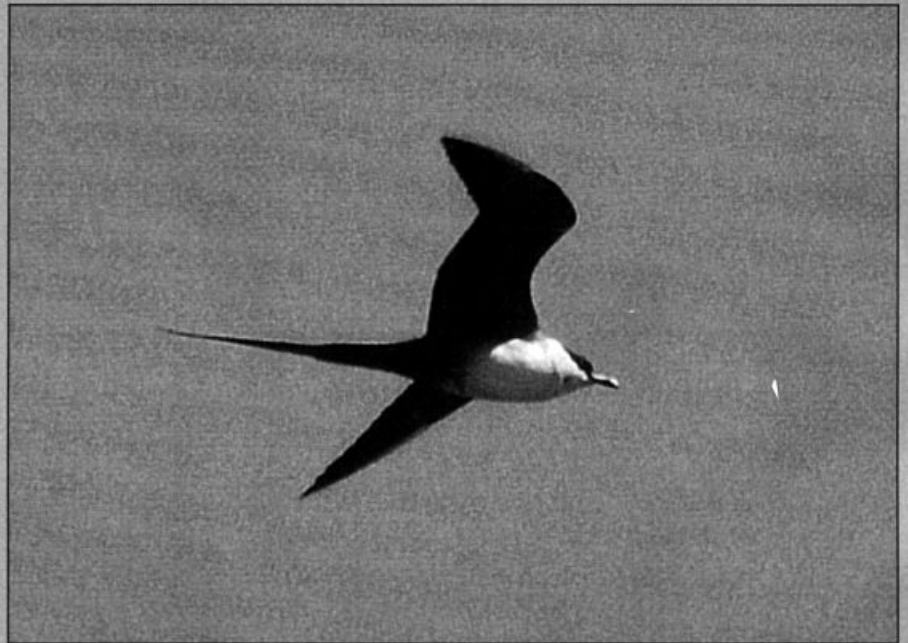
A strong Common Tern flight was noted in Nevada 31 Aug–8 Oct, with a high of 22 birds at P.L. 23 Sep (TF et al.); small flocks were at 3 Utah locations 27 Aug–5 Oct (v.o.). An ad. and a juv. **Arctic Tern** (@) were at P.L. 23 Sep (ph GS et al.); the ad. remained through 24 Sep (DS, BSe).

## Pigeons Through Flycatchers

Imm. Band-tailed Pigeons at I.S. 23 Sep (MPa) and H.B.V.P. 8 Oct (TF et al.) were at unusual lowland locations. Northerly White-winged Doves were at 3 *Churchill*, NV, locations 3 Sep–30 Nov (v.o.). Migrant owls included a Flammulated in urban Reno 23 Sep (ME) and single Northern Saw-whets at four lowland locations in Nevada 26 Sep–29 Nov (v.o.). A Common Nighthawk at Reno, *Washoe*, NV 27 Oct (MV et al.) was late. Black Swifts in Utah included 3 at Brighton, *Salt Lake*, 6 Aug (JBe, KB) and 8 at Naturalist Basin, *Duchesne*, 12 Aug (MiS, MaS). A Vaux's Swift was at Quail Creek Res., *Washington*, UT, 19 Aug (@RF). Somewhat northerly were Anna's Hummingbirds at O.P. 16 Aug–2 Sep (MSs, TF) and Tonopah 27 Sep (PS), meanwhile, several birds remained at L.V. area feeders into December (v.o.).

Lewis's Woodpeckers were reported from 14 lowland locations in Nevada and four in Utah 3 Sep–18 Nov, with the bulk of records late Sep–early Oct; high counts were ≤20 at Circle-L Ranch, *Esmeralda*, NV, 1 Oct (MSs et al.) and

**SA** Pyramid Lake is a great place to look for rarities in the fall, but this year stood out as especially exciting. The annual fall waterbird survey, held 25 Sep, yielded 2 Red-necked Grebes, a male Surf Scoter, a Red Phalarope, a Long-tailed Jaeger and an unidentified jaeger, a mind-bending 11 Sabine's Gulls, and uncommon species such as Red-breasted Merganser, Sanderling, and Common Tern. Other notables on the lake this fall included additional Long-tailed Jaegers, multiple Parasitic Jaegers, a pair of Arctic Terns, a Black Scoter, and a Western Gull. We even had a "Patagonia Picnic Table Effect" (no mean feat in Nevada, with its comparative dearth of birders), with observers combing the adjacent woodlands and turning up locally uncommon species such as multiple Red-shouldered Hawks, a Northern Saw-whet Owl, 2 Black Phoebes, 2 Swainson's Thrushes, a Varied Thrush, a Northern Parula, a Chestnut-sided Warbler, a Black-and-white Warbler, and 2 American Redstarts.



Pyramid Lake, *Washoe*, Nevada, hosted an "invasion" of jaegers during September 2000, with at least 4 Long-tailed, 3 Parasitics, and an undetermined number of unidentified birds. This adult Long-tailed Jaeger was photographed there 9 September 2000. Photograph by Martin Meyers.

10+ at Mormon Ranch, *Clark*, NV, 7 Oct (JKa et al.) A **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** was at M.R.S. 13 Oct (@JB); there are fewer than 10 Nevada records but it is potentially overlooked as a fall vagrant. A Red-breasted Sapsucker at Minersville Res., *Beaver*, UT, 27 Sep (@MW) was well out of range; the species breeds in w. Nevada, but birds at Timber L., *Churchill*, 20 Sep (DW, DA), Circle-L Ranch 30 Sep (TF et al.), and Bodyfelt Ranch, *Nye*, 1 Oct (TF et al.) were somewhat easterly. A pure Yellow-shafted Flicker was reported from Pleasant Grove, *Utah*, UT, 13 Nov (TW); Nevada got its usual share of hybrid flickers, but none was thought to be pure Yellow-shafted.

A **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** at T.R. 14 Oct (@TF, ph. MPa), if accepted, would represent the first documented record for Nevada. **Least Flycatchers** (@) at Tonopah 3–5 Sept (JB) and at M.R.S. 17 Sep (JB) and 13–16 Oct (JB, TF) will present NBRC with the usual challenges associated with identification of *Empidonax* flycatchers; Utah records came from the Bureau of Reclamation Mitigation Area 5–7 Aug (v.o.) and Lytle Ranch Preserve, *Washington*, 24 Sep (RD). In Nevada a heavy passage of Western Flycatchers was noted through the valleys and in the mountains 10 Aug–18 Oct (v.o.); banding data indicated that most were Pacific-slope Flycatchers (DW, DA). Northward post-breeding dispersal by Black Phoeebes was evidenced by reports from six n. Nevada locations 18 Aug–18 Oct (v.o.). An **Eastern Phoebe** was at C.C. 3 Nov (@RS). A pair of Brown-crested Flycatchers at P.N.W.R. 3 Aug (MM, EG) provided the only report. Cassin's Kingbirds were at C.C. 16 Aug (RS), H.B.V.P. 25 Aug–3 Oct (v.o.), and T.R. 26 Aug–3 Sep (MSs et al.). Eastern Kingbird is rare in Nevada away from *Elko*, so a migrant at H B V.P. 31 Aug (*fide* RS) was noteworthy.

### Vireos Through Warblers

Cassin's Vireo is reported annually in Utah, but reports from six locations 27 Aug–15 Oct (v.o.) were more than usual. Away from their usual haunts in the mountains of Nevada, Steller's Jays were at the desert locales of Ash Meadows N.W.R., *Nye*, 14 Oct (MPa) and C.C. 21 Oct–9 Nov (v.o.); the species also descended to several valley locations in Utah (v.o.). Good numbers of Pinyon Jays were widely noted in the lowland deserts of Nevada 12 Aug–21 Oct (v.o.), and a strong movement was noted through Salt Lake City, *Salt Lake*, UT, 6–11 Sep (v.o.). Clark's Nutcrackers were reported from the desert oases of C.C. 8 Sep (RS) and T.R. 14 Sep (KV). A small flock of Purple Martins was at Provo R. Parkway, *Utah*, UT, 12–27 Aug (v.o.), and a few Tree Swallows remained at H B V.P. through the reporting period (RS).

The status of Black-capped Chickadee in e. Nevada is unclear, so a report from Great Basin N.P., *White Pine*, 14 Sep (CPe) was interesting. At least 3 Winter Wrens, including juvs., at Chimney Beach, *Washoe*, NV, 3 Aug (TF, TL) implied breeding; the species is still unconfirmed as a breeder in Nevada. Elsewhere, migrants at five Nevada locations 19 Sep–24 Nov (v.o.) included an individual of the eastern *hiemalis* subspecies complex at C.C. 9 Nov (MSj); Utah records came from three locations 29 Oct–23 Nov (v.o.). Singles and small flocks of Golden-crowned Kinglets, an uncommon valley migrant through Nevada, were noted from 8 lowland locations 23 Sep–28 Nov (v.o.). A Blue-gray Gnatcatcher lingered at J.R.P. until 26 Nov (BC, TC).

Swainson's Thrushes were noted at Numana, *Washoe*, NV, 9–15 Sep (v.o.) and at Timber L. 21 Sep (DW, DA). Varied Thrushes were reported from an impressive nine Nevada and three Utah locations 5 Oct–25 Nov (v.o.). A Gray Catbird was at S.E.R. 27 Aug (MP, LP). Single Brown Thrashers were at T.R. until 22 Sep (@KV et al.) and at P.N.W.R. 7 Oct (SG). Bohemian Waxwings were at Provo 16 Nov (CP) and J.R.P. 28 Nov (TS). A Phainopepla at F.S.N.W.R. 16 Sep (v.o.) was well to the n. of its usual Utah range.

The fall warbler flight was impressive in both states, and featured the following highlights: a Tennessee Warbler at Idlewild Park, *Washoe*, NV, 12 Sep (@TF); Nashville Warblers at three Utah locations 27 Aug–21 Sep (v.o.); Northern Parulas banded at Numana, *Washoe*, NV, 24 Aug (DW, DA) and seen at M.R.S. 29 Sep (JB); Chestnut-sided Warblers at M.R.S. 6 Sep (@JB) and P.L. 22 Oct (GS); a Magnolia Warbler at St. George, *Washington*, UT, 11 Oct (@RF); Black-throated Blue Warblers at M.R.S. 19–20 Oct (@JB et al.) and F.S.N.W.R. 25 Oct (@TS); Townsend's Warblers at 13 Utah locations 6 Aug–19 Nov (v.o.); a brief but strong pulse of migrant Hermit Warblers through the Carson Range, *Washoe*, NV, 2–16 Aug (v.o.), plus an easterly individual at Pine Park, *Washington*, UT, 12 Aug (JK, SS); a **Black-throated Green Warbler** at Tonopah 18 Oct (@JB); a *palmarum* Palm Warbler at Las Vegas Wash, *Clark*, 14 Nov (@CT et al.); Black-and-white Warblers at two Nevada and four Utah locations 1 Sep–23 Nov (v.o.); American Redstarts at five Nevada and two Utah locations 29 Aug–2 Oct (v.o.); a mini-invasion of **Prothonotary Warblers** (@), with Nevada reports from Ruby Lake N.W.R., *Elko*, 14 Sep (KV), I.S. 23 Sep (MPa, BrS), C.C. 24 Sep (JHe, DPo), M.R.S. 30 Sep–1 Oct (JB et al.), and Spanish Springs, *Washoe*, 15 Oct (*fide* GS), and Utah reports from Provo R. Parkway 17–19 Sep (v.o.) and Lytle Ranch Preserve 24 Sep (ph. RD);

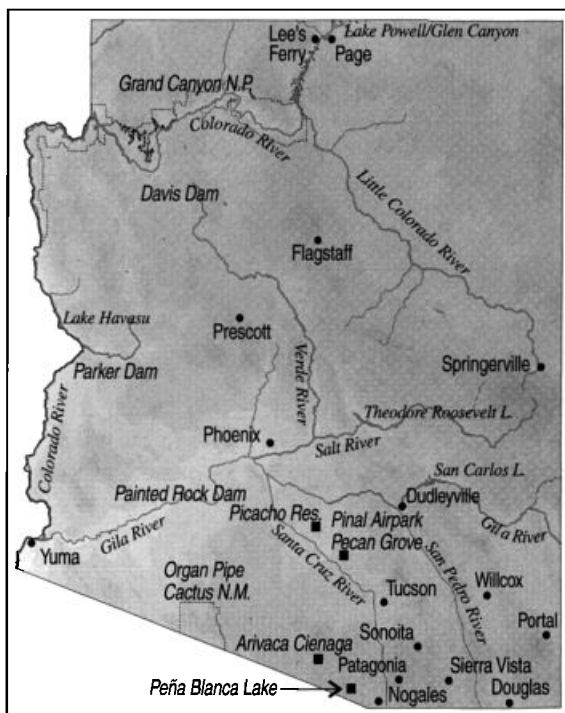
an Ovenbird at H.B.V.P. 17 Aug (CR *fide* CN), Northern Waterthrushes at M.R.S. 8 Aug (JB) and C.C. 7–30 Sep (MSj et al.); a **Connecticut Warbler** (@)—a forthcoming challenge for the UBRC—at J.R.P. from the early date of 30 Aug (JH) to 17 Sep (DGr); and a **Canada Warbler** banded at T.R. 22 Sep (@KV).

### Tanagers Through Finches

A Summer Tanager at Dyer, *Esmeralda*, NV, 21 Oct (MSs, JD) was tardy, as was a northerly individual at F.S.N.W.R. 25 Oct (TS). A Clay-colored Sparrow was at I.S. 10 Oct (@MSs) and at least 2 were intermittently present at M R S 27 Aug–27 Oct (JB); the status of this species in Nevada is uncertain and observers are urged to provide detailed documentation for all sightings. A single-observer sight record of a **Field Sparrow** at M.R.S. 27 Oct (@JB) was intriguing. A Lark Bunting was reported from Tonopah 17 Sep (@JB). A Grasshopper Sparrow at LaVerkin, *Washington*, UT, 25 Sep (RF) was unusual for s Utah. Nevada's 2nd **Le Conte's Sparrow**, at M.R.S. 1 Oct (@ph. JP et al.), was a definite highlight. A Red Fox Sparrow was at C.C. 18 Oct (MSj). Swamp Sparrows at M.R.S. 12–19 Oct (@JB) seemed to involve 2 different birds, another was at C.C. 9 Nov (MSj). A **White-crowned Sparrow** of the northwestern *pugetensis* subspecies at I.S. 23 Oct (ph. MSs, JD) was a surprise. Easterly Golden-crowned Sparrows were noted at four Nevada desert locations 1 Oct–24 Nov (v.o.). Reports of Pink-sided Juncos came from six Nevada locations 20 Oct–30 Nov (v.o.). Two **McCown's Longspurs** were at Ponderosa Dairy, *Nye*, NV, 23 Oct (@MSs, JD). In Nevada, a Lapland Longspur was noted at M.R.S. 19–21 Oct (ph. GS et al.) and 2 were at Washoe L., *Washoe*, 29 Oct (TF et al.); Utah reports included singles at F.B.W.M A 11–18 Nov (v.o.) and near Cedar City, *Iron*, 19 Nov (SS), and 2 at Washington 29 Nov (KW). Snow Buntings were reported from three Utah locations 3–18 Nov (v.o.).

A Rose-breasted Grosbeak was at Tonopah 27 Sep (@SS). Single Indigo Buntings near Great Basin N.P. 26 Aug (JWo, MR) and at Antelope Island S.P. 26 Aug (KL), were at unexpected locales; one lingering at T.R. until 20 Sep (KV) was at a more usual location. An imm. **Painted Bunting** at Pack Creek Ranch, *San Juan*, UT, 7 Sep (@ph. MK) would furnish a state first, if accepted. A Dickcissel was reported from M R S 21 Sep (@JB) and an imm. male found dead at Paradise, *Cache*, UT, 5 Nov (AM) provided a county first. A Bobolink on the Carson R. Diversion Dam, *Churchill*, NV, 1 Sep (LN) was extralimital. Two Great-tailed Grackles at Riverview Park, *Washoe*, NV, 17 Oct (NB) were somewhat out of range. A northerly Hooded

# Arizona



Oriole remained at Fallon, *Churchill*, NV, until 5 Aug (*fide* BH), and a tardy individual remained at L.V. through the reporting period (BS). Reports of **Baltimore Orioles** at T.R. 16 Aug (@KV) and Tonopah 4 Sep were supported by few details. A Scott's Oriole at S.F.R. 27 Aug (MP, LP) was northerly.

In Utah both Gray-crowned and Black Rosy-Finches were in large numbers at six locations 9 Oct–12 Nov (v.o.); in Nevada the meager maxima were 9 Gray-crowns at Tonopah 22 Nov (JB) and 3 Blacks at Tonopah 22–25 Nov (JB et al.). Pine Grosbeaks along Ophir Creek Trail, *Washoe*, NV, 2–16 Aug peaked at 40 birds (v.o.). A female **Purple Finch** was in the Goshute Mts. 19 Sep (@DB, JL). A flock of 30 Red Crossbills descended to the desert oasis of C.C. 6 Oct (RS), 20 were at Salt Lake City 27 Nov (v.o.), and an undetermined number were at Provo 7–30 Nov (v.o.). A White-winged Crossbill was a nice find at Salt Lake City 14 Nov (DO), and a black-backed Lesser Goldfinch was at C.C. 11 Aug (RS). Small flocks of Evening Grosbeaks were noted at five desert locations in Nevada 9 Oct–9 Nov (v.o.).

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**T**he most dramatic aspect of this fall was, by far, the invasion of Rocky Mountain species into southern Arizona. It was geographically widespread and covered numerous species from a wide array of families, including woodpeckers, corvids, parids, thrushes, and finches. The sheer number of reports was too many to list, so we summarized the invasion in broad terms in a separate section. Apart from the invasion, numerous species lingered later than usual into the fall. Another highlight of the fall was the sudden invasion of Eurasian Collared-Dove reports—we went from no state records to numerous records from all corners of the state in a single season! Time will tell if this was a true expansion into the Southwest.

**Abbreviations:** ABC (Arizona Bird Committee), B.T.A. (Boyce Thompson Arboretum); B.A.N.W.R. (Buenos Aires N.W.R.); G.R.P.A. (Granite Reef Picnic Area), H.R.P. (Hassayampa River Preserve); Li.C.R. (Little Colorado River); L.C.R.V. (Lower Colorado River Valley); N.I.R. (Navajo Indian Reservation); R.R.S.T.P. (Roger Road S.T.P., Tucson); S.P.R. (San Pedro River); S.T.P. (Sewage Treatment Plant); T.T.L. (Tempe Town Lake); W.W.D. (White Water Draw)

## The Montane Invasion

This fall brought one of the most impressive widespread invasions of montane birds to s Arizona on record. Several Piciformes were prominent at lower-than-normal elevations this season; Lewis's Woodpeckers were widely reported from late Sep+. Acorn Woodpeckers were found away from preferred oak habitat in Sierra Vista, Phoenix and Tucson, and Williamson's Sapsuckers were at a number of unusual locations, including Ramsey Canyon, Portal, Kino Springs, Pena Blanca L., Phoenix, and Tucson. By early Sep, Steller's Jays and Western Scrub-Jays were being reported from a variety of lower elevations, and by early Oct,