

SOUTHWEST REGION

/ Patricia R. Snyder

Cold, drought, and winds were the main features of the fall just completed. At Las Cruces, N. Mex. it was said to be the driest in 100 years! Early frosts in the northern highlands started early movement of birds. The first frost to kill tender plants came on Sept. 23. By late November the countryside began to look



lifeless and parched. Birds tended to gather around waterholes; so migration was termed "interesting" at Las Vegas, Nev. (CSL), "good" at Tucson, Ariz. (PRN), "the most exciting fall ever" at Phoenix, Ariz. with 8 new species added to the Maricopa County list (JLW), and with more than the usual number of rare species seen at Roswell, N. Mex. (VM). By the end of November northern and montane species began moving down into the lowlands.

LOONS, GREBES—Single Com. Loons were seen at Phoenix Oct. 31 (BB, SRD), near Las Vegas, Nev. Nov. 8 (MVM), and at Tucson Nov. 19 (BFW, HF). An *Arctic Loon* was photographed at Bitter Lake Natl Wildlife Refuge near Roswell Oct. 4–7 (VM, DLB, CLB, MGS, RAF). In recent years Western Grebe reports have increased owing to better coverage of the region and to the presence of more large reservoirs. The earliest sighting was of 2 on Roosevelt Lake, Gila Co., Ariz. on Oct. 1 (BJ). There were also reports from Bitter Lake Refuge (DHG), Bosque del Apache Natl Wildlife Refuge near Socorro, N. Mex. (DJM, EM), Farmington, N. Mex. (APN), Tucson (GG, PRN), Phoenix (BB, SRD), and the lower Colorado River Valley near Bard, Calif. in Imperial County (GM). On Nov. 7 there were 5000 counted on Lake Mead on the border of Arizona and Nevada (MVM).

CORMORANTS, PELICANS, HERONS, IBIS — A Brown Pelican was seen near Phoenix on Sept. 10 (ELR). Olivaceous Cormorants are now being reported more or less regularly in south-central Arizona. A banding team near Tucson caught one in poor condition swimming in an irrigation ditch on Sept. 19 (*fide* SMR); while an adult was seen at Phoenix Nov. 3–9 for the first local record (SO, *et al.*) Four *Cattle Egrets* seen at Parker, Ariz. on Aug. 23 (MW) and 2 at Winterhaven, Calif. Nov. 7 (GM) were the first reports from the Colorado River Valley. An Am. Egret was seen near St. David, Ariz. on Nov. 24 (BFW) with 3 seen on the Desert Game Range, near Las Vegas, Nev. on Oct. 6 (JD, CSL). An Am. Bittern was reported near Las Vegas Aug. 29 (MVM). The 8 Wood Ibis which summered at Havasu Lake Natl Wildlife Refuge near Parker left in early September (BDG). High counts were of 131 White-faced Ibis at Tucson and 50 at Phoenix, both on Sept. 10 (HF, BB, SRD).

SWANS, GESE — On Nov. 29 there were 42 Whistling Swans counted in the Pahranaagat Valley, Clark Co., Nev., with 9 immatures seen in Phoenix Nov. 14 (EF, *fide* JLW). Two White-fronted Geese were seen on the Bosque Refuge Nov. 25 (DJM, EM) with one found on Bitter Lake Refuge Nov. 15 (CLB). Another stayed in Phoenix after Oct. 9 (BB). A Snow Goose was seen Nov. 1 at Puerto Peñasco, Sonora, Mexico (RAW). By late November 5000 had arrived on Havasu Lake Refuge (BDG).

DUCKS — The Black-bellied Tree Duck nested in Tucson, with young hatching on Aug. 10, and with 4 immatures still present Nov. 20 (HF). In Phoenix 2 immatures were seen Oct. 5 (BB). In most areas duck populations built up slowly. A Wood Duck appeared in Phoenix Nov. 6–11 (ELR). At Havasu Lake Refuge in the last half of November 250 Redheads and 45 Canvasbacks were counted (BDG). At Phoenix 10 Buffleheads were seen Nov. 12 (BB). From Oct. 28 to Nov. 5 1–2 *White-winged Scoters* were seen for the first local record (BB, SRD); while a female appeared in Tucson Oct. 29 (HF). Also 1–2 *Surf Scoters* Oct. 29 to Nov. 7 (BB, SRD, JLW) at Phoenix and a female in Tucson Oct. 31–Nov. 1 and 15 (HF, GG, PRN) added to the excitement. Single Hooded Mergansers were found in Tucson Oct. 6 (BC) and 29 (GG), while 2 were seen in Phoenix Nov. 23 (FM).

HAWKS — Most observers reported the hawk migration to be good to excellent. A flock of over 70 Turkey Vultures soared over San Antonio, Bernalillo Co., N. Mex. Sept. 27 (BM). Single Goshawks were seen over Globe, Ariz. Oct. 30 (BJ) and on the grasslands near Douglas, Ariz. Nov. 8 (PDH). A Broad-winged Hawk came to Big Bend Natl Park, Texas Oct. 10 (RHW). A Harlan's Hawk was reported to be lingering in Tucson after Nov. 9 (BC, HF, PRN, *et al.*). Sixteen Ferruginous Hawks near Phoenix Nov. 24

was an unusually high number (BB, SRD). Two Zone-tailed Hawks were seen near Phoenix Nov. 17 (EJ). There were a number of reports of Golden Eagles, especially in New Mexico. Also there were a better-than-average number of Osprey records from Sept. 5 to Nov. 7. A Caracara was seen in Tucson Nov. 8 (PA), where it is unusual. An immature Peregrine Falcon was seen in Los Alamos Aug. 30 (PRS), and an adult appeared at Overton, Nev. Sept. 13 (CSL, MVM). Single Pigeon Hawks were sighted Oct. 10–11 near Douglas (PDH), near Phoenix Oct. 15 (BB), over Tucson Nov. 12 (PRN), and near Nogales, Ariz. on Nov. 14 (BH).

TURKEYS, CRANES, RAILS — A good hatch of Turkeys was reported near Reserve, N. Mex. (BM). Fifty Sandhill Cranes were seen near Cliff, Grant Co., N. Mex. on Oct. 31 (RAF), and the 9823 counted on Bosque Refuge Nov. 4 was a record high count (RWR). A tape recorder used near Las Vegas, Nev. Sept. 7 attracted at least 25 Virginia Rails and 15 Soras (CSL, MVM). This is many more than were believed to be in the area. A Sora was seen at Red Lake, near Navajo, McKinley Co., N. Mex. Oct. 10 (APN).

PLOVERS — Increased reports of Semipalmated Plovers included 1 at Bitter Lake Refuge Sept. 14 (DHG), 2 at Phoenix Sept. 7 and 1 on Sept. 19 (JLW, RAW), 2 near Boulder City, Nev. Aug. 30 (CSL), and 3 near Las Vegas the same day (CSL, MVM), when a Snowy Plover was also seen. Another Snowy Plover was seen near Phoenix Sept. 8–9 (BB, SRD). A Mountain Plover was found near Las Vegas Sept. 19 (CSL, MVM). There were a better-than-usual number of reports of Black-bellied Plovers with 1 in late August at Tucson (GG, HF), 1 photographed Sept. 13 at Overton, Nev. (CSL, MVM), seen near Farmington Sept. 26 (APN), with 1–6 seen at Phoenix Sept. 30–Oct. 18 (BB, SRD, RAW), and near Bard, Calif. Nov. 7 (GM). Single Am. Golden Plovers were seen Sept. 7–10 and Oct. 12–20 near Phoenix (BB, SRD, JLW, RAW).

SANDPIPERS — A good migration was reported in southern Arizona and Nevada. A Long-billed Curlew was seen near Las Vegas Aug. 30 (MVM, JGK); while 2 came to Tucson Sept. 10 (HF). A *Whimbrel* at Tucson Sept. 25 (BC) may have been the first record for s.e. Arizona. A Solitary Sandpiper was seen at nearly 10,000 feet at a small pond in the Sandia Mts. near Albuquerque, N. Mex. Sept. 4 (TS). Up to 4 Knots were seen on Bitter Lake Refuge Sept. 27–Oct. 4 (VM, DLB, RAF). Six Pectoral Sandpipers were seen near Boulder City, Nev. Aug. 30, with 6 more near Las Vegas the same day (CSL, MVM). The last flock was photographed; 1–3 were seen in the Phoenix area from Sept. 10 to Nov. 29 (BB, SRD, RAW, SO). One to 2 Dunlins were seen there Sept. 28–Nov. 29 (BB, RAW). Dunlin was also recorded near Bard Nov. 7 (GM). Six Stilt Sandpipers were found at Bitter Lake Refuge

Sept. 14 and 1 on Oct. 3 (DHG); with 1 at Phoenix Sept. 8-9 (BB, SRD). Twenty Marbled Godwits were photographed at Overton Sept. 13 (CSL, MVM); while 1 remained at Phoenix from Sept. 16 to the late date of Nov. 8 (BB). Also sighted there was a Sanderling Sept. 7-15 (BB, SRD, RAW, JLW).

AVOCETS, PHALAROPES—Up to 100 Am. Avocets on La Joya State Game Refuge, near Bernardo, N. Mex., was a high count (JLS). Single *Red Phalaropes* were seen in August (HF) and on Sept. 20 (GG, PRN) at Tucson, while another was collected at a stock tank 30 miles from Tucson Oct. 19 (LS). Another was at Phoenix Nov. 6-9 (RAW, *et al.*). There were many more reports than usual of N. Phalaropes. In southern Nevada they outnumbered the usually more common Wilson's Phalarope from Aug. 30 to Sept. 27 with a peak of 73 on Sept. 19 (CSL, MVM). Four were seen on the South Rim of Grand Canyon Natl Park, Ariz. Sept. 19 (WHH). Twenty on Sept. 14 and 17 on Sept. 15 at Bitter Lake Refuge were the first local record (HDG, VM, DLB). Four were seen on La Joya Refuge Sept. 26 (JDL, *et al.*); 6-10 were seen at Tucson Sept. 11 to 20 (GG, PRN); with a late one photographed with Am. Coots on Bosque Refuge Nov. 15 (JND).

JAEGERS, GULLS, TERNS—This was a spectacular year for gulls in s. Arizona. At Bitter Lake Refuge an imm. *Pomarine Jaeger* was seen Sept. 18-23 (VM, DHG, CLB, JHS, *et al.*). An immature *Parasitic Jaeger* was photographed at Phoenix Sept. 7-20 (RAW). A Herring Gull was at Phoenix Oct. 18 to 27 (GG, SRD, PRN, BB, ZB). Three California Gulls were on Lake Mead near Las Vegas Nov. 7 (MVM), and the remarkable number of 18 was counted in Tucson on Nov. 25 (HF). Three immature Franklin's Gulls were seen near Imperial Dam, Calif. Nov. 7, where the species is considered rare. This species was also seen at Bitter Lake Refuge: 2 on Sept. 14 and 1 on Nov. 2 (HDG); an immature was killed by an airplane at Española, N. Mex. Oct. 3 (TW, PRS); with 1-3 at Phoenix Sept. 29 to Nov. 17 (BB, SRD, RAW). Even rarer is the Bonaparte's Gull in the Southwest: 3 were at Bitter Lake Oct. 25 (HDG); 1 was at Phoenix Oct. 27 and 31 (BB, SRD); 1 was on Lake Mead Nov. 7 (MUM); another, an immature was near Imperial Dam the same day (GM); while 1-10 were at Tucson Nov. 15 and 25 (HF). A *Heermann's Gull*, which was seen for the first time in Tucson on Oct. 19, 1969, reappeared this year and 1 of 2 on Nov. 7 was collected for the first state specimen. Another was seen there Nov. 25 (LH, HF). Another rarity in the Southwest, the *Sabine's Gull*, was seen at Bitter Lake Refuge Sept. 27 (HDG); with 1-2 seen at Phoenix Oct. 7-26 (BB, JLW, *et al.*). A Forster's Tern was seen at Farmington Sept. 26 (APN), with 2-3 at Phoenix Sept. 8-29 (BB, SRD).

PIGEONS, DOVES, SWIFTS—It was reported that southern Arizona had a very successful hunting season for Band-tailed Pigeons and that they were numerous statewide (DSP). Hunting conditions and numbers of Mourning Doves were good in New Mexico, but numbers in the Tucson area were at a 9-year low (DSP). Two Inca Doves were at Bard Nov. 7 (GM). The birds that were in Silver City, N. Mex. last summer were still present Oct. 7 (DAZ). Late records included 4 White-throated Swifts near Los Alamos, N. Mex. Oct. 3 (PRS), and about 20 at Red Lake Oct. 10 when patches of snow were on the ground (APN).

OWLS—There were several records of Screech Owls in Silver City in Nov. with an unprecedented 4 specimens brought in. A Flammulated Owl that perched outside of a kitchen window there during most of Oct. 8 was photographed. Another was killed on a window on Oct. 12; the specimen was preserved (DAZ). Still another was killed at the Grand Canyon Sept. 15 and preserved (WHH). A pair of Spotted Owls was seen roosting in a mesquite tree near Supai, Grand Canyon Park, Sept. 7; they are rare in the inner canyon (WHH). A Long-eared Owl was photographed on the Desert Game Range Sept. 12 (CSL, MVM); another was near Robert's Lake, Grant Co., N. Mex. Sept. 20 (RAF); 1 was banded near Tucson on Nov. 21 (*fide* SMR); 25 were reported from a roost near Oracle, Pinal Co., Ariz. (DSP), with 5 returning to a roost near Fort Bayard, Grant Co., N. Mex. in November (RAF). On Oct. 28 a Short-eared Owl was seen east of Lovington, Lea Co., N. Mex. (CLB). Another was found dead in Phoenix on Oct. 22 with a dead and a live one found Nov. 29; and at least 3 seen Nov. 30 (RAW). 1 was seen near Tucson Nov. 7 (SMR) with 2 on Nov. 24 (HF).

HUMMINGBIRDS—An Anna's Hummingbird at Bard Nov. 7 was slightly east of its normal range (GM). The Calliope Hummingbird was present at Cedar Crest, N. Mex. at least until Sept. 21 when 1 was netted (BM). Rivoli's Hummingbirds again wandered north, with a female in a Phoenix yard Sept. 15-17 (HRC), a male and possibly a female on Signal Peak, Pinal Mts. near Globe Aug. 28 (BJ), another reported at Las Vegas, N. Mex. on Aug. 19 (ES); on Aug. 17 one was seen in the Jemez Mts. near Los Alamos (PT, *fide* BM), with 1 in Albuquerque on Aug. 30 (AM). The Violet-crowned Hummingbird is also spreading north: it appeared at a Tucson feeder Nov. 24-29 (BFW) for the first local record and perhaps for the latest ever recorded. Another species that is gaining is the White-eared Hummingbird; it was regular in Ramsey Canyon, Huachuca Mts., Cochise Co., Ariz., with a male remaining until Sept. 13 (GG, PRN), and it was recorded for the second year in Madera Canyon in the Santa Rita Mts. near Tucson in

August (FT). A Broad-billed Hummingbird male stayed at a feeder in Nogales all fall (BH).

KINGFISHER, TROGON—The Green Kingfisher was recorded north of Tucson Sept. 12–13 (ALC, HF). At the upper end of Huachuca Canyon on Fort Huachuca, Ariz. a ♂ and 2 ♀♀ Coppery-tailed Trogons were seen on Aug. 30 (PDH).

WOODPECKERS—A Gilded Flicker on Oct. 4 on the Desert Game Range was probably a new record for Nevada (JBH, MVM). A Lewis' Woodpecker appeared in Phoenix Nov. 11 (SRD, *et al.*) and Nov. 14 (BB), with 1 on Sonoita Creek near Patagonia, Ariz. where it is very rare, Oct. 29 into mid-November (GJ). Acorn Woodpeckers were seen in the Lukachukai Mts., near Toadlena, San Juan Co., N. Mex. (APN). About 85 Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers on the Desert Game Range on Oct. 6 was the highest number ever seen at any season—one was of the Red-breasted race (CSL, JD). A male Williamson's Sapsucker which was collected at Komatke, Maricopa Co., Ariz. was a first local record (AR). The species is rare on the Sonoran Desert. Three were seen near Silver City on Oct. 18 (RAF); 1 appeared in a yard there for the first time in 12 years (DAZ); and 2 were on Mt. Charleston near Las Vegas, Nev. Sept. 6 (CSL, MVM).

BECARD, FLYCATCHERS—The last Rose-throated Becard was seen on Sonoita Creek Sept. 12 and the last Thick-billed Kingbird on Sept. 19 (BH). An E. Kingbird was seen at Valmore, Mora Co., N. Mex. on Aug. 17 (WH). Another was seen near Las Vegas, Nev. Aug. 30 (MVM, JGK). An immature Scissor-tailed Flycatcher was seen near Cliff Sept. 9 (BrH). A calling *Olivaceous Flycatcher* was reported from the Desert Game Range Nov. 15 (JBH, MVM); perhaps the first Nevada record, although one was collected to the west in Death Valley, Calif. The first E. Phoebe arrived on Oct. 17 at Big Bend Park, where it regularly winters (RHW). A Coues' Flycatcher was calling in the Pinal Mts. near Globe on Aug. 28 (BJ).

CORVIDS—A Blue Jay appeared in Los Alamos on Oct. 3 and stayed into December (WS, WBL). It was photographed. A *Green Jay* was trapped at a feeder near Nogales on Dec. 6, banded and photographed (BH). This may be an escaped bird, since they are being sold as cage birds in Mexico. A Scrub Jay came to Phoenix Nov. 18 (SRD, ELR) with 6 there Nov. 6 (SMR). Four–12 Mexican Jays appeared in a Bayard, N. Mex. yard for the first time on Nov. 9 and stayed (RAF). At Bosque Refuge 2 Black-billed Magpies were identified Nov. 25 (DJM, EM). A Com. Crow was seen east of Phoenix Nov. 18 (SRD, ELR). There Piñon Jays were seen on the Bitter Lake Refuge Oct. 22 (CLB), with 5 seen in Globe Sept. 21 (BJ), and they had moved into the valley at Las Vegas, Nev. with 12 to 300 seen in flocks Aug. 29–Sept. 27. Most seen were flying south. (CSL, MVM).

CHICKADEES, TITMICE, NUTHATCHES, CREEPER—The Mexican Chickadee was found to be more numerous than usual in the Chiricahua Mts., Cochise Co., Ariz. on Oct. 24 (SMR). Unusual on the valley floor was a Mountain Chickadee near Las Vegas, Nev. Oct. 11 (MVM); another was east of Phoenix on Oct. 21 with several seen in the city Nov. 17–18 (SRD, ELR). Found in manzanita-oak chaparral in the Pinal Mts. on Aug. 24 were 2 Plain Titmice, where they had previously not been identified (BJ); one appeared in mesquite-grassy foothills south of Globe Oct. 21, where 2 Bridled Titmice appeared Nov. 21 (SVVH). This species was again seen in Sawmill Canyon, Magdalena Mts., Socorro Co., N. Mex. Sept. 6–7 (BM); with 1 collected in Water Canyon, San Mateo Mts., Socorro Co. on Sept. 26, a new locale (JDL). A White-breasted Nuthatch was seen in chaparral in the Pinal Mts. Aug. 24 and Oct. 4 (BJ); 1 appeared in Phoenix Oct. 11, and Nov. 17–19 (RAW, SRD, ELR). The Red-breasted Nuthatch was reported again; 1 was seen eating aphids in a willow in Los Alamos on Aug. 17 (PRS), 4 were on Signal Peak near Silver City Aug. 23 (RAF), an early one was in Phoenix Aug. 26 (SRD, ELR), it was seen at 11,600 feet on the East Fork of the Santa Barbara River in the Sangre de Cristo Mts. near Peñasco, Taos Co., N. Mex. on Aug. 17 (JDL), 1 was seen in Arizona cypress trees in the Pinal Mts. in chaparral on Oct. 4 (BJ), it was present by November at Big Bend Park (RHW), seen for the first local record at Farmington on Oct. 18 (APN), 1 was in Phoenix Nov. 3 (BB), with increased numbers in the Chiricahua Mts. Oct. 24–25 (SMR). Finally there were several reports from Silver City, including an injured one brought in Oct. 28 and released several days later (DAZ). A Pygmy Nuthatch was seen in Phoenix Nov. 17 (SRD, *et al.*). Brown Creeper records were sent from the Silver City area with 1 on Signal Peak on Aug. 23 (RAF); 1 in the Pinal Mts. Aug. 28 (BJ); it was present by November in Big Bend Park (RHW), with singles in Phoenix Oct. 25, Nov. 17 and 24 (BB, SRD).

DIPPER—A Dipper was seen on the Gila River near Cliff at 4500 feet, a new low altitude (RAF). To clarify a statement made in *AFN* 24: 77, the Dipper seen below Navajo Dam was unusually low for the northern highlands where they are rare below 7000 feet; but they breed at 4800 feet in Whitewater Canyon, near Glenwood, Catron Co., N. Mex.

MIMIDS—A new locale for the Catbird was at Dixon, Rio Arriba Co., N. Mex. where it summered until Sept. 16 (JW). Singles were seen in Roswell Sept. 3 (DG) and Sept. 26 (VM). A Brown Thrasher was found near Cedar Crest in early October (MH). Singles were seen in Roswell Oct. 9 (VM) and Nov. 15 (SC); with 1 at intervals on the Desert Game Range Oct. 10–Nov. 15 (JBH, MVM). Another was seen

in Madera Canyon near Tucson Nov. 15 (FHS). Curve-billed Thrashers were seen in East Red Canyon, San Mateo Mts., Socorro Co., N. Mex. Sept. 6-7 (BM). An immature Le Conte's Thrasher was netted near Bard Oct. 17 (HR); another was seen on the Desert Game Range Nov. 11 (CSL, MVM). A Sage Thrasher was seen north of Phoenix Oct. 12 (ELR).

THRUSHES—Robins began to show up in the lowlands: 1 in Globe Nov. 18 (BJ); a "number" were in Silver City Nov. 11 (CLS); they became numerous in Tucson in late November (DSP); with many in the valley at Phoenix after mid-November (JLW). A Rufous-backed Robin was seen at Sonoita Creek Nov. 19-21 (EN, GJ). Single Varied Thrushes were seen on the Desert Game Range Oct. 27 (JBH) and in Tucson Nov. 1 (BCD). A Hermit Thrush spent Nov. 7-30 in a Bayard yard (RAF), another was seen in Albuquerque Nov. 23-30 (WWH). A Swainson's Thrush was on the Desert Game Range on Nov. 1 (MVM). Three E. Bluebirds were seen near Sabinal, Valencia Co., N. Mex. on Oct. 25 (JND); with 6 in the Huachuca Mts. at 7500 feet on Nov. 16 (PDH). Six W. Bluebirds were on the Bosque Refuge Nov. 25 (DJM, EM), with 250 Mountain Bluebirds there the same day. These were the only lowland records. There were scattered lowland records of Townsend's Solitaires: 1 in the Huachuca Mts. on Nov. 16 (PDH); 1 at Bitter Lake Refuge Oct. 20 (CLB); 1 on the Brock Ranch near Bard, Calif. Nov. 7 (GM); 2 on the Desert Game Range on Nov. 11 (CSL, MVM); 1 on Oct. 14 and several on Nov. 17 & 19 north of Phoenix (ELR, EJ).

KINGLETS—Golden-crowned Kinglets were less numerous than usual in the Chiricahua Mts. Oct. 24-25 (SMR); they were reported on the crest of the Sandia Mts. Oct. 18 (DJM, EM); at Roswell 1 was seen Oct. 28 (VM); at Las Vegas, N. Mex. Nov. 15 (WH); and seen in November in Big Bend Park (RHW).

WAXWING, SHRIKE, STARLING—Cedar Waxwings were seen irregularly after Oct. 2 near Bard (HR), they were noted in Albuquerque after Oct. 15 (PT), they were fairly common in small flocks in Farmington after mid-October (APN), at Dixon after Sept. 22 (JW), 18 were on the Desert Game Range Nov. 11 (CSL, MVM), 12 were in Bayard Nov. 14 (RAF), with a flock in Silver City Nov. 15 (CLS); and many coming into Phoenix after mid-November (JLW). A Northern Shrike was seen near Datil, N. Mex. on Oct. 15 (JDL) and near Roswell Nov. 5 (DG). Flocks of hundreds of Starlings were sighted at Bard (HR).

VIREOS, WARBLERS—A Hutton's Vireo was seen north of Phoenix Aug. 26 (SRD, ELR). A late Gray Vireo was seen in Big Bend Park Dec. 10, while a Philadelphia Vireo was seen Oct. 24 (RHW). An "influx" for the area of Red-eyed Vireos occurred on the Las Vegas, Nev. region with 1 on Aug. 29, 1 Sept. 5 on

the Desert Game Range, 2 on Sept. 20 which were photographed, and 2 on Oct. 4 (MVM, CSL). Another was seen in Los Alamos on Oct. 4 (PRS). A Black-and-White Warbler was seen at Robert's Lake on Sept. 26 (RAF); a Tennessee Warbler came to the Las Vegas, Nev. area on Sept. 6 (CSL, MVM); a very late Nashville Warbler was seen at Big Bend Park Oct. 24 (RHW), with 2 in Los Alamos Sept. 28 (PRS), 1 on the Santa Barbara River on Aug. 17 (JDL), singles in Phoenix Sept. 19 (ELR) and Oct. 4 (BB). A Parula Warbler was seen Oct. 4 and 6 on the Desert Game Range (JBH, MVM, CSL). A late Yellow Warbler was reported near Globe Oct. 7 (SVVH). Single Black-Throated Blue Warblers were seen Oct. 4 on the Desert Game Range (JBH, MVM), Oct. 18 in the Sandia Mts. near Albuquerque (JDL), and Oct. 23 on the Coronado Natl Monument, Cochise Co., Ariz. (SMR). Single Myrtle Warblers were seen in the Las Vegas, Nev. area on Oct. 4 (MVM) and Oct. 25 the latter was photographed (CSL, JGK). Singles were banded at Bard Oct. 11 and 12 (HR). A male Townsend's Warbler was seen at Cedar Crest during a snowstorm Oct. 27 (BM). A Hermit Warbler was seen in the Pinal Mts. near Globe Aug. 28 (BJ). A Northern Waterthrush was on the Desert Game Range Sept. 12 (MVM, CSL). On Oct. 10 a Chestnut-sided Warbler was seen in Big Bend Park (RHW). A Red-faced Warbler was found in the Pinal Mts. Aug. 28 (BT). On the Desert Game Range 2 Am. Redstarts were observed on Sept. 26 and 1 on Nov. 1 (MVM).

ICTERIDS—For the seventh winter a Scott's Oriole appeared at a Nogales feeder; it had been banded last winter (BH). A Hooded Oriole was near Phoenix Oct. 10 (ELR) and Oct. 18 (EJ). Com. Grackles were seen in Las Vegas, N. Mex. Sept. 6-18 (WH). A Boat-tailed Grackle was noted near Las Vegas, Nev. Aug. 30 (MVM, JGK).

TANAGERS—W. Tanagers seemed more common than usual in the Roswell area from Sept. 3 to Oct. 17 (VM). On Oct. 18 a female *Scarlet Tanager* was seen at Cedar Crest where one was collected in Oct., 1969 (BM). On the same day 1 was banded and photographed near Bard (HR). Single male Summer Tanagers were seen on the Desert Game Range from Sept. 12-26 (CSL, MVM).

FINCHES—A male Pyrrhuloxia frequented a Silver City yard from Oct. 20-Nov. 30 (CLS, RAF). Single Indigo Buntings were seen on the Desert Game Range Aug. 16 and Sept. 12 (JBH, MVM). A Painted Bunting was found in Roswell Sept. 8 (DHG); an immature male was banded near Tucson Sept. 19 (SMR), where it is considered very rare. A very late one was seen at Big Bend Park on Nov. 19 (RHW). A Dickcissel at Bitter Lake Refuge on Sept. 14 was the first local record in several years (DHG). A male Purple Finch visited the Desert Game

Range Nov. 16 (CSL, JD); with 1-5 seen near Bard, Calif. on Nov. 7, where it is rare (GM). Cassin's Finches began moving into the lowlands with 1 on Bitter Lake Refuge Nov. 5 (VM), 1 on the Desert Game Range Nov. 8 (MVM), a male in the Huachuca Mts. Nov. 16 (PDH) and at Silver City, numbers were recorded in November and December, including 1 found dead (DAZ). At Bard an Evening Grosbeak was seen on Nov. 7; it is extremely rare in the lower Colorado Valley (GM). The species was in good numbers in the northern highlands: with an early one north of Phoenix Sept. 30 and 2 on Nov. 17 (EJ) and Nov. 19 (ELR). Flocks of Pine Siskins showed up in the lowlands earlier than usual: in Nogales (BH), and near Globe Nov. 2 (SVVH). Lawrence's Goldfinches began appearing in Arizona again: a flock arrived near Globe Oct. 13 (SVVH); they were first seen at Tucson on Nov. 1, but were regular after that date (HB, GHA, PRN); and 1 was seen in Phoenix Nov. 19 (CT). Six Pine Grosbeaks were found unusually low in altitude in the Valley in Albuquerque Oct. 4-18 (EBC). The only reports of Red Crossbills were of 7 at the Desert Game Range on Nov. 15 and 1 on Nov. 21 (MVM). Green-tailed Towhees were virtually absent from the Nogales area (BH). A *Lark Bunting* banded at Bard Oct. 19 was photographed, for one of the few California records (HR).

SPARROWS — The *Five-striped Sparrow* was last seen on Sonoita Creek on Sept. 12, when an adult was watched feeding a young one. It is thought that there may now be as many as 3 pairs there (EH). A Tree Sparrow was on the Desert Game Range Nov. 1-8 (MVM, JBH) and a White-throated Sparrow was there Nov. 8 and 15 (MVM, JBH). A Harris' Sparrow was in the Pahrangat Valley Nov. 29 (MVM). One was seen in Las Vegas, N. Mex. Nov. 24, with a White-throated Sparrow seen there Nov. 20-30 (WH). A Fox Sparrow was seen near Phoenix Nov. 29 (ELR). An early Swamp Sparrow was seen Oct. 10 at Big Bend Park (RHW).

CORRIGENDA — In *AFN* 23:89, The Com. Gallinules bred on the Gila River Ind. Res., Maricopa Co., Ariz., not on the San Carlos Reservation as stated. *AFN* 23:505, the Caracara seen near Columbus should remain Luna County, not Hidalgo Co. as stated in the corrigenda *AFN* 24:78. In *AFN* 23:614, the record for the Indigo Bunting May 16 by WH should read Las Vegas, N. Mex. not Nevada. In *AFN* 23:681, it must be stated that it is only an *employee* of the state game department who is shooting all hawks in the Silver City area, such as the Cooper's Hawk mentioned, and that it is definitely not the policy of the Game Dept. to do so. In *AFN* 24:420, the Phoenix Count should read 91 Abert's Towhees, not 14 (*fide* JLW). *AFN* 24:526, for the Blue-winged Teal in Utah change PAL to BAL. Also the Red-shouldered Hawk was seen at Socorro, *Tex.* not New Mexico. In

AFN 24:527, change the wintering Broad-billed Hummingbird record from Phoenix to Nogales and credit it to BH. On page 526 the Whistling Swan stayed only from Jan. 6-9, not until Mar. 12. On page 527, the Rough-winged and Barn swallows were recorded by RIC on Organ Pipe Cacti Natl Monument. The Cardinal at Roswell should read *Pyrrhuloxia*, and the date should read to March 14, not 24. For the Slate-Colored Junco record credited to WH, ES the state N. Mex. should be added, while the 2 seen in Phoenix by SRD should read March 17, not 27. For the Fox Sparrow record N. Mex. should be added to Las Vegas. In *AFN* 24:631, add the word *first* to broods of Gambel's Quail in Nevada. Delete the reference to the Clapper Rail at Bitter Lake Refuge. To the pair of Red-breasted Nuthatches nesting in Cave Creek Canyon add the date May 1-3.

CONTRIBUTORS — George Adams, Pat Adams, Harriette Barker, Carl Bauer, Delbert Boggs, Bonnie Burch, Zone Brighton, A. L. Campbell, Sarah Carter, Bill Clark, Mrs. E. B. Clarke, Harry and Ruth Crockett, Jerry Decker, Salome Demaree, Bruce and Catherine Deuel, John N. Durrie, Harold Fetter, Ralph Fisher, Elsie Fogle, Dorothy and Howard Goard, Blayne Graves, Grace Gregg, Sallie Harris, Bill Harrison (BH), Walton Hawk, Bruce Hayward (BrH), Jack Helvie, Warren H. Hill, W. W. Hill, Myrtle Hilty, Philip Hotlen, Larry Hubert, Betty Jackson, Ellis Jones, Gladys Jones, John and Glade Koch, W. Burton Lewis, Charles Lawson, J. David Ligon, Dennis Martin, Edwin Mattingly, Guy McCaskie, Barbara McKnight, Fred Miller, Al Moore, Vester Montgomery, M. Vincent Mowbray, Alan Nelson, Ethel Noble, Philip Norton, Steve Olson, Don Prentice, Eleanor Radke, Amadeo Rea, Richard Rigby, Henry Robert, Stephen Russell, James Sands, William Scott, Elmer Schooley, M. G. Sheldon, James H. Sikes, Fletcher Sillick, Lynwood Smith, Tom Smylie, Chancie Snyder, Fern Tainter, Clem Titzck, Pat Turner, Tadeusz Wachocki, Roland Wauer, Bernard and Frances Weideman, Jack Whetstone, Janet L. and Robert A. Witzeman, Marshall Whitmire, Dale Zimmerman. — *PATRICIA R. SNIDER, 4432-A Alabama, Los Alamos, N. Mex. 87544.*