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FROM THE EDITORS:

The event of the season was the appearance of a Couch's Kingbird at Bosque del Apache. Discovered by John N. Durrie on September 23, it was viewed and photographed by numerous observers, and its distinctive call was recorded. It was the first well-documented record of this species in New Mexico.

Autumn was full of unusual or out-of-place passerines, including several other flycatchers. Seven species of vireos were reported, including the second N.M. record of the yellow-green form of the Red-eyed, and there were an impressive 27 species of warblers. Mountain chickadees, our three nuthatches, and Golden-crowned Kinglets staged large flights into the Rio Grande Valley. A Field Sparrow at Zuni was unusually far west.

A Black-shouldered Kite at the Bosque refuge was the fifth record for the state, and an immature Common Black Hawk was photographed south of there. A late Pomarine Jaeger was at L. McMillan, and 3 or 4 Sabine's Gulls were sighted. Also unusual were the state's second Ruddy Ground Dove, and a Groove-billed Ani.

The autumn raptor migration count in the Manzano Mountains was highly successful, with 2,924 birds of 16 species tallied from September 6 through November 2. Outstanding were 2 Broad-winged Hawks, and 10 Ospreys, vs. 15 for the rest of N.M. The tabulation, minus 134 not identified by species:

	--Peak--				--Peak--		
	Total	Date	No.		Total	Date	No.
Turkey Vulture	74	9/23	16	Swainson's	28	3 days	4
Osprey	10	10/8	3	Red-tailed	519	9/22	55
Bald Eagle	2	twice	1	Ferruginous	14	10/5	3
N. Harrier	29	twice	3	Golden Eagle	135	10/27	13
Sharp-shinned	968	9/25	87	Am.Kestrel	435	9/22	120
Cooper's Hawk	533	9/25	86	Merlin	2	twice	1
N. Goshawk	22	10/21	4	Peregrine	15	twice	3
Broad-winged	2	twice	1	Prairie Falcon	12	twice	2

An oddity was the sighting of five albinistic or leucistic birds of as many different families -- Northern Harrier, Say's Phoebe, Cliff Swallow, Rock Wren, and House Sparrow -- in widely separated areas. None was a pure albino, but all had appreciable areas of white or abnormally pale plumage. See "The Audubon Society Encyclopedia of North American Birds" for a discussion of this phenomenon.

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LOCALITIES AND THEIR COUNTIES IN THIS ISSUE:

abbreviations and symbols in text:

L. -- Lake	R. -- River
Mt. (Mts,) -- Mountain(s)	SP -- State Park
NM -- National Monument	v. o. -- various observers
N.M. -- New Mexico	
NP -- National Park	* -- details provided
NWR -- National Wildlife Refuge	** -- photograph
SGR -- State Game Refuge	*** -- specimen

Aguirre Springs (Organ Mts.) -- Doña Ana	Gila R. -- Grant, Catron, Hidalgo
Alamo Canyon -- Otero	Guadalupe Canyon -- Hidalgo
Alamogordo -- Otero	Heron L. -- Rio Arriba
Albuquerque -- Bernalillo	Hobbs -- Lea
Algodones -- Sandoval	Holloman L., Air Force Base (AFB)
Animas -- Hidalgo	-- Otero
Anthony -- Doña Ana	Hyde SP -- Santa Fe

Bandelier NM -- Sandoval, Los Alamos	Isleta (Pueblo) -- Bernalillo,
Belen -- Valencia	Valencia
Bernardo -- Socorro	Jemez Mts., R., Springs -- Sandoval
Bitter L. NWR (Bitter L.) -- Chaves	Karr Canyon -- Otero
Black Rock Dam, Zuni -- McKinley	Kiowa National Grasslands -- Union
Bluewater L. -- Cibola, McKinley	
Bosque village -- Valencia	La Joya SGR -- Socorro
Bosque del Apache NWR (Bosque NWR)	L. McMillan -- Eddy
-- Socorro	L. Roberts -- Grant
	La Luz -- Otero
Caballo L., Dam -- Sierra	La Mesa -- Doña Ana
Chama -- Rio Arriba	Las Animas Creek -- Sierra
Clanton Canyon -- Hidalgo	Las Cruces -- Doña Ana
Clayton, Clayton L. -- Union	Las Vegas NWR -- San Miguel
Cliff -- Grant	Los Alamos -- Los Alamos
Cloudcroft -- Otero	Los Lunas -- Valencia
Cochiti L., Pueblo -- Sandoval	
Columbus -- Luna	Mangas Springs -- Grant
Corona -- Lincoln	Manzano Mts. -- Torrance
Corrales -- Sandoval	Maxwell NWR -- Colfax
	McAllister I. -- San Miguel
Dog Canyon -- Otero	Mills Canyon -- Harding
Durling's Farm -- Doña Ana	Morgan L. -- San Juan
Eldorado -- Santa Fe	Moriarty -- Torrance
Elephant Butte L. -- Sierra	Nutt -- Luna
El Vado L. -- Rio Arriba	
Espanola -- Rio Arriba	Ortiz Mts. -- Santa Fe
Estancia -- Torrance	Owen's Farm -- Doña Ana
Farmington -- San Juan	Peloncillo Mts -- Hidalgo
	Percha Dam SP -- Sierra
Galisteo -- Santa Fe	Pleasanton -- Catron

Quemado -- Catron	Santa Fe -- Santa Fe
Randall Davey Audubon Center -- Santa fe	Sena -- San Miguel
Randall's Pool -- Doña Ana	Silver City -- Grant
Rattlesnake Springs -- Eddy	Sitting Bull Falls -- Eddy
Rio Grande Nature Center, Albuquerque -- Bernalillo	Socorro -- Socorro
Riverside -- Grant	Storrie L. -- San Miguel
Rodeo -- Hidalgo	Tesuque -- Santa Fe
Roswell -- Chaves	Three Rivers -- Otero
	Truth or Consequences -- Sierra
Sacramento L., Mts. -- Otero	Villanueva -- San Miguel
Sandia Mts. -- Bernalillo	White Sands NM -- Otero
San Ildefonso Pueblo -- Santa Fe	Willard -- Torrance
San Marcial -- Socorro	Zuni Mts. -- Cibola, McKinley
San Mateo Mts. -- Socorro	Zuni Reservation (Zuni for short) -- McKinley
San Simon Cienega -- Hidalgo	

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

COMMON LOON -- Reports mostly from north, including 1 at Clayton L. 11/3 (WC), 3 in Zuni area 11/25 (JT), 1 at Randall Davey Audubon Center 10/12 (PI), and singles at McAllister L. 11/12 (in breeding plumage and calling)(W. J. McNall) and 11/17 (PI). Lower Pecos Valley had 1 at Bitter L. 11/14-27 (WH, KW) and 2 at L. McMillan 11/11 (JH).

PIED-BILLED GREBE -- A high fall total was 17 at Bitter L. 8/2 (KW).

HORNED GREBE -- 4 at Storrie l. 11/15 (RT, PSt, Lawrence Smith), 2 at Bosque NWR 10/19 (RT), and 1, poorly detailed, there 11/10 (JPr).

WESTERN GREBE -- 2 at Las Vegas NWR 9/29 (PI, LH, BI), 9 at Holloman L. 10/13 (R&KJ), and 1 at Bitter L. 9/11 (KW).

CLARK'S GREBE -- unusual: First nesting reported for the state since species was split off from the Western was at Elephant Butte L., where GS on 8/29 found 80 birds, including 20 young....3 at L. McMillan 9/15 were early (RT).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- First of season at Bosque NWR were 100 9/21-22 (RT); 20 still there 10/18 (PI). Earlier, 63 found at Caballo L. 9/23 by EW. In the southeast, at Bitter L., first arrivals were 84 on 9/13; peak was 519 by 9/27, and all were gone by 11/27 (KW).

GREAT EGRET -- 3 at Bitter L. through November (KW).

SNOWY EGRET -- Season's high was 328 on 9/20 at Bitter L. (KW).

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- Reports continue of this heron that once was very rare in N.M. All singles: an immature at Belen 8/14 (WH); at Bosque NWR 9/22 (RT); adult at San Marcial 8/16-18 (TMu); at Bitter L. 8/23-9/7 (KW), and at near-by Dexter National Fish Hatchery 8/16 (KW).

TRICOLORED HERON -- Only reports: at Bitter L., 6 on 8/17-18, 2 on 9/2, 1 on 9/13 and 1 on 9/28 (KW); at Maddox L. near Hobbs, 1 on 8/25 was apparently a first record for Lea County (CL, RR).

CATTLE EGRET -- By WH, 60 to 80, three-quarters immatures, at Belen and 18 at Bosque village, all 8/14. At Bosque NWR, 10 to 15 on 8/29 (TMu) and 2 with cranes on 11/23 (JH, JS). Also, 2 at Caballo L. 11/13 (JH), 1 at Bitter L. 10/19 (KW), and leaving grasshoppers near Silver City 11/27 (Hal Sontag).

GREEN-BACKED HERON -- Last of season was a single at Bitter L. 9/28 (KW).

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON -- unusual: 1 found shot near Chamberino in Dona Ana County in the fall (BZ).

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- More than ever before in Clayton area (WC). 200 at Bitter L. 8/17, 31, with last of season 10/9 (KW).

TUNDRA SWAN -- 1 immature at Bitter L. 11/17 (KW).

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- An immature at Clayton L. 11/11 (WC, MM). All other reports from Bosque NWR: singles 10/17 (GHR, WH, CC), 10/19 (fide RT), 10/20 (PI), and 11/8 (WH, ED).

SNOW GOOSE -- Bosque NWR peak of 47,500 on 11/18 (fide RT); first of autumn at Bitter L. 10/17 (KW).

ROSS' GOOSE -- 10 at Bosque NWR 10/17 (GHR, WH, CC).

WOOD DUCK -- A male 3 miles n. of Alameda 9/29 (JP), and the first Otero County record, a male at La Luz 10/7 (WB, R&KJ).

AMERICAN BLACK DUCK -- Poorly detailed, possibly a hybrid within the Mallard group, seen at Clayton 9/29 (WC, MM).

CANVASBACK -- Early fall reports: 3 at Las Vegas NWR 9/29 (PI, LH, BI); 2 at Bitter L. 9/20 (KW).

RING-NECKED DUCK -- An early 2 on 8/13 at Holloman L. (OCBC).

LESSER SCAUP -- 2 at Holloman L. 8/28 (CA, EW); early.

HOODED MERGANSER -- 1 female at Bitter L. 11/21 (KW).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- A female at Bosque NWR 11/25 (RT).

BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE -- unusual: 1 subadult at Bosque NWR 11/23 (JH, JS+) was apparently first record for there, and fifth for the state.

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- Singles n. of Clayton through 8/2+ (fide WC), in Albuquerque 8/19 (WH) and immature in Roswell 9/20 (Bitter L. staff).

OSPREY -- 3 at McAllister Lake, Las Vegas NWR, 10/12 (DMac), and these singles: over Cochiti L. 9/11 (WH) and 9/25, 30 (F&RIS); over Bosque NWR 9/21 (2 birds) and late on 11/29 (RT); over Caballo L. 9/23 (EW); at Percha Dam SP 10/25 (EW, LHS) and 11/26 (DM), late; and at Hobbs 9/19-10/17 (CL).

BALD EAGLE -- An early adult at Flora Vista, San Juan County, 9/15+ (AN); 1 to 3 at Zuni 11/24-26 (JT); 1 adult at Heron L. 10/3 (LHS); single adults at Maxwell NWR in August and September (William Mobley); 1 immature at Las Vegas NWR 11/15 (RT, PSt+); 1 at Algodones 8/27 (Joan Bass); up to 7 at Bosque NWR 11/23-29 (v.o.); 1 at Percha Dam SP 11/26-30 (DM); 1 to 6 at Bitter L. 9/10-10/18 (KW).

NORTHERN HARRIER -- unusual: 1 or 2 near Zuni 9/1-12 (JT). A partial albino on Otero Mesa 11/16 (Bruce Morrison).

COMMON BLACK HAWK -- unusual: 1** near San Marcial 8/16, 9/12 (TMu). First documented record for Socorro County.

BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- Singles 9/26 and 10/1 on fall raptor count in Manzano Mts. ((JWD+). 1* at Durling's Farm 10/5 (BZ).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK -- 1 at Bandelier NM 8/22 (BZ); no details.

RED-TAILED HAWK (Harlan's race) -- 1 at Rattlesnake Springs 10/6 (RT).

MERLIN -- Singles: at Bosque NWR 11/23+ (v.o.); female along US 258 in De Baca County 50 miles n. of Roswell 11/18 (JE); along US 180 near Riverside 9/27, along US 180 on 10/14, and in Gila Valley 10/20 (RF).

PRAIRIE FALCON -- 2 at L. Pago e. of Estancia 9/5 (WH); 1 at Bosque NWR 10/19-11/25 (RT, Pst+).

BLUE GROUSE -- A female at Chama 9/29 (LHS).

WHITE-TAILED PTARMIGAN -- 1 adult, 4 immatures at Rincon Bonito, Mora County, on 8/13, and 1 adult and 3 immatures on Jicarita Peak, Taos County, 8/14 (Andy Sandoval).

WILD TURKEY -- 7 at Bosque NWR 8/29 (RT); 100 in James Canyon, Otero County, 8/17 (R&KJ); 1 at Rocky Arroyo, Eddy County, in September (WE), and 4 at Las Animas Creek 9/23 (EW+) were at lower-than-usual elevations.

NORTHERN BOBWHITE -- A covey of 8 at Bitter L. 10/4 were probably released locally (KW).

GAMBEL'S QUAIL -- 25 in Alamogordo area 9/12 and 10/7 (WB, R&KJ); 1 in Karr Canyon 8/17 (R&KJ), and 200+ at San Simon Cienega 10/31 (BH).

COMMON MOORHEN -- 1 adult, 3 immatures at Bosque NWR 8/29 (RT).

AMERICAN COOT -- Big fall counts at Bitter L.: 6,500 on 10/25, 9,500 on 10/31.

SANDHILL CRANE -- Several heard 9/6-7 at Tesuque (Phil Shultz) were early. Mostly early or first arrivals were those at Clayton 10/10 (WC); 22 at Las Vegas NWR 9/29 (PI); at San Antonio 9/21-22 (RT); in the Gila Valley 10/20 (RF); 2,000+ at Percha Dam SP 11/26-30 (DM), and Bitter L.'s first arrivals were 7 on 10/11 (KW).

WHOOPIING CRANE -- unusual: 1 immature at Las Vegas NWR 11/15, 17 (PI, Erica Hesse)...First fall arrival at Bosque NWR 10/29 (Bob Edens), which was late.

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER --1 at Bosque NWR 9/21 (RT).

SNOWY PLOVER -- 2 at Bosque NWR 9/29 (RT) Late were singles at Holloman L.10/2 (CA, EW) and at Bitter L. 10/4 (KW).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER -- 8 at Morgan l. 9/12, 15 (AN, HL), 1 in Zuni area 9/4 (JT). Abnormally common during autumn in the lower Rio Grande Valley (v.o.). At Bitter L., 2 on 8/13, 1 on 8/20 and 1 on 9/18 (KW).

KILLDEER -- An unusual 117 at Larendry L., Union County, 9/30 (WC).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- 400+ at Green Chaparral Turf Farm near Los Lunas 8/3 (Gary Miller, GH, WH) and 80+ there 9/2 (RT), with 40 to 50 on last sighting 10/8 (RT).

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- Fall peak of 67 at Bitter L. 9/20; last seen 9/30 (KW).

AMERICAN AVOCET -- Large numbers at Bitter L., to high of 308 on 10/11; last noted 11/15 (KW).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- 2 at San Simon Cienega 9/1 (JH).

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- 1 over Grasslands Turf Farm 8/18 was second local record (WH).--
In lower Rio Grande Valley 8/8-9/8 in small numbers (v.o.).

MARbled GODWIT -- At Bitter L. 8/11, 24 (KW).

SANDERLING -- 1 at Holloman L. 8/28 (CA, EW).

SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER -- Reported from Bosque NWR 8/29 (RT); 3 on 9/12 at
Holloman L. (Robert Powell, WB, RJ).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- Four, possibly this species, at Bitter L. 10/5 (RT).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER -- Above-normal 80 found at Zuni 9/1 (JT), and a high 42 at
Bitter L. 9/13 (KW). 8 at Holloman L. 10/2 (CA, EW).

DUNLIN -- Reported at Bitter L. 8/30 (fide KW).

STILT SANDPIPER -- 3 at Bosque NWR 8/29 (RT).

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER -- Birds perhaps of this species at Bitter L. 8/10-23,
with a late report of 10/6 (KW).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE -- 20 at Zuni 9/5 (JT), an immature at Isleta marsh 9/22
(WH), and 2 at Holloman L. 8/28 among 350+ Wilson's Phalaropes (EW, CA).
At Bitter L., 8 on 9/13 and 21 9/20-21 (KW).

POMARINE JAEGER -- unusual: 1 adult well seen as it chased a Ring-billed Gull
at L. McMillan 11/17 was later than most fall jaeger records (WH).

HERRING GULL -- 1 adult at Bosque NWR 11/27 (JS, PJ); 1 to 3 at Bitter L.
10/19-11/25 (KW); 1 adult at Elephant Butte L. 11/24 (JH); 1 adult and
5 immatures at L. McMillan 11/17 (WH).

THAYER'S GULL -- 1 reported at Bosque NWR 11/27 (DH -- fide RT), but details
were not available at this writing.

CALIFORNIA GULL -- 1 adult at El Vado L. 8/21 (BZ); 1 at Heron L. 10/3 (LHS);
2 adults and 2 subadults 11/13 at Caballo L. (JH).

RING-BILLED GULL -- High counts were 120 at Caballo L. 11/13 (JH), 281 at
Bitter L. 11/25 (KW) and 85 at L. McMillan 11/17 (WH).

FRANKLIN'S GULL -- 4 at Clayton L. 10/5 (fide WC); 6 at Holloman L. 8/18 (EW+);
2 or 3 at Bitter L. 10/4-18 (KW); 11 at L. McMillan 11/17 (WH) were late, but
fall migrants have been seen there into December some years.

BONAPARTE'S GULL -- 1 at Bosque NWR 11/10 (JPr), 33 at Bitter L. 11/25 (KW),
and 4 at L. McMillan 11.11 (JH).

SABINE'S GULL -- More reports than usual. Immature at Bluewater L. 9/3-4 (JT**,
AM), and possibly but not necessarily the same bird at Zuni 9/5 (JT, TR); an
immature at Cochiti L. 9/11 (JH), and an adult at Bitter L. 10/4-7 (KW).

FORSTER'S TERN -- 1 at Clayton 9/29 (MM); 6 at Zuni 9/7 (JT); 1 at Cochiti
L. 9/4 (WH); 2 at Bosque NWR 9/2 (RT); 40+ at Bitter L. 8/17 (Dean LaBounty,
fide KW); 1 at Holloman L. 8/13, 20 (OCBC); 1 late at L. McMillan 11/11 (JH).

COMMON TERN -- 1 immature at Bluewater L. 9/3-4 (JT**, AM). 1 at Bitter L.
10/4-5 (KW), but lacking details. 1 possible at L. McMillan 11/11 (JH) was
late for any tern. Because of difficulty of separating Common from Forster's
Tern in the field, and because of Common's general rarity in N.M., all
reports of it should be accompanied by details.

LEAST TERN -- Last reported at Bitter L. 8/29 (RT).

BLACK TERN -- 1 at Zuni 9/3 (JT); 8 at La Joya 8/17 (WH); 4 to 6 at Bosque NWR 9/24 (RT); at Bitter L. 8/10-10/1, with a maximum of 19 on 9/13 (KW); 8 at L. Holloman 8/18 (OCBC).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON -- 20+ in Clanton Canyon 8/30 (JH).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- 1 in residential area at Bitter L. 8/29 (RT) and 15 at Socorro 11/22 (JS).

INCA DOVE -- 5 to 9 daily in November at Alamogordo (R&KJ).

COMMON GROUND DOVE -- unusual: A single male* at Owen's Farm 10/31 and 1/11, and a female 11/4 (BZ, JDo). Zimmer notes emergence of a late fall-early winter vagrancy pattern for this and the following species in the El Paso area. No reports from other areas have been received since 1983.

RUDDY GROUND DOVE -- unusual: A female** was photographed at Owen's farm 10/31 and 11/4 for the second confirmed N.M. record (BZ, JDo).

GROOVE-BILLED ANI -- unusual: 1 at Mangas Springs 11/20 (DHu, fide RF); scarce in this state.

NORTHERN PYGMY OWL -- unusual: 1 near Zuni 9/2 (JT).

COMMON POORWILL -- Late bird at Roswell 11/14 (KW).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT -- Up to 75 near Zuni 9/1-7 (JT); late.

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- Single adult males at Silver City feeder 9/11-24 (Harry Sontag), and at Durling's Farm -- first record there -- on 10/8 (BZ). Unusual in Rio Grande Valley.

CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 to 3 in Farmington 9/8-24, 30 (AN). 1 at Truth or Consequences 9/24 was late (DM). Several at Durling's Farm from August into early September (BZ, v.O.).

BLUE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD -- unusual: 1 at L. Roberts 9/22 (RF).

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD -- unusual: 2 at Cloudcroft through 9/15 (OCBC); 2 at L. Roberts 9/22 (RF).

LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD -- Up to 12, including immatures, remained in the Peloncillo Mts. until at least 10/6 (RS).

LEWIS' WOODPECKER -- unusual: Out of range were 2 at Capilla Peak, Manzano Mts., 9/13 (WH), 2 at Corona 10/12 (RT, PSt) and 1 at Durling's Farm 9/23-25 (BZ, CJ).

ACORN WOODPECKER -- 1 in Clanton Canyon 8/30 (JH).

RED-NAPED SAPSUCKER -- Singles at Clayton 9/6 (WC) and at Hobbs 9/25 (CL) were east of their usual range. (Note: This has been recognized, since 1985, as a separate species, *Sphyrapicus nuchalis*, inhabiting the Rocky Mountain area. It was formerly listed as a subspecies of *S. varius*, the Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, which now is considered the eastern and northern form. We now consider New Mexico sightings, past and present, to be *nuchalis* unless described in detail as *varius*.)

HAIRY WOODPECKER -- At the limit of their range were singles at Roswell 10/12-18 (fide KW) and at Bitter L. 10/19-25 (KW).

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER -- breeding: Adult male feeding immature bird at Sandia Crest 8/11 (WH, BD).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER -- unusual: Singles at Bosque NWR 8/28 (RT) and Sitting Bull Falls 9/14 (WE).

EMPIDONAX species -- 1 at Mangas Springs 11/24 (RF) was very late.

WILLOW FLYCATCHER -- 1 banded at Bosque village 8/20 and a single at Bosque NWR 8/17 (WH).

HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER -- 8 near Sena and 1 at Villanueva SP 9/19 (WH**).

GRAY FLYCATCHER -- 1 reported to be of this species at Bosque NWR 11/30 (John Saba). Very late.

BLACK PHOEBE -- unusual: 1 out of range and far from a body of water at a metal watering tank nw. of Quemado 8/28 (WH).

EASTERN PHOEBE -- 1 at Bosque NWR 9/21 (RT). 1 at Rio Grande Nature Center 11/2 (RT) was late.

SAY'S PHOEBE -- unusual: A leucistic individual near Zuni 9/1 was well-described (JT).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- unusual: 1 north of normal range in Clayton in August (fide WC).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER -- 1 at Owen's farm 11/2 (JDo) was late.

GREAT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER -- 1 at Durling's Farm 9/13 (BZ).

COUCH'S KINGBIRD -- unusual: The first well-authenticated sighting of the species in N.M. It was seen first by JND on 9/23 at Bosque NWR, and subsequently observed and photographed by numerous observers through 11/29. Initially it was tentatively identified by some as the very similar Tropical Kingbird, but a recording of its calls by JS established that they included the "breer" which is considered definitive for this species.

PURPLE MARTIN -- 1 to 5 at Zuni until 9/6 (JT); 2 at Rio Grande Nature Center 9/28 (CAH).

VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW -- Late 2 at Percha Dam SP 11/26-30 (DM).

CLIFF SWALLOW -- Albinistic bird at El Vado Dam 8/2 (JH).

BARN SWALLOW -- 2 at Percha Dam SP 11/26-30 were late (DM).

STELLER'S JAY -- unusual: Small numbers invaded some lowland areas, with most reports from the Albuquerque area, plus 1 in Mills Canyon 10/12 (JH) and 2 near Villanueva 9/19 (WE).

BLUE JAY -- breeding: Family of 4 at Roswell 8/9 (Elmer Schooley)...3 were present in Clayton at widely separated feeders 10/10-15 (fide WC), and 1 was at Bitter L. 10/5 (KW).

SCRUB JAY -- Singles at Bitter L. 11/4, 16 (KW).

AMERICAN CROW -- 70+ at Moriarty 11/10 (JH), a new locale.

CHIHUAHUA RAVEN -- 2 s. of Isleta and 3 s. of Los Lunas on I-25 8/17 were well seen and heard; these, plus 1 at Belen 8/14 and 24+ at Bosque village 8/20, represent a continued northward range extension in the middle Rio Grande Valley. 5 observed on US-180 4 miles s. of Pleasanton 10/8 (JH).

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE -- unusual: 1 at Bitter L. 11/16 (Southeast N.M. Audubon Society).....Large flight into the Rio Grande Valley, including the first invasion of lower Doña Ana County in 3 years (BZ). Seven banded at Rio Grande Nature Center through October (CAH); 4 at Socorro 10/28 (JS); 8 at Bosque NWR 11/8 (WH).

PLAIN TITMOUSE -- 2 at Las Animas Creek 9/23 (EW); 5 at Queen, Eddy County, 9/14-15 (WE).

BRIDLED TITMOUSE -- 2 at Percha Dam SP 10/25 (BZ, JDo), and 1 still there 11/26-30 (DM); 1 at Las Animas Creek 10/25 (EW, LHS).

VERDIN -- 2 at La Joya SGR 8/17 (WH, GH) were at the northern edge of their range; 20 in Sacramento Mts. area 8/1 (JM).

BUSHTIT -- 12 at Rio Grande Nature Center 10/19 (CAH); 15 at Queen, Eddy County, 9/14-15 (WE).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- Widespread: 1 banded at Rio Grande Nature Center 9/21 (CAH); at Bitter L. 9/10-11/22 (KW); 1 at Alamogordo 11/10 (JTa); abundant in lower Doña Ana County after early October (BZ+).

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- 1 at Bitter L. 11/10 (KW); 5 at Percha Dam SP 11/26-30; numerous in lower Doña Ana County after early October (BZ+).

PYGMY NUTHATCH -- Also moved into the Rio Grande Valley lowlands, with 1 at The Rio Grande Nature Center 9/7 and 14 (CAH, WH), several in Albuquerque in November (SH), 2 at Bernardo 9/22 (WH), and 2 at Aguirre Springs 8/27 (BZ).

BROWN CREEPER -- 3 banded at Rio Grande Nature Center during the fall (CAH); 3 at Percha Dam SP 11/26-30 (DM), and 1 at Owen's farm 11/3 (fide BZ).

ROCK WREN -- unusual: 12 in Kiowa National Grasslands Unit 17 on 9/4 was high for the area; a dead albinistic specimen was found at Clayton 9/6 (WC).

MARSH WREN -- 1 at Bosque NWR 8/17 was early (WH); not known to breed there.

WINTER WREN -- unusual: 1* at Anthony 10/3 (Helen Bigalow, fide BZ); some details.

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- 4 at Kiowa National Grasslands 9/1 (WC); 1 in Dog Canyon 11/10 (JM) was late.

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- 1 on Capilla Peak, Manzano Mts., 9/13 (WH). Small numbers moved into the lowlands: 4 at Bluewater 11/25 (JT); 2 at Santa Fe 10/12 (PI+); 2 at Albuquerque 9/2 (fide RT); 1 banded at Rio Grande Nature Center 10/19 (CAH); 2 at Durling's Farm 11/6 (Scott Wilson, fide BZ) after being absent the previous year.

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET -- 11 in Zuni area 11/26 (JT) were rather late.

EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- 3 below Clayton L. dam 10/25 (WC, AK).

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD -- 8 at Clayton 10/20 (WC) and 2 at Mills Canyon 10/12 (JH), where occasional in fall.

VEERY -- unusual: 1* at Black Rock bosque, Zuni, 9/5 (JT). Some details, also identified by call note familiar to observer.

GRAY CATBIRD -- 2 at Black Rock Dam, Zuni, 9/6 (JT); 1 at Bosque NWR 8/17 (WH, GH) was very early for a migrant and suggests breeding locally (nearest confirmed breeding locality is 45 miles north at La Joya); 1 near Mesquite, Doña Ana County, 10/21 (EW+); 1 at Owen's farm 11/4 was the third November and fourth over-all record for that area (BZ, JDo).

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD -- 1 at Santa Fe 11/22-26 (SBo) and 1 at Albuquerque 11/25 (Larry Gorbet) were late.

SAGE THRASHER -- 30 at Willard 8/3 (WH, GH) were early. 5 reported at Kiowa National Grasslands 9/1 (WC), 18 at Cochiti 9/22 (PI, LH), and 14 from Eldorado to Moriarty 10/10 (PI+). 6 at Zuni 11/26 (JT) were late.

BROWN THRASHER -- 1 at Farmington 9/20 (Roy Pritchard -- fide AN) was the first there in several years. 1 was at La Luz Canyon from 11/10 to end of period (RJ+).

CURVE-BILLED THRASHER -- Arrived earlier than usual at Santa Fe 9/22 (SBo).

CRISSAL THRASHER -- 1 at La Joya 8/17 (WH, GH); 1 at La Luz Canyon 8/17 (G&GF).

WATER PIPIT -- 1 at Zuni 11/24 (JT).

CEDAR WAXWING -- Low numbers statewide.

NORTHERN SHRIKE -- 1 at Zuni 11/26 (JT); a subadult at Galisteo 11/10 (JH); 1 at Bosque NWR 11/23-30 (JH, JS+).

PHAINOPEPLA -- 3 at Percha Dam SP 11/26-30 (DM).

BELL'S VIREO -- 1 singing at Rattlesnake Springs 9/16 (WE); 1 in Guadalupe Canyon 8/31 (JH).

GRAY VIREO -- 1 at Aguirre Springs 8/27 was the first the observers have seen in the Organ Mts. (BZ, JDo).

SOLITARY VIREO -- All identified as to subspecies were Vireo solitarius plumbeus except for one V. s. solitarius at Rattlesnake Springs 9/16 (WE).

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO -- unusual: 1 reported with good details at Rio Grande Nature Center (9/12) was at least the 11th state record, and the eighth in the last ten years (RT).

WARBLING VIREO -- breeding: An egg and a chick in a nest at Hyde SP 8/4 (PI, LH). ...1 at Bitter L. 8/24 (KW) and 1 at Hobbs 9/9 (CL).

PHILADELPHIA VIREO -- unusual: 1 reported 9/9 at Hobbs, with fairly good details (CL), is roughly the 13th N.M. record, of which 10 have been in the fall.

RED-EYED VIREO -- unusual: 1 apparently of the "yellow-green" race (Vireo olivaceus flavoviridis), with supporting details, was seen at Bosque NWR 8/29 (RT). This is the second N.M. report of this southeast Texas and Mexico subspecies....1 at Rio Grande Nature Center 9/7 (BO).

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER -- unusual: An adult male well described at Black Rock Dam 9/6 (JT). Second fall and 8th over-all state record.

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER -- unusual: An adult male, good details, at Los Alamos 9/10 (BL) was at least the eighth state and third fall record.

TENNESSEE WARBLER -- 1 adult at Corrales 9/21 (WH+).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- 25 at Zuni 9/5 (JT); 2 at McGuire woodlot near La Mesa (BZ) 11/13 were late.

NASHVILLE WARBLER -- At Zuni 8/31-9/7, with a very high 35 on 9/1 (JT); 1 at Española 9/12 (PI, Marge Cromer); 1 at San Simon Cienega 9/1 (JH).

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER -- 25 at Zuni 9/2 (JT); latest was 1 at Santa Fe 9/28 (PI).

LUCY'S WARBLER -- 2 at Pleasanton 8/29 (JH).

NORTHERN PARULA -- 1 at Rio Grande Nature Center 10/20 (CAH, WH+), not 11/20, as reported in American Birds.

YELLOW WARBLER -- 1 at Santa Fe 9/21 (SBo) was later than usual.

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER -- 300+ at Holloman L. 10/2 (EW). Present somewhat early at Bitter L. 8/24, 30 (KW), but earliest migration date for lower Pecos Valley is 8/4.

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER -- Statewide reports included 1 at Albuquerque 10/26 (Bruce Halstead**), 1 at L. Holloman 10/2 (EW), and singles at Hobbs 9/5, 9/30 and 10/7 (CL).

HERMIT WARBLER -- A female at Owen's farm 9/27 (BZ, JDo).

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER -- unusual: An immature female at Anthony (date not stated) was the first local record (BZ**, JDo). 1, without details, reported at Rattlesnake Springs 9/16 (DT, fide WE). The 6th and 7th N.M. reports.

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- 1 banded at Rio Grande Nature Center 9/14 (CAH); singles at Bitter L. 9/13-20 (KW) and Rattlesnake Springs 9/16 (WE).

AMERICAN REDSTART -- 2 at Rattlesnake Springs 9/16 (WE); 1 at Hobbs 10/2 (CL).

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER -- unusual: 1 fairly well described at Rio Grande Nature Center 9/10 (RT). Of the roughly 21 state records, 13 have been in fall.

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- Singles: at Zuni 9/5-6 (JT), banded 9/1 at Rio Grande Nature Center (CAH), in Durfee Canyon, San Mateo Mts., 8/25-27 (JS), at Alamo-gordo 8/20 (JM), at Sitting Bull Falls 9/14 (WE). "A few" at Durling's Farm late August to mid-September (BZ).

KENTUCKY WARBLER -- 1 (no details) at Rattlesnake Springs 9/16 (DT, fide WE) is the eighth state record in the last five years.

MacGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER -- 35 at Zuni 9/7 (JT); at Hobbs 9/5-11 (CL); latest was at Silver City 10/8-9 (JH).

WILSON'S WARBLER -- 35 at Zuni 9/5 (JT); 30 at Sitting Bull Falls 9/14 (WE); latest was 1 at Columbus 10/15-23 (DM).

CANADA WARBLER -- unusual: 1 banded and photographed at Rio Grande Nature Center 10/13 (CAH) for the fourth state record and the first in fall.

RED-FACED WARBLER -- 1 in Ortiz Mts. 10/1 (Laury Sager).

PAINTED REDSTART -- An adult at Percha Dam SP 9/25 (CJ, fide BZ); adults feeding 2 juveniles in Gallinas Canyon, Grant County, 9/14 (RF).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT -- 6 at Zuni 9/6 (JT); 2 at Three Rivers 8/3 and 5 in Dog Canyon 9/1 (JM); 2 at Mangas Springs 9/2 (RF); a late bird was at White Sands 10/10 (JM).

SUMMER TANAGER -- 1 immature male* at Black Rock bosque 9/1 (JT) was the second Zuni area record.

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK -- Only report was 1 near San Ildefonso about 8/25 (EE).

BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK -- Last local dates, 9/8 (LH) and 9/9 (PI) in Santa Fe, and 9/29 in La Luz Canyon (WB).

BLUE GROSBEAK -- At Hobbs, where uncommon, 8/20, 25 (CL). Last recorded dates were in September, except 1 near Cliff 10/8 (JH).

LAZULI BUNTING -- 1 at Hobbs, where rarely seen, 9/5 (CL).

INDIGO BUNTING -- 1 at Three Rivers 8/3 (JM); 2 near Sitting Bull Falls 9/14 (WE).

PAINTED BUNTING -- unusual: Considerably n. of its normal range was a female captured by a cat and brought into a home at Sandia Knolls 9/13 (RT); it died of its wounds and stress, and the specimen went to the University of New Mexico. ...At least 3 at Durling's Farm 9/13-14 (BZ, CJ, JDo).

DICKCISSEL -- 1 banded at Rio Grande Nature Center 10/19 (CAH); 1 at Owen's Farm 9/11 (BZ, CJ, JDo); 1 at Hobbs 9/9 (CL), where seldom reported.

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE -- Early dates included 1 at Santa Fe 8/28 (SBo), Mangas Springs 8/30 (RF) and Three Rivers 8/3 (JM). 1 at Zuni 11/24 (JT) was late. 1 at Hobbs 10/2 (CL) was east of its usual range.

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- More abundant than normal at Clayton in August (WC); abnormally far west was 1 at Zuni 9/5 (JT).

RUFUS-CROWNED SPARROW -- 1* in Frijoles Canyon 9/7 was a first for the Jemez Mts. (WE)...1 in Mills Canyon 10/12-13 (JH); 3 near Villanueva 9/19 (WE, WH); 1+ at Pleasanton 8/29 (JH); 1 at Mangas Springs 10/18-11/16 (RF); 4 at Dog Canyon 10/12 and 2 at Alamo Canyon 10/15 (JM); 2 at La Luz Canyon 10/19 (OCBC), and 1 in Dog Canyon 10/31 (R&KJ).

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW -- 1 at Zuni 11/25 (JT); 1 at Las Vegas NWR 11/17 (PI+); 1 on 11/10 and 6 on 11/24 banded at Rio Grande Nature Center (CAH); 4 at Bitter L. 11/10-24 (KW).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW -- About 6 at Socorro 9/14 (JS); 12 at Mangas Springs 9/15 (RF); down year-to-year to a handful in Las Cruces area in mid-September (BZ); 41 in Eddy County 9/14-16 (WE).

FIELD SPARROW -- unusual: 1* highly probable at Zuni 9/3 (JT); well west of usual range.

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW -- Only report, 1 in Alamo Canyon 10/15 (JM).

LARK SPARROW -- Arrived at Mangas Springs 8/10 and last left at end of September (RF); in Alamogordo area 8/6 to 9/12 (OCBC).

LARK BUNTING -- Great numbers in Clayton area in September (WC); 10+ seen at Nutt, Animas and Rodeo 8/28-30 (JH).

SAVANNAH SPARROW -- Early records: 2 at Zuni 9/1 (JT), 1 at Quemado L. 8/27 (WH), 1 at Holloman l. 8/28 (EW+).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- Numbers up at Clayton in August, with 6 still there 9/4 (WC); 1 at Grasslands Turf Farm, Los Lunas, 9/2 (RT).

SONG SPARROW -- Early dates: 1 at Quemado l. 8/27 (WH), 2 at Bluewater L. 9/3 (JT) and 3 near Sitting Bull Falls 9/14 (WE).

SWAMP SPARROW -- A few at Bitter L. from mid-November (KW); 1 at Mungas Springs 11/16 (RF).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW -- 1 at Santa Fe 11/1 (SBo); 1 at Bosque NWR 11/11 (JPr); 1 at Percha Dam SP 11/26-30 (DM); 4 at Las Cruces 11/4-13 (v.o.); 1 or 2 in La Luz Canyon 11/17-20 (G&GF).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW -- Early at Zuni 9/5-7 (JT) and Mungas Springs 9/2 (RF).

DARK-EYED JUNCO (slate-colored) -- 1 at Santa Fe 9/29 (SBo); 4 banded at Rio Grande Nature Center 10/27, 11/10, 23, 24 (CAH).

CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR -- Flock of 15 over Randall's Pool 10/14 (BZ, JDo).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK -- 1 to 4 still at Zuni 9/1-6 (JT).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- Early: 10 at Bitter L. 8/23 (KW); 17 at Holloman AFB 8/17 (OCBC).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE -- In peripheral areas: Up to 9 at Zuni 8/31-9/6 (JT); 7 at Las Vegas NWR 9/29 (PI+); 4 at Quemado L. 8/27 (WH); 1 near Cliff 9/28 and 8 at Silver City 9/17 and 10/28 (RF).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE -- unusual: 2 stayed late at Owen's farm until 11/8 (BZ+), feeding on abundant prickly pear fruit...2 at Las Animas Creek 9/23 (EW); 8 at Holloman AFB 8/6, 2 at Dog Canyon 9/1, 1 in Alamogordo 9/2 and 1 in Alamo Canyon 10/5 (JM); 4 at Sitting Bull Falls 9/14 (WE).

CASSIN'S FINCH -- 1 to 3 at Chama 8/1-21 and 1 on 10/2 (LHS), and 3 in Zuni Mts. 11/25 (JT).

RED CROSSBILL -- Only report was 1 near L. Roberts 10/24 (JH).

PINE SISKIN -- Early: Santa Fe 8/3 (JH); La Joya 8/17 (WH); Peloncillo Mts. 8/30 (JH).

LESSER GOLDFINCH -- 30 at Zuni 11/26 (JT) were late.

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- 2 at Bernardo and Bosque NWR 8/17 (WH) were early.

EVENING GROSEBEAK -- At Chama 8/5-6 (LHS); in Santa Fe area 8/3-11/28 (v.o.); 4 at Española 8/25 (PI, CR); 4 at Cloudcroft 9/1-12 (OCBC); 7 to 8 stragglers at Bitter L. 11/12-13 (KW).

HOUSE SPARROW -- unusual: 1 leucistic female trapped in Albuquerque in August (RT).