

Serious drought and warmer than usual temperatures continued as the main weather story through fall 2003, resulting in drying lakes and rivers along with poor cover and food conditions. It was, however, a season notable for rarities, including four new species—Royal Tern, Eastern Screech-Owl, Henslow's Sparrow, and Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow—bringing the state list to 506. These novelties were joined by New Mexico's second Piratic Flycatcher, plus numerous additional surprises, some not seen in the state for many years or decades.

Abbreviations: B.L.N.W.R. (Bitter Lake N.W.R.); Bosque (Bosque del Apache N.W.R.); E.B.L. (Elephant Butte L.); G.B.A. (Gila Bird Area, riparian habitat on Gila R. below Riverside); 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.N.C. (Rio Grande Nature Center, Albuquerque); R.G.V. (Rio Grande Valley); R.S. (Rattlesnake Springs area, Eddy).

LOONS THROUGH QUAIL

A remarkable 2 Red-throated Loons were at Ute L. 16 Nov (vt. JO), where one lingered until 22 Nov (JEP). Unreported for the past two years, an imm. Yellow-billed Loon was at L.V.N.W.R. 9 Nov (MR). Early was a Horned Grebe at Sumner L. 20 Sep (JEP, JO). Shrinking lakes resulted in notable waterbird concentrations, including aerial counts of 4300 *Aechmophorus* grebes and some 2000 American White Pelicans in the E.B.L.–Caballo area 24 Oct (MW). Single imm. Brown Pelicans strayed to E.B.L. 3–9 Aug (WW et al., ph. JZ) and Morgan L. 26 Aug (J. Rees, *vide* AN), and an ad. was at Brantley L. 29 Aug (WW). West and a local first was a Great Egret at Tyrone 28 Sep (EL). A Tricolored Heron at B.L.N.W.R. 3–5 Aug (JO, SOW) was joined by another 6–28 Aug (JO, MS, JZ, WW); another Tricolored was at Truth or Consequences 24 Aug (ph. JO). Single imm. Reddish Egrets were at E.B.L. 5–10 Aug (MS, ph. JZ, ph. JO) and in the Brantley-Avalon area 20 Sep (ph. JO) through 24 Oct (SW). An imm. Yellow-crowned Night-Heron was at Truth or Consequences 20 Aug (WW); another at Texico 17 Oct (ph. JO) apparently had both feet on the Texas side of the line. The 2 imm. Roseate Spoonbills at B.L.N.W.R. in Jul remained until 25 Sep (GW et al., ph. JO, ph. WH); this was only the 5th documented occurrence of the species in the state. Rarer still, a Wood Stork reported at B.L.N.W.R. 1 Aug (D. & L. McKinney) was relocated 5 Aug (GW); the species was last reported in New Mexico 30 years ago. Several Turkey Vultures lingered later than

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usual, including 2 at Conchas Dam 22 Oct (WW), 6 at Deming 24 Oct (LM), and one at B.L.N.W.R. 29 Oct (GW).

For the 2nd consecutive year, Fulvous Whistling-Ducks were found at L. Avalon, with 2 there 5–29 Aug (SW, WW) and 3 on 18 Sep & 13 Oct (SW). Some 11,700 Gadwalls were concentrated on what was left of E.B.L. 24 Oct (MW). A male Eurasian Wigeon was at Maxwell 3 Oct (DC). Early was a male Greater Scaup at Cochiti L. 12 Oct (WH). An imm. Surf Scoter at Holloman L. 8–9 Aug (SW, JO) apparently had lingered from spring; elsewhere, single Surfs were at L.V.N.W.R. 2 Nov (SF) and Grindstone L. near Ruidoso 23 Nov (ph. JO). Noteworthy for San Miguel was a fledgling Mississippi Kite at Clabber Hill Ranch below Conchas Dam 27 Aug (WW). Early was an ad. Bald Eagle at Conchas L. 8 Oct (MW). A record 16 Broad-winged Hawks passed the Manzano Mts. lookout 21 Sep–5 Oct (HawkWatch International). A flock of 200 migrant Swainson's Hawks stopped at La Plata 27 Sep (AN) to feast on grasshoppers. One Aplomado Falcon was detected in s. New Mexico 24 Sep (RM), where drought has greatly reduced available prey. Montezuma Quail were considered fairly common in the n. Peloncillo Mts. Aug–Nov, although broods were small due to drought (CL); 6

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were noted at two sites in the Burro Mts. 7 Oct (SOW).

CRANES THROUGH ROADRUNNERS

What was believed to be a Demoiselle Crane passed through Bosque with Sandhills 15 Oct (R. Kruidenier); rumors of an escaped Demoiselle in the "Rocky Mts." are under investigation. High counts for Black-bellied Plover were 6 at B.L.N.W.R. 1 Oct (GW) and 4 at Tucumcari L. 11 Oct (JO). An American Golden-Plover was a surprise at Maxwell 27 Sep (ph. DC). Noteworthy were one to 2 Snowy Plovers at Sumner L. 15 & 17 Sep (DE, BN, WW). Two Semipalmated Plovers at Alamo, Socorro 9–26 Sep (D. Yazee) provided a local first; the high count for the species was 13 at E.B.L. 20 Aug (WW), and the latest was one at Tucumcari L. 5 Oct (CR). Migrant Killdeer were much in evidence in Aug, including 92 at Stubblefield L. 2 Aug

(DC) and 147 at B.L.N.W.R. 16 Aug (GW). A high of 567 American Avocets was at E.B.L. 7 Sep (CR). Small numbers of Upland Sandpipers were noted at six locales 3 Aug–6 Sep, including one w. to Luis Lopez 13 Aug (JO). Alfalfa fields are popular with migrant Long-billed Curlews, as evidenced by 472 near Otis 29 Sep (L. Stanley, *vide* SW). Late was a Marbled Godwit at E.B.L. 28 Sep (JEP). Providing a first for *Sandoval* was a Ruddy Turnstone at Cochiti L. 6 Sep (MR); another at Sumner L. 17–20 Sep (WW et al., ph. JO) was a *DeBaca* first. A good Sanderling season produced reports from 10 sites from the R.G.V. eastward 8 Aug–10 Oct, including 5 each at Tucumcari L. 5 Oct (CR) and Brantley L. 20 Sep (JO); w. was one near Rodeo 29 Sep (JEP). Also w. of expected were 2 Semipalmated Sandpipers at Isleta 28 Aug (ph. JO). Tucumcari L. proved particularly attractive to shorebirds, including 18 Pectoral Sandpipers and 34 Stilt Sandpipers 1 Oct (WW). Nicely described was a vocal Short-billed Dowitcher at Sumner L. 17 Sep (WW). Red-necked Phalaropes were in evidence nearly statewide 10 Sep–10 Oct, including one found dead at Glorieta 12 Sep (L. Heydt) and a high of 31 at Maxwell 27 Sep (ph. DC). Single Red Phalaropes appeared briefly at Stubblefield L. 13 Sep (DC) and L.V.N.W.R. 14 Oct (WW).

California Gulls found where rarely reported included 2 at Bluewater L. 9 Aug (CR), one at Clovis 1 Oct (WW), and one s. to Sunland Park 26 Nov (JNP), where there was also a first-winter Thayer's Gull 29–30 Nov (ph. JNP). Sabine's Gulls were at eight sites from the R.G.V. eastward 22 Sep–14 Oct, including 2 each at Eagle Nest L. 1 Oct (DC) and Bosque 22 Sep (EL) and 3 at Sumner L. 27 Sep (RG). Two Caspian Terns were at Bosque 17 Sep (ph. JO). The tern of the season was a state-first Royal Tern that put in a surprise one-day appearance at Cochiti L. 12 Oct (WH et al., ph. JO). Late were 3 Forster's Terns at L. Avalon 4 Nov (SW), as were 2 at nearby Brantley L. 29 Nov (JO). A Least Tern strayed to Sumner L. 2 Aug (JO). Eurasian Collared-Doves, now present in towns and villages throughout New Mexico, continued to increase in numbers—including 15 at Sumner L. 3 Aug (JO), 31 at Maxwell 2 Oct (ph. DC), and about 40 each at Bosque Redondo 16 Sep (DK), Socorro 16 Oct (JS), and San Antonio 23 Nov (CR)—and were judged to be equal in numbers to Mourning Doves at Carlsbad (SW). Far n. was an Inca Dove at Maxwell 6 Oct (ph. DC). Three Common Ground-Doves were at a Rodeo farm 2 Aug (RW), site of persistent reports since May. Greater Roadrunners are rightly renowned for their

diverse diet: in Las Cruces, a hummingbird met its match when it was captured and eaten by a roadrunner 4 Sep (E. Mayfield); in Albuquerque, 2 roadrunners spent 30 Sep flycatching for wasps at blooming flowers (SOW).

OWLS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Another first for New Mexico was a vocal, rufous-morph Eastern Screech-Owl at Portales from 18 Nov (m. ob., ph., audiotape JA) into Dec; searches with tapes for other Easterns near the Texas line produced only Westerns (JO). Owl-banding efforts in the Manzano Mts. netted 20 *Flammulateds* 1 Sep–8 Oct, 5 Northern Saw-whets 5 Sep–1 Oct, and a Long-eared 19 Sep (J. DeLong). A Short-eared Owl was at B.L.N.W.R. 23 Oct (GW). Noteworthy for *Torrence* were 4 Whip-poor-wills along the Manzano Crest Trail 4 Aug (T. Huning); late was one in the Peloncillo Mts. 22 Oct (CL). A new Black Swift breeding site was discovered at 3300 m near Truchas Peaks, behind a waterfall on the North Fork Rio Quemado, where 8 roosted and one nest was seen 26 Aug (JB). At Jemez Falls, eight Black Swift nests were active 5 Aug (R. Levad), but subsequent visits 22 Aug and later (HS) suggested that only two were successful.

An impressive 10 Broad-billed Hummingbirds were n. to Skeleton Canyon 9 Aug (WB), and one was in P.O. Canyon 27 Aug (CL); far from the Peloncillo Mts. were singles near Radium Springs 1–5 Oct (MS, ph. JZ) and far n. to Los Lunas 7–13 Nov (RB et al., ph. JO). Single Magnificent Hummingbirds were at Cloudcroft 3 & 7 Aug (P. McCasland, SW), where the species is probably regular but seldom reported. Two Lucifer Hummingbirds were in Skeleton Canyon 9 Aug (WB); Lucifers "peaked" in P.O. Canyon 9–13 Sep, with the last there 25 Sep (CL). An ad. male Ruby-throated Hummingbird at Tatum 30–31 Aug (ph. JO) provided only the 7th credible state record. Migrant Anna's were one at Socorro (J&MH) and 2 at Deming (LM) 25 Aug; a high of 9 was in P.O. Canyon 9 Sep (CL), and one reached Las Cruces by 29 Oct (L. Schulte). An ad. male Costa's Hummingbird visited P.O. Canyon 25 Sep (CL). Very late was an ad. male Caliope that adopted an Albuquerque feeder in mid-Nov and remained into Dec (D. Foreman). An ad. male Rufous lingered at an Albuquerque feeder until 16 Nov (RD). Only recently confirmed in New Mexico, an Allen's Hummingbird was banded at L. Roberts 8 Aug (J. Day-Martin); diagnostic recitres were retained.

Dispersing Lewis's Woodpeckers were in evidence in the e. and s., including one at Bosque Redondo 14 Sep (JO), one to 2 in

Socorro 15–26 Sep (PB), 2 perched in ocotillo at Radium Springs 18 Oct (MS, JZ), one at Mesilla 15 Nov (GE), and one over Sunland Park apparently heading for Chihuahua 25 Oct (JNP); another was at Deming 25 Oct (JEP, JO), where one wintered last year. A Red-headed Woodpecker was at Maxwell 23 Sep (ph. DC), where rarely recorded in recent years; noteworthy for *Chaves* were 2 Red-heads at Bosque Draw 1 Aug (M. Roedel), one at B.L.N.W.R. 30 Aug & 2 Sep (GW), and 4 at Roswell 22 Aug (JEP). Lowland Williamson's Sapsuckers were singles at R.G.N.C. 1 & 6 Sep (K. Granillo, JEP) and Albuquerque's South Valley 6 Sep (DE, BN). An ad. male Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was near Cimarron 18 Nov (ph. DC); single imm. were at Clabber Hill Ranch 22 Oct (WW), Sumner Dam 16 Oct (JO), and N.R.T. 31 Oct (JO). Early for the e. plains was a Red-naped Sapsucker at B.L.N.W.R. 12 Sep (JEP). Far e. was a Downy Woodpecker near Clovis 1 Oct (WW). American Three-toed Woodpeckers where rarely reported were 2 each on Borrega Mesa e. of Truchas 26 Aug (JB) and Elk Mt., *San Miguel* 2 Aug (JO), and singles in the Valle Vidal area, *Colfax* 16 Oct (DC), near Luna, *Catron* 23 Aug (LM), and in the n. Black Range, *Sierra* 23 Aug (JO). Carefully studied Yellow-shafted Flickers were single males at N.R.T. 13 Sep–31 Oct (JO, JEP, DE, BN) and at Bosque Redondo 16 Oct (JEP) and a female at Socorro 3 Oct (RD).

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH SWALLOWS

One to 2 Least Flycatchers were at N.R.T. (JO, WW, DK), Tucumcari (CR), Boone's Draw (JO), B.L.N.W.R. (CR, DM), and Tatum (JO) 29 Aug–5 Oct. Late was a Dusky Flycatcher at G.B.A. 5 Nov (WH). According to available diagnostic keys, a flycatcher banded at R.G.N.C. on the early date of 3 Aug was a Pacific-slope Flycatcher (NC, SC). Black Phoebes nested n. to both *San Juan* (AN) and *Colfax* (DC) in 2003; the last at Farmington was seen 14 Aug (AN), whereas the last near Cimarron was seen 5 Aug (DC). Presumably early Eastern Phoebes were singles at San Ildefonso 15 Aug (BF) and L.V.N.W.R. 14 Sep (D. White). Peripheral Vermilion Flycatchers were singles at Tolar, *Roosevelt* 20 Sep (JK) and Tinnie, *Lincoln* 9 Aug (SW). A Great Crested Flycatcher strayed w. to Socorro 25–26 Sep (PB); one at R.S. 14 Sep (SW) furnished the only additional report. New Mexico's 2nd Piratic Flycatcher entertained many at Bosque Redondo 12–16 Sep (JEP et al., ph. JO, ph. GF, ph. WH, ph. KS). An ad. Eastern Kingbird and 2 large young were at Socorro 1–2 Sep (PB). Peripheral Scissor-tailed Flycatchers were singles near Sumner L. 10 Sep (RG) and at Fort Sumner 21 Sep

(CR); noteworthy were 13 near San Jon 5 Oct (CR) and 30 near Otis 28 Aug (SW). Earliest Northern Shrike was one at Conchas L. 9 Nov (JK). Late were single Plumbeous Vireos at G.B.A. 5 Nov (WH, CR) and Deming 24 Nov (LM). One or more Blue-headed Vireos were at N.R.T. 20 Sep–31 Oct (JEP, DE, BN, WW, ph. JO), and another was at Fort Sumner 21 Sep (DE, BN). Single apparent Philadelphia Vireos were at N.R.T. 14 Sep (ph. JO) & 17 Oct (ph. JO) and Luis Lopez 27 Sep (ph. JO). Six Gray Jays near Elk Mt. 2 Aug (JO) were at the s. fringe of range. Dispersing Pinyon Jays included 3 e. to Tucumcari 5 Oct (CR), 4 in cen. Albuquerque 15 Sep (CR), and, in the far s., one in the Peloncillo Mts. 19 Sep (CL), 3 at Deming 29 Nov (LM), and 2 at Radium Springs 20 Oct (MS, JZ). Of concern for Pinyon Jay are predictions that drought and beetles may kill 90% of the pinyon pines in New Mexico. Once considered scarce or local, American Crows continued to make their presence known: 2000 streamed through Corrales 26 Oct (WH), 800 had reached Radium Springs 1 Nov (MS, JZ), and 1000 or more were at Mesilla 15 Nov (GE), where there were demands for "control" to protect pecan orchards; unusual were 45 at Deming 21 Sep (LM).

Purple Martins were n. to the Sangre de Cristo Mts., with 8, including young, w. of Raton 4 Aug (DC) and 3 e. of Terrero 2 Aug (JO). The 400 Cave Swallows at Carlsbad Cavern 2 Nov (SW) were the most ever for so late in the season; in the lower R.G.V., Caves peaked with 20 at Radium Springs 6 Aug (MS, JZ). A phenomenal 5000 Barn Swallows were concentrated at the drying E.B.L. 28 Sep (CR).

WRENS THROUGH TANAGERS

Single Winter Wrens were in Cimarron Canyon 20 Nov (DC) and at Sumner L. 14 Oct (WW) and Bosque 26 Oct (CR). Nicely detailed was a bright ad. **Sedge Wren** at Clabber Hill Ranch 5 Oct (WW). A cat-caught Wood Thrush at Santa Fe 15 Oct (NC, ph. SC) was rehabilitated and eventually released. A Gray Catbird lingered in Cimarron Canyon until 20 Nov (ph. DC); in the middle R.G.V., 2 ads. with 3 large young were at Socorro 25 Aug–11 Sep (PB). An apparent juv. **Sage Thrasher** near Stubblefield L. 6 Aug (DC) may have been locally produced, as ads. were noted there in Jul (DC). **Brown Thrashers** were at seven locales from the R.G.V. eastward, topped by 6 at Bosque Redondo 16 Oct (JEP, JO). **Sprague's Pipits** may be regular in R.G.V. grasslands; this season 3 were found on Albuquerque's West Mesa 16 Oct (DH), plus one was at Sevilleta N.W.R. 11 Oct and 2 there 13 Nov (DH). Far n. were up to 3 **Phainopeplas** near Cerrillos

17 Aug–30 Sep (LS), the 2nd consecutive year at that *Santa Fe* locale. What was described as an imm. **Olive Warbler** was n. to the Zuni Mts. 9 Aug (DE, BN, CR); elsewhere, singles were in the Burro Mts. 26 Sep (LM) & 6 Nov (WH), and an ad. was in Clanton Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. 28 Nov (BN).

Single **Tennessee Warblers** were at Hackberry Draw, Otero Mesa 27 Sep (SW) and Socorro 10 Oct (PB). A very early **Nashville** was near Elk Mt. 2 Aug (JO), while somewhat late was a **Lucy's** at Radium Springs 26 Sep (MS, JZ). Highlights of the season were single **Chestnut-sideds** at Fort Sumner 21 Sep (BF), N.R.T. 4 Oct (JEP, ph. JO), and Sunland Park 27 Sep (JNP), single **Magnolia Warblers** at Bosque Redondo 20 Sep (CR) & 4 Oct (JEP), N.R.T. 3 Oct (ph. JO), Portales 24 Sep (JA), Capitan 28 Sep (BP), and near Cloudcroft 10 Sep (SW), a **Black-throated Blue** at N.R.T. 31 Oct (ph. JO), and one (or more?) **Black-throated Green Warblers** at N.R.T. 16 Sep–25 Oct (DK, CR, WW, ph. JA), plus singles near Clovis 10 Sep (JA, G. Keller) and Tatum 31 Aug (ph. JO). Continuing the parade were single **Palm Warblers** at Springer 15–17 Nov (ph. DC), N.R.T. 12 Oct (CR), and Bosque 26 Oct (CR), a **Bay-breasted Warbler** at N.R.T. 16 & 28 Sep (DK, RB), and a **Blackpoll Warbler** at Bosque Redondo 13 Sep (JEP, ph. JO). **Hermit Warblers** made an impressive showing in the southwest, with one n. of Luna 2 Sep (LM), 2 in the Pinos Altos Mts. 20 Aug (LM, GE), plus one there 19 Sep (LM), 2 in the Peloncillo Mts. 27 Aug (CL), and singles in the Black Range 1 Sep (CR), Burro Mts. 4 (SOW) & 26 Sep (LM), and the Animas Mts. 5 Oct (C. Painter). Far e. was one in Robinson Draw, Guadalupe Mts., 17 Aug (DE, BN). Single **Black-and-whites** were at Cerrillos (LS), Bosque Village, *Valencia* (CR), Percha (DE, BN), N.R.T. (JEP, JO, CR), and R.S. (JS) 30 Aug–4 Oct. **American Redstarts** were at five sites from the R.G.V. east 30 Aug–11 Oct; w. was one in the Burro Mts. 26 Sep (LM). Scarce in fall, single **Ovenbirds** were at N.R.T. 14–28 Sep (m. ob.), near Clovis 1 Oct (WW), and at Carlsbad 11 Oct (R. West), and 2 were at Boone's Draw 13 Sep (JO). A **Hooded Warbler** was at Los Alamos 17 Oct (GF). A **Summer Tanager** lingered at Bosque 24 Oct (DH).

TOWHEES THROUGH FINCHES

With only five previous New Mexico reports, **Eastern Towhee** is a one of our rarest species; this season a male was found at Bosque Redondo 14 Oct (WW) and another male was at Bosque 19–22 Oct (JEP et al., ph. JO, ph. LG). Two to 3 **Botteri's Sparrows** persisted at a Rodeo farm

2–16 Aug (RW). Early was an **American Tree Sparrow** s. to R.G.N.C. 8 Nov (CR); others where rarely noted were 2 on Ute Cr., *Harding* (JO) and one at Nara Visa (JO) 15 Nov. **Clay-colored Sparrows** w. of usual included 3 at Deming 4 Sep (LM), 6 at Rodeo 6 Sep (RW), and up to 2 in P.O. Canyon 3 Sep–3 Oct (CL). Earliest **Field Sparrows** were 2 in the Mescalero Sands, *Chaves* 15 Oct (DM) and one at N.R.T. 17 Oct (JO); one was near Lingo, *Roosevelt* 9 Nov (T. McDaniel). A **Baird's Sparrow** was on Otero Mesa 27 Sep (SW), and up to 4 Baird's were at the Santa Teresa turf farm 13–27 Sep (ph. JNP, ph. JZ). An ad. **Le Conte's Sparrow** put in a brief appearance at Clabber Hill Ranch 22 Oct (WW, ph. JA). New to New Mexico was a **Henslow's Sparrow** at Clabber Hill Ranch, first found 10 Oct (ph. JO) and still present 12 (JEP) & 22 Oct (WW). Yet another New Mexico first was an imm. **Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow** "harvested" by a cat in Albuquerque 22 Sep and now residing at the Museum of Southwestern Biology (*, *fide* R. Dickerman). Early was a red **Fox Sparrow** at B.L.N.W.R. 27 Sep (GW), where there were 3 on 14 Nov (GW); apparent gray forms were in P.O. Canyon 13–14 Oct & 28–31 Oct (CL). **Lincoln's Sparrows** arrived much earlier than usual, with singles in the Black Range 31 Aug (CR), P.O. Canyon 3 Sep (CR), Burro Mts. 4 Sep (SOW), N.R.T. 7 Sep (JS), and Florida Mts. 8 Sep (LM). **Single Harris's Sparrows** were at Ute L. 27 Nov (ph. DC) and B.L.N.W.R. 14 Nov (GW); an ad. **Golden-crowned** reached Bosque 28 Nov (WH). **Yellow-eyed Juncos** were refund in the Burro Mts., with 2 there 4 Sep (SOW) and 4 on 22 Sep (R. Wilcox, *fide* D. Zimmerman), but none were found 26 Sep or later; a transient **Yellow-eyed** was in Maverick Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. 1 Sep (CL). Several **Lapland Longspurs** were found in *Colfax* after 28 Oct, including a high of 11 at Stubblefield L. 24 Nov (DC). Very early was a small flock of **Chestnut-collared Longspurs** far s. to Santa Teresa 13 Sep (JNP).

Maintaining a presence in the ne. part of the state was a **Northern Cardinal** at Tucumcari L. 5 Oct (CR); noteworthy was a male in P.O. Canyon 11 Aug (CL). An ad. male **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** was at Kirtland, *San Juan* 23–24 Nov (AN); other **Rose-breasted** were single imms. at Madrid 4–5 Oct (LS), Bosque Redondo 17–28 Sep (MS, JZ, CR, RB), and Luis Lopez 27 Sep (ph. JO). Far n. was a male **Varied Bunting** at Socorro 1 Sep (PB); another male in Skeleton Canyon 9 Aug (WB) furnished a local first. **Painted Buntings** continued to appear w. of usual, including singles at Tyrone 31 Aug (EL) and P.O. Canyon 27 Aug (CL) and a high

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of 12 at Rodeo 2 Aug, with one still there 6 Sep (RW). Dickcissels had a good season, with often multiple reports from 11 locales from the R.G.V. eastward 9 Aug–7 Oct; w. were one at Rodeo 6 Sep (RW) and 2 there 27 Sep (JEP) and one to 2 in nearby P.O. Canyon 26–27 Sep (CL).

Most unusual were 2 Bobolinks in an uncut alfalfa field at Rodeo 6 Sep (RW). Bronzed Cowbirds continued to insinuate themselves into the local scene—a juv. Bronzed was begging from Canyon Towhees at Dripping Springs 9 Aug (ph. JO), and another juv. was fed by a Hooded Oriole in P.O. Canyon 17 Aug (CL). Another Hooded Oriole nest attempt in P.O. Canyon ended badly when coatis ate the nestlings 22 Aug (CL). Earliest rosy-finches at Sandia Crest were 3 Blacks 15 Nov; about 35 Blacks and Brown-capped were there by 18 Nov (*vide* KS). Pine Grosbeaks where rarely reported were 2 on Elk Mt. 2 Aug (JO) and 4 at Apache Cr. n. of Chama 31 Aug (J&MH). Red Crossbills found conditions to their liking in the Sangre de Cristo, Jemez, Sandia, and Sacramento Mts.: a pair nested successfully near Angel Fire 1–28 Aug (ph. DC), "hundreds" were in the Valle Grande area 11 Oct (CB), 100–200 were at and near Sandia Crest Sep–Oct, including many begging juvs. in mid-Oct (CB, KS et al.), and moderate numbers were near Cloudcroft 16–17 Aug (CB). For the 2nd consecutive year, American Goldfinches nested successfully near Cimarron, where a pair fed 2 nestlings in a saltcedar 5 & 8 Aug (ph. DC).

Corrigenda: In the fall 2002 report (N.A.B. 57: 97), a **Prairie Warbler** at R.S. 21 Sep (CR, BN) was erroneously reported as a Pine Warbler. Omitted by mistake were single **Pine Warblers** at Socorro 19 Oct (SG) and near Clovis 20 Oct (CR).

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