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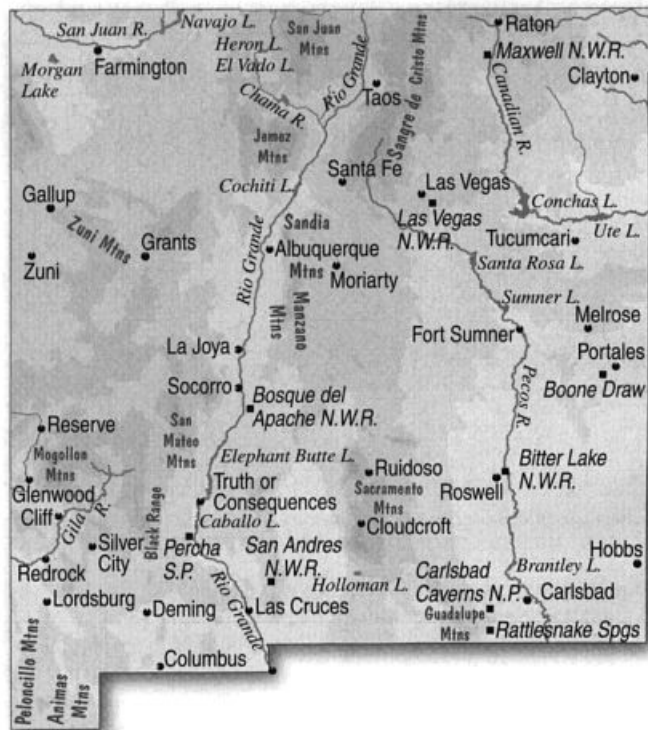
Relatively plentiful and widespread rain and snow during autumn 2004 brought some relief to persistent drought, but lakes and streams continued to be at low levels. A rewarding migration season produced numerous rarities, and another species—Green Violet-ear—was added to the state list.

Abbreviations: B.L.N.W.R. (Bitter Lake N.W.R.); Bosque (Bosque del Apache N.W.R.); E.B.L. (Elephant Butte L.); L.V.N.W.R. (Las Vegas N.W.R.); Maxwell (Maxwell N.W.R. and vicinity); N.R.T. (n. Roosevelt migrant trap near Melrose); P.O. Canyon (Post Office Canyon, Peloncillo Mts.); R.G.N.C. (Rio Grande Nature Center, Albuquerque); R.G.V. (Rio Grande Valley).

LOONS THROUGH QUAIL

Surprisingly early was a Pacific Loon at Brantley L. 17 & 20 Aug (WW, JP). Unexpected was a Horned Grebe at Socorro 3 Oct (DH, PB); notable for its size was a flock of 11 Horneds at Conchas L. 23 Oct (JO). Extended breeding by Eared Grebes was evidenced by 44 nests at Stone L. 10 Aug (DS) and 2 nests at Stubblefield L. 7 Aug (DC). Two Western Grebe nests were at Stone L. 10 Aug, where 3 chicks were also seen (DS). At Stubblefield L., ad. Westerns were tending juvs. 17 Aug (ph. DC), 30 Sep (ph. DC), 28 Oct (DC), and 6 Nov (JP). Also at Stubblefield L. were 3 Clark's Grebe nests 7 Aug (DC), an ad. carrying young on 9 Oct (ph. DC), and 3 ads. carrying chicks 28 Oct (DC). Low lake levels resulted in fewer migrant *Aechmophorus* grebes, with only 600 at E.B.L. and 400 at Caballo L. 3 Nov (MW); highs elsewhere included 220 at Navajo L. and 200 at Morgan L. 2 Nov (MW).

Braving a snowstorm was an American White Pelican at Bluewater L. 13 Nov (CR, BN). Lingering from Jul, a juv. Brown Pelican was still at Morgan L. 11 & 16 Aug (AN), and another juv. was at E.B.L. 11–27 Aug (WW, JP, JO), 7 Oct and later (ph. JO); a juv. retrieved from I-10 near Deming 22 Sep died while in rehabilitation (P. Hinde). Single American Bitterns were at R.G.N.C. 23 Oct (L. Neely), at Bosque 6–7 Nov (SJ, PB), and at B.L.N.W.R. 11 Aug (GW) and 10–12 Nov (GW, JP). Some 60 Great Egrets at Brantley L. 11 Sep (SW) was a remarkable concentration for New Mexico; late for the n. was one below Navajo Dam 13 Nov (JP). Two juv. **Reddish Egrets** visited Brantley L. 14 Aug–6 Sep (JM, WW, SW, JP, vt. JO), and one remained through 11 Sep (SW). Two imm. **Yellow-crowned Night-Herons** were near Broadview 19 Sep (CR, BN); an ad. was at Tatum 20 Aug (JP), where one had been seen in May. Lingering from Jul was a juv. **White Ibis** at Bosque, where last seen 14 Aug (m.ob.). An imm. **Roseate Spoonbill** was at Chaparral,



Doña Ana 25 Aug–4 Sep (J. Colquitt, ph. BZ, MS, ph. JZ, JP, ph. JO); another imm. was found at Brantley L. 5 Sep (ph. JO).

Unexpected was a flock of 15 **Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks** that stopped at Conchas L. for several days, including 25 Nov (ph. M. Larson). Unusually early were 12 Greater White-fronted Geese at E.B.L. 3 Sep (JO). Fifteen Cackling Geese arrived at R.G.N.C. 30 Oct (JP, ph. JO), where numbers increased to 200 by 5 Nov and 380 by 24 Nov (JP); others were noted in Nov at Maxwell, Springer L., L.V.N.W.R., and Bosque. A male Eurasian Wigeon put in a brief appearance at B.L.N.W.R. 27 Oct (GW). Arriving with a winter storm, single Greater Scaup were at Farmington L. 13 Nov (JP, AN, CR, BN), Crownpoint 13 Nov (CR, BN), and Mountainair 14 Nov (CR, BN). An imm. Surf Scoter was at Maxwell 6 Nov (JP) and nearby Springer L. 7 Nov (MB et al.); an imm. **White-winged Scoter** was at Clayton L. 26–27 Nov (MB et al.).

Late Ospreys were singles at Navajo Dam 13 Nov (JP) and Carlsbad 20 Nov (SW). A White-tailed Kite n. of Deming 2 Sep (RM) provided the lone report. Migrant flocks of Mississippi Kites were in evidence in the e., including 34 at Texico 9 Aug (BO), 31 at Tucumcari 10–11 Aug (BO), and 60 entering an evening roost at Carlsbad 20 Aug (JP). An imm. Northern Goshawk strayed e. to Conchas L. 30 Nov (WW). Noteworthy was an

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imm. **Gray Hawk** at Rodeo 6 Oct (RW). Peripheral Common Black-Hawks were singles below Cochiti Dam 19 Sep (MW), at Santa Rosa 25 Sep (CR, BN), at Lincoln 12 Sep (SW), and at Rattlesnake Springs 14 Oct (R. Carlson); a migrant was at Rodeo 2 Oct (RW), while very late was one along the Pecos R. at Carlsbad 20 Nov (SW). Maintaining their Tularosa Basin presence were 2 Harris's Hawks at Holloman A.F.B. 27 Aug (MS, JZ). Unusual was a **Zone-tailed Hawk** at L.V.N.W.R. 2 Aug (WW). The earliest Rough-legged Hawk reached Maxwell 21 Oct (DC). Early Merlins were singles in the Animas Valley 7 Sep (AC, NM-C), L.V.N.W.R. 26 Sep (D. White), and Yeso 29 Sep (JO). Native Aplomado Falcons persisted in s. New Mexico, including a male and a female on various dates Aug–Nov (RM). Two White-tailed Ptarmigan were near Jicarita Peak 3 Aug (SOW). N. of usual were



This immature Roseate Spoonbill, present at Chaparral, Doña Ana County 25 (here 27) August–4 September 2004 provided New Mexico's seventh record overall but the fourth since 2002. Photograph by James E. Zabriskie.

15 Lesser Prairie-Chickens at Grulla N.W.R. 10 Nov (J. Smith). Far from known native range were up to 3 Northern Bobwhites at Santa Fe 13 Sep–1 Oct (S. McGreevy).

PLOVERS THROUGH DOVES

Three Black-bellied Plovers were early at B.L.N.W.R. 14 Aug (JP); the last reported were 2 at B.L.N.W.R. 24 Nov (GW). An ad. Snowy Plover was tending 3 chicks at Ute L. 11 Aug (ph. DC); last were 2 at B.L.N.W.R. 20 Oct (GW) and 3 at Grulla N.W.R. 28 Oct (JO). A Mountain Plover lingered at Isaack L. until 8 Nov (GE). Late for the n. were 65 American Avocets at Abiquiu L. 2 Nov (MW) and 2 at Springer L. 16 Nov (DC). High counts for Solitary Sandpipers were 6 in the Uvas Valley, Doña Ana 20 Aug (CR) and 10 at Bosque 27 Aug (JO). Generally small numbers of Upland Sandpipers passed through 11 sites in *De Baca*, *Roosevelt*, *Chaves*, *Eddy*, and *Doña Ana* 9 Aug–17 Sep, including a high 22 at Bosque Redondo 14 Aug (CR) and 6 each at Roswell 14 Aug (JP) and Hagerman 29 Aug (CR). A Whimbrel visited B.L.N.W.R. 11 Aug (GW). Noteworthy was a Sanderling s. of Grants 29 Sep (CJG); 1–4 others were at 10 sites from the R.G.V. eastward 8 Aug–1 Oct. Pectoral Sandpipers were at 13 sites statewide 22 Aug–23 Oct, including 3 near Farmington 25 Sep (AN), 5 at Belen 8–10 Sep (JO, JP), and 9 at Santa Rosa L. 25 Sep (CR). A Dunlin e. of Cimarron 13 Nov (DC) furnished the lone report. High count for Stilt Sandpipers was 67 at B.L.N.W.R. on the late date of 6 Oct (GW). Well documented were single, vocal juv. Short-billed Dowitchers at Eagle Nest L. 7 Aug (DC), Sumner L. 6 Sep (JP), and Belen 4–11 Sep (JP, ph. JO). Single Red-necked Phalaropes were w. to Ty-

rone 26 Sep (EL), Lordsburg 4 Sep (BN, DE), and Lordsburg Playa 22 Aug (CR); highs in the e. were 50 at Stubblefield L. 21 Sep (DC), 35 at Sumner L. 23 Sep (WW), and 27 at B.L.N.W.R. 22 Sep (GW). A good season for Red Phalaropes found singles at Sumner L. 23 Sep (WW), Grulla N.W.R. 28 Oct (ph. JO), and Brantley L. 20 Aug (JP, SW).

An ad. dark-morph Pomarine Jaeger at Santa Rosa L. 24 Sep–1 Oct (ph. JO, m.ob.) provided one of New Mexico's few certain records of the species. A Laughing Gull at Carrizozo 18 Nov (JO) furnished a Lincoln first. The Sabine's Gull season got off to an early start with an ad. at Brantley L. 17–20 Aug (WW, JP) and another ad. at Conchas L. 24 Sep (JO); meanwhile, single juvs. were at Conchas L., Sumner L., Ute L., and B.L.N.W.R. 11 Sep–9 Oct (m.ob.). Caspian Terns made a strong showing, with singles at Morgan L. 11 Aug (AN), Ute L. 11 Sep (JO), B.L.N.W.R. 15 Sep (GW), and Brantley L. 20 Aug (SW) and 6 Sep (ph. JO). A fair season for Common Terns in e. New Mexico included singles at Springer L. 20 Sep (DC), Santa Rosa L. 25 Sep (JP), Sumner L. 24 Sep and 1 Oct (JO), 3 at Conchas L. 14 Sep (WW), 4 at Ute L. 29 Sep (DC), and an early one s. to Brantley L. 20 Aug (SW). A Least Tern wandered w. to Bosque N.W.R. 8 Aug (JP). Better-than-usual numbers of Black Terns included 100 each at Clovis and Brantley L. 20 Aug (JP).

Eurasian Collared-Doves are now common throughout most of New Mexico; 71 at Deming 7 Oct (LM) provided a local high. A White-winged Dove was nesting at Ute L. 11 Aug (DC); in Carlsbad, 27 White-wingeds were found dead after a storm 12 Aug (SW). Two to 3 Inca Doves were n. to Conchas Dam 4 (WW) & 15 Oct (JP, JO); there is but one

previous *San Miguel* record. A first for the e. plains was an ad. male Common Ground-Dove at Tucumcari 11 Aug (BO); elsewhere, singles were at Socorro 6–11 Oct (PB) and the middle Animas Valley 1 Sep (SOW, PM), and an imm. was at Rodeo 13 Oct, where there was an ad. 19 Oct (both RW).

CUCKOOS THROUGH KINGBIRDS

No Yellow-billed Cuckoos were found along the Pecos R. below Carlsbad, this following a government-sponsored program to eliminate their salt cedar habitat. A family of 5 Greater Roadrunners in late Sep documented breeding for the Raton area (*vide* DC). Very late was a Flammulated Owl found dead at Cochiti 28 Nov (MW). The state-first Eastern Screech-Owl at Portales was heard 20 Nov (SW), marking a year's residence there. The state-first Barred Owl, present at Galisteo since May, was last observed 2 Oct (JPB). A Short-eared Owl was at Clabber Hill Ranch below Conchas Dam 9 Oct (MB, NP, RV), another was in the Bluit area near Milnesand 1 Nov, where there were 2 on 20 Nov (T. McDaniel), and one was in the s. Animas Valley in late Oct (S. Smith). A Whip-poor-will was in the Manzano Mts. 8 Aug (CR), where rare. Eight Black Swift nests at Jemez Falls 8–20 Aug each produced one fledgling by Sep (HS, RL, CG); elsewhere, Black Swifts occupied Nambe Falls, where 2 were seen 9 Aug (RL, CG), and a falls on Chavez Cr., *Rio Arriba*, where one was seen 12 Aug (J. Burton).

Long expected, a state-first ad. Green Violet-ear entertained many at Santa Fe 16–18 Nov (R. Ellenberg, JPB et al., ph. JO). Two Broad-billed Hummingbirds strayed n. to Grey Feathers Lodge on Sapillo Cr., *Grant* 6 Oct (ph. JO). A Blue-throated Hummingbird at P.O. Canyon 2 Sep (CL) provided the only report; several Magnificents were reported in the Mogollon, Pinos Altos, and Peloncillo Mts., including 7 banded near L. Roberts 5–6 Sep (JD-M). The high Lucifer Hummingbird count at P.O. Canyon was 13 on 26 Aug; the last there was one on 7 Oct (CL). Nicely documented was a male Ruby-throated Hummingbird at Luis Lopez 12–13 Sep (ph. JO). An early Anna's reached Las Cruces 3 Aug (DG), and another was n. in the R.G.V. to Los Lunas 4 Sep (RB, JP, ph. JO). Post-breeding Costa's were one banded at L. Roberts 10 Aug (JD-M), an ad. male singing in the P.O. Canyon area 6 Sep (CL), and one in Guadalupe Canyon 20 Oct (JB, C. Black). An unlucky Calliope provided a meal for a praying mantis at Luis Lopez 26 Aug (ph. JO); late was a Calliope near Radium Springs 29 Oct–2 Nov (MS, JZ). A late Rufous was banded at Albuquerque 24 Nov (JD-M), while another lingered in P.O. Canyon beyond 30 Nov (CL). An ad. male Allen's Hummingbird was at Las Cruces 3 Aug

(DG); in *Grant*, one was banded at Grey Feathers Lodge 1 Aug; 2 were banded at L. Roberts 6 Aug and another on 3 Sep (JD-M).

An Elegant Trogon was in Indian Cr. Canyon, Animas Mts. 4 Oct (ph. A. Lamb), where occurrence is irregular. Two ad. Lewis's Woodpeckers were feeding juvs. at Santa Fe 21 Aug (K. Holladay, A. Walker). A Red-headed Woodpecker was w. to Madrid 29 Sep (LS). Encouraging were 7 Acorn Woodpeckers storing acorns in Water Canyon 9 Aug–5 Nov (HS), where the species has been scarce recently; one was carrying a pecan at Radium Springs 2 Sep (MS, JZ). Red-bellied Woodpeckers were in the news, with a female at N.R.T. 16–19 Sep (ph. JO, JP, DK, CR, BN) and a male at Conchas Dam 19 & 25 Nov (J. Nelson-Moore, ph. DC). Single Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were reported from Conchas Dam 30 Nov (WW), N.R.T. 16 Sep (DK), 8 (JO) & 30 Oct (JPB), n. of Melrose 8 Oct (JO), and at Crossroads 16 Oct (CR, JO). Downy Woodpeckers were unusually prevalent on the e. plains 12 Sep–9 Oct (JO, JP et al.); others in prairie areas were near Encino 7 Oct (JO) and Estancia 14 Nov (CR).

Typically overlooked in Aug, a Greater Pewee was singing in the Pinos Altos Mts. 7 Aug (JP). A probable Acadian Flycatcher was at N.R.T. 17–18 Aug (vt. JO, JP); verification will depend on analysis of audiograms. Least Flycatchers drifting westward were 2 in the Ortiz Mts. 28 Aug (LS) and one in Albuquerque 21 Aug (BN, DE). Late for the n. was a vocal Hammond's Flycatcher at Tent Rocks 3 Oct (HS). A Great Crested Flycatcher was n. of Melrose 17 Sep (JP, ph. JO). Cassin's Kingbirds reluctant to leave were singles at Maxwell 11 Oct (DC), Rattlesnake Springs 9 Oct (SW), and Tyrone 16 Oct (EL); a late Western Kingbird was at Rodeo 20 Oct (CL). An Eastern Kingbird visited the Belen Taco Bell 8 Aug (JP).

SHRIKES THROUGH WARBLERS

An imm. Northern Shrike was at Maxwell 6–11 Nov (JP, JO, J. Stuart). On the viro front, a Yellow-throated was at N.R.T. 28 Sep (ph. DC), and a late Plumbeous was singing at Cochiti L. 16 Oct (WH). A Blue-headed Vireo was banded at R.G.N.C. 3 Oct (L. Gorbet), and singles were at N.R.T. 30 Sep–5 Oct (ph. JO, JP, DC, JPB) and Waldrop Park, e. Chaves 28 Aug (CR). Three Hutton's Vireos were at Aguirre Springs, Organ Mts. 7 Nov (BZ), where regular in recent years. Lingered from Jul, a Red-eyed Vireo was near Cimarron Aug–8 Oct (ph. DC). South of expected were several Pinyon Jays in the n. Peloncillo Mts. 9 Sep (CL) and one in the Florida Mts. 13 Sep (LM). Scarce in the Black Range, a Clark's Nutcracker was near Lookout Mt. 23 Aug (WW). Black-billed Magpies were absent from the Raton area 29

Sep (R. Yaksich), where they once were common; elsewhere in Colfax, magpies were local and hard to find (DC). Two Common Ravens were e. to Milnesand 16 Oct (CR).

The last *Doña Ana* Cave Swallows were 3 near Radium Springs 22 Oct (MS, JZ); at Carlsbad Caverns N.P., 600 were still present 17 Oct and the last were seen 1 Nov (SW). Red-breasted Nuthatches staged a conspicuous and substantial invasion, beginning in mid-Aug and spreading southeastward, eventually reaching all corners of the state, and including mountaintops, foothills, valleys, prairies, and deserts. Pygmy Nuthatches in peripheral areas were up to 20 at Sugarite S.P. 28 Aug–30 Oct (DC) and 10 in the Ortiz Mts. 28 Aug (LS). Very early were 2 Brown Creepers at Corrales 1 Sep (WH). Providing a *Curry* first was a Carolina Wren at Clovis 2 & 9 Oct (ph. JO, NP et al.). Single Winter Wrens passed through Galisteo 27 Nov (JPB), Corrales 27 Nov (JP), N.R.T. 16–17 Oct (CR, ph. JO), and Socorro 8 Nov (PB). Several Golden-crowned Kinglets drifted e. to *Guadalupe*, *Curry*, *Roosevelt*, and *Lea* 2–30 Oct; s. to the Peloncillo Mts. were 3 in Skull Canyon 24 Nov and 3 near Black Mt. 29 Nov (CL). Unexpected n. of the Gila R. was a Black-tailed Gnatcatcher in Carlisle Canyon, *Grant* 11 Nov (ph. R. Shantz); 2 were n. in the R.G.V. to Bosque N.W.R. 24 Nov (JP).

Eastern Bluebirds nested at Clovis, where there was a just-fledged juv. 9 Aug (BO); near Radium Springs, ad. Easterns were with 2 juvs. 15–19 Sep (MS, JZ). Western Bluebirds in the e. included 4 at Milnesand and 7 at Tatum 16 Oct (CR). Scarce in *Luna* in fall, a Swainson's Thrush was at Deming 23 Sep (LM). An ad. Gray Catbird feeding a juv. at Bosque Redondo 31 Aug (WW) provided additional evidence of breeding at that *De Baca* locale. Early Sage Thrashers were 2 at Eldorado 9 Aug (JPB). A Brown Thrasher was w. to Mountainair 25 Oct (T. Huning). In the e., up to 9 Sprague's Pipits were near Milnesand 16–17 Oct (CR, JO), and 2 were at Tatum 16 Oct (CR); in the sw., 2 were near Deming 30 Nov (LM) and one or 2 were near Gage 30 Sep & 7 Oct (RM). Two Phainopeplas were n. to Cerrillos 22 Aug and later (LS); a pair was feeding 3 young at Silver City 17 Aug (EL).

Warblers were well reported, although many e. species were in typically small numbers. Nashville Warblers were relatively conspicuous, including 3 at El Morro N.M. and another s. of Grants 28 Aug (CJG), plus 8 in P.O. Canyon 25 Aug–5 Sep (CL) and one in the Pinos Altos Mts. 5 Sep (BN); farther e., singles were in Cimarron Canyon 11 Sep (DC), Albuquerque 11 Sep (WH), Luis Lopez 4 Oct (JO), and N.R.T. 3–9 Oct (JO). Single Tennessee Warblers were at Bosque Redondo 31 Aug (WW) and N.R.T. 30 Oct (JPB); late for Albuquerque was an Orange-

crowned 25 Oct (WH). Single Northern Parulas were at Sumner Dam 12 Aug (N. Cox), N.R.T. 5–6 Sep (JO, JP) and 2 Oct (JP, JO), and Ruby Ranch n. of Las Vegas 7 Nov (WW). Single Chestnut-sided Warblers were near Cimarron 30 Aug (ph. DC), n. of Melrose 17 Sep (ph. JO), and at Oliver Lee S.P. 5 Nov (ph. JO). A Magnolia Warbler visited N.R.T. 2 Oct (JP, BN, CR, ph. JO).

A Black-throated Blue Warbler was at Albuquerque 24 Oct (D. Mehlman); at N.R.T., single male Black-throated Blues were present on various dates 22 Sep–22 Oct (ph. JO, CR, NP, JP, DC), and a female was there 28–29 Sep (DC, ph. JO). Late was a Black-throated Gray Warbler at Farmington 17 Oct (AN). A strong showing by Black-throated Green Warblers found singles w. to Albuquerque 19 Aug (WH) and Aguirre Springs 7 Nov (BZ), plus at least 3 at N.R.T. during the period 3–22 Oct (ph. DC, ph. JO, m.ob.). Townsend's Warblers flooded the state in large numbers 3 Aug–16 Oct and in many instances were the most numerous warbler at a site; late was one at Albuquerque 7 Nov (B. Vaughn). Hermit Warblers made their strongest showing yet, with at least 12 individuals at seven sites 6 Aug–7 Oct, including singles e. to Albuquerque 5 Sep (B. O'Leary) and the Magdalena Mts. 11 Aug (WW); reports in the sw. were from the Pinos Altos, Burro, Peloncillo, and Animas Mts. A bright male Pine Warbler was below E.B.L. Dam 7 Oct (ph. JO). Palm Warblers included an early one at R.G.N.C. 8 Aug (JB) and singles at Cochiti L. 16 Oct (WH) and N.R.T. 4 (ph. DC) & 9 Oct (ph. JO, JP, NP), all of the expected nominate race. A Prothonotary Warbler was an apparent window-kill at Albuquerque 12 Oct (JP); elsewhere, singles were at Luis Lopez 27 Sep (ph. JO) and N.R.T. 8–10 Oct (ph. JO, JP, NP). A Worm-eating Warbler was singing at R.G.N.C. 11 & 15 Aug (C. Davis, JP). Single Hooded Warblers were at N.R.T. 15 Sep (ph. DC), Las Animas Cr., *Sierra* 24 Aug (WW), and Clanton Canyon 12 Aug (BP). Evidence of Wilson's Warblers breeding in the Sangre de Cristo Mts. was provided by a male and an apparent juv. at Serpent L. 3 Aug (SOW). A Red-faced Warbler near Manzano Peak 22 Aug (J. Johnson) furnished a Manzano Mts. first. A Painted Redstart strayed to Radium Springs 21 Sep (ph. JZ).

TANAGERS THROUGH FINCHES

A male Hepatic Tanager in Maverick Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. 23 Oct (CL) was late, as was a Summer Tanager at R.G.N.C. 17 Oct (JP). Extremely rare in New Mexico, a male Eastern Towhee was at N.R.T. 15 Oct (JP, JO), and a female was there 17 Oct (ph. JO, CR). American Tree Sparrows on the edge of range were singles near Cerrillos 18 Nov (LS) and Ute L. 27 Nov (ph. DC). Two Field Sparrows were at N.R.T. 25 Oct and 26

Nov (DC). A Baird's Sparrow was at Clabber Hill Ranch 9 Oct (NP et al.); 2 were at Ladder Ranch, Sierra 26 Sep (WW). Single Le Conte's Sparrows were at B.L.N.W.R. 10–12 Nov (GW, JP) and near Otis 16 Oct (SW). Additional evidence of Fox Sparrows summering in the Sangre de Cristo Mts. was provided by 2 attracted to tape-recorded songs in a willow carr above Serpent L. 3 Aug (SOW). A Harris's Sparrow arrived at R.G.N.C. 29 Oct (JP). Single Golden-crowned Sparrows were at Luis Lopez 1 Nov (ph. JO) and Rodeo 23 Oct (RW). A few Lapland Longspurs arrived in late Nov, including 2 at Springer L. 29 Nov (DC), one at Clabber Hill Ranch 30 Nov (WW), and one at Corrales 27 Nov (JP); very early were 6 Chestnut-collareds at Springer L. 6 Sep (DC).

Single Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were at N.R.T. 16 Sep (DK), Santa Rosa 25 Sep (CR, BN), and Deming 20 Oct (LM); a Black-headed lingered in P.O. Canyon until 2 Nov (CL). Two Painted Buntings at Grady 19 Sep (CR, BN) furnished a *Curry* first, and one near Galisteo 21 Sep (JPB) provided the first fall record for *Santa Fe*; other notable migrants were one at Albuquerque 8 Sep (DE) and up to 2 at Luis Lopez 8–20 Sep (JO). Mi-

grant Dickcissels were in evidence from the R.G.V. eastward 2 Aug–5 Oct; w. were singles near Gage 22 Sep (RM) and at Rodeo 2–9 Oct (RW). Late were 2 Common Grackles at snowy Estancia 14 Nov (CR, BN). At least 200 Great-tailed Grackles were found dead following a storm at Otis 12 Aug (*vide* SW). Single young male Baltimore Orioles were at Maxwell 23–29 Aug (ph. DC), N.R.T. 17 Sep (DK, JO, JP), and near Radium Springs 6 Oct (MS, JZ).

Rosy-finches returned to Sandia Crest by 8 Nov (SJ), where a three-species flock of up to 60 was present 27 Nov (WH); elsewhere, 2 Gray-crowned were at Eagle Nest 6 Nov (ph. DC). Migrant Cassin's Finches filtered into New Mexico in mid- to late Oct, including at Farmington (AN), Sugarite S.P. (DC), Madrid (LS), Socorro (PB), Magdalena Mts. (HS), and Radium Springs (MS, JZ); 7 were in the P.O. Canyon area 12 Nov (CL). Moderate numbers of Red Crossbills were reported, but no major movement was evident; noteworthy were 50 at Sugarite S.P. 16 Oct (DC), 60 at Santa Fe Ski Basin 5 Sep (WH), one at Albuquerque 16–18 Nov (M. Root), and 12 at Radium Springs 25 Nov (MS, JZ). A Lawrence's Goldfinch was at Rodeo 2–13 Oct (RW), and another reached Radium

Springs 28 Oct (MS). For the 3rd consecutive year, American Goldfinches nested in the Cimarron area, including along the Cimarron R. w. of Cimarron, where a female was building a nest 19 Aug and 3 nestlings were near fledging 20 Sep (ph. DC), along the Cimarron R. e. of town, where 5 begging fledglings were following 2 ads. 13 Sep (DC), and on Ponil Cr., where ads. were tending fledglings 17 Sep (ph. DC).

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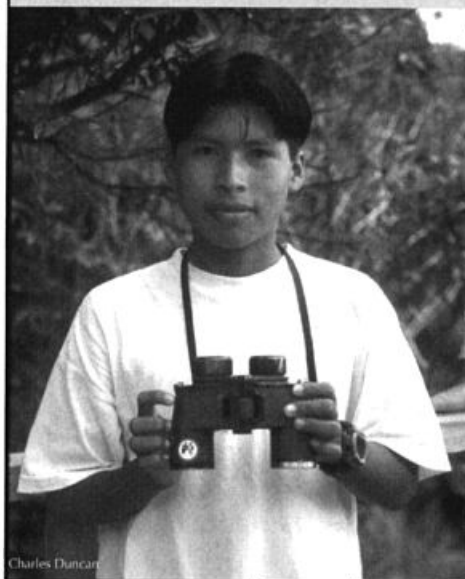
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