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Removal of livestock from much of New Mexico's parched rangelands, followed by a year of surprisingly generous precipitation, combined to present an unusual landscape in spring 2007—widespread relatively healthy grasslands and shrublands. One consequence of this bounty was booming small mammal populations, resulting in attractive conditions for many birds of prey, including breeding White-tailed Kites, Northern Harriers, and Long-eared Owls. Meanwhile, several high profile rarities were found, including reappearance of Green Kingfisher on the Gila River and Buff-breasted Flycatcher in the Animas Mountains.

Abbreviations: B.L.N.W.R. (Bitter Lake N.W.R.); E.B.L. (Elephant Butte L.); G.B.A. (Gila Bird Area, *Grant*); Maxwell (Maxwell N.W.R. and vicinity); N.R.T. (n. Roosevelt migrant trap w. of Melrose); R.G.N.C. (Rio Grande Nature Center, Albuquerque); R.G.V. (Rio Grande Valley); R.S. (Rattlesnake Springs area, *Eddy*); W.S.M.R. (White Sands Missile Range).

SWANS THROUGH FALCONS

Surprising was an ad. Trumpeter Swan at Enbom L., *Rio Arriba* 12 May (DS). Last Tundra Swans were 3 near Cherry L., *Mora* 2 Mar (WWi) and one at Stubblefield L. 2-4 Mar (ph. DC, CMB). A female Lesser Scaup at B.L.N.W.R. 15-17 May (DK) was believed to be nesting. A female Long-tailed Duck at Stubblefield L. 2 Mar-20 Apr was joined by another female 14 Apr (ph. DC). Noteworthy for the lower Rio Grande were 2 Common Goldeneyes near Hatch 22-23 Mar (ph. CL, MS, ph. JZ, DG). Four Chukars, a Ring-necked Pheasant, and 4 Northern Bobwhites in the Mimbres Valley, nw. *Luna* 27 Mar (LM)

provided evidence of illegal game bird releases in sw. New Mexico. Single Pacific Loons were at Six Mile Dam, *Eddy* 10-16 Mar (SW, JP, WWi) and Ute L. 26 Apr (RV). Scarce in the ne., a Western Grebe was near Clayton 25 Mar (LS); 2 Clark's were e. to Clovis 25 May (JP). An active Brown Pelican season produced an ad. found dead at L. Lucero, *Doña Ana* 5 Mar (ph. D. Bustos), an ad. at Bonito L., *Lincoln* 19 Apr (EL), and an imm. downed by a storm at Upper Gallinas Campground in the Black Range, *Grant* 18 May (ph. JO). Double-crested Cormorant again nested at Clovis, with five active nests there 25 May (JO); some 14 Double-crested nests, but no Neotropical nests, were n. of E.B.L. 9 May (RD). An ad. male Anhinga at Bosque 24 Mar (G. Loos) provided New Mexico's 5th record.

Up to 3 American Bitterns were at B.L.N.W.R. 20 Mar-6 May (JH et al.), and one was at Mesilla 31 Mar-12 Apr (CL, MS, JZ, DG). Among several small Great Blue Heron colonies reported were one nest at Morgan L. 11 May (TR) and two nests each on the Navajo R. near Dulce 9 May (DS), Chama R. s. of Chama 4 Apr (DS), Apache Cr., *Catron* 1 May (EL), and Mule Cr., *Grant* 12 May (EL). An imm. Little Blue Heron at Brantley L. 30 May (SW) provided the lone report. Single ad. Tricolored Herons were at Stubblefield L. 12 May (ph. DC) and B.L.N.W.R. 23-29 May (m.ob., ph. JO). An ad. Reddish Egret wandered n. to Sumner L. 4 May (ph. CL). High counts for Cattle Egrets were 158 at Belen 15 Apr (DH) and 400 in s. *Doña Ana* 20 Apr (DG); 4 were at Carrizozo 28 May (JO). Earliest Green Heron was one at Six Mile Dam 24 Mar (SW); unusual for the locale was one at N.R.T. 11 May (JP). An ad. Yellow-crowned Night-Heron was on a nest at Las Vegas 12-31 May (WWe, ph. L. Betlach, JP, WWi, ph. JO), the 2nd documented instance of New Mexico nesting. Migrant Glossy Ibis were much in evidence, with reports of ads. from eight locales in five counties: one at Bosque 8-13 Apr (CMB, ph. JB, ph. MB), 2 there 14 Apr (ph. JO), and a late one there 26 May (ph. JO, ph. CL); one near Vado, *Doña Ana* 12 Apr (MS, ph. JZ); an ad. at B.L.N.W.R. 15-17 May (MB, DK) and an imm. there 29 May (ph. DE-B); singles at two Vermejo Ranch sites 4 May (ph. DC), at French L. 8 May (ph. DC) and at Stubblefield L. 7 & 12 May (ph. DC), plus a late one there 31 May (ph. JO); and one at Heron L. 12-13 May (WH, ph. DK, m.ob.).

Taking advantage of an abundant prey base, White-tailed Kites were much in evidence in the sw., with one in *Doña Ana* 3 May (MS, ph. JZ), 2 on Otero Mesa 8 May (RM), and others in *Luna* (DH, SOW) and *Hidalgo* (NM-C, AC) Apr-May, including a nest with eggs in s. *Luna* 19 Apr (RM) and a nest with 3 young in s. *Hidalgo* 13 May (ph. CL, ph. CRB). For the 2nd consecutive year, a Mississippi Kite was n. in the R.G.V. to San Juan Pueblo 19 May (BF). Only one Bald Eagle territory was active in *Colfax* (fide C. Hayes), down from three there in recent years; a nest in n. *Rio Arriba* had one large young by 31 May (DS). Another grassland species that benefited from ample prey availability was Northern Harrier, with evidence of local nesting in *Hidalgo*, *Luna*, *Socorro*, *Sierra*, *Doña Ana*, *Otero*, *Colfax*, *Chaves*, and *Eddy*, including prey delivery and territorial defense at B.L.N.W.R. 17 May (DK), a nest with eggs on Otero Mesa 6 May (RM), an ad. with fledglings in *Doña Ana* 12 May (MS, JZ), and prey exchange w. of Columbus 27 May (SOW) Common Black-Hawks where seldom reported included single ads. at L. Roberts 12 & 25 May (DB, J. DeLong), an ad. at Mesilla 12 Apr



This Yellow-crowned Night-Heron on a nest beside the Gallinas River at Las Vegas, San Miguel County 12-31 (here 20) May 2007 documented the second New Mexico breeding effort by the species since 2003. Photograph by Laurie Betlach.

(ph. DG), and an imm. near Anthony 27 Apr (MS, ph. JZ); n. in the R.G.V. were singles at Santa Clara Pueblo 16 May (ph. V. LaPolla) and Cochiti Dam 20 Apr (DK). Small numbers of Harris's Hawks were noted across the sw. in *Hidalgo* (NM-C, AC, JP), *Luna* (LM,



Over a dozen Glossy Ibis were found in New Mexico in spring 2007, with reports from five counties; this adult was near Heron Lake, Rio Arriba County 12-13 (here 13) May 2007. Photograph by David J. Krueper.

JB), Doña Ana (DG, CL, MS, JZ), and Otero ((WWi, CL); unusual were one to 2 at R.S. Apr–May (m.ob.). One to 2 Broad-winged Hawks were at eight sites from the R.G.V. eastward during the narrow 20 Apr–12 May period (m.ob.). Gray Hawk continued its spread into New Mexico, with singles in Guadalupe Canyon 8 & 14 Apr (JB, JP) and two active nests there 8 May (NM-C et al.), 2 ads. at Clanton Cienega 12 May (NM-C), and a well-documented pair at R.S. 22 Apr–May (m.ob., ph. JO). Earliest Swainson's Hawks were one near Radium Springs 21 Mar (MS) and a roost of 12 at Luis Lopez 25 Mar (JO);



Taking advantage of abundant small mammal prey, White-tailed Kites were found at several sites across southwestern New Mexico, including this adult tending nestlings in the Animas Valley, Hidalgo County 13 May 2007. Photograph by Charles R. Britt.

surprising in spruce-fir habitat at 3055 m was one at Cumbres Pass 11 May (DK, JR). Scarce in the lower R.G.V., a Zone-tailed Hawk was s. of Radium Springs 28-29 Apr (CL, MS, JZ). Noteworthy for DeBaca was an active Ferruginous Hawk nest near Sumner

L. 7 & 19 May (JB). A 2nd year of Golden Eagle surveys in ne. New Mexico documented 46 active nests in Mar (DS), bringing the two-year total there to 68 nests active in one or both years. Very late was a Merlin at Cumbres Pass 12 May (DK).

PLOVERS THROUGH SKIMMER

A good American Golden-Plover season found 2 drab birds at L. Avalon 12 Apr (SW) and one at Bosque 27 Apr (ph. JO); singles in breeding dress were at B.L.N.W.R. 5-6 May (JP, WWi, ph. JO, ph. CL) and Maxwell 28-30 May (ph. DC). High water that flooded shorelines and mud flats hampered efforts to survey for Snowy

Plovers, including greatly reducing detections at B.L.N.W.R. (DK); notable discoveries included 20 at Grulla N.W.R. 31 May (DK), 4 at Lane Salt L., Lea 30 May (DK), 7 at Williams Sink ne. of Carlsbad 23 May (DK), one at Big Salt L., e. Sierra 8 May (WH), and an ad. with 2 chicks at L. Lucero 22 May (MEW, *fide* WH). High count for Semipalmated Plovers was 6 at Bosque 22 Apr (BV). Early were 10 Black-necked Stilts at Belen 10 Mar (BV). Earliest Solitary Sandpipers were singles at B.L.N.W.R. 6 Apr (JH), Animas Valley 13 Apr (JP), and Corralitos Ranch, w. Doña Ana 16 Apr (CL, MS, JZ). Willet maxima were 75 at Lordsburg 27 Apr (LM), 68 w. of Las Cruces 3 May (MS, JZ), and 45 at Cochiti L. 26 Apr (WWe); noteworthy for *Catron* was one at Quemado L. 28 Apr (DB). A good Whimbrel season found an early one at L. Avalon 12 Apr (SW), a high 5 at Holloman L. 3 May (ph. LM), one at B.L.N.W.R. 22 May (J. Montgomery), and 3 at Brantley L. 22 May (ph. RD). A Hudsonian Godwit was at B.L.N.W.R. 26-27 May (ph. N. Gains, P. McConnell). Scarce in the sw., a Marbled Godwit was at Lordsburg 13 Apr (JP, WWi); late was one at Brazel L. near Tularosa 25 May (CL).

A Sanderling was early at Lordsburg 13 Apr (JP, WWi) and another was w. to Morgan L. 11 May (TR); high counts were 4 at B.L.N.W.R. 14 May (JH) and 2 at Springer L. 17 May (DC). Bright Semipalmated Sandpipers w. of the plains were one at Bosque 21 Apr (JP) and 3 at Holloman L. 3 May (LM). White-rumped

Sandpiper arrived on schedule with 2 at B.L.N.W.R. 15 May (DK); w. of usual were 8-10 at Bosque 17-18 May (MB, NP, JO), one in the Uvas Valley, Doña Ana 20 May (ph. CL, MS, JZ) and 3 there 31 May (MS, ph. JZ), and up to 7 at Holloman L. 25-28 May (ph. CL, ph. JO). A Pectoral Sandpiper at Casa Colorado, Valencia 12 May (CMB) provided the lone report. A late Dunlin was at B.L.N.W.R. 5 May (JP). Impressive for the R.G.V. were 120 Stilt Sandpipers at Bosque 17 May (MB, NP); one was at Albuquerque 29 Apr (JP, BV). Migrant Wilson's Phalaropes numbered 1180 at B.L.N.W.R. 4 May (JH) and 1000 at Laguna Grande 6 May (DK). Red-necked Phalaropes where seldom seen included 6 at Heron L. 23 May (DE-B), 2 in the Uvas Valley 29 May (JO), and 2 at Corralitos Ranch 6 May (MS, ph. JZ). Last of the wintering Mew Gulls was one at E.B.L. 10 Mar (JP, WWi). An Iceland Gull at E.B.L. 6-10 Mar (ph. DC, ph. GF, JP et al.) was believed to be the same one documented at nearby Caballo L. in Feb. An ad. Least Tern was w. to Holloman L. 28 May (CL); high counts at Brantley L. amounted to



This Iceland Gull at Elephant Butte Lake, Sierra County, New Mexico 6-10 (here 7) March 2007 was likely the same one photographed at nearby Caballo Lake in February—but different from the state's first, a bird that wintered at Sunland Park. Photograph by Gary K. Froehlich.

only 5 ads. 22 & 28 May (RD, SW), where high water was a problem. Caspian Terns were 2 at Cochiti L. 26 Apr (WWe) and singles at L. Avalon 27 Apr (SW), Holloman L. 3 May (ph. LM), and Clovis 15 May (MB). Black Tern maxima were 75 at Bosque 17 May (NP), 40 at Stubblefield L. 15 May (DC), and 35 at B.L.N.W.R. 18 May (JS). Very early was a Forster's Tern at B.L.N.W.R. 4 Apr (JH); a high 50 were at Cochiti L. 1 May (MLW). New Mexico's 6th Black Skimmer was an ad. at Heron L. 12 May (WH, ph. MH).

DOVES THROUGH FLYCATCHERS

New Mexico's cleanest Rock Pigeon was again nesting on a moving robotic arm inside a Los Lunas car wash 17 Mar (DH). Two Eurasian Collared-Doves were vocal at 2400 m near Chama 12 May (DK). A Common Ground-



Long-eared Owls nested widely in New Mexico this season, including this adult with nestlings at Hackberry Well, White Sands Missile Range, Otero County 11 April 2007. Photograph by Carl G. Lundblad.

Dove was with 2 Inca Doves at Rodeo 14 Apr (JP). Greater Roadrunner continued in evidence nw. to San Juan, where one that wintered in n. Farmington was seen again 8 Apr (ph. E. Bickford) and a pair was present 28 May (TR); others were singles at San Juan College 11 May (*fide* TR), Berg-Animas Park 18-20 May (*fide* TR), and Blanco 15 May (M. Ismay, *fide* TR). A Flammulated Owl was found impaled on an ocotillo stalk at San Andres N.W.R. 25 Apr (ph. MEW). Eddy Elf Owls numbered 7 in Last Chance Canyon 12 May (SW) and 8 in Dark Canyon 14 May (A. Johnson); noteworthy for Doña Ana was one at Davies Tank 6 May (DG). Another species that availed itself of abundant small mammal prey this season was Long-eared Owl, found nearly statewide and with active nests documented in nine counties, including two nests along the Vermejo R. (ph. DC) and single nests at or near Cerrillos (LS), Corrales (GG), Albuquerque (GG), Tijeras (D. Dane), Rodeo (RW), Hachita (RM), Hermanas (RM), Jornada Range (CRB, CL), Hackberry Well, W.S.M.R. (ph. CL), and Otero Mesa (RM). Not surprising in years of good grassland conditions, Short-eared Owls were relatively plentiful, including one or more in the Animas Valley 12 May (NM-C), one at McKinney Tank near Antelope Wells 3 Mar (DG), at least one near Hermanas 1-28 Apr (DH, RM) and 2 there 27 Apr (DH), 2 on W.S.M.R., e. Socorro 10 May (ph. D. Burkett), and singles at two Milnesand sites 13 & 14 Apr (T. Mitchusson). A Whip-poor-will returned n. to the Sandia Mts. 12 May (BV), while noteworthy for the Organ Mts. were 2 singing at Aguirre Springs 27-28 Apr (CL) and 4 singing there 12 May (MS, JZ); on the e. plains, one

was at Boone's Draw 12 May (JP).

Two male Costa's Hummingbirds were singing in Guadalupe Canyon 8 Apr (JB); single male Rufous were reported at L. Roberts 19 Mar and 13 Apr (*fide* DB). For the 2nd consecutive year, a Green Kingfisher appeared on the Gila R. near Gila, where discovered 15 May (HW) and seen again 19 (JP, WWi) & 29 May (HW). Lewis's Woodpeckers in unexpected locales were singles at Edgewood 19-24 Apr (CC) and Oscura Mts., e. Socorro 21 Mar (CL); one that wintered at Virden was still there 30 Mar (JP). Gila Woodpeckers increased along Deer Cr. near Antelope Wells, where 10 were found 3-4 Mar (CL). A Red-naped Sapsucker was e. to N.R.T. 6 May (JP), where rare in spring. A Ladder-backed Woodpecker was near Cimarron 1 Mar (ph. DC), where rare at any season. Downy Woodpeckers s. in the R.G.V. were singles at San Acacia 20 May (BV), Luis Lopez 14 Mar (JO), and Las Palomas 7 Apr (CL); one at Quarai 4 May (HS) was a local first. An American Three-toed Woodpecker persisted at Sandia Crest 4 & 25 Mar (WH, JP). Single Least Flycatchers were at N.R.T. 11-13 (JP), 17 (MB, NP), & 31 May (DK) and at Boone's Draw 12 May (JP). A Hammond's Flycatcher that wintered at Percha was still there 24 Mar (JP); a Dusky that wintered at Bosque was singing 18 Mar (DH). Noteworthy was a singing Hammond's Flycatcher at Sugarite S.P. 19 May (CH), where Dusky is the common breeder. A Buff-breasted Flycatcher was in burned forest near Aspen Spring, Animas Mts. 12 May (ph. CL, ph. CRB); since its reappearance in New Mexico in 1995, the species has been reported in 10 of 13 years. Black Phoebes on their n. frontier were four pairs in the Cimarron-Springer area in May (DC), a pair at Sumner Dam 26 May (JP), and 2 at Trigg Ranch, e. San Miguel 11 May (MDM). Eastern Phoebe nests were one with eggs in nw. Union 25 May (DS) and another at Trigg Ranch 11 May (ph. MDM). Dusky-capped Flycatcher returned n. to Cherry Creek Campground, where there were 2 on 25 May (M. Fugagli). A Great Kiskadee at B.L.N.W.R. 13 May (ph. JH) provided a Chaves first. Peripheral Scissor-tailed Flycatchers were singles w. to

Mesilla 14-15 Apr (ph. CL, MS, ph. JZ) and Yeso 28 Apr (JO) and n. to San Jon and Glenrio 20 May (WH).

VIREOS THROUGH THRUSHES

White-eyed Vireo was surprisingly plentiful, especially in the Cliff-Gila Valley, where singing singles were at Fort West Ditch 21 May (RS), the Nature Conservancy's farm 18 May (JP, WWi, vt. JO), the Hwy. 211 bridge over the Gila R. 18 & 20 May (vt. JO), and G.B.A. 28 May (RS), and at nearby Mangas Springs 18 May (vt. JO); others were singles at Corrales 25 May (TF), R.G.N.C. 3 May (b., ph. MM), and N.R.T. 26 Apr (RV). Noteworthy for the e. plains was a Bell's Vireo at N.R.T. 15 & 17 May (MB, NP). A Gray Vireo singing in Pinyon Canyon 19 May (HS) confirmed presence in the Los Pinos Mts., and a pair was



Since its reappearance in New Mexico in 1995, Buff-breasted Flycatcher has been reported in 10 of 13 years through 2007; this one was in the Animas Mountains, Hidalgo County 12 May 2007. Photograph by Charles R. Britt.

on the McGregor Range in W. McAfee Canyon, s. Sacramento Mts. 18 May (CL, CRB), a local first; surveys in the Organ Mts. documented seven territories in Soledad Canyon, one in North Canyon, and one at Aguirre Springs Apr-May (CL, CRB, DG, MS, JZ). Another good Yellow-throated Vireo season produced singles at Corrales 22 Apr (S Drilling, CR), Sumner Dam 26 May (JP, WWi), N.R.T. 29 Apr (JO, DM) and 11-14



One of eight reported in New Mexico in spring 2007, this White-eyed Vireo was banded at Albuquerque, Bernalillo County on 3 May. Photograph by Michael D. Means.

May (JP, DH, RV), and Elida 6 May (MB). For the 2nd consecutive year, a Plumbeous Vireo pair nested in the middle R.G.V. near Veguita 31 May (DH). The only detailed Blue-headed Vireo was at N.R.T. 13 May (JP). Providing a first for the e. plains was a Hutton's Vireo at N.R.T. 27 Apr (JP, WWi); in the Organ Mts., two pairs—including one feeding nestlings—were at Aguirre Springs 28 Apr (ph. CL), and singles were at Dripping Springs 20 Apr (DG) and Fillmore Canyon 27 May (CL). A male Red-eyed Vireo was near Cedar Crest (where also detected in 2005 and 2006) 28 Apr–May (CMB, JP, BV, ph. DE-B, JB, m.ob.), but reports of possible nesting there were not confirmed; others were singles at Sugarite S.P. 11 May (DC), N.R.T. 12 May (JP), and B.L.N.W.R. 12 May (JP).

Single Blue Jays were w. to Santa Fe 16 Apr (JB) and Albuquerque 24 Mar–22 Apr (DM). A Black-billed Magpie was s. to Manzano 5 Mar (WWi). American Crows were nesting at Edgewood 23 Apr (CC) and Farmington 28 May (TR). A pair of Chihuahuan Ravens feeding nestlings ne. of Raton 16 May (CH) was the most northerly yet for *Colfax*; n. in the R.G.V. were 2 e. of Cochiti L. 1 Apr (WH). Early were 3 Purple Martins n. to Dillon Canyon near Raton 1 May (ph. DC). Up to 34 Tree Swallows were nesting at Chama 12 May

(WH). Unusually early was a Cliff Swallow at Bosque 10 Mar (DH); early for the n. were up to 16 at Cochiti L. 1 Apr (WH, BV). Cave Swallows expanded n. in Eddy, with 2 at a new breeding site near Rocky Arroyo 3 & 13 Mar (b., SW); in *Doña Ana*, Caves included 12 at the La Union colony 19 May (CL), with smaller numbers found at three additional sites n. to Radium Springs Apr–May (MS, JZ). Unexpected e. to the Texas line, a Bushtit was near Causey 15 Apr (CR). A Red-breasted Nuthatch was on Organ Peak 11 May (CL). Single singing Carolina Wrens were near the State Capitol, Santa Fe 29 Mar–27 Apr (WWe, ph. JB, m.ob.) and in Albuquerque's North Valley 29 Apr–29 May (R. Thomson, WH). Single Winter Wrens were near Milnesand 14 Apr (DM) and in San Andres Canyon, *Doña Ana* 6 Apr (CL). Up to 4 Golden-crowned Kinglets, including at least one singing male, were e. to Sugarite S.P. 2 May (CH). Eastern Bluebirds continued to increase in numbers and range in the middle R.G.V., with nests and/or fledglings at seven sites from Bernalillo s. to Socorro (DH, WH); three sites with single pairs in 2006 had two or three pairs this year (DH). Four Western Bluebirds were e. to Milnesand 15 Apr (CR). At least one Veery was singing at Chama 12–13 May (WH, MH, DK, JR). There were several reports of unusually early Swainson's Thrushes, including a detailed one at R.S. 22 Apr (MB) and the same or another there 29 Apr (MB), plus one at N.R.T. 26 Apr (RV) & 29 Apr (JO, MB). An ad. male Aztec Thrush was described in some detail from Sapillo Cr. near its junction with the Gila R. 27 Apr (D. Doland); although spring is considered an unusual season for the species, this observation followed an especially large influx into Arizona in 2006, which also produced New Mexico's first report.

THRASHERS THROUGH TANAGERS

A Brown Thrasher that wintered at Santa Fe was last seen 31 Mar (J. Nelson-Moore); late were singles at R.S. 28 Apr (JP), Quarai 12 May (*vide* HS), and N.R.T. 17 May (NP, JS). A

Curve-billed Thrasher at French L. 28 Apr (ph. DC) furnished a new *Colfax* locale. Sprague's Pipits wintered near Hermanas, where 3 lingered 9 Mar (LM) and 5 were present 1 Apr (DH); apparent migrants were singles on Otero Mesa on four dates 3–25 Apr (DG); late Sprague's were 4 in the Animas Valley 12 May (NM-C) and one near L. Avalon 19 May (SW). Suggestive of possible local breeding, a pair of Cedar Waxwings was engaged in courtship feeding at Chama 13 May (WH). Surprising was a vocal male Olive Warbler n. to the Sandia Mts. 12 May (S. Stubbe). Single Tennessee Warblers were at Camp Robledo, *Doña Ana* 22 Apr (MS, JZ) and N.R.T. 28 Apr (JO). Lucy's Warblers returned to R.S. in force, with up to 7 singing 5–6 May (m.ob.) and a pair gathering nest material 7 May (CL); noteworthy for Otero was one at the historic Bill McNew homesite near Orogrande 21 Apr and 16 May (CL). Single Northern Parulas reached Bandalier N.M. 31 May (E. DeFonso), Cochiti 29 Apr (MLW), Sumner Dam 26 Apr (RV), N.R.T. 4–11 May (JP, WWi, CL, JB), and Milnesand 14 Apr (CR). A Chestnut-sided Warbler at N.R.T. 7 May (ph. JB) provided the only report, as did a *Magnolia Warbler* near Lingo 12 May (LS). A male Black-throated Gray Warbler was e. to N.R.T. 28 Apr (JO), as was a female Hermit 28–29 Apr (ph. JO, MB); a male Black-throated Green was there 11 May (JP). Single Palm Warblers were near Rincon 22 Apr (MS, JZ, ph. CL) and at B.L.N.W.R. 26 Apr (JH). A Black-and-white Warbler was at Mesilla 17 Apr (CL); singles were at N.R.T. on various dates 29 Apr–31 May (m.ob.). American Redstarts w. of the plains were singles at Galisteo 21 May (ph. JB) and Albuquerque 29 May (BN). A *Worm-eating Warbler* was w. to Clanton Cienega 12 May (D. Johnson, sketch NM-C). A *Kentucky Warbler* was at N.R.T. 28 Apr (ph. JO); undetailed was another w. to Heart Bar W.M.A., *Catron* 24 May (*vide* DB). A good Hooded Warbler season produced single males at Corrales 17 May (ph. TF), Sandia Mts. 27–28 May (CMB), e. of Yrisarri, Bernalillo 24 Apr (ph. M. Martin), near Escondida 23 May (DH), N.R.T. 11–19 May (m.ob.), and Boone's Draw 12 May (JP). A male Hepatic Tanager was n. to the Cimarron area 31 May (DC); another was singing at G.B.A. 19 & 25 May (RS), where it is a rare breeder. Far n. was a female Summer Tanager at Chama 11–13 May (DK, JR, WH, MH); single males were in the e. plains at N.R.T. 4 May (CL) and Boone's Draw 5 May (CL). A male apparent *Flame-colored Tanager* × *Western Tanager* hybrid was in the Animas Mts. 12 May (ph. CL), the first such report for New Mexico.

SPARROWS THROUGH FINCHES

Wasting no time, Cassin's Sparrows were singing at Carlsbad 13 Mar (SW), Las Cruces 18 Mar (DG), and Jornada Range 19 Mar (MS, JZ). Noteworthy were 8 Black-chinned Sparrows in Goat Canyon s. of Mountainair 30 May (HS). Some 47 Vesper Sparrows were on Bartlett Mesa e. of Raton Pass 22 May (CH); farther e., 2 were on Horse Mesa 16 May (CH). Good grass conditions induced Lark Bunting to remain far s. of regular nesting areas, including 40 singing males and a female carrying nest material at Sevilleta N.W.R. 12 May (DH), several pairs on Otero Mesa 10-11 May, including singing males and a female carrying nest material (RM), and several pairs apparently nesting s. of Hope in May (RM). Healthy grasslands yielded singing Grasshopper Sparrows in the e. and s. in May, including 10 at Grulla N.W.R. 31 May (DK), one near Boone's Draw 12 May (JP), 5 near Hobbs 28 May (DH), one near R.S. 5 May (JR, DK), one on W.S.M.R. sw. of Bingham 11 May (D. Burkett), and 2 on Otero Mesa 7 May (DG). Baird's Sparrows reportedly outnumbered migrant Grasshopper Sparrows on Otero Mesa transects, where there were 9 Baird's 3 Apr, 3 on 4 Apr, 5 on 23-24 Apr, 9 on 25 Apr, and 2 on 7 May (DG, RM); one Baird's was e. of Three Rivers, n. Otero 30 Apr (L. Neely). Single gray (or slaty) Fox Sparrows were at R.G.N.C. 10 Mar (BV), Bosque 7 Mar (DC) and 15 Apr (JP), and Percha 7 Mar (GF); a reddish Fox Sparrow was at Silver City 21 Mar (ph. E. Limmer). The ad. Harris's Sparrow that wintered at Luis Lopez was last seen 11 Apr (JO), but an imm. appeared there 19 Apr (JO); a bright ad. was at Cimarron 12 May (ph. J. Duke). A late Golden-crowned Sparrow was window-killed near Cliff 27 Apr (E. Wootten). At least 4 Yellow-eyed Juncos were in the Burro Mts. 30 May (MB), but none was seen in the charred Animas Mts. 12 May (CL, CRB); one strayed to Clanton Canyon, Peloncillo Mts. 27 Apr (LM).

A female Northern Cardinal at N.R.T. 15-26 May (ph. MB, NP et al.) provided a local first, and a male was singing at Santa Rosa 14 May (RV); in the sw., 3 were along Sèpar Rd. s. of White Signal 21 Apr (LM). A Pyrrhuloxia was singing at Waldrop Park, e. Chaves 25 May (JP). One to 3 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were found at 15 locales from the R.G.V. eastward 26 Apr-31 May (m.ob.), including 2 at the McNew homesite near Orogrande 16 May (CL); single males were w. to Silver City 18 May (ph. DZ) and Animas Valley 12 May (NM-C). Unusually early was an ad. male Black-headed Grosbeak singing at Albuquerque 18 Mar (J. Haskings). Earliest Lazuli Bunting was a male at Luis Lopez 19 Apr

(JO); unusual was an Indigo at Quarai 12 May (HS); an early Varied was in Walnut Canyon, Eddy 4 May (BF). A female Painted Bunting was n. to R.G.N.C. 14 May (b., ph. MM); a male was singing n. to Sumner Dam 17 May (MB, NP). An early Dickcissel was singing near Maxwell 1 May (DC); others were singles at N.R.T. 25 May (JP, JO) and Grulla N.W.R. 31 May (DK). Three Eastern Meadowlarks were singing at 2590 m near Chama 12 May (DK, JR). Common Grackles in the nw. were 2 at Aztec 30 Apr (TR) and 5 at Farmington 29 May (TR). Bronzed Cowbirds continued to occur n. of historic range, including up to 3 in ne. Albuquerque 22-30 May (DE-B, J. Stuart, BV, MB, ph. JO), 2 at Carrizozo 28 May (JO), up to 3 at B.L.N.W.R. 10-12 May (JH), and singles at Roswell 10 May (JP) and Grulla N.W.R. 31 May (DK). Orchard Orioles n. of expected were single ad. males at San Antonio 12 May (ph. A. Kerr) and Bosque 25 May (C. Lee), a young male at Maxwell 26 May (ph. DC) and an ad. male there 27 May (ph. DC), and single ad. males at N.R.T. 11 May (JP) and Ute L. 27 Apr (ph. DC); an apparent female was at Farmington 16 May (TR). Early Hooded Orioles were singles at Silver City 19 (fide DB) & 26-28 Mar (ph. D. Friedrich), Las Cruces 29 Mar (L. Schulte), and Virden 30 Mar (JP). Last of the Sandia Crest rosy-finches were 25, mainly Blacks, 18 Mar (N. Cox). A female Purple Finch was at a Madrid feeder 28-29 Apr (LS).

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