



24 Jun (SS); in *Santa Fe*, small colonies of up to 8 ads. each were discovered at White Lakes and near Stanley, and chicks were noted at both sites in Jul (BL). Unseasonal were 2 Marbled Godwits at B.L.N.W.R. 29 Jun (GW). Stubblefield L. yielded a Semipalmated Sandpiper 14 Jul (JP, JO), a Sanderling 24 Jul (DC), and 300 Baird's Sandpipers 28 Jul (DC). High count for White-rumped Sandpipers was 31 at B.L.N.W.R. 1 Jun (GW); last of the northbound White-rumped were 2 there 15 Jun (GW). High counts for southbound Stilt Sandpipers were 53 at Stubblefield L. 26 Jul (DC), 156 at B.L.N.W.R. 27 Jul (GW), and 25 at Roswell 25 Jul (DM). The status of Short-billed Dowitcher in New Mexico is very poorly understood, and entirely undetailed reports of small flocks of the species this Jul did nothing to further our understanding. A Common Snipe in the Valle Grande, Jemez Mts 28 Jun (SF) was suggestive of local breeding. Late were 2 Red-necked Phalaropes at B.L.N.W.R. 1 Jun (GW). A **Red Phalarope** at Springer L. 15 & 18 Jun (ph. DC) was a nice surprise. Summering but non-nesting California Gulls included 15 at Eagle Nest L. 9 Jul (JO) and 3–5 at E.B.L. 6 Jun–1 Jul (WW, JO, JP). The state's 2nd **Elegant Tern** followed the first by barely two months: one at Farmington 18 Jul (ph. T. Reeves) provided one of a handful of records of the species away from the Pacific coast and California. A Forster's Tern lingered at B.L.N.W.R. 8–22 Jun (GW); early was a Forster's at Springer L. 2 Jul (DC). The Endangered Least Tern population at B.L.N.W.R. increased to 11 pairs this season, but only 9 young fledged (JM). A **Black Skimmer** at B.L.N.W.R. 10–11 Jun (JM et al., ph. JO, ph. WH) furnished the state's 3rd definite and 4th overall record.

A Band-tailed Pigeon strayed to B.L.N.W.R. 6 Jun (ph. GW); 3 near Madrid 5 Jul (LS) provided a local first. Reports of Eurasian Collared-Doves continued to proliferate from the R.G.V. eastward; relentlessly pushing w. were singles at Bloomfield 8 Jul (ph. JO), Gallup 15 Jul (ph. JO), and San Rafael 15 Jul (JO), plus 2–3 at Cuba 8 Jul (ph. JO) and a nest at Silver City that fledged 2 young by 29 Jul (RSS). Single Common Ground-Doves were in the Cliff-Gila Valley 28 Jun (HAW), the middle Animas Valley 2 Jul (SOW, PM), and Guadalupe Canyon 3 Jul (JO, NM-C). Yellow-billed Cuckoos continued to thrive in New Mexico, with often multiple reports from 25 locales nearly statewide Jun–Jul, including n. to the Chama, Cimarron, Canadian, and Tecolote drainages, in the Pecos Valley from Sumner Dam to

B.L.N.W.R. and w. to Hondo, in the e. plains at N.R.T. and Hobbs, and in the R.G.V. from Española to Raduim Springs; in the sw., multiple pairs and/or nests were in the San Francisco, Gila, and Mimbres valleys, plus singles in the Animas Valley and Guadalupe Canyon (m. ob.).

## OWLS THROUGH VIREOS

Outlying Elf Owls were singles in *Sierra* at Lake Valley 6 Jun (WW) and Las Animas Cr. 12 Jul (ph. JO) and in *Eddy* at Rocky Arroyo 23 Jun (SW, RW). Unexpected was a **Short-eared Owl** near Bueyeros 16 Jun (K. Granillo); although not known to nest in New Mexico, this was the 2nd consecutive summer in which the species has been reported in Jun in the east. Chimney Swift was added to the list of New Mexico breeding species when some were discovered entering a Carlsbad chimney; the site was investigated 16 Jul, revealing egg shells and a recently-used swift nest (SW, R. Wiedenmann, B. Neiman). A female **White-eared Hummingbird** was in the Animas Mts. 15 Jun (AC, NM-C), the first for that range since 1995. Single male Blue-throated Hummingbirds strayed n. to Raton 14 Jul (JP, JO) and e. to Six Mile Dam, *Eddy* 21 Jun (SW); a likely Magnificent was at Cloudcroft 15 Jun (WH). A female Lucifer was gathering nest material in P. O. Canyon 31 Jul (JD-M, RTS), while single migrant Anna's reached Albuquerque 9 Jul (PS), P. O. Canyon 25 Jul (JD-M, RTS), and Las Cruces 25 Jul (GE). A *Calypte* hummer that may have been a Costa's was at Deming 13–14 Jul (LM); there are no previous *Luna* reports. Barely a year after the first **Allen's Hummingbird** was confirmed in New Mexico, 2 others were captured and banded at Trout Cr., *Grant*—an ad. female 13 Jul and an ad. male 18 Jul (W. Calder).

Three Lewis's Woodpeckers persisted s. to Los Lunas 1 Jul (BV). Among the very few reports of Red-headed Woodpeckers was one at B.L.N.W.R. 1 Jun (GW). Perhaps benefiting from recent fires, Three-toed Woodpeckers were much in evidence in n. New Mexico, including 3 near Los Alamos 17 Jun (JO) and 2 at Bandelier 10 Jun (JT), plus others in the San Juan and Sangre de Cristo ranges; a pair was feeding nestlings on Oso Ridge, Zuni Mts. 18 & 23 Jun (D. Arsenault). A female Yellow-shafted Flicker was at Clovis 23 Jun (JO).

For the 2nd consecutive year, Dusky Flycatchers summered s. to the Sacramento Mts. near Cloudcroft, with two pairs plus a male there 17 Jun (WH); another Dusky was

singing in the Black Range n. of Kingston 4 Jun (WW). Eastern Phoebe in possible breeding areas included one near Grenville 14 Jun (KS), 2 near Rociada, *San Miguel* 15 Jul (LS), and one singing at Las Vegas N WR 14 Jun (audiotape SF); early for the sw was one near Riverside 19 Jul (RSS). Vermilion Flycatchers at their n. periphery were single males in *Sandoval* in Jun (HAW) and near Pastura, *Guadalupe* 6 Jun (WH). A vocal Dusky-capped Flycatcher was n. to the Pinos Altos Mts. 1 Jul (WH); a Brown-crested was e. to Las Animas Cr. 6 Jun (WW). A Thick-billed Kingbird wandered ne. to Double Adobes, Animas Mts. 5 Jun (AC, NM-C). Unusual at 7700 ft was a Western Kingbird near Bluff Springs, Sacramento Mts. 14 Jul (SW). Eastern Kingbirds in the R G V included a nest at Española 24 Jun (BV) and ads. tending a fledgling at Cochiti Pueblo 19 Jul (HAW).

White-eyed Vireos continued to tantalize, including a singing male at N.R.T. 2 Jun (JP, vt. JO) and another near Cliff 12 & 29 Jun (HDW); most intriguing were 2–3 at Cochiti Pueblo 5 & 10 Jul (DH et al.), one of which may have been a fledgling. Gray Vireos were unusually well represented around the state, including one to 7 on six B.B.S. routes; others of note included a pair near Madrid 2 Jun (LS), 12 territories n. of Bingham, *Socorro* 3–13 Jul (NC), 3 territories near Ladron Peak 11 Jul (NC), and an ad. feeding a fledgling in Guadalupe Canyon 3 Jul (NM-C). For the 2nd consecutive year, a Bell's Vireo was on the Mimbres R., *Luna* 30 Jun (JO). Late was a Cassin's Vireo at Clanton Cienega 5 Jun (AC, NM-C). Single Red-eyeds were at N.R.T. 2 Jun (JP, JO) and Mimbres R., *Grant* 3 Jul (HDW).

## JAYS THROUGH WARBLERS

Far e. were 5 Pinyon Jays at Ragland 2 Jun (JO). A resourceful Clark's Nutcracker captured and carried away a young Yellow-rumped Warbler at Elk Mt. 5 Jul (BL); noteworthy for summer was a Clark's at Sandia Crest 9 Jun (DE, BN). Purple Martins nested n. to *Colfax* for only the 2nd time, with 3–4 successful nests in the Sangre de Cristo Mts at Vermejo Ranch 6 Jul (ph. DC). Bank Swallows tend to be a forgotten riparian species; encouraging this season were about 15 pairs nesting at San Juan Pueblo 15 Jun (vt. JO). North in the R.G.V. was an active Verdin nest at Sevilleta N.W.R. 15 Jul (WH). Likely providing local firsts were a pair of House Wrens plus a singing Ruby-crowned Kinglet in the Gallinas Mts. near Corona 15 Jun (HS). Noteworthy were 4 Black-tailed

Gnatcatchers near Engle, *Sierra* 4 Jul (J. Atchley); in the sw., 2 Black-taileds were at San Simon Cienega 7 Jul (JP) and 4, including a fledgling, were s. of Guadalupe Canyon 22 Jul (AC, NM-C).

A Townsend's Solitaire was at Gallinas Peak 15 Jul (HS); the species is irregular in summer in that isolated range. Only 2 Veeries were detected at Chama, one 9 Jun (JP, JO) and another 8 Jul (JO); a migrant was heard at N.R.T. 3 Jun (JO). At least 4 Swainson's Thrushes were singing at Chama 9 Jun (JP, JO) The **Wood Thrush** at N.R.T. in late May was last seen 3 Jun (JO). A Long-billed Thrasher was singing at Bosque Redondo 2–3 Jun (JP, vt. JO), where one has been present since 1997. Bendire's Thrashers exist in small, local populations in the w. two-thirds of New Mexico; one such is in the e. Bear Mts., *Socorro*, where there were 2 on 1–2 Jun (HS). Curve-billed Thrashers continued their population explosion at Eldorado near Santa Fe, where 25 of 41 pairs produced 2nd broods in Jun and 19 pairs had initiated 3rd nesting attempts in Jul (DS). Noteworthy was an American Pipit above timberline on Buck Mt, *Lincoln* 1 Jul (SW). Two Cedar Waxwings at Zuni 7 Jun (ph. DC) furnished the only summer report. Olive Warblers, unknown in *Socorro* prior to 1998, were again in evidence in the San Mateo Mts., including a nest at San Mateo Spring that produced fledglings by 27 Jun (HS).

A possible Golden-winged Warbler was heard singing at Lake Valley 17 Jun (S. Downes). Among the several e. strays was a well-documented Chestnut-sided Warbler singing at Bandelier 3–10 Jun (audiotape SF; JT), another Chestnut-sided was w. to the Cliff-Gila Valley 25 Jun (HDW). Noteworthy for summer were single Black-and-whites at Cochiti Pueblo 28 Jun–31 Jul (DH), Embudito Canyon, *Bernalillo* 17 Jun (BV), and the Cliff-Gila Valley 25 Jul (HDW), an American Redstart at Bluff Springs 13 Jul (GE), and a Prothonotary at Sevilleta N.W.R. 8 Jun (WH). Reported late was a singing Ovenbird at Cochiti Canyon 31 May (WW); another was singing along an Albuquerque ditch 28 Jun (DM). An impressive season for **Kentucky Warblers** found singles at N.R.T. 1 Jun (JO), Coyote Creek S.P. 22 Jun (PS, CR), Cochiti Pueblo 19 Jul (HAW), and Escondida 19 Jun (J. DeLong). Hooded Warblers in potential breeding habitat were singing males at Cochiti Pueblo Jun–Jul (DH), Mimbres R. near San Lorenzo 29 Jun & 3 Jul (WH, HDW), and Gila R. near Riverside 8 & 22 Jun and 2 Jul (RSS), plus a female at nearby Cliff 22 Jun (G. Sadoti). Unusual for summer was

an imm. Painted Redstart near Riverside 22 Jun (RSS).

### TANAGERS THROUGH FINCHES

Summer Tanagers in unexpected locales included 2 near Conchas L. 2 Jun (JO) and singles at N.R.T. 10 Jun (JO) and Tinnie 22 Jun (JO). Unexpected in summer in the Gallinas Mts. was a Green-tailed Towhee 15 Jun (HS). Cassin's Sparrows were conspicuous w. of their core range, including 5 at Eldorado 7 Jun (DS), 5 near Cerrillos 17 Jun (BF), 7 near Cerro Verde, *Cibola* 30 Jun (DM), one at Petroglyph N.M. 24 Jun & 8 Jul (HS, PS), 51 near Escondida 22 Jun (HS), and 5 in the San Agustin Plains 4 Jul (JO); in the sw., 19 were near Antelope Wells 10 Jun (SOW). Botteri's Sparrows showed signs of recovery from last year's Animas Valley fire, with 29 territories (but only 7 in or near burned areas) plus a nest with eggs 1–3 Jul (SOW, PM, Z. Jones). Noteworthy was a Rufous-crowned Sparrow pair with fledglings near Madrid 18 Jun (LS). E. of the known breeding range were 6 Brewer's Sparrows in saltbush at Maxwell 2 Jul (DC). Early greenup of the ne. prairies in *Colfax*, *Union*, *Mora*, *Harding*, and *San Miguel* proved irresistible to Lark Buntings, and many hundreds stayed to nest where in some years there are none; highs included 139 at Farley 3 Jun (SOW) and 203 at Grenville 14 Jun (KS); s. were one near Pastura 6 Jun (WH) and 2 near Fort Sumner 1 Jun (SOW).

Seven Savannah Sparrows were singing in the Valle Grande 28 Jun (SF), where first detected summering only last year. Unseasonal was a white-lored ad. White-crowned Sparrow at Capulin Spring, Sandia Mts. 21 Jun (GM). Continuing a trend, a Northern Cardinal was n. to Tucumcari 2 Jun (JO); 2 Pyrrhuloxias were e. of the Florida Mts. 1 Jun (LM), where rarely reported. Late was a male Rose-breasted Grosbeak at Moriarty 10 Jun (BV). Northerly Indigo Buntings included singles at Petaca, *Rio Arriba* 16 Jun (JO) and Sugarite S.P., *Colfax* 2 Jun (DC). A good Varied Bunting season found five territories in Guadalupe Canyon 10–11 Jun (SOW), 6 individuals (including a fledgling) s. of Guadalupe Canyon 22 Jul (AC, NM-C), and 2 pairs in Walnut Canyon, *Eddy* 9 Jul (SW). N. in the Pecos Valley was a singing Painted Bunting at Sumner Dam 6 Jun (WH); in the lower R.G.V., a Painted pair was at La Mesa 17 Jun–28 Jul (MS, ph. JZ). Dickcissel reports in areas where rarely reported came from Springer L. 14 Jul (one or 2; JP, JO) and Las Vegas N.W.R. 21 Jul (2 birds; audiotape SF).

Eastern Meadowlarks are common breeders in s. New Mexico and, in recent years, have been appearing with increasing frequency in the n.; unexpected, however, were 26 singing in the Jemez Mts. at 8500 ft in the Valle Grande 28 Jun (audiotape SF) Noteworthy were 6 ad. Brewer's Blackbirds with 9 fledglings in the Sandia Mts at Madera 20 Jun (R. Gracey, *fide* HS) Common Grackles continued to expand westward, with 8 (including fledglings) at Gallup 14 Jul (vt. JO), plus 2 at nearby Red Rock S.P. (JO) and one at Fort Wingate (vt. JO) the same day. More evidence of northward-moving Bronzed Cowbirds was provided by 2 males (one collected) at B.L.N.W.R. 2 Jun (GW) and another near there 12 Jun (WH), plus a female at Conchas L. 2 Jun (vt. JO), the latter a *San Miguel* first. Orchard Orioles n. of usual were a pair at Fort Sumner 3 Jun (JO) and one there 17 Jul (WW), a male near Clovis 23 Jun (JO), and another singing near Roswell 12 Jun (WH).

Among the very few Cassin's Finch reports were one at Capulin Spring 21 Jun (GM) and 2 near Sandia Crest 11 Jul (PS). Providing a treat for many were up to 5 **White-winged Crossbills** at the Santa Fe Ski Basin. First found 15 Jul (MM), they remained through the month (m. ob., vt. JO). Singing plus apparent courtship feeding suggested that they were initiating nesting. Red Crossbills were widespread and relatively numerous in most major mountain ranges statewide The only American Goldfinches were 2 at Chama 9 Jun (JP). Only small numbers of Evening Grosbeaks were noted, these restricted to the Sangre de Cristo, Jemez, and Sacramento ranges.

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