

found at two *Esmeralda*, NV locations: Arlemonte Ranch, Dyer 1 Jun (GS) and Miller's R.A. 15-24 Jul (GS, DM). Utah's 4th confirmed Prothonotary Warbler was photographed at Lytle 8-9 Jul (ph., †LT, JJ). A singing Ovenbird at the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, Weber, UT was enjoyed by many observers 18 Jul–12 Jul (†KP, ph. M&CS). Rounding out the summer warbler sightings was a female Hooded Warbler found 1 Jun at Sagehen Rd., Dyer, *Esmeralda*, NV (ph. GS).

SPARROWS THROUGH FINCHES

A singing Clay-colored Sparrow was a great find 4.5 km e. of Crystal Peak, Millard, UT 1

Jun (†TSa). The only Rose-breasted Grosbeak was a female at Sagehen Rd., Dyer, *Esmeralda*, NV 1 Jun (GS). Singing male Indigo Buntings were reported from two seldom birded *Garfield*, UT locations: Paria River Ranch 1 Jun (RF, MMy) and Calf Creek R.A., Escalante N.M. 10-21 Jun (LT, PC, J&KB). A vagrant female Bobolink was at Miller's R.A. 1 Jun (GS). Although Common Grackle sightings are increasing in n. Utah, a lone grackle at Perry, *Box Elder*, UT 16 Jun (BB) was noteworthy. An apparent hybrid Bullock's Oriole x Baltimore Oriole hybrid was photographed 1 Jun at the Arlemonte Ranch, Dyer, *Esmeralda*, NV (GS).

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Summer 2005 was marked by warm and dry weather, but generous precipitation from both winter and spring resulted in healthy grasslands and recharged wetlands. Work on breeding birds proceeded on several fronts, and several rarities were found. Yet another species—Short-tailed Hawk—was verified in the state.

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

GREBS THROUGH FALCONS

Several pairs of both Western and Clark's Grebes enjoyed an extended nesting season at Stubblefield L., with young of both seen on various dates 9 Jun–20 Jul (ph. DC); farther s., a Clark's pair with 4 chicks was at Bosque 9 Jul (CGL); both Western and Clark's broods were noted there 17 Jul (CR), and a Clark's with one chick was at Fort Craig 7 Jun (RD). High counts for lingering American White Pelicans were 38 at El Vado L. 11 Jun (DS) and 18 at Bosque 15 Jun (WW). Noteworthy for *Colfax* were single American Bitterns in the Maxwell/Stubblefield area 3 (CB), 5 (KG), & 17 Jun (ph. DC). One to 2 Least Bitterns summered at Bosque 15 Jun (WW) and 9 Jul (JP) and at B.L.N.W.R. Jun–Jul (GW), where breeding was suspected; another was at Bitter Cr., *Chaves* 18 Jun (GW). An ad. Tricolored Heron was n. to Bosque 3 Jun (JP). An imm. **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** at Maxwell 5 Jul (ph. PH) provided a *Colfax* first and New Mexico's most northerly ever. An ad. **White Ibis** visited Bosque 24-29 Jul (CB et al., ph. JO). White-faced Ibis found favorable conditions in the Stubblefield L. area, where at least 50 pairs nested in flooded saltcedar and willow; eggs were found 1

New Mexico



Jun, nestlings were present 17 Jun, fledglings were seen by 30 Jun, and late nests continued active through Jul (ph. DC). An imm. **Roseate Spoonbill** reached B.L.N.W.R. 20 Jul (ph. JO), marking the 4th consecutive year for this species in New Mexico. A Ruddy Shelduck was at Texico 27 Jul (JO), while a Bar-headed Goose continued at Bosque Jun–Jul (m.ob, ph. CGL); although vagrancy is documented in both species, these were believed to be escapees. A Bufflehead was late at L.V.N.W.R. 4 Jun

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(WW). Hooded Mergansers again summered at Bosque, where up to 3 were noted 1 & 27 Jul (JO).

Of New Mexico's 18 known Osprey territories, 16 are in n. *Rio Arriba*, where 10 were successful, fledging 21 young in 2005 (DS). Likely related to favorable grassland conditions (and a year-long absence of cows?), 3-4 White-tailed Kites appeared in the Animas Valley 16-30 Jul (DK, JR, JP, ph. JO, ph. CGL). Mississippi Kites continued in evidence in the middle R.G.V., with a nest at Peralta 17 Jun (E. Nunez), 7 including 2 juvs. at Belen 28 Jul (DH), and one at Bosque 9 Jul (CGL), while n. to the Canadian R. drainage were 3 below Conchas Dam 26 Jun (WW), 3 s. of Mosquero 29-30 Jul (MM), and 5 on Parajito Cr. nw. of Tucumcari 28 Jun (JO). Two of the three monitored Colfax Bald Eagle nests were successful, fledging 4 young by Jun (SOW). Favorable grassland/marshland conditions encouraged widespread summering by Northern Harriers, including a nest with nestlings at Maxwell 22 Jun (PH) and a nest discovered in the former L. McMillan lakebed in Apr that produced 2 young by 6 Jun (RD); others in likely breeding areas during the Jun-early Jul period were at Springer L. (DC), below Conchas Dam (WW), near Clovis (CLH), near Floyd (BN), B.L.N.W.R. (GW), L. Avalon (SW), s. of Whites City (SW), Hobbs (DH), Bosque (CGL) and the s. Animas Valley (DK, JR). Unusual was a pair of subad. Cooper's Hawks that produced 2 young at Corrales 23 Jul (GG). Always a treat, single ad. Northern Goshawks were in the s. Sangre de Cristo (WW), Sandia (BN), s. Sacramento (WH), Peloncillo (CDL), and Animas (JP, JO) ranges. Gray Hawks again occupied upper Guadalupe Canyon, with one to 2 ads. near the 2004 nest 8 & 31 Jul (ph. JO, JP, NM-C, CGL) and a juv. down canyon 8 Jul (ph. JO, JP). Maintaining the species' presence in the middle R.G.V. was a Common Black-Hawk pair at Isleta 1 & 14 Jun (J. Smith). Zone-tailed Hawk was first found n. to the Canadian R. in 1957, but its occurrence there since has been spotty; this year a pair nested in Mills Canyon and produced a fledgling by late Jul (ph. HS). A light-morph ad. Short-tailed Hawk, first noted in the Animas Mts. in late May, was relocated and photographed 28 Jun (ph. JD), providing first verification for the species in the state. Unusual for the season were 2 Ferruginous Hawks in the s. Animas Valley 16 Jul (DK, JR). Very late was a probable Merlin seen chasing collared-doves at Socorro 4 Jun (JS).

GROUSE THROUGH TERNS

A pair of White-tailed Ptarmigan was near Jicarita Peak on the Santa Barbara Divide 26 Jun (CR, BN et al.), 17 Jul (JO, JP et al.), and 20 Jul (ph. AR). Both Scaled Quail and Gam-

bel's Quail had excellent seasons wherever found, with large and multiple broods noted May-Jul (m.ob.). Six Northern Bobwhites s. of Mosquero 18 Jun (MM) provided a local first. Montezuma Quail have been unreported from the Gallinas Mts. near Corona for at least 50 years, so encouraging were 2 at the Gallinas Peak firetower 5 Jun (L. Powell).

Unexpected in midsummer were 3 Black-bellied Plovers at B.L.N.W.R. 6 Jul (GW). Snowy Plover numbers peaked at B.L.N.W.R. with 379 on 6 Jul (GW). A Killdeer was incubating only 2 m from busy train tracks at Socorro 15 Jun (JS), where railroaders considerably unloaded trains elsewhere to avoid disturbance. Breeding Mountain Plovers were recorded in Colfax (DC), Union (CR), and Harding (LS, CLH) 4-24 Jun. Noteworthy for the sw., a Black-necked Stilt pair produced 2 chicks at Deming in Jun (LM). Also in the sw., an American Avocet with 2 chicks in McKinney Flats 9 Jun (SOW) provided a breeding first for the well-studied Gray Ranch. Indicating the first significant pulse of "fall" migration, yellowlegs' numbers increased markedly to 38 Greater and 50 Lesser at B.L.N.W.R. 6 Jul (GW). Noteworthy for Cibola was a Willet at El Morro 28 Jun (CG). Evidence of Spotted Sandpipers breeding in the Pecos Valley was provided by 2 displaying at Sumner L. 11 Jun (WH) and a pair with a chick at B.L.N.W.R. 24 Jun (GW). The first southbound Upland Sandpipers were 3 at B.L.N.W.R. 27 Jul (GW). Long-billed Curlews were found on 10 B.B.S. routes, including a high 23 near Pastura 11 Jun (WH) and 3 s. to Caprock 5 Jun (SOW); noteworthy was a pair with 2 chicks s. to Milnesand 7 Jun (T. McDaniel). One to 4 early Marbled Godwits reached Stubblefield L. (DC), B.L.N.W.R. (S. Matherly), and Holloman L. (CGL) 30 Jun-2 Jul. Rare w. to the R.G.V., a White-rumped Sandpiper was at Bosque 4 Jun (JP, JO, CGL); high count was 35 at B.L.N.W.R. 1 Jun (GW), while the last were singles at Brantley L. 9 Jun (SW) and B.L.N.W.R. 15 Jun (GW). A bright Short-billed Dowitcher was at B.L.N.W.R. 3 Jun (ph. JO). An ad. Laughing Gull made a brief appearance at Brantley L. 23 Jul (SC, NC, RB, RV). Some 15-25 California Gulls were at Eagle Nest L. 18 Jun-9 Jul (JP, DC), but no breeding was noted. Rare terns were a Caspian at E.B.L. 8 Jun (ph. JO) and 2 Commons at Brantley L. 13 Jun (JO); a Forster's was w. to Lordsburg 26 Jul (CGL). A record 14 Least Tern pairs nested at B.L.N.W.R., and 23 young were fledged (JM); at Brantley L., however, where up to 8 ads. lingered 16 Jun-14 Jul (JM, RD), high water plus disturbance resulted in no nesting.

DOVES THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Having successfully invaded cities, towns,

and villages essentially statewide, Eurasian Collared-Doves began moving into the mts., including 3 up to 2250 m w. of Mayhill 13 Jun (SW) and one flying with Band-tailed Pigeons at 2400 m in the Animas Mts. 26 Jun (NM-C, AC). Not to be left behind, 5 White-winged Doves were at 2650 m near Cloudcroft 24-25 Jun (WH). The most widespread breeding bird in New Mexico may be Mourning Dove; this season, 1939 were reported on 59 of 61 B.B.S. routes, more routes than any other species. Noteworthy was an Inca Dove nest in Guadalupe Canyon 8 Jul (NM-C). Common Ground-Doves were relatively conspicuous in Hidalgo, with one to 3 at three Animas Valley sites 25 Jun-30 Jul (m.ob.) and up to 4 in Guadalupe Canyon 8 & 31 Jul (JP, JO, NM-C, AC, CGL). Yellow-billed Cuckoo made a strong showing, especially in the e., with reports of one to 4 summering at 16 sites in Colfax, Harding, San Miguel, Quay, DeBaca, Roosevelt, and Chaves, plus 3 at Brantley L. 9 Jun (RD) and 3 near Lakewood 14 Jul (RD), singles on the Black R. and the Delaware R. 25 Jun (SW), and a high 8 at R.S. 29 Jun (SW); noteworthy for the sw. was one in the Animas Valley 7 Jul (JP). Barn Owl nests n. to Colfax were one with young in a cave on Cerrososo Cr. 20 Jun (ph. DC) and another in an abandoned house near Maxwell 20 Jun (ph. DC). A Whiskered Screech-Owl persisted e. to Indian Cr. Canyon, Animas Mts. 25 Jun (NM-C, AC, JP, JO). Single Northern Pygmy-Owls giving two-note calls were in the Peloncillo Mts. 18 Jul (DK) and Animas Mts. 26 Jun (JO). Summering Long-eared Owls were rarely reported were singles at Ute Mt., Taos 25 Jun and 2 Jul (*vide* GG), Silver City 8 Jul (M. Zimmerman), and Clanton Canyon 24 Jun (CGL). Two Short-eared Owls persisted in a grassy field w. of Portales Jun-Jul (GK, JA), where they exhibited territorial behavior, including defending the area against intruders, but no nest was found; an ad. Short-eared in potential breeding habitat was found dead in a fence near Farley, Colfax 22 Jul (LS). One to 2 vocal Whip-poor-wills were n. to the Zuni Mts. in Hausner Canyon 18 Jun (CG) and Little Water Canyon 1 Jul (J. Trochet), as well as in the Sandia Mts. 20 Jun (CB).

Broad-billed Hummingbirds away from usual areas were singles in Cottonwood Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. 25 Jun (JP, JO) and along Double Adobe Cr., Animas Mts. 19 Jul (R. Jankowitz). A White-eared Hummingbird near Cloudcroft 29-30 Jun (ph. D. & G. Champion, ph. JO) provided a first for the Sacramento Mts. and for se. New Mexico; another White-eared was n. to Little Cr., s. Catron 15 Jun (WW). Magnificent Hummingbirds were well represented in s. Catron and Grant Jun-Jul (m.ob.), including one at

Tyrone 26 Jul (PT, *fide* EL); in the se., one was at Cloudcroft 24-25 Jun (WH), and another was near Cloudcroft 1 Jul (JP). A Blue-throated Hummingbird at L. Roberts 8-24 Jul (JP et al.) provided the only substantiated report. Anna's Hummingbirds went unreported in Jun; the earliest were singles in Clanton Canyon 6-7 Jul (JO, JP), Silver City 9 Jul (*fide* DB), and P.O. Canyon 10 Jul (CDL). A male Costa's Hummingbird in Clanton Canyon 17 Jul (DK) furnished the lone report; a possible Costa's Hummingbird x Anna's Hummingbird hybrid was at L. Roberts 8 Jul (JD-M). Earliest Rufous Hummingbirds were singles at Maxwell (DC) and near L. Roberts (*fide* DB) 23 Jun, with reports of singles at seven additional sites 24-30 Jun (m.ob.); 3 Allen's were measured and banded at L. Roberts 14-17 Jul (JD-M). Far from expected range, an apparent female Elegant Trogon was described at N.R.T. 11 Jun (G. Parker). Very far n. was an Acorn Woodpecker at Enbom L., *Rio Arriba* 29 Jun (DS). Noteworthy was a Gila Woodpecker in oak woodlands in Clanton Canyon 17 Jul (DK). A pair of American Three-toed Woodpeckers was s. to Sandia Crest Jun-Jul (CR, JP, ph. JO, CGL, CB).

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH RAVENS

Olive-sided Flycatchers were seldom found in summer were singing singles at Ojo Redondo, Zuni Mts. 24 Jun (HS), Galinas Mts. near Corona 17 Jun (HS), and San Francisco Mts., *Catron* 24 Jun (SOW). Unexpected in the Peloncillo Mts. was a singing Greater Pewee in Cottonwood Canyon 11 Jun (JO). Providing a breeding first for the Mimbres Valley was a Willow Flycatcher nest 8 Jun (RR). Hammond's Flycatchers were conspicuous in the Zuni Mts., including 4-5 in Hausner Canyon 18 Jun (CG) and 3 in Sawyer Canyon 22 Jun (HS). A Gray Flycatcher in upper Dark Canyon, *Eddy* 23-24 Jun (SW) furnished a local first; statewide, 61 Grays were counted on 16 B.B.S. routes. Dusky Flycatchers nested e. to Sugarite S.P., where one was singing 10 Jul (CAH), and ads. with fledglings were seen 16 Jul (DC); far s. was one singing in upper Dark Canyon, Guadalupe Mts. 23-24 Jun (SW). Additional evidence of the northward advance of Black Phoebes was an ad. with fledglings on the Mora R. near Watrous 5 Jun (CR), a pair nesting on the Cimarron R. w. of Cimarron 2 Jun-18 Jul (DC), and a nest with nestlings elsewhere on the Cimarron R. 22 Jun (ph. DC). Eastern Phoebes suggestive of local breeding were 2 s. of Mosquero 17 Jun (MM) and one singing at Fort Sumner 2 Jun (SOW). On the n. and e. edges of the range, up to 3 Vermilion Flycatchers summered s. of Mosquero 17 Jun (MM), and a pair at B.L.N.W.R. fledged young by 13 Jun, then

initiated a 2nd clutch in the same nest (GW). A Great Kiskadee strayed to Eunice, *Lea* 1 Jul, where it remained through the season (ph. P. McCasland, R. Cates), furnishing New Mexico's 7th well documented record. A Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher was in Guadalupe Canyon 8 Jul (JP, JO, P. Lehman), the 4th consecutive year for the species there. Unexpected but nicely described was a singing and calling Couch's Kingbird at Conchas Dam 26 Jun (WW), providing the 3rd well-documented state record. Only one Thick-billed Kingbird was in New Mexico's Guadalupe Canyon 8 (JP, JO, NM-C, AC) & 31 Jul (CGL); the species has declined there in recent years. Scissor-tailed Flycatchers continued to occur w. of usual, including 4 s. of Mosquero in e. *San Miguel* 18 Jun (MM), one at Newkirk, *Guadalupe* 27 Jun (JP), 2 at Yeso, *DeBaca* 27 Jul (JO), 2 near Fort Sumner 2 Jun (SOW), and a pair at B.L.N.W.R. that fledged young 2 Jul (GW).

North in the R.G.V. were single Bell's Vireos at Bosque 4 Jun (CGL) and 22 Jul (CB) and 4 at San Marcial 7 Jun (RD); in the sw., 4 were at Rodeo 9 Jun (AC). Noteworthy Gray Vireos were one n. of Salt L., *Catron* 25 Jun (SOW) and a nest with young in the Oscura Mts. 8 Jun (CGL), where up to 10 Grays were seen 28 Jul (CGL). Yellow-throated Vireos have a habit of appearing in New Mexico in Jun; this season found one in the Peñasco Valley near Elk, *Chaves* 4 Jun (ph. JO) and one singing on the Mimbres R. near Mimbres 23 Jun (RR). Hutton's Vireos e. to the Organ Mts. included fledglings there 2 Jun (D. Griffin) and 2 ads. 10 Jul (CGL). Single Red-eyed Vireos were seen and heard in the Sandia Mts. near San Antonio 28 Jul (CB), *Veguita, Socorro* 17 Jun (DH), and R.S. 29 Jun (SW), and 2 were at N.R.T. 8 Jun (RD). Nicely described was a singing ad. Yellow-green Vireo n. of Bernalillo, *Sandoval* 28 Jun (H. Walker), providing the 6th credible state record. A good acorn crop in the Peloncillo Mts. encouraged Mexican Jay clans to produce 2nd broods by late Jul (CDL). Noteworthy for summer were 12 American Crows near El Morro 13 Jun (CG). Chihuahuan Ravens again nested in *Colfax*, where five nests near Abbott had nestlings 18 Jun (DC).

SWALLOWS THROUGH TANAGERS

Purple Martins were much in evidence in the Zuni, San Mateo, Mogollon, Pinos Altos, and Sacramento ranges, while in the recently colonized Sangre de Cristo Mts., several were in Dillon Canyon w. of Raton 24 Jun and 25 Jul (ph. DC) and Crow Canyon near Koehler, *Colfax* 7 Jun (DC); noteworthy were 2-3 in the Bear Mts. n. of Magdalena 2 Jun (HS). A pair of Tree Swallows was feeding nestlings in a Wood Duck box at L. Mal-

oya, Sugarite S.P. 11 Jul (CAH); elsewhere, single pairs were feeding young on Ponil Cr. near Cimarron 28 Jun-4 Jul (ph. DC) and at L.V.N.W.R. 26 Jun (WW). A small colony of Bank Swallows discovered near Zia Pueblo 3 Jun (GG) provided a new breeding locale. In *Eddy*, Cave Swallows were found expanding away from cave sites, including 12 active nests in a culvert s. of Whites City, plus nests in three additional culverts in the same area 28 Jun (SW) and up to 28 birds at two bridge sites at Carlsbad 29-30 Jun (SW). Farther e., 3 apparent juv. Caves were at Maddox L., *Lea* 3 Jul (ph. JO).

Some 13 Mexican Chickadees, including two family groups, were in the Animas Mts. 26 Jun (NM-C et al.). Bushtits with black ears are unusual n. to Albuquerque, where 4 were banded in Jun (ph. SC). Certainly unexpected in cottonwood riparian habitat, a pair of Brown Creepers nested in Albuquerque's South Valley, where they were tending 2 fledglings 9 Jun (DH). A Blue-gray Gnatcatcher pair with fledglings 26 Jun (NM-C, AC) provided a rare Animas Mts. breeding record; 4 Black-tailed Gnatcatchers were n. to Oscura Mt. foothills, *Socorro* 18 Jul (CGL). Veery went undetected at traditional locales in the Sangre de Cristo Mts., but 2-3 were found at Chama 7 (WW) & 17 Jul (JO). A Gray Catbird pair with fledglings 9 Jul (CAH) was part of a healthy breeding population at Sugarite S.P.; far s. for summer were singles near Cliff 26 Jun (b., CF) and Davies Tank, *Doña Ana* 29 Jun (R. Meyer). Northern Mockingbirds were especially widespread and conspicuous, as evidenced by 2227 counted on 54 of 61 B.B.S. routes. Perhaps a first for *Colfax* was a Curve-billed Thrasher nest with eggs near Farley 18 Jun (ph. DC).

Single Olive Warblers were n. to the Magdalena Mts. 4 Jun (ph. AR) and 17 Jul (*fide* JS); fledglings were at two Burro Mts. sites 5-7 Jul (JD). Noteworthy for the Zuni Mts. were one or more Orange-crowned Warblers in Hausner Canyon 18 Jun (CG) and n. of P.O. Flats 24 Jun (HS). East of normal range, a pair of Lucy's Warblers at R.S. Apr-Jul (m.ob.) likely nested there. A singing Northern Parula was s. of Mosquero 17 Jun (MM); a female Black-and-white Warbler was w. to Mimbres 14 Jul (RR). Two American Redstarts were together on Ponil Cr. near Cimarron 27 Jun-12 Jul (ph. DC); far w. was one banded near Cliff 12 Jun (CF). Once again, an Ovenbird was singing n. of El Rito 18 Jun (JO), but proof of breeding remained elusive. Providing a *Colfax* first was a Kentucky Warbler on the Cimarron R. w. of Cimarron 11 Jun (v.r. DC); single Hoodeds were a male banded near Cliff 26 Jun (PT, CF) and a female at the Gila Bird Area 16 Jun (J. Batkin). Wilson's Warblers in presumed breeding habitats were 4 at the Taos Ski Valley 20 Jun

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(WW) and at least 7 singing below the Santa Barbara Divide 26 Jun (CR et al.); late for the prairie was one at N.R.T. 8 Jun (RD). A Red-faced Warbler in the Peloncillo Mts. 30 Jul (CGL) was probably an early migrant. Rare n. to Taos, a Hepatic Tanager pair was w. of Lama in Jun (*vide* JB); noteworthy for Bernalillo was a pair with begging fledglings in Otero Canyon 24 Jul (BV). Single Summer Tanagers were n. to El Morro 8 Jul (CG) and Mills Canyon 23 Jun (LS), and 3 were s. of Mosquero 17 Jun (MM). The earliest fall migrant Western Tanager reached Radium Springs 8 Jul (MS).

SPARROWS THROUGH FINCHES

With 2405 individuals tallied on 34 routes, Cassin's Sparrow was the most numerous species detected on New Mexico B.B.S. routes in 2005. In the middle Animas Valley, 66 Botteri's Sparrow territories were mapped 4-7 Jul (SOW, P. Mehlhop); in this area, the species appeared to benefit from removal of cattle and generous winter/spring rains. Very early, the first Brewer's Sparrow reached Albuquerque 9 Jul (WH). For the 2nd consecutive year, Black-chinned Sparrows were found n. to La Jara Cr., *Rio Arriba* (*vide* JB). Lark Buntings were numerous and widespread in *Colfax*, *Union*, and *Harding*, including 81 near Maxwell 5 Jun (KG), 213 near Grenville 20 Jun (CR), and 218 at 30 *Harding* sites 16-24 Jun (LS); w. were 32, including at least two broods, at Caja del Rio near Santa Fe 11 Jun (MR). Some 70 Grasshopper Sparrows were in native and exotic grasslands on the caprock s. of San Jon 3 Jun (CR). Surveys found seven Yellow-eyed Junco territories in the Burro Mts. and documented breeding at four of them by 7 Jul (JD); of interest, a *dorsalis* Gray-headed Junco pair produced fledglings in the same area (JD), making this the only site where Yellow-eyed and Dark-eyed Juncos' breeding ranges come into contact. In the Animas Mts., nine Yellow-eyed Junco territories were documented by 28 Jun, including four in seldom-visited upper Bear Canyon (JD).

A male Northern Cardinal persisted in Albuquerque's South Valley late May-early Aug (DH). A *Pyrrhuloxia* nest with eggs at Escondida 18 Jun (D. Perry) established breeding n. to *Socorro*. Last of the numerous spring Rose-breasted Grosbeaks was a male at N.R.T. 2 Jun (SOW). Painted Buntings n. and e. of usual were a male s. of Mosquero 18 Jun (MM), a singing male e. of Conchas L. 26 Jun (WW), and a pair at Taiban 23 Jun (NC); fall migrants in the sw. included 2 at Rodeo 23 Jul (RW) and one near L. Roberts 29 Jul (*vide* DB). Dickcissels were notably conspicuous in *Colfax* (ph. DC, CAH), *Union* (LS), *Harding* (DC), *San Miguel* (MR, MM), *DeBaca* (SOW), *Quay* (ph. JO, CR), *Curry* (JO), and *Eddy* (RD), and many may

have been breeders; high counts included 7 near Farley 18 Jun (DC), two pairs near Clayton 18 Jun (LS), 8 s. of Mosquero 18 Jun (MM), and 7 s. of San Jon 3 Jun (CR).

Noteworthy at 2400 m was an Eastern Meadowlark at Quemado L. 24 Jun (SOW). Early southbound Yellow-headed Blackbirds were 2 each near Dunkin, *Chaves* 10 Jul (SW) and Brantley L. 13 Jul (RD). Brewer's Blackbirds summering s. to the Sacramento Mts. were 2 at Angus 13-14 Jun (SW) and 2 near Cloudcroft 25 Jun (WH). Far w. was a Common Grackle near La Plata 5 Jun (T. Reeves). Continuing a seemingly relentless expansion, Bronzed Cowbird pioneers included singles n. to Albuquerque 26 Jun (BV) and Conchas Dam 28 Jun (ph. JO), and e. to Oasis S.P. in Jun (GK, JA) and Hobbs 3 Jul (ph. JO). An Orchard Oriole was n. to Conchas Dam 26 Jun (WW); 3 at R.S. 29 Jun (RD) provided the only additional report.

Pine Grosbeaks were prevalent in both the San Juan and Sangre de Cristo ranges (m.ob.), including some 15 found feasting on spruce budworms in the Apache Cr. area, *Rio Arriba* 18-19 Jul (ph. AR, WW). Red Crossbills were relatively scarce in Jun, with only scattered reports from the Sangre de Cristo, Zuni, Datil, and Magdalena ranges. Remnants of large wintering flocks, lingering Pine Siskins included several in P.O. Canyon 1-5 Jun (CDL), singles at B.L.N.W.R. 8 Jun (WH) and Socorro 10 Jun (JS), and 2 at Radium Springs 1-17 Jun (MS, JZ); early returnees were several at Silver City 18 Jul (*vide* DB) and one at Deming 28 Jul (LM). American Goldfinches in known breeding areas were 2 on the Cimarron R. w. of Cimarron 27 Jul (DC) and up to 5 on nearby Ponil Cr. by 18 Jul (DC); away from *Colfax*, apparently summering Americans were several at Chama 7 Jul (WW), a pair at Taos 20 Jun (WW), one s. of Taos 18 Jun (JP), and two pairs at Belen Jun-Jul (DH).

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