

this enigmatic species in Idaho. Idaho's 3rd **Cassin's Kingbird** in *Adams* 18–24 Jul (†BC) represented the first report of this species in eight years. Two reports of Plumbeous Vireos in the Boise area 1 Jun & 19 Jul (JC) were far w. of their known breeding range in se. Idaho.

WRENS THROUGH GOLDFINCHES

Four Bewick's Wrens observed 4 Jul and another captured 14 Jul in *Oneida* were firsts for Latilong 26 (MCR, CT) and se. Idaho. Reports of Northern Mockingbirds in Idaho were about average, with a pair in *Bingham* 1–22 Jun (DB) and another in *Blaine* 4 Jul (WW). Idaho's 10th **Brown Thrasher** was at *Camas* 3 Jun (DB, MCR); they are now annual in e. Idaho. Bushtits observed near Boise, ID, 30 Jun & 9 Jul (CS, FV) were far n. of their usual range.

The rarest warblers of the season included a Tennessee Warbler in *Boise*, ID, 4 Jun (BK), a Chestnut-sided Warbler in *Jefferson*, ID, 8–10 Jun (BD, GR, CW), and an Ovenbird in *Lolo*, MT, 6 Jun (EG). Noteworthy Idaho Fringillids included a Rose-breasted Grosbeak in *Kootenai* 8 Jul (*fide* SS) and a pair of Blue Grosbeaks in *Twin Falls* 16 Jun (*fide* KF); both are now annual. Reports of Lark Buntings continued from e. Idaho, but one in *Elmore* 21 Jun (JB) was far west. The headline sparrow of the period was a well-described **Cassin's Sparrow** in sw. *Ada* 12–13 Jun (†JD) that furnished Idaho's 1st record. Brewer's Sparrows reported at *Paradise Ridge*, *Latah*, 24 Jul (KD) were interesting since there is no verified breeding for this species in n. Idaho. Single Black-throated Sparrows that visited n. *Ada*, ID, on 3, 7, & 13 Jun (JC, MC, FK) were unexpected, but the **Black-throated Sparrow** that wandered to the Helena Valley 17 Jun (GH, DSu, m.ob.) was Montana's 3rd. Because there is no Regional breeding record for White-throated Sparrow, a singing bird in Glacier N.P., MT, 20 Jun (SG) was noteworthy. In Idaho's Great-tailed Grackle news, a flock of 8 included 4 recently fledged young 7 Jul (GS) at their only consistent location, *Marsing*, *Owyhee*.

Arguably the best bird of the period was an imm. male **Hooded Oriole** in *Meridian* 1 Jun–31 Jul+ (RG, ph. ZN, †DT, m.ob.), which was a 1st for Idaho and the Region. An ad. male **Baltimore Oriole** that graced *Bonner*, ID, 3–11 Jun (RB) was the state's 3rd, as well as a 1st for Latilong 1. Following last year's major White-winged Crossbill irruption, one bird in *Fremont*, ID, 6–7 Jun (CW) was the only report. Two

Lesser Goldfinches in *Caldwell*, ID, 6 Jun (TE) were very unexpected, but the **Lesser Goldfinch** in *Dillon* 11–13 Jun (ph. SSh) provided Montana's 4th record.

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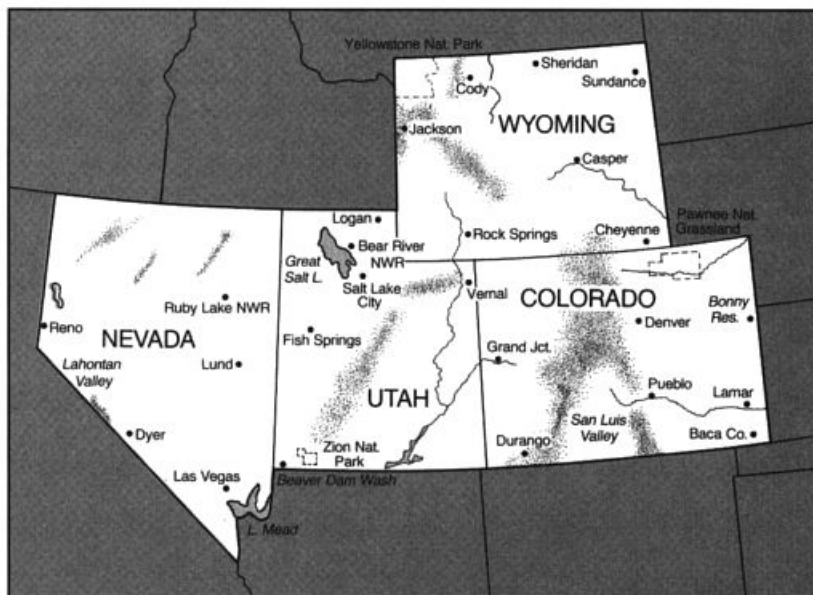
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This is the last report for the four-state Mountain West Region; Utah and Nevada will become the Great Basin Region. We would like to thank the birders from Nevada and Utah who sent reports to us for this column.

LOONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

An alternate-plumaged Red-throated Loon was found in *El Paso*, CO, 5–8 Jun (AV), and a bird in basic plumage was in *Bent*, CO, 13 Jul (BKP, SC); these were the 2nd and 3rd summer sightings for Colorado. A Common Loon that summered at *Dotsero*, *Eagle* (JM), was the only one from w. Colorado; others appeared in e. Colorado as well. A Least Bittern was found in *Bent*, CO, 27 Jun (PEL); this species must be breeding in this area. An ad. Little Blue Heron was found in *Larimer*, CO, 8 Jun (SJD), and two adults and one calico bird were in *Adams*, CO, 22

Jun (CLW, TL); this species is rarely reported in summer in the state. A Cattle Egret was found in North Park, CO, 26 Jun (RCH, m.ob.), for a rare sighting from nc. CO. A Green Heron was found at Rawhide Creek W.M.A. near Torrington 28 Jun (PEL) for a rare Wyoming record. Green Herons were widely noted throughout the reporting period from Nevada (v.o.), but, as usual, breeding was not confirmed. A first-year Yellow-crowned Night-Heron was a rare find in *Bent*, CO, 18 Jun (DJ). Best among multiple Blue-winged Teals from Nevada were reports of confirmed breeding near Vya 27 Jun (JG, WG) and near Fallon 29 Jun (BH). Two Buffleheads lingered at Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve, NV, until 25 Jun (RSa). Surprising was a non-breeding pair of Barrow's Goldeneyes that spent the entire season in Canon City, *Fremont*, CO (ph. SM, J&RW), a first summer record for se. Colorado. A Hooded Merganser near Moapa, NV, 23 Jul (JBe) was unseasonal. A pair of Common Mergansers with one young were found in *Pueblo*, CO, 11 Jun (SM) for the first known nesting record for the county.

RAPTORS THROUGH TERNS

A **White-tailed Kite** was a good find at Key Pittman Refuge, NV, 24 Jun (MS, TW); the bird was seen throughout the rest of the reporting period (v.o.). Red-shouldered Hawks were widespread in Nevada, and the species was confirmed as a breeder at Pahrnatagat N.W.R., NV, 24 Jun (MS, TW), a first for the Breeding Bird Atlas. A **Zone-tailed Hawk** found at Pahrnatagat N.W.R. 13 Jul (CT) was present through the rest of the period (v.o.). A Common Moorhen stayed in *Bent*, CO, 23 Jun–13 Jul (CLW, PEL); the bird was originally found in May. Sandhill Cranes were widely reported as breeders in northwestern Nevada (v.o.), well to the west of their usual breeding grounds; especially notable were breeders near Vya, NV (JG, WG) and Sheldon N.W.R., NV (RSt et al.). Some good shore-bird habitat in the Goshen Hole area, *Goshen*, WY, 28 Jun, produced 3 Greater and 4 Lesser Yellowlegs, one Solitary Sandpiper, 2 Marbled Godwits, and 150 Wilson's Phalaropes (PEL). In Nevada, 2 Solitary Sandpipers were noted at Rancho San Rafael Park 10 Jul (FP), and single birds were at Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve 15 Jul (RPS) and at Illipah Res. 16 Jul (TF, TL). A Whimbrel was found on the Pawnee N.G., CO, during an ABA Convention field trip 2 Jul (BKP, MJ, vt.

SEF), a rare mid-summer record. A Ruddy Turnstone was found in *Crowley*, CO, 8–11 Jun (BKP, SC, SO, DJ), for another rare summer record. Rare in Colorado, an ad. Buff-breasted Sandpiper was in *Washington* 31 Jul (CLW). A Red Phalarope was at Jumbo Res., *Sedgwick/Logan*, CO, 19 Jul (CLW, JF). Rare at anytime of the year, a light-morph ad. **Pomarine Jaeger** was at Pueblo Res., CO, 29 Jun–7 Jul (DS, DJ, m.ob.). A first-alternate Laughing Gull was reported from *Bent*, CO, 7 Jul (CLW). California Gulls bred for the first time in *Larimer*, CO, with a nestling found 28 Jun (DAL). Accidental in Wyoming, an ad. **Least Tern** was at Springer L., "Goshen Hole," *Goshen*, WY, 28 Jun (PEL). Other out-of-place Least Terns included singles in *Huerfano*, CO, 16 Jun (DS) and in *Larimer*, CO, 26–28 Jun (BKP, RK, m.ob.); both were in first-summer plumage.

DOVES THROUGH FLYCATCHERS

A northerly White-winged Dove remained at Corn Creek, NV, until 17 Jun (RPS). Rare White-wingeds (all singles) appeared at three Colorado locations: Campo, *Baca*, 24 Jun (CLW, PEL), Lamar, *Prowers*, 4 Jul (DN), and Salida, *Chaffee*, 6 Jul (NE). Up to 5 Inca Doves stayed at Rocky Ford, *Otero*, CO, throughout the summer (SO, m.ob.). A Black-billed Cuckoo appeared in *Grand*, CO, 11 Jun (TL, SB, PH) for a rare mountain record. Rare for Wyoming, a Yellow-billed Cuckoo was at Rawhide Creek W.M.A., near Torrington, 28 Jun (PEL). Yellow-billed Cuckoos were widely noted in small numbers in southern Nevada, and there were even reports as far n. as Lamoille 22 Jul (BeC, BiC) and Rancho San Rafael Park 13 Jul (FP). A Vaux's Swift remained in Reno, NV, until 2 Jun (TF) and one was at Tahoe Meadows, NV, 24 Jun (GS). A **Chimney Swift** was reported from Dyer, 10 Jun (JBr, DT); if accepted by the Nevada Bird Records Committee, this would provide the first record for the state. Anna's Hummingbird continued its expansion in southern Nevada, with breeding confirmed at several locations (v.o.). Three Acorn Woodpeckers continued in Durango, CO, to 25 Jun (PEL, CLW), the only current location for the species in Colorado. Breeding Bird Atlas research showed Gilded Flicker to be a surprisingly widespread and common species in the yucca-tree forests near Searchlight, NV (v.o.). Rare in Colorado, single Alder Flycatchers were found in *Crowley* 4 Jun (BKP, MJ) and in *El Paso* 30 Jul (BM). Willow Flycatchers, perhaps of the endangered *extimus* sub-

species, were widely noted in southern Nevada (v.o.). A singing Least Flycatcher, a rarity in w. Colorado, was at Delta 25 Jun (RCH). A small colony of "Western" (presumably Cordilleran) Flycatchers in the Spring Mountains, NV, in late June (TF et al.) was noteworthy, and a Hammond's Flycatcher at the same location 28 Jun (TF, NM) was also significant. One to three Black Phoebes stayed in *Pueblo*, CO, throughout most of the period (TL, MJ, m.ob.), the only sighting from eastern Colorado. An Eastern Phoebe wandered north to *Logan*, CO, 1 Jul (KS, m ob) Leatherman found a juv. female and an ad male **Vermilion Flycatcher** in s. *Otero*, CO, 24 Jun (ph. DAL), the first successful breeding record for Colorado; the first nesting in May apparently failed. An amazing 25+ Vermilion Flycatchers were present throughout the period on a private ranch near Moapa, NV (BL, PS, et al.). Brown-crested Flycatchers were widely noted in southern Nevada, with a report from Torrance Ranch 27 Jul (KV) being somewhat northwesterly. Cassin's Kingbirds also were widely noted in s. Nevada, and breeding was confirmed at Corn Creek (v.o.) An Eastern Kingbird was found near Lamoille, NV, 17 Jul (TF, TL) and was subsequently found to be breeding (BeC, BiC), a first confirmation for the Breeding Bird Atlas. A male Scissor-tailed Flycatcher returned for the second year to *El Paso*, CO, 27 Jun+ (PEL), and a female was in *Pueblo*, CO, 1 Jul (DS), the only two reported this summer.

VIRES THROUGH WARBLERS

A **White-eyed Vireo** was banded at Overton, NV, 8 Jun (MB) for the 3rd Nevada record this year. A singing White-eyed Vireo was in *Las Animas*, CO, 12 Jun (TL) for a rare Colorado summer record. The first sighting for w. Colorado of a Bell's Vireo occurred this season, with a singing bird at White R. below Kenney Res. Dam, *Rio Blanco*, 13 Jun (DF, RL). A Bell's at Dyer, NV, 10 Jun (JBr, DT) was northerly. A **Philadelphia Vireo** at Dyer, NV, 10 Jun (JBr, DT) would constitute only one of a handful of Nevada records, if accepted by the Nevada Bird Records Committee. Nevada's 2nd **Yellow-green Vireo** was found at Tonopah 24–27 Jun (JBr, GS). Rare in summer in Colorado, a Carolina Wren appeared again in *Boulder*, CO, in early July and stayed all month (BGh). The first documented Colorado summer record of **Winter Wren** was a singing bird at Rocky Mt. N.P. 1 Jul (WR, SW, m ob)

Winter Wren is at the periphery of its range in Nevada, so a report from Jarbidge 20 Jul (JL) was notable. Golden-crowned Kinglets were confirmed as breeders near Jarbidge (JL) for the first Breeding Bird Atlas confirmations for the species away from the Carson Range. A **Brown Thrasher** was at Torrance Ranch, NV, 27 Jul (KV). A **Sprague's Pipit** was documented on the outlandish date of 19 Jul from Clark, NV (CT, m.ob.); if accepted it will furnish the 2nd Nevada record. A Phainopepla at Red Mountain Creek, NV, 22 Jun (LN) was extralimital.

Late or summering stray warblers included a **Northern Parula** at Dinosaur N.M., UT, 23 Jun (RCH); a **Chestnut-sided Warbler** at Fallon, NV, 7 Jun (BH); a male Townsend's Warbler in Yuma, CO, 1 Jun (JR); an American Redstart at Corn Creek, NV, 10–11 Jun (v.o.), two at Bodyfelt Ranch, NV, 10 Jun (JBr, DT), and one near Moapa, NV, 7 Jul (CT); a singing **Prairie Warbler** in Baca, CO, 6–10 Jun (DAL, m.ob.); single Black-and-white Warblers in Prowers, CO, 10 Jun (DAL) and in the Spring Mountains, NV, 11 Jun (TF et al.); a **Worm-eating Warbler** banded at Ruby Lake N.W.R., NV, 22 Jun (KV); an Ovenbird at Pahrangat N.W.R., NV, 24 Jun (MS,TW); and single **Hooded Warblers** at Miller's Rest Stop, NV, 9 Jun (JBr, DT) and in the Spring Mountains, NV, on the surprising date of 21 Jul (CT). For the third year, a pair of Hooded Warblers appeared in Boulder, CO (v.o.); it is not known if they bred again.

TANAGERS THROUGH FINCHES

A singing male Hepatic Tanager found in Las Animas, CO, 3–24 June (CLW, PEL), provided the only report. Rare in Wyoming, at least 6 Cassin's Sparrows were singing in Goshen, WY, 28 (PEL) & 30 June (CLW, BKP). Breeding Bird Atlas research in the McCullough Mountains yielded at least 11 **Rufous-crowned Sparrows**—a species previously thought to be casual or accidental in Nevada. Lincoln's Sparrows were noted at several Carson Range, NV, locales (TL, KM et al.), but breeding could not be confirmed. White-crowned Sparrows lingered at several Mojave Desert, NV, locations into early July (v.o.). A male Chestnut-collared Longspur was found dead on a fence in Baca, CO, 6 Jun (ph. DAL); the species is not known to breed this far south in the state. An immature male Rose-breasted Grosbeak was at Corn Creek, NV, 11 Jun (TF et al.) and an adult male was in the McCullough

Mountains, NV, 1–2 Jul (NM, KM). Indigo Buntings were widely noted in s. Nevada (v.o.) but there were no reports of confirmed breeding. Rare in Wyoming, 5 Dickcissels were near Table Mt. Wildlife area, Goshen, WY, 28 (PEL) & 30 Jun (CLW, BKP). A male Bobolink was found in Fremont, CO, 3 Jun (SM, J&RW), for a rare summer sighting in this part of the state. A Bobolink at Corn Creek, NV, 11 Jun (TF et al.) was unusual, and the species was found to be breeding in higher-than-expected numbers in the Elko area (v.o.). The long-time Tricolored Blackbird colony at Minden, NV, was down to just 1–2 birds (v.o.). Rare in Wyoming, a male Great-tailed Grackle was at Table Mountain Wildlife area, Goshen 28 Jun (PEL). Hooded Orioles strayed n. to several cen. Nevada locations (v.o.), with a bird at Fallon 14 Jun (BH) the most northerly. Pine Grosbeaks were widely noted in small numbers in the Carson Range, NV (TL et al.), whereas Red Crossbills were noted in good numbers throughout Nevada, including the lowlands (v.o.). A singing male and a female White-winged Crossbill were found in Rocky Mt. N.P. 1 Jul (WR, SW) for rare summer sightings for Colorado.

UNDOCUMENTED RARITIES: Short-billed Dowitchers from e. Colorado, Eastern Wood-Pewee from Chatfield Res., CO, and Le Conte's Sparrow from Morgan, CO.

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Like many columbids, the Inca Dove has been expanding its range in the past few decades, particularly in southwestern North America. These birds at Rocky Ford, Colorado, 12 May 2000 were two of up to five present through the summer. Photograph by Tony Leukering.