

bird's origin is already controversial due to previous demands for the species' introduction (a proposal supported by a former governor), and the unconfirmed report of a N. Cardinal pair in neighboring Clarkston, WA, in early January (*fide* MK).

Chipping Sparrow have not been recorded during winter in n. Idaho, so the single persisting until Dec. 12 near Moscow (KD) and two-three in Sandpoint Dec. 14–Feb. 28 (EC) were surprising. Other seasonally-rare sparrow sightings included a Fox Sparrow at Lewiston Jan. 15 (ICS) and single Lincoln's Sparrows on the Hagerman Valley, ID, CBC Dec. 21 (*fide* CO) and at Deer Flat N.W.R., Jan. 26 (DGr, AS). A White-throated Sparrow overwintered at an Orophino, ID, feeder Dec. 4–Feb. 28 (MR), a first for Latilong 4.

The ♀ and four imm. Great-tailed Grackles found at Marsing last fall persisted until at least Feb. 27 (JG, m.ob.). The species also wintered there in 1995. With <30 accepted Idaho records for Purple Finch, the pair in Boise Dec. 15 (†MC, FK), was noteworthy.

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Mountain West Region

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This winter the Region was quite a bit wetter than last year, and temperatures were slightly above average. The Rockies had a deep snow pack, approximately 160 percent of normal. In early January, heavy rains fell on the eastern Sierra snowpack, causing severe flooding of the Truckee, Carson, and Walker River Basins in Nevada. As a result of Nevada floods, many lakes were filled to capacity, providing greater habitat for more wintering birds. Also, winter water storage in irrigation reservoirs in eastern Colorado remained high.

The Region experienced some migration of montane species into lower elevations, including Mountain Chickadees, nuthatches, Cassin's Finches, crossbills, and rosy-finches.

Abbreviations: P.N.G. (*Pawnee National Grasslands, Weld Co., CO*), R.M.N.P. (*Rocky Mountain N.P., Larimer Co., CO*); S.W.A. (*State Wildlife Area*).

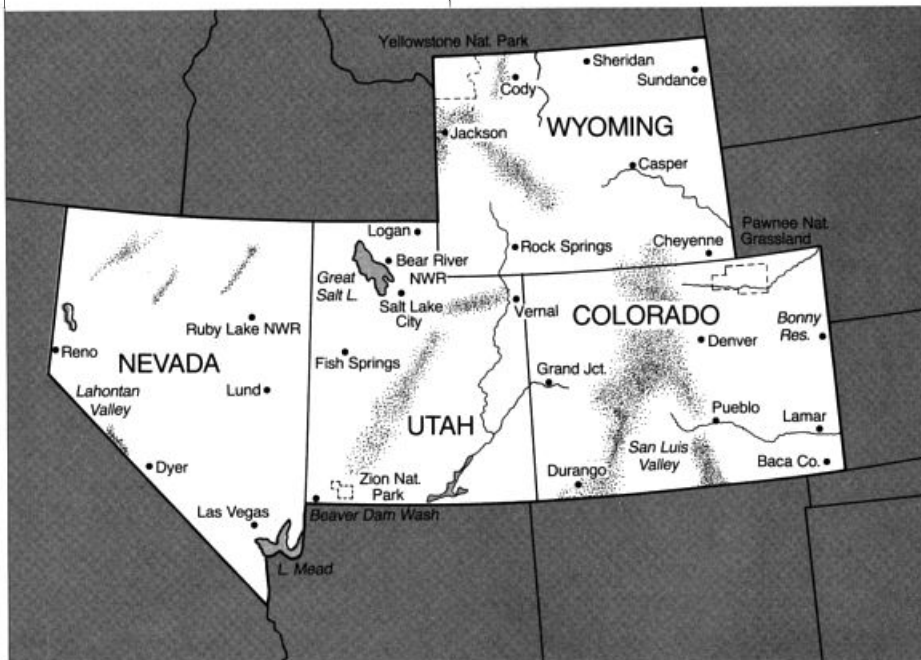
Loons to Ibis

Red-throated Loons scattered throughout the Region, with an adult at Cherry Creek



Continuing a recent pattern of this species wintering in the interior, this Yellow-billed Loon was at Mud Lake, Nevada, December 18, 1996. Photograph/David McNinch.

Res., *Arapahoe*, CO Dec. 6 (JBH), another adult Dec. 27–30 (BKP, CLW), and two were at L. Mead, *Clark*, NV Feb. 27–29 (JWi). More Pacific Loons were reported than normal, with one at Baseline Res., *Boulder*, CO Dec. 1 (PG, BK) & 14 (JLD, JV), an immature at Holbrook Res., *Otero*, CO Dec. 1 (BKP, DSm), one at Pueblo Res., CO Dec. 7–27 (BKP, MJ *et al.*), two at Cherry Creek Res., CO Dec. 8–14 (DFO, JBH, m.ob.), one at Mud L., *Douglas*, NV Dec. 14–18 (WEH, BH, m.ob.), one at Las Vegas Wash Marina, L. Mead, NV Dec. 5 (CT *et al.*), another at L. Mead, NV Feb. 2 (JC, MC), and three there Feb. 14–17 (RSc). A single Com. Loon was at Mud L., NV Dec. 14–18 (WEH, BH, m.ob.), 27 at Walker L., NV Jan. 3 (LN), and another at Quail Cr. Res., *Washington*, UT Jan. 11 (SDS). **Yellow-billed Loons** continue to winter inland at scattered locations in the Region. One was at Quail Creek Res., UT Nov.



25-Jan. 11 (PRS, SDS, m.ob.), another at Gunlock Res., *Washington*, UT Dec. 29-Jan. 1 (MAP, ph. SDS, m.ob.), and one at Mud L., NV Dec. 14-18 (ph. WEH, BH, ph. DMC, m.ob.).

Up to four Horned Grebes were at Quail Creek Res., UT Dec. 14-Feb. 2 (SDS, PRS), two at Washoe L., NV Feb. 7 (MM), and ten were at L. Mead Feb. 28 (MC). A Red-necked Grebe was at Union Res., CO Dec. 15 (JLD, JV). Unusual in winter in n. Utah, an Eared Grebe was at Antelope I. Causeway Jan. 12 (PWS, BBI).

With the high water at Carson L., six Am. Bitterns were observed on dikes Feb. 1 (LN). A Green Heron was in *Washington*, UT Jan. 1 (SDS, JKr), and 28 were at Swan L., NV Feb. 11 (WH). More Black-crowned Night-Herons were recorded wintering than usual, with an immature at Runyon L., Pueblo, *Pueblo*, CO Dec. 6-29 (DS, BKP), 15 at the Henderson Sewer Ponds, Clark, NV Dec. 7 (JC, MC), two in Longmont, CO Feb. 9 (VD), and two in Denver, CO Feb. 15 (TL, JS). In Nevada, a flock of 38 White-faced Ibis were at North Yule L., Dec. 13 (WH), and seven at S-Line Res., Jan. 9 (WH).

Waterfowl

Colorado had reports of only two Tundra Swan this winter. One at Greeley, *Weld*, Dec. 21 (JH) and one at L. Cheraw, *Otero*, Dec. 22 (MJ, LL et al.). High counts of Tundra Swans in Nevada and Utah included 4800 at Stillwater N.W.R., NV Dec. 13, 150 at Hiko, *Lincoln*, NV Dec. 25 (JC, MC), 3500 at Bear River N.W.R., UT Jan. 12 (PWS, BBI), 16 at Pahranaagat N.W.R., *Lincoln*, NV Jan. 31 (MC, RPS), and 600 at Carson L., NV Jan. 9. Again, Trumpeters outnumbered Tundras in Colorado this season. There were seven adults in Roxborough Village, *Douglas*, Dec. 9-14 (JBH, m.ob.), and probably the same group were at a South Platte R. gravel pond, upstream from Chatfield Res., Dec. 17 (DB), three were at the inlet to John Martin Res., *Bent*, Dec. 28-Feb. 8 (DB et al.), and one in *Boulder* Jan. 31-Feb. 28+ (JBH, m.ob.). A family group, two adults and three immatures, visited Swan Cr., NV Jan. 17-24 (RBu, RF), and was at St. George, *Washington*, UT Dec. 15 (SDS, PRS). Three Mute Swans were reported in Colorado this winter, two in *Mesa*, and one in *Pueblo*. These were probably escapees, but Montana appears to have a wild population, and with the severe winter there, some may have wandered south.

In Colorado, 40 Greater White-fronted Geese were reported from 11 different e. plains locations, which appeared to be

somewhat higher numbers than usual. Two were at Virginia L., in Reno, NV Dec. 2 (MM), two in Washoe Valley, NV Dec. 6 (MM), one at Fallon NV Feb. 5 (MM), and one in Key Pittman W.M.A., *Lincoln*, NV Feb. 23 (JWi). Confirming the U.S.F.W.S. report of over-populations of Snow Geese in their breeding grounds, 32,000 Snow Geese were found on the Rocky Ford CBC, in the Arkansas R. Valley, CO Dec. 22 (m.ob), 5000 at Carson L., NV Feb. 1 and 8200 Mar. 1, and one at St. George, UT Jan. 1-Feb. 8 (SDS, JKr). Reports of Ross' Geese have also increased. Colorado had 6 reports of Ross' from areas n. of the Arkansas Valley, and Nevada had two at Reno Jan. 10 (LN), 24 at Pahranaagat N.W.R., Jan. 31 (MC, RPS), one at Fallon Feb. 5 (MM), and one at Sunset Park, *Clark*, Feb. 27 (MC).

A Wood Duck was recorded from *Washington*, UT Jan. 11 (SDS) and 7-15 at Henderson Sewer Ponds, NV Jan. 23-26 (RSc). The Region had reports of four male Eur. Wigeons, one was in Ft. Collins, *Larimar*, CO Dec. 1-Feb. 24 (m.ob.), at Carson L., NV Feb. 1 (LN), at Washoe L. NV Feb. 7 (MM), and near Thatcher, UT Feb. 8-9 (VAS, m.ob.). There were five Greater Scaup recorded from 4 sites in e. Colorado this winter. Also, one e. of Cheyenne, WY Dec. 3-14 (JMn), one in *Washington*, UT Dec. 28 (SDS, PRS, et al.), five at Carson Valley, NV Jan. 18 (MM), and one female at Pyramid L. Delta, *Washoe*, NV Feb. 15 (GC). There were >500 Ring-necked Ducks on Dry Lake N.W.R., Dec. 13. An Oldsquaw at Big Johnson Res., *El Paso*, CO Dec. 1-7 (AV, RB, BG), a female at L. Cheraw Dec. 7-22 (BKP, MJ, PG), a female e. of Cheyenne, WY Dec. 12-13 (JMn), a female at Valco Ponds, Pueblo, *Pueblo*, CO Dec. 27 (DKP, CLW), a male at Henderson Sewer Ponds, NV Jan. 1 (JC, MC), one at Gunlock Res., UT Jan. 1 (SDS, JKr), and two on the South Platte R., *Adams*, CO Jan. 31-Feb. 28+ (JBH). Only two scoters were reported from the Region. Both were White-winged Scoters, one at Greeley, CO Dec. 1-6 (JH), and one in *Boulder*, CO Dec. 22 (PP). Reports from the w. Slope and mountains of Colorado indicates that Barrow's Goldeneyes may be a fairly common wintering species, i.e. two in Silverthorne, *Summit*, Dec. 21 (TL, SBo), 94 in *Rio Blanco* Jan. 19 (KP, RL), and two at L. Estes, *Larimer*, CO Feb. 24-28 (SR, S&JR, SW). Others in the Region, included 11 in e. Colorado and three at Walker L., NV Jan. 3-4 (LN, JE et al.). Hooded Mergansers were reported in higher numbers in Nevada this year, with two at Davis Dam, Clark, Dec.

8 (JC, MC), <seven at Floyd Lamb S.P., Clark Dec. 20-Feb. 9 (JC, MC, RPS), and a high count of 25 at Virginia L., Jan. 26 (MM). Also, Utah had 12 at Quail Creek Res., Dec. 14 (SDS) and one at Bear River N.W.R., UT Jan. 12 (PWS, BBI). A Red-breasted Merganser was at Quail Creek Res., UT Dec. 14 (SDS).

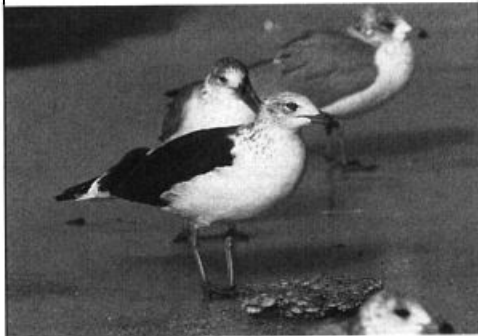
Raptors

Very rare in winter in Colorado, two **Osprey** were reported, one on the Denver CBC Dec. 21 (BS et al.) and one in *Jefferson*, CO Jan. 13 (D&DM). Also, one was at Davis Dam, NV Jan. 24 (MC). Bald Eagle counts were higher than last year, probably due to early freeze-up in the north. Two each at Pahranaagat N.W.R., NV Dec. 25-31 (JC, MC) and two at Indian Lakes, NV Jan. 9 (LN, WH). Two N. Goshawks were reported on the e. plains of Colorado, an adult at Rocky Ford S.W.A., *Otero*, Dec. 7 (BKP et al.), and one at Two Buttes Res., *Baca*, Dec. 19 (DAL). Others included one in Glenwood Springs, *Garfield*, CO Dec. 8-22 (KP), an immature at Pyramid L., NV Dec. 19 (MM, GC), one at Vail, *Eagle*, CO Dec. 24 (BR), two in El Paso, CO Jan. 6 & 18 (RB), one at Owyhee Canyon, NV Jan. 8 (MM), two in *Jefferson*, CO Jan. 13 (D&DM), and one in *Pueblo*, CO Jan. 23 (RB). Merlins were in higher numbers in s.w. Utah, with 11 during the period (SDS). Single Peregrine Falcons wintered at Fruita, *Mesa*, CO Dec. 8 (DB, CD, BW), an imm. *tundrius* at Provo, UT Jan. 18-Feb. 1 (SDS, PRS et al.), in *El Paso*, CO Jan. 30 (RB), and along the South Platte R., *Adams*, CO Jan. 18-Feb. 8 (DQ, m.ob.). Two Gyrfalcons were reported in *Weld*, CO, a dark-morph Jan. 10 (DB) and a white-morph immature Feb. 28 (DWK).

Rails to Gulls

Three Soras were reported, one in *El Paso* Dec. 2 (RB) and two at Cherry Creek Res., Jan. 28 (AB). Up to three Sandhill Cranes wintered in the Grand Valley, CO (RL), and five were s. of Fallon, NV Jan. 22 (WH, LN). Two Greater Yellowlegs were in Fallon, NV Dec. 28 (MM) and five were at S-Line Res., Jan. 9 (LN, WH). Five Long-billed Curlews were at Carson L., NV Feb. 22 (LN, WH). A single Baird's Sandpiper was at Florence, *Fremont*, CO Dec. 22 (TL, SBo). Ten Least Sandpipers were at S-Line Res., NV Jan. 9 (LN, WH). A Pectoral Sandpiper was recorded from s. Nevada Dec. 8-Jan. 1 (CT, JC, MC). Four Dunlins wintered at the Henderson Sewer Ponds, NV (JC, MC), and six were at S-Line Res., Jan. 9 (LN, WH).

Wintering gulls in s. Colorado, prior to



Lesser Black-backed Gull (with Ring-billed Gulls) at Sloan's Lake, Denver, Colorado, January 6, 1997. Photograph/Chris Wood.

the construction of Pueblo Res. in the early 1970s, were minimal at best in variety of species and numbers. The introduction of gizzard shad as a forage fish for game fish appears to aid in maintaining the large numbers of gulls at this reservoir almost year round. They also forage up and down the Arkansas R. A very late Pomarine Jaeger was at Cherry Creek Res., CO Dec. 14 (JLD, JV). Up to 15 Bonaparte's Gulls remained at Pueblo Res., CO to Dec. 14 (BKP *et al.*). In Pueblo, an ad. Mew Gull was observed Dec. 21 (BKP) and Jan. 12 (MJ), and another 2nd-winter Mew was seen from Jan. 19 to Feb. 4 (SB, m.ob.). Up to three Herring Gulls were at L. Mead, NV Dec. 7–Feb. 28 (JC, MC), one in Las Vegas Wash Dec. 5 (RF), and six near Thatcher, UT Feb. 8 (VAS). Thayer's Gulls were reported in greater numbers in the Region, especially in Colorado, with six at Pueblo Res., CO Dec. 1–Feb. 22 (BKP *et al.*), two at Reno, NV Dec. 2–27 (MM), three at Chatfield Res., Jefferson, CO Dec. 9–21 (JBH), four at Cherry Creek Res., CO Dec. 10–15 (JBH, JLD, JV, TL), one at Sloan's L., Denver, CO Jan. 6 (JBH), and four in City Park, Denver, CO Feb. 14–17 (TL, JS). After great discussion, the consensus of an usually marked gull in Denver City Park, CO Feb. 1 was an imm. Iceland x Thayer's Gull hybrid (TL, JS). Reports of Lesser Black-backed Gulls continue to increase in the Region, with an adult at Baseline Res., Boulder, CO Dec. 17 (JLD, JV), an adult in Denver, CO, at several lakes, including Chatfield Res., Dec. 21 (JBH *et al.*); McLellan Res., *Arapahoe*, Dec. 30 and Jan. 20 (JBH), and Sloan's L., Denver, Jan. 3–5 (PE, DSc, ph. CLW); a 2nd-winter plumage bird was at Pueblo Res., CO Jan. 6–18 (BKP, CLW, JK), and two first-winter birds were at Pueblo Res., Jan. 9–10 (BKP). A first-winter Glaucous-winged Gull was at Pueblo Res., Jan. 22–Feb. 1 (BKP, m.ob.), providing Colorado's 6th record and Pueblo's first. This

bird was possibly a female, since it had a smallish bill, but all other field marks was definitely Glaucous-winged. Others in the Region were from Nevada, including two first-winter plumage birds at Reno Dec. 2 (MM), and 2nd-winter bird at Reno Dec. 27 (MM), and a first-winter bird at L. Mead Dec. 29–Feb. 28 (MC). A first-winter Glaucous Gull was at Reno, NV Dec. 2–6 (MM), a first-winter bird was at Pueblo Res., CO Dec. 28–Jan. 3 (JJR, LR, JP, m.ob.), a 2nd first-winter bird, with more brown on the breast, at Pueblo Res., CO Jan. 17–28 (BKP, m.ob.), and one was near Thatcher, UT Feb. 8 (VAS). An ad. winter Great Black-backed Gull stayed at Pueblo Res., CO Dec. 6–Feb. 17 (BKP, m.ob.). An imm. Black-legged Kittiwake was at Pueblo Res., CO Dec. 7–14 (BKP *et al.*), probably the same bird found in late November. An immature was at L. Mead Feb. 2–28 (JC, MC).

Pigeons to Woodpeckers

Very rare in Colorado in winter, 14 Band-tailed Pigeons wintered in Green Mt. Falls, El Paso/Teller (RB); this may well be the first over-wintering flock of this species in Colorado. Ten **Eurasian Col-lared-Doves** remained in Rocky Ford, *Otero*, CO Dec. 1–Feb. 28 (m.ob.). An **Inca Dove** was in Cascade, *El Paso*, Jan. 18–Feb. 13 (SS, SB, m.ob.), providing the 6th record for Colorado. Also, 25 Incas Doves were still at Washington City, UT Jan. 1 (JKr, SDS).

A W. Screech-Owl was observed using a Wood Duck box w. of Fallon, NV Feb. 8 (D&AD), and 17 were recorded on the Grand Junction, CO CBC in December. A Short-eared Owl was at Davis Dam, NV Dec. 8–Jan. 12 (JC, MC), and one was at Doyleville, Gunnison, CO Dec. 9 (DB). A N. Saw-whet Owl was at Devil's Tower, WY Dec. 27 (G&MS). Up to three Anna's Hummingbirds were at Davis Dam, NV Dec. 8–Jan. 24 (JC, MC).

Six Lewis' Woodpeckers in 2 *Iron*, UT, locations Dec. 7–Feb. 8 (SDS, PRS *et al.*), and one at Spring Mountain S.P., *Clark*, NV Jan. 11–Feb. 2. One, and possibly two, Red-headed Woodpeckers were in Lyons, *Boulder*, CO Jan. 8–Feb. 28+ (DWK, MP, SP). Extremely rare in Nevada, an ad. ♂ **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** was at Floyd Lamb S.P., Feb. 3 (JC, MC). In Colorado, single Yellow-bellieds were in Pueblo Jan. 16 (DB) and Feb. 22 (BKP, MJ), and immature was in Ft. Collins Feb. 13 (DAL), and in Lyons Feb. 24 (MP, SP).

Flycatchers to Waxwings

A probable imm. ♂ Vermilion Flycatcher spent most of December w. of Fallon, NV

(BM, LN *et al.*). The bird stayed at a small pond, flycatching for probably Chronimides. Also, an imm. male was in Las Vegas, NV Dec. 8 (CT). Two N. Rough-winged Swallows were in Mesquite, Clark, NV Feb. 23 (SDS). A single Violet-green Swallow was in Las Vegas Wash, NV Dec. 5 (RF). A **Blue Jay** was in Elko, NV Jan. 31–Feb. 17 (GC, MM), providing one of the few records for the state. A W. Scrub Jay was observed along the lower Carson R., NV Jan. 17 (WH). Large flocks of Am Crows remained in s.w. Utah, with the largest being 3500 in Cedar City Dec. 1 (SDS, PRS), 58 at Carson L., NV Feb. 13 (WH), and in s. Nevada, 524 were in the Mesquite/Virgin R. Valley, *Clark*, Feb. 23 (SDS).

A large group of 50 Bush-tits were in Mt. Falcon Park, near Morrison, CO Dec. 14–21 (DQ), and two wandered E to Lamar, *Prowers*, CO Jan. 16 (DB). A Sedge Wren was in Pueblo, CO Dec. 11–12 (BKP, DSm, KS). A Blue-gray Gnatcatcher was counted on the St. George CBC, UT Dec. 28 (SDS, PRS). The only reports of E. Bluebird in the Region were five at the Rocky Ford S.W.A., CO Dec. 22 (BKP, MJ, LL). Two Mt. Bluebirds were in the Washoe Valley, NV Dec. 6 (MM), and two in the Ruby Valley, NV Feb. 16 (MM). Single Hermit Thrush reports were from Pueblo, CO Dec. 2 (MY) and near Fallon, NV Feb. 22 (MM). A Varied Thrush was found near Clark, WY (Feb. 20 (NBY)). Nevada had two wintering N. Mocking-birds, one at Harmon Res., Jan. 8, and the other near Fallon Feb. 22 (MM). Single Brown Thrashers were reported from Rocky Ford S.W.A., CO Dec. 15 (BKP, MJ) and Jan. 12 (BKP), at Two Buttes Res., CO Dec. 19 (being stalked by a bobcat; DAL), in Cedar Valley, UT Dec. 20–Jan. 4 (PRS, SDS), *Weld*, CO Dec. 29 (SC, JN *et al.*), and in Beulah, *Pueblo*, CO Jan. 4 (PE, MY). A Curve-billed Thrasher was at Aurora, CO Feb. 7 & 23 (AS), fairly rare in the Denver area.

Large flocks of Bohemian Waxwings invaded n. Colorado this winter. A few also moved S, including two at the Rocky Ford S.W.A., Dec. 22 (BKP, BG, JD) and 80 at Florence, CO Dec. 22 (TL, SBo). A flock of 24 Cedar Waxwings were in Fallon, NV Jan. 4 (WH). Rare in s. Nevada, a N. Shrike was at Tonopah, Nye, NV Dec. 28 (KH). One was also at S-Line Res., Dec. 31 (LN, WH).

Warblers to Goldfinches

Single Orange-crowned Warblers were at Pueblo, CO Dec. 7 (BKP *et al.*) and Fallon, NV Jan. 31 (LN, WH). A ♂ **Black-throated Blue Warbler** was at Corn Cr., Dec. 6–11 (RPS), providing one of few winter

records for Nevada. A Yellow-rumped "Myrtle" Warbler was at Cedar City, UT Jan. 4 (SDS) and one "unknown race" in Carson L., NV Feb. 22 (LN, WH).

A most unusual **Summer Tanager** was found dead near Longmont, CO, in mid-December, this is probably the first winter record for Colorado. Two N. Cardinals were in Colorado, one in Denver Dec. 21 (JA) and a male in Englewood Jan. 1–Feb. 25 (LW *et al.*). A Green-tailed Towhee spent the winter at Wellington, CO (S&KM) and another at Carbondale, *Garfield*, CO Dec. 22 (DC). A Rufous-crowned Sparrow was at St. George, UT Dec. 28 (SDS, PRS). Rarely seen in Colorado past November, single Vesper Sparrows were reported in *El Paso* Dec. 26 (GB) and at Lyons Feb. 20 (DWK). Possibly an early migrant, a single Sage Sparrow was in *Garfield*, CO Feb. 22 (RL). Two late Savannah Sparrows were at L. Cheraw Dec. 1 (BKP, DS_m). A well documented **Le Conte's Sparrow** was in *Boulder*, CO Dec. 6 (BK), approximately 150 mi n. of other winter records in Colorado. Four Lincoln's Sparrows were at Fallon, NV Dec. 15 (RF), a and one in Pueblo, CO Dec. 21 (BKP). A White-throated Sparrow was in Carbondale, CO, in December (DC). Two Golden-crowned Sparrow were at Red Rocks Park, *Jefferson*, CO Dec. 15–Feb. 28 (BB, M.ob.); this is the 7th winter that at least one has been at this location. Also, a high count of 16–18 were at Pyramid L., NV Dec. 19 (GC, MM), two adults were at W. Marsh N.W.R., NV Dec. 28 (LN, WH), and one visited Fallon, NV Feb. 5 & 22 (MM). Two Harris' Sparrows wintered in Gypsum, CO (JM), one in Carbondale, CO Dec. 22 (DC), one at the Antelope I. Causeway, UT Jan. 12 (PWS, BBL), and one at Pahrnagat N.W.R., NV Feb. 23 (JWi). A Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco was at Floyd Lamb S.P., NV (RPS). A Lapland Longspur was in Carbondale, CO Dec. 6 (DC)

Rosy-finches invaded the Region this season. Three–four Black Rosy-Finches were at Tonopah, NV Dec. 20–29 (JBr, RPS, MM) and 75 on the P.N.G., Weld, CO Jan. 10 (DB), Black are rarely seen on the plains of Colorado. Large flocks of Gray-crowned Rosy-Finches were in various locations in the Region, with 150 at Tonopah, NV Dec. 29 (MM)—the "Hepburn's" race outnumbered the "Gray-crowned" by about 5:1. Twenty Gray-crowned Rosy-Finches were in n.w. Weld, CO Jan. 11 (DQ), this flock was the greatest distance from their normal wintering areas in Colorado, and 50 at Wilson Res., near Elko, NV Jan. 22 (RF).

Northern Colorado had a small inva-

sion of Snow Buntings, with a female at Cherry Creek Res., Dec. 6, five w. of Grover Dec. 19 (JH), one from Nunn Dec. 24, and 80 in North Park Dec. 26 (*vide* RAR). Rare in winter, a Yellow-headed Blackbird was at Erie, CO Dec. 1 (BK), and two males and two females were at Barr L., CO Dec. 28 (TL, RB). Single Rusty Blackbirds were in Pueblo, CO Dec. 21 (MY, DS) and in Colorado City, *Pueblo*, CO, Jan. 5 (DS). Twenty-nine Great-tailed Grackles were at Elko, NV Jan. 31 (GC). Single Com. Grackles were in Estes Park, CO Dec. 21 (SJR), in Cheyenne, WY Dec. 21 (JWa), and near Westcliffe, *Custer*, CO Dec. 22 (VAT, BKP, CLW) and Feb. 6 (VAT). There appeared to be a small invasion of Purple Finches in the e. portion of the Region. A ♀ -plumaged bird at Rocky Ford, CO Dec. 15 (MJ, BKP), four in Cody, WY Dec. 18 (ED), a male and female in Colorado City, CO Jan. 4 (DJ, SM), a ♀ -plumaged bird in *Las Animas*, CO Jan. 15 (DB), and a male in Boulder, CO Feb. 28 (M&DH, MP, SP). Very rare near the Kansas line, a ♀ Cassin's Finch was at Two Buttes Res., Dec. 16 (DA.). Red Crossbills continued to be reported from the plains of e. Colorado, with four on the Weldona-Ft. Morgan CBC, *Morgan* (JRI), and seven at Two Buttes Res., Jan. 16 (DB), being the farthest from the mountains. Single. Com. Redpolls were in *El Paso*, CO Dec. 26 (RB) and in *Weld*, CO January–Feb. 28+ (DW *et al.*).

Rarely seen in winter in Colorado, two ♀ Lesser Goldfinches were in Colorado Springs Dec. 21 (AV), one in Carbondale Dec. 22 (DC), two males at Pueblo Res., Jan. 4 (BKP, DCE), one female at Colorado City Jan. 4 (DS), and one in Rifle Jan. 7 (KP). Also, a male at a feeder in Fallon, NV Feb. 14 (RF). A flock of 12 Evening Grosbeaks were in Fallon, NV Jan. 6–Feb. 28 (WH).

Corrigenda

From the summer 1995 Field Notes (Vol. 49, No. 1): The Ospreys at Pueblo Res. fledged three young. The Red-headed Woodpecker was at Endovalley, R.M.N.P., June 12, not July 12. There was only one pair of Scott's Orioles s.e. of Green R., WY June 9, not two pairs.

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