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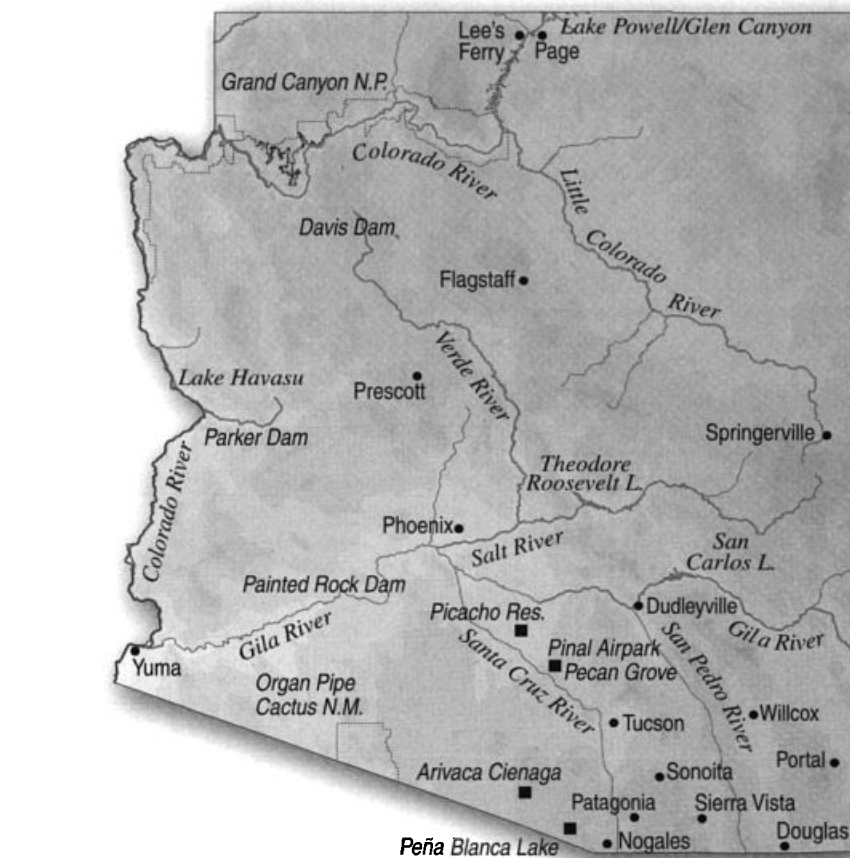
Abbreviations: Avra Valley S.T.P. (A.V.S.T.P.), Banning Creek Field Station, Mule Mts. (B.C.F.S.), Boyce Thompson Arboretum (B.T.A.), Gila Farms Pond (G.F.P.), Has-sayampa R. Preserve (H.R.P.), Lower Colorado R. valley (L.C.R.V.), Navajo Indian Reserva-tion (N.I.R.), Pinal Air Park pecan grove (P.A.P.), San Pedro River (S.P.R.), Sweetwater Wetlands, Tucson (S.W.T.), Whitewater Draw Wildlife Area (Whitewater).

LOONS THROUGH DUCKS

A Pacific Loon was extremely early at Big L. in the White Mts. 19 Aug–19 Oct (DR, ph. GC et al.), an area where one was reported in May. Other early Pacific Loons were at Flagstaff 17 Oct (T. Linda) and Imperial N.W.R. 5 Nov (CK, CN). One at Upper L. Mary 7–11 Nov (JC et al.) and 2 at Watson L. 8–11 Nov (†CST) made an above-average total for the season. Common Loons put in another strong showing, with 27 reported statewide 19 Oct–28 Nov away from the L.C.R.V. (m. ob.). The Least Grebe at Sam Lena Park, Tucson remained through 11 Oct (DJ et al.). Always sparse, migrant Horned Grebes were seen near Kansas Settlement 15 Nov (PS, †J. Mueller) and A.V.S.T.P. 25 Nov+ (P. Kline, ph. MMS). Three Eared Grebes at Willcox 8–23 Aug (RT et al.) were three weeks early. Migrant Western Grebes were widely reported; 50 at Ashurst L. 9 Nov (JP) and 60 at Cholla L. 27 Nov (RHu) were remarkable concentrations. An ad. and a juv. Clark's Grebe together at Tsaille L. 17 Sep (CL) confirmed a new breeding locale. Casual as migrants, single Clark's were reported at Granite Reef 4 Oct (H. Fibel), Big L. 19 Oct (JV), Becker L. 25 Oct (GC, DR), Lyman L. 9 Nov (JV), Ashurst L. 14 Nov (JP), Upper L. Mary 14 Nov (JP), and Becker L. 27 Nov (JV). Three were at Concho L. 15 Nov (JV).

Strays from the Gulf of California, single Brown Pelicans were at Sacaton 24 Aug (C. Fisher), Paloma 28 Aug (W. Wehtje), Patagonia L. 26 Oct–20 Nov (E. Knapp), near Palo Verde 2–8 Nov (BG et al.), and Tempe Town L. 29 Nov+ (T. Gaskill). Two were at Alamo L. 8 Nov. Neotropic Cormorants were again reported in numbers from *Maricopa* and Patagonia L. (m. ob.). Quite a surprise was a Magnificent Frigatebird in the Salt R. Canyon 20 Sep (D. Davis); very few have strayed this far ne. The ad. Tricolored Heron at Chandler remained through 16 Aug (m. ob.). An imm. was in Nogales 23 Oct–4 Nov (M. Auslander, ph. MMS), and an ad. was at S.W.T. 15–16 Nov (B. McKnight et al.). Continuing the recent trend of annual occurrence, single imm. dark-morph Reddish Egrets appeared at Gila Bend 14–19 Sep (SG, †RJ) and Tucson 11–12 Oct (ph. MMS, m. ob.).

Migrant flocks of Greater White-fronted Geese were few, with 23 on 3 Sep (BN, L. Liese) and 40 on 11 Sep (MMS, MPo), both in Tucson. Other reports were few as well: 2 were in Tucson 3 Sep (BN), with singles at Flagstaff



19 Sep (JC), St. Johns 31 Oct (JV), and Imperial N.W.R. 6 Nov (CK, CN). Good numbers of Snow Geese were again reported. Notable flocks included 40+ at Wenima 2 Nov (GC, DR) and 30 near Bitter Springs, N.I.R. 2 Nov (P. Friederici). Eight "Blue" Snow Geese—casual in Arizona—were at Lyman L. 5 Nov (GC, DR), with another at Thatcher 15 Nov (B. Andrews). Single Ross's Geese at Phoenix 13 Sep+ (T. Gaskill) and Pinetop 19 Sep (MPo, ph. MMS) were very early and may have summered. Another 12 were reported statewide 2–23 Nov (m. ob.), an above-average number. Tundra Swan reports rebounded from recent lows, with two flocks observed: 30 at Becker L. 27 Nov+ (JV et al.) and 13 flying by Palo Verde 28 Nov (PD, E. Schocat). The male Eurasian x American Wigeon returned to Willcox 21 Nov+ (SH et al.). The summering female Greater Scaup remained at Willcox through 11 Oct (m. ob.) Another individual was reported there in early Oct (SH, K. Kamper). Surf Scoter numbers were about average, with singles at Becker L. 2 Nov (GC, DR), Imperial N.W.R. 5 Nov (CK, CN),

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Upper L. Mary 7–9 & 11–19 Nov (JP et al.), and Saguaro L. 23 Nov (SG). White-winged Scoters were present in above-average numbers: one at Hereford 8 Nov (MM et al.) was a first record for the upper S.P.R.; one at St. Johns 9 Nov (JV) and 2 at Ashurst L. 9–20 Nov (JP, ph. JC) were accidental. Casual away from the Colorado R., a female Barrow's Goldeneye at Ashurst L. 18–20 Nov (JP, ph C. van Cleve) was a first Flagstaff-area record. Red-breasted Mergansers are rare away from the L.C.R.V.; 34 reported 25 Oct–10 Nov from widespread areas was well above recent averages (m. ob.).

KITES THROUGH SHOREBIRDS

White-tailed Kite reports rebounded. One in open country near White Mountain Res. 13–20 Sep (J. A. Morgan, vt. D. Rothrock, *fide* S. Levy) was only the 2nd ever found n. of the Mogollon Rim. In more typical areas, singles were near San Simon 3 Aug (JE), along Rucker Rd. 15 Aug (M. Keh), Willcox 17 Nov (K. Kamper), and Palo Verde 25 Nov (MMS et al.). Two were again in the San Rafael Valley 14 Oct+ (m. ob.). A Mississippi Kite wandered to Bisbee 19 Sep (J. Pike). Warm weather led 8 Gray Hawks to linger past early Oct in se., with the latest seen 8 Nov in St. David (JH et al.). An early migrant Common Black-Hawk was along the S.P.R. near Hereford 8 Aug (MM, D. Knox), where rare. A juv. wandered to Granite Dells 27 Aug (M. Leeper). Late individuals were below L. Pleasant 21 Sep–23 Oct (TC) and in Marana 25 Oct (S. Edwards). At least one Red-shouldered Hawk continued at H.R.P. during the period, last seen 27 Sep (PM). At Grand Canyon N.P. hawkwatch sites, 20 Broad-winged Hawks were tallied 19 Sep–6 Oct (Hawk Watch International, *fide* J. Smith). The only one reported away from the canyon was over Tucson 7 Oct (†RH). The latest report for the Chiricahua Mts. of Short-tailed Hawk was of an ad. on 18 Sep (B. Chapman). A juv. Zone-tailed Hawk was seen 20 Sep–31 Oct in Yuma (HD), where rare. One in the Flagstaff area 23–25 Oct was late (JP, M. Murov). One (or more) in the Tucson area 31 Oct+ (m. ob.) seemed likely to winter again. A Crested Caracara that wandered s. of Lake Havasu City 27 Oct (M. Totcky) was later seen road-killed but was not salvaged (*fide* K. Blair). The scant few recent L.C.R.V. records have been from farther south.

Two families of Common Moorhens at Ganado L. 11 Aug (RHu) established the first nesting record for the N.I.R. The species is sparse even as a migrant in n. Arizona. Black-bellied Plovers put in a good showing, with singles at Willcox 5–12 Sep (G. Harritt, ph. DSj, MMS), Whitewater 26 Sep–4 Oct (R. Wilt, RH), Dateland 3 Oct (HD), Becker L. 30 Oct (GC, DR), and El Mirage 6 Nov (R. Widner et al.). The only American Golden-Plover was at Paloma 21–25 Sep (ph. BG, RH). Rare

migrant Snowy Plovers were 2 at Willcox 8 Aug (RT), 5 at Dateland 24 Aug (HD), one at Gila Bend 7 Sep (BG), and 2 at Willcox 12 Oct (K. Kamper). In the s., late American Avocets, a result of the warm fall, were 2 at Willcox through 14 Nov (m. ob.), 23 at El Mirage 23 Nov (TC), 3 at A.V.S.T.P. 23 Nov (JH), 2 at Whitewater 29 Nov+ (SH et al.), and 3 at Chandler 29 Nov (PD). A late Willet was at Willcox 6–10 Sep (MMS, MPo). Whimbrel are casual away from the L.C.R.V.; this fall, one was at Paloma 20–25 Sep (BG, ph. RH), and 2 were at Whitewater 27 Sep (GW). Extremely late was a Marbled Godwit at Becker L. 26 Nov (GC, DR).

Semipalmated Sandpiper reports included singles at Willcox 2, 14, & 19 Aug (JB, SH, RWe et al.) and Green Valley S.T.P. 26 Aug (M. J. Illif), a low total by recent standards. Following a bumper crop of migrants, late Baird's



This juvenile Sharp-tailed Sandpiper created a stir when found by Bill Grossi near Gila Bend on 2 November 2003 (here); there are only two prior Arizona records. Digiscoped photograph by Mark Stevenson.

Sandpipers included one at Paloma through 3 Nov (C. Babbitt) and another to 14 Nov, some four weeks late, at Willcox (DSj et al.). One of the highlights of the year was a juv. Sharp-tailed Sandpiper at Paloma 2–3 Nov (ph. BG et al.), Arizona's first since 1985. There are only two previous accepted records, also from *Maricopa*. Short-billed Dowitchers were in short supply, with the only reports being of 3 ads. at Willcox 19 Aug (P. Wang, ph. C. van Cleve), a juv. there 25 Aug (RWe, RAR), and a

juv. at Tuba City S.T.P. 28 Aug (CL). Nine Wilson's Snipe at Pasture Canyon 12 Nov was the largest group ever on the N.I.R. (CL). A Wilson's Phalarope lingered at Willcox 20 Oct–21 Nov, more than a month late (ph. DSj, m. ob.). A few Red-necked Phalaropes were also notably late: 3 at G.F.P. 2 Nov (PD) and one at A.V.S.T.P. 4 Nov (MMS). Red Phalarope reports were of one at Upper L. Mary 25–28 Oct (†JP et al.) and 2 at Willcox 1 Nov (F. Fekel, ph. MMS), about normal for the season.

GULLS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

A 2nd Franklin's Gull joined the summering bird at Willcox 14–23 Aug (K. Kamper, m. ob.); there were no prior Aug records in se. Arizona. Still casual, a Heermann's Gull wandered from the Gulf of California to Patagonia L. 22 Nov (R. van Zandt et al.). An ad. Herring Gull was early at Willcox 27 Sep–1 Oct (ph. GW, m. ob.). Nine others away from the L.C.R.V. 3 Oct–25 Nov (m. ob.) was an above-average number. The gull of the year by far was a juv. Glaucous-winged Gull at Palo Verde 23 Nov+ (TC, ph. RJ et al.); there are only five previous Arizona records, the most recent in 1981. Sabine's Gulls were widely reported in near-record numbers, with 15 statewide 21 Sep–15 Oct (m. ob.).

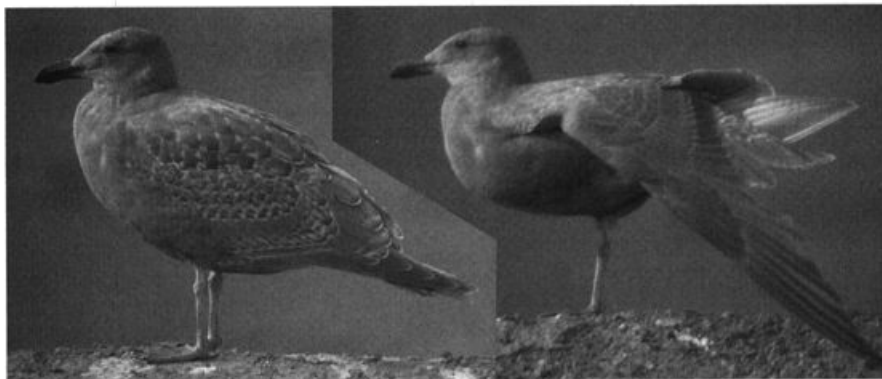
Few Ruddy Ground-Doves were found. Three continued near Red Rock through at least 22 Aug (m. ob.), 2 were at P.A.P. 30 Aug (MMS et al.), and an ad. male was at the odd location of Oak Flat near Superior 6 Oct (CST). Vaux's Swift is scarce on the N.I.R.; one was in Tsegi Canyon 4 Oct (CL, C. Salt). A male Broad-billed Hummingbird was in Yuma 30 Oct (B. Crimmins) where casual. A female White-eared Hummingbird was away from feeders in Garden Canyon 13 Aug (RH et al.). Most Violet-crowned Hummingbirds depart by the end of Sep. Late individuals were in lower Ramsey Canyon 7 Oct+ (J. Hirth), at B.C.F.S. 15 Nov+ (TW et al.), and in Hereford 16–21 Nov (M. Pretti). The Plain-capped Starthroat in Ash Canyon was last seen 17 Sep (M. J. Ballator). No fewer than 7 Lucifer Hummingbirds were in eastside Huachuca Mt. canyons, with the latest on 7 Oct (m. ob.). Two late Calliope Hummingbirds were banded in Miller Canyon 21 Oct (GW). A Broad-tailed Hummingbird in Sawmill Canyon, Huachuca Mts. 22 Oct (SH) was late; one in ne. Tucson 5 Nov+ (C. Englander) appeared set to winter. Reports of late Allen's Hummingbird were again received, with one in Madera Canyon 22 Sep, 2 in Miller Canyon 23 Sep, and one at Arivaca nearly two months late on 12 Oct (GW); all were banded.

The male Elegant Trogon returned to Sonoita Cr. above Patagonia L. 31 Oct+ (RH, m. ob.). Two lingered in Sycamore Canyon, Santa Cruz to 27 Oct (DSj). Green Kingfisher numbers remain down: the only report was of one heard in Sycamore Canyon, Santa Cruz 1

Nov (RH). Lewis's Woodpeckers were again reported in above-average numbers in s. Arizona this fall. Single Acorn Woodpeckers also appeared in the lowlands at Scottsdale 16 Nov (J. Bartley) and Tucson 21 Nov+ (MPo, MMS). Casual anywhere in the state, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was reported as follows: an ad. female at Patagonia L. 31 Oct (SH), a juv. at Pasture Canyon, N.I.R. 5 Nov (CL, ph. JC), a juv. along Harshaw Cr. 15 Nov (†BN et al.), a juv. in Ramsey Canyon 21 Nov (R. Shaw), and one without details from Colossal Cave Park 28 Nov (M. Kehl). Apparent Red-breasted x Red-naped Sapsucker hybrids were at Portal 1 Nov (T. & L. Gates) and Patagonia L. 30 Nov+ (PD, ph. MMS, GHR). Due to the prevalence of intergrade and hybrid individuals resembling *S. ruber daggetti* in Arizona, careful documentation of any putative *S. ruber* is highly desirable. A Downy Woodpecker in a Portal yard 21 Aug (vt. RWe, RAR) was one of few recent documented reports from the area: the species' actual status s. of the Mogollon Rim is unclear due to confusion with Ladder-backed Woodpecker and *icastus* Hairy Woodpecker. Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flickers are casual anywhere in Arizona. Ad. males were observed at Cow Springs L. 15 Oct & 22 Nov and in Sycamore Canyon, *Yavapai* 23 Nov (all CL), and an intergrade individual was in Prescott 8 Nov (CST).

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH PHAINOPEPLA

Although Hammond's Flycatcher is a regular migrant in s. Arizona, at least 30 seen in Sycamore Canyon, *Santa Cruz* 27 Oct (DSj) was an unusually high count. A Gray Flycatcher in Pasture Canyon 5 Nov (JC, CL) represented the latest record ever of *Empidonax* for the N.I.R. Individual Eastern Phoebes were found in sw. Phoenix 20 Sep (CBa), Patagonia L. 31 Oct+ (SH), S.P.R. near Hwy 90 4 Nov (DT), and near Rio Rico 29 Nov (MK); this species remains a rare but regular winter visitor to s. Arizona. Still quite unusual for the n., a Vermilion Flycatcher was at Becker L. 11 Sep (ph. GHR); there are only a few previous records from *Apache*, one of which is from winter. Several Dusky-capped Flycatchers lingered later than usual, the latest reports coming 10 Oct from Tubac (DT) and Patagonia (GB). A Brown-crested Flycatcher near L. Pleasant 21 Sep (TC) was also very late. Tropical Kingbirds were reported at a number of new se. Arizona locations during Aug and Sep, but one at G.F.P. s. of Phoenix 1 Oct (RJ) and an incredibly late individual seen and heard in Gilbert 15 Nov–7 Dec (M. Wehman; ph. RJ) were only the 7th and 8th *Maricopa* records. Something was definitely going on with Cassin's Kingbirds this fall, with no fewer than 30 reported around the se. in Oct and Nov, including several lingering into Dec. A Thick-billed Kingbird at H.R.P. 21-27 Sep (TC) was a first for *Maricopa*. West-



Only a sixth state record and the first since 1981, this Glaucous-winged Gull was found in Palo Verde, Arizona on 23 (here 25) November 2003 by Troy Corman. It remained into winter and furnished the first record away from the lower Colorado River. Digiscoped photograph by Mark Stevenson.

ern Kingbirds were found lingering late into the fall at Nogales 31 Oct (MPo, JBo) and in Mesa 11 Nov (R. Mendez). Single Eastern Kingbirds, always a nice find in Arizona, were in Pasture Canyon 2 Sep (JP), Eagar 11 Sep (ph. GHR), and the Agua Fria R. near Arcosanti 23 Sep (B. Pranter et al.). Rounding out the "kingbird" list, a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher was along the Vermilion Cliffs 5 Aug (C. Olson, S. Osborn), representing one of the few n. Arizona records. One of the Rose-throated Becards that summered at the Patagonia Roadside Rest Area was last reported quite late on 24 Sep (m. ob.).

The only Northern Shrike of the season was one reported on Black Mesa 20 Nov (CL), where this species is likely regular in winter. Casual anywhere in the state during fall, a Yellow-throated Vireo was along the S.P.R. near Escapule Wash 28 Aug (M. Pretti); another was in Granite Basin 18 Sep (CST), establishing a first Prescott area record. Unusual were at least 4 Cassin's Vireos found in Oct in ne. Arizona, where this species is casual (CL et al.). Still considered casual in the state, single Red-eyed Vireos were reported from B.T.A. 1-7 Sep (CST, ph. K. Radamaker) and from Granite Reef Picnic Area 9-14 Sep (SG).

By mid-Sep, it became clear that there was at least a minor movement of corvids into se. Arizona. Small numbers of Steller's Jays were scattered around at odd locations throughout the season, such as a small flock in the Mule Mts. 15 Nov (TW et al.) and 2 near Elfrida 29 Nov (TW et al.). Western Scrub-Jays made a more substantial irruption in early Sep, but numbers decreased later in the season. More unusual was a Mexican Jay along the riparian area near Tubac 9 Nov (MMS, JBo); this species is virtually never recorded away from its breeding habitat. Of interest was a Purple Martin at Pasture Canyon 2 Sep (JP); there are few N.I.R. migrant records for this species. Very late was a single Violet-green Swallow along with several late Barn Swallows at Green Valley S.T.P. 26 Nov (K. McBride).

Mountain Chickadees occasionally move into lowland areas during irruption years; this

fall a flock of up to 5 was present at B.T.A. 8-18 Nov (H. Fibel, B. Demaree et al.). Other parids and nuthatches also seemed to be on the move, with extralimital reports of Bridled and Juniper Titmice and no fewer than a dozen reports of White-breasted Nuthatches from lowland locations. Bordering on the amazing, Arizona's 2nd Carolina Wren was found visiting a feeder in Tolleson 21 Sep–11 Oct (ph., †BG); the previous Arizona record was a territorial bird present at Cook's L. for nearly two years. Very late for the N.I.R., a single House Wren was in Pasture Canyon 19 Nov (CL). Greater-than-usual numbers of at least 6 Winter Wrens were reported from around the state this fall. A few lowland Golden-crowned Kinglets were reported; one was along the Agua Fria R. near L. Pleasant 23 Oct (JBa), and another was at B.T.A. 27 Oct (K. & L. Bielek). The now-famous pair of Black-capped Gnatcatchers that nested successfully during the spring and summer at Patagonia L. remained in the same area through Nov. Incredibly, several additional Black-capped Gnatcatchers were located during the fall season: one was along Proctor Rd. near Madera Canyon 9 Aug (MPo, JBo, †SF), one was seen and heard calling in California Gulch 15 Aug (SH), a pair was located in Montosa Canyon, Santa Rita Mts. 1 Oct+ (†RH, BM, PS et al.), 2 were reported from the s. end of California Gulch 24 Oct (K. Graves), and another pair (perhaps offspring of the breeding pair?) was reported from Sonoita Cr. above Patagonia L. 31 Oct+ (JBo, MMS).

Although a regular breeder in the oak zone of the Huachuca Mts., Eastern Bluebird is accidental in the adjacent riparian zone, with only one previous record; this fall, one was reported along the S.P.R. near Hereford 29 Nov (MM). The only report of Rufous-backed Robin this season was of one along Sonoita Cr. above Patagonia L. 21 Nov+ (R. Shaw, m. ob.; ph. GHR). Varied Thrush is always an interesting find in Arizona; one on Black Mesa 20 Oct (CL) provided only a 2nd local record, one was in the Inner Basin, San Francisco Peaks 23 Oct (CST et al.), and one turned up

at the B.T.A 30 Nov+ (RD et al.). Gray Catbirds away from breeding areas included singles in Tubac 27 Aug (M. J. Iliff, D. Cooper), in Flagstaff 13 Sep (J. Griffith), and near Portal 2 Nov (GB). Certainly out of place was a Brown Thrasher at Bog Hole, San Rafael Grasslands 9 Aug (R. Bowers); at least 3 others were reported at a more expected season in Oct and Nov. An extralimital Sprague's Pipit was found at the sod farm near Scottsdale 18–27 Oct (PD, m. ob.); there are very few previous reports in the state away from natural grasslands. Phainopeplas appeared to be on the move, with several reports away from normal areas of occurrence, including one at Page 25 Aug (G. Nealon), a late individual at Keams Canyon 15 Sep (CL), and 10 at Concho L. 28 Sep (JV).

WARBLERS THROUGH GOLDFINCHES

A first-year Olive Warbler, a species rarely if ever seen in the lowlands, was reported from Sonoita Cr., Patagonia 10 Oct (GB). Above-normal numbers of Tennessee Warblers were reported, with singles at B.T.A. 17 Sep (SG), at Patagonia L. 19 Sep (SH), along Granite Cr. 24 Sep (†CST), and in Tucson 18–23 Nov (CST, S. Birky et al.). A late Nashville Warbler was at S.W.T. 23 Oct (CST). Only 2 Northern Parulas were found, one at Gilbert 26 Oct (ph. J. McMorran) and one at S.W.T. 11 Nov (BS). Several late Yellow Warblers were reported, including individuals that lingered into Dec in Tucson and sw. Phoenix. A Chestnut-sided Warbler at Greer 23–24 Aug (DR) represented one of the few *Apache* records. Another was reported from Scottsdale 1 Nov (JBa).

It was a banner fall for Magnolia Warblers in the state, with singles reported from the S.P.R. 26 Sep (†SH), at Agua Fria N.M. 1 Oct (W. Anderson et al.), along the Agua Fria R. below L. Pleasant 9 Oct (JBa), along Tanque Verde Wash, Tucson 11 Oct (WR), and at the Desert Botanical Garden, Phoenix 13 Oct (T. Chew et al.; ph. RJ); this species is casual in the state. Less rare in the fall, a Black-throated Blue Warbler was also along the Agua Fria R. below L. Pleasant 24–29 Oct (JBa, ph. RJ), while another was in Prescott 27 Oct (CST). One of the better warblers of the fall, a male Black-throated Green Warbler was at Patagonia L. 30 Oct (JBo). Another casual warbler in the state, single Blackburnians were found at Cameron 23–24 Sep (JC, CL), at Willow L., Prescott 4 Oct (CST), and along the Agua Fria R. below L. Pleasant 9–12 Oct (JBa, †RJ). Outstanding was a report of a male Yellow-

throated Warbler in lower Carr Canyon 22 Aug (M. Pretti). A Grace's Warbler in Sawmill Canyon 22 Oct (SH) was very late. One of the rarer warbler sightings of the season was a Bay-breasted Warbler along Sonoita Cr. above Patagonia L. 30 Oct (JBo). It was an impressive season for both Black-and-white Warblers and American Redstarts statewide, with no fewer than 15 and 14 reports, respectively.



A most accomplished skulker, this Carolina Wren in a Tolleson, Arizona yard 21 September 2003 provided only the second Arizona record of the species—and possibly the westernmost record anywhere. Photograph by Bill Grossi.

Prothonotary Warblers were found along the Agua Fria R. below L. Pleasant 11 Sep (JBa) and at Sierra Vista S.T.P. 12 Oct (B. Ison, J. Hays). No fewer than 20 Northern Waterthrushes and 6 Louisiana Waterthrushes were reported, greater-than-usual numbers for each for a given fall season. Roughly normal numbers of Hooded Warblers were found this fall, with one in Garden Canyon 10 Aug (K. Kaufman et al.), one at Arivaca 21 Sep (DP, B. Ashton et al.), and one at Tucson 18 Oct (MMS). Up to 2 Wilson's Warblers lingered into Dec at S.W.T. (GB et al.). At least 4–5 Painted Redstarts were found at low-elevation sites during the fall, with a number lingering into Dec. A family group of up to 4 Rufous-capped Warblers once again remained in French Joe Canyon, being last reported in mid-Sep (m. ob.).

A number of Summer Tanagers also lingered later than usual, with at least 2 seen well into Nov. We received a credible report of a Scarlet Tanager from Peppersauce Canyon 6 Oct (P. Norton). Most of Arizona's reports come from Oct and Nov. A late Western Tanager was in Nogales 25 Oct (MPo, MMS). Interesting was a Rufous-winged Sparrow singing in Guadalupe Canyon 14 Aug (ph. RH), a few km from the border with New Mexico, where there are no reports of this species. Unprecedented were no fewer than 27 individual Clay-colored Sparrows found statewide in Sep and Oct; this species is typically casual to rare in the state during the fall

and winter. Extralimital Grasshopper Sparrows included one in Pasture Canyon 27 Sep (JP, T. Linda) and one at Willow L. 14 Nov (CST). Easily the bird of the fall was the first Arizona record of the long-overdue Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow found and well documented at AV.S.T.P., Tucson 7–8 Oct (GB, m. ob.; †, ph. RH, ph. CBe). Both Swamp and White-throated Sparrows were reported widely this fall. The only Harris's Sparrow of the season came to a feeder in Eagar 30 Nov+ (DR). The newly discovered sod farm near Scottsdale was the place to be for longspurs this fall, with up to 5 McCown's 25–27 Oct (PD, RJ et al.), one Lapland 7 Nov (ph. RJ), and up to 50 Chestnut-collareds during most of Oct (RJ, m. ob.).

Although it was difficult to determine the actual number, no fewer than 40 Painted Buntings were reported statewide during Aug and Sep, an unprecedented number, with a majority coming from the Portal area and another 12 in one day just over the border in Rodeo, NM (RWe). Similarly, at least 25 different Dickcissels were reported in Sep, a much higher-than-usual number than for a single fall season. Another species that was off the charts in terms of reports this fall was Bobolink, with no fewer than 14 found in Sep and Oct. A Common Grackle was reported from the S.P.R. near Hereford 9 Nov (MM, J. Woodley), a species that is casual at best in the state. Very few Lawrence's Goldfinches were reported this fall, with a couple of reports coming from cen. Arizona only. A relatively large influx of American Goldfinches was noted on the N.I.R. in mid-Nov, with 42 at Pasture Canyon 19 Nov (CL) and 47 at Cow Springs L. 22 Nov (CL), both local high counts.

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