

Lopez (JO) and Radium Springs (MS, JZ) 9 Jul; earliest Rufous returnees were singles at Los Alamos 27 Jun (JT), Manzano Mts. 27 Jun (TH) and Coyote Cr., *Mora* 30 Jun (CR). A totally green-backed male *Selasphorus* hummingbird at Luis Lopez 24-26 Jul (JP, vt. JO) may have been an Allen's; a mostly green-backed Rufous was present at the same time.

A pair of Red-headed Woodpeckers nesting at Carlsbad 28 Jun produced one young by 30 Jul (*fide* SW), apparently the first successful *Eddy* breeding in many years. Noteworthy for the Manzano Mts. were one to 3 Acorn Woodpeckers 18 Jun—17 Jul (TH). Three-toed Woodpeckers are resident in the higher reaches of the Mogollon Mts.; remarkably low, however, was an ad. male near San Francisco Hot Springs 14 Jul (HW). A Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet pair was adding lining to a Guadalupe Canyon nest 11-13 Jun (SOW). An Olive-sided Flycatcher was in the Gallinas Mts. near Corona 15 Jun (HS), where summer residency is possible but not proven. There was good news for endangered Southwestern Willow Flycatchers in the middle R.G.V., with a record 12 territories in the La Joya—Sevilleta area, three territories in new areas n. of Bosque, and a record 56 territories near San Marcial Jun—Jul (Bureau of Reclamation); elsewhere, four pairs on Ponil Cr. 14 Jun—24 Jul (DC) furnished a *Colfax* summer first, beavers created new habitat for a pair at Blackrock near Zuni in Jun (S. Albert), and a single was on the Pecos R. at Villanueva 27 Jun (GM). Now widespread in summer in n. New Mexico, 2-6 Gray Flycatchers were found s. to Reserve (JO), Vick's Peak (HS), White Oaks (SOW), and Pinon (WH) 2-16 Jun. A vocal Dusky Flycatcher was s. to Pumphouse Canyon near Cloudcroft 16 Jun (SW). Far n. and a *Colfax* first was a Black Phoebe nest near Cimarron that produced fledglings by 13 Jul (ph. DC); a reported 40 Black Phoebes were feasting on flies at a Peralta horse barn 13 Jun (KC). There are few verified Eastern Phoebe nests for New Mexico, so noteworthy was a nesting pair at Mills Canyon, *Harding* 25 Jun (HS, DC) that produced at least one fledgling by 16 Jul (ph. DC). Noteworthy for the high elevation were 2 Say's Phoebes at Sandia Crest 9 Jun (BV), where one was reported in May. A pair of Vermilion Flycatchers was ne. to Santa Rosa 7 Jun (JO). A Great Crested Flycatcher near Portales 10 Jul (LS) provided the only report. Thick-billed Kingbirds were notably scarce in Guadalupe Canyon, with but one there 11-13 Jun (SOW) and 2 noted 5 Jul (JP, JO). A Scissor-tailed Flycatcher strayed w. to Sumner L. 16 Jul (M. MacRoberts). An ad.

male **Rose-throated Becard** was reported at Las Cruces 6-7 Jun (J. Green, L. Schulte); never verified in New Mexico, this was the first to be reported since 1984.

VIREOS THROUGH PHAINOPEPLA

A strong showing by **White-eyed Vireos** produced singing singles on the Cimarron R. near Cimarron 8 Jul (ph. DC) and on the Gila R. near Gila 17 Jun (HW, DF); another (or the same) was on the Gila R. above Mogollon Cr. 24 Jun (HW). Encouraging were 10 Bell's Vireos at Redrock 4 Jun (RW), and Bell's was described as more plentiful than usual in the Cliff-Gila Valley (SS). Noteworthy Gray Vireos were singles singing in the Caja del Rio area, *Santa Fe* 23 & 28 Jun (JO, JP), 10 at seven sites in the Quebradas area, *Socorro* 6 Jun (*fide* NC), and at least one in Guadalupe Canyon 11-13 Jun (SOW). Unexpected for the date and location were one to 2 Hutton's Vireos in Guadalupe Canyon 11-13 Jun (SOW) and 5 Jul (JP, JO). A Red-eyed Vireo was near Gila 1 Jul (KB, DF).

Blue Jay reports have increased recently in *Colfax*; this season one summered at Maxwell 12 Jun—21 Jul, where it was joined by another 22-31 Jul (ph. DC). Peripheral Black-billed Magpies were singles s. to Peralta 16 Jun (KC), Canyon Blanco, sw. *San Miguel* 29 Jun (JO), and Mills Canyon 16 Jul (DC). Chihuahuan Ravens have only recently been found nesting n. to *Mora* and *Colfax*; this season, nests were documented n. of Wagon Mound (B. Willard) and at several *Colfax* sites, including e. of Springer (B. Willard), s. of Abbott 12 Jun and 11 Jul (DC), and n. of Maxwell 4 Jun (K. Granillo). Additional evidence of Purple Martin colonization of the Sangre de Cristo Mts. was provided by 15 on the Sapello R. at San Ignacio, *San Miguel* 27 Jul (WW) and one near Rowe 8 Jun (CR). Far e. were 2 Violet-green Swallows at the Mosquero escarpment 16 Jun (CR). Owing to construction disturbance, w. Albuquerque's Calabacillas Arroyo Bank Swallow colony was reduced to about 175 nesting pairs 7 Jul (WH). A family group of at least 4 Mexican Chickadees was in Indian Creek Canyon, Animas Mts. 14 Jun (SOW, AC). A Juniper Titmouse at the Mosquero escarpment was far e. of expected. Brown Creepers were seldom reported were singing singles at P.O. Flats, Zuni Mts. 12 Jun (HS) and the Gallinas Mts. near Corona 15 Jun (HS); noteworthy were 12 near Cloudcroft 16 Jun (WH).

Cactus Wrens on their ne. frontier were one in s. *Harding* 21 Jun (DC), 3 e. of Pastura 4 Jun (WH), and one near Rogers, *Roosevelt* 10 Jul (LS). Black-tailed Gnatcatchers in the

sw. were 3 at Redrock 4 Jun (RW) and singles there 4 Jul (JO) and at San Simon Cienega 5 Jul (JP) and Guadalupe Canyon 12 Jun (SOW). Two Townsend's Solitaries were in the Gallinas Mts. 15 Jun (HS), where the species is a regular but rare breeder; noteworthy was a vocal one in the Manzano Mts 16 Jun (TH). A single Veery near Vadito, *Taos*, 2 Jul (WW) furnished the only report of this scarce breeder; 2 vocal Swainson's Thrushes were in that same area 29 Jun (JP) and 2 Jul (WW). The **Wood Thrush** found at N.R.T. 31 May lingered until 9 Jun (JP, DE, BN, WH, JO, SW). Gray Catbirds in the middle and lower R.G.V. included 2 at Sevilleta 11 Jul (WH) and singles at Bosque 21 Jul (CR) and Radium Springs 24 Jul (JZ). Single Brown Thrashers were near Cimarron 30 Jul (DC) and at Boone's Draw 23 Jul (LS). A pair of Bendire's Thrashers in the Caja del Rio area near Santa Fe 11 Jun (WW) produced at least one fledgling by 23 Jun (vt. JO). Late were 2 Cedar Waxwings at Dawson Cemetery near Cimarron 5 Jun (DC). A Phainopepla wandered n. to Bluewater Cr, Zuni Mts. 11 Jun (HS); another was e. to near Mayhill 18 Jun (SW).

WARBLERS THROUGH FINCHES

Several unusual warblers livened up the season, including single singing Northern Parulas at Corrales 25 Jun (DK) and Quara 16 Jun (NP), an ad. male **Magnolia Warbler** at N.R.T. 2 Jun (DE, BN), a **Yellow-throated Warbler** at R.S. 21 Jul (BV), a female **Bay-breasted Warbler** at Eagle Cr., *Lincoln* 17 Jun (SW), and single Black-and-white Warblers at N.R.T. 4 Jun (WH) and near Gila 17 Jul (KB). At Corrales on 25 Jun were a singing American Redstart, a singing Ovenbird, and 3 singing Hooded Warblers (DK); single Hoodeds were also there 16 Jun and 16 Jul (DK). Most remarkable was a probable **Canada Warbler**, described as a female, on the Gila R. above Cliff on the very early date of 22 Jul (HW); there are but eight previous New Mexico records and none in fall earlier than 11 Sep. A Red-faced Warbler was n. to Diener Canyon, Zuni Mts. 29 Jun (J DeLong); in the se., 6 Red-faceds were along the Rio Penasco near Cloudcroft 15-16 Jun (WH). Hepatic Tanagers are scarce in the Manzano Mts., so noteworthy were one near Cedro 30 Jun (JO), a pair in Tajique Canyon 19 Jun (HS), and one at Quarai 16 Jun (NP), early for the lowlands was one at R.S. 21 Jul (BV). Summer Tanagers in the ne. included singles at Villanueva 27 Jun (GM) and near Sabinoso 16 Jun (CR). Western Tanagers were conspicuous in lowland areas by mid-

which was of the less-common North American race *erythrogaster*, and Gambell 25 Jun (JZ), and 2+ n. to Prudhoe Bay 22 Jun—11 Jul (BG, DMT).

A **Gray-spotted Flycatcher** (*Muscicapa gri-seisticta*) found by Armistead 11 Jun (ph. GLA, ST PAUL) remained through the next day to be seen by many (JLD, WINGS, m. ob.). This constitutes the first record of the species away from the w. Aleutians and was a first for the Pribilofs; the easternmost previous record was from Amchitka I. A Siberian Rubythroat at St. Paul 12 Jun (Max Berlin, ST PAUL) was the only one reported. Nome area birders were again disappointed with few and fleeting White Wagtail observations all season. The only extralimital was one n. to Barrow 25+ Jun (FIELD GUIDES). A late Red-throated Pipit was at St. Paul I. 12 Jun (FIELD GUIDES).

WARBLERS THROUGH FRINGILLIDS

Warblers were unusually quiet this season, save for the American Redstart in *Anchorage* 23 Jun (TT, NS, GJT), U.C.I.'s first and one of few away from the SE Mainland breeding populations. Extralimital Common Yellowthroats

were in the e. Interior at Scotty Cr. 11 Jun (TT, GHR) and in Anchorage 12 Jul (DWS et al.). The Interior yellowthroat closely matched the n. and Interior nesting *campicola/yukonicola*. Still casual in summer and typically in SE was a singing **Black-headed Grosbeak** in Juneau 11 Jun (GVV). A male **House Finch** appeared briefly at a Ketchikan feeder 2 Jul (PH ph.), the Region's first midsummer report and approximately the 5th overall. The female McKay's Bunting on St. Paul, first discovered 23 May, was photographed 12 Jun feeding 3 fledgling young produced with a male Snow Bunting (ST PAUL, FIELD GUIDES).

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