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The weather bywords for the season were overly familiar: dry and warm, with continuing drought. Stable weather provided good conditions for migration, and bird concentrations were mostly unremarkable. Highlights included nesting Short-tailed Hawk and Long-eared Owls.

Abbreviations: A.B.C. (Arizona Bird Committee), B.T.A. (Boyce Thompson Arboretum), G.W.R. (Gilbert Water Ranch), H.R.P. (Hassayampa R. Preserve), L.C.R.V. (lower Colorado R. valley), N.I.R. (Navajo Indian Reservation), P.L.S.P. (Patagonia L. State Park), S.P.R. (San Pedro R.), Whitewater (Whitewater Draw W.A.).

WHISTLING-DUCKS THROUGH TERNS

The Fulvous Whistling-Duck in Scottsdale was reported through 12 May (JW, RW), where it may be resident. A Ross's Goose in Scottsdale through the season (m.ob.) furnished the first May record for *Maricopa* (fide JW). A Mexican Duck reported from G.W.R. 13 Apr (MM) continued a recent trend of reports from n. of the traditional range of this subspecies. Migrant Common Loons away from the L.C.R.V. were 3 on L. Pleasant 5-7 Apr (A. Jontz, fide TC), one on Black Mesa 13 Apr (CL), and another on L. Pleasant 19 Apr (JY). Seventy Eared Grebes at Palo Verde 12 May (TC) was a large number away from the Colorado R. Clark's Grebe is a rare migrant away from large lakes; singles were at P.L.S.P. 24 Apr-14 May (EW, SH) and Palo Verde 12 May (TC). At Willow L., 475 American White Pelicans 3 Apr (K. Euler, CST) was a very large flock for *Yavapai*, where they are casual

transients. A Brown Pelican strayed to P.L.S.P. 4-5 May (MB, ph. K. Smith); in Arizona, this species is primarily a summer and fall wanderer from the Sea of Cortez. Neotropical Cormorant numbers peaked at 25 at P.L.S.P. 29 Apr (SH), 10 at Arizona City 1 May (SH), and 98 at G.W.R. 6 May (MMo). Larger numbers were along the Gila R. in Phoenix (TC et al.). Out of place were one at Tucson 4-24 Mar (J. Higgins) and one at Roper L. 28 Apr (Arizona Field Ornithologists). A Black Vulture seen (but not documented) over Cottonwood 7 Apr was well n. of the species' range (T. R. Jones, fide TC). A Turkey Vulture at Vermilion Cliffs 16 Mar (TC) was quite early for far n. Arizona.

White-tailed Kites were widely reported again. Breeding behavior was observed at two sites along the upper S.P.R. (EW, MK) and at Buenos Aires N.W.R. (M. Hunnicut). The first Mississippi Kite returned to St. David on the early date of 21 Apr (MM). Bald Eagles were nesting again in Canyon del Muerto 19 Mar (fide C. Goetze) after first being found there last year. Late Northern Harriers at four locations into May in se. Arizona raised the possibility of nesting (EW, MM, DS, L. Liese). Sharp-shinned Hawks at Arlington and Wick-enburg 12 May (TC, N. London et al.) were the first May reports for *Maricopa*. A Common Black-Hawk high in the Santa Catalina Mts. at Rose Canyon L. 3 May (MA) followed last year's documented report at this unusual location. One of the resident Red-shouldered Hawks at H.R.P. was inadvertently netted and then banded 4 Mar (fide TC). Two were seen nearby on 10 Mar (TC). Reports of Broad-winged Hawks were numerous this spring: on the early date of 24-26 Mar on the upper S.P.R. (P. Walsh, R. Romea, W. Wallraven), at Page Springs 14 Apr (KR, ph. M. VandeWater), along the Verde R. at Rio Verde Ranch 19 (†TM) & 20 Apr (TM), at B.T.A. 23 Apr (†CST), another at Page Springs 29 Apr (ph. N. Gaines), and one near Flagstaff 2 May (†P. Kline). Gray Hawk was locally extirpated as a nesting species in ne. Tucson in the 1960s. A pair there carrying sticks 16 Apr+ (P. Collins et al.) suggested their return. A pair was found nesting in oaks in lower Ramsey Canyon 10 May+ (JH, M. Pretti), an atypical location. Several Short-tailed Hawks were reported again in the Chiricahua Mts. in May (†G. Smith, P. Abbot), but the exciting news was the discovery of a nest there 25 May (ph. H. & N. Snyder), the details of which will be published elsewhere. Juveniles joining ads. in the Chiricahuas in recent years had been the sole previous evidence of nesting in the state. A Zone-tailed Hawk in Yuma 10-11 Mar (D. Taylor, fide HD) may have wintered locally. A

Harlan's Hawk was in Green Valley 11 Mar (ph. D. Dionne). A few Crested Caracaras continued in the Santa Cruz Flats through at least mid-May (DJ et al.), where they are not known to summer. Wandering caracaras turned up out of range again, with singles at Hereford 24 Apr-4 May (S. Williamson, T. Wood) and near Rio Rico 12 May (L. Liese).

A Black-bellied Plover at Rimmy Jim Tank 10-25 Apr (B. Gatlin, CL) was early for n. Arizona. An American Golden-Plover at Whitewater 6-9 May (JH, DB, REW) was a casual spring migrant. Snowy Plover is a rare nester in Arizona; four pairs were found nesting near Gila Bend 25 May (BG, TC), where they have nested before. Whimbrel is a casual migrant away from the L.C.R.V.; 2 were near Palo Verde 22 Apr (BG), and one was at Many Farms L. 19 May (BJ, ph. CB). Marbled Godwits were more widely reported away from the Colorado R. One was very early at Prescott 4 Mar (†CST, S. & S. Burk), and another made a pass around P.L.S.P. on the early date of 28 Mar (D. Porter). Flocks of 60+ godwits at Willow L. on 10 Apr (B. Thomen, S. & S. Burk) and 37 at Watson L. 24 Apr (S. & S. Burk) were notable away from the Colorado R. The only Sanderling reported was at Many Farms L. 19 May (CB, BJ). A Pectoral Sandpiper at Rimmy Jim Tank 24 Apr (B. Gatlin, CL) was only the 2nd spring record for the N.I.R., while one at Willcox on 12 May was casual there (J. Coons). The only Dunlin reported was at Willcox 24-28 Apr (DB). Casual in Arizona, a Laughing Gull was at P.L.S.P. 14 May (ph. SH). A Heermann's Gull at Arivaca L. 3 May (†J. Levy) followed their pattern of sporadic occurrence. At L. Havasu City, a Black-legged Kittiwake was a good find 25-31 Mar (J. Richardson, ph. A. Clare, B. Sutton); this is the first spring record for the L.C.R.V. and only the 7th statewide since 1990. Five Least Terns were reported, all but one in se. Arizona, fewer than in recent springs. A Black Tern was two weeks early at Green Valley 16-17 Apr (B. Postmus, ph. C. Postmus). Seven others were reported statewide. A Common Tern, casual in spring, was at Willcox 28 Apr (R. Eastman). Forster's Terns were well represented, with 14 statewide.

DOVES THROUGH SAPSUCKERS

Ruddy Ground-Dove reports have dropped off. One was at P.L.S.P. 4 May (SH). After a winter in which they were more numerous than usual, some Long-eared Owls remained to nest in se. Arizona, with reports from the San Rafael Valley 16 Apr (M. Coker), Cave Creek near Portal 20 Apr (P. D. Hulce), Muleshoe Ranch 25 May (D. & B. Williams), and Cascabel 30 May (MA). A Northern Saw-

whet Owl was in the lowlands at B.T.A. 4 Mar (ph. J. Holloway); one was heard in Hualapai Mountain Park 27 Apr (L. Norris, S. Ganley), where they are seldom reported. Buff-collared Nightjars were heard again at Oro Blanco Mine near California Gulch 27 Apr+ (S. Hampton et al.), where they have been regular since 2002. A flock of 15-20 White-throated Swifts at Big Canyon on the Little Colorado R. were the earliest ever on the N.I.R. by a week (CL).

In Tucson, a Broad-billed Hummingbird was building a nest on the early date of 6 Mar (MMS, MP); one nesting in Portal 28 Apr was locally rare (D. Jasper). A White-eared Hummingbird returned to Miller Canyon in the Huachuca Mts. 9 May+ (P. Campbell, T. Beatty). Still casual, a Berylline Hummingbird was in Ramsey Canyon 27 May+ (R. Behrstock); for the first time in years, no Berylline-derived hybrids were reported. Three migrant or overshooting Violet-crowned Hummingbirds were in the Tucson area 14 Mar-3 Apr (D. Gooding, J. Bock, B. Pollock), and another was in Green Valley 5-9 Apr (B. Massey). A peculiar hummingbird, apparently a hybrid, with the features of a male Blue-throated but sporting a rose-colored throat was seen at two locations on Mt. Lemmon (B. Bickel, MMS, MP). A similar bird was reported there in 1997 (D. Smyth). Lucifer Hummingbirds returned to eastside Huachuca Mt. canyons starting 18 Mar (T. Beatty). Away from there (and from feeders), a female was found near Patagonia 21 Apr (DS), and another was in Guadalupe Canyon in May (N. Moore-Craig). A Broad-tailed Hummingbird building a nest on Mt. Ord 8 Apr was two to three weeks earlier than dates from the breeding bird atlas (TC).

Elegant Trogons are seldom seen away from the mid-elevation canyons of se. Arizona. A migrant was along the upper S.P.R. 4 May (MM), while a wandering male flying over a ridge on Mt. Ord 26 May furnished a 2nd record for *Maricopa* and likely the first for *Gila* (TC). A Belted Kingfisher carrying fish to a burrow at Rio Salado, Phoenix 15 Apr (TG) suggested a rare lowland nesting attempt; kingfishers were seen in the area through 12 May (*vide* TC). Single Green King-

fishers were seen in Mar along the upper S.P.R. near Fairbank and Hwy. 90 (MA, B. Burns, M. Criley), where they are expected, but one found dead in S. Fork Cave Cr. Canyon 30 Mar (T. Wood) was only the 2nd ever for the Chiricahua Mts. A Lewis's Woodpecker was seen 28 Apr near Duncan (Arizona Field Ornithologists), where it had apparently wintered. Another Lewis's lingered



This Thick-billed Kingbird at Wenima Wildlife Area outside of Springerville 28 May 2007 represented a first record for northern Arizona. Photograph by Gary H. Rosenberg.

late until 12 May in Paradise (J. Lewis). A Williamson's Sapsucker was a surprise in the lowlands at Ajo 13 Mar (J. Higgins), a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was casual in Flagstaff 19 Mar (ph. N. Gaines), and a Red-naped Sapsucker was late in Scottsdale 12 May (J. Bartley). A Red-naped Sapsucker × Yellow-bellied Sapsucker hybrid near Prescott 9-15 Mar (†CST) was an unusual find.

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH PIPITS

A Greater Pewee at Slate Cr. Divide 12-15 May (KR, CR) was n. of normal breeding areas in Arizona, but not unprecedented for this location. A Buff-breasted Flycatcher at the normal breeding area of Sawmill Canyon 13 Mar (ph. SH) established an early arrival date for se. Arizona. Scattered reports of this species from Cave Creek Canyon, Pinery

Canyon, and W. Turkey Creek during Apr and May suggest that a small population remains (and is possibly growing) in the Chiricahua Mts. An Eastern Phoebe reported along Cienega Cr. 20-27 Mar (MA) may have wintered locally, as there are very few true spring migrants known from the state. A calling Dusky-capped Flycatcher at P.L.S.P. 18 Mar (C. Cathers) was very early for a spring migrant. A pair of Sulphur-bellied Flycatchers returned for the 2nd year to Aspen Springs in the Sierra Prieta Mts. 28 May+ (CST); this species is casual as a summer visitor as far n. as the Mogollon Rim. Urban Tucson is generally low in elevation for breeding Cassin's Kingbirds; a pair found nesting at Fort Lowell Park 27 May+ (DS, MMS MP) was of interest. Thick-billed Kingbirds appeared a bit more numerous and widespread than usual: singles were found at extralimital areas such as at the H.R.P. (for the 5th year) 3 May+ (C. Miller), in Huachuca Canyon 12-16 May (EW), and at Picacho Res. 27 May (DJ), as well as at several locations that don't support this species consistently year to year. More significant though was one found at Wenima WA near Springerville 28 May (ph. GHR, KR), establishing a first record for *Apache* and for n. Arizona. The only Scissor-tailed Flycatcher reported was one at Camp Verde 11 May (P. Ollig). No Rose-throated Becards were reported this spring.

Although not known to breed in the Santa Catalina Mts., individual Gray Vireos were reported at Pima Canyon 23-26 Mar (P. Kline) and from Molino Basin 23 Apr (C. Cathers), we prefer that better documentation be provided for "migrant" records of this species in Arizona given the paucity of extralimital records—and the well-known pitfalls of distinguishing Gray Vireo from Plumbeous Vireo. A pair of Warbling Vireos on territory at Slate Cr. Divide 16 May (JW, RWI) suggested local nesting; this species has only been found nesting in *Maricopa* once previously, at this location in 1999. Casual in the state, and still found much less frequently than in the 1970s and 1980s, Red-eyed Vireos were reported from the Patagonia Roadside Rest 17 May (†G. Smith, †P. Abbot), and Paloma Ranch 25 May (†BG, TC).

Five Mexican Jays at Slate Cr. Divide 12 May (KR, CR) were of note, as this species only occurs irregularly (and apparently is not known to breed) at higher elevations in *Maricopa*. Two Clark's Nutcrackers in the Chiricahua Mts. near Barfoot Park 27-31 May (A. Boyce et al., TM), and one near Rustler Park 31 May (REW) were late visitors this far s. in Arizona; this species is an irregular winter visitor to the mountains of s. Arizona. Two Barn Swallows at P.L.S.P. 1 Mar (SH) were very early for spring arrivals in s. Arizona. Two Barn Swallow nests found at Rio Salado, Phoenix 12 May (*fide* T. Gatz, JW) were of note, as this species had only been found breeding in *Maricopa* twice previously. A few Marsh Wrens lingered later than usual into the spring, with the latest being one along Cienege Cr. 17 May (MA). Pairs of Black-capped Gnatcatchers continued at P.L.S.P. and along Proctor Rd. below Madera Canyon; nests were located at both locations. Young were observed at P.L.S.P. 26 Apr (SH), and at Proctor Rd. by 11 May (C. Charlesworth, m.ob.). The only "new" Black-capped location was at Grosvenor Hills, Santa Cruz, where a male was reported 28 May (C. Smith, S. Carnahan).

The 2 Rufous-backed Robins at Jake's Corner in the winter season were last reported 10 Mar (m.ob.); another was located at the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix 22-23 Apr (G. Rice, S. Barnes, †D. Herron, ph. C. Campbell). There have been few Arizona reports during the spring of individuals not known to have wintered locally. Certainly casual during the spring, a Varied Thrush was at Yuma 26 Apr (C. Hurlock, ph. J. Bundy, *fide* HD). A Gray Catbird, casual in spring away from breeding areas in the White Mts., was at Round Valley near Portal 24 May (REW). The Brown Thrasher wintering at the B.T.A. was last reported 28 Apr (CST). Elsewhere, one was thought to have wintered locally at San Bernardino N.W.R., seen only 11 Mar-1 Apr (REW), and one was in Portal 3-4 May (L. & T. Gates). A lingering American Pipit was at Willcox 27 May (D. & B. Williams), where casual after mid-May.

WARBLERS THROUGH FINCHES

Single Tennessee Warblers, casual in spring, were at Rio Salado, Phoenix 3 Mar-13 Apr (TG, T. Brodner), at G.W.R. 29 Apr-1 May (†MM; v.r. PD), and at San Bernardino N.W.R. 7 May (†REW); it is still a review species for the A.B.C. Nine Northern Parulas, a greater-than-usual number for spring, were located in s. Arizona 28 Apr-31 May. Outstanding was a breeding-plumaged Chestnut-sided Warbler at Portal 11 May (T. Godfrey, DB); most records in the state have been of fall and win-

ter birds. A male Black-throated Blue Warbler was at Sweetwater 14 Apr (R. Payne). An apparent Yellow-rumped Warbler × Grace's Warbler hybrid was reported for the 2nd consecutive year at Aspen Springs, Sierra Prieta Mts. 29 May (†CST). Out-of-place Grace's Warblers were reported along the upper S.P.R. 11 Apr (MM), at Morgan City Wash 21 Apr (TC), and at San Bernardino N.W.R. 28 Apr (RAR, REW); this species is casual during spring at lowland locations. The wintering Pine Warbler in the Mule Mts. was last reported 18 Apr (L. Fraser, D. Mansour). Seven Black-and-white Warblers and 3 American Redstarts were reported this spring, about average. The only Prothonotary Warbler reported was at Cameron 18 May (ph. CBA). More unusual in spring, single Worm-eating Warblers were well documented at Southwest Research Station, Cave Cr. Canyon 16-28 Apr (S. & J. James; ph. T. Stawarczyk and at Paradise 26 Apr (ph. J. Lewis). Other Worm-eatings reported included one singing in Madera Canyon 16 May (D. Touret) and one at Seven Springs 18 May (TC). Individual Ovenbirds were reported at Tucson 23 Apr (J. Douglas), singing near Portal 24 Apr (G. Owings), and at Cameron 15-29 May (CL, B. Gatlin et al.). Kentucky Warbler is always a fine bird to find in Arizona, although annual in very small numbers in spring; one was in Cave Cr. Canyon 4 May (RAR, REW), while another was at Granite Cr. near Prescott 21-22 May (N. McMahon et al.; ph. N. Silacci). Hooded Warbler also appears to be a rare but regular late spring visitor, this year reported at Tempe 11 May (M. Scott), Las Cienegas National Conservation Area 14 May (KK), Sabino Canyon 21-22 May (DS, J. Hecimovich), Cameron 22-24 May (CL), and Eagar 23 May (DR, GC). Red-faced Warbler continues to be a scarce summer resident at high elevations in *Maricopa* at locations such as Mt. Ord and Slate Cr. Divide, with reports at both sites this spring (E. Hough, JW, RW). Casual in the lowlands, Red-faced were seen along the Gila R., *Greenlee* 28 Apr (Arizona Field Ornithologists, *fide* TC) and along the Agua Fria R., *Maricopa* 7 May (D. Wall et al.). Migrant Painted Redstarts were found in greater-than-usual numbers in the lowlands this spring.

The male Flame-colored Tanager returned for another year to Madera Canyon, first reported 6 Apr (ph. M. Brooks, ph. GHR) and apparently mated with a Western Tanager. Multiple Botteri's Sparrows were detected earlier than usual this spring, with the earliest reports including singing birds at Arivaca 10 Apr (MA) and in lower Carr Canyon 10 Apr (SH). Clay-colored Sparrows, casual in spring but prone to irruptions, were at Tuc-

son 8 Mar (MP, MMS), Rio Salado, Phoenix 15-16 Apr (TG), at San Bernardino N.W.R. 28 Apr (continuing from winter) (RAR, REW), at Whitewater 30 Apr (SH), and continuing along the upper S. P.R. through 25 Apr (MM) Harris's Sparrow continues to be rare to casual in s. Arizona, with one near Portal 24-30 Apr (T. Morgan et al.) and the G.W.R. bird continuing from winter until 25 Apr (m.ob.) The Lapland Longspur found near Elgin during the winter was last reported 16 Mar (EW). No fewer than 26 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were found between late Apr and mid-May! A Blue Grosbeak near Avondale 20 Apr (TC) was nearly two weeks early for this *Maricopa* location.

A singing Bobolink was reported at Whitewater 25 May (DB); this species is rare to casual anywhere in the state in spring. An Orchard Oriole was in a nw. Tucson yard 26 Mar (ph. C. Sams), where it likely wintered locally. The Streak-backed Oriole that wintered at G.W.R. was again reported 8 & 20 Apr (P Moulton). Male Baltimore Orioles, casual in the state, were documented at San Bernardino N.W.R. 17 May (ph. REW) and in Yuma 19 May (ph. HD). After what was a rather lackluster flight year for Lawrence's Goldfinch in se. Arizona during the winter of 2006-2007, individuals appeared at odd locations during the spring, including one along the Gila R. near Buckeye 14 Mar (TC), one in Ash Canyon 1 May (RB), and one in Willcox 7 May (EW). A singing male American Goldfinch was rather late in Springerville 28 May (GHR, KR); this species is not known to breed in Arizona.

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