

male-plumaged Black-headed Grosbeak in the Peloncillo Mts. 3 Mar, where the first migrants did not arrive until 21 Apr (CDL). Single Varied Buntings in Slaughter Canyon 7 May (CGL) and Walnut Canyon 17 May (DG) were the only reports. Noteworthy was a male Painted Bunting at Alamogordo 7-8 May (H. Reiser); a female was w. to Guadalupe Canyon 13 May (RAR). Dickcissels in obscure locales were singles e. of Coyote, Rio Arriba 23 Apr (J. Wright) and in w. Catron 22 May (W. Thurber).

Single Bobolinks were at Ghost Ranch 13 May (W. Picaro), near N.R.T. 15 May (A. Fenner), and at B.L.N.W.R. 17 May (GW). North and at a high elevation was a singing Eastern Meadowlark near Black L., Colfax 20 May (v.r. DC). Apparently persisting from winter, 4 Rusty Blackbirds were at Ute L. 15 Mar, and at least one was there 25 Mar (ph. DC); another was s. of Mesilla 3 Mar (ph. CGL). Bronzed Cowbirds continued to increase in range and numbers, including n. in the Tularosa Valley to Carrizozo (ph. JO) and Three

Rivers (CR); n. in the e. plains were one near Tucumcari 15 May (WW), 3 at Ned Houk Park near Clovis 10 May (JP), and one at Boone's Draw 10 May (JP, NP). Unseasonal was a male Bullock's Oriole found dead at Carlsbad 6 Mar (SW). A male Baltimore Oriole was at B.L.N.W.R. 6-7 May (ph. CGL, GF), and a young female was in Guadalupe Canyon 13 May (NM-C). Last of the world-famous Sandia Crest rosy-finches was a small three-species flock 13 Apr, plus a lone Black 19-20 Apr (fide K. Schneider); at the close of the 2005-2006 banding season 25 Mar, 221 Blacks, 44 Brown-capped, and 33 Gray-crowned had been banded (N. Cox et al.). Notable were 3 Cassin's Finches near Alamo Spring, Otero Mesa 29 Apr (DG). Late Pine Siskins included 2 at N.R.T. 28 May (CR), one at R.S. 28 May (SW), one banded in the San Andres Mts. 26 May (MEW, DG), and 5 at Katfish Cove 31 May (LM).

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Drought conditions worsened throughout the state, ranging in status from "moderate drought" in the north and west to "exceptional drought" across much of southeastern Arizona. As a result of the dry conditions, migrants were concentrated into irrigated and riparian areas. Several Glossy

Ibis were reported, and Black-capped Gnatcatchers continued to spread. A few individual migrants of a wide variety of species appeared on both early and late dates.

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WATERFOWL THROUGH CRANE

The wintering Fulvous Whistling-Duck in Scottsdale was last reported on 31 Mar. A Greater White-fronted Goose at C.S.L. 23 Apr (CL) was a first for spring on the N.I.R. Canada Geese with goslings at G.W.R. 6 May (C. Ross) and near Tempe Town L. 13 May (D. Stuart) represented 6th and 7th *Maricopa* nesting records. Mexican Ducks were reported n. to *Maricopa* again, with one in Arlington 25 Apr (TC) and a pair with juvs. at Rio Salado 28 May (TG). At P.L.S.P., a Common Merganser stayed on into summer (SH). A late

migrant Red-breasted Merganser was on Fountain Hills L. 4 May (ph. KR).

Tucson's 2 Least Grebes were present throughout the season (m.ob.); none were reported elsewhere. Late were 4 Western Grebes at Willcox 6 May (DS), one there 21 May (DS), and one that stayed into summer at P.L.S.P. (J. Yerger). At Roosevelt L. and San Carlos L., a die-off of *Aechmophorus* grebes noted in Apr (J. Estis) had apparently ended by May. Clark's Grebes were seen singly at A.V.S.T.P. 6 Mar (J. Bock), Willcox 27 Apr (KK), and Saguaro L. 13 May (TC). "Quite a few" were on Alamo L. 4 May (TC), where they are not known to nest. American White Pelicans at Willcox 1 Apr (P. Santinello) were early migrants. Accidental in spring, single Brown Pelicans were at P.L.S.P. 28 Apr-2 May (SH) and Tucson 23 May (DS). Neotropical Cormorants continue to be numerous in greater Phoenix. Numbers reported at P.L.S.P. peaked at 6 (SH), and one strayed n. to Dead Horse Ranch S.P. 15-21 Apr (P. Rhoads, P. Norton). At Greer, up to 100 Double-crested Cormorants and 30 nests were seen on 19 Apr (TC); cormorant nesting is a recent phenomenon in the White Mt. region. No fewer than 40 Double-crested Cormorants were at Willow Creek Res. 17 May (TC); the species had

been considered uncommon at best in the Prescott area.

A new heronry of nearly 60 Great Blue Heron nests was active along the Gila R. near Dysart Rd. in Phoenix in Mar (TC). Casual in spring, an ad. Little Blue Heron was a good find at Rio Salado 26 May+ (TG). Cattle Egrets were seen in high breeding plumage in the Arlington Valley 20 Apr (PD). Arizona joined other w. states in having multiple reports of Glossy Ibis this spring. Singles were at Rio Rico 23 Apr (ph. SF, DS), Holbrook 7 May (KP, ph. L. Gardella), and Willcox 21 May (ph. O. Niheuis). If accepted, they would double the number of Arizona records. At least one of these birds showed plumage features not described by field guides; the range of normal variation in this species is not well described. All documented Arizona reports of Glossy Ibis will be reviewed by the A.B.C. White-faced Ibis arrived on the early dates of 22 Mar at Tumacacori (DT) and 31 Mar at C.S.L. (CL).

Furthering the recent increase in reports of White-tailed Kites, up to 14 were seen in s. Arizona. A real surprise was one near Becker L. 8-31 May (C. & S. Wood, ph. H. Bond); there are scant few records from n. of the Mogollon Rim. Nesting kites were noted at two sites along the upper S.P.R. in Apr (MM, EW), where one nest failed. A Mississippi Kite near Bowie 20 May (B. Zimmer) was away from known nesting areas. The Arizona range of Gray Hawk has been expanding slowly. One was seen again n. to H.R.P. 10 Apr-5 May (M. Lawrence, *vide* TC). In eastside Huachuca Mt. canyons, a pair attempted to build a nest in lower Ramsey Canyon in Apr (J&MH), one was seen in lower Miller Canyon 7-14 May (C. Melton), and 2 were over Beatty's on 28-29 May (W. Howe). These and another above the head of Sycamore Canyon, Santa Cruz 16 May+ (DS) were away from typical habitat. A Harris's Hawk in Sierra Vista 24 Apr (EW) was also away from typical habitat. At H.R.P., a single Red-shouldered Hawk was noted through May (TC). Reports of migrant Broad-winged Hawks were above average, with singles at Morgan City Wash 9 Apr (TC), near the mouth of Tonto Cr. 16 Apr (†T. Magarian), at Sheeps Crossing in the White Mts. 20 Apr (TC), and in Oak Cr. Canyon 26 Apr (C. Holm). In the Chiricahua Mts., single Short-tailed Hawks were seen 13-20 Apr in S. Fork (A. Grenon et al., *vide* RW) and 17 May+ in Barfoot Park (DJ), where they have been regular in small numbers since 1999. A Swainson's Hawk was reported from Hereford on the early date of 13 Mar (MM). Crested Caracaras were reported again from the Santa Cruz Flats and from Sahuarita 31 Mar (E. Post), Amado

11 Apr (D. Barker), and Patagonia 2 May (T. Army), all away from their core range. A lone Sandhill Crane was seen again at Luna L. 30 May+ (J. Videle).

PLOVERS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Shorebird habitat was in short supply statewide due to the prolonged drought. Even so, birds did not seem to be very concentrated in the available areas. Casual spring migrants, single Black-bellied Plovers were at Willcox 6 Apr (REW) and El Mirage 16 Apr (BG). The only Snowy Plover reported was at Willcox 12 May (KK). In appropriate nesting habitat near Springerville, up to five pairs of Mountain Plovers were noted 30 Mar+ (T. Bayless, TC). A Solitary Sandpiper at Yuma 4-17 Mar (ph. HD et al.) was a month early. A Willet in Flagstaff 6 Apr (JC) was also early. Whimbrel is a casual migrant away from the Yuma area, so 15 among curlews at Paloma Ranch on 16 Apr (BG) and 4 in Arlington on 23 Apr (PD) were surprising. Sanderling reports comprised 2 at C.S.L. on 28 Apr (CL), one at Willcox 30 Apr-3 May (SH), and 6 at Willcox 2 May (†M. Smith et al.). Semipalmated Sandpiper is casual in spring; the only documented report came from A.V.S.T.P. 1-7 May (ph. DS). A report of 2 White-rumped Sandpipers at Willcox on the very early date of 25 Apr (†J&MH) will be reviewed by the A.B.C.; they are essentially unknown in the West before mid-May. A Dunlin at A.V.S.T.P. 1-6 Mar (PK) may have wintered locally, while singles at Willcox 2 May (M. Smith et al.) and G.W.R. 11-12 May (D. Pearson et al.) were migrants. Stilt Sandpipers are casual spring migrants in Arizona. Singles were reported from Palo Verde 16 Apr (BG), Arlington 20 Apr (C. Green), and G.W.R. 21-25 Apr (M. Moore). Record early on the N.I.R., a Long-billed Dowitcher was at C.S.L. 6 Mar (CL). Thirty Red-necked Phalaropes at Gila Bend S.T.P. 13 May (T. McCarthy) was a large flock for spring. A Red Phalarope at Willcox 23-24 Apr (KK, ph. R. Carlson) was a casual migrant.

Migrant gulls were relatively sparsely reported. A Heermann's Gull at Amado S.T.P. 26 Apr (KK) was casual. Outstanding was a Sabine's Gull at Willcox 31 Mar-6 Apr (R. Laager, ph. P. D. Hulce), likely the earliest of the few spring records for the state. Least Terns put in another good showing, with 10 reported, all in May in the south. Given that the species is considered casual in spring, the tally of 53 Black Terns at Willow Cr. Res. 16 May (TC) was a surprise.

The novelty of Eurasian Collared-Doves has long since worn off in Arizona, but one found at the Grand Canyon South Rim Village 13 May (C. Tepper) and one in a ponderosa

pine forest on A-1 Mt. 17 May (C. Nunes) were away from typical habitat. The winter plethora of Ruddy Ground-Doves spilled over into spring. Two males were n. to Montezuma Well 12 Apr (JC et al.). The latest reports included up to 2 along the S.P.R. s. of Hwy 90 (SH, R. Romea), 2 at Red Rock (D. Jenness, m.ob.) through May, and a pair at Kino Springs, where singing was heard and one was collecting nesting material 14 May (ph. DS). There are no prior nesting records for se. Arizona, and a nest has yet to be found in the United States. A Yellow-billed Cuckoo along Willow Cr. 29 May (CST) provided one of few local records in the past decade.

A Northern Saw-whet Owl was heard 13 May at Slate Creek Divide (TC), where they are seldom detected. A few early Lesser Nighthawks were seen in Tucson beginning 16 Mar (C. Danforth, L. Camburn). A Common Poorwill was early in the Huachuca Mt. foothills 13 Mar (EW), and a migrant in a Tolleson yard 16 Apr (BG) was unusual, as they are seldom seen away from nesting areas. At the Oro Blanco Mine site near California Gulch, up to 3 Buff-Collared Nightjars were present 2 May+ (M. Kehl, KK, DS). Also early were single Vaux's Swifts at Phoenix 6 Apr (E. Latturmer), Willcox 6 Apr (C. Cathers), G.W.R. 8 Apr (B. Winterfield), and Tucson 14 Apr (J. Bock).

Hummingbird numbers remained down in se. Arizona; Beatty served only one-third the expected amount of nectar in Miller Canyon, and Jasper noted numbers of Blue-throated down 75% in the Chiricahua Mts. Two Broad-billed Hummingbirds in Morgan City Wash 9 Apr (TC) were n. of their range. A pair nested again at B.T.A. 5 May+ (D. Green), and a nest was found 2-26 May in Portal (DJ), where the species is rare. White-eared Hummingbirds returned to eastside Huachuca Mt. canyons 14 Apr+, with one in Ramsey Canyon 14-23 Apr (R. Romea, ph. L. Williams) and up to 3 in Miller Canyon (TB). Reports of a single male at several locations in Madera Canyon 25 Apr-25 May (J. Gebler, J. Murray, ph. J. Prudente) may have involved more than one individual. A Berylline Hummingbird captured at Ramsey Canyon Preserve 12 Apr (*vide* R. Romea) had been banded there the year before. Higher up the canyon, one was seen 16 Apr (JH). Hybrid hummingbirds resembling Berylline Hummingbirds were seen again in Ash and Miller Canyons (W. Wallraven, TB). Violet-crowned Hummingbirds were nesting in a Bisbee yard on the incredibly early date of 12 Mar (M. Turisk); nests are seldom seen before mid-May in Arizona. A Violet-crowned strayed n. to Tucson 31 May (H. Hope). A Plain-capped

Starthroat reported in Florida Wash below Madera Canyon on the early date of 28 May (†J & D. Chappel) will be reviewed by the A B C. Lucifer Hummingbirds returned to eastside Huachuca Mt. canyons in numbers in early Apr (MJB, TB, RB, J&MH, P. Sockness), and a few were in the Portal area (*vide* DJ). Calliope Hummingbird is rare in the L.C.R.V.; one was seen in Yuma 1 Apr (HD), and 2 more were there 22–26 Apr (ph. HD). Late Calliopes were seen in Portal 26 May (M. Decker) and Paradise 28 May (J. Lewis).

Up to 6 Elegant Trogons were found in Humboldt Canyon, Patagonia Mts., but nest sites continued to elude searchers (T. Army, M. Brown, J. Stewart). Rarely seen in the lowlands in migration, a male trogon was along the upper S.P.R. 5-7 May (R. Thompson, I. Field). Single Green Kingfishers at three separate locations along the upper S.P.R. (T. Chornock, MM, SH) were the only ones reported. A female Williamson's Sapsucker at B T A. 23 Apr (ph. M. Van Dewater, P. Lowe) was a surprising lowland migrant, and a male was a late migrant in the Chiricahua Mts. 18 May (REW). A Yellow-bellied Sapsucker put in a rare/late appearance in lower Miller Canyon 14 May (ph. C. Melton). Rounding out the late sapsuckers, a Red-naped was in the Chiricahua Mts. 25 May (DJ). Downy Woodpeckers are seldom seen s. of the Mogollon Rim; reports came from the Santa Catalina Mts. 16 Mar (†D. Palmer) and Slate Creek Divide 13 May (TC). A Hairy Woodpecker in the Patagonia Mts. in May (M. Brown) was away from known nesting areas.

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH THRASHERS

A Western Wood-Pewee in French Joe Canyon 8 Apr (EW) was early for se. Arizona. A singing Pacific-slope Flycatcher in Morgan City Wash 18 Mar (TC et al.) and Cordilleras reported from Carr Canyon 9 Apr (EW) and Sabino Canyon 10 Apr (WR) were perhaps the earliest ever reported from s. Arizona. Unusually early, and casual at best away from known breeding areas in the state, a Buff-breasted Flycatcher was reported at Peña Blanca L. 15 Mar (DT). Multiple pairs of this species were again found in the Santa Rita and Chiricahua Mts., as in recent years. It is always difficult determining whether Eastern Phoebes found during the spring represent wintering individuals; this season, singles were in Hereford 12-24 Mar (MM, RH), at San Bernardino N.W.R. 16 Mar (REW), and at Tubac 22 Mar (BM, SJ), with only the Tubac bird reported during the previous fall and winter. A calling Dusky-capped Flycatcher in the Bradshaw Mts. 28 May (CST) was n. and

w. of this species' normal breeding range in the state. Tropical Kingbirds were reported with frequency along the S.P.R. near Sierra Vista, and in particular, near Dudleyville and Winkleman. One at Dateland 12 May (ph. KR) and one in Yuma 19 May (C. Fultz) were both away from known breeding areas in the state. Slightly out-of-range Thick-billed Kingbirds included one in California Gulch 30 Apr (GHR), one returning for the 4th summer at H.R.P. 3 May+ (TC; ph. KR), and one in Miller Canyon 17 May (DS, JC). Rare to casual in the state in spring, Eastern Kingbirds were reported from Willcox 20 May (G. Smith), Ganado L. 20 May (CBa, BJ), and from Carr Canyon 30 May (M. Seaford, *vide* MM). Usually casual in the state at this season, no fewer than 5 Scissor-tailed Flycatchers were found this spring: s. of Rodeo, NM 2 May (S. Kennedy); at Amado 7 May (J. Yerger et al.), with likely the same bird there 23 May (KK et al.); in Marana, seemingly paired with a Western Kingbird, 10-28 May (K. Schonhorst, PK et al.; ph. GHR); at Dudleyville 17-24 May (C. Allen et al.); and in Flagstaff 30 May (K. Satterfield, CL). Arriving much earlier than usual, a male Rose-throated Becard was at the Patagonia Roadside Rest 16 Apr+ (R. Wolcott), with 2 reported there only 18 May (MK et al.). Elsewhere, one male was reported incredibly early at Tumacacori 28 Mar (GB) near where one recently wintered, and one was along Proctor Rd. below Madera Canyon 15 May (†B. Fitch).

Gray Vireos are seldom reported, and even less frequently documented, during migration away from their breeding grounds in the pinyon-juniper zone across cen. Arizona. This spring saw an unusually high number of reports from lowland desert areas and oases; one was in Madera Canyon 12 Apr (DP), one was singing in Sabino Canyon 28 Apr (WR), with a different individual there 3 May (WR), one was singing in Montosa Canyon 10 May (v.r. DS), one was singing at Wenima W.A. near Springerville 16 May (D. Roten), and one was at Rimmy Jim Tank n. of Flagstaff 23 May (JC, CL). The severe drought that is plaguing Arizona is thought, by some, to be causing this phenomenon. Now casual in spring, Red-eyed Vireos were reported at Tumacacori 26 Apr (KK) and at Portal 25 May (W. Howe). Seemingly out of place, an American Crow was at Granite Cr. near Prescott 18 May, with a pair there exhibiting breeding behavior 24 May (CST). A very early Bank Swallow was at A.V.S.T.P. 1 Mar (PK).

The Carolina Wren discovered near Portal in fall (only a 3rd Arizona record) was present through May (*vide* DJa). A House Wren at the H.R.P. 5 May (TC) was late at such a low ele-

vation, as was one along the S.P.R. near Hereford 24 May (MM). Similarly, a Winter Wren reported from South Fork of Cave Creek Canyon 20 May (T. Staudt) was well s. of where recently found breeding in cen. Arizona. A Marsh Wren at Kino Springs 10 May (DS) was late for s. Arizona.

A single Ruby-crowned Kinglet near Onion Saddle 19 May and 2 near Rustler Park 20 May (DS) were likely late migrants, as this species does not breed in the Chiricahua Mts. The Black-capped Gnatcatcher saga continues in s. Arizona. This spring, a pair was located in Brown Canyon in Mar (GB), creating speculation as to whether they have been present there for the past 10 years. Potentially "new" birds included one reported from near Peña Blanca L. 8 Apr (†S. Schuette), and one or 2 n. to Pima Canyon 5 May (†PK). Continuing Black-cappeds included at least a pair (along with at least one hybrid) at P.L.S.P. through much of the season, a pair reported off and on at Proctor Rd. below Madera Canyon (m.ob.), and up to 3 at Montosa Canyon 18 Mar (RH), with 2 ads. and 2 juvs. there 30 May (MK). Caution should be exhibited when identifying this species in Arizona, as mixed pairs (with Black-tailed Gnatcatchers) and hybrids are again being reported.

An Eastern Bluebird at Madera Canyon 8 May (B. Clock) was away from known breeding areas in s. Arizona. Two Townsend's Solitaires at Paradise 5 May (P. D. Hulce) were quite late for spring in the Chiricahuas. A Rufous-backed Robin at Ramsey Canyon 10-21 Apr (JWo et al.; ph. C. Easter, C. Wright) may have been a holdover from the winter, as there are few true spring records. The individual wintering at the B.T.A. was last reported 19 Mar (C. Wise-Gervais). An ad. American Robin with fledglings at Wickenburg 13 May (N. London) provided only a 3rd breeding report from *Maricopa*. Casual in spring, single Varied Thrushes were reported from Montezuma Well 12 Mar (T. Fritzinger, *vide* B Hirt) and from Sumerhaven 1 May (P. Don). Gray Catbird is a casual visitor anywhere away from the breeding areas in the White Mts.; individuals were in Ash Canyon 2 May (ph. JWo), Oak Cr. Canyon 15 May (P. Kegley et al.), and at Flagstaff 30-31 May (CL). A Brown Thrasher returned to an Ash Canyon yard 24 Mar (RB), probably the same individual that was seen there in fall; the bird that wintered at the B.T.A. was last reported 15 Apr (ph. M. Weber).

WARBLERS THROUGH FINCHES

A Blue-winged Warbler reported near Woods Canyon L. on the Mogollon Rim 13 May (p a, †K. Penland) would represent a first n. Arizona

record. A rather late Nashville Warbler was at Florida Wash 31 May (RH). Eight Northern Parulas, a few more than usual for a spring, were reported between 10 Apr and 16 May. A Chestnut-sided Warbler, casual in the spring, was at Sweetwater 15-16 Apr (W. & P. Pollock; ph. G. West). The Prairie Warbler that frequented the G.W.R. during the winter was last reported 13 Mar (B. Winterfield). Also casual in the state, Palm Warblers were reported from Tucson 14 Mar (A. Core), Granite Dells near Prescott 22-24 Apr (S. & S. Burk, CST, B. Pranter), and at Mittry L. 23 Apr (ph. HD). A Worm-eating Warbler was window-killed in Mesa 26 Apr (ph. J. Stickney, *vide* JW). Five Ovenbirds reported between 29 Apr and 31 May were a few more than usual, as were the 15 Northern Waterthrushes reported during the spring. Hooded Warbler reports included singles near Hereford 26 Apr (G. Pruzansky, D. Crane), San Bernardino N.W.R. 1 May (REW, RAR), South Fork near Springerville 20 May (N. Miller), and from Cameron Seep 23 May (JC, CL). The warbler of the season was the Canada Warbler at Rio de Flag, Flagstaff 23-24 May (ph. C. Nunes, ph. JC), providing a first n. Arizona record and only a 5th for the state overall. The drought in se. Arizona was the likely cause of 7 Red-faced Warblers and a plethora of Painted Redstarts in the lowlands. The Rufous-capped Warbler found in upper Sycamore Canyon during the winter remained there all spring (m.ob.; ph. HD, GHR).

The first-of-season Summer Tanager was reported quite early this spring at Tumacacori 15 Mar (GB). Of the three reports of Scarlet Tanager received, only one came with details, an ad. male along the Verde R. e. of Paulden 11

May (†S. Burk, S. Goodman, K. Koehler). This species is casual at best in the state. The male Flame-colored Tanager had returned for a 3rd year to Madera Canyon by 31 Mar (C. Lansky, m.ob.), and although there were initial, unconfirmed reports of a female, by the end of May, it appeared to be paired with a female Western Tanager. Beware of hybrids in 2007! At least one Flame-colored Tanager × Western Tanager hybrid remains in upper Miller Canyon, seen there 2-28 May (ph. GHR).

A "courting" pair of Chipping Sparrows on Mt. Ord 13 May (TC) may have represented a first *Maricopa* nesting record. Of the eight late-Mar and Apr reports of Clay-colored Sparrows received, only two were documented, one in Tucson 10 Apr (MP, ph. MMS) and one from Kingman 23 Apr (ph. J. Porter). A Swamp Sparrow at Whitewater 13 May (EW) was very late. White-throated Sparrows were a bit more numerous than usual. More unusual were Harris's Sparrows at Fairbank 8 Mar (M. Ali), Oro Valley 17 Apr (D. Forrester), and in Patagonia 12-13 May (C. Cathers; ph. RB). A small flock of 7 McCown's Longspurs at Prescott 3 Apr (CST) provided a first local record. Still casual in the state, the Lapland Longspur reported from Reservation Tank e. of Flagstaff during the winter was still present 4 Mar (C. Nunes, CL).

A singing male Pyrrhuloxia was at the extraordinarily high elevation of 2400 m in the Santa Catalina Mts. 2-10 May (M. Ali). As in recent springs, no fewer than 20 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were reported, most from mid-to late May. A Painted Bunting in Overgaard 14 May (ph. K. Penland) was the only one reported; they are casual in spring and more so

n. of the Mogollon Rim. A male Dickcissel in Kirkland 10 Feb–12 Apr (ph. C. Doherty) provided one of only a few Feb records for the state. At least one male Bobolink, casual in spring, was at the Kachina Wetlands 12 May (ph. G. Botello), and another was reported from Roosevelt L. 20 May (J. Shook). The Streak-backed Oriole at G.W.R. was only sporadically reported after 22 Mar (m.ob.). Baltimore Orioles were at Rimmy Jim Tank n. of Flagstaff 19 May (†CBA, BJ) and Canyon de Chelly 26 May (R. Carlson). A female Purple Finch, casual in the state, was at Cameron 23 Apr (ph. C. Nunes). A male Evening Grosbeak was noted 22 Apr in the Santa Catalina Mts. at Willow Canyon (B. Bickel), where this species is not known to nest.

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