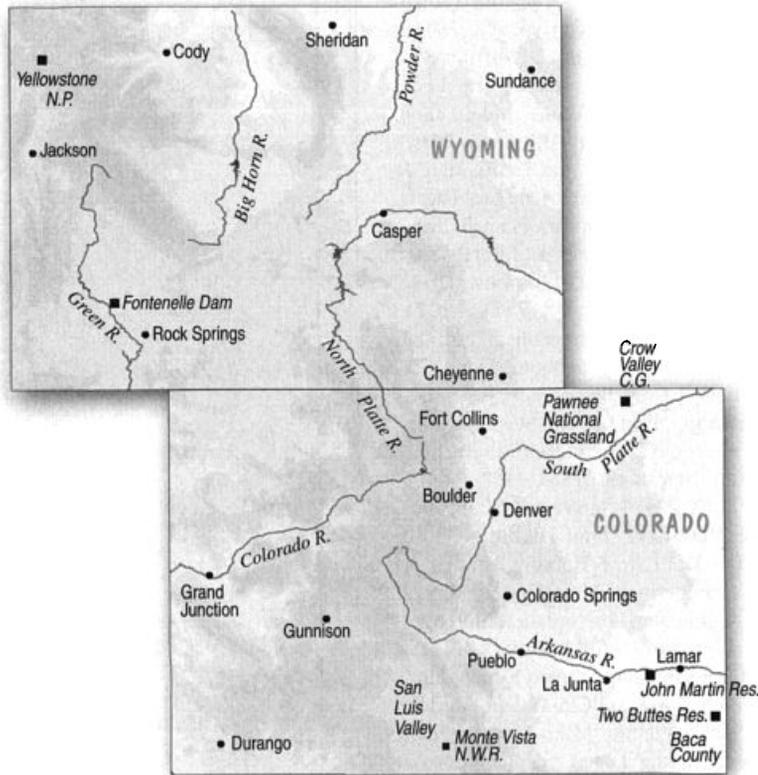


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**B**irds and birders alike found near-normal climatic conditions in the Region this spring, with the exception of Wyoming's warmer-than-normal March and April and a dry May in Colorado. The wet conditions of June 2004 created a legacy of good grass conditions on the eastern plains lasting into the spring season, which were much to the liking of mice and voles. The abundance of prey induced a few mouse-eating bird species to nest on the plains in greater-than-typical numbers, with the two *Asio* owls being particularly common. Snowpack in most drainage basins returned to normal or above normal by March, allowing water managers to fill plains reservoirs with runoff. While easing the water crisis, full lakes made for frustrating spring shorebird watching at many locations. Passerine migration was decidedly average, although coverage at Chico Basin Ranch was the best it has ever been, with Brian Gibbons banding and/or birding every day from late April through 24 May.

Abbreviations: C.C.R. (Cherry Creek Res., *Arapahoe*); Chatfield (Chatfield S.P., *Jefferson/Douglas*); Chico (Chico Basin Ranch, *Pueblo/El Paso*); Crow Valley (Crow Valley Campground, Pawnee National Grasslands,

*Weld*); E.K.W. (Edness Kimball Wilkins S.P., *Natrona*, WY); J.M.R. (John Martin Res., *Bent*); Two Buttes (Two Buttes Res. S.W.A., *Baca*). "West Slope" denotes locations west of the Rockies. Due to reporting biases, all locations can be assumed to be in Colorado except that each Wyoming location is noted as such the first time it appears in the text. Because most rarities are seen by multiple observers, only the observer(s) initially finding and identifying the bird are noted.

## LOONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

The Red-throated Loon that wintered at Pueblo Res., *Pueblo* was present until at least 12 Apr (BKP). Two Pacific Loons were along the Colorado Front Range, where expected. A large number of spring reports (20) of Common Loons included the following more interesting ones: one on Rifle Gap Res., *Garfield* 11 Apr (VZ); 5 on L. Catamount, *Routt* 22 Apr (FL); 2 on L. Avery, *Rio Blanco* 25 Apr (DH); up to 6 on Rio Blanco Res. 25–30 Apr (DH, T. McConnell, J. Toolen); 2 on Ridgway Res., *Ouray* 30 Apr–14 May (CK); 14 (the spring high count) on Saratoga L., *Carbon*, WY 1 May (GB); one on Williams Fork Res., *Grand* 24 May (TL et al.); and one on Rifle Gap Res. 30 May (AB, NP). About 7000 Eared Grebes at Walden Res., *Jackson* 8 May (CDO) was the highest count received.

A Brown Pelican was reported without details from C.C.R. 27 May (*vide* CTK). An ad. Neotropic Cormorant 19 Apr–16 May at Bonny Res., *Yuma* was a nice find (ph., †MJI). The only Little Blue Heron reported was an ad. in *Pueblo* 8 May (M. Yaeger), and the only Tricolored Heron, also an ad., was at Verhoeff Res., *Bent* 29 Apr–11 May (DN et al.). An incredible 11 reports of Glossy Ibis, of 15 individuals, are too many to enumerate; of greatest note were singles at Pastorius Res., *La Plata* 12 Apr (JB, SA); Cañon City, *Fremont* 2 May (SMO); Craig, *Moffat* 7 May (FL); Salida 18 May (NP, SY); and Hutton Lake N.W.R., *Laramie*, WY 26 May (DF); and 3 at South Park Flat Creek, *Teton*, WY 12 May (SP). Three apparent Glossy Ibis × White-faced Ibis hybrids were found this spring, underscoring the need for caution in identifying Glossy Ibises in the Region. Iliff found one at L. Cheraw, *Otero* 19 Apr (†MJI et al.); others were at Beebe Draw, *Weld* 23 Apr (ph. TL, ph. BS) and at East L., *Jefferson* 2 May (T. Mitchell, DF), with the Beebe Draw bird being found by birders chasing one of the Glossy Ibises (the 2 were photographed together).

Imm. Black Brant provided the spring goose highlights, with 2–3 noted in the Den-

ver Metro area. The holdover from the winter season was present in the Inverness area, *Arapahoe* and *Douglas* until at least 12 Mar (m.ob.); a different bird was well photographed at C.C.R. 18–19 Mar (S. Decker, ph. BS), and it or another was at not-too-distant Quincy Res., *Arapahoe* 2–3 Apr (GW). Swan migration through the West Slope was much in evidence on 8 Mar: one Trumpeter Swan was at Highline Res., *Mesa* (L. Arnold), 5 Tundra Swans were at Browns Park N.W.R., *Moffat* (T. Litteral et al.), and another Tundra was at Rio Blanco Res., *Rio Blanco* (E. Hol- lowed, FL) that day. Four male Eurasian Wigeons were scattered across the Region 1 Mar–30 Apr. Single Blue-winged Teal × Cin- namon Teal hybrids were at Boulder 13 Mar (P. Plage) and at Ft. Collins 9 May (G. Luger). The high spring count of Greater Scaup was a paltry 8 at Fossil Creek Res., *Larimer* 20 Mar (N. Komar). A male Long- tailed Duck 20 May at Crom L., *Weld* (DF) provided the latest of six spring reports. A wintering imm male Common Goldeneye that never quite attained definitive plumage lingered at Salida deep into the summer (SY). Single ad. male Barrow's Goldeneyes at Do- lores and McPhee Res., both in *Montezuma*, 25 Mar (JB) and a "pair" at Vallecito Res., *La Plata* 25 Apr (JB) were in sw. Colorado, where uncommon; the latter record may sug- gest breeding in the San Juans.

**RAPTORS THROUGH TERNS**

The Dinosaur Ridge Hawkwatch was con- ducted by Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory for the 15th consecutive full season, 1 Mar–7 May (Table 1; JR, BS, KB, PHo et al.); counts were below average year for most species, particularly so for early-migrating buteos (Red-tailed and Ferruginous). Mississippi Kites were out of place near Colorado Springs 19 May (JP) and in Sandcreek, *Crook*, WY 27 May (JfA), the latter providing a first county record and one of very few that far n. in Wyoming. Completely unprecedented was the count of 225 Bald Eagles at San Luis L., *Alamosa* 13 Mar (HK, UK). A **Common Black-Hawk** found at Two Buttes on the morning of 19 Apr (ph. MI et al.), a first for *Baca*, was refound that afternoon far enough n. of the S.W.A. to provide a first for *Prowers* (ph. TL, DN, BKP). A reasonably good season for Broad-winged Hawk was highlighted by the 13 (one dark, 12 light) counted at Di- nosaur Ridge 27 Apr (JR). Single Broad- winged Hawks at Stove Prairie Rd., *Larimer* 12 Apr (C. Sullivan) and Wetmore, *Custer* 5 May (RM) were at more westerly and higher- elevation locations than typical.

Providing a first local record, a male Blue Grouse wandered to Dinosaur Ridge, *Jefferson* and was noted 4–24 Apr (BS, JR). Four Black Rails singing near Ft. Lyon, *Bent* 23 Apr (NP, AB) were about a week early. A pair

**Table 1. Spring 2005 Dinosaur Ridge, Jefferson County, Colorado hawkwatch totals.**

Species	2005 Total	15-year average
Turkey Vulture	475	584
Osprey	58	67
Bald Eagle	64	72
Northern Harrier	56	65
Sharp-shinned Hawk	337	359
Cooper's Hawk	406	452
Northern Goshawk	5	5
Broad-winged Hawk	57	53
Swainson's Hawk	44	34
Red-tailed Hawk	733	943
Ferruginous Hawk	13	62
Rough-legged Hawk	3	9
Golden Eagle	25	63
American Kestrel	419	659
Merlin	10	15
Peregrine Falcon	24	19
Prairie Falcon	18	24
unidentified	85	83
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2832</b>	<b>3568</b>

of Sandhill Cranes produced a single chick this spring at Lower Latham Res., *Weld* (SMe) and provided the first modern suc- cessful nesting by the species on Colorado's Eastern Plains.

A Snowy Plover visited Saratoga Lake 30 Apr–1 May (GB), possibly providing a first



This accommodating immature Black Brant grazed with its surrogate family of Canada Geese among fishermen and picnickers at Cherry Creek Reservoir, *Arapahoe* County, Colorado 18 (here) and 19 March 2005. Photograph by Bill Schmoeker.

latilong record. Another at Pueblo Res. 11 May (RM) was well w. of normal in the Arkansas R. Valley. Six Mountain Plovers dropped in at the Greater Sage-Grouse lek at Coalmont 6 Apr (DF et al.) and provided the first definite *Jackson* occurrence since a 1911 breeding record. A storm on 29–30 Apr dropped migrating shorebirds at numerous locations, with the highlight probably being the 200 Willets at Boulder Res., *Boulder* on

the latter date (BS, TF). The Pueblo-winter- ing Spotted Sandpiper was last seen 3 Mar (MP, BKP). An Upland Sandpiper on a prairie-dog town along Hwy. 10 provided *Pueblo* with its first spring record (TL et al.). Five reports of 6 Whimbrels in Colorado made a below-average season. The only Hudsonian Godwit was at Beebe Draw 30 Apr (ph. SMe). Two spring Red Knots—at Pueblo Res. 18 Apr (BKP) and at Upper Queens Res., *Kiowa* 13 May (T. Jones)—was a bit above average. A Dunlin dropped in at Grand Junction 23 Apr (LA). Much rarer in spring than in fall, a Red Phalarope graced E.K.W. 15 May (S. Bogart).

An ad. Laughing Gull was early near Lamar 16–18 Apr (DAL); most Colorado records hail from May and Jun. If accepted, a reported **Little Gull** in second-basic plumage at Rifle, *Garfield* 21 Mar (A. Dahl) would provide only the 2nd Colorado West Slope record. Another Little Gull was at Barr L. 6 May (ph. S. Mirick) and possibly later, for a rare spring record in e. Colorado. The 60 Bonaparte's Gulls at Walden Res. 21 Apr (MJI et al.) is a large number, particularly for a mountain location; 50 were still present 8 May (CDo). The wintering ad. Mew Gull was present at Crown Hill Res., *Jefferson* until at least 2 Apr (MP, BKP), and another ad. matriculated at Big Johnson Res. 4–9 Mar (MP). A first-year Iceland Gull provided some excitement at JTL Ponds, *Natrona*, WY 7 Mar–21 Apr (JL, CM et al.). Hopefully, pho- tographs were taken of this long-staying bird.

A Lesser Black-backed Gull in second-alternate plumage at C.C.R. 30 May (JR) flirted with the summer season, when the species is still quite rare. Walbek found a second-year Glaucous-winged Gull at C.C.R. 14 Mar; it stayed until at least 25 Mar (m.ob.); the bird spent most of 19 Mar at Marston Res., *Denver*. The latest Glaucous and Great Black-backed Gulls were at C.C.R. 12 Apr (L. Modesitt). An ad. Arctic Tern was quite early at L. Henry, *Crowley* 21 Apr (MP); most of the very few "spring" records are from very late May and early Jun. Three out-of-place Least Terns were

reported, including one at Confluence Park, *Delta* 14 May (JPB). As this species is now nearly annual on the West Slope, we surmise that these birds are heading to cen. Montana breeding sites, as little else makes much sense, unless there is an undiscovered breed- ing population in w. Wyoming.

**DOVES THROUGH WOODPECKERS**

A Band-tailed Pigeon was a surprise at Chico,



Alas, not all white cranes are Whooping Cranes! This bird caused a lot of excitement when seen at a distance in Prowers County, Colorado 14 March 2005, but closer observation proved it was a leucistic Sandhill Crane—still an interesting bird, laudably well documented. Photograph by Lee Robinson.

Pueblo 7 May (KL, BM). Continuing the inexorable spread, Eurasian Collared-Doves were “enthusiastically mating” in Gillette, Campbell, WY 14 May (R. T. Cox); those in Fort Bridger in “late May” provided the first Uinta, WY record (TA). The 18 reports of 25 White-winged Doves from 12 Colorado counties spanned the state from Baca to Mesa and Montezuma to Washington and also completely spanned the spring period. The small resident colonies of Inca Doves continued in both Lamar and Rocky Ford (m.ob.). As the species has become downright rare in Colorado in the past 15–20 years, the obliging Black-billed Cuckoo at Crow Valley 22 May (J. Vanderpoel, ph. SMe) made a number of birders happy. For the 2nd consecutive spring, a Flammulated Owl was found on the plains at Chico, El Paso, this year on 7 May (KL, BM). A Snowy Owl put in a brief appearance 5 Mar near Keyhole Res., Crook, WY (JaA).

A male Broad-billed Hummingbird at the Stulps’ yard s. of Lamar 17–18 Apr (ph. JS) provided only the 2nd state record; the first spent fall 2003 on the opposite side of the state at Palisade, Mesa. A female American Three-toed Woodpecker at Rye Mountain Park, Pueblo on the odd date of 6 May provided a first local record (DS).

**FLYCATCHERS THROUGH WRENS**

The only Eastern Wood-Pewee reported was found far to the w. at The Nature Conservancy’s Yampa River Preserve, Routt 27 May (JB); there are no previous West Slope records. While Black Phoebe have been slowly spreading on the West Slope, one at Cooper’s Ranch 15 Apr (R. Meyer) was unexpected and perhaps only the 2nd for Gunnison. Black Phoebe also continue to spread along the upper Arkansas R. Valley; in addition to 5 in Fremont, singles were found in reasonable breeding habitat at Salida 18 Apr–9 May (RM) and Walsenburg 8–30 Apr. (RM). An Eastern Phoebe that remained at Dixon Res. 22 Apr–21 May (R. Dobbs, C. Wild) was 40 km w. of the northwesternmost breeding location

known in the Region. Two Vermilion Flycatchers were found, both females: one at Two Buttes 22 Apr (BKP, RO), and one in ne. Bent 13–14 May (JK). An Eastern Kingbird at Alamosa N.W.R., Alamosa 22 May (R. Righter) was unexpected; this species is rarely noted in the mountain parks, where most records are from early fall. Single Scissor-tailed Flycatchers wandered to Two Buttes 20 Apr (A. Spencer), Chico, Pueblo 25 Apr (BG), and the Bear Creek Greenway, Jefferson 30 Apr. (K. McCrady, m.ob.).

A White-eyed Vireo at Lamar 22–23 Apr (BKP, RO) tied the early date for this rare-but-regular migrant. One at L. DeWeese 19 May (DS) furnished a first for Custer; 2 others were seen 23 May, one at Boulder (S. Larson) and one at Chico, Pueblo (BG). Rarely noted in migration, a Bell’s Vireo was at Lamar 8 May (K. M. Dunning). A Gray Vireo in Uravan, Montrose 19 Apr. (CD, BW) beat the previous early date by a day. A few Gray Vireos have been found along the Front Range and e. Plains in spring migration, although not annually; this year, one was at Cañon City, Fremont 7 May (SMo). Yellow-



This second-year Glaucous-winged Gull at Cherry Creek Reservoir in Douglas County, Colorado on 14 March 2005 (here) later commuted to Marston Reservoir, Denver County, double-delighting county listers and larophiles alike. Photograph by Glenn Walbek.

throated Vireos at Sawhill Ponds, Boulder 8–9 May (L. Osborne, M. Boswell, TF, D. Waltman) and Neenoshe Res. 9 May (VAT) reflected an average spring total. Fifteen Plumbeous Vireos at Chico 16 May was an astonishingly high count for the plains in spring. The only Philadelphia Vireo was also at Chico 17–18 May (JP, MP, BKP). Fourteen Red-eyed Vireos 10 May+ included one in w. Wyoming at the Fontenelle Dam, Lincoln (TA) and one on the West Slope at Grand Junction 29 May (LA).

The last of up to 40 Steller’s Jays noted away from breeding habitat near Franktown was seen 7 May (HK, UK). Also unusual in

spring were single Western Scrub-Jays at Chico, Pueblo 27 Apr (BG) and 18 May (BG, BKP, RO). One female and 2 male Purple Martins were seen at Elkhead Res. 7 May (FL), perhaps the low-elevation record for Moffat. The last lowland Mountain Chickadee paused at Chico, Pueblo 11 May (BG) While suspected of occurring in these counties, 2 Bushtits at Thompson Creek near Carbondale 24 May (VZ) and 2 along California Park Rd. (MJI) were the first observations for Pitkin and Routt, respectively, of which we are aware. As they are wont to do after invasion years, Red-breasted Nuthatches tarried into May at several e. plains locations with at least a few lingering into summer A Pygmy Nuthatch at Chico, El Paso 1–9 May (BG) furnished perhaps the 2nd record of a spring migrant from the plains. Another at Pueblo City Park 28 Apr (BKP) was from a location where this species is found irregularly in winter. Lamar’s wintering Carolina Wren was last seen 17 May (DAL), while a singing bird was found at Tamarack Ranch S.W.A., Logan 19 May (KB, PHo) and stayed into summer. Winter Wren was last noted as it sang at Two Buttes Res. 29 Apr (GW, JK JR), perhaps the bird that wintered there.

**THRUSHES THROUGH WARBLERS**

Thrush migration in the Region was somewhat lackluster. The only Gray-cheeked Thrush was at Crow Valley 27 May (ph. RH) The standout was clearly the russet-backed Swainson’s Thrush (*ustulatus* subspecies group) banded at Chico 23 May (BG), only the 2nd for Colorado. The only Wood Thrush delighted observers at E.K.W. 18 May (CM, BR) Over 3500 Bohemian Waxwings were seen during the period in Colorado alone, with small numbers lingering through much of Colorado into mid-Apr; frustratingly we have no reports from Wyoming. Perhaps the oddest observation was of a flock of 18 seen foraging just above a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher at Boulder 29 Apr. The last Bohemian Waxwing was seen in Louisville, Boulder 2 May (PHa); it is not unusual for birds to remain this late, after major invasions.

Thirty-six species of warblers were seen this season, one fewer than last spring. Only 8 Tennessee Warblers were found, 8–27 May one of the lowest spring totals in recent years. The only Nashville Warbler was reported from Two Buttes 14 May (GW, SS) The number of Virginia’s Warblers on the e plains is hard to determine, as many observers fail to report this species from the

plains. We received only two reports away from Chico, but at that location there was a strong passage 8 May, when 18 individuals were counted, establishing a new record for the plains. Two *Lucy's Warblers* returned to Yellowjacket Creek, *Montezuma*, where they were seen 30 Apr (SA, JB, PD). Nine Northern Parulas 17 Apr–19 May included individuals in the mountain valleys at Gunnison 8–10 May (J. Berry) and at Sands L. in Salida 18 Apr (RM). The only Chestnut-sided Warblers were at Neenoshe Res. 11–13 May (MP, BKP, SN) and Barr L., *Adams* 21–22 May (L. Kilpatrick, EZ). Seven Magnolia Warblers 13–27 May, all on the Colorado plains, was more on par with recent years. There was an unusual push of Black-throated Blue Warblers in mid-May with males at Chico 9 May (BG), Lamar 11 May (DR), Reshaw Park, *Natrona*, WY (E. DiPaolo, CM, BR), and White Ranch Open Space, *Jefferson* 15 May (C. Campbell). Twelve Black-throated Gray Warblers e. of the Rockies Apr 24–18 May furnished one of the highest seasonal totals for the Front Range and plains. Black-throated Green Warblers were at Lamar (banded) 3 May (SN, DR, JT), Longmont, *Boulder* 13 May (SS), and Lathrop S.P., *Huerfano* 14 May (RM). Rare in spring, 8 Townsend's Warblers were found 29 Apr–16 May, including one at Lower Piedra Campground, *Archuleta* 10 May (JB). Blackburnian Warblers graced Two Buttes Res. 11 May (MP) and Dixon Res., *Larimer* 15 May (E. Thurston-Moench).

The standout of the season was a male Cerulean Warbler at Long Pond 16 May (RH): there are but three accepted Colorado records, the last from late May 1997. Chico hosted the Region's only Prairie Warbler 1–8 May (BG) and its only Bay-breasted Warbler, a first-spring female, 15 May (BG). Seven Palm Warblers 29 Apr–16 May included westward individuals at E.K.W. 13 May (B&DW) and Pastorius S.W.A., *La Plata* (JB). Colorado hosted at least 23 Blackpoll Warblers 27 Apr–20 May, the highest total since the May 1998 invasion. Wyoming's only report came from Sandcreek 27 May (JaA, JfA, M. Yemington). The only Prothonotary Warbler was in ne *Bent* 13–14 May (K. Kirkpatrick). Five Worm-eating Warblers 9–23 May were on Colorado's plains. The only Kentucky Warbler

found had collided with a window in Westcliffe (G. & J. Canderlaria), a *Custer* first. Four Hooded Warblers were all found 10–14 May, all but the one at E.K.W. 10–15 May (CM, BR, B&DW) from e. Colorado.

### TANAGERS THROUGH FINCHES

At least one Hepatic Tanager returned to Prior, *Huerfano* 21 May (MP et al.), and a female was at Chico 11–13 May (BG). Scarlet Tanagers were at Belmar Historic Park, *Jefferson* 12 May (G. Rogers, K. Schofield) and McKay L., *Adams* 15 May (DE, EZ). An Eastern Towhee reported from Bow Mar, *Jefferson* 1 May was later than most records. Cassin's Sparrow is irregularly noted in se. Wyoming but is probably almost annual in small numbers; this spring, one was found e. of Torrington, *Platte* 22 May (CM). A singing Black-chinned Sparrow was seen briefly at Colorado N.M., *Mesa* 24 May (JPB); we feel the record was almost certainly correct despite its brevity. An unusual push of Golden-crowned Sparrows was noted in late Apr and early May, with singles at Yellowjacket Creek 30 Apr (PD), Grand Junction 1 May (A. Newberry), and Lathrop S.P. 7–9 May (ph. BS et al.). A Gray-headed Junco at Chico 22 May (BG) was quite late for the plains. A flock of longspurs in e. *Boulder* 12 May (TF) held 35 Chestnut-collared Longspurs—an unprecedented total this far w. in the state and a very late date for the birds to still be moving. A Northern Cardinal was far w. of usual at Barr L. 20–23 May (R. Rivers, m.ob.) and provided only the 2nd *Adams* record. A Black-headed Grosbeak at Lamar 8 Apr (JT) was astonishingly early. A Lazuli Bunting in Grand Junction 17 Apr furnished the earliest West Slope record by 11 days and apparently a new early date for the state. An Indigo Bunting at Jackson, WY 7 May (L. Kiefling) was well to the nw. of usual. A gaudy male Painted Bunting electrified an Erie, *Boulder* residence 6–9 May (H. Price); the only other report was of a female at Chico 13–15 May (MP, KL, ph. TL). Extralimital Bobolinks furnished first county records at *Denver* 13 May (CTK) and *Paonia, Delta* 18 May (JPB). Up to 4 *liliana* Eastern Meadowlarks returned to se. *Baca* 3 Apr+.

Rare in the Region outside the extreme e. plains, Baltimore Orioles appeared e. of

Trinidad, *Las Animas* (MP, BKP) 10 May and at E.K.W. 19 May (A. Hines). Casual along the Front Range, male Scott's Orioles appeared at *Boulder* 30 Apr–6 May (G. Koch, M. Snyder, m.ob.) and *Texas Creek, Fremont* 18 May (AB), both establishing first county records. Rosy-finches lingered locally, sometimes in amazing numbers for the late dates, with an estimated 2000 at *Estes Park* 28 Apr, of which "a few hundred" remained off and on until 1 May; all three species were present, but mostly Brown-capped. Up to 1000 Gray-crowned Rosy-Finches were in the Jackson area 24 May (BR). Given that Brown-capped and Black Rosy-Finches are species of special concern, we appreciate every effort in obtaining accurate counts, while recognizing that their nomadic and flighty behavior makes this a daunting endeavor. On the heels of last fall's irruption, single Pine Grosbeaks visited the lowlands at Chico 16 May (DAL, DE, EZ) and *Pueblo* 17 May (VAT). Purple Finches were last seen in Lamar 26 Mar (JT) and *Nucla* 7 Apr (CD, BW). Five Red Crossbills at *Burlington, Kit Carson* 12 May (C. Wyatt) and 3 at *Limon* 27–31 May (D. Sallee) were also low and late. Four White-winged Crossbills near *Monarch Pass* 7 Apr (CLW) furnished a first for *Chaffee*, while a flock of 14 at *Grand Mesa, Mesa* 6 Apr (CLW) was the largest flock reported in Colorado in several years.

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**SA** This was a season for unusual-looking warblers, with several observations of birds that were thought to be hybrids. At Chico 9 May was a bird that resembled Black-throated Green Warbler but was thought to perhaps be a hybrid with Townsend's or Hermit due to a distinctly blackish eyeline and the presence of yellow in the chest (MP, BKP, m.ob.). Just as perplexing was an *Oporornis* that showed characteristics intermediate between Mourning and MacGillivray's Warblers (distinct black loreal patch and chest patch, and some white above and below the eyes, but different on each eye), also at Chico 15 May (RH, P. Gent, ph. TL, m.ob.). On 22 May, observers at Chatfield noted a bird singing a typical Prairie Warbler song—but that otherwise resembled a female Yellow Warbler (PhA, SS). We are pleased that, absent detailed studies and compelling photographic evidence, observers in each case reported these birds as "a possible hybrid" or a bird "showing characteristics suggestive of hybridization."