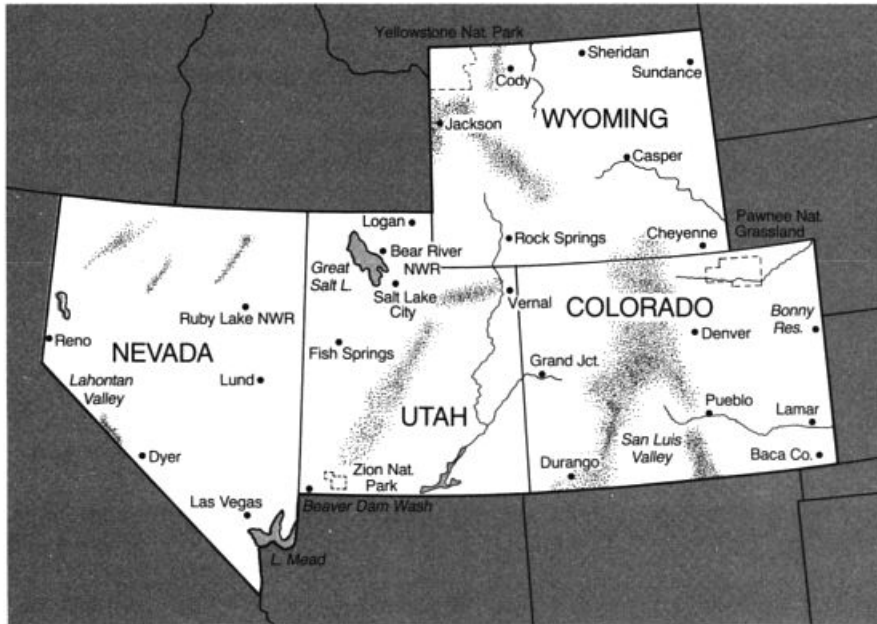


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Red-necked Grebe at Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, on October 5, 1997.
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The fall weather appeared normal in most areas of the Region into mid-October. Nevada and Utah were slightly wetter than normal, and Wyoming and Colorado were average into October.

Winter arrived in the Rockies in mid-October. In Yellowstone, after a four-day northwestern storm, Terry McEneaney reported a "fall out" of rarities such as numerous Common Loons, a Red-necked Grebe, Greater Scaup, Surf Scoter, two Northern Goshawks, and an Arctic Tern.

Also, on the night of October 24, a "northern blast" cold front met a "Pacific" low pressure system over eastern Colorado, resulting in the "Blizzard of 97." This storm was one of the largest and nastiest to hit eastern Colorado this century. Its size was impressive. There were reports of 18" to 30" of snow from the front range mountains east into Nebraska, Kansas, and northwest Oklahoma, and from southern Wyoming into northern New Mexico. For several days, very few roads in eastern Colorado were open. The winds were reported from 30 to 50 m.p.h., with gusts to 100+ m.p.h., which caused drifting on the eastern plains up to 20 feet. There appeared to be no indi-

cations of significant avian casualties from this storm, which resulted in great moisture for farmers and food for raptors and scavengers with losses of over 25,000 head of cattle in the Arkansas Valley alone.

After this cold front, water in most of the northern portions of the Region froze, dispersing waterbirds. November moisture was again average or above average in the Region. El Niño was not considered a weather factor here.

Abbreviations: A.I.C. (*Antelope I. Causeway, Great Salt Lake, Davis Co., UT*); C.B.R.C. (*Colorado Birds Records Committee*); C.S.U. (*Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Larimer Co., CO*); C.V.C.G. (*Crow Valley Campground, Pawnee National Grasslands, Weld Co., CO*); F.C.R.P. (*Fountain Creek Regional Park, El Paso Co. CO*); M.B.R. (*Migratory Bird Refuge*); S.W.A. (*State Wildlife Area*); Y.N.P. (*Yellowstone Nat'l Park, WY*).

LOONS TO HERONS

The only Red-throated Loon was at Cherry Creek Res., *Arapahoe*, CO, Nov. 11–12 (BB, m.ob.). Pacific Loons first were reported at Chatfield Res., *Douglas*, CO, Aug. 30 (DB), with others at L. Powell, UT, Oct. 15 (JS); Quail Creek Res., *Washington*, UT, Oct. 26 (SDS); Little Soda L., Fallon, *Churchill*, NV,

Oct. 26 (MMe); and another at Quail Creek Res., UT, Nov. 23 (TS). High counts of Com. Loons were 48 at Pyramid L., *Washoe*, NV, Sept. 29 (GC, RF, LN, BGo, CE); 241 at Pyramid L., NV, Oct. 14 (BGo, JM); a remarkable 200+ in Y.N.P. Oct. 14 (TM); and 761 at Walker L., *Mineral*, NV, Oct. 16 (LN, JM). An imm. Yellow-billed Loon, possibly the same individual, was at Chatfield Res., *Jefferson/Douglas*, CO, Oct. 13–14 (JBH, m.ob.), Nov. 10–12 (JBH), and Nov. 29–30 (DAL, JMa, CLW, JK, m.ob.).

Nevada and Utah birders reported higher numbers of Horned Grebes this fall. Rare in most parts of the Region, Red-necked Grebe numbers were higher this fall: an amazing four at Pyramid L., NV, Sept. 29 (GC, MMe, RF, CE, BGo, LN); one on s. L. Yellowstone, Y.N.P., Oct. 5 (GWL, ph.); and two in Y.N.P. Oct. 14 (TM). In Colorado, five were noted. The first extensive count using boats at Pyramid L., NV, Sept. 29 tallied 7803 Western and Clark grebes (95% Western; GC, RF, CE, BGo, LN); there were 6016 at Walker L., NV, Oct. 16 (LN, JMt).

The Double-crested Cormorant count at Pyramid L., NV, Sept. 29 tallied 2361 (GC, RF, CE, BGo, LN). At Walker L., NV, Oct. 16, there continued to be small numbers with only nine birds (LN). There has been an average of 691 birds from 1988–1995 (LN).

Expanded wetlands from last spring's high water may have led to an increase in sightings of Least Bitterns. There were singles reported from Henderson Ponds, NV, Aug. 2 (MC); Carson L., *Churchill*, NV, Aug. 18 (LN, BHe); and Lower Foxtail L. Aug. 19 (RB) and Stillwater Point Res. Sept. 15 (BHe), both Stillwater N.W.R. The only report of Little Blue Heron was an immature at Jackson Res., *Morgan*, CO, Aug. 24 (DB).

WATERFOWL

In Colorado, Tundra Swan numbers were the highest in years, with reports from 8 counties. Others of note were an early adult at Stillwater Point Res., Stillwater N.W.R., NV, Oct. 19 (BHe); 110 at Bridger Power Plant, *Sweetwater*, WY, Nov. 2 (RSt); and 2140 at Stillwater N.W.R. Nov. 24 (BHe). A "Bewick's" race bird was noted at Bridger Power Plant, WY, Nov. 9 (RSt). Nine Trumpeter Swans were in Colorado this fall, and there were two each in the Goshen Bay area, s. shore of Utah L., *Utah*, UT, Nov. 2 (DSh) and at Bridger Power Plant Nov. 9–16 (RSt).

Greater White-fronted Geese numbers seemed to be up in the Region this fall. Snow Geese numbers were extremely high, including 50,000+ in e. Colorado. Other reports were of 400 at Bear River M.B.R., *Box Elder*, UT, Nov. 2 (MM) and 4 or 5 small flocks near the Goshen Bay area of Utah L., UT, Nov. 2 (DSh).

A Wood Duck was observed at Willard Bay S.P., *Box Elder*, UT, Sept. 28–Oct. 4 (MS). A male Eur. Wigeon stayed at Ft. Collins, CO, Oct. 19–Nov. 30 (DAL). Waterfowl counts included approximately 10,000–12,000 Canvasbacks at Humboldt Sink, *Pershing*, NV, Nov. 10 (NS) and 10,000 at Stillwater N.W.R. Nov. 12 (NS). Also, aerial surveys in w. Nevada (Walker L., Lahontan Valley, Humboldt Sink) Nov. 10–12 revealed 15,000–20,000 Redheads (NS). A Greater Scaup was in Y.N.P. Oct. 14 (TM); becoming almost expected were seven were at Pyramid L., NV, Nov. 14 (MM).

Rarely seen s. of Yellowstone, a female **Harlequin Duck** was noted at A.I.C., Sept. 13–21 (MS, J&KB, DW). Oldsquaw sightings appeared to be more widespread in the Rockies and e. plains this fall, with three in Wyoming and 13 in Colorado. In Colorado, two Black Scoters were reported from L. Henry Nov. 8–16 (MJ, BKP, PG, MH, m.ob.), and there were two at Big Johnson Res., CO, Nov. 8–30 (BGy, m.ob.). Colorado had nine Surf Scoters, and there were one in Nevada, three in Wyoming, and one in Utah. Twenty-six White-winged Scoters were reported from Colorado, with a possi-

ble state high count of 16 at Long Pond, *Larimer*, Oct. 13 (SJD). Others in the Region included three from Utah and one at Glendo Res., WY, Nov. 23 (DFe, LS).

High counts of Barrow's Goldeneye were observed at Grand L., *Grand*, CO, with seven Oct. 13, and 58 at Shadow Mountain Res., *Grand*, CO, Oct. 20 (TJ). Barrow's may be expanding s. through the mountain parks and valleys into New Mexico. A flock of six Red-breasted Mergansers were at L. Tahoe, Incline Village, NV, Nov. 20 (MMe), and six visited at Scheckler Res., *Churchill*, NV, Nov. 15 (LN).

RAPTORS TO CRANES

A pair of Osprey with one young in a nest were at Sweetwater L., *Garfield*, CO, Aug. 7 (KP). An imm. **Mississippi Kite** was at Big Mt. Summit, on E. Canyon Rd., *Salt Lake*, UT, Sept. 27 (MS, AG, YS), providing the first Utah record. An imm. **Red-shouldered Hawk** was on Kaufman Ranch, Black Rock, *Millard*, UT, Sept. 1–15 (MW, DW, MS), for Utah's 7th record. In Colorado an immature was at Ft. Collins Sept. 7 (DCE). A Swainson's Hawk was noted at Corn Cr., *Clark*, NV, Aug. 12 (MC). A Ferruginous Hawk was observed in Amargosa Valley, *Nye*, NV, Sept. 28 (JC, MC). An unexpected **Crested Caracara** was found along a highway near Trinidad, *Las Animas*, CO, Sept. 29 (CDOW). It was taken to a raptor rehabilitation center, which concluded that it was likely wild. It could provide the first Colorado record, if accepted by the C.B.R.C. Four Peregrine Falcons were observed in Nevada this fall.

It appears that Sage Grouse are continuing to decline in the Farson/Eden Valley and areas close to the City of Green River, *Sweetwater*, WY (RSt). There were less than 10 reports this season. A Black Rail was reported w. of Ft. Lyon, *Bent*, CO, Sept. 8 (KS) for a new late date.

SHOREBIRDS TO TERNS

The Lahontan Valley Shorebird Count, NV, was conducted between Aug. 18–20. The count yielded 66,992 individuals of 24 species. Highlights included: 22,761 Am. Avocets (20,933 at Carson L.); 8404 Black-necked Stilts (5540 at Stillwater N.W.R. and 2581 at Carson L.); 10,102 Least/Western Sandpipers (9657 at Carson L.); and 19,945 Long-billed Dowitchers (9678 at Stillwater N.W.R. and 10,145 at Carson L.).

American Golden-Plover sightings appeared to be lower than normal, with one in Nevada and six in Colorado. Nevada had seven Snowy Plovers this season. Somewhat



Little Gull at Lower Latham Reservoir, Colorado, on September 14, 1997. This immature was apparently molting from first-summer to second-winter plumage (Alternate 1 to Basic 2), and still retained much black in the tail. Photograph/Tony Leukering

late, 15–20 Mt. Plovers were near Hutton Lake, WY, Sept. 20 (*vide* J&RD).

A Whimbrel was at Farmington Bay W.M.A., *Davis*, UT, Oct. 1–20 (v.o.), and 200 Marbled Godwit were at West Marsh, Stillwater N.W.R., NV, Oct. 4 (RF). A **Ruddy Turnstone** was at Henderson Ponds, NV, Aug. 30 (MC); there are fewer than 10 records for the state. There were four in Colorado. Nevada had two Red Knots, one in Eldorado Valley Sept. 12 (MC, RS) and one at West Marsh, Stillwater N.W.R., Oct. 4 for the 3rd Lahontan Valley record (RF). Also, one was at the A.I.C. Oct. 4 (J&KB).

A Semipalmated Sandpiper was at Carson L., NV, Aug. 20 (LN, B&BC), and an adult was near Green River, WY, Sept. 20 (RSt). The only Nevada and Utah reports of Pectoral Sandpipers came from Eldorado Valley, NV, Sept. 12 (RS, MC); Henderson Ponds Sept. 12 (RS) and Oct. 7 (CT); and one at Ogden Bay W.M.A., *Weber*, UT, Oct. 18 (VAS, KE).

Three Dunlin were reported from areas where they are rare: one at Red Lion S.W.A., *Logan*, CO, Sept. 13 (DB) and singles in *Mesa* Oct. 11 (KP) and Oct. 18 (RL). Eastern Colorado had three Buff-breasted Sandpipers. The rarest shorebird this season was a **Ruff** at Carson L., NV, Aug. 18 (LN, BHe). This provided the 3rd record (first fall) for Carson L., and 4th state record (2nd fall record).

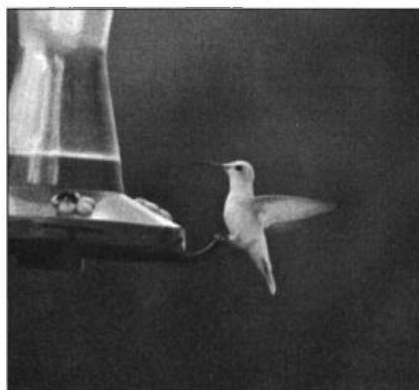
Eight Short-billed Dowitchers were reported in e. Colorado, one at Indian Springs, Clark, NV, Sept. 15 (MC), and three at the s. end of Walker L. (first record), Mineral, NV, Sept. 20 (GC, JE). An ad. Red Phalarope was in Ft. Collins, CO, Sept. 20 (SJD, DCE)

Only three jaegers were reported in the Region this fall: an imm. Pomarine Jaeger at Lower Latham Res., CO, Sept. 20 (BG, HW); an ad. Parasitic Jaeger at Big Johnson Res., CO, Oct. 18 (RBU); and a sub-ad. Parasitic at Union Res., Weld, CO, Oct. 27 (DB). In the Reno area, Meyers reported, "This has been a depressingly bad year for gulls." Other areas of the Region appeared to have normal numbers of gulls. A Laughing Gull was reported at Prewitt Res., CO, Oct. 21 (H&UK). A Franklin's Gull was noted at Henderson Ponds, NV, Aug. 1 (RS), as was a very late single at Glendo Res., WY, Nov. 30 (J&RD).

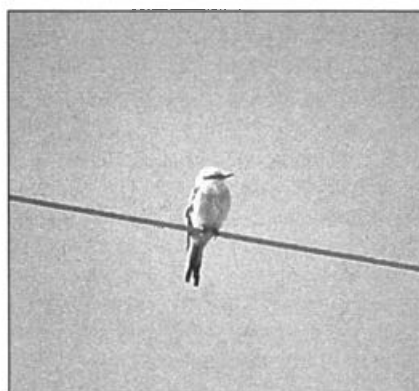
Colorado had an incredible five Little Gulls, including an immature at Lower Latham Res. Sept. 14 (ph. TL, BG, DF, SH); an immature at L. Holbrook, CO, Oct. 18 (BKP, MJ), which also visited Adobe Creek Res. Oct. 19 (DB); an immature and an adult at Big Johnson Res., CO, Oct. 18 (BGy); and an adult at Prewitt Res., CO, Oct. 22 (DB). An imm. **Black-headed Gull** was at Chatfield Res. Oct. 20 (CLW), providing Colorado's 3rd record.

A rarely reported Bonaparte's Gull was at Y.N.P. Oct. 14 (TM). Two Mew Gulls were in Reno, NV, Oct. 15–Nov. 30 (MMe, GC, CE). A first-winter Thayer's Gull was reported from w. of Lehi, Utah, UT, Nov. 16 (MS). Two Lesser Black-backed Gulls graced Colorado this season: an adult at Union Res., CO, Nov. 8–13 (BPr, DWK) and a 3rd-winter bird at Cherry Creek Res., CO, Nov. 16–23 (DCE, m.ob.). Nevada had only four Glaucous-winged Gulls this fall. The ad. Great Black-backed Gull tarried at Cherry Creek Res., CO, Aug. 21–Nov. 13 (BB, mo), and, for the 5th year, at Pueblo Res., CO, Nov. 16–30 (BKP, MJ, m.ob.). An imm. Black-legged Kittiwake was at Cherry Creek Res., CO, Nov. 12–15 (RO, m.ob.). High counts of Sabine's Gulls were reported in the Region this fall, with 46 in Colorado, five in Nevada, and five in Utah.

Rare in w. Colorado, two Com. Terns were at Dotsero Oct. 16–17 (JMe). An ad. **Arctic Tern** was observed at Lower Latham Res., CO, Sept. 20 (BG, HW, JHi). There are fewer than 5 acceptable records in Colorado. Also noteworthy was a juvenile in Y.N.P. Oct. 14 (TM). Utah's 6th **Least Tern** was reported from Farmington Bay W.M.A.



Not a common sight was this albino hummingbird visiting a feeder in Beulah, Colorado, during August 1997. Photograph/Ward Stryker



Very rare for northern Nevada was this Scissor-tailed Flycatcher at Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area on October 2, 1997. The very short tail shown here could have indicated a first-autumn female, or could have been simply an artifact of molt. Photograph/Martin Meyers

Oct. 4 (J&KB). Nevada's bird of the season were two post-breeding, wandering **Black Skimmers** at Henderson Ponds, Clark, NV, Aug. 18–28 (JC, MC ph., m.ob.); these birds provided the first state record for Nevada.

DOVES TO SWALLOWS

Up to six Eur. Collared-Doves at Rocky Ford, CO, survived the "Blizzard of 97." A White-winged Dove was at Antelope I., UT, Sept. 13 (J&KB). North of their normal range, an Inca Dove was near Tonopah, Esmeralda, NV, Sept. 12–13 (MMe, GC); another was reported from Corn Cr., NV, Sept. 20 (RS). Wyoming's latest fall record of Barn Owl was of one at Bear Mt., Oct. 12 (GJ). Rare in Colorado, two Spotted Owls were reportedly heard in Conejos Sept. 26 (SS).

A male **Lesser Nighthawk** at Cottonwood Canyon, Baca, CO, Aug. 22, raises the possibility of nesting in s.e. Colorado

(CLW, JK, SSt). Nesting for the first time at Milton Cr. Falls, near Marble, Gunnison, CO, 3–5 pairs of Black Swift were observed Aug. 21 (KP). A migrating Vaux's Swift was at Dyer, NV, Sept. 13 (MMe).

North of normal, a **Broad-billed Hummingbird** was at Corn Cr., NV, Sept. 4 (DT, MC). Two female Magnificent Hummingbirds were reported in Colorado this fall: in Wetmore, Custer, Aug. 2 (BKP, RK) and in Douglas Oct. 15–19 (BP, m.ob.). An ad. male **Anna's Hummingbird** was in Boulder, CO, Oct. 24–Dec. 5 (*vide* SS). This bird appeared at an empty feeder during the "Blizzard of 97". The feeder owner noticed the bird, immediately filled several feeders, and the bird stayed until captured by local wildlife rehabilitators. It was held for several days and jettied to the Sonoran Desert Museum in Tucson for later release. This little "storm trooper" survived high winds, deep snow, and below freezing nights for over a month.

A Lewis's Woodpecker was observed in Las Vegas, NV, Sept. 26–Nov. 1 (v.o.). Two pairs of Acorn Woodpeckers were in Devil's Canyon, San Juan, UT, Sept. 14 (DW). Red-naped Sapsuckers were found on the plains of e. Colorado at 3 locations. A Red-breasted Sapsucker was at Corn Cr., NV, Sept. 26–Oct. 4 (RS). Rare away from the Uinta Mts., a Three-toed Woodpecker was in Big Cottonwood Canyon, Salt Lake, UT, Aug. 10 (J&KB). "Yellow-shafted" Northern Flickers were noted at Las Vegas, NV, Sept. 30 (CT) and Corn Cr., NV, Oct. 31–Nov. 1 (CT, RS).

Two Olive-sided Flycatchers were observed near Green R., WY, Sept. 6 (RSt). A migrant Gray Flycatcher was at Barr L., CO, Sept. 27 (DF, BG). It appears that Black Phoebes nested along the Saint Charles R., Pueblo, CO, for the first time since the 1970s; the birds were found Aug. 15–19 (BKP, CLW, m.ob.). Also, a Black Phoebe was reported from Oxbow Park, near Reno, NV, Oct. 13 (GC). A Vermilion Flycatcher was at Las Vegas, Oct. 1 (CT). A **Tropical Kingbird** was reported at Black Forest, El Paso, CO, Sept. 13 (BBH) for Colorado's first record, if accepted by the C.B.R.C. Two E. Kingbirds were at Owyhee, NV, Aug. 13 (MMe) and Corn Cr., NV, Sept. 19 (RS). A Scissor-tailed Flycatcher at Mason Valley W.M.A., Lyon, NV, Oct. 1–6 (LN, RF, GC, JE, ph. MMe) provided the 3rd record for n. Nevada. Also, one was near Rustic, Larimer, CO, Aug. 4–6 (EP, JFB, WPL).

JAYS TO WARBLERS

Becoming regular in Utah, a Blue Jay was at Antelope I. Oct. 19 (DW, MS). Three Car-

olina Wrens were reported in e. Colorado. An Am. Dipper was noted near Reno, Oct. 29 (GC). North of normal, two Black-tailed Gnatcatchers were in Woodbury Desert Study Area, Washington, UT, Oct. 19 (SDS, PRS).

The only Wood Thrush was at L. Henry, CO, Sept. 6 (BKP, MJ). In Nevada, two Gray Catbirds were at Owyhee Aug. 13 (MMe) and one in Floyd Lamb S.P., Clark, Oct. 1 (CT). Two Sprague's Pipits were in Sedgwick, CO, Oct. 3-10 (DB, m.ob.). A Phainopepla wandered N into *Esmeralda*, near Tonopah, NV, Sept. 13 (MMe, GC).

A White-eyed Vireo was singing at Chatfield Res., CO, Aug. 24-Sept. 20 (BB, m ob). A Gray Vireo was reported from Colorado City, *Pueblo*, CO, Sept. 8 (DSi), providing a first *Pueblo* record. Single Blue-headed Vireos, rare in the Region, were at Morgan, UT, Aug. 22 (VAS); Ft. Collins, CO, Sept. 20 (DAL); and Ft. Carson, CO, Oct. 3 (RBu). From Aug. 21-Oct. 3, 26 Cassin's Vireos were reported in Colorado. There were three Philadelphia Vireos reported in Colorado.

Utah's first **Golden-winged Warbler** was observed s. of Torrey, *Wayne*, Aug. 30 (AS, TR). A late-fall Yellow Warbler record for Nevada was at Corn Cr., NV, Oct. 26 (RS). A Chestnut-sided Warbler was in Linewood Canyon, *Sweetwater*, WY, Aug. 2-Sept 13 (RSt). Rarely seen anywhere in Nevada, a male Black-throated Blue Warbler was in Las Vegas Nov. 24-27 (SM, m.ob.). Colorado had eight Black-throated Blues. An imm. female **Hermit Warbler** at Cedar Breaks N.M., *Iron*, UT, Sept. 7 (SDS) provided the state's 7th record. The Region's only Black-throated Green Warblers were three from e. Colorado. A female Blackburnian Warbler was in *Pueblo*, CO, Sept. 26-27 (BKP, BD, VAT, m.ob.). A **Yellow-throated Warbler** at the Provo Airport, UT, Aug. 30 (AG, YS) provided the 2nd record for the state.

An imm. male Prairie Warbler was found in Cottonwood Canyon, CO, Aug. 21 (CLW, JK, SSt). A Palm Warbler was at Arapaho N.W.R., *Jackson*, Oct. 22 (RK). The only Bay-breasted Warbler was in *Morgan*, CO, Oct. 23 (JR). Single Prothonotary Warblers were at L. Henry, CO, Aug. 21 (CLW, JK, SSt) and *Pueblo*, CO, Sept. 22-25 (BKP, J&RW, D&LJ, RBu). At the Barr L. banding station Sept. 13, an ad. female Wilson's Warbler banded in August 1996 in Alaska was their first "foreign" recapture. Very rare in the Region, a Canada Warbler was noted at Barr L., CO, Aug. 31 (TL, LNo, BG).

TANAGERS TO GOLDFINCHES

Very rare in Nevada, a female **Scarlet Tanager** was observed in Floyd Lamb S.P., *Clark*, NV, Oct. 31 (CT). A female Indigo Bunting was in *Iron*, UT, Sept. 6 (SDS). Fairly rare w. of the Rockies, Clay-colored Sparrows included one at Tonopah, NV, Sept. 20 (JBr); one in Las Vegas Sept. 23 (CT); and two near Enterprise, UT, Oct. 5, (JKr). A Field Sparrow was at L. Holbrook, CO, Sept. 21 (MJ, BKP).

Single "eastern" Fox Sparrows were reported at Corn Cr., NV, Oct. 26 (RS) and Colorado City, CO, Nov. 1 (DSi). Single Harris's Sparrows were reported at Ruby Marsh N.W.R., NV, Nov. 7-13 (JT); s. of Gypsum, *Eagle*, CO, Nov. 11-23 (JMe); one s.e. of Eagle, CO, Nov. 15 (JMe); and one in Cedar Valley, *Iron*, UT, Nov. 23 (SDS).

Two Snow Buntings were at A.I.C. Nov. 15 (J&KB). Two Rusty Blackbirds were at Healy Res., *Johnson*, WY, Oct. 29 (JBW). Three Baltimore Orioles were in e. Colorado and one in Cheyenne, WY, Aug. 19 (Dunn). A first record for the Lahontan Valley, and also very early, was a Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch at Timber L. (4000 ft), *Stillwater* W.M.A., NV, Sept. 11 (RF, LN). A male Purple Finch was in Gould, *Jackson*, CO, Oct. 22 (RK). Small groups of White-winged Crossbills were in the Rockies, with two in *Routt*, CO, Aug. 1 (DB) and six in Bighorn Mts., w. of Dayton, WY (JH). Rare s. of Palmer Divide, two Com. Redpolls were at Ft. Carson, CO, Nov. 14 (BM).

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Northern Parula, a female in first-winter plumage, captured for banding at Barr Lake, Colorado, on September 17, 1997.
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