

# Southwest Region

## Arizona

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Climatologically, this spring in Arizona could be summed up in two words: hot and dry. The effect on breeding birds was reflected in smaller average clutch sizes for a number of species, the early arrival of some montane species at lower "post-breeding" elevations, and an overall reduction in bird song. Several migrant species appeared in above-average numbers throughout the state, including Bonaparte's Gull, Hammond's and Dusky flycatchers, Swainson's Thrush, Townsend's and Wilson's warblers, and Green-tailed Towhee. Mormon Lake, south of Flagstaff, was the site of incredible concentrations of various waterbirds, perhaps brought about by a large hatching of arthropods at the lake. There was also an exceptional showing of "casual to accidental" visitors at various ponds in southern Arizona. A most positive trend is the great increase in careful, detailed descriptions of rarities being submitted with seasonal reports. It makes our job of compiling and evaluating records much easier. Many thanks for the effort.

Abbreviations: A.B.C. (*Arizona Bird Committee*); B.A.N.W.R. (*Buenos Aires*

*N.W.R.*); L.C.R.V. (*Lower Colorado R. Valley*); G.F.P. (*Gila Farms Pond*); M.F.L. (*Many Farms L.*); 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.S.V. (*Sulphur Springs Valley*).

### Grebes to Scoters

An ad. Red-necked Grebe was well-described from L. Pleasant Mar. 21 (†TL, D. Linda); this represented only the 6th report of this species from Arizona. Seemingly lost in Paradise (or at least near there) was a flock of ten Am. White Pelican flying around in Cave Cr. Canyon Apr. 5 (DJ). A flock of 35 were present at Mormon L., s. of Flagstaff, Apr. 23 (CL, JC *et al.*), and 36 were there on the late date of May 31 (PW). A Brown Pelican was in w. Tucson on the strange date of Mar. 2–10 (JBo, MS), while  $\leq$ eight were still being reported from below P.R.D., Mar. 3 (PM). At least four Neotropic Cormorants were reported away from Patagonia L., with one in w. Tucson Mar. 9 (ph. MS), one at Granite Reef Dam Mar. 27–Apr. 7 (SGa), one at Picacho Res., May 16 (RJ), and another at the B.A.N.W.R., May 24–26 (B. Pann, S. Wohlgemuth; †AF); this species has been more widely reported in recent years in Arizona. An ad. Little Blue Heron, a casual visitor to Arizona, was discovered at the Phoenix Zoo May 29 (RJ). A Cattle Egret was at the Kachina Wetlands, s. of Flagstaff, Apr. 23–May 18 (PW); this species has proven to be a rare transient through n. Arizona.

A flock of seven Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks at Sells Apr. 20 (GM) was s.w. of this species typical range in the state. The Greater White-fronted Goose that wintered in w. Tucson remained

through the entire period (MS). Another was discovered at B.A.N.W.R. on the late date of May 29 (Y. Block). A Wood Duck at Willcox May 18–20 (AM, EV) was at an odd locality for this species. The ♂ Tufted Duck, which had returned to Mesa for its 4th winter, was present through at least Mar. 9 (CC). A Greater Scaup, considered a casual visitor to s. Arizona, was reported from Tempe Mar. 13–14 (P. Beall), while extremely late single females were reported from Willcox May 2 (JWh, R. Taylor) and from the Gila Bend S.T.P., May 18 (CBa); this species is likely more regular in s.e. Arizona than the paucity of records suggests. The Oldsquaw first reported from Willcox in January, remained at Ash Pond throughout the period (JWh). Another Oldsquaw was along the Colorado R. near Lee's Ferry Mar. 14 (J. Spence). The Black Scoter present below Parker Dam during the winter was still there Apr. 14 (G. Cardiff). The White-winged Scoter on the Bill Williams arm of L. Havasu during the winter remained until at least Mar. 16 (B. Daniels). Another White-winged Scoter was discovered in Tempe Mar. 13–31 (†RJ), and what was probably the same bird was at G.F.P., Apr. 1 (SGa).

### Vultures to Skimmer

A flock of seven Black Vultures was in s.w. Phoenix May 29 (S. Mills); although this species has wintered this far north in the state, this was a very late date for this location. An Osprey nest was located on a power pole near Granite Reef Dam during May (TC), where this species has not been known to nest since 1951. Two different nests of White-tailed Kites were located; one was in a cholla at Aguila, *Maricopa*, Mar. 30 (TC), with a young fledged May 4, and another nest at the P.A.P. pecan grove Apr. 7 (MS). Also, an additional five individuals were sighted on the B.A.N.W.R., Mar. 22–May 31 (AF *et al.*), but no nests were located. A Gray Hawk along the Hassayampa R. near Wickenburg May 12 (CBa) provided, surprisingly, only a 2nd local record, and only the 5th record overall for *Maricopa*. A calling ad. Red-shouldered Hawk, still a very casual visitor to Arizona, was at Beaver Dam Wash May 24 (†SS), and represented possibly only the 4th report from n. Arizona.

Black-bellied Plovers staged an impressive showing in n. Arizona at Mormon L., beginning with *ten* Apr. 22 (CL). Numbers fluctuated over the following weeks, with a high count of 17 Apr. 17; at least one remained there until May 31 (PW). An Am. Golden-Plover was discovered at M.F.L., May 20 (RJ, SGa); this species is



casual at best as a spring transient anywhere in the state. Two different Snowy Plovers were reported from the Willcox Playa, where this sensitive species has been known to nest irregularly in the past; one was at Ash Pond Apr. 20 and again May 2 (AM), and another was at Willcox May 10–20 (CDB *et al.*). Another Snowy Plover was at Mormon L., Apr. 28 (CL). After a couple of years of suspected breeding in the state, Mt. Plover was finally confirmed as a nesting species, with two mated pairs as well as another female on a nest with 3 eggs, found n.w. of Springerville May 15–16 (T. McCarthey, P. Friederici). A pair of Am. Avocets was found nesting at Bonita Tank along Bonita Cr., n. of Safford on the San Carlos Indian Reservation, May 21 (T. McCarthey, P. Friederici); this represents a new breeding locality for this species in s. Arizona. Another pair was found nesting again at Gilbert during May (RJ). Unusually high concentrations of Willets were reported from Willow Tank, with 63 seen there Apr. 25 (DJ) and another 43 May 7 (CDB, JC). A Whimbrel was observed at M.F.L., Apr. 26 (CL, JG); there are still relatively few records for n. Arizona. A well-documented ad. ♂ **Hudsonian Godwit** was at Willcox May 12–18 (ph. †W. Cady; ph., v.t., †m.ob.), providing only a 4th record for Arizona (all from Willcox). Another godwit identified as a Hudsonian was well-described from Gila Bend S.T.P., May 18 (†CBA *et al.*); the bird appeared to be mainly in basic plumage, with some amount of buff-coloration on the underparts, perhaps suggesting a first-summer bird. This 5th report from Arizona was the first away from Willcox. A Marbled Godwit, casual in spring, was at Willcox May 12–14 (ph. W. Cady, v.t. CDB *et al.*). This sighting pales in comparison with the unprecedented incursion at Mormon L., Apr. 20–May 7, where an amazing 380 were seen Apr. 28 (CL). Also casual as a spring transient in Arizona, two Sanderlings were at Picacho Res., May 14 (SGa, N. Boyajian). Another single was found at Mormon L., Apr. 22 (CL), and two were there Apr. 23–28 (CL *et al.*). Much rarer during the spring than in the fall, a single Semipalmated Sandpiper was reported from Willcox Apr. 21 (ph. DS), and three were reported from Snyder Hill S.T.P., w. of Tucson, Apr. 27 (G. West). In n. Arizona, single Semipalmated Sandpipers were reported from Kayenta Apr. 26 (CL) and Mormon L., May 11 (CL). A single-day **White-rumped Sandpiper** was well described from Willcox June 6 (†A. Craig, N. Moore-Craig), providing the 5th Arizona record, all of which are from late

May and June. A Pectoral Sandpiper was at Sierra Vista S.T.P., May 7 (CDB, JC). Two Stilt Sandpipers, another casual spring transient, were at Willcox May 14–15 (m.ob.).

A concentration of 96 Franklin's Gulls at Mormon L., Apr. 30 (CL) was one of the highest ever recorded in Arizona. Bonaparte's Gulls also appeared in astounding numbers at Mormon L., Apr. 4–May 3, with a high count of 111 May 3 (CL). Small numbers of Bonaparte's Gulls were reported around s. Arizona beginning Apr. 9, with lingering birds still present at the end of the period; the largest concentration was of eight individuals at Willcox May 14 (DS, CDB). California Gulls are only sporadically reported from ponds in s.e. Arizona during the spring and summer, therefore a first-summer bird seen at Willcox May 14 (CDB, DS), and an adult there May 19, were of interest. Two Com. Terns were reported from Mormon L., Apr. 30 (CL); while there are a scattering of recent spring records of this species in Arizona, it is still considered casual at this season and sightings should be accompanied with written details. In recent years, the status of Least Tern has certainly changed, becoming almost expected during spring; this year single individuals were found at Willcox sporadically May 2–16 (JWh, R. Taylor; v.t. CDB), at Picacho Res., May 14 (SGa), at the P.A.P. pecan grove May 16 (RJ), and a first-summer bird at the Nogales S.T.P., May 22 (EV). While searching for the Hudsonian Godwit at Willcox, observers discovered Arizona's 5th **Black Skimmer** May 15 (J. Holloway, GHR *et al.*; v.t. CDB); having arrived mid-day the 15th, the skimmer had left by the following morning.

#### Doves to Thrashers

Providing 2 of the few records for n. Arizona, a White-winged Dove was present in Page May 15 (C. Pinnick, J. Spence), and another was at Pipe Springs N.M., May 26 (SS). Another indication that Inca Dove is expanding its range in the Southwest was two found at Beaver Dam Resort May 24 (SS). An Inca Dove found in Page during the winter remained through the period (C. Pinnock, J. Spence). Of the five Ruddy Ground-Doves present during the winter at El Mirage pond in s.w. Phoenix, two remained until Mar. 15 (SGa). Another was described from Lukeville Apr. 18 (†JoB).

A "single tooting" N. Pygmy-Owl found in Redfield Canyon at 3700 ft in the Galiuro Mts., Mar. 11–13 (P. Friederici) was away from known occurrences of that form. Two White-eared Humming-

birds were at S.W.R.S. in Cave Cr. Canyon during May, while individuals were seen away from feeders at Comfort Springs and in upper Ramsey Canyon, Huachuca Mts. An Anna's Hummingbird reported again from Beaver Dam Wash Apr. 14 (SS) was well n. of this species normal range in Arizona. The ♀ Eared Trogon that delighted many in Haunted Canyon n.e. of Phoenix this past winter was last reported Mar. 14. A pair of Belted Kingfishers were observed entering a cavity in a dirt bank along Wet Beaver Cr., n.e. of Montezuma L., Apr. 10 (CL, JG), adding to a growing list of suspected breeding locations of this species.

A Gila Woodpecker along Granite Cr., near Prescott, until Apr. 5 (CT) was of local interest. Very late was a report of a Red-breasted Sapsucker found in Brown Canyon Mar. 30 (W. Anderson); it continues to be important to supply written details for this species because of potential confusion with hybrids. Somewhat intriguing was a report of what may have been a Three-toed Woodpecker seen at close range at Manning Camp in the Rincon Mts., May 8 (†V. Moore); there are no documented extralimital records of this species in Arizona away from known breeding localities. The wintering Greater Pewee at Evergreen Cemetery in Tucson was seen again Mar. 26. Buff-breasted Flycatchers were reported away from normal breeding areas in s.e. Arizona again, with two individuals in Cave Cr. Canyon at S.W.R.S. through most of the period, (m.ob.), and singles along Arivaca Cr., Mar. 29 (†AF), and in French Joe Canyon Apr. 15 (RJ, MS). A pair of Black Phoebes at Tuba City May 16 (CL) were away from known breeding areas. Another Dusky-capped Flycatcher was found in the s.e. portion of the San Carlos Indian Reservation this spring (T. McCarthey, P. Friederici), further suggesting that this species is regular in the Natanes Mts. A well-documented Tropical Kingbird at Keams Canyon, *Navajo*, May 20 (ph. †RJ, SGa) was a first ever for n. Arizona.

Barn Swallows were found nesting under a bridge near Aguila, *Maricopa*, with one nest found May 4, and as many as 12 nests there June 1 (TC); this locality is well n. and w. of this species normal breeding range in s. Arizona. A Steller's Jay in French Joe Canyon, Whetstone Mts., Apr. 15 (MS) was away from known nesting areas in s.e. Arizona, and was interesting as this past winter was not known as a flight year for this species.

A singing Winter Wren was found in a tributary of West Fork of Oak Cr. Canyon Apr. 24 (CL, tape JC) and remained

through the period; this species has been found here during the "breeding season" but, as of yet, breeding has not been confirmed. A Hermit Thrush in n.e. Phoenix May 26 (L. Hatcher) was about a week later than this species' normal passage in the lowlands. Essentially unheard of during the spring or summer, a ♀ Rufous-backed Robin (with a highly vascularized brood patch) was banded along the upper S.P.R., June 5 (ph. DK *et al.*), while another individual was reported from Tucson, also during the first week of June (B. Pollard; *fide* JBo). The Varied Thrush that wintered at the Hassayampa Preserve, near Wickenburg, was last seen Mar. 9. A Brown Thrasher was reported sporadically throughout the period at Portal (*fide* DJ), and another was n.e. of Flagstaff May 21 (†T. Persons); this species is a casual transient throughout the state. A pair of Phainopeplas at Lee's Ferry May 19 (C. Goetze, J. Spence) was well n. of this species typical range in Arizona.

### Vireos to Warblers

A Bell's Vireo along Granite Cr. near Prescott May 19 (CT) provided one of few Prescott area records. Gray Vireos are seldom reported during migration away from the breeding grounds, therefore one along the Paradise Rd., Chiricahua Mts., Apr. 14 (JBo) was noteworthy.

Seven N. Parulas, more than usual, were reported around the state: One was along Arivaca Cr., Apr. 2 (AF), one was at Spring Cr. near Cornville Apr. 11 (JC, F. Brandt *et al.*), one was in Portal Apr. 24 (DJ), one was in Whitetail Canyon Apr. 29 (R. Taylor), one was in Madera Canyon May 10 (LV), one was along Hospital Ridge e. of Payson May 24 (P. Sweet, *fide* TC), and another was in Ramsey Canyon May 27–28 (S. Healy, B. Fuchs, C. Heald). One of the more interesting warblers reports was of a Yellow-throated Warbler along the upper S.P.R., Apr. 6 (†J. Nove). Rarely seen away from the breeding grounds in Arizona during migration, five Grace's Warblers were seen in Brown Canyon Mar. 29 (*fide* AF). A Palm Warbler, casual in s.e. Arizona as a spring transient, was in Garden Canyon Apr. 25 (F. Davis, GHR *et al.*); more interesting, though, was that this individual was most likely of the "eastern," bright-yellow subspecies *hypochrysea*, which is seldom reported in the West. We received a second-hand report of a ♂ Cerulean Warbler from Muleshoe Ranch Apr. 28 (M. Apel); there are only 2 previous sightings from Arizona.

Single Black-and-white Warblers were along Sonoita Cr., Apr. 18 (J. Withgott), along the upper S.P.R., May 7 (DJ), and

below Portal May 10 (DJ). The only Am. Redstart report was from s.w. Phoenix Apr. 9 (A. Spencer, M. Scott). Casual in the spring, but nearly annual in recent years, a Worm-eating Warbler was at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum May 28 (S. Edwards *et al.*). The Ovenbird that wintered in a Tucson yard remained there until Apr. 29 (v.t. CDB); this bird was presumably a female as it never sang before leaving. Other singing Ovenbirds were seen e. of Knoll L., May 24 (B. Holiman), along Dane Ridge, Mogollon Ridge, during the first week of June (C. Conway; *fide* TC), in Rucker Canyon in late May (*fide* TC), and at Proctor Rd. below Madera Canyon June 6 (R. Austin *et al.*). Northern Waterthrushes were more numerous than usual throughout the Region this spring. The Louisiana Waterthrush that wintered at the B.T.A. remained until at least Mar. 20. A ♂ Kentucky Warbler was in French Joe Canyon Apr. 28 (†C. Green). Hooded Warblers, also almost annual during the spring in Arizona, were in Brown Canyon Apr. 15 (ph. R. & J. Hanson), and in Ramsey Canyon May 14 (S. Allerton). Lowland migrant records of Painted Redstart included four along Arivaca Cr., Mar. 13–Apr. 9 (AF), and one at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum Mar. 17 (MS). The bird of the season was a Slate-throated Redstart seen at Madera Canyon May 26 (R. Chornock; ph. GHR; ph. †MS); this one-day-only bird was only the 2nd documented, and 5th sighting overall, for Arizona. Returning to French Joe Canyon for a 2nd year (assuming it ever left) was one of the two ♂ Rufous-capped Warblers, located Mar. 31 (WR; ph. GHR); it was still present at the end of the period. A 2nd individual, possibly a female, was seen with the male May 26 (RJ). The 2nd male from 1995 was searched for repeatedly without success. A ♀ Olive Warbler was found at Schultz Tank, at the base of the San Francisco Peaks, Apr. 15 (JC, W.C. Hunter); this site is n. and w. of this species breeding range in the state.

### Tanagers to Orioles

Accidental in spring, a ♂ Scarlet Tanager was along the Hassayampa R. near Wickenburg May 11–13 (†B. Sutton; ph. †RJ). Three ♂ Pyrrhuloxias were located in appropriate nesting habitat near Aguila May 4 (TC), w. of this species normal range in the state. Single Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were seen at Prescott May 6–8 (J. Konecky), along Granite Cr., May 17 (CT), and in Paradise during the 3rd week in May (m.ob.).

**SA** For the 3rd consecutive year, Flame-colored Tanagers returned to the Bog Spring area of Madera Canyon (MS *et al.*; ph. RJ; v.t. CDB). The ad. male was first seen Apr. 22 (MS) and was present through the end of the period. While a female was reported May 16 (EV), and again June 1 (G. West), there was no evidence that the two birds had paired up. Since it first appeared at Bog Spring in 1994, the male's plumage has generated quite a bit of discussion, leading some to consider the bird a hybrid. The hybrid theory hinges mainly on the belief that an orange-yellow median wing bar indicates introgression with W. Tanager, as does the bird's rather orange appearance. A critical examination of specimens of the w. Mexican subspecies *bidentata* by Steven Cardiff at Louisiana State University, and our own examination at the University of Arizona, however, suggests that the Bog Spring male is a typical Flame-colored, and that yellow-orange median wing bars—and overall orangeness—are characteristic of this subspecies. Most field guides used by birders visiting Arizona portray birds of the bright reddish subspecies found from e. Mexico south, not the orange types found in Arizona and elsewhere in w. Mexico.

Unusual as a spring transient, a Clay-colored Sparrow was frequenting a feeder in Portal May 6 (J. Holloway, SSp). Well away from known breeding areas in the state, a Grasshopper Sparrow was seen in a field at Aguila Mar. 30 (TC), and may have wintered locally. A very cooperative Golden-crowned Sparrow visited a feeder in Portal through mid-May (SSp; v.t. CDB), while a very late individual was present in Brown Canyon May 24–28 (R & J. Hanson). A Harris' Sparrow along the Paradise Rd., Chiricahua Mts., Apr. 14 (JBo) was at an odd locality for this species in s.e. Arizona. Another Harris' Sparrow was at Navajo Spring, s.w. of Page, May 11 (JG).

Casual in the Region in spring, a Bobolink was reported from Rocky Pt., Sonora, Mexico, May 11 (D. Thayer); a 2nd male was at Page May 11 (JG), and another was seen at Willcox May 24 (K. Condon). A pair of Hooded Orioles at Page May 11 (JG), seen again later in May (J. Spence), provided the first local records for this species. The pair of Streak-backed Orioles that nested in recent years along the lower S.P.R. at Dudleyville were first noted

again this year May 26 (PM). Interesting was the report of yet another pair along the San Pedro R. at Cascabel May 11 (*vide* DKr) that were apparently present in 1995 as well. A ♂ Baltimore Oriole was present along Granite Cr. near Prescott May 19 (CT), providing only a 3rd local record.

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## New Mexico

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Extreme drought characterized New Mexico this spring, but its impact on birds was obscure. Meanwhile, intensive searches for rarities, plus systematic banding at selected locales, continued to clarify the status of many migrants (especially warblers!) and added yet another species to the state list.

Abbreviations: B.L.N.W.R. (*Bitter Lake N.W.R.*); Bosque N.W.R. (*Bosque del Apache NN.W.R.*); E.B.L. (*Elephant Butte L.*); L.V.N.W.R. (*Las Vegas N.W.R.*); R.G.V. (*Rio Grande Valley*).

### Grebes to Ducks

A Pied-billed Grebe with three chicks at Jal L., May 15 (TH) furnished a likely first breeding record for *Lea*. A lingering Horned Grebe at Texico Apr. 20 (JO, DE, BN) had attained breeding plumage by May 25 (DE, BN, CR). A **Red-necked Grebe** "going into breeding plumage" was at Caballo Dam May 3 (L. Schulte *et al.*), where another (or the same?) was last seen Jan. 12. Unusual for *Grant* was an Am. White Pelican at Bill Evans L., May 11 (RF). Highly unusual for the Pecos Valley were single Neotropic Cormorants at Santa Rosa Apr. 26 (JO) and B.L.N.W.R., Apr. 21–May 8 (CR, GE, JO, JEP). Several Great Egrets wandered N of usual, including singles at Morgan L., Apr. 21–May 15 (JO, ph. TR), near Las Vegas May 27 (JEP, JO), Texico May 11 (JO), and Mangas Apr. 23 and May 15 (RF), plus two–three over Albuquerque's w. mesa Apr. 19 (WH); one was incubating at Bosque N.W.R., Apr. 27 (CR). An ad. Little Blue Heron at Bosque N.W.R., May 11 & 14 (DE, BN, JNP, JO) was the only report, as was an ad. **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** there on the same dates (DE, BN, JNP, ph. JO).

White-faced Ibises inundated the state Mar. 29–May 24 (m.ob.); *maxima* included 61 at Clayton Apr. 30 (WC), 80 at Zuni May 11 (DC), 150 at Polvadera Apr. 22 (F. Stanley), and 240 at Bosque N.W.R., plus 334 near Percha Apr. 13 (JEP). Noteworthy among several peripheral Wood Ducks were two at Zuni Apr. 12 (DC) and one at Sunland Park Apr. 30 (CS). Providing a first for *San Juan* was a ♂ **Eurasian Wigeon** at Farmington Mar. 23 (ph. TR). Westerly Greater Scaup

included two at Flora Vista Mar. 9 (TR) and one at Ojo Amarillo Apr. 26 (ph. TR); high count was 12 Greater at L.V.N.W.R., Apr. 13 (CR). An imm. **Surf Scoter** on a tank near Bingham Apr. 12 (T. Mitchusson) provided a rare spring record. Two Barrow's Goldeneyes below Navajo Dam Mar. 31 (TR) were the last seen. A ♀ Com. Merganser with 10 small young near Virden May 29 (SOW) provided a first breeding record for *Hidalgo*. Late was a Red-breasted Merganser at Caballo L., May 11 (BN, DE, JNP).

### Ospreys to Plovers

One–two Ospreys were at 22 sites statewide (v.o.), while 62 passed the Sandia Mts. lookout Mar. 21–May 2 (HWI). Mississippi Kites continued to increase in the R.G.V., with six at Los Lunas May 10 (WP), two near Belen May 30 (WH), and one at Sunland Park Apr. 30 (CS); out-of-range was one at Estancia May 26 (BN, DE). The five N. Goshawks counted at the Sandia lookout Mar. 19–May 4 represented a 67% decline from the 10-year average (HWI). An ad. Com. Black-Hawk, rare in the R.G.V., was at Percha Mar. 13 (BN, DE), while far east were single possible Black-Hawks at B.L.N.W.R., Mar. 12 (M. Manning) and near Hondo May 22 (SMB). Late was a Broad-winged Hawk at Boone's Draw May 25 (JEP, DE, BN, CR). A near-record 441 Golden Eagles were counted at the Sandia lookout Feb. 27–May 3 (HWI), while the 10 Merlins there Mar. 10–Apr. 30 was 72% above the 10-year average (HWI). A Chukar at Farmington Mar. 4 (TR) was almost certainly an escapee. Noteworthy was a Ring-necked Pheasant in the Mimbres Valley May 11 (RF). A **Purple Gallinule** wandered to Carlsbad May 13 (*vide* SW). A Com. Moorhen was n. to Isleta May 26 (BV). Ever resourceful, Am. Coots produced at least one young at the Moriarty turf farm in May (CR), possibly a first for *Torrance*. Two Black-bellied Plovers were at Morgan L., Apr. 26 (ph. TR); elsewhere, singles were at Bosque N.W.R., May 2 (PES) and B.L.N.W.R., Apr. 26–May 5 (v.o.). An Am. Golden-Plover was at Bosque N.W.R., Apr. 26–28 (CR *et al.*). Snowy Plovers returned to Holloman L., Mar. 8 (GE) and B.L.N.W.R., Mar. 15 (SN); Snowies away from usual areas were singles at Bosque N.W.R., Mar. 30–Apr. 6 (v.o.) and Tyrone May 11 (D&MZ, EL), two at Lordsburg playa Mar. 29 (CR, CS), and three at Brantley L., May 14 (CR). A pair of Mt. Plovers had one chick near Abbott May 30 (LS), but very few migrants were reported from turf farms at Moriarty and Los Lunas.