

A ♂ breeding-plumaged **Golden-winged Warbler** brightened downtown Missoula May 28 (WKr, CTo, PW, DH, ph., m.ob.), providing Montana's first record.

Clay-colored Sparrows again returned to their localized breeding grounds in n.w. Montana but, like many local nesters, they arrived 1–2 weeks later than usual (DC). A Harris' Sparrow was unusual by Troy, ID May 5 (KT).

Three Great-tailed Grackles were by Am. Falls Dam, *Power*, Mar. 26 (TG), a new location for Idaho's newest resident. Common Grackles are regular in Idaho only in the extreme e. portion of the state, making the male at Deer Flat N.W.R., May 12 (JG, BHo) of interest.

Locally rare White-winged Crossbills were seen with Red Crossbills near North Fork, ID Mar. 7 (DSc) and Coeur d'Alene May 15 (CC).

Addendum

Cape May Warbler is currently considered hypothetical in Idaho, but a recently discovered photograph will change that. The photo was taken by B. Kendall while the bird visited a feeder at his Dover, *Bonner*, ID home Jan. 5–17, 1980. The bird successfully survived weather Jan. 8 that included high winds and a low of 8° F, before disappearing a week later.

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Mountain West Region

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The Region experienced a prolonged spring which started warm and ended cool and wet. A continuous series of cold fronts produced six weeks of cloudy, rainy, overcast skies from Pueblo to Casper. Individual birds of many species arrived on normal to early dates, but when they encountered barely leafed-out trees (and probably low insect/food levels) they stayed, and more poured in and stayed. The contrary spring produced one new species for the Nevada list and two for Wyoming.

Abbreviations: L.L.B.L. (*Longmont/Lyons/Berthoud/Loveland area, CO, using Foothills Audubon Club records by Ann Means*); R.E. (*Regional Editor*); 1st Lat (*first latilong record [a latilong is outlined by one degree each of latitude and longitude, and measures about 50 by 70 mi]*); ph (*photograph on file with R. E.*); † (*written description on file with R. E.*); ‡ (*written description on file with, and subject to approval of, state or local records committee*); # (*no written description submitted to or photograph not seen by R. E.*).

Loons to Ibises

A Pacific Loon reportedly spent one day at Riverside Res., Masters, CO Apr. 27 (#JHi, DE, WL). At Walker L., NV the annual census produced 904 Com. Loons Apr. 12, on the high side (LN). The two wintering Yellow-billed Loons at Pueblo stayed through May 11 (MJ, BP). Rawhide Res. near Wellington, CO attracted a high 162 Horned Grebes Apr. 23 (RAR) and a Red-necked Grebe May 4–19 (DL, DE, RAR). Walker L. also had counts of 138 Eared and 79 Western/Clark's, considered low (LN). Counts of Eareds included 125 at Quichapa L., UT Mar. 19 and an early 20 at Rock Springs, WY Mar. 18. Counts at L/L/B/L found 1125 Westerns in April, compared with last year's spring total of 222. Anaho N.W.R., NV held 3265 Am. White Pelican nests May 25, a good start (GC, WH). The Lahontan Valley, NV census of colonial waders came up with 2000 White-faced Ibis, 40 Great Blue Heron, 85 Great Egret, 225 Snowy Egret, 30 Cattle Egret, 70 Black-crowned Night-Heron, and 21 Double-crested Cormorant nests. A Great Egret appeared at Devils Tower, WY May 6 (G&MS). Snowy Egrets at Fish Springs N.W.R., UT peaked at 344 (JB). At Rocky Ford, CO May 1–8 a Little Blue Heron in calico plumage stood next to a Snowy Egret for comparison (BP, †MJ). Vivid details of plumage and feeding style described a likely **Reddish Egret** at Jackson, WY May 29, Wyoming's first record if accepted by the Records Committee (‡B&GE). In Colorado observers identified **Glossy Ibis** in 3 places: one Apr. 26–28 at Cheraw (JRo, †MJ); two at Las Animas May 7 (‡MJ); and one at Denver May 12–13 (no description provided). Both descriptions emphasize



comparisons with nearby White-faced Ibis. Top counts of White-faced Ibis included 280 at Fish Springs N.W.R., May 24, 220 at Las Animas May 7, and 270 at L.L.B.L. over the season (263 last year).

Waterfowl

Las Vegas sported another **Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** Apr. 8+ (†J&MC, RRu). A Trumpeter Swan which wintered at Ridgeway, CO remained through May 31 (†AK, CD). Large numbers of Snow Geese passed through the Region: 15,000–25,000 at Julesburg and 15,000 at Sterling Mar. 11, 10,000 at Lamar, CO Mar. 18, 1200 at Torrington, WY Mar. 4, and 600 at Minersville, UT Mar. 7–31. With the Snows at Sterling were 500 Ross' Geese (B&JP). A **Brant** stopped at Searchlight, NV Mar. 2, the first since 1944 (†JMe, †MC); another stopped at Windsor, CO Mar. 5 (†JBrb, DL). At Las Vegas, s. Nevada's 4th Eur. Wigeon fed with seven Am. Wigeons and a Gadwall May 7 (†JMe, †MC). Sheridan, WY recorded 117 Ring-necked Ducks on its Spring Count May 20. The three Greater Scaups at Rock Springs May 13 provided a 1st Lat. record (†RS), and one at Walsh, CO Apr. 24 provided a 4th Lat (†JT). Oldsquaws stayed into the spring at Lahontan Valley (Mar. 30, LN), Walker L., NV (Apr. 3, LN), and Pueblo, CO (Apr. 3, BP).

Raptors

Denver's Hogback hawk watch counted 3496 raptors this spring (6-year average 3248), with peak counts Apr. 13 & 16. Most frequent species: 900 Am. Kestrels, 750 Turkey Vultures, and 635 Red-tailed Hawks (FH). Near Walsh, CO a 40-tree grove of exotic (for the Colorado plains) trees—pines, spruces, Russian olives, fruit trees, *etc.*—has piles of junk and debris to make a raptor's food haven. On Apr. 18 it harbored four Long-eared Owls, two Sharp-shinned and three Cooper's hawks, two Black-billed Magpies, and two Loggerhead Shrikes (JT, DE).

For the 3rd year, a White-tailed Kite perched in the same tree on the same date (Apr. 22) at Las Vegas (J&MC). A pair of Com. Black-Hawks hung around Beaver Dam Wash, UT Apr. 25+ (†VAS, ph., SS). A skittish Red-shouldered Hawk faced harassment by smaller birds May 23–31 (†DE, DL, W&PL). Colorado recorded 16 Broad-winged Hawks, including eight at Fort Collins in early May. A mid-day migration of Am. Kestrels impressed observers on a D.A.S. field trip to Chatfield S.P., Apr. 29. For over an hour, one-per-minute flew by at ground level; others perched on every available power pole, the day estimate conservatively at 90 (H&UCK, PD).

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Rails to Gulls

Since the discovery of Black Rails in Colorado's Arkansas Valley in 1991, observers have found more and more. This year birders in *Bent* reported 11 (†DE, DL) to 16 (#BP) May 12–19. Another called, once, at Two Buttes May 19 (1st Lat; †DE, DL). A Whooping Crane accompanied 4000 Sandhills at Thurston Res. near Lamar Mar. 12–18 (†MJ, †DE, †JT, m.ob.)—apparently *not* from the Grays L. experimental flock.

The Lahontan Valley shorebird count Apr. 24–30 tallied 15,702 birds, more than usual; 9216 Long-billed Dowitchers, 3675 peeps, and 2267 Am. Avocets topped the species counts (LN). In the e. part of the Region, the shorebird migration seemed diminished by cold weather and high water, which submerged suitable habitat. Fish Springs recorded 836 Black-necked Stilts May 9, but only 554 May 24. Willet counts topped at 140 at Rawhide Apr. 30; they also stopped at Torrey, UT (2nd Lat; AS).

The Region counted 50 Whimbrels, including 17 on the Sheridan, WY Spring Count May 20, 16 at Rocky Ford, CO May 15 (DBr), and one at Lahontan Valley May 10 (DT). The 120 Long-billed Curlews in Lahontan Valley Apr. 11 exceeded previous highs (GC). Eight sat down to rest in the

snow at Cody, WY Apr. 29 (UK), and strays wandered to Cortez, CO May 1 (LB) and Evergreen, CO Apr. 17 (WWB). Grand Jct., CO had over 200 Marbled Godwits Apr. 28–May 8, and Quichapa L., U, attracted 107 Apr. 23. Birdathoners found a Red Knot at Longmont May 20 (DWK, PK). On May 18 Rocky Ford had 60 Sanderlings, Lamar had 20, and Union Res. near Longmont had 60, a substantial count for inland Colorado. A rare spring Pectoral Sandpiper stopped at Casper Apr. 29 (J&GL). An early flock of 60 Dunlins arrived at Carson L., NV Mar. 25 (GC). At least 6 observers saw a **Curlew Sandpiper** May 7 at Fallon; feeding with Dunlins, it sported all the appropriate field marks for a remarkable stray, Nevada's first (JW, †DT *et al*; #ph.). Surprising numbers of Red-necked Phalaropes visited the Region: 5000 at Casper May 26–28 (J&VH), 300 at Fort Collins May 188, 100 at Alamosa, 62 at Denver May 13, and 100 at Lamar, CO May 18. A Laughing Gull, compared with Franklin's and Bonaparte's, stopped at Ordway, CO May 1 (†MJ, BP). The L.L.B.L. reported a high count of 1612 Franklin's Gulls, after only 127 last year. California Gulls had 2760 nests at Lahontan Valley and 3000 at Anaho N.W.R., NV (GC, WH). A **Glau-**

cous-winged Gull, Colorado's 6th, visited Mosca, CO Mar. 3 (‡JJR), and a Glaucous stayed at Casper Mar. 5–14 (J&GL). Anaho reported a high count of 95 Caspian Tern nests (GC, WH). A Least Tern strayed to Delta, CO Apr. 30 (†KP, RL).

Doves to Woodpeckers

Ash Meadows N.W.R., NV recorded its first White-winged Dove May 24 (DS). Las Vegas reported six Inca Doves in May (DT). The total of 36 Long-eared Owls reported seemed like more than usual. At Two Buttes May 19, 3 observers spent a half hour watching a Lesser Nighthawk; they studied its field marks and compared it with Com. Nighthawks feeding nearby (‡DE, DL, JMa). Hummingbird numbers dropped in s. Utah (JG, AS); the cold weather delayed blooming and few insects hatched on time. At Springdale, Gifford had 100 Black-chinneds by Apr. 17 and a nest with young by May 31. Black-chinneds arrived late at Logan and Ogden, UT and Eagle, CO. Two Anna's appeared at Walker L., NV May 18 (DT, E&CM). At Walsh, CO, from Mar. 21–24 a 1st Lar Yellow-bellied Sapsucker pecked holes in the upper portions of the exotic tree grove mentioned under Raptors; 2 different days it chased off a Red-naped Sapsucker (also 1st Lar). The selected trees had sapsucker holes in the lower sections; probably undetected sapsuckers had visited the grove before (†JT, PB). A Black-backed Woodpecker visited the San Miguels' backyard in Devils Tower, WY May 14.



Black Phoebe at Fort Collins, Colorado, May 6, 1995. Photograph/Dave Leatherman.

Flycatchers to Wrens

High counts of Olive-sided Flycatchers came from Fontanelle, WY May 28–30 (JLa) and Denver May 25 (EV). A detailed report substantiated an Alder Flycatcher mist-netted, banded, measured, and photographed at Barr L., CO May 28 (†TL). Colorado has 15 other records. Five Willow Flycatchers banded at Durango, CO May 18–19 were not the *Endangered* s.w. form;

fairly green, they sang "perfect e. Willow songs" (TL). Substantial counts of Least Flycatchers came from Wyoming (18 on the May 20 spring count at Sheridan; 13 May 15+ at Casper) and the Arkansas Valley (12 from May 5–28). Measurements identified a Gray Flycatcher mist-netted at Longmont, CO May 25 (JHa, TE, VD; 1st Lar). Black Phoebes appeared in increased numbers: one–three Apr. 22–May 15 in Lahontan Valley (GC), seven in s.w. Utah (JG, AS, SS), one at Fort Collins May 6 (†DE, ph. DL), and two undocumented in n.e. Colorado. A pair returned to last year's nest site at Uravan, CO May 28 (CD). For the 3rd consecutive year, a Vermillion Flycatcher visited s.w. Wyoming, one May 31 in Green R. (†PS). Fort Collins reported two Ash-throated Flycatchers May 5 & 14 (SM, ph. DL; DE, DL).

Among the lingering and conspicuous May migrants, swallows were a predominant group. The Denver spring count tallied 2015 May 10–13; L.L.B.L. reported 4478 from Apr. 10+ compared with 1842 last year. (Trees, as usual, arrived first, but Cliffs also arrived Apr. 10.) Two 1st Lar Violet-green Swallows flew around the sewage ponds at Walsh May 25 (†JT). While a Blue Jay wintered at Jackson, strays showed up Apr. 23 in the San Luis Valley and Eagle, CO May 20. Three Scrub Jays wandered E into the Arkansas Valley at Cheraw Mar. 18 (DE). Rocky Mountain N.P. mist-netters banded a Bewick's Wren May 20 (RC).



Adult male Yellow-bellied Sapsucker at Walsh, Colorado, March 21, 1995. Photograph/Janeal Thompson.

Bluebirds to Shrikes

At Colorado Springs a ♂ E. Bluebird paired with a ♀ W. Bluebird, but disappeared after a week of April snows (†AV). The L.L.B.L. counted an impressive 1175 Mt. Bluebirds, up from a mere 239 last year. Townsend's Solitaires visited *Baca* Mar. 1 and May 20 (JT). Twenty-nine migrant Veeries graced Rock Springs, Arkansas Valley, Fort Collins, and n.e. Colorado May 12+. Janos described two different Gray-cheeked Thrushes in the Arkansas Valley, at Lamar May 9 and Fort Lyon May 18. As usual, Swainson's Thrushes thronged the e. plains: 156 at Casper May 10+ including 40 May 27; 62 at Bonny Res., CO May 20–21 (D.F.O.), and 25 at Pawnee National Grassland May 23–24 (T.B.). A Wood Thrush stayed in an abandoned tree lot of an abandoned farm near Fort Lyon May 8–14 (BP, †MJ). Four inches of snow forced migrating robins onto roads (clear of snow) at Chatfield S.P., Apr. 26: 937 thronged 2–3 mi of roads, with them flocks of bluebirds—38 Westerns, 65 Mountains (or more; HE&UCK). A Varied Thrush wintered at Loveland, CO to May 4 (GB, †AM). Another visited Corn Cr. near Las Vegas Apr. 1 (J&MC). The Sage Thrasher at Torrey, UT arrived Mar. 20, early by a month (AS). A flock of 20 Am. Pipits near Colorado Springs and two at Rocky Ford, CO May 13 seemd late, but snow completely covered their alpine nesting areas into mid-June.

Bohemian Waxwings stayed in the central Rockies this spring, with flocks of 50–300 at Evergreen, Estes Park, Boulder, Casper, Colorado Springs, and Sheridan, and smaller flocks at 4 other foothills sites (all in March, except 100 at Estes Park Apr. 8). Thompson saw 63 Loggerhead Shrikes Mar. 8+ in *Baca*, including 22 migrants May 1.

Vireos to Warblers

Two White-eyed Vireos, described well, visited Pueblo May 6 (†MJ) and Bonny S.P., May 17 (DL, †DE). Observers found four Bell's Vireos in s. Nevada Mar. 25 (early) to May 20 (SS, DT). Three at Beaver Dam Wash, UT Mar. 29–May 28 represented breeding birds (SH, SS). Among Solitary Vireos, one May 13 at Fort Collins was a non-*plumbeous* form (DL). A clearly described though poorly seen Yellow-throated Vireo stopped in Pueblo May 20 (†MJ). Fort Collins also reported a Philadelphia Vireo May 26 (†TCA).

Large numbers of warblers lingered in e. Colorado throughout May. On its Spring Count May 10–13, Denver recorded 749 warblers of 14 species, including 501 Yellow-rumped. On Apr. 29 D.A.S. saw 315 Yellow-rumped, with flocks throughout Chatfield S.P.; the first seen that day materialized at 10 a.m., a flock of 20 feeding in a

cattail marsh. On May 2 Fort Collins reported 300 Yellow-rumped; D.F.O. saw 137 May 6, and L.L.B.L. counted 707 compared with 317 in 1994. This year no one reported large numbers of Orange-crowns (23 on the Denver Spring Count) or Wilson's (14 on the Spring Count), which often share the abundance spotlight with the most common Yellow-rumped. Denver Field Ornithologists found 112 Yellows, abundant as breeders, on the Spring Count and 148 at Bonny May 20–21. The most reported uncommon species was N. Waterthrush: a record 101 from Fort Collins to Arkansas Valley, plus two at Durango May 18–19 (TL). Totals of other uncommon species: 23 Tennessees, nine Nashvilles, 11 Chestnut-sideds, ten Black-throated Blues, four Black-throated Grays on the plains, four Townsend's, 40 Blackpolls, 31 Black-and-whites, 37 Am. Redstarts—including one at Alamosa May 19 (†JJR), and 12 Ovenbirds.

Colorado birders found 32 species of warblers: 28 from Pueblo to Lamar, 26 in n. Colorado, 23 in e. Colorado, and 20 in Denver. This impressive collection included the following: Blue-wingeds at Lamar May 12 (#BP, VT) and Bonny May 17 (†DE, DL), both rarities; Golden-wingeds at Lamar May 6 (#BP, VT), Ordway May 28 (†MJ), and Fort Collins May 22–30 (a bird seen feeding then fell asleep on a branch 2 ft from the ground and 5 ft from the observer! DL, †WL, DE); 18 N. Parulas, including two ten days apart at Last Chance May 21 & 30 (†D.A.S., HEK; 1st, 2nd Lat) and one May 19 at Mosca (†JJR, LD; 1st Lat); an extraordinary 14 Magnolias, including a male May 13 at Walsh (†JT) and another May 19 at Two Buttes (JMa, DL, DE); Cape Mays May 14–17 at Lyons (#RD) and Evergreen May 30 (#DK); Black-throated Greens at Bonny May 11 and Greeley May 16; six Palms from Two Buttes to Fort Collins; three Bay-breasteds, May 21 at Bonny (VZ), and May 28 at Ordway (†MJ) and Longmont (†AM); Prothonotary at Fountain (#BP, ME); Worm-eating at Fort Lyon May 3 (#BP) and Barr L., May 12 (#KS, DBr); Kentucky at Lamar May 5 (BP, †MJ); Mourning observed briefly May 28 at Ordway (‡MJ); and seven Hoodeds from May 7–31.

The rest of the Region did not share this plethora, with few reports of rarities and none of high numbers. Las Vegas had only two Orange-crowns, Utah reported four, and Wyoming had 21. A Blue-winged Warbler moved actively in cottonwoods at Fontanelle, WY May 28 (†JL). Las Vegas had a Tennessee May 26, and Wyoming reported three Tennessees May 14–28 from Torrington (J&GL), Buffalo (RR), and Casper (J&VH). Two singing Virginia's arrived at

Torrey, UT Apr. 5, early by a month (AS). Lucy's Warbler arrived early Mar. 24–25 at Beaver Dam Mts. and Overton, NV and 10 at Cedar City Apr. 30 (SS); by May 31 Lucy's had produced several families at Las Vegas (J&MC). Fish Springs counted 110 Yellows May 9. Cheyenne had a Magnolia May 13 (WAH). A Black-throated Gray strayed N to Casper May 31 (J&VH). A Bay-breasted Warbler fed along the manager's fence at Pahrangat N.W.R., May 13–14 (†CS, #ph); another presented itself to birders at Lida, NV May 29 (†JW *et al.*, #ph). A Black-and-white stopped at the Tonopah, NV rest stop May 19–21 (DT) and Las Vegas had "good numbers" (MC). Casper reported three Am. Redstarts May 27+. Casper had an Ovenbird May 13. At Capitol Reef N.P., UT one N. Waterthrush Apr. 12 and two Apr. 18 provided the 2nd and 3rd Lat records, within 100 ft. of the 1994 sighting (AS).

Tanagers to Grosbeaks

Five Summer Tanagers graced Cedar City May 28 (SS). Coloradans saw only three all season: Canon City May 6 (JMg), Lamar May 8–9 (BP, MJ *et al.*), and Loveland May 18–24 (†AM, PS *et al.*). Western Tanagers, like warblers, lingered on the plains in striking numbers. The D.F.O. spring count recorded 28—they usually arrive later in May—but backyarders in Denver and Fort Collins saw many during late May. The L.L.B.L. recorded 156 (17 last year). Other counts included 21 in Denver May 27, 12 at Fountain, CO, May 29, and 30 at Fish Springs May 24. Even Fort Morgan, 100 mi w. of the mountains, had four May 20 (JCR).

A N. Cardinal, seen Apr. 30 (M&SP), apparently wintered at Golden in the yard of someone who didn't realize its rarity in Colorado. The song of a male led to the discovery of a pair of cardinals at Walsh May 3; apparently they did not stay (†JT). Like tanagers and warblers, high numbers of Black-headed Grosbeaks lingered; bander Killpack's Ogden, UT yard had four–five per day May 11+, including one recapture banded in 1991 (MK). The L.L.B.L. recorded 40 (*cf.* 14) Killpack also banded 118 Lazuli Buntings at Ogden. His feeders attracted 30–40 at a time during the May storms. He notes that the males aged 3+ years arrive first, and females come 10 days after the males. He recaptured two ASY males banded in 1988, which made them at least ten years old.

SA A ♀ Painted Bunting, "the color of new green cottonwood leaves," stopped in a Lyons, CO yard, where these buntings appeared in 1969 and 1986 (†MG). This yard has recorded 20% of Colorado's 14 records.

A Clay-colored Sparrow stopped at St. George, UT Apr. 22 (†VAS), and a Field Sparrow visited a Denver yard May 24 (TJ). Black-throated Sparrows had fully feathered young by May 11 at Las Vegas (J&MC) and by May 28 at Beaver Dam Wash, UT (SS). Sage Sparrows arrived in early March at Grand Junction and Eagle, CO and Rock Springs, WY. One strayed to Evergreen, CO in May (E.V.A.S.). Thousands of Lark Buntings moved across the Colorado plains in mid-May (BD, JT); D.A.S. counted 454 along 125 mi of highway May 20. Casper reported 1300 May 28 (J&VH). Corn Cr. (Las Vegas) reported one Apr. 29 (LN). The **Golden-crowned Sparrow** at Casper Apr. 24—May 1 gave Wyoming its first record (†F&LL, J&GL *et al.*). A “Gray-headed” Dark-eyed Junco in Fort Collins May 15 “best exemplified the plight of birds having trouble with mountain snows and rain. This bird would be unusual at this location even in mid-winter” (DL).

Bobolinks peaked at 22 at Buffalo, WY May 17; D.F.O. recorded eight on its spring count, at the usual site near Franktown. Four at Loa, UT May 12 provided a 1st Lat (AS), and a rare one rested at the Tonopah Rest Stop May 19 (DT). Only one pair returned to Morgan—early cutting of their hay meadow destroyed most nests (VAS). Cheyenne, Gunnison, and Monte Vista reported single birds May 10–13. The Nevada Records Committee approved the report of a ♂ **Common Grackle** Apr. 29 (†CT, †MC); observers in the rest of the Region would relish such a rarity in their states. Last year Scott’s Orioles reportedly nested in *e. Las Animas*, CO; Dillon found one feeding in Walking Stick Cactus *s. of La Junta* May 9—possibly a migrant, but in suitable breeding habitat. Logically, heavy snows kept rosy-finches in the valleys. Merchant, the only compiler from ski country—which means mountain feeders—reported that at Bellyache Ridge near Wolcott, CO, all 3 species of rosy-finches patronized a feeder through mid-May (PH). Devils Tower—far from mountain breeding sites—reported its last rosy-finch Apr. 13 (G&MS). Red Crossbills seemed well distributed in Wyoming; Devils Tower reported 20 observations of 12–15 throughout the spring (G&MS) and Casper, Sheridan, and Buffalo also had some. A female fed a fledgling at Estes Park Apr. 13 (SW), and at Durango, CO, a flock of 20 May 18–19 included juveniles (TL). The mountains around Las Vegas had “lots” of Evening Grosbeaks through May 11 (J&MC), 100 fed on elm seeds at Shurz, NV Apr. 12, and eight stragglers sighted in Reno probably sought protection from the cold, wet “spring” in the high country (GC).

Undocumented Rarities

The list of undocumented rarities shortened this season, as observers provided 75 rare bird reports. This report still omits a few undocumented records: from Nevada, Magnolia and Hooded Warblers; from Colorado Com. Black-headed, Mew, and Great Black-backed gulls.

Corrigendum

I mixed up initials in the Fall Report: change the observations cited to TE to TM (Terry McEneaney).

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Southwest Region: Arizona

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In Arizona, a Breeding Bird Atlas program, coordinated through Arizona Game and Fish, was in full swing this spring. Field work for this project, along with various other bird-related survey work, yielded many exciting finds from seldom visited areas. This spring was particularly notable for its influx of “Mexican” species, some of which nested! Many of the notable species found during the winter season lingered well into the spring. Throughout this report, a repeated theme of “north of its known range” is cause for much speculation as to the reasons behind such an obvious trend. Hopefully future seasons will aid in determining whether certain species’ breeding ranges are advancing northward, or increased numbers are merely a result of better coverage in poorly known areas in the state.

With this issue of *Audubon Field Notes*, we regretfully announce the retirement (hopefully temporary) of David Stejskal as one of the editors for the Arizona report. David began cowriting the report in 1984, and has been instrumental in furthering our knowledge of bird distribution in Arizona. We thank him greatly for all of his past efforts regarding *American Birds* and *Audubon Field Notes*, and wish him well.

Abbreviations: A.B.C. (*Arizona Bird Committee*); L.C.R.V. (*Lower Colorado R. Valley*); G.F.P. (*Gila Farms Pond*); M.F.L. (*Many Farms Lake*); N.I.R. (*Navajo Indian Reservation*); P.A.P. (*Pinal Air Park*); P.R.D. (*Painted Rock Dam*); S.P.R. (*San Pedro R.*); S.T.P. (*Sewage Treatment Plant*); S.W.R.S. (*Southwestern Research Station*); and V.O.C. (*Village of Oak Cr.*).

Loons to Mergansers

A basic-plumaged Pacific Loon at Willcox Apr. 29 (†TC *et al.*) provided only the 3rd spring record for *s.e.* Arizona; all have come from Willcox. Single Com. Loons were seen at Patagonia L., Mar. 13 (TH, GM), at Willow L. near Prescott Apr. 22 (BT), and at Willcox May 25–29 (J. Price, DK, K Milne), which was late for *s.* Arizona; most of the spring records have occurred in the northern portion of the state in April and early May A