

reported from B.Y.U. Arboretum, *Utah* 7 Jun (DM), Lytle 14 Jun (RF), and Draper, *Salt Lake*, UT 3 Jul (ND). The only reports of Indigo Buntings for the season came from *Esmeralda* and *Clark* in Nevada and *Washington*, UT. A somewhat late migrant Bobolink was a nice find at the H.P.V.P. 2 Jun (JH, CP). Common Grackles were observed in Randolph City Park, *Rich*, UT 2 Jun (JV, DG). Finally, a Pine Siskin was out of place at Ash Meadows 5 Jul (JC).

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GREBES THROUGH HAWKS

The **Least Grebe** continued at S.W.T. 1 Jun+ (m. ob.). Still considered casual in summer in s. Arizona, Eared Grebes were 5 at Willcox 1 Jun+ (JBo, MPo, MMS, m. ob.), 2 at the Chandler S.T.P. 7 Jul (PD, DPe), and one on the Gila Indian Reservation 4 Jul (PD, DPe) No nesting was observed. Casual Western Grebes away from known breeding areas were singles at Thatcher S.T.P. 2-7 Jun (JBo, MPo, MMS), Willcox 2-18 Jun (JBo, MPo, MMS), and Amado S.T.P. 21 Jul (JH et al). Even less common, Clark's Grebes were one at Willcox 2-12 Jun (HD, m. ob.) and 2 there 13 Jun (BS, MMS). Several Clark's were observed at Roosevelt L. 14 Jul, where they may breed (TC). Casual in summer away from the L.C.R.V., American White Pelicans included 10 at Tucson 2 Jun (B. Hotchkiss), one at Willcox 4 Jun (BM, DP), 2 at Alamo L. 11 Jun (TM), 50 at Roosevelt L. 20 Jun (JE), and 2 at Marana 25 Jun (MMS). **Brown Pelicans** appeared in unprecedented numbers across the state beginning in the 2nd week of Jun, with reports of up to 50 specific birds during the season. At least 18 were taken to recovery centers (*fide* BB, TC), and numerous others were observed dead along roads sw. of Phoenix (*fide* TC) and elsewhere, indicating substantial mortality. Totals of greater than 25 are very rare. Estimates of 100+ birds in Arizona this summer (TC) reflect high recruitment of juvs. in Sea of Cortez breeding areas and suggest possible prey limitations there. Numerous dispersing juvs. were found in similar straits in far se. California at the same time (*fide* C. Pelizza).

A Neotropical Cormorant at Alamo L. 11 Jun (TM) was nw. of usual areas and likely repre-

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The prolonged drought continued statewide, leading to major forest fires and the closure of most public lands until

mid-July, when the summer rains began. The closures significantly reduced observer coverage of most of the state.

Abbreviations: A.B.C. (Arizona Bird Committee); A.V.S.T.P. (Avra Valley Sewage Treatment Plant); B.T.A. (Boyce Thompson Arboretum); H.R.P. (Hassayampa River Preserve); L.C.R.V. (Lower Colorado River Valley); N.I.R. (Navajo Indian Reservation); P.A.P. (Pinal Air Park pecan grove); S.P.R. (San Pedro River); S.W.T. (Sweetwater Wetlands, Tucson).

sents the farthest nw. record for the state. The expansion of Double-crested Cormorants into White Mtn. lakes continued, with nesting confirmed by 36+ birds and 14 nests at River Res., Greer 15 Jun (MMS, CL et al.). Another 10 were at Scott Res., Pinetop 29 Jul (MPo) A juv. Least Bittern at the Gila R. cobble ponds sw. of Phoenix 29 Jun (TC) confirmed a new local nesting locality. Casual summer wanderers, juv. Tricolored Herons appeared in ne. Tucson 21-28 Jul (BN, ph. MPo, MMS) and Rio Rico 25 Jul (ph. M. Scott) The latter bird relocated to Nogales 28 Jul+ (CG, ph. MPo, MMS). Seventy Cattle Egrets, including fledglings, at Paloma Ranch 6 Jul (TC) were near the original Arizona nesting site. Considered a large number locally, 16 Black Vultures were in sw. Phoenix 13 Jul (CB).

Casual summering waterfowl included: Canada Goose: continuing at Willcox golf course 1 Jun+ (m. ob.); Wood Duck: a possibly feral eclipse male at S.W.T. 27 Jul+ (RD, m. ob.), Cinnamon Teal: several pairs nesting at a new location n. of Palo Verde 29 Jul (TC) and 3 juvs. at S.W.T. 29 Jul (WR); Green-winged Teal: 2 at Willcox 2 Jun (JBo, MPo, MMS), 9 at Thatcher S.T.P. 2-7 Jun (JBo, MPo, MMS), and one at Chandler S.T.P. 7 Jul (PD), and Lesser Scaup: singles at Thatcher S.T.P. 2 Jun (JBo, MPo, MMS) and at S.W.T. 6 Jun (MMS, M. Auslander). The Surf Scoter at Thatcher S.T.P. continued through 7 Jun (JWi et al.)

Ospreys in the s. are always of interest in summer. Individuals were late at Agua Caliente Park, Tucson until 16 Jun (MMS) and early at Chandler S.T.P. 7 Jul (PD) and Nogales 19 Jul+ (MMS, MPo et al.). Mississippi Kites increased to 11 at their s. stronghold along the S.P.R. in St. David by 22 Jul (HL et al.). Thirty-nine fledged Bald Eagles represented a record high for the species in the state (Arizona Dept. of Game & Fish) A male Northern Harrier at Paloma Ranch 21 Jul was a first for Jul in *Maricopa* (BG) and was likely an early migrant. A molting second-year Gray Hawk was there 6 Jul+ (TC) This species is casual at any time in *Maricopa*. A Common Black-Hawk at B.T.A. 14 Jul was away from known breeding areas (TC) After the forests were reopened to the public, a light-morph **Short-tailed Hawk** was relocated at Barfoot Park, Chiricahua Mts. 13 Jul+ (RH et al., ph. CDB, MPo). A Swainson's Hawk near Gila Bend Jul 21 was considered an early migrant (BG).

GALLINULES THROUGH TERNS

A juv Purple Gallinule at S.W.T. 26 Jul+ (BSc

et al., †MMS, ph. J. Hayes, KK) was one of very few observed statewide in the past decade. A Sora at Gilbert Water Ranch 28 Jul was an early migrant (PD). A Sandhill Crane was again present at Luna L. 15 Jun+ (TC, MMS et al.).

American Avocets at Roosevelt L. 5 Jun (JE) were seen with 4-5 downy young 14 Jul (TC). This is a new nesting location. Three pairs with juvs. were seen 21 Jul along the Santa Cruz R. in Tucson (JL, SL), where nesting has occurred sporadically. Late migrant shorebirds included Spotted Sandpipers at Thatcher S.T.P. 7 Jun (JWi) and Willcox 18 Jun (SH) and 2 Long-billed Curlews at Alamo L. 11 Jun (TM). Early migrant shorebirds included Greater Yellowlegs at S.W.T. 24 Jun (MMS), Solitary Sandpiper at Gilbert 7 Jul (PD), Willet at A.V.S.T.P. 23 Jun (SB), Spotted Sandpiper at Willcox 25 Jun (DS), and single Long-billed Curlews at Roosevelt L. 23 Jun (JE), Fountain Hills 30 Jun (JS), and Gilbert 7 Jul (PD). Early and rare were 2 Sanderlings at Willcox 23 Jul (JC), and a Short-billed Dowitcher at Gila Bend S.T.P. 6 Jul (TC). Unprecedented were 50 Stilt Sandpipers at Willcox 23-25 Jul (JC, DS et al.). This far exceeds typical numbers reported statewide for an entire fall. More timely Short-billed Dowitchers were one at El Mirage 13 Jul (CB) and up to 2 at Willcox 23-25 Jul (JC, BM, DP). Early Wilson's Phalaropes built up from 4 to 14 at Willcox 18-25 Jun (SH, RT, DS).

A second-summer Laughing Gull at Willcox 2 Jun (JBo, MPo, †MMS) provided about the 10th record for se. Arizona. Late or summering Franklin's Gulls were 2 at Willcox 6 Jun (HD) and singles at Thatcher S.T.P. 14 Jun (MMS, BS) and Willcox 20 Jun-13 Jul (RT, DS et al.). A Common Tern at Willcox 23 Jul made the first Jul record for se. Arizona (JC). A Forster's Tern at Willcox 2 Jun (JBo, MMS, vt. MPo) was quite late for se. Arizona. As Least Terns slowly increase as migrants in the state, the straggler dates expand. This season, late singles were at Tucson 28 Jun (RH) and A.V.S.T.P. 23-25 Jul (DW, BM, DP).

DOVES THROUGH HUMMINGBIRDS

Eurasian Collared-Doves were in new areas at Flagstaff 13 Jun (P. Friederici), San Simon 29 Jul (RT), and Sonoita 9-23 Jul (J. Gordon, MPo et al., †MMS). A total of 15 was reported statewide. White-winged Doves continue to inch northward, with singles at Flagstaff 2 Jun (F. Brandt) and Eagar 16 Jun (MMS et al.). The Ruddy

Ground-Dove at Hereford was last reported 3 Jun (LG). Pushed by the drought, several Yellow-billed Cuckoos were seen in urban Tucson and Tempe in late Jun (m. ob.) Casual in summer, 3 Long-eared Owls were heard on Mt. Lemmon at 1560 and 2400 m on 12-18 Jul (B. Marshall, CL). Even more unusual, a Short-eared Owl was near Greens Peak in the White Mts. 6 Jun (TM). Up to 2 Buff-collared Nightjars continued near California Gulch through Jul (MK et al., †MMS).

The spring White-eared Hummingbirds continued in Ramsey Canyon and Miller Canyon through the season. A female Berylline Hummingbird that appeared at Ramsey Canyon 2 Jul (MP) was observed nesting 20 Jul+ (TC, TM, ph. SH, MPo, MMS). A male reported in Miller Canyon went undocumented (m. ob.). Hybrid hummingbirds apparently involving Berylline continued in both canyons (m. ob.). A Violet-crowned Hummingbird was in Madera Canyon 15 Jul, a site where the species is scarce (GW). The hummer of the summer was a **Plain-capped Starthroat** in Miller Canyon 29 Jun-2 Jul (SW, ph. TW, MMS, GW). After being banded in Miller, it was relocated in nearby Ash Canyon 12 Jul+ (B & M. Cox et al.). Lucifer Hummingbirds away from expected Chiricahua Mt. areas were a male at Patagonia 1 Jun (SF et al.), a female in French Joe Canyon 28 Jul (CDB), and a male in the Mule Mts. 30 Jul (RHu). Up to 3 males, a female, and an imm. were in the Huachuca Mts. 1 Jun-30 Jul (TB, BP, SW), where they are being reported with increased frequency. A worn male Calliope Hummingbird in Miller Canyon until 2 Jun (ph. JS) was late, while a male banded along the upper S.P.R. 6 Jul (SW) was early. The first Rufous Hummingbird of fall in the s. (an ad. male) appeared in Ramsey Canyon 27 Jun (MP), about 10 days early. Three more appeared before 7 Jul (MMS, SW). Early ad. male Allen's Hummingbirds were in lower Ramsey Canyon 28 Jun (JHi) and Miller Canyon 29 Jun (SW, TB).

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH THRASHERS

We are still unsure of the ne. limit of Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet range in cen Arizona; therefore, individuals at two different locales at the e. end of Aravaipa Canyon, *Graham* 7 Jun (JWi) represented an apparent range extension e. of the San Pedro R.

A late Olive-sided Flycatcher was along Aspen Cr. near Prescott 10 Jun (CT). Several "Western" Flycatchers were seen in lowland situations in s. Arizona during Jun, with at

least 3 different birds heard singing Pacific-slope songs: one in Marana 10 Jun (RH), one in Scottsdale 15-18 Jun (JBa), and one along Sonoita Cr. 24 Jun (MB). Six others were reported as non-singing; there are virtually no lowland records of Cordilleran from Arizona. Two Sulphur-bellied Flycatchers at French Joe Canyon 3 Jun (MK) were n. of their usual range in se. Arizona, whereas one along the Santa Cruz R. at Tumacacori 6 Jul (G Martinez) was at an unusually low elevation and out of habitat. The Tropical Kingbird found at S.W.T. during the spring was seen at least through 2 Jun (MPo), but was not found nesting. More unusual for the Tucson Valley, a Thick-billed Kingbird was reported at S.W.T. 28 Jul+ (C. Cathers). Other somewhat extralimital sightings of Thick-billeds this summer included one in California Gulch 26 Jul (SH) and one near Kingfisher Pond, upper S.P.R. 4 Jun (NM). A male Rose-throated Becard was present at the Roadside Rest in Patagonia 4 Jun—15 Jul (JBo et al.); numbers of this scarce species in Arizona have noticeably declined during the past decade.

A very early Cassin's Vireo was in French Joe Canyon 28 Jul (SF). Late lowland Warbling Vireos were reported as follows: 2 in Cave Cr., *Maricopa* 9 Jun (W. Thurber), 2 at Whitlow Dam 13 Jun and one there 27 Jun (JBa). A Western Scrub-Jay at Whitlow Dam 13-20 Jun (JBa) was at an unusually low elevation for the summer season. A flock of 12 Purple Martins was at high elevation in the Santa Catalina Mts. 12 Jul (B. Marshall, CL), a site where they are not known to breed; these birds may have represented individuals ranging up in elevation from breeding areas in the Saguaro-dominated foothills, or possibly early southbound migrants from populations from the pine forests farther north. A Tree Swallow at S.W.T. 22 Jun (SF) was at a very odd location for this season and likely represented a very early southbound migrant. Other early Tree Swallows were noted in Chandler and Gila Bend 6 Jul (TC). A Bank Swallow at S.W.T. 22-23 Jun (vt. SF, MPo)—and possibly the same individual at a pond along the Santa Cruz R. 27 Jun (JL, SL)—represent what may be the first Jun record for se. Arizona; this species doesn't normally arrive southbound until mid-Jul.

A Mountain Chickadee in cen. Phoenix 31 Jun+ (T. Pittman) was out of range for this season and represented a first local summer record. Two pairs of Bushtits nested at an unusually low elevation at Whitlow Dam 13 Jun+ (JBa). Wandering Gray Catbirds were found in the Mule Mts. 7-11 Jun (RHu) and

at Cameron 11-13 Jun (CL); this species is known to breed in Arizona only in the White Mts. A Crissal Thrasher was found at 2100 m elevation on Gray Mt. 13 Jun (CL), which is unusually high for this species anywhere in the state.

WARBLERS THROUGH GOLDFINCHES

An early migrant Orange-crowned Warbler was reported from Ramsey Canyon 29 Jul (MPr). It was a particularly good summer for Northern Parula in s. Arizona, with reports from Dudleyville 4 Jun (F. Smith), Harshaw Cr. 18 Jun (D. Touret), Whitlow Dam 20 Jun (JBa), and South Fork, White Mts. 21 Jul (DR, J. Videle). Amazingly, we received two different reports of Magnolia Warbler: one banded at Empire/Cienega Ranch 19 Jun (JWh) and the other in lower Carr Canyon 23 Jun (HB); there was only one previous Jun record from se. Arizona. A late Townsend's Warbler was at Wickenburg 9 Jun (P. Moulton). Single Black-and-white Warblers, casual in the state during summer, were at Ahwatukee 15 Jul (RD) and at Summerhaven 26 Jul (B. Marshall). Also casual in the se. during Jun, American Redstarts were reported from Kingfisher Pond 4 Jun (NM) and from Patagonia Roadside Rest 9-29 Jun (T. Arny, DPe, PD). An above-normal number of Ovenbirds was found, with one in nw. Tucson 1 Jun (T. Meyer), one found dead in Ash Canyon 4 Jun (N. McFarland, *vide* HB), and one at Little Clayhole Res., *Mohave* 8 Jun (TC, CL). The only Northern Waterthrush of the season was one at Kino Springs 2 Jun (MK). Casual in spring and early summer, male Kentucky Warblers were found in French Joe Canyon 3 Jun (LG, MK et al.) and E. Turkey Cr. 23 Jun (RT). Very late MacGillivray's Warblers were at Granite Cr., Prescott 8 Jun (CT) and Whitlow Dam 27 Jun (JBa). Also very late were Wilson's Warblers at Whitlow Dam 13 Jun (JBa) and E. Turkey Cr. 25 Jun (RT). A Red-faced Warbler at French Joe Canyon 30 Jun (JLD) was away from known breeding areas and at an unusually low elevation. The pair of Rufous-capped Warblers that have been present in French Joe Canyon for a few years were seen again all season. They successfully nested and reared at least one young by early Jun (MK et al.). A 2nd nesting began by 7 Jun, and 2 more juvs. were seen being fed by 6 Aug (MK, L. Liese, m. ob.).

A Hepatic Tanager in a Phoenix yard 23 Jun (TC) and up to 2 on Gray Mt. n. of Flagstaff represented first local summer records for this species. A male Scarlet Tanager in a Prescott yard 23-27 Jun was later found dead 8 Jul (R. Davis; *UA); this species is accidental any-

where in the state during the summer season. The ad. male Flame-colored Tanager that was located in Miller Canyon during the spring remained through the period and likely paired with a female Western Tanager, as at least 2 different hybrids were seen by early Jul (SW et al.). A 2nd apparently "pure" Flame-colored was reported from the same locality 10 Jun (SW). The Flame-colored Tanager/hybrid tanager situation in se. Arizona is complex and difficult to resolve.

A White-throated Sparrow with an injured leg lingered at St. David 6 Jun (HD), there were no previous Jun records from se. Arizona. Out-of-season White-crowned Sparrows were at P.A.P. 2 Jun (P. Saloman) and in Gilbert 7 Jul (J. Burns). A Pyrrhuloxia in Prescott 13 Jun (R. Anderson, *vide* CT) was considered accidental locally. Certainly one of the birds of the season was the **Yellow Grosbeak** present at a feeder in Ash Canyon 18-28 Jun (ph. T. Mouras, †JWh); there have been fewer than 15 total records of this vagrant from Mexico, with virtually all coming from Jun or Jul. At least 10 additional Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, combined with the 46 from the spring season, makes this year the best ever for this species in the state. Single Black-headed Grosbeaks in a Phoenix yard 3 Jul (B. Demaree) and at Paloma 6 Jul (TC) were likely very early migrants, as was a Lazuli Bunting in a Scottsdale yard 19 Jul (JBa). The excellent spring for Indigo Buntings also continued into the summer, with one at Whitlow Dam 20 Jun (JBa) and likely breeding reported along Granite Cr. near Prescott (CT). The first Painted Bunting of the summer was an ad. male along the S.P.R. near Charleston 20 Jul (J. Woodley et al.).

Yellow-headed Blackbirds, usually considered rare during the summer in s. Arizona, were reported from at least seven localities during late Jun and early Jul. An ad. male Streak-backed Oriole was once again reported from the lower S.P.R. near Dudleyville 1 Jun (TC, TM), near where this species has nested in the past. Something was definitely going on with Lawrence's Goldfinch this summer, with an unprecedented number of reports received for Jun and Jul: 2 in Ash Canyon 23 Jun (B. Cox), 2 at Whitlow Dam 27 Jun (JBa), one in Miller Canyon 29 Jun (ph. SW, MMS), one in No Name Canyon 30 Jun (RHu), up to 3 in Miller Canyon 3-7 Jul (B. Stocku, JH et al.), one at P.A.P. 10 Jul (R. Hill), one at Willow Tank 22 Jul (H. DeGryss), and one at Arivaca Cienega 26 Jul (M. Scott). Amazingly, there were no previous Jun records, and only one previous Jul record from the se. part of the state.

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Extrême drought conditions continued into summer 2002, with forest and range fires and dry rivers and reservoirs dominating the news, indeed the national news. Breeding birds were affected and many species—especially Neotropical migrants—abandoned the effort and began to wander; scattered July rains, however, allowed some resident species to nest successfully. Several genuine rarities were documented, as was the first successful Aplomado Falcon nest in half a century.

Abbreviations: B.L.N.W.R. (Bitter Lake N.W.R.); Bosque (Bosque del Apache N.W.R.); E.B.L. (Elephant Butte Lake); L.V.N.W.R. (Las Vegas N.W.R.); Maxwell (Maxwell N.W.R. and vicinity); N.R.T. (n. Roosevelt migrant trap near Melrose); R.G.V. (Rio Grande Valley); R.S. (Rattlesnake Springs area, *Eddy*); Sevilleta (Sevilleta N.W.R.).

LOONS THROUGH FALCONS

Causing excitement were up to 3 Common Loons summering at Stubblefield L. 7 Jun—31 Jul (DC, JP, JO, BP). Perhaps refugees from drought conditions farther n., American White Pelicans appeared at several locales, including highs of 240 near Mosquero 16 Jun (CR), 40 at E.B.L. 3 Jul (WW), and 26 at Maxwell 22 Jul (DC). High count for Neotropical Cormorant was only 34 at Bosque 21 Jul (CR); one was n. to La Joya 11 Jul (WH). A well-described female **Anhinga** along the Rio Grande in White Rock Canyon, *Sandoval* 1 Jun (SF) furnished the state's 4th record. Noteworthy waterbirds included a Great Egret n. to the Cimarron area 6 Jun (DC), an imm. Little Blue Heron at Bosque 21 Jul (CR), a Tricolored Heron at B.L.N.W.R. 17-31 Jul (GW et al.), and an imm. **Reddish Egret** at Bosque Redondo 7-10 Jun (vt. JO, ph. J. Levy). The ad. **White Ibis** in the Bosque-La Joya area in May was last reported at Bosque 4 Jun (R. Kruidenier) Two imm. **Roseate Spoonbills** at B.L.N.W.R. 24-25 Jul (JM, ph. B. McGee) furnished only the 3rd well-documented New Mexico record and the first since 1984.