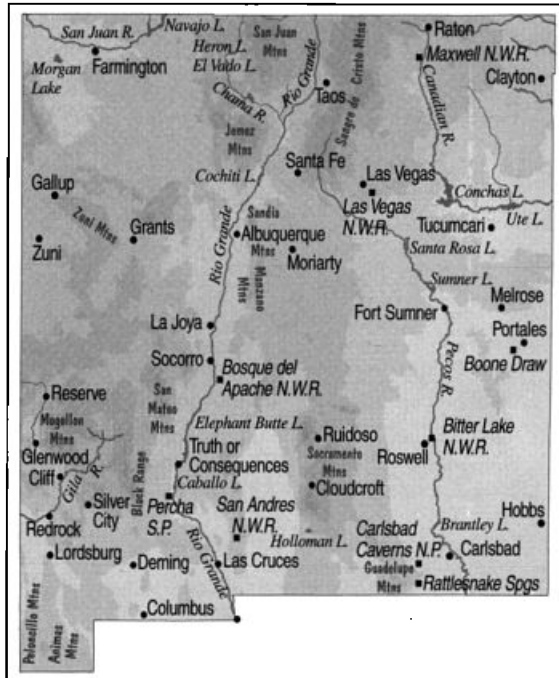


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a 3rd record for n. Arizona. Extralimital reports of Chestnut-collared Longspurs included one in Pasture Canyon, N.I.R., 9 Oct (CL) and at least 6 at Western Sod Farm, Friendly Corners, 26 Sep (vt. GHR, DS).

Grosbeaks Through Finches

No fewer than 4 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were found this fall, about average. A Varied Bunting was out of its normal range at B.T.A. 28–29 Sep (CT). Seven Painted Buntings, all in mid-Sep, were more than usual for a single fall. Five Dickcissels, all in mid-Sep, were about normal; this species has proven to be a rare but regular fall migrant, once observers learned its distinctive flight call. The only Bobolink of the fall was a single bird at Cook's L., S.P.R., 30 Sep (WR, GHR, MMS). A Hooded Oriole at the Phoenix Zoo 15 Nov (RMJ) was late, as was a Bullock's Oriole along the Salt R. in sw. Phoenix 11 Nov (TC, M. Baker). Lingering Scott's Orioles included one in Harshaw Canyon 14 Oct (B. Massey), one in Paradise 14 Oct (JB), and another in Madera Canyon 30 Nov (D. Flower).

A repeat from the winter of 1996–1997 was the discovery of at least 65 **Black Rosy-Finches** along the Echo Cliffs s. of Page 26 Nov+ (CL, ph. TC, ph. MMS); there were only a couple of previously documented records for the state.

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Autumn 2000 was generally mild and dry but interrupted at odd intervals with cold temperatures and locally heavy precipitation. Migration was deemed good for most species and especially for shorebirds, which took advantage of receding water levels at several locations, while conspicuous submontane movements were undertaken by several groups, including woodpeckers, corvids, parids, nuthatches, and finches.

Abbreviations: B.L.N.W.R. (Bitter Lake N.W.R.); Bosque (Bosque del Apache N.W.R.); E.B.L. (Elephant Butte Lake); L.V.N.W.R. (Las Vegas N.W.R.); Maxwell (Maxwell N.W.R.); N.R.T. (north Roosevelt County migrant trap near Melrose); R.S. (Rattlesnake Springs, Eddy); R.G.N.C. (Rio Grande Nature Center, Albuquerque); R.G.V. (Rio Grande Valley); Sevilleta (Sevilleta N.W.R.); Zuni (Zuni Indian Reservation).

Loons Through Falcons

Leading the loon news was a **Yellow-billed Loon** at Farmington L. 16–29 Nov (ph. TR), single Pacifics were at Farmington L. (TR), Cochiti L. (BV), L.V.N.W.R. (v.o.), E.B.L. (ph JO), and L. Roberts (EL) 30 Oct–26 Nov. Western Grebes lingering in the n. were 4 at Farmington L. 29 Nov (TR) and one at L.V.N.W.R. 26 Nov (SF). A Neotropic Cormorant at L. Avalon 29 Oct (SW) provided the only Pecos Valley report; unusual was a Double-crested at Deming 13–20 Nov (LM). Bitterns continued scarce, with single Americans at Tucumcari 29 Nov (WW) and B.L.N.W.R. 3 & 10 Nov (GW), and a Least at Willow L, **Eddy**, 8 Oct (SW, RW) the only reports. First found in July, a **Reddish Egret** remained at B.L.N.W.R. to 19 Aug (GW, DE, BN); another appeared at E.B.L. 19 & 30 Aug (vt. JO; DE, BN, WW). An ad. **White Ibis** at La Joya 11–20 Aug (ph. JO; JEP, DE, BN) was the 6th for New Mexico this year. Seven Tundra Swans graced Maxwell 16–24 Nov (MW, DE, BN, ph. DC); another was near Tucumcari 29 Nov (WW). Wood Ducks in peripheral areas included one at Santa Rosa 29 Nov (WW) and 2 at Alto 11 Aug (fide AP). A male Eurasian

Wigeon was at R.G.N.C. 15–21 Oct (BV, WW, JEP) Scoters making news were single Surfs at Stubblefield L. 30 Oct (WW) and Holloman L. 18 Oct (GE) and single White-wingeds at L.V.N.W.R. 12 Nov (RG), E.B.L. 11 Nov (DE, BN), and Deming 20 Nov (LM). A Long-tailed Duck at Farmington L. 16 Nov (ph. TR) furnished the only report.

Migrating Ospreys were widespread after late Aug (v.o.), including one at Jal 11 Oct (CR), a high 4 at L. Roberts 7 Oct (LM), and a late one at Percha 29 Nov (GE). The El Paso **Swallow-tailed Kite** briefly violated New Mexico airspace 6 Aug (ph. JNP). White-tailed Kites quietly invaded the brushlands of s. New Mexico this year, and were noted on numerous occasions this season (RM, CP, SOW), including a pair building a nest 1 Sep which later contained an abandoned egg (ph. RM) and a high count of 11 individuals 11 Oct (RM); another was in the Mesilla Valley 20 Oct (MS, JZ, ph. BZ). Common Black-Hawks in unusual locales were singles in Guadalupe Canyon 12 Aug (JEP, JO) and Robinson Draw, Guadalupe Mts., 5 Sep (SW). Noteworthy was a family of 6 Harris's Hawks at the Main Post, White Sands Missile Range, *Doña Ana*, 29 Nov (ph. LV) Single imm. Broad-winged Hawks were at Bosque Redondo 17 Sep (JO, DE, BN) and N.R.T. 4 Oct (WW). On their way to Argentina, some 200 Swainson's Hawks passed over Clovis 5 Sep (GA) and another 300 passed 11 Sep (GA). Zone-tailed Hawks were seldom reported were singles in Potato Canyon, San Mateo Mts., 24 Sep (HS), and R.S. 4 Sep (SW, RW) The most exciting event of the season was the discovery of a mated, territorial pair of ad **Aplomado Falcons** in s. New Mexico 5 Oct (ph. RM), an occurrence unknown in the state for 50 years and one providing dramatic evidence of natural recolonization of historic range; the apparently resident pair remained through the season.

Ptarmigan Through Terns

Three White-tailed Ptarmigan were on Mt. Walter in the Wheeler Peak area 16 Sep (LA), where reports have increased recently. North was a Scaled Quail at El Rito, *Rio Arriba*, 13 Aug (CR). A covey of 12 Northern Bobwhites was at Eldorado 22 Sep (SOW), where the species does not occur naturally, suggesting an escaped pair nested successfully. Montezuma Quail continued much in evidence, including family groups at Hudson Spring, San Mateo Mts., 6 Aug (ph. JO) and in the San Luis Mts. 7 Oct (SOW, PM). A good season for Black-bellied Plovers found an early one at Sumner L. 27 Aug (JO) and one at Bosque 9 Sept (DE, BN) plus 1–3 at E.B.L. 14 Oct–12 Nov (CR, WW,

JEP, JO) and 1–6 at B.L.N.W.R. 8 Sep–24 Nov (GW). An **American Golden-Plover** was at E.B.L. 30 Sep–28 Oct (v.o., ph. JO). High counts for Snowy Plovers were 260 at B.L.N.W.R. 4 Aug (GW), 13 at Holloman L. 19 Aug (MS, JZ), and 5 at E.B.L. 4 Sep (JEP, JO), where there were also 10 Semipalmated Plovers 9 Sep (CR). Turf-farm counts of Mountain Plovers peaked with 57 at Moriarty 8 Aug (WW) and 39 at Los Lunas 6 Sep (KG). The only Upland Sandpipers w. of the plains were several on Otero Mesa in Aug (RM); highs in the e. were 7 at Fort Sumner 27 Aug (JO), 30 near Floyd 6 Sep (WW), and 7 in *Eddy* 15 Aug (WW). Noteworthy was a Marbled Godwit in the Uvas Valley, *Doña Ana*, 11 Aug (JO); high was 10 at B.L.N.W.R. 19 Aug (GW). Two **Ruddy Turnstones** were at Caballo Dam 19 Aug (LM). **Red Knots** made an unusually strong showing, with singles at E.B.L. 14 Oct (CR, DE) and B.L.N.W.R. 3–6 Sep (vt. JO; DE, BN, WW) and two at Holloman L. 8 Sep (GE). Sanderlings appeared at 9 sites from Zuni and Bluewater L. eastward; last were 12 at E.B.L. 17 Oct (WW). A Pectoral Sandpiper at San Luis Pass, *Hidalgo*, 25 Sep (NMC) furnished a local first; Pectorals were reported from eight additional counties, including a late one at Zuni 19 Nov (DC). A bright Dunlin at E.B.L. 5 Aug and 4 Sep (JEP, JO) may have summered locally; high for Dunlins was 5 at B.L.N.W.R. 24 Nov (GW). Twelve Stilt Sandpipers at Bosque 16 Sep (JEP) was high for the R.G.V.; even farther w., 10 were in the Uvas Valley 11 Aug (JO). Single, reasonably well-described **Short-billed Dowitchers** were at Zuni 26 Aug (DC), Bosque 9 Sep (DE, BN), E.B.L. 9 Sep (CR), Deming 7 Aug (LM), and Holloman L. 8 Sep (CR); a Long-billed at San Luis Pass 21 Sep (AMC, NMC) was a local first. Red-necked Phalarope "concentrations" included 16 at Zuni 10 Sep (ph. DC) and 15 at B.L.N.W.R. 15 Sep (GW). Single **Red Phalaropes** were at Ruby Ranch, *San Miguel*, 24 Sep (WW), Bosque 4 Sep (JEP, ph. JO), and E.B.L. 14 Oct (CR, DE).

Certainly surprising was the appearance of an ad. **Long-tailed Jaeger** at Maxwell 15–18 Aug (D. Dinkler, P. McConnell), where an adult had also been present in June. An ad. **Mew Gull** was at Conchas L. 29 Nov (WW); a probable Thayer's was at Percha 22 Oct (vt. JO). The **Western Gull** present at E.B.L. since June was relocated on various dates 1 Aug–26 Sep (ph. JO; JEP, WW). Yet another good showing for Sabine's Gulls were 1–4 juveniles at eight sites 9 Sep–14 Oct (v.o.), including singles w. to Abiquiu L. 15 Oct (SF) and Deming 22 Sep (LM). A remarkable 4 Caspian Terns were at Bosque 7 Sep (LM); one at E.B.L. 19 Aug (DE, BN, vt. JO) provided the only additional

report. Among the confusion of medium-sized terns at E.B.L.'s Monticello Point were 3 probable **Arctic Terns**, including an adult 26 Sep (WW) and 2 probable Arctics, both immatures, 30 Sep (DE, BN); a tern at Bosque 8 Oct initially believed to be an Arctic was determined from photos to be a Common (phs WH, JO).

Doves Through Woodpeckers

Eurasian Collared-Doves remained in evidence from the R.G.V. east, including 2 adults and an apparent juvenile at Luis Lopez mid-Aug (ph. JO); elsewhere, 1–4 were at Albuquerque, Fort Sumner, Bosque Redondo, Melrose, Texico, Portales, Carlsbad, and Hobbs (v.o.) A Common Ground-Dove was at R.S. 6 Aug (DR, DE, BN, CR), 26 Aug (JO), and 3 Sep (JO). A probable **Ruddy Ground-Dove** was at Redrock 13 Aug (J&MH). Yellow-billed Cuckoos where rarely reported included singles in se. *Curry* 19 Aug (J. Loftin) and at B.L.N.W.R. 24 Aug (GW), 6 at Deming 15 Sep (LM), and 7 in the Animas Valley 8 Aug (AMC, NMC); 15 were at R.S. 3 Aug (SW), while late was one at Percha 22 Oct (JO).

Demonstrating the highly migratory nature of Flammulated Owls, 94 were banded in the Manzano Mts. 7 Sep–19 Oct (JD). Long-eared Owls found N.R.T. to their liking 20 Sep–4 Oct (v.o.), including 2 there 29 Sep (WH); one was at Columbus 19 Nov (LM). The only Short-eared Owls were singles at L.V.N.W.R. 30 Oct (WW) and Sevilleta 15 Oct (DH). A Boreal Owl found dead at Hyde S.P. 3 Nov (L. Trujillo) provided New Mexico's first specimen. Owl banders in the Manzano Mts. captured 19 Northern Saw-whets 20 Sep–27 Oct (JD), another was captured in salt-cedar at San Marcial 11 Sep (ph. HW). The Jemez Mts Black Swift colony had 5 nests with young 24 Aug (HS); fledging was predicted for early Sep Late were 3 *Chaetura* swifts at Carlsbad 10 Oct (SW). Making hummer news was a well-documented juv. male **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** near San Antonio 13–14 Oct (JP, JEP, DE, CR, ph. JO), which provided the 5th credible New Mexico record. Other hummers of note were a female Broad-billed at Carlsbad in Nov (E. Pierce, SW), a Blue-throated at Silver City 3 Aug (EL), an early Anna's at Las Cruces 8 Aug (GE) and another at nearby Dripping Springs 1 Oct (SW, RW), and a female Costa's in the Animas Valley 21 Sep (AMC, NMC); near the Oklahoma line in *Union* were a Calliope 1 Aug (LF) and a Broad-tailed 26 Aug (LF). Lewis's Woodpeckers spread far s. of usual, including singles in P.O. Canyon, Peloncillo Mts., 16 Nov (RTS), the Animas Valley 21 Sep (AMC, NMC), *Luna* 19 Nov (LM), and Holloman L.

12 Nov (M. Proctor). The only Red-headed Woodpecker reported from the R.G.V. was at Luis Lopez 14 Aug (JO). Acorn Woodpeckers are scarce in the Guadalupe Mts., so noteworthy were singles in Big Canyon 10 Sep and Turkey Canyon 24 Sep (SW, RW). A male **Red-bellied Woodpecker** at Socorro 6 Nov and later (ph. PB; DE, BN) provided a R.G.V. first. Williamson's Sapsuckers were conspicuous in lowland areas, including singles at Sumner Dam and N.R.T. 30 Sep (JEP, JO), near Clovis 4 Oct (WW), and Waldrop Park, *Chavez*, 12 Oct (CR), 1–3 at Socorro 16 Sep–13 Nov (JEP, JO, PB), and 2 at Glenwood 7 Oct (BM). A Downy Woodpecker was e. to N.R.T. 7–8 Oct (JEP, JO). Single Yellow-shafted Flickers were in the Manzanito Mts. 15 Oct (HS) and at High Rolls 23 Sep (GE).

Flycatchers Through Nuthatches

East of expected was a vocal Greater Pewee in the Black Range, *Grant*, 10 Sep (DE). A vocal, very probable **Acadian Flycatcher** was at N R T. 29 Sep (WH). Least Flycatchers on their w periphery were singles at Sumner L. 3 Sep (DE) and Fort Sumner 30 Sep (JEP, JO) and 2 at Bosque Redondo 16 Sep (CR). Based on measurements, 4 apparent **Pacific-slope Flycatchers** were banded at R.G.N.C. 17 & 23 Sep (N&SC, LG). Single Great Crested Flycatchers were at Bosque Redondo 17 & 20 Sep (DE, BN, WW) and Boone's Draw 6 Sep (WW). The **Great Kiskadee** discovered at R.S. in July remained into Dec (DR et al., phs. JO, J. Jackson), feeding on minnows during cold spells and firmly establishing New Mexico's 4th credible record. An Eastern Kingbird was feeding a juv. cowbird at Maxwell 13 Aug (DC); peripheral Easterns were singles at Bosque 13 Oct (PB) and Carrizozo 17 Sep (ph. JO). Impressive were 50 Scissor-tailed Flycatchers at Willow L. 8 Oct (SW, RW); singles were w. to Fort Sumner 30 Sep (JBP, JO) and San Antonio 14 Oct (JO) while late was one at Six Mile Dam 25 Oct (SW).

White-eyed Vireos made news with singles at N R T. 16–17 Sep (CR, DE, BN, JO) and far w to Skeleton Canyon 13 Aug (JEP, JO, AMC, NMC). Single Blue-headed Vireos were described from Moriarty 8 Oct (DE), N.R.T. 16–17 Sep (CR, DE, BN, JO) and 7 Oct (JEP, JO), near Clovis 4 Oct (WW), and Maljamar 2 Sep (ph. JO). Noteworthy for the R.G.V. was a Hutton's Vireo at Elephant Butte Dam 25 Nov (JO). Very rare in New Mexico, single **Philadelphia Vireos** were at Capilla Peak 27 Oct (JO), Percha 14 Oct (CR, DE), and Deming 30 Aug (LM). Single Red-eyeds were at Fort Sumner, N.R.T., Albuquerque (banded; N&SC), Socorro, and Deming 9 Sep–16 Oct

(v.o.). Among the corvids staging submontane movements were Steller's Jays in the R.G.V., Pecos Valley, and at Deming, and Western Scrub-Jays e. to *Curry* and *Roosevelt* and s. to Las Cruces and Carlsbad. Flocks of Pinyon Jays were conspicuous far e. and s. of usual; highlights included 5 in the Peloncillo Mts. 27 Sep and 20 Oct (RTS), 8 in the Florida Mts 4 Sep (LM), 130 at Deming 14 Sep (LM), 5 at B.L.N.W.R. 12 Oct (GW), and 42 at R.S. 4 Sep (SW, RW), the latter last seen heading se. across the desert. A "river of ravens" comprised of some 3400 Chichihuans passed over Hobbs 11 Oct (CR). A period of cold and wet weather in early Oct likely was responsible for the demise of numerous swallows, especially Barns, in the R.G.V. (JO) and the Pecos Valley (GW), where many dead swallows were found in fields and at water-control structures. Three Cave Swallows at Carlsbad Caverns 11 Nov (SW) were the latest ever recorded there. Two Black-Capped Chickadees in the Sandia Mts. 15 Oct (NV) provided a local first. Both Mountain Chickadees and Juniper Titmice swarmed the e. and s. lowlands and the river valleys, as did Red-breasted and White-breasted Nuthatches and, to a lesser extent, Brown Creepers. Single Pygmy Nuthatches wandered down to Cochiti Dam 12 Sep (WW), Albuquerque 23 Sep (DE, BN), and Luis Lopez 15–18 Aug (ph. JO).

Wrens Through Warblers

Rare in *Roosevelt*, a Cactus Wren was at N.R.T. 27 Aug (JO). Maintaining their recently-established presence in the R.G.V. were single **Carolina Wrens** at Socorro 16 Oct (PB) and Luis Lopez 27 Oct–30 Nov (ph. JO); at R.S., where present and singing throughout the season (v.o.), 2 juveniles were pursuing an ad. Carolina 15 Aug (WW). Single Winter Wrens passed through *Union* 27 Oct (LF), *Glorieta* 25 Oct (HS), Albuquerque 29 Sep (CR), Bosque 4 Nov (CR), and *Percha* 22 Oct (JO). Astounding for the eastern prairies was an American Dipper at a N.R.T. stock tank 14 Oct (JEP, ph. JO). Golden-crowned Kinglets were widespread in lowland areas, including small numbers e. to *Union* (LF), *Curry* (WW), *Roosevelt* (v.o.), and *DeBaca* (v.o.). Notably late was a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher at *Petroglyph* N.M. 28 Nov (HS). Up to 20 Eastern Bluebirds were at Luis Lopez 4–26 Nov (JO); high for Easterns was 30 at R.S. 5 Nov (SW, RW). Townsend's Solitaire was another species that was unusually prevalent in submontane areas, including e. to the Texas line (v.o.). Single **Wood Thrushes** were at N.R.T. 29 Sep (ph. WH) and Ned Houk Park near Clovis 7 Oct (ph. JO). A male **Varied Thrush** near Cerrillos

7 Oct (S. McDowell) continued a recent surge in reports for that species. Late to be in the family way was a Northern Mockingbird nest with 2 nestlings at Carlsbad 17 Aug (SW). Single Brown Thrashers were at 8 sites from the R.G.V. east, including one at Fourth of July C.G., Manzano Mts., 14 Oct (J. Joseph). Single Bendire's Thrashers were in the R.G.V. at Socorro 10–30 Nov (PB) and Luis Lopez 4 Aug (JO). The rarely-visited summit of Mt Withington, San Mateo Mts., hosted 20 American Pipits 16 Sep (HS). Migrant Sprague's Pipits passed through Sevilleta grasslands, where there were one 22 Sept, 35 during Oct, and 2 in Nov (DH) and singles were in Bosque grasslands 25 Oct and 28 Nov (DH). Phainopeplas again nested at *Quara*, where 5 dependant fledglings were following adults 4 Aug (HS). Two Olive Warblers in Potato Canyon, San Mateo Mts., 24 Sep (HS) furnished a new locale.

The wood-warbler migration provided much of interest, including impressive movements of several common species, notably Yellow-rumped, Townsend's, and Wilson's. Leading the list of rarities were a male **Golden-winged Warbler** at Fort Sumner 20 Sep (WW), a **Blackpoll Warbler** at San Marcial 15 Sep (banded, ph. HW), a **Louisiana Waterthrush** at R.S. 26 Aug (ph. JO), a **Kentucky Warbler** at N.R.T. 17 Sep (NV), and a female **Canada Warbler** at Mesilla 30 Sep (SW). In the rare-but-regular category were a Northern Parula at N.R.T. 7 Oct (JEP, JO), single Black-throated Blues at Moriarty 6–13 Oct (v.o., ph. JO), Bosque Redondo 16 Sep (CR), Waldrop Park 12 Oct (CR), and Six Mile Dam 23 Sep (SW), single Black-throated Greens at Fort Sumner 17 Sep (DE, BN) and Clovis 4 Oct (WW) and 2 at N.R.T. 4 Oct (WW), single Black-and-whites at Zuni 16 Sep (DC), Moriarty 8 & 16 Sep (JEP, DE, BN), and Tatum 9 Sep (JO), single Prothonotaries at Navajo L. 2 Sep (TR), Socorro 9–15 Sep (v.o., ph. JO), Holloman L. 9 Sep (CR, HR), and R.S. 3 Sep (JO), and single Hoodeds near Tijeras 20 Aug (NV), Moriarty 1–7 Oct (DE, BN, JEP, ph. JO), and San Marcial 14 Aug (HW). Other wood-warblers of note included single early Nashvilles in the Peloncillo Mts. 12–13 Aug (JEP, JO, AMC, NMC), 3 Lucy's at Mesilla 9 Sep (CR), single Black-throated Grays e. to N.R.T. 9 Sep (JEP, JO) and R.S. 6 Aug (DE, CR), 1–2 Hermits e. to the Sandia Mts. 22 Sep (RG) and the San Mateo Mts. 6 Aug (JO), and single American Redstarts at seven sites from the R.G.V. east (v.o.).

Tanagers Through Finches

Late Summer Tanagers were singles at N R T 30 Sep (ph. JO) and 7 Oct (JEP), R.G.N.C. 17

Oct (WW), Socorro 4 Nov (CR), and Caballo Dam 12 Nov (DE, BN). A Clay-colored Sparrow was w. to near Antelope Wells 1 Oct (NMC). Earliest Field Sparrows were singles at N.R.T. 30 Sep (JO) and near Clovis 4 Oct (WW). A family of Grasshopper Sparrows was in the s. Animas Valley 1 Sep (SOW, PM, AMC, NMC), where 19 Grasshoppers were counted 8 Oct (SOW, PM). A Baird's Sparrow was in Otero Mesa grasslands 13 Aug (RM); another was in the Animas Valley 25 Nov (AMC, NMC, DE). Single Red Fox Sparrows were at Luis Lopez 13 Nov (JO) and B.L.N.W.R. 7–11 Nov (GW). Several White-winged Juncos were reported in n. and c. New Mexico, including singles at Farmington 1 Nov (ph. TR), Eldorado 7–8 Nov (SOW), and R.G.N.C. 5 Nov (LG). Yellow-eyed Juncos were scarce in their Animas Mts. stronghold, with only 2 there 20 Aug and 2 Nov (NMC); a Yellow-eyed that strayed to P.O. Canyon 25 Nov (RTS) provided only the 3rd record there in nearly 3 decades. Single Lapland Longspurs were detected at L.V.N.W.R. 24 Nov (JEP) and Moriarty 26 Nov (BV); early was a Chestnut-collared at E.B.L. 16 Sep (JEP, JO).

Single post-breeding Pyrrhuloxias pushed n. to Belen 30 Sep (C. Brandt) and Casa Colorado 25 Oct (CR). Single male Rose-

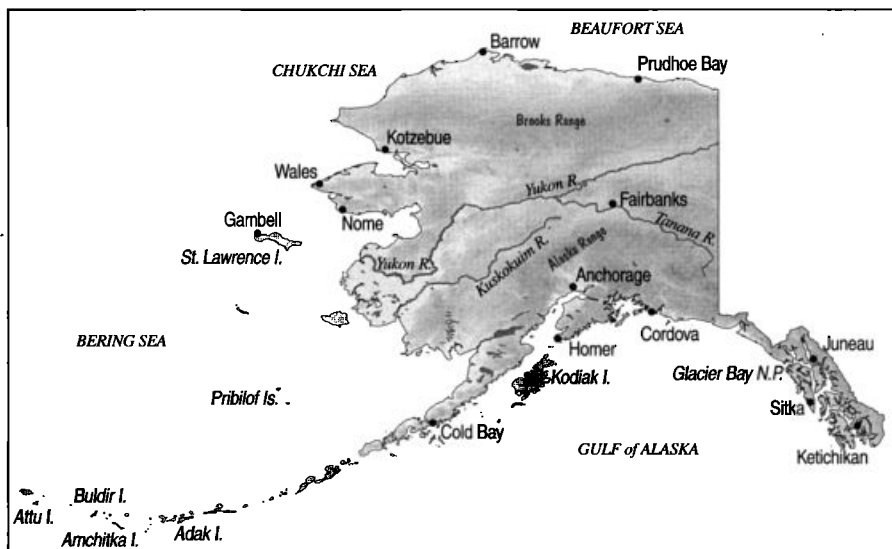
breasted Grosbeaks were at Zuni 16–19 Oct (ph. DC) and near Tijeras 8 Aug (M. Martin). Painted Buntings made an exceptional showing, with 1–7 at 11 locales in *Bernalillo, Socorro, Sierra, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Chaves, Eddy, and Lea* 6 Aug–19 Sep (v.o.). Dickcissels, typically rather scarce, were at 10 locales from the R.G.V. east; w. was one at Tyrone 14 Sep (EL). Three Bobolinks at Tatum 9 Sep (vt. JO) provided the lone report. An Orchard Oriole near Queen 4 Aug (SW) furnished a local first. A female-plumaged **Baltimore Oriole** was at Fort Sumner 30 Sep (JEP, JO). Among the few rosy-finch reports were 48 Brown-capped, 6 Blacks, and 6 Gray-crowned at Abiquiu Dam 18 Nov (SF) and 3 Gray-crowned at Eldorado 12 Nov (A&AL). Cassin's Finches inundated the foothills and lowlands, with numerous reports nearly statewide beginning in early Oct (m.ob.); as usual, a few were accused of being "Purple Finches" or "Redpolls." Red Crossbills invaded submontane areas by mid-Oct; notable were 9 at Conchas L. 29 Nov (WW), singles at B.L.N.W.R. 7 & 20 Nov (GW), 9 at Bosque 26 Nov (DE), 13 at Deming 20 Nov (LM), and 6 at Mesilla 4 Nov (MS, JZ). Pine Siskins had reached the middle R.G.V., s. deserts, and e. plains by mid-Sep. Notably late was a Lesser Goldfinch nest with nestlings in

the Animas Valley 2 Oct (AMC, NMC) Evening Grosbeaks joined other finches on the move, with moderate-sized flocks in the north Aug–Sep and in the west, the R.G.V., and the e plains Oct–Nov; far afield were singles in *Union* 11 Oct (LF), near Clovis 7 Oct (JO), and e. of Carlsbad 5 Oct (*vide* SW).

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Autumn 2000 produced a cascade of classic west-to-east trending anticyclones that dominated weather patterns and local conditions for nearly the entire Region. Fast-moving, often intense storms tracked across the North Pacific–Bering Sea interface all season. Many of these systems were subtropical typhoon spin-offs, generated in the Northwest Pacific Basin (between 15° and 45° N latitudes) that, in September, traveled in a swath some 400–600 km south of the western Aleutians. Other more typical autumn storms entered the Bering Sea after having formed in the East Siberian Sea or over the Kolyma region of Northeast Asia. Northerly flows and rain dominated the Bering Sea outposts (Nome and Gambell), while constant precipitation, warmer conditions, and wind from all directions blanketed the central