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Following a year of relatively generous precipitation, summer 2007 presented excellent habitat conditions for breeding birds, especially grassland species, but as the season progressed, drier conditions returned. On the birding front, the season was marked by several outstanding rarities, and Green Kingfisher was added to the list of confirmed species.

Abbreviations: B.L.N.W.R. (Bitter Lake N.W.R.); Bosque (Bosque del Apache N.W.R.); E.B.L. (Elephant Butte L.); Maxwell (Maxwell N.W.R. and vicinity); N.R.T. (n. Roosevelt migrant trap west of Melrose); R.G.V. (Rio Grande Valley).

WATERFOWL THROUGH RAPTORS

A Fulvous Whistling-Duck made a brief appearance at the Lordsburg sewage ponds 29 Jul (ph. CL, ph. CRB). An ad. Trumpeter Swan, first found at Enbom L. in May, was at Stinking L. 12 Jul (ph. DS). Noteworthy Wood Duck broods were one each at Rinconada, Rio Arriba 20 Jun (RT) and Mesilla Dam 14 Jul (ph. CL). Unusual for the s. was a Cinnamon Teal brood at Deming 11 Jun (LM). A male Ring-necked Duck was a surprise at Whiskey L., Chuska Mts., McKinley 17 Jun (TR). The female of a pair of White-tailed Ptarmigan on the Santa Barbara Ridge below Jicarita Peak 28 Jul (JP, JPB, ph. DE-B) was in winter (white) plumage, apparently the result of hormonal imbalance (*vide* C. Braun). Unusual above treeline, 5 Dusky Grouse were in stunted willows at Jicarita Peak 28 Jul (JP, JPB, ph. DE-B). A female Gambel's Quail was herding 50 chicks at Bosque 18 Jun (DH); the relatively cool, wet spring led to improved breeding success for

both Gambel's and Scaled Quail nearly statewide. North of usual were 2 singing Montezuma Quail near Horse Springs, Catron 3 Jun (DH). Late was a Common Loon found injured at Mesquite 3 Jun (ph. DG), and an apparently healthy one was at B.L.N.W.R. 6 Jun (JH); apparently summering was one at Maxwell 30 Jun and 21 Jul (CR, DE-B). Moderate numbers of Eared Grebes nested in Rio Arriba, including 200 nests at Horse L. 29 Jun, 100 nests at Stinking L. 12 Jul, and nine nests at Stone L. 27 Jun (DS); in Colfax, eight Eared nests were at Stubblefield L. 9 Jul, where there was an ad. with chicks 24 Jul (DC). Unusual in the sw., an American White Pelican was in the Arenas Valley near Silver City 30 Jul (ph. S. Loeffler).

Surveys for colonial waterbirds located four small nesting colonies in the middle R.G.V. at San Acacia, Quates L. s. of San Marcial, Monticello Bay at E.B.L., and upper Caballo L. 12-13 Jun (DS, RD); highlights included 4 Neotropic Cormorant nests at Quates L. and one at E.B.L. 13 Jun (DS, RD), 15 Great Blue Heron nests at Quates L. 13 Jun (DS, RD), 23 Cattle Egret nests at San Acacia 12 Jun (DS), and 35 Great Egret nests at Quates L. 13 Jun (DS, RD). High count for foraging Great Egrets was 82 at Bosque 7 Jul (JP). An American Bittern at Bosque 27-28 Jul (GF) provided the lone report. A Least Bittern was a surprise at Texico 20 Jul (BO). Rarer

herons were an imm. Little Blue at Bosque 15 Jul (DE-B) and a Tricolored at B.L.N.W.R. 6 Jun (JH). A small White-faced Ibis colony was established at Stubblefield L. in Jul, where there were three nests with eggs 16-24 Jul and a nestling 30 Jul (ph. DC). Osprey had a banner year in n. Rio Arriba, where 12 of 18 nests successfully fledged a record 24 young, and the McKinley nest fledged 2; single Ospreys were at Merrick L., Colfax 21 Jun (*vide* DC) and at L. Roberts 3 Jun-29 Jul (NP, JD, DB). White-tailed Kites continued in evidence in Hidalgo, Luna, and Doña Ana, including 2 near Rodeo 28 Jul (ph. RW), a juv. near Hermanas 11 Jul (JPB, ph. MB), and one at Isaack L. 1 Jun (RM). Noteworthy for the upper R.G.V. was a Mississippi Kite at Dixon 4 Jun (RT); surprising for Grant was one at L. Roberts 30 Jun (ph. JD). Responding to improved grassland conditions, Northern Harriers continued much in evidence, with summering birds reported in Colfax, Chaves, Eddy, Valencia, Sierra, Doña Ana, Otero, Luna, and Hidalgo, including an ad. with a fledgling in the Uvas Valley 4 Jun (MS, JZ), two pairs

feeding young at Isaack L. 20 Jun (DG), a pair with a fledgling at Hibraltar Tank, Doña Ana 27 Jun (ph. CL), prey delivery and nest defense near Nutt 14 Jun (SOW), and locally produced juvs. at Rodeo 15 & 22 Jul (ph. RW). An ad. Common Black-Hawk was at L. Roberts on various dates Jun-Jul (JD), and a juv. was there 14 Jul (*vide* DB). Beyond usual range were 2 Harris's Hawks at Cocklebur L. n. of Roswell 11 Jun (WH). A Gray Hawk pair was tending a nest in Eddy 6-8 Jun (SOW, ph. RD), a first for the Pecos Valley, but the nest was abandoned by 11 Jul, although the ads. continued in the area through Jul (RD); two Gray Hawk territories were active in New Mexico's Guadalupe Canyon Jun-Jul (ph. JO, m.ob.). Golden Eagle surveys in ne. New Mexico 2-3 Jun found 31 successful nests that fledged 38 young (DS).

PLOVERS THROUGH SWIFTS

Among 12 Snowy Plovers at Laguna Grande 18 Jun were 2 chicks plus 3 ads. on nests (DE-B). Mountain Plovers among the bison and prairie dogs on the Vermejo Ranch e. of Cimarron included an ad. with chicks 2 Jun (ph. DC), another ad. with chicks 19 Jun (ph. DC), and a nest with eggs 4 Jul (ph. DC); small numbers were reported w. to Taos 16 Jun (JP), Santa Fe 8 Jun (JPB), Sandoval 18 Jun (LS), and Cibola 4 Jun (DK). Early were single Solitary Sandpipers near Gila 6 Jul (JP)



This aberrant Fulvous Whistling-Duck was at Lordsburg, Hidalgo County, New Mexico on 29 July 2007. There are fewer than a dozen acceptable records, all from the April-May and July-October periods. Photograph by Charles R. Britt.

and at Bosque 7 Jul (JP). Greater Yellowlegs reappeared in late Jun, including 5 at B.L.N.W.R. 22 Jun (JP) and singles at Brantley L. 22 Jun (JP) and Bluewater L. 26 Jun (JT). Scarce in Jun, single Willets were at Bosque 18 Jun (NP) and Maxwell 28 Jun (DC). Some three-dozen Long-billed Curlews persisted in the Uvas Valley, Doña Ana into mid-Jun (CL, MS, JZ, DG), including several short-billed birds, apparently juvs., 9 Jun (DG). A re-



A Ruddy Turnstone at Brantley Lake, Eddy County, New Mexico 8 June 2007 was a surprise, as the species is rare in spring and previously unreported in the state in June. Photograph by Robert H. Doster.

markable 5 Marbled Godwits lingered at Brantley L. 8 Jun (RD), where 2 were present 20 Jun (ph. RD) and one persisted 22 Jun (JP); 2 were late at Maxwell 12 Jun (DC). Rare in spring and previously unreported in Jun, a bright male Ruddy Turnstone was a surprise at Brantley L. 8 Jun (ph. RD). A Semipalmated Sandpiper strayed w. to the Uvas Valley 2 Jun (MS, ph. JZ); even farther w. was one described at Tyrone 29 Jul (EL). Late White-rumped Sandpipers were 2 at Springer L. 5 Jun (ph. DC), 3 at Bosque 13 Jun (JO), and one at Laguna Grande 18 Jun (DE-B). Earliest Pectoral Sandpipers were singles at L. Roberts 8 Jul (RS) and Bosque 14 Jul (J. & M. Hirth). A Red-necked Phalarope lingered at Bosque 1-3 Jun (CL, NP).

Nicely documented was a first-year Laughing Gull at Bosque 1 Jun (ph. CL). New Mexico's breeding Least Terns had another poor year: 10 pairs nested at B.L.N.W.R., but most failed, and by late Jul only 2 young had fledged, although at least two pairs were re-nesting late (J. Montgomery); high water at Brantley L. flooded all likely nesting flats, where the high count was 6 ads. on 11 Jun (WH), but only one to 2 lingered into Jul (RD). Least Terns away from known breeding areas were 9 at L. Avalon 21 Jul (SW) and singles at Grulla N.W.R. 20 Jul (BO) and Hollo-man L. 17 Jun (CL). Unexpected in Jun were 2 Caspian Terns at Brantley L. 20 Jun (ph. RD) and one at Radium Springs 25 Jun (MS, JZ). An ad. light-morph Parasitic Jaeger at Brantley L. 21 Jun (ph. RD) provided the state's 2nd confirmed record. A Band-tailed Pigeon wandered to San Andres N.W.R. 16 Jun (CL). Common Ground-Dove made a fair showing, with singles at Gila 23 Jun (JMB, CLB), Rodeo 11 Jul (RW), and the middle Animas Valley 2 Jul (DE-B), and up to 2 in Guadalupe Canyon 27 & 30 Jun (NP, JP, JO). Noteworthy for e. *San Miguel* were 5 Yellow-

billed Cuckoos at Trigg Ranch 5-6 Jul (MM) and one at Conchas Dam 29 Jun (*vide* P. Snider).

An Elf Owl was n. to Mockingbird Gap, White Sands Missile Range, Socorro 10 Jul (CL). Building on widespread spring reports, additional breeding Long-eared Owls were reported this season, including a pair with a fledgling at De Na Zin Wilderness, *San Juan* 29 Jun (ph. P. Kinslow), a nest with nestlings at Gobernador, *Rio Arriba* 6 Jun (ph. DE-B), two sites with fledglings near Maxwell 4 Jun (ph. DC), and a

family group of 5 near Hachita 13 Jun (SOW). A remarkable concentration of Short-eared Owls, perhaps involving one or more family groups, was discovered in grasslands e. of Tome, *Valencia*, where there were 12 on 24-25 Jun (ph. JS), 9 on 30 Jun (JS), and 4 on 4 Jul

upper Cottonwood Canyon, Peloncillo Mts 28 Jul (T. Corman). Earliest Calliope Hummingbirds were single males at Cochiti 9 Jul (MW) and Maxwell 10 Jul (DC); earliest Rufous was a male in upper Cottonwood Canyon 27 Jun (NP), but others did not arrive until 1 Jul and later. A probable ad. male Allen's Hummingbird was described at L. Roberts 22 Jul (BN).

A pair of Elegant Trogons was in the Peloncillo Mts. s. of Skeleton Canyon Jun-Jul (m.ob.), the 2nd consecutive year that this newly discovered site has been occupied Green Kingfisher was added to the confirmed New Mexico list when the male discovered in May on the Gila R. near Gila was re-found on multiple dates 3 Jun-6 Jul (ph. JO, ph. D Zimmerman, ph. LM, ph. MB, ph. JMB m.ob.); interestingly, a female was well described about 14 km downstream at Gila Bird Area 14 Jun (RS). A Red-headed Woodpecker was at seldom-visited Texico 20 Jul (BO). Far-flung Acorn Woodpeckers were 2 in the Chuska Mts. at Foster Spring, *San Juan* 7 Jun



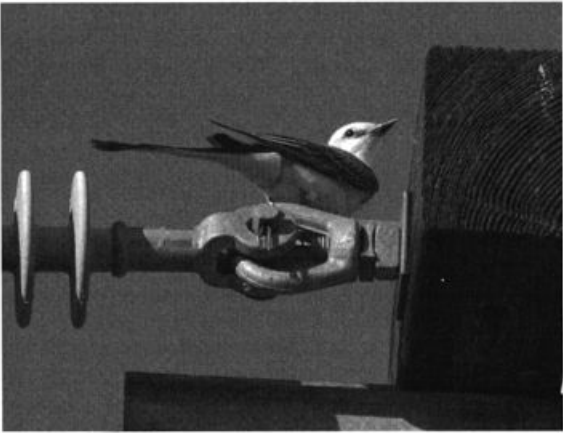
This adult Parasitic Jaeger at Brantley Lake, Eddy County 21 June 2007 furnished New Mexico's second confirmed record of the species. Photograph by Robert H. Doster.

(JS, SOW); another was summering in the s. Animas Valley 1 Jul (ph. JO). A Common Nighthawk nest scrape contained 2 nestlings at Lomas de la Bolsa, *Santa Fe* 23 Jun (LS). Whip-poor-wills on their n. periphery were 2 in Hausner Canyon, Zuni Mts. 20 Jun (JT) and 3 in Gallinas Canyon, *San Miguel* 10 Jun (CR). High counts for Chimney Swifts were 12 at Clayton's Eklund Hotel 5 Jul (E. Wooten) and 6 at Texico 20 Jul (BO).

HUMMINGBIRDS THROUGH RAVENS

A male Lucifer Hummingbird n. to L. Roberts 19-26 Jul (R. VanBuskirk, JP, WW, M. Hilchey) provided a local first; a female was in

(TR), a pair at Sugarite S.P. 20 Jul and one there 28 Jul (ph. DC), and 4 in the Gallinas Mts. near Corona 20 Jul (HS). Scarce in summer in the Sacramento Mts., a male Williamson's Sapsucker was s. of Cloudfcroft 17 Jun (CL); an early migrant reached Cerrillos 12 Jul (LS). Noteworthy for the Zuni Mts was a Ladder-backed Woodpecker nest in lower Bluewater Gorge 22 Jun (JT). A good season for American Three-toed Woodpeckers produced reports from *Taos*, *Colfax*, *Santa Fe*, *Sandoval*, *San Miguel*, *Cibola*, and *Bernalillo*, including an ad. feeding a fledgling below Serpent L. 28 Jul (JP, JPB), a pair tending nestlings at Big Tesuque Cr. 24 Jun (ph. JPB),



Scissor-tailed Flycatcher has been spreading northward and westward in New Mexico in recent years, but no one would have predicted a pair (the female here) at a nest at the high elevation of 2134 m at Taos, Taos County (here 5 July 2007). Photograph by Greg and Melissa Coniglio.

an active nest in Hausner Canyon, Zuni Mts. 24 Jun (JT), and an ad. feeding a fledgling on the Sandia Crest Trail 27 Jul (CMB).

One to 2 Olive-sided Flycatchers were in Tajique Canyon, Manzano Mts. 14 Jun (HS), where not known to breed. It has been decades since Willow Flycatcher was found nesting in the San Francisco Valley, but this season a nest at Glenwood and three nests near Alma 7 Jun (H. Walker) all had produced fledglings by 11 Jul (DH); others of note were 2 on Ponil Cr. e. of Cimarron 28 Jun (ph. DC) and a vocal one at L. Roberts 8 Jul (RS). South of known breeding range, an apparent pair of Dusky Flycatchers was seen chasing a cowbird at Aguirre Springs, Organ Mts. 6 Jun (DG). Now well established n. to Colfax, three Black Phoebe nests were in the Cimarron-Springer area 12 Jun-21 Jul (ph. DC). A kingbird of the Couch's/Tropical group was described at Zuni's Blackrock Dam 18 Jun (JT); Tropical remains unverified in New Mexico. Only one Thick-billed Kingbird was in Guadalupe Canyon 30 Jun (JP), where the species has grown scarce in recent years. Late was an active Eastern Kingbird nest at Stubblefield L. 9 Jul (ph. DC). Remarkably far from expected range was a male-female pair of Scissor-tailed Flycatchers photographed at a nest in Taos 5 Jul (ph. G. & M. Coniglio); others w. of usual were singles at Trigg Ranch, e. San Miguel 5 Jul (MM) and N.R.T. 5 Jun (SOW) and 4 n. of Roswell 11 Jun (WH).

A singing White-eyed Vireo was "captured" on a cell phone at Escondida 29 Jun (V. Hunter). A Bell's Vireo singing e. of Engle 13 Jun (DG) provided a local first. Surveys documented multiple Gray Vireo territories in San Juan (DE-B, TR), the Jicarilla Indian Reservation in Rio Arriba (DS), Santa Fe (JPB, M. Ristow), and in the San Andres, Organ, and Sacra-

mento ranges (m.ob.). As in 2006, a pair of Plumbeous Vireos nested in the Rio Grande bosque near Veguita, Socorro, fledging young by 16 Jul (DH). Hutton's Vireo colonization of the Organ Mts. appears to be complete, with reports from seven canyons 4 Jun-24 Jul (CL, DG, MS, JZ), including a pair feeding fledglings at Fillmore Spring 14 Jun (DG); one n. to Three Rivers Canyon, Otero 30 Jun (WW) was a local first. A singing Red-eyed Vireo was near Cedar Crest 23 Jun (DK), but only Warbling Vireos were found nesting there; a Red-eyed singing along the Delaware R. 10 Jun (RM) was at the same site occupied by a male

in 2006. Eight American Crows were found at Whiskey L., Chuska Mts. 17 Jun (TR). Chihuahuan Raven continues to spread, including a group of 38 on the North Plains, Cibola 4 Jun (DK); in Colfax, three active nests were found 14 Jun (ph. DC). Noteworthy for Chaves were 3 Common Ravens w. of Dunken 23 Jun (JP).

SWALLOWS THROUGH PHAINOPEPLA

Summering Purple Martins were found n. to the Chuska and Sangre de Cristo ranges, including at five locales in the latter, and 10, including fledglings, were in the recently occupied Gallinas Mts. near Corona 20 Jul (HS);



Although not known to nest in New Mexico, Chestnut-sided Warbler has been found in June in four of the past eight years. This male was singing at Corrales, Sandoval County 5 through 24 (here) June 2007. Photograph by David J. Krueper.

unusual was a male at Albuquerque 2 Jun (SW). Now rarely found nesting in the middle R.G.V., at least two active Tree Swallow nests were in saltcedar snags s. of San Marcial 13

Jun (RD, DS). Cave Swallows were found nesting n. to a culvert near Brantley L. (SW); farther n., a juv. was well described at B.L.N.W.R. 2 Jul (JH). Noteworthy s. to the Organ Mts. were 2 Mountain Chickadees inspecting a cavity in Fillmore Canyon 6 Jul (DG); others in the Organs were 2 each in Indian Hollow 15 Jul (CL) and Rucker Canyon 24 Jul (CL). Early for the lowlands, a Red-breasted Nuthatch was at Albuquerque 4 Jul (JP). Surprising for Harding was a singing House Wren in upper Mills Canyon 27 Jun (HS); 2 were in the Organ Mts. 15 Jul (CL), where not known to breed. Intriguing was a singing Winter Wren at Jemez Falls 5 Jul (JP), where summering birds have been detected in recent years but nesting remains undocumented. Golden-crowned Kinglets away from major mountain ranges were 2 at Narbona Pass, Chuska Mts. 17 Jun (TR), two families in Hausner Canyon, Zuni Mts. 24 Jun (JT), and 4 in the Sandia Mts. 2 Jul (HS).

For the 2nd consecutive year, Black-capped Gnatcatcher was reported from both the New Mexico and Arizona portions of Guadalupe Canyon; in New Mexico, 2 were just e. of the state line and another was near the old orchard 24 Jun (ph. JMB, CLB). Three Black-tailed Gnatcatchers were e. of Engle 13 Jun (DG). West was an Eastern Bluebird n. of El Rito, Rio Arriba 11 Jun (JO); in the middle R.G.V., at least four pairs successfully fledged 2nd broods in Bernalillo, Valencia, and Socorro in Jun or Jul (DH). Noteworthy for the Manzano Mts. was a Townsend's Solitaire in Tajique Canyon 14 Jun (HS). A Veery was singing along the Rio Pueblo near Placitas, Taos 2 Jun (JP). Late was a Gray Catbird at N.R.T. 5 Jun (SOW); far w. was one at Glenwood 24 Jul (fide DB). Although outnumbered by Curve-billed Thrashers, a few Bendire's Thrashers were in the Caja del Rio area near Santa Fe, including one to 2 ads. 2 Jun (JPB), a pair 18 Jun (W. West), and one singing 5 Jul (JP). Documenting nesting n. to Colfax was an ad. Curve-billed Thrasher tending fledglings 28 Jun and 18 Jul (ph. DC); w. was one in Bonita Canyon, Zuni Mts. 20 Jun (JT). Cedar Waxwing had its best breeding season since first discovered nesting in New Mexico in 1995: an ad. feeding a recent fledgling at Ghost Ranch 23 Jul (G. Owings), a nest with large nestlings at an apple orchard nw. of Cochiti L. 7 Jul (CR), a nest at Cochiti Village that fledged young by 22 Jul (ph. MW), and an ad. on a nest at Pecos 14 & 17 Jun (ph. K. & G. Schiltz). Single Phainopeplas were n. in the R.G.V. to Algodones 2 Jun (S. O'Neill) and Placitas 29 Jul (M. Milone), and a pair was nesting along Galisteo Cr. near Cerrillos 28 Jul (LS); in the w., a pair was at Zuni in late Jun (JT).



This Kentucky Warbler was far west at Farmington, San Juan County, New Mexico 5-13 (here 11) June 2007. Photograph by Tim Reeves.

WARBLERS THROUGH FINCHES

Olive Warblers in the recently colonized Organ Mts. were 4 in Indian Hollow in late Jun (CRB) and one or 2 there 15 Jul (ph. CL) and at least 2 in Rucker Canyon 24 Jul (ph. CL). Far n. were 3 Lucy's Warblers at Zuni in Jun (JT); others in non-traditional areas included one in Lake Valley 14 Jun (SOW), 3 near Hatchet Gap 13 Jun (SOW), and one at Pancho Villa S.P. 13 Jun (SOW). A Northern Parula at Bandelier N.M. in May was still there 3 Jun (ph. JPB); another was w. to Zuni in late Jun (JT). A male Chestnut-sided Warbler was singing at Corrales 5-24 Jun (ph. T. Fetz, ph. DE-B, ph. DK, JP). Up to seven Black-throated Gray Warbler territories were found in mature pinyon pine on the Vermejo Ranch in the n. Sangre de Cristo Mts. 20 Jun (ph. DC), where the status is poorly known. Earliest Hermit Warblers were 3 at Jack's Peak, Burro Mts. 29 Jul (CL); several Townsend's were also there. Single Black-and-white Warblers were at N.R.T. 1 Jun (DK) and Little Water Canyon, Zuni Mts. 19 Jun (JT). Single American Redstarts were at N.R.T. 1 Jun (DK), Corrales 24 Jun (JP, DK), Radium Springs 1 Jul (MS, ph. JZ), and Aguirre Springs 6 Jun (DG). Intriguing were single singing Ovenbirds in Hausner Canyon, Zuni Mts. 20 Jun (JT) and in Peñasco Canyon, Sacramento Mts. 13 Jun (WH). A male Kentucky Warbler at Farmington 5-13 Jun (ph. TR, ph. DE-B, WW) provided a *San Juan* first. Unusual was a juv. Hooded Warbler at Hillsboro 22 Jul (BN); the bird had downy flanks and a short tail, suggesting it may have been locally produced. Up to 4 Wilson's Warblers were at the Taos ski area 2 Jun, and at least one was there 16 Jun (JP). Summer Tanagers in the ne. were 4 along the Canadian R. w. of Mills 26 Jun (HS) and 15 at Trigg Ranch, e. *San Miguel* 5-6 Jul (MM).

As is typical in wet years, Cassin's Sparrows had a banner year in the e. and s.; singing sin-

gles where rarely encountered were at the Very Large Array 25 Jun (DH) and Glenwood 10 Jul (DH). North was a singing Black-chinned Sparrow on Buckman Mesa, *Santa Fe* 16 Jun (JPB). Additional evidence of Lark Buntings summering far s. of usual were up to 30 e. of Tome 4 Jul (SOW), 4 females including one carrying food at Sevilleta N.W.R. 15 Jun (HS), and, on Otero Mesa, 5 females including one carrying food to a nest and one feeding a fledgling 8 Jun (RM). Savannah Sparrow had a good year at Bluewater L., with 22 mostly singing males 19 Jun (JT) and about 40, including stub-tailed juvs., 26 Jun (JT); surprising for the e. plains were one to 2 at Yates, *Harding* 14 Jul (BO). Grasshopper Sparrows were detected in areas where not seen in many years, including



Part of an unusual summer dispersal of the species through much of the West, this male Lawrence's Goldfinch visited a feeder in the Datil Mountains, Catron County, New Mexico, from 19 July (here) into August 2007. Photograph by M. Joan Hardie.

singles se. of Fort Sumner 5 Jun (SOW), near Caprock 6 Jun (SOW), and nw. of Nutt 14 Jun (SOW). Four Lincoln's Sparrows s. of Cloudcroft 13 Jun (WH) was a good count for the Sacramento Mts. Peripheral Northern Cardinals were singles at Trigg Ranch, e. *San Miguel* 6 Jul (MM) and n. of Lake Valley 14 Jun (SOW). Noteworthy was a Pyrrhuloxia singing n. of Roswell 11 Jun (WH). A male Rose-breasted Grosbeak at Santa Fe 16-19 Jun (ph. JPB) provided the only report. Lazuli

Buntings s. of traditional range were a pair in Fillmore Canyon, Organ Mts. 30 Jun (CL) and 8 Jul (DG) and a nesting pair at Dripping Springs 14 Jun (DG); 2 in the Cliff-Gila Valley 14 Jul (DE-B) were in an area where breeding is known. A Painted Bunting was singing in Selden Canyon, *Doña Ana* 12 Jun (MS, JZ). Summering Dickcissels were widespread in the e. in *Colfax* (ph. DC, DE-B), *San Miguel* (BN), *De Baca* (SOW), *Chaves* (JH, WH), *Roosevelt* (DK), and *Lea* (SOW); an ad was feeding 2 juvs. at Grulla N.W.R. 20 Jul (BO).

Brewer's Blackbirds were tending fledglings in the Chuska Mts. at Whiskey L. 17 Jun (TR) and in the Sacramento Mts. near Sacramento 17 Jun (CL). Far w. were 2 Common Grackles at Farmington 2-26 Jun (TR) and one at Animas 28 Jul (JO). Continuing from May, a male Bronzed Cowbird was displaying for a female at Albuquerque 2 Jun (BN). Noteworthy for summer were single Cassin's Finches at Washington Pass, Chuska Mts. 17 Jun (TR), Tyrone 17 Jun (EL), and in Woods Canyon, Sacramento Mts. 8 Jul (DE-B). Small numbers of Red Crossbills were widespread in mountainous regions from the Zuni, Jemez, and Sangre de Cristo ranges s. to the Pinos Altos and Sacramento ranges. Unexpected in summer, a male Lawrence's Goldfinch was at a feeder w. of Datil from 19 Jul into Aug (ph. J. Hardie, ph. JO, m.ob.).

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