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Second record of the Flammulated Owl in Nuevo Leon, Mexico.—On 21 June 1991, I visited the Cerro El Potosi (24°52'N, 100°13'W), some 25 km northwest of Galeana, Nuevo Leon. At an elevation of 3700 m, I collected a male (testes black 1 × 1 mm) specimen of Flammulated Owl (Otus flammeolus). The specimen (UANL 1933) is deposited in the collections of the Univ. Autonoma de Nuevo Leon. This is the second record from Nuevo Leon, and the third in northeastern Mexico. The A.O.U. check-list (Check-list of North American birds, 6th ed., American Ornithologists' Union, Washington, D.C., 1983) reports this species from La Esperanza in Nuevo Leon (without date). Three places bear this name, probably the locality it refers to is Cerro La Esperanza (25°16'N, 100°09'W, elevation 2000 m) in Santiago. The present record is the southernmost and highest for the species. The distribution and abundance of this owl is not well documented in Mexico because of its apparent rarity (Friedmann, Griscom and Moore, Distributional check-list of the birds of Mexico. Part I. Pacific coast avifauna. Cooper Ornithological Club, 29:138, 1950). Also, the tail (70 mm), and the middle toe without claw (14 mm) are longer than the description. This population probably is isolated and may represent a new subspecies. Additional specimens and fieldwork in appropriate habitat in Nuevo Leon are needed and may confirm this position.

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