

N.W.R., Lincoln, NV (RF, LT). Hermit Warblers are rare but regular migrants through s. Nevada, but until recently they were believed to be very rare in Utah. In recent years, Hermit Warblers have been observed annually in sw. Utah mountains, and 4 were observed this fall 14-27 Aug in Washington (KC, LT, RF). A female Hermit Warbler was also observed at the H.B.V.P. 22 Sep (JBr). A female Blackpoll Warbler was a pleasant surprise 18 Sep at the Arlemonte Ranch, Dyer, Esmeralda, NV (GS, DG, RSt et al.). Surprisingly, the only Black-and-white Warbler in the Region was found 9 Sep at Pyramid L., Washoe, NV (MMe). Five American Redstarts were observed in Esmeralda, NV between 3 Aug and 2 Oct (LW, GS, FP et al.). Surprisingly, Prothonotary Warblers were found at two Esmeralda, NV locations (Sagehen Rd. and Circle L Ranch) on 17 Sep (GS, D&RS, RSt et al.). Another turned up at the Circle L Ranch, Dyer, Esmeralda, NV 1-14 Oct (GS, JD, DH et al.). The only Ovenbird this season was at Corn Cr. 2 Oct (BG). Northern Waterthrushes were observed 17 Aug-30 Sep at six Nevada locations (Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nye, and Washoe) and two

Utah locations (Davis and Millard). After several years of sightings, but unconfirmed nesting, Painted Redstarts were observed feeding young in Zion Canyon, Zion 4 Aug-10 Sep (MD, GR et al.).

SPARROWS THROUGH FINCHES

Clay-colored Sparrows were observed at two Nevada locations: Corn Cr. (17 Sep; CTi et al.) and Arlemonte Ranch, Dyer, Esmeralda (18 Sep; ph. GS). A female Lark Bunting made a rare fall appearance in the Region 4 Sep at Miller's R.A. (FP). Swamp Sparrows went unreported in Utah but were found 4 Sep at H.B.V.P. (JHe) and 17 Sep at Corn Cr. (CTi et al.). Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were surprisingly absent in the Great Basin, with only a single report: 11 Sep at Gunlock S.P., Washington, UT (LT). A somewhat late and extralimital female Bobolink was sighted 8 Nov at H.B.V.P. (fide JBr). A first-fall male Baltimore Oriole turned up 3 Sep at Lida, Esmeralda, NV (GS).

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Early fall 2005 brought welcome precipitation to many parts of the state, contributing to a spectacular waterbird and shorebird migration through the eastern plains. By mid-season, however, the long-term drying trend had resumed, and the season ended both very dry and very cold.

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); MSB (Museum of Southwestern Biology); 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); R.S. (Rattlesnake Springs area, Eddy).

WATERFOWL THROUGH FALCONS

Making a brief appearance was a Black-bellied Whistling-Duck at Deming 15 Aug (LM, ph. JO); another possibly of this species was glimpsed at Bosque 5 Aug (JO). Noteworthy for the locale and early date were 5 Greater White-fronted Geese at Deming 10 Sep (LM); high counts elsewhere were up to 10 at Maxwell 22-25 Oct (DC, J&MH, JP, JO) and 3 at B.L.N.W.R. 20 Nov (SW). Earliest Tundra Swans were one at Waverly L., Union 6 Nov (JO) and 3 at Vermejo Ranch near Cimarron 17 Nov (ph. DC). A male Eurasian Wigeon at Maxwell 29 Oct (DC) provided a Colfax first; another male was at R.G.N.C 11 Nov (CGL),

where regular in recent years. An apparent Eurasian Wigeon × American Wigeon hybrid was at Socorro 30 Oct+ (m.ob., ph. S. Wilson). Nine Greater Scaup at L.V.N.W.R. 13 Nov (CR) was a large number for so early in the season. A Long-tailed Duck was at Stubblefield L. 18-24 Nov (ph. DC), where there was a male Barrow's Goldeneye 16 Nov (DC) and a female Barrow's 18 Nov (ph. DC). A Lesser Prairie-Chicken strayed w. to B.L.N.W.R. 18 Oct (ph. J. Howland), where last reported several decades ago.

A Red-throated Loon made a brief visit to Springer L. 22 Oct (J&MH). Single Pacific Loons reached Springer L. 22-24 Oct (DC), Miami L. 7 Nov (ph. JO), and Conchas L. 22 Nov (WW). Eared Grebes were successful at Stubblefield L., where six pairs were carrying chicks 8 Aug and some 75 chicks were present 23 Aug (ph. DC). Late for the n. were 1130 *Aechmophorus* grebes at Morgan L. 23 Nov (AN). An imm. Brown Pelican flying through Tijeras Canyon 10 Aug (D. Clayton) was seen later that day on a pond at nearby Sandia Park (D. Weaver, F. Lusso); another imm. was at Sumner L. 2 Oct (NP, JB). Far n. and a *Union* first was a Neotropic Cormorant at Clayton L.

15–26 Sep (ph. JO, CR). A Little Blue Heron was n. to Conchas L. 19 Sep (ph. JO); one at Bosque 3 Sep (DH) furnished the only additional report. Single imm. **Reddish Egrets** were at Brantley L. 29 Sep–2 Oct (ph. JO, JP, CR) and E.B.L. 14–16 Oct (PM, JP, CR, NP, CGL, ph. JO). A strong showing by **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** found single imm. at Maxwell 19 Oct (P. Hoban) and Milnesand 8 Aug (ph. T. McDaniel), the latter a *Roosevelt* first; elsewhere, an ad. was at Tatum 27 Aug (JB), where there was an imm. 12 Sep–1 Oct (ph. JO, m.ob.), and an ad. was at Bosque 9–18 Oct (ph. D. Krueper, ph. CGL, ph. JO, m.ob.). Continuing from Jul, an ad. **White Ibis** lingered at Bosque 1–17 Aug (ph. CGL, ph. JO). The **Stubblefield L. White-faced Ibis** colony continued productive into Aug, including five nests with nestlings 8 Aug and other young seen 13 Aug (ph. DC). The **Roseate Spoonbill** present at B.L.N.W.R. in Jul persisted until 6 Sep (m.ob., ph. JO, ph. CGL).

White-tailed Kites continued in evidence in the Animas Valley, with 2–3 at two sites 6 (WW) & 12 Aug (JO), 2 at another site farther n. 4 Aug (J. Stuart), and one at another site even farther n. 14 Oct (WH, SOW); elsewhere, one was at Bosque 4 Oct (ph. JO) and one was near Hachita 9 Nov (SOW). Interestingly early was a **Bald Eagle** at L. Roberts 28 Sep (*vide* DB). Two ad. **Gray Hawks** were feeding 2 juvs. in upper Guadalupe Canyon 9 Aug (JB); undetailed was one in the middle Animas Valley 15 Sep (DB). Far e. was a **Common Black-Hawk** in the Peñasco Valley e. of Elk, *Chaves* 13 Sep (JO); late for the n. was an ad. at Santa Rosa 1 Oct (JP), while stragglers were at Belen 5 Oct (N. Baczek) and near Radium Springs 9 Oct (MS, ph. JZ). A family of 4 **Harris's Hawks** was s. of Alamogordo 16 Nov (CGL); Harris's were noted at three *Luna* locales during the period (LM, WW, JO). A dark-morph juv. **Broad-winged Hawk** entertained many at N.R.T. 2–11 Oct (NP, m.ob., ph. JO); at the Manzano Mts. hawkwatch site, 13 **Broad-wingeds** were tallied 13 Sep–14 Oct (HWI). Noteworthy for *San Miguel* was a **Zone-tailed Hawk** along the Gallinas R. se. of Las Vegas 8 Aug (WW). Perhaps continuing from Jul was an unseasonal **Ferruginous Hawk** in the Animas Valley 8 Aug (JB). **Merlins** were widespread and relatively numerous, and 48 passed the Manzano Mts. lookout 13 Sep–28 Oct (HWI); notably "dark" **Merlins** were near Portales 24 Sep (JB) and at R.S. 2 Oct (SW). A good season for **Aplomado Falcons** dispersing from Chihuahua, Mexico brought an ad. to s. Otero Mesa 11–15 Aug (RM et al., ph.), an imm. n. to *Socorro* sw. of Bingham 27 Aug (D. & L. Burkett), an ad. to n. Otero Mesa 3 Oct (RM), and one to Brant-

ley L. 31 Oct (SW); at least one territorial ad. was in *Luna* all season.

CRANE THROUGH SKIMMER

Early were 5 **Sandhill Cranes** at Maxwell 27 Sep (DC); numbers peaked with 65,000 at Grulla N.W.R. 9 Nov (J. Smith) and about 20,000 at B.L.N.W.R. 23 Nov (GW et al.). A reminder that "white" cranes always deserve critical study was evidenced by a full albino **Sandhill Crane** at Caballo L. 3 Nov (ph. JO). An impressive 30 **Black-bellied Plovers** were at Grulla N.W.R. 8–11 Oct (JO, CR, WW, JP); high count elsewhere was 10 at Stubblefield L. 15 Oct (ph. DC). Some 16 **Snowy Plovers** were at Grulla N.W.R. 9 Oct (CR); late was one at Lordsburg playa 23–25 Nov (JO, JP). Quite late was a **Black-necked Stilt** at B.L.N.W.R. 30 Nov (GW), as were single **American Avocets** at Stubblefield 10 Nov (DC), L.V.N.W.R. 13 Nov (CR), and B.L.N.W.R. 15 Nov (GW), a **Willet** at Deming 18 Oct (LM), and 2 **Marbled Godwits** at Clovis 14 Oct (JP). A remarkable concentration of **Long-billed Curlews** at Grulla N.W.R. 8–14 Oct was estimated to contain up to 2000 birds (JO, WW, JP). An apparent **Red Knot** was s. of Farmington 25 Aug (J. Rees). Last of a good **Sanderling** season were 4–5 at Grulla N.W.R. 8–9 Oct (JO, CR), 2 at Holloman L. 12 Oct (CGL), and one at B.L.N.W.R. 19 Oct (GW). West was a **Pectoral Sandpiper** at Lordsburg 11 Aug (LM); noteworthy were 3 at Holloman L. 21 Sep (MS, ph. JZ) and one at Sunland Park 1 Oct (J. Paton). The earliest **Dunlin** reached E.B.L. 4 Oct (ph. JO), while noteworthy for *Roosevelt* was one at Grulla N.W.R. 28 Oct (JP, JO); high count was 5 at B.L.N.W.R. 15 Nov (GW). A **Ruff** at Stubblefield L. 5 Oct (ph. DC) provided New Mexico's 2nd photo-documented record. An **American Woodcock** at N.R.T. 22–23 Oct (R. Van-Buskirk, m.ob.) provided the state's 11th overall record. **Red-necked Phalaropes** were unusually numerous from the R.G.V. eastward, with reports from 12 counties 3 Sep–22 Oct; high counts were 60 at Stubblefield L. 17 (CR, BN) & 23 Sep (DC), 48 at Maxwell 27 Sep (DC), and 30 at Holloman L. 16 & 19 Sep (CGL); late were 2 each at B.L.N.W.R. 12 Oct (GW) and E.B.L. 18 Oct (JO) and one at Maxwell 22 Oct (DC, JP, JO). A **Red Phalarope** made an appearance at Maxwell 21–22 Oct (MB, NP, m.ob., ph. JO, ph. DC).

A light-morph juv. **Long-tailed Jaeger** at Stubblefield L. 14–19 Sep (m.ob., ph. DC, ph. JO) furnished New Mexico's 11th record. Records continued to accumulate for **Laughing Gull**, with one at Vermejo Ranch near Cimarron 6 & 11 Aug (ph. DC) and up to 3 at E.B.L.—a first-winter bird at Monticello Pt. 6 Aug (ph. JO), a basic ad. at Monticello Pt.

15 Aug (ph. JO), 19 Aug (JP), and 7 Sep (vt. JO), and another basic ad. at Three Sisters Point also on 7 Sep (vt. JO). The gull of the season was a first-winter **Little Gull** at Conchas L. 18–20 Sep (MB, NP, ph. JO, JP, JB), providing New Mexico's 2nd verified record. **California Gulls** away from n. lakes were singles at E.B.L. 8–19 Aug (JO, JP) and Grulla N.W.R. 9 & 11 Oct (CR, WW). Single **Thayer's Gulls** were at Bluewater L. 12 Nov (ph. JO) and E.B.L. 23 Nov (ph. JO). Yet another good season for **Sabine's Gulls** produced multiple reports from 10 sites in six e. counties 7 Sep–9 Oct, including a remarkable flock of 11 imm. at Stubblefield L. 20 Sep (DC), where there were 2 ads. 16–17 Sep (JP, NP, BN, CR); one at Grulla N.W.R. 8–9 Oct (JO, CR) provided a local first.

An ad. **Caspian Tern** was at Conchas L. 18 Sep (MB, NP). **Common Terns** made a better-than-usual showing from the R.G.V. eastward 7–28 Sep, including high counts of 5 at Springer L. 26 Sep (ph. DC), 8 at Sumner L. 17 Sep (JP, JO), and 10 at Conchas L. 18 Sep (JO). **Migrant Black Terns** were in evidence statewide, including notable concentrations of 110 near Cimarron 5 Aug (DC) and 45 at Maxwell (WH), plus 50 at Clovis (WW) 21 Aug; some 40 were over the prairie near the Mesa Rest Stop 8 Sep (B. Lang), including 10 devouring fairy shrimp at a tank. An imm. **Black Skimmer** was found dead w. of Road Forks at Steins Pass 18 Oct (D. Farbotnik, *MSB); it had been banded at Salton Sea 19 Aug (K. Molina) and was one of 2 young skimmers banded there that day known to have wandered inland, the other to *Maricopa*, Arizona.

DOVES THROUGH FLYCATCHERS

Eurasian Collared-Doves continued to increase statewide; an active nest at Deming was on a bare metal catwalk 22 Aug (ph. LM). Three **White-winged Doves** were at Los Alamos 27 Nov (BN, CR); up to 3 lingered in Post Office Canyon through 28 Nov (CDL). Single **Inca Doves** were ne. to Clovis 21 Aug (WW) and Melrose 1 Oct (CR). A good showing by **Common Ground-Dove** found singles at Rodeo 8 Oct (RW), Deming 12 Sep (LM), and Radium Springs 7–9 Oct (MS, ph. JZ), and 2 in the Animas Valley 6 Aug (WW). A similar showing by **Ruddy Ground-Dove** produced one at Deming 10 Nov (LM), 2 at Virden 25 Nov (ph. JO), and 3 at Rodeo 8 Oct (RW). Unusually late was a vocal **Yellow-billed Cuckoo** at Percha 16 Oct (CGL). Two **Barn Owl** pairs at B.L.N.W.R. were found with 2nd broods of nestlings 1 & 3 Aug (GW). Far out on the prairie, migrant **Flammulated Owls** were conspicuous at N.R.T. on various dates 2–22 Oct (m.ob.), including 2 on 8 Oct

(JO, CR) and 3 on 9 Oct (JO, CGL); very late was one found freshly dead at B.L.N.W.R. 20 Nov (SW, GW; *MSB). Late were 2 vocal Elf Owls in Clanton Canyon 15 Oct (WH, SOW). Single Short-eared Owls were at Sargent W.M.A. near Chama 13 Sep (M. Frentzel), Springer L. 8 Oct (ph. EW, ph. DC), and Brantley L. 5 Nov (SW). An apparent Whip-poor-will at Amistad 2 Oct (JO) would be a *Union* first if accurate. Late were 3 Chimney Swifts at Clovis 2 Oct (JB).

Leading off the hummingbird news were single male Broad-billed n. to Farmington 2 Oct (P Kaufman) and Sandia Park 18–20 Aug (H. & N. Frost, ph. H. Schwarz) and e. to Carlsbad 17–30 Nov (SW). An imm. **White-eared Hummingbird** was at Gila Hot Springs 2–8 Aug (DZ, ph. JD-M). Far n. was a Violet-crowned Hummingbird at White Rock, *Los Alamos* 6 Aug (J. & L. Builta); also providing a local first were 2–3 Violet-crowns in P. O. Canyon on various dates 23 Sep–6 Oct (CDL). A Blue-throated Hummingbird near Bandera Ice Cave 5 & 8 Sep (CR, MB, NP) furnished a first for the Zuni Mts. area; a Magnificent was n. to Angel Fire in early Aug (FO). In P. O. Canyon, young Lucifer Hummingbirds were at feeders by 15 Aug, and a high 12 ad. males were tallied 17 Aug, while last was a male there 18 Oct (CDL). An ad. male **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** was at Carlsbad 25 Aug (ph. TH); an imm. Ruby-throated was at Jal 2 Aug (ph. JO). Far n. was an ad. male Anna's Hummingbird at Santa Fe 28 Aug–5 Oct (L. Herrmann, m.ob.); in P. O. Canyon, Anna's increased steadily to a peak 26 on 7 Oct, then decreased steadily to one last seen 9 Nov (CDL). Lingering were 2 Calliopes in Embudito Canyon, Sandia Mts. 16 Oct (RD). Two Allen's Hummingbirds were banded at L. Roberts 5 & 12 Aug (JD-M); far e. was an apparent ad. male Allen's at Carlsbad 14 Aug (SW).

An ad. Red-headed Woodpecker was w. to Percha 14 Sep (JO, ph. CGL). Acorn Woodpeckers n. of expected were one at Cedar Springs Campground, *Rio Arriba* 1 Oct (*fide* AN) and 3 near San Ignacio, *San Miguel* 19 Sep (WW). A Gila Woodpecker was in Skeleton Canyon 4 Aug (SOW, JO), where irregular, e. was one on Deer Cr. near Antelope Wells 1 Sep (SOW). A **Red-bellied Woodpecker** was heard and seen by observers familiar with the species near Escondida 26 Aug (DH et al.). A vocal **Eastern Wood-Pee** heard and seen by many at N.R.T. 4–10 Sep (BN, CR, m.ob., ph. JO) provided a rare fall record. A Least Flycatcher was w. to Cerrillos 8 Sep (LS). Late were 2 Hammond's Flycatchers in Clanton Canyon 15 Oct (ph. WH, SOW) and a Gray at Pep 1 Oct (CR); a likely Dusky lingered at Percha 30 Oct & 20 Nov

(CGL). Very late for the n. was a Black Phoebe at Farmington 17 Nov (AN), as was a Say's in *Colfax* 29 Nov (DC). Continuing a trend, a Vermilion Flycatcher was ne. to Seneca 15 Sep (JO). East of known range was a vocal Dusky-capped Flycatcher at Las Cruces 7 Sep (T. McKimmie); very late was an Ash-throated at N.R.T. 2–4 Oct (NP, JB, JO). Single Great Crested Flycatchers were at N.R.T. 2–5 Sep (m.ob., ph. JO) and again 16–17 Sep (DC, JB, ph. JO). The **Great Kiskadee** present at Eunice in Jul was last seen 21 Aug (P. McCasland). A silent kingbird of the Couch's/Tropical group was at Tatum 23–29 Sep (R. Cates, JP, NP, ph. JO); its vocal response to taped Couch's vocalizations 2 Oct (PM) suggested that species. Late Cassin's Kingbirds were singles in the Animas Valley 18 Oct (LM), Cliff 22 Oct (DB), and Tyrone 22 Oct (EL); latest Western was one near Artesia 2 Nov (TH). West was an Eastern Kingbird near Rodeo 12 Aug (ph. JO). A remarkable 137 Scissor-tailed Flycatchers in a roost near Maljamar 4 Sep (BN, CR) was topped by 144 there 1 Oct (CR).

VIREOS THROUGH PHAINOPEPLA

A **White-eyed Vireo** was at N.R.T. 23 Oct (MB, NP, JO). Five Bell's Vireos—4 of them singing—were n. in the R.G.V. to La Joya 24 Aug (DH); 25 Bell's at R.S. 17 Aug (SW) was a high count for such a late date. A Gray Vireo in the Chalk Hills e. of Engle 4 Aug (CGL) provided a new locality; a Gray banded at R.G.N.C. 3 Sep (S&NC et al.) furnished a scarce migrant record. Late vireos included single Plumbeous in Clanton Canyon (WH, SOW) and Radium Springs (MS, JZ) 15 Oct and 2 at Mesilla Park 6 Nov (CGL) and single Cassin's in P. O. Canyon 15 Oct (CDL), Mesilla Park 22 Oct (CGL), and Percha 23 Nov (CGL). Rare e. of the plains, a Blue-headed Vireo was banded at R.G.N.C. 18 Sep (S&NC et al.); at N.R.T., one to 3 Blue-headed were reported 6 Oct–11 Nov (m.ob., ph. JO). A highly probable **Philadelphia Vireo** was at N.R.T. 30 Sep (JP, JO). South of expected were 2 Pinyon Jays at Spring Canyon S.P., Florida Mts. 19 Sep (LM). Scarce in the e. plains, a Violet-green Swallow was at Clovis 8 Oct (CR). Up to 38 Cave Swallows lingered at Carlsbad Caverns N.P. 13–14 Nov (SW), the latest date yet recorded there; in the R.G.V., 2 Caves were n. to Percha 5 Sep (WW). Over 2000 Barn Swallows were concentrated at E.B.L. 13 & 15 Oct (SOW, WH, CR). The frosty morning of 28 Nov found some 92 Bushtits huddled together in the Peloncillo Mts. (CDL).

Red-breasted Nuthatch staged a mini-invasion in the e. plains, with reports from Clay-

ton, Nara Visa, Yeso, Fort Sumner, Texico, Milnesand, and Tatum 1 Sep–1 Oct, and s through the R.G.V. to *Socorro*, Radium Springs, and Mesilla 3–22 Oct (m.ob.). Two Cactus Wrens were w. of Bingham 11 Nov (JP). A singing **Carolina Wren** was in the Sandia Mts. near Doc Long Campground 5–12 Sep (DH, JP, ph. JO, WW). Scarce in *Taos*, a Bewick's Wren was at Pilar 23 Oct (CR). An excellent season for Winter Wren produced singles in Cimarron Canyon 25 Nov (ph. DC), near Cerrillos 5 Oct (JB), Sulphur Canyon, Sandia Mts. 13 & 16 Oct (CB, JP), Boone's Draw 25–29 Oct (JO), and R.S. 30 Oct (DH), plus at least 2 at N.R.T. 22–29 Oct (m.ob., vt JO). New and northerly records for Black-tailed Gnatcatcher were 2–3 in *Lincoln* in Oscura Mts. foothills w. of Carrizozo 27 Aug and 7 Oct (CGL) and, in ne. *Sierra*, singles in the n. San Andres Mts. near Mockingbird Mt. 25 Oct, e. of Fairview Mt. 21 Oct, and e. of Sheep Mt. 21 Oct (CGL); noteworthy at 1645 m was a pair in P. O. Canyon 23 Sep–15 Nov (CDL). Late was a Swainson's Thrush at Milnesand 29 Oct (JO). A well-studied **Wood Thrush** visited N.R.T. 22–23 Oct (m.ob.), where there was also a male **Varied Thrush** 3–8 Oct (ph. JO, ph. DC, m.ob.), the latter a *Roosevelt* first. Lingering Gray Catbirds included singles in the Sandia Mts. 6 Nov (CB), at B.L.N.W.R. 9 Nov (GW), and near Cerrillos 30 Nov (*fide* LS). Very late for the n. was a Northern Mockingbird at Sugarite S.P. 12 Nov (ph. DC). One to 3 Brown Thrashers were at six e. locales 25 Sep–14 Oct; w. were singles at Ranchos de Taos 15 Oct (FO) and Silver City 19–21 Nov (D&MZ). Further evidence of Curve-billed Thrasher colonization of *Colfax* was one near Cimarron 30 Aug (ph. DC). A Crissal Thrasher was at B.L.N.W.R. 5 Aug (JP), where scarce. Grassland searches for Sprague's Pipts were successful in several areas, and included 2–3 at Grulla N.W.R. 9 & 14 Oct (CR, JP), 4 at Sevilleta N.W.R. 8 Oct (DH), up to 6 on the n. Jornada Plain w. of Bingham 11 & 13 Nov (JP, JO, MB, NP), and 6 in the s. Animas Valley 26 Nov (JP, JO). Noteworthy were 17 Cedar Waxwings at San Juan Pueblo 17 Aug (MM), where the species first nested in 1995. North were single Phainopeplas at Cerrillos 13 Aug (LS) and B.L.N.W.R. 11–12 Nov (GW).

WARBLERS THROUGH FINCHES

An Olive Warbler was traveling in a mixed-species flock at P. O. Canyon 31 Oct (CDL). A productive warbler season yielded reports of 32 species, including a Tennessee Warbler at Percha 16 Oct (CGL, ph. JO), single Northern Parulas at Percha 7 Sep (JO, MS, JZ) and Holloman L. 21 Sep (MS, ph. JZ), and a very late

Yellow at Bosque 12 Nov (ph. WH). A Chestnut-sided Warbler was at N.R.T. 25 Sep (JO), an undetailed Magnolia was reported at Tatum 1 Oct (CR), and a male Black-throated Blue was at Madrid 15 Nov (LS). A good Black-throated Green Warbler season found singles at Ute L. 7 Oct (DC) and Six-Mile Dam 23 Oct (SW), plus one at N.R.T. 7–13 Oct (JP, ph. JO, CB, NP) and up to 2 there 22 Oct (BN, CR, JP). One to 4 Hermit Warblers were at Signal Peak 9–19 Aug (CB, JO, JP); at P. O. Canyon, 5 were tallied 12–21 Aug, with the last there 24 Sep (CDL). A Yellow-throated Warbler was w. to Trout Cr. n. of Luna 2 Sep (LM). Single Palm Warblers were at N.R.T. 17 Sep (JB) and 8 Oct (JP, JO, CR). **Blackpoll Warbler** made a strong showing, with singles near Bernalillo 22 Sep (ph. HW), at N.R.T. 20 Sep (JO), and near Radium Springs 16 Sep (MS, JZ). A **Prothonotary Warbler** in Cimarron Canyon 10–13 Aug (ph. EW, ph. DC) furnished a *Colfax* first. A late Ovenbird was at N.R.T. 22 Oct (JP, JO, BN, CR). Very rare, single **Louisiana Waterthrushes** were described from Socorro 10 Sep (JO) and Milnesand 12 Sep (JO). Lingered **Common Yellowthroats** were singles n. to R.G.N.C. 9 Nov (DH), Bosque 20 Nov (CR), and Buckhorn 19 Nov (LM). A **Painted Redstart** strayed to Percha 14 Sep (CGL).

The last **Hepatic Tanager** were one at Percha 13 Oct (WH, SOW), 3 in Clanton Canyon 14–15 Oct (WH, SOW), and one near P. O. Canyon 17 Oct (CDL). Also late was a **Summer Tanager** at N.R.T. 22–23 Oct (JP). An impressive **Scarlet Tanager** "flight" found an ad. male at R.G.N.C. 17 Sep (L. Gorbet et al.), another ad. male at Conchas Dam 20 Sep (JB), and at least one basic-plumaged male at N.R.T. 17 Sep (J. Shipman), 29 Sep (DC), and 20–23 Oct (ph. DC, ph. JO, m.ob.). West of usual was a **Field Sparrow** at Santa Fe 24 Sep (D. Lacos); farther e., singles were at Grulla N.W.R. 9 Oct (CR) and N.R.T. 13 & 22–23 Oct (NP, MB, BN, JB). A **Baird's Sparrow** was at Grulla N.W.R. 9 Oct (CR); up to 4 were in the s. Animas Valley 26 Nov (JP, JO). A **Le Conte's Sparrow** was at Clabber Hill Ranch below Conchas Dam 22 Nov (WW). Attention to **Fox Sparrows** identified reddish ones at Ute L. 30 Nov (ph. DC), **Radium Springs** 21–24 Nov (MS, ph. JZ), and P. O. Canyon 7 Nov (CDL), a slate-colored one near P. O. Canyon 16–30 Nov (CDL), and an undetermined one near Cliff 11 Nov (R. Shook, *vide* DB). Noteworthy for e. **San Miguel** was a **Harris's Sparrow** s. of Mosquero 17 Nov (MM); another banded at R.G.N.C. 23 Oct (S&NC et al.) was still present 28 Oct (BN). One to 2 **Lapland Longspurs** were among other longspurs w. of Bingham 7–8 Nov (ph. JO). Earliest Chestnut-sided

Longspurs reached Stubblefield L. 20 Sep (DC); earliest **McCown's** were near Melrose 22 Oct (CR). A male **Northern Cardinal** in Albuquerque's South Valley 13 Sep (DH) had been present since May; another male pushing the n. range limits was near San Jon 11 Sep (JO). A female **Pyrrhuloxia** was n. to N.R.T. 7–29 Oct (JP, JO, CR); another was near Clovis 2 Oct (JO). A **Varied Bunting** pair with 2 fledglings was in San Andres Canyon 15 Aug (RM); a male singing in P.O. Canyon 9 Aug (NP) followed the first there by only one year. **Migrant Painted Buntings** in sw. New Mexico included 4 at Cloverdale 3 & 5 Aug (ph. D. Richter) and 3 at Rodeo 18 Aug (RW). Small numbers of **Dickcissels** were in evidence in the e. in *De Baca, Roosevelt, Curry, Chaves, Eddy, and Lea* and in the R.G.V. in *Socorro* and *Doña Ana* 16 Aug–24 Sep; high count was 10 at R.S. 5 Sep (SW).

A **Rusty Blackbird** reached B.L.N.W.R. 30 Nov (GW). Settling in for the winter were 6 **Bronzed Cowbirds** at cattle pens in Las Cruces 23 Nov (CGL). An **Orchard Oriole** strayed n. and w. to Madrid 23 Aug (LS). Well documented was a young male **Baltimore Oriole** at N.R.T. 4–6 Sep (BN, CR, JP, vt. JO, WW). A **Scott's Oriole** lingered in P.O. Canyon until 26 Oct (CDL). **Rosy-finches** returned to Sandia Crest by 22 Nov, where 65 **Blacks**, 5 **Gray-crowned**s, and one **Brown-capped** were banded 27 Nov (S&NC et al.). **Lesser Goldfinches** were feeding fledglings along Galisteo Cr. 27 Sep (JB) and 6 Oct (LS). **American Goldfinches** nested in the Cimarron area for the 4th consecutive year, with ads. and fledglings at four locales 18 Aug–13 Sep (DC). An ad. male **European Goldfinch** at Albuquerque 30 Sep (ph. HW) almost certainly was an escapee.

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