

Springer L. 7 Jun (ph. DC) and 3 at Brantley L. 12 Jul (JO). Earliest Semipalmated Plovers were 3 at Stubblefield L. 25 Jul (DC) and one at Holloman L. 30 Jul (MS, JZ). Notable Black-necked Stilt breeding records included a pair nesting near Portales 25 Jun (LS), ads. and 2 chicks at Deming 20 Jul (MS, JZ), and ads. on eggs plus one chick seen at Lordsburg 16 Jun (AC, NM-C). Late was a Willet at B.L.N.W.R. 10 Jun (WH); unusual were 13 at Stubblefield L. 26 Jun (ph. DC). Earliest migrant Upland Sandpipers were at B.L.N.W.R. 23 & 30 Jul (GW). Unexpected was a Whimbrel at Bosque 18 Jul (BP). Notably far s. were 32 Long-billed Curlews at a prairie dog town near Lovington 12 Jun (LS); far w. were 2 near the town of Fence Lake 14 Jun (DK). Several Marbled Godwits suddenly appeared in late Jun, including one at Stubblefield L. 26 Jun (ph. DC), 3 n. of Roy 25 Jun (HRS), and 22 at B.L.N.W.R. 25 Jun (GW). Well described was a bright Red Knot at Bosque 22 Jul (LA).

Five Semipalmated Sandpipers were late at Springer L. 7 Jun (ph. DC), where present with 3 White-rumped Sandpipers (ph. DC); other White-rumped were one at Bosque Redondo 6 Jun (JO) and 8 at B.L.N.W.R. 10 Jun (WH). Four vocal Short-billed Dowitchers were at Springer L. 21 Jul (BP); late were 2 Long-billeds at Stubblefield L. 2 Jun (ph. DC). Suggestive of local breeding were up to 3 vocal Wilson's Snipe each at Los Ojos 25 Jun (WW), along Ponil Cr. near Cimarron 24 Jun (audiotape DC), and at Mora 15-16 Jul (DS, NC).

Up to 70 California Gulls were at Eagle Nest L. in Jun and Jul (ph. DC), but evidence of nesting remained elusive. An impressive 11 Least Tern pairs nested at B.L.N.W.R. (J. Montgomery, GW), while in Eddy, 3 Least were at Brantley L. 5 Jun (SW) & 12 Jul (JO), and up to 10 were at nearby L. Avalon 12 Jul (JO), where reportedly present all summer (*vide* SW). Wandering Least were singles at Bosque 1 Jun (PB, M. Watson), Maddox L. near Hobbs 3 Jun (LS), Sumner L. 6 Jun (JO), and Burn L., Las Cruces 6 Jul (MS, JZ). Unusual mid-summer Black Terns included singles at Holloman L. 22 Jun (MS, JZ) and Radium Springs 5 Jul (MS).

Perhaps seeking water, 25 Band-tailed Pigeons descended to Quarai 22 Jun (HRS); others in submontaine areas included one in the G.B.A. 24 Jun (SOW) and 12 there 16 Jul (KB). Eurasian Collared-Doves completed their colonization of the state, with multiple reports from the w. areas, including continuing presence at Deming and Silver City, plus sin-

gles at Reserve 13 Jun (JO), Zuni (JT), Datil (JO), and Luna (JO) 14 Jun, and Animas 4 Jul (SOW, PM), and 5 at Hurley 22 Jul (EL). Noteworthy for Guadalupe Canyon were 3 Inca Doves 28 Jun (JEP, JO). Persisting from May, a Common Ground-Dove was at a Rodeo farm 28 Jun (JEP, JO) & 18 Jul (WW).

PARROTS THROUGH FLYCATCHERS

The celebrated Thick-billed Parrot at Engle, present since 8 May, was last seen 23 Jun; during its stay, 507 birders from 34 states and five foreign countries signed the ranch register (T. Waddell). Up to 3 Yellow-billed Cuckoos at Blackrock Dam 10-14 Jun (JT) were the first to summer at Zuni in nearly 20 years, and 2 carrying food at K.K. 3 Jul (MS, JZ) suggested local breeding there; other noteworthy cuckoos were 4 on the Canadian R. near Conchas Dam 6 Jun (WW), singles at Sumner Dam 10 Jun (WH) and on the Pecos R. at Bosque Draw, *Chaves* 18 Jun (MR, RL), and several at C.C.N.P., including 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 6 & 9 Jun (BP) and singles in Slaughter Canyon 10 Jun (SW) and Open Hollow Gulch 13 & 26 Jun (SW).

A Barn Owl nest with young on Cerososo Cr. 16 Jun-21 Jul (ph. DC) was the 2nd found in *Colfax* this year. An apparent first for C.C.N.P. was an Elf Owl in Slaughter Canyon 10 Jun (SW); another was reported in Rattlesnake Canyon in Jul (*vide* SW). Whip-poor-wills pushed n. to the Zuni Mts., with 2 singing in Little Water Canyon 6-13 Jun (JT) and a nest with eggs in Hausner Canyon 8 Jun (JT). Unusual was a *Chaetura* swift at Radium Springs 27 Jul (MS, JZ). Two Violet-crowned Hummingbirds were singing in Guadalupe Canyon 12-13 Jun (SOW), where at least 6 were seen 18 Jul (WW). Single Blue-throateds were in the Animas Mts. 2 Jul (AC, RW) and Open Hollow Gulch, C.C.N.P. 13 Jun (SW). Four Magnificents were banded at L. Roberts 8 Jun-29 Jul (JD-M), and singles were at nearby Greyfeathers Lodge 25-26 Jul (JO) and at Gila 18 Jul (KB). Only 4 Lucifer Hummingbirds summered in P.O. Canyon (CL); noteworthy was one s. to Cottonwood Canyon 18 Jul (WW). On schedule for a fall migrant was an Anna's in P.O. Canyon 18-21 Jul (CL). Unexpected were 2 Costa's Hummingbirds banded at L. Roberts 18 Jun (JD-M). Also unexpected was a male Rufous Hummingbird in the Magdalena Mts. 14 & 21 Jun (AR); next earliest was one banded at Greyfeathers Lodge 28 Jun (JD-M). A fledgling Belted Kingfisher at Bosque Redondo 10 Jun (ph. WH) confirmed nesting in *DeBaca*.

A Red-headed Woodpecker pair was feeding young at Bosque Draw, *Chaves* 18 Jun (MR, RL); others suggestive of local breeding were 3 at Boone's Draw and 2 at N.R.T. 2 Jun (SOW). An Acorn Woodpecker at Cundiyo, ne. *Santa Fe* 7 Jul (MR) provided a local first. Far e. was a Red-naped Sapsucker at Taiban 13 Jun (LS). An ad. Downy Woodpecker with 2 fledglings at Apache Point 19 Jul (MS, JZ) furnished a rare Sacramento-sided Flycatcher in Diener Canyon, Zuni Mts. 14 Jun (HRS) may have been breeding. A Greater Pewee was n. to Negrito Cr., *Catron* 14 Jun (JO); one in the Burro Mts. 27 Jul (SC, DD) provided a local first. At least four Willow Flycatcher territories were along Ponil Cr., *Colfax* 14 Jun-29 Jul (DC); one at Mora 27 Jun-16 Jul (NC) provided a new summering locale. Gray Flycatchers where not previously reported included singles in the Bear Mts., *Socorro* 3 Jun (HRS), Maverick Mt., s. *Grant* 12 Jun (LM), and Open Hollow Gulch, C.C.N.P. 13 Jun (SW). Two Dusky Flycatchers were s. of Cloudcroft 27 Jun (WH), where annual in recent years. Black Phoebes again nested n. to *Colfax*, with a nest containing young near Cimarron 14 Jul (ph. DC). Shockingly far w. was a nesting pair of Eastern Phoebes at Zuni's Upper Nutria 11 Jun (JT). Vermilion Flycatchers nested successfully at Conchas Dam, where ads. fed begging young 6 Jun (WW); at Cliff, a Vermilion fed a fledgling cowbird 20 Jun (KB). A vocal Great Crested Flycatcher at Fort Sumner 27 Jul (LA) provided the only report. Brown-crested Flycatchers were unusually conspicuous in the sw., especially in the G.B.A. 26-27 Jul (JO) and Guadalupe Canyon, where there were four pairs 12-13 Jun (SOW); peripheral were singles at Las Animas Cr., *Sierra* 30 Jul (MS, JZ), Cooke's Canyon, *Luna* 4 & 7 Jun (WW, MS, JZ), and P.O. Canyon 4 Jun (CL), plus 3 at K.K. 3 Jul (MS, JZ). A Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher strayed to Guadalupe Canyon 12 & 17 Jun (SOW, MS). In recent years, Thick-billed Kingbirds have declined in Guadalupe Canyon, where only one pair was nesting 11-13 Jun (SOW). West of expected was a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher at Las Vegas N.W.R. 26 Jun & 10 Jul (*vide* K. Kuyuk).

VIREOS THROUGH WARBLERS

Surveys for Gray Vireos were successful in the Quebradas area, e. *Socorro*, where 17 were detected 21-23 Jul (NC et al.) and at C.C.N.P. and adjacent areas, where 88 were at nine sites 2 Jun-17 Jul (SW). Peripheral Bell's Vireos were singles at Bosque 19 Jul (JO), K.K. 3 & 30 Jul (MS,

JZ), and Rodeo 28 Jun (JEP) & 3 Jul (SOW, PM). Single Hutton's Vireos were n. to the Magdalena Mts. 10 Jun (HRS) and 19 Jul (BP). A late Red-eyed Vireo was at Boone's Draw 2 Jun (SOW). With large expanses of pinyon dying from bark beetles (aided by drought), Pinyon Jay populations may soon begin to suffer; far from suitable habitat were 3–5 in desert sw. of Roswell 1 Jun (SOW) and 12 Jul (JO). Additional evidence of Chihuahuan Ravens breeding in *Colfax* was provided by four nests s. of Abbott 12 Jun–5 Jul (DC); in *Roosevelt*, West Nile virus was implicated in the loss of eight nests in Jul (TM).

Nesting Purple Martins were conspicuous in the Zuni, Mogollon, Pinos Altos, and Sacramento Mts. (m. ob.); in the Sangre de Cristo Mts., where only recently established, a pair was nesting w. of Raton 1 Jul (DC), a pair was n. of Cowles 8 Jun (WW), and young were being fed in a cavity e. of Terrero 21 Jul (WW). An active Tree Swallow nest was at Los Ojos 25 Jun (WW); at Eagle Nest, two pairs were nesting in nest boxes 5 Jun & 3 Jul (ph. DC). Up to 4 Cave Swallows were n. in the Rio Grande Valley to Radium Springs 5–26 Jul (MS, JZ). At least one Carolina Wren persisted in the G.B.A., where seen and heard 23 & 27 Jul (DK, JO). A Marsh Wren was at Springer L. 10 Jul (ph. DC); there are no nesting records for *Colfax*. A Golden-crowned Kinglet nest was in Little Water Canyon, Zuni Mts. 13 Jun (JT); 15 Golden-crowneds were in the Magdalena Mts. 21 Jun (AR), where breeding was suspected. A Black-tailed Gnatcatcher was in the lower Hachita Valley 27 Jun (JEP, JO), where seldom reported. The state's known Veery population consisted of one bird heard e. of Vadito 21 Jun (JEP, JO) and 3 Jul (WW). A Wood Thrush in Frijoles Canyon, *Sandoval* 19 Jul (M. Ristow) furnished the state's first Jul record. Unusual for date and location was a Gray Catbird at K.K. 3 Jul (MS, JZ). Several observers noted that Northern Mockingbirds moved up into montane areas in Jun, presumably to avoid hot and dry conditions below. Single Bendire's Thrashers were at Deming 7 Jun (LM) and 27 Jul (DK), at the se. fringe of the range. A Phainopepla nest with young at Blackrock Dam 11 Jun (JT) provided the 2nd Zuni breeding record. Olive Warblers were discovered breeding in the Burro Mts., where an ad. and 2 juvs. were found 27 Jul (SC, DD); elsewhere, one to 2 Olives were n. to the Magdalena Mts. 7 Jun (JB, BF) and 27 Jul (BP). A Yellow Warbler tending fledglings at K.K. 3 Jul (MS, JZ) provided a rare *Luna* breeding

record. Unseasonal was a Townsend's Warbler in Clanton Canyon 16 Jun (MS, JZ, JNP). Two Hermit Warblers in the Burro Mts. 27 Jul (SC, DD) were the earliest yet for New Mexico. Other noteworthy warblers were a male Bay-breasted Warbler at N.R.T. 4 Jun (C. Black), a singing Ovenbird at Cliff 2 Jun (KB), a late Northern Waterthrush at N.R.T. 10 Jun (WH), and single singing male Hoodeds at Isleta 23 Jun (BHS) and Pleasanton 22 Jun (P. Tallman). Intriguing was a singing Wilson's Warbler in Big Water Canyon, Zuni Mts. 13 Jun (JT). Once again, Red-faced Warblers were n. to the Zuni Mts., with up to 3 in Hausner Canyon 7–8 Jun (JT). A Painted Redstart pair feeding a fledgling in Sawmill Canyon 10 Jun (HRS) provided the first certain breeding for the Magdalena Mts.

TANAGERS THROUGH FINCHES

Unusual in lowland riparian woodland, a Hepatic Tanager successfully nested in the G.B.A. in Jul (DK); Hepatics in new locales were singles in the Bear Mts., *Socorro* 3 Jun (HRS) and Cooke's Canyon, *Luna* 4 Jun (WW). A Summer Tanager was n. to Puerto de Luna 14 Jun (WH); in Skeleton Canyon, Summers and Hepatics were coexisting 29 Jun (JEP). Noteworthy were 4 Green-tailed Towhees in the Gallinas Mts. near Corona 17 Jun (HRS) and one on Maverick Mt., s. *Grant* 11 Jun (LM). At least five Abert's Towhee pairs were in the Cliff-Gila Valley, including a pair nest-building 17 Jun and another incubating 7 Jul (KB). Botteri's Sparrows returned to a dry and overgrazed Animas Valley, where 36 territories were mapped 30 Jun–4 Jul (SOW, PM); peripheral Botteri's were singles at Deer Cr. 10–11 Jun (SOW), Clanton Cienega 27 Jun (JEP, JO), Rodeo 28 Jun (JEP, JO) & 18 Jul (WW), and n. of Rodeo 3 Jul (SOW, PM). Breeding by Brewer's Sparrows was well documented in *Colfax*, including a nest with nestlings 9 Jul (ph. DC). Unusual was a singing Vesper Sparrow near Melrose 1 Jul (LS). Suggestive of local breeding were small numbers of Savannah Sparrows at Enbom L. (DS), Los Ojos (WW), and Mora (DS) and four *Colfax* sites (DC) Jun through Jul. *Ammolegus* Grasshopper Sparrows continued at near-record lows, with 36 on an Animas Valley transect 10 Jun and 3 on a Playas Valley transect 11 Jun (SOW). Far from proper breeding habitat were single dark-lored White-crowned Sparrows at Maxwell 13–15 Jun (DC) and Radium Springs 6–7 Jul (MS, ph. JZ). A significant discovery was a pair of Yellow-eyed Juncos with 2 fledg-

lings, plus another ad., in the Burro Mts. 27 Jul (SC, DD), far from the state's only known breeding population in the Animas Mts.

Northerly Northern Cardinals were one at Conchas Dam 6 Jun (WW) and 2 singing males at Puerto de Luna 14 Jun (WH). A male Pyrrhuloxia was n. to B.L.N.W.R. 11 Jun (WH), where not known to breed. Varied Buntings made a fine showing, with five territories in Guadalupe Canyon 12–13 Jun (SOW), a pair at Dripping Springs 24 Jul (GE), and 12 birds at four C.C.N.P. sites, including 7 in Rattlesnake Canyon 30 Jun (SW). Single Painted Buntings were n. to the Conchas Dam area 6 Jun & 8 Jul (WW) and w. to the lower Mimbres R. 27 Jul (R. Erickson). Seven singing Dickcissels were in Perico Canyon, *Union* 26 Jun (HRS); 9 Dickcissels were sw. of Fort Sumner 27 Jul (LA). Bronzed Cowbirds continued to thrive, with reports from *Hidalgo*, *Luna*, *Sierra*, *Dona Ana*, and *Eddy* (m. ob.); one was n. to B.L.N.W.R. 1–2 Jun (GW), while the high count was 10 near Antelope Wells 27 Jun (JEP). A Brown-headed Cowbird fledgling in Clanton Canyon 27 Jun (JO) was fed by a Bushtit and by a Plumbeous Vireo. Noteworthy was a Hooded Oriole pair nest-building in Cooke's Canyon, *Luna* 7 Jun (MS, ph. JZ); a Hooded nest in P.O. Canyon produced a young Bronzed Cowbird 29 Jul (CL). A Pine Grosbeak was s. to Elk Mt. 21 Jul (WW). Unusual was a Cassin's Finch at a Silver City feeder during Jun and Jul (D. & M. Zimmerman). Among the few Red Crossbill reports were 6 near Angel Fire 19 Jul, where there was a nest 26 Jul (ph. DC); audiotape showed them to be "Type 2," or "Ponderosa" crossbills (C. Benkman). Up to 10 American Goldfinches were in residence along Ponil Cr. e. of Cimarron after mid-Jun, and nesting was suspected there by late Jul (DC).

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