

not recorded by Rodríguez-E. et al. (*Animal Conservation* 2: 77–84, 1999): a male at Santiago 26 Oct (KLG), and a male and female together at Cadejé 28 Oct (RAE, vt. RAH). A male Hooded Warbler at La Salina 21 Oct (REW) was the 2nd for B.C. (both fall), while a female near Gavilán 5–16 Oct (SNGH, vt. RAH et al.) was the 3rd fall record for B.C.S. Single Canada Warblers at Santa Inés 18 Sep (DSC, vt. RAH, MJI) and Punta Banda 20–21 Oct (†REW) brought B.C. even with B.C.S., the two states now claiming four records each, all in fall. Two Yellow-breasted Chats at Cataviña 18 Sep (RAH et al.), one there 16 Oct (REW), and another at Bahía Tortugas 7 Oct (RAH, SNGH), were away from known wintering areas to the s. and presumably migrants.

A female Hepatic Tanager at Rancho El Descanso 18 Sep (†DSC, ph. †MJI, RAH) was the 3rd for B.C. and the peninsula. Summer Tanagers were present in force, with at least 20 split evenly between the two states (ph. KLG et al.). Four Scarlet Tanagers were found 15–23 Oct (vt. †REW, †KLG et al.); another at San José del Cabo 25 Oct (RAE, vt. RAH) was the first for the s. third of the peninsula. One or more Spotted Towhees were far s. at Cataviña 18 Sep and 9 Oct

(RAH et al.), and one at Punta Prieta 16–19 Oct (REW) was even farther south. An imm. Golden-crowned Sparrow at Punta Eugenia 18 Oct (REW) was a Vizcaíno Desert first. A Slate-colored Junco and up to 3 Gray-headed Juncos were at Punta Banda 14–21 Oct (REW). One of the latter had a dark maxilla and paler throat like *J.h. dorsalis*, but that subspecies is essentially sedentary on the breeding grounds in Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.

At least 10 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks—9 of them in B.C.—exceeded expectations. Five or 6 Indigo Buntings in the Region 18 Sep–17 Oct was a typical number, whereas 11+ Dickcissels throughout the peninsula 18 Sep–24 Oct (ph. M&GF, vt. RAH, †MJI et al.) nearly doubled the previous high seasonal total. Bobolinks were also relatively numerous, with 8 on the central peninsula 5–25 Oct (ph. M&GF, vt. RAH et al.). A female Bronzed Cowbird at Rancho El Descanso 18 Sep (†DSC, †MJI, vt. †RAH) represented just the 3rd record away from the Río Colorado delta. Orioles were reported as follows: Orchards at Bahía Tortugas 7 Oct (SNGH, RAH) and on the San Quintín Plain 12 Oct (JEP, MSM); Bullock's at Santa Inés 5 Oct (SNGH) and Rancho San José

de Castro 7 Oct (SNGH, RAH); Baltimore's at La Bufadora 4 Oct (RAH, SNGH), on the Maneadero Plain 14 Oct (MSM), and at Punta Banda 14 Oct (JEP, MSM); and Scott's on the Maneadero Plain 17 Sep (RAH et al.), at La Bufadora 4 Oct (RAH), 2 at Santa Inés 5 Oct (RAH, SNGH), and 4 at Misión Santo Domingo 15 Oct (REW).

**EXOTICS**

An ad. male African Darter (*Anhinga [melanogaster] rufa*) at Ensenada 24 Sep–3 Dec (RAE, ph. EM, RAH) adds to several recent records from *San Diego* and *Imperial*, California

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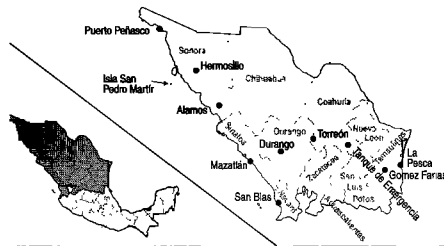
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Fall 2001 continued to provide records of birds outside their distributions mapped in Howell and Webb (1995), including a few first state records, as well as migrants and vagrants. Birder coverage continues to be spotty, with no reports from large parts of the country. A large difference between knowledge of bird distribution and seasonality in Mexico and such knowledge in the U.S. and Canada is that, in most areas of Mexico, months or years may pass between visits by birders. A much smaller proportion of those vagrants and accidentals that are out there actually become reported in Mexico. Even the relatively intensely birded Mexico City continues to yield new records (this fall produced the first record of Herring Gull in the D.F.).

Birders living in Torreón, Coahuila continue to find vagrants in their area and adjacent parts of Durango, though many more vagrants were found in spring. Perhaps the most exciting accidental reported this fall was the Ruff found by John Forcey near Puerto Escondido, Oaxaca. This species had not been reliably recorded in Mexico until very recently, though there are accepted

recent records from Yucatan and from Baja California (Howell et al. *Annotated checklist of the birds of Baja California and Baja California Sur*. Monographs in Field Ornithology, in press) prior to this Oaxaca record.

**NORTHERN MEXICO**



**HERONS THROUGH OWLS**

One Boat-billed Heron was sighted in Taninul (around 20 km e. of Ciudad Valles), S.L.P. 15 Nov (BC): An ad. **White Ibis** was spotted 27 Oct catching and eating a large river shrimp in shallow waters near La Isla on the lower Nazas R., Dgo.; it was accompanied by a couple of White-faced Ibis (FVP, FGE). A **Greater White-fronted Goose** was seen well from the railroad tracks along the Abelardo L. Rodríguez dam in Hermosillo, Son. 26 Nov (JMB, DN, BO). Three ducks resembling female **Mallards** were near San Pedro, Chih. 1 Sep

(HGdS). Five **Harris's Hawks** were on telephone poles between Janos and the turnoff to Casa de Janos, Chih. 30 Aug, and 3 were between Janos and Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chih. 8 Sep (HGdS). Passage of Swainson's Hawks was evidenced by dozens, including juvs., seen daily roosting on bushes—and a group of 35 once seen feeding on the ground—around San Pedro through the first week of Sep, with peak numbers on 3 & 4 Sep (HGdS). A Golden Eagle was seen around Rancho El Cuervo, Chih. 4 Sep (HGdS).

Around 1000 Long-billed Curlews were reported in a field at Hedionda Grande, Coah. 4 Nov (DH). A flock estimated to contain 225 Thick-billed Parrots was seen 20 Nov feeding on pine cones in Dgo. along Highway 40, roughly 11 km towards Ciudad Durango from "La Espina del Diablo" on the continental divide (JMB, DN, BO). The breeding season of Maroon-fronted Parrots is Jul–Oct. This year, the species had relatively low breeding success, with only 8 pairs raising fledglings in El Taray, Coah., the largest breeding colony, whereas 21 pairs raised fledglings in both 1998 and 2000 (CMC). A few Maroon-fronted Parrots were seen in their wintering grounds at Peña Nevada, N.L. in mid-Oct, which is unusually early (CMC). One Vermiculated Screech-Owl was seen near Gómez Farias, Tamps. 1 Oct (DP).

**FLYCATCHERS THROUGH BLACKBIRDS**

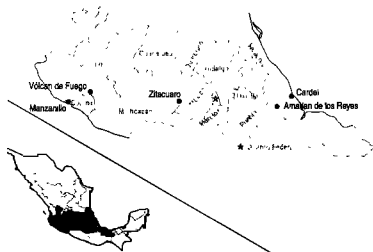
A very active **Tufted Flycatcher** was seen in Bosque Venustiano Carranza, a city park in Torreón, Coah

17-20 Nov (FVP, WB). At least two dozen late Scissor-tailed Flycatchers were recorded daily near Anáhuac, Tamps. 25 Oct-1 Nov (AOI, RRS). Hundreds of Tree Swallows fed over the cultivated fields around Buenos Aires, Chih. 5 & 6 Sep, with much smaller numbers on 4, 7 & 8 Sep. These swallows probably roosted in the mountains to the s. of this locality, because northbound flights could be seen 0700-0745 over the prairie s. of Buenos Aires 5 & 6 Sep (HGdS). Five **Cave Swallows** and dozens of **Barn Swallows** were seen at Anáhuac late Oct (AOI, ORS). A flock of more than a hundred White-necked Ravens was seen near Rancho El Cuervo 7 Sep (HGdS). Four European Starlings were at San Pedro 4 Sep, and 11 were at Buenos Aires 8 Sep (HGdS). Two pairs of Northern Mockingbirds appeared to have active nests on the late date of late Nov near Anáhuac (AOI, ORS).

A **Yellow-throated Warbler** together with other birds mobbed a Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl in brush along Playa Lupita in Teacapan, Sin. 22 Nov (JMB, DN, BO). A single Colima Warbler was seen 20 Nov in a mixed species flock on Highway 40 roughly 2 km west of the "Espina del Diablo" pull-off in the state of Dgo. (JMB, DN, BO). Blue Grosbeaks and Cassin's Sparrows were still singing around San Pedro the first week of Sep (HGdS). Several Green-tailed Towhees were seen around San Pedro in the first week of Sep (HGdS). A flock of 12 Brewer's Blackbirds near San Pedro 31 Aug was somewhat early (HGdS). Mid-Oct saw the arrival of the flocks of blackbirds that roost in Calzada Colón and several city parks in Torreón, Gómez Palacio, Dgo. and Lerdo, Dgo., mixed flocks comprising Yellow-headed blackbirds, Great-tailed Grackles, Brown-headed Cowbirds, Red-winged Blackbirds, and Bronzed Cowbirds (FVP, WB). Francisco Valdés Peresgasga and William Beatty estimate that along Calzada Colón (1.1 km of tree-lined avenue) as many as 1.5 to 2 million birds roost every night. Small numbers of Bullock's Orioles were seen almost daily around San Pedro in the first week of Sep (HGdS).

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## CENTRAL MEXICO



**Abbreviations:** U.N.A.M. (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México), C.C.C.M. (Centro Cívico Cinco de Mayo, Puebla, Pue.).

## TROPICBIRDS THROUGH HUMMINGBIRDS

Two ad. Red-billed Tropicbirds were seen at Roca Elefante off San Blas, Nay. 17 Nov (SJD). One American White Pelican was seen in the Parque Ecológico de Xochimilco, D.F. 29 Nov (AMH, RGW). Two ad. and one imm. Muscovy Ducks were seen in the San Blas area of Río San Cristóbal, Nay. 13 Nov (SJD). Eight Northern Shovelers, 9 male and one female Ruddy Ducks, and around 50 Mexican Ducks were in the artificial lake at Parque Tezozómoc, Mex. 22 Sep (HGdS, AOI). One female **Red-breasted Merganser** was seen in the San Blas area of Río San Cristóbal 13 Nov (SJD), a first state record. One dark-morph **Hook-billed Kite** was seen at the U.N.A.M. Botanical Garden, D.F. on several visits through Nov (SA, HGdS). This species, unrecorded by Wilson & Ceballos (1993), is probably a passage migrant in the D.F., with by far the most records in Nov (Gómez de Silva, in press). One Sharp-shinned Hawk was recorded flying over C.C.C.M. 15 Aug (MPV). A Cooper's Hawk was heard at Parque El Tepozán, D.F. mid-Sep (SA). One to 2 Cooper's Hawks were heard on several visits in Oct and Nov to the Parque Ecológico de la Ciudad de México, D.F. (SA). Howell and Webb (1995) state that this species is rarely heard Oct-Apr. A Northern Harrier was seen in the U.N.A.M. Botanical Garden 25 Oct (SA). One Wilson's Plover and one Stilt Sandpiper were seen on Peso Island, San Blas 16 Nov (SJD). Three Common Moorhens and around 10 Wilson's Phalaropes were seen at Parque Tezozómoc 22 Sep (HGdS, AOI). One **Herring Gull** and one Ring-billed Gull were seen in the Parque Ecológico de Xochimilco, D.F. 29 Nov (AMH, RGW). Five Military Macaws were recorded at El Mirador del Aguila, Nay. 19 Nov (SJD). Three Colima Pygmy-Owls were seen at La Bajada, Nay. 18 Nov (SJD). One Eared Poorwill was recorded at Cerro de San Juan, Nay. 15 Nov (SJD). HZV reported that there appeared to be much more activity at the White-throated Swift roost in the southeastern side of Cerro del Chiquihuite, Mex. 19 Aug than in Jul. One male Mexican Woodnymph was reported from Cerro de San Juan 15 Nov (SJD). Green Violet-ears were staking out territories at La Cima, D.F. through at least the first week of Aug. Green Violet-ears were singing in the Parque Ecológico de la Ciudad de México, D.F. through 11 Oct, and one silent individual was seen there 22 Oct (SA). A female Broad-tailed Hummingbird was observed feeding a nestling in the Parque Ecológico de la Ciudad de México 8 Sep, where a recently-fledged White-eared Hummingbird was likewise being fed by a female (SA). One male Rufous Hummingbird was seen at Parque El Tepozán 4 Aug (SA).

## FLYCATCHERS THROUGH ORIOLES

One Tufted Flycatcher was heard 1 Aug at La Cima, where not always present. A **White-throated Flycatcher** was seen at La Cima 5 Aug (HGdS, AOI). One Gray Flycatcher was recorded at C.C.C.M. 16 Aug (MPV). A **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** was recorded in the U.N.A.M. Botanical Garden 25 Oct (SA). Three and 2 Black-capped Vireos were seen at Cerro de San Juan 15 & 19 Nov, respectively, while a Plumbeous Vireo was at Singayta 14 Nov (SJD). Five Purplish-backed Jays were seen on the San Blas end of Río San Cristóbal 13 Nov, and 3 ads. and one juv. were seen at Peso Island, San Blas 16 Nov (SJD). Two small groups of **Boucard's Wrens** were recorded at C.C.C.M. 14-16 and 26-28 Aug (MPV). Small numbers of Sedge Wrens were present at La Cima in Sep and Oct but were very shy and inconspicuous, in contrast to their behavior from May to Aug (AOI, HGdS). One Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush was seen at the San Blas sewage ponds 16 Nov (SJD). Single **Rufous-backed Robins** were recorded at C.C.C.M. 15 & 28 Aug (MPV). One **Blue Mockingbird** was seen at La Cima 1 Aug. Nine European Starlings were seen at Tepozotlán, Mex. 8 Sep (HGdS), one was seen at Parque Tezozómoc 22 Sep (HGdS, AOI), and 2 were at Metro Etiopía, D.F. 26 Nov (HGdS, MPV). Small numbers of Gray Silky-flycatchers were present in and around the U.N.A.M. Botanical Garden throughout the reporting period.

The earliest migrant warbler noticed this season in Mexico City was a Black-and-white Warbler in the Parque Ecológico de la Ciudad de México 12 Aug (SA). Single Yellow-rumped and Townsend's Warblers were reported on the early date of 27 Aug at C.C.C.M. (MPV). A Painted Redstart, perhaps a migrant, was at the largely Eucalyptus-forested C.C.C.M., in the center of Mexico's 4th largest city, 15 Aug (MPV). An Ovenbird was reported from Laguna Quelele, Nay. 11 Nov, while a **Kentucky Warbler** was noted at La Bajada 18 Nov (SJD). Six Red-crowned Ant-Tanagers were seen at La Bajada 14 Nov (SJD). A **Northern Cardinal** was singing at the U.N.A.M. Botanical Garden 15 Aug (HGdS, AGP, SA). A mother and a recently fledged Cinamon-bellied Flower piercer were at Instituto de Ecología, U.N.A.M., D.F. 13 Aug (HGdS, MPV). Two Black-vented Orioles were seen at C.C.C.M. 15 and 16 Aug (MPV).

## Corrigendum

In the Summer report, several records from El Palmito, Sin. made their way into the Central Mexico subregional report; these should have been listed in the Northern Mexico subregion.

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## SOUTHERN MEXICO



**Abbreviation:** P.A.D. (Piedra Azul dam, Teotitlán del Valle). All records received are from Oaxaca state.

### GREBES THROUGH HUMMINGBIRDS

An ad. Least Grebe with 2 chicks was seen at P.A.D. 29 Nov. Two imm. Neotropical Cormorants were at San Andrés dams 1 Sep (JMF, MG). One early Great Blue Heron was seen at San Andrés dams 4 Aug. Snowy Egrets also arrived early, recorded 4 Aug at ponds near Guendulain and Tlacolula and 7 Aug at San Pablo Etla. One Little Blue Heron was seen at San Pablo Etla 10 Oct. One female Blue-winged Teal at Teotitlán del Valle 11 Sep was the earliest fall record (MG, JMF). Two juv. and one ad. Harris's Hawks were seen at Tlacolula 29 Sep. A Sora was heard at a marsh at Yagul 29 Sep, where very small numbers winter, as occasionally at P.A.D. **Common Moorhens** nested through most of Aug along the Río Salado at San Juan Guelavía: an ad. with chick was seen 23 Aug, and up to **18** ads. and imms. continued to be seen to the end of the reporting period.

Two **Double-striped Thick-knees** were at Rancho El Paraíso between Astata and Huatulco 26 Sep (MG). Two **Black-bellied Plovers** were at the mouth of Río Colotepec, near Puerto Escondido 22 Nov. A **Black-necked Stilt** and 2 **American Avocets** were seen Tlacolula 29 Sep. Single **Solitary Sandpipers** were recorded four times in the Valley of Oaxaca 7 Aug-29 Sep, mostly at Teotitlán del Valle. A **Semipalmated Sandpiper** was recorded Tlacolula 4 Aug and another at Teotitlán del Valle 28 Aug. **Baird's Sandpipers** were recorded six times between 23 Aug-8 Nov at various locations in the Valley of Oaxaca. An **Upland Sandpiper** was recorded 1 Sep at 2150 m elevation at San Juan Muxtepec (EH, per MG). A rare-in-fall **Pectoral Sandpiper** was recorded 20 Oct at Teotitlán del Valle. A basic-plumaged male **Ruff** was recorded at the mouth of Río Colotepec 20 & 22 Aug; this is the first record for Oaxaca (JMF). Two **Wilson's Phalaropes** were seen Teotitlán del Valle 28 Aug. One **Franklin's Gull**, 6 **Sandwich Terns**, about 10 **Common Terns**, and about 20 **Black Skimmers** were seen at the mouth of Río Colotepec 20 & 22 Nov. A juv. **White-collared Swift** was seen in Oaxaca City 9 Sep, the first in the Central Valley of

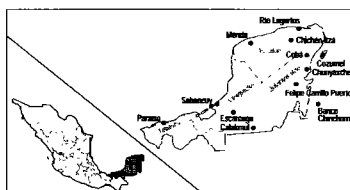
Oaxaca (MG). Three **Azure-crowned Hummingbirds** were seen at Matías Romero Dam at San Pablo Huitzo 15 Nov. One **Green-fronted Hummingbird** was seen 23 Aug at San Juan Guelavía. One **Garnet-throated Hummingbird** was seen 20 Oct at 2200 m above Teotitlán del Valle.

### TROGONS THROUGH BLACKBIRDS

A **Citreoline Trogon** was recorded 23 Sep at Rancho San Antonio near Huatulco at 1150 m elevation (MG), slightly above its altitudinal range stated in Howell & Webb (1995). Two **Western Wood-Pewees** were seen near Monte Albán 10 Nov, establishing a new late date for the lowland Valley of Oaxaca, whereas a **Say's Phoebe** at Yagul 29 Sep established a new early date for the region. **Western Kingbirds** were seen at several locations in central Oaxaca from 29 Sep to 29 Nov. Eight **Scissor-tailed Flycatchers** were recorded at Tlacolula 29 Sep. Single **Tree Swallows** were seen at two locations near Teotitlán del Valle 8 Nov. One **Happy Wren** was recorded at P.A.D. 11 Nov (RA). One **Gray Catbird** was seen at P.A.D. 13 Nov (RA), and 2 more were seen at the same location 29 Nov. The earliest warblers recorded this fall in the Central Valley of Oaxaca were single **Wilson's**, **Townsend's**, and **Black-and-white Warblers** at San Felipe Park 1 Sep (MG, JMF). A **Golden-winged Warbler** was recorded at 1000 m elevation at Rancho San Antonio near Huatulco 26 Sep (MG). One **Black-throated Green Warbler** was seen 13 Oct at San Felipe Park. The earliest **Audubon's Warbler** this fall was recorded 29 Sep (MG, JMF). Single **Rose-breasted Grosbeaks** were noted 20 & 23 Oct at Teotitlán del Valle and La Guacamaya. One to 3 **Indigo Buntings** were spotted at widely scattered locations in central Oax. 17 Oct-3 Nov. One **Painted Bunting** was recorded in Oaxaca City 22 Oct. About 20 **Dickcissels** were seen at Playa Bachoco, the westernmost beach in Puerto Escondido, 21 Nov. A **Melodious Blackbird** was seen at Rancho San Antonio 26 Sep (MG); the species is a recent colonist on the Pacific slope of Oaxaca (Gómez de Silva 1998).

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## YUCATAN PENINSULA



**Abbreviations:** P.A. (Punta Allen, Q. Roo); Chun. (Chunyahché, Q. Roo); P.N. (Punta Norte, Isla del

Carmen, Camp.); R.L. (Río Lagartos, Yuc.); E.C. (El Cuyo, Yuc.); F.C.P. (Felipe Carrillo Puerto, Q. Roo), B.C. (Banco Chinchorro, Q. Roo); L.T. (Laguna de Términos, Camp.); V.C. (Vigía Chico road, Q. Roo), S.T. (Santa Teresa. Station, Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve, Q. Roo); Y.P. (Yucatán Peninsula).

### ANHINGA THROUGH QUAILS

Boatmen in Celestún, Yuc. observed approximately 100 **Anhingas** flying high over the estuary mid-Sep. A **Tricolored Heron** was observed brooding chicks on B.C. 27 Sep, confirming their status as resident there. One **Wurdemann's Heron** was seen at R.L. 16 Nov, and a pale **Wurdemann's Heron** was at Lake Cobá, Q. Roo 14 Nov (HGdS), the latter possibly the same individual seen with a **Great White Heron** 27-30 Sep (MDC). One ad. **Glossy Ibis** was reported on the golf course on the northeast side of Cozumel, Q. Roo 24 Sep (MDC). A single **Jabiru** was photographed in a waterhole at the Dzibanché archeological site, Q. Roo 24-26 Oct (LT). Two pairs of **Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks** with downy young were seen at a pond on the east side of Cozumel 8 Aug (DK). **Muscovy Duck** populations are dwindling in the L.T. area, where 2 were seen 30 Aug. Seven **Blue-winged Teal**, the most common migrant duck in Y.P., were observed on B.C. 25 Sep, and three flocks, each numbering 200-500, were seen in L.T. Beaton found a female **Hooded Merganser** on Cozumel 18 Nov.

Two ad. **King Vultures** were seen soaring over Felipe Carrillo Puerto, Q. Roo 12 Nov (HGdS). Three **Swallow-tailed Kites** were observed on V.C. 8 Nov (MT). In R.L., single **Zone-tailed Hawks** were reported 26 Oct (GT) and 16 Nov (HGdS). Three **Black Hawk-Eagles** were seen near F.C.P. 21 Oct (GT). Two each of **Merlin** and **Peregrine Falcon**, the two most common migratory raptors found on B.C., were present again this fall 24-27 Sep. Two **Peregrine Falcons** were observed at E.C. trying to capture frigatebirds 18 Oct, the day after a heavy influx of migrants. Three were observed in R.L. 26 Oct (GT). V.C. produced a flock of 8 **Ocellated Turkeys** 19 Sep. Three **Singing Quails** were seen in the forest at Cobá 15 Oct (GT).

### RAILS THROUGH SKIMMERS

Many **Gray-necked Wood-Rails** were seen on V.C. 17 Aug, including a group of 6 (DK). Bacab reported a **Sora** in Celestún 24 Sep. An ad. and a juv. **American Avocet** were recorded on the e. side of Cozumel 8 Aug (DK). At Playa Norte on Isla del Carmen, Camp., small numbers of **Black-bellied**, **Snowy**, **Wilson's**, and **Semipalmated Plovers** were observed 27 Aug, among hundreds of resident waterbirds. Many more were observed at the same location 8 Nov, together with a small flock of **Killdeer**, 25 **American Avocets**, 100 **Willetts**, one **Whimbrel**, 2 **Long-billed Curlews**, 6 **Marbled Godwits**, 200 **Least Sandpipers**, 100 **Short-billed**

Dowitchers, and 200 Forster's Terns. Single Whimbrels were seen R.L. 26 Oct (GT) and 16 Nov (HGdS). One Long-billed Curlew was seen at P.A. 18 Sep, and 3 were seen at R.L. 26 Oct (GT). A Marbled Godwit and a Wilson's Plover were reported near Progreso, Yuc. 13 Aug (DK). Several Marbled Godwits were at R.L. 26 Oct (GT), and 2 were seen there 16 Nov (HGdS). One Upland Sandpiper was seen in a field close to Las Coloradas, Yuc., and one Buff-breasted Sandpiper was reported at Las Coloradas 26 Sep (MDC). One ad. **Kelp Gull** was seen at Las Coloradas 26 Sep (MDC), while a pair was seen there 17 Nov (HGdS). Two Black Terns were seen near Progreso 13 Aug (DK), 3 were observed in Celestún 14 Aug (BM, DB), and 10 were in Isla Aguada 27 Aug. One Black Tern was seen at L. Cobá 27 Sep, with 2 there 28 Sep (MDC). Approximately 50 Black Skimmers were at Playa Norte 8 Nov.

### DOVES THROUGH MANAKINS

An exhausted **White-winged Dove** resting in a palm tree 27 Sep was a new record for B.C., while 6 Mourning Doves were seen feeding in E.C. 18 Oct, the day after a heavy influx of migrants. One **Zenaida Dove** was seen being followed by a Mourning Dove at the Cozumel, Q. Roo dump 19 Nov (HGdS). Yellow-billed Cuckoos were observed within normal dates, with singles 25 & 27 Sep on B.C., and another 18 Sep at P.A. Bacab reported that 3 Barn Owls arrived in the plaza of Celestún during Aug and Sep and that by Oct the plague of Great-tailed Grackles that roosted in the trees there were gone. On the night of 23 Sep with a strong north wind blowing, at least 6 Common Nighthawks fed over the plaza of Celestún (DB). A pair of Collared Trogons was observed at Chun. 4-6 Aug.

Three Amazon Kingfishers were seen on the Río Palizada 29 Aug; this locality is the only area of the peninsula where the species appears to be relatively common. A Rufous-breasted Spinetail was observed putting the final touches on its new nest at Chun. 5 Aug (IC). One Ochre-bellied Flycatcher was seen about 3 km from F.C.P. on V.C. 13 Nov (HGdS). Three Eye-ringed Flatbills were seen at Cobá, Q. Roo 14 Nov (HGdS). One Yellow-olive Flycatcher was in the heavily disturbed Chichén Itzá archaeological site, Yuc. 15 Aug (DK) and 15 Nov (HGdS). A single Eastern Wood-Pewee was at Celestún 24 Sep (DB), while a pair of Tropical Pewees was recorded for the first time on B.C. 25 Sep. Several Acadian Flycatchers were reported between central Q. Roo and n. Yuc. 14-26 Oct, and an Alder/Willow Flycatcher was observed 21 Oct at Chun. (GT). Least Flycatcher, a transient on the peninsula (*vide* BM), made an appearance 24 Sep at Celestún and 5-6 Aug at Chun., and a first-fall plumaged bird was a new record for B.C. 25 Sep. Fifteen Eastern Kingbirds, a common migrant through the area, were observed in the Atasta area of L.T. 28 Aug, while at least 80 flew over the Río Palizada 29 Aug,

heading southwest. Two **Scissor-tailed Flycatchers** were at the s. outskirts of Cancún, Q. Roo 10 Nov (HGdS). A Red-capped Manakin at Chun. 21 Oct provided a new record for the locality (GT).

### VIREOS THROUGH GROSBEAKS

White-eyed Vireos appeared in Celestún 23 Sep, and the first Yellow-throated Vireo was reported there 24 Sep (DB). Large numbers of Tree Swallows were flying over the Río Chompán, Camp. 7 Nov, and large numbers of Barn Swallows were reported over the Río Palizada 29 Aug. A pair of White-breasted Wood-Wrens was seen at Cobá 28 Sep (MDC), a first for this locality. Two Veeries were mist-netted on B.C. 26 Sep and one at E.C. 12 Sep. In B.C., 3 Swainson's Thrushes were recorded 25 & 26 Sep on Cayo Norte, and 2 were recorded 27 Sep on Cayo Centro, where a Wood Thrush was seen 25 Sep. One Black Catbird was seen around 3 km from F.C.P. on V.C. 13 Nov (HGdS). One possible Cozumel Thrasher was glimpsed 18 Nov at San Gervasio ruins, Cozumel in the forest floor near "El Pozo" (HGdS). After recent hurricanes and much development on Cozumel, this species has become very scarce indeed; it is possibly one of the most critically endangered species in Mexico or in the A.O.U. Area. The most recent confirmed record is from Dec 1998 (J. Coons et al.).

Observers witnessed heavier than usual migration of passerines this fall in coastal areas, particularly in the last week of Sep. A Blue-winged Warbler on B.C. 27 Sep was a new record, while 4 female Golden-winged Warblers were observed 17 Oct between E.C. and R.L. Bacab reported 6 Yellow Warblers 24 Sep in Celestún, where Magnolia Warblers were in great evidence among the migrants that arrived 27 Sep. Black-throated Blue Warblers and Black-throated Green Warblers were recorded on B.C. 25-27 Sep. Four male Black-throated Blue Warblers were seen on Cozumel 18 Nov at San Gervasio ruins and at the sewage treatment plant (HGdS). A male Cape May Warbler was seen at Cedral, Cozumel, and a female was in coastal scrub on the e. coast of Cozumel 19 Nov (HGdS). One Prairie Warbler was close to the Cozumel sewage treatment plant 18 Nov, and another was on the e. coast of Cozumel 20 Nov (HGdS). A male and several female Yellow-rumped Warblers were observed on B.C. 25-26 Sep. A Blackburnian Warbler was recorded at Chun. 10 Sep (IC), while another was observed at F.C.P. 21 Oct (GT), at the end of its normal passage dates. Numbers of Prairie and Palm Warblers were normal on B.C. 25-27 Sep, and 2 Bay-breasted Warblers seen 20 Oct at Cobá (GT) were on schedule. JD and AC recorded the first Cerulean Warbler for the Ría Lagartos Biosphere Reserve at E.C. on 25 Aug. A Prothonotary Warbler was recorded at Chichén Itzá 15 Aug (DK) and another at Chun. 25 Aug (IC). An American Redstart and 12 Prothonotary Warblers were tallied at Celestún 24 Sep (DB), and one Worm-eating Warbler was mist-netted on B.C. 26 Sep. A Louisiana Waterthrush was

at Chun. 30 Jul-5 Aug (IC). A Kentucky Warbler, uncommon on the Y.P., was seen at Chichén Itzá 16 Aug (DK), and another arrived at Celestún with the heavy migrant influx of 24 Sep (DB). One Swainson's Warbler was seen at El Paso del Cedral, Cozumel 19 Nov (HGdS). At least 5 **Gray-crowned Yellowthroats** were close to Cedral, Cozumel 19 Nov (HGdS). A couple of male Hooded Warblers were observed on B.C. 24 & 27 Sep. JD and AC added **Canada Warbler** to the Ría Lagartos Biosphere Reserve bird list when they mist-netted one at E.C. 13 Sep. Another Canada was recorded on the golf course on the nw. side of Cozumel 24 Sep (MDC, m ob.).

Blue-gray Tanagers spread to the n. Y.P. 10 years ago, and now it is not uncommon to see the species in Mérida, Yuc. Two were reported at Chichén Itzá 24 Oct (GT). A female Red-legged Honeycreeper was feeding young in the nest at Chun. as late as 5 Aug (IC). Six **Red-legged Honeycreepers** were recorded at San Gervasio ruins, Cozumel 24 Sep (NC, *vide* MDC). At least 3 **Gray-headed Tanagers** were at an ant swarm behind Hotel Hacienda Chichén, Yuc. 16 Nov (HGdS). A female White-colored Seedeater was observed feeding a fledgling at P.A. 19 Sep. A **Chipping Sparrow** at Celestún 30 Oct (DB) was a new record for that locality. One Savannah Sparrow was recorded at Celestún 24 Sep (DB). One juv. **White-crowned Sparrow** was in coastal scrub 5.6 km w. of Las Coloradas 16 Nov (HGdS). Blue Grosbeaks and Indigo Buntings were recorded at B.C. 25-26 Sep and at Xcalak, Q. Roo 20 Oct. One Dickcissel was recorded at Xcalak 20 Oct. Eight Bobolinks were recorded 25 Sep on B.C., and one was recorded 20 Oct at Xcalak. On 19 Nov, 5 **Lesser Goldfinches** were seen at El Paso del Cedral and one at Cedral (HGdS).

**Undocumented rarities:** One Yellow-green Vireo was reported on Cozumel 19 Oct (GT).

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