

SOUTHWEST REGION / Patricia R. Snider

This summer was a period of extremes in weather. Severe drought conditions continued into mid-July. The coolness of late spring changed suddenly to one of the hottest spells on record. Forests were closed entirely while many disastrous



fires burned over thousands of acres of timber and grasslands, with the air becoming ominously smoke-laden. Drought conditions spread southward in Mexico as far as Sinaloa, perhaps forcing some exotic species to move north. Some cities were forced to restrict water use, most stock tanks and streams dried up completely, while rivers became mere trickles.

Then in July an abrupt change to the opposite extreme occurred in this land of "too little or too much". Heavy rains began to bring floods. Yearly precipitation totals rose to more nearly normal levels. The continued pattern of moisture and coolness at last brought forth some long-delayed weed and plant growth. The countryside again became green and "spring blossoms" bloomed.

Bird populations were not too plentiful until the rains began. Nesting was terribly slow in getting started, with some species apparently not trying at

all. The rains seemed to start too late to benefit breeding very much. Birds came in greater numbers into towns and to feeders. Conditions probably moved birds into new areas in a search for food and water; especially north of normal ranges. Migration lasted well into June and had begun again by late July. Some high-altitude species lingered at lower than normal levels all summer.

PELICAN, FRIGATEBIRD — A Brown Pelican was seen in Phoenix Aug. 14 (SB). An imm. frigatebird (sp?) was seen July 12 at Mittry L., n. of Yuma, Ariz. (AG).

HERONS — A Green Heron was seen near Nogales, Ariz. June 23 (BDP, fide AC). Herons and egrets seemed to wander northward in greater numbers. At Bitter Lake Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, near Roswell, N.Mex. 4 Little Blue Herons were seen June 21 (DLB, JC, VM) and July 23, with 2 on Aug. 10 (VM). Two spent the summer at Bosque del Apache Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, near Socorro, N.Mex. (JS); 1 was seen on Elephant Butte L., near Truth or Consequences, N.Mex. June 10 (CH); and another was seen June 5 near Isleta, Bernalillo Co., N. Mex. (RLT). A Louisiana Heron remained at Tucson July 18-24 (HF, EY, et al.). A Cattle Egret appeared at the n. end of Elephant Butte L. June 10 (CH). Too late to send on was another reported at La Sauses, Conejos Co., Colo. Aug. 6 (JW). Two Am. Bitterns were reported on Bosque Refuge this summer (JS). One or two Least Bitterns were found near Phoenix June 15 (BB,DM), with a pair photographed in early July near Isleta (JD).

IBIS — Two imm. Wood Ibis were reported: 1 at Corn Creek, on the Desert Game Range, near Las Vegas, Nev. July 4 (MVM, JM), and another at Redrock, Grant Co., N. Mex. photographed Aug. 3-4 (RF, AN, et al.). Unusual midsummer records of White-faced Ibis: 26 at Tucumcari L., Quay Co., N. Mex. July 22 (JLS), 2 in Phoenix July 17 (BB), and in the Las Vegas, Nev. area after July 3 (CL, MVM) may indicate poor breeding success to the north.

GOOSE, DUCKS — A late Canada Goose lingered on Fenton L., Sandoval Co., N. Mex. until driven away by a forest fire in mid-June (MS). A Black-bellied Tree Duck stayed in Phoenix July 23-Aug. 14 (SB). One was reported at Canoa Ranch July 15 (KG) and Kinsley's at Amado July 17 (SF), both located s. of Tucson. One was seen near Arivaca Jct., Pima Co., Ariz. June 26 (DDS, DG), while 4 were present in Tucson through July and August (PN). A flock of 8 was seen near Nogales June 23 (BDP). Even more unusual was the Fulvous Tree Duck found June 6 in Phoenix (BB). At Bosque Refuge 8 young Mexican Ducks were raised to flight stage (JS). Ducks were returning unusually early to desert areas. For the first time in a number of years Cinnamon Teal and Ruddy Ducks nested at Phoenix (RAW, RT, SB). Two broods of Shoveler were on Tucumcari L. July 22 (JLS). A Lesser Scaup bred south of its usual range with 4 downy young seen on Bitter Lake

Refuge June 4 (DLB, JC). An injured imm. ♂ White-winged Scoter arrived at a small pond in Los Alamos, N. Mex. May 31 and is still present (LGH, PRS, mob).

HAWKS — Numbers were down in the Silver City-Deming-Lordsburg area, N. Mex. (DZ). A Black Vulture was seen on Organ Pipe Cactus Nat'l Mon. near Ajo, Ariz. July 6 (RL, TM, et al.). The Mississippi Kite was not seen this year at Roswell (VM) but was recorded for the second summer near Winkleman, Pinal Co., Ariz. (PN, BB, mob). An imm. Goshawk was seen near Dixon, Rio Arriba Co., N. Mex. June 23 (JW), with another imm. at Big Bend Nat'l Park, Tex. June 19, which probably wandered from a distance away (RW). A Gray Hawk was seen near Tucson June 21 (MMc, fide AC). A pair of Harris' Hawks stayed on Bitter Lake Refuge until July 8, and may have bred there (JC, VM). A subad. Bald Eagle was seen near Gila, Grant Co., N. Mex. June 5 (SK, fide DZ). Surprising was a Marsh Hawk near Tucson June 15 (EY). A Caracara was sighted e. of Sells, Ariz. July 6 (RL, TM). A Peregrine Falcon was seen near Nogales June 17 (PN); with another found in Los Alamos June 5 (LGH). There may have been as many as 4 pairs breeding in one of the parks in the Region. (RW). An Aplomado Falcon was seen n. of Sonoita, Ariz. July 22 (BS).

GROUSE, QUAIL — A Blue Grouse was seen near Reserve in the Tularosa Mts, Catron Co., N. Mex. July 4 (BM, et al.). Gambel's Quail apparently had a very poor nesting success with "almost a disaster" near Las Vegas, Nev. (CL), poor near Globe, Ariz. (BJ), few of young hatched seemed to survive at Silver City (DZ), with most staying in coveys instead of pairing (RF). A pair of Harlequin Quail was reported near Vanadium, Grant Co., N. Mex. June 17 (RF); the species was also seen in Gardiner Canyon n. of Sonoita July 22 (BS). A Ring-necked Pheasant cock at Gila Hot Springs, Grant Co., N. Mex. was unusually high in altitude and the first there in 35 years (fide RF). Two Turkeys were seen near Las Vegas, N. Mex. June 8 (WH), with at least 4 in Rustler Park, Chiricahua Mts., Cochise Co., Ariz. June 24 (BDP).

RAILS, GALLINULE — From June 1 to Aug. 5 there were 36 Clapper Rails counted on Havasu L. Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, near Topock, Ariz. (BHaw). Virginia Rails were found on Bitter Lake Refuge July 8-Aug. 10, with Soras present July 23-Aug. 10 (JC, VM); the latter was photographed at Isleta Aug. 8 (JD). About 10-15 Black Rails were calling at West Pond, near Bard, Imperial Co., Calif. June 23 and July 7 (RL, TM, et al.). A pair of Com. Gallinules was photographed in early June at Isleta (JD, JF), the farthest north it has been found along the Rio Grande. Another was found at Glenwood Fish Hatchery, Catron Co., N. Mex. July 10 (RF, BM, et al.), and nesting was discovered at Bitter L. Refuge July 23 (DLB, JC, VM). Another was seen s. of Tucson June 21 (BDP).

PLOVERS, SANDPIPERS — An early Semipalmated Plover was seen in Phoenix Aug. 7 (BB, SD) and 14 (SB, PN). Another was near Las Vegas, Nev. Aug. 15 (MVM). A Snowy Plover was at Phoenix July 20-30 (RAW), at Tucson Aug. 1 (PN), and 6 were seen at Alamogordo, N. Mex. July 28 (LC). A Black-bellied Plover was in Phoenix Aug. 7 (ZB, SD); and a Long-billed Curlew was at Bernardo, N. Mex. July 11 (JD). An early Com. Snipe was seen in Phoenix Aug. 12 (RAW). One to three Pectoral Sandpipers were near Las Vegas, Nev. Aug. 13-15 (MVM), with 2 in Tucson July 17 (PN). In Phoenix 1-3 Stilt Sandpipers were seen Aug. 11-14 (SB, RAW). Nine Wilson's Phalaropes were found on Brushy Tank, San Carlos Indian Res., Gila Co., Ariz. Aug. 14 (BJ). A ♀ Red Phalarope was seen in Tucson July 17-20 (HF, PN, SR, et al.).

GULLS, TERNS — Four imm. Franklin's Gulls were in Tucson July 31-Aug. 8 (HF, PN). The 25 Black Terns present there Aug. 20 was a large number (PN); 12 were seen near Alamogordo July 28 (LC).

PIGEON, DOVE, ROADRUNNER — There was an increase in reports of Band-tailed Pigeons, especially in desert areas near water. They were reported at Corn Creek June 6 & 8 (JM, MVM), with 1 on Bosque Refuge July 10 (CH), along the Gila R. near Gila in June (RF); on June 26 2 or 3 were at Dixon (JW), and they were more numerous than usual along Sonoita Creek near Patagonia, Ariz. (PN, BDP). An albino White-winged Dove was present in Phoenix Aug. 2-9 (SD), with more doves than usual around Las Vegas, Nev. reported by local hunters (CL). For the second year Roadrunners seemed scarce at Silver City (RF). Near Jemez Springs, N. Mex. 1 was seen Aug. 10 (MS).

OWLS — A Barn Owl bred at Bitter L. Refuge again this year (JC). A young Screech Owl was found June 8 at Rattlesnake Springs, Carlsbad Caverns Nat'l Park, N. Mex. (CH). A Flammulated Owl nest was found near Tucson June 7; the young were banded in late July (BC, PN). This species was heard in Cibola Nat'l Forest near Corona, N. Mex. June 19 for the first Lincoln Co. record (LV, SW). The Whiskered Owl was common on Mt. Lemmon near Tucson with 16 counted in early August (BC, SS). Young Ferruginous Owls were fledged in Tucson (RL, TM, mob). Two more were seen in Sabino Canyon near there in late June (SD). From June 28 to Aug. 13 1-3 Burrowing Owls were seen near Las Vegas, Nev. (CL, MVM); with 2 young found near Cortaro, Ariz. June 2 (HF, GG, PN). This owl was numerous in Los Lunas and Albuquerque, N. Mex. in June (JD). Spotted Owls were calling on Mt. Lemmon June 13 (GG, PN) and 24 (PN, et al.). On Aug. 6 one was found in mesquite-palo verde s. of Tucson on the desert, in a habitat where it is rare and where it was found in 1970. Possibly it has been there all the time (BC, PN). Another was calling in Rustler Park June 24 (BDP). A Long-eared Owl was found n. of Tucson July 1 (PN). A Short-

eared Owl, dead for at least a month, was found near Las Cruces, N. Mex. June 5 (SW). A Saw-whet Owl calling on Mt. Lemmon July 13 came to a tape recorder (GG, PN), and may have been there all the time (SR).

WHIP-POOR-WILLS, HUMMINGBIRDS — A Whip-poor-will was calling at Cedar Crest, N. Mex. May 12-14 (BM, JDL, et al.). Reported calling along Sonoita Creek July 3-4 was a Ridgway's Whip-poor-will (RR, fide BH). Since last winter's freeze killed many blooming shrubs, hummingbirds were reported in greater numbers at feeders and in towns. The Lucifer Hummingbird may be spreading into the region. In addition to the spring reports, 1 was seen in Guadalupe Canyon, near Douglas, Cochise Co., Ariz. July 4-25 (PN, EY, MM), with another in Ramsey Canyon, Huachuca Mts., Cochise Co., Ariz. in August (JP). A ♂ Costa's Hummingbird was in Las Vegas, Nev. July 19-Aug. 15; while a ♀ Anna's Hummingbird there Aug. 3-7 was a first summer record (CL). Another Anna's was in Ramsey Canyon by July 17 (JP). Returning early were Rufous Hummingbirds; while Calliope Hummingbirds were seen more often than usual. A ♂ Violet-crowned Hummingbird was in Madera Canyon near Tucson July 18 (SF); with another seen on Sonoita Creek June 27 (DG, RS). A White-eared Hummingbird came regularly to a feeder in Cave Creek Canyon, Chiricahua Mts. June 12-26 (PN, SW, TM, et al.), and another was regular in Madera Canyon July 14 (BD, et al.) and 22 (EY, PN). In contrast to last year, it was not reported in Ramsey Canyon after May 14 (JP). A Broad-billed Hummingbird in Aravaipa Canyon, s. of Winkelman, seemed north of its range on July 18 (KG). For the second time a **Berylline Hummingbird** was reported north of the Mexican border. A ♀ was seen in Cave Creek Canyon June 30-Aug. 1 and photographed (PN, BH, RAW, JW, mob).

PARAKEET, TROGON — An **Orange-fronted Parakeet**, *Aratinga canicularis*, was found s. of Las Cruces, N. Mex. July 24-Aug. 1 and was photographed (SW, WHH, EGW, mob). Of course, the possibility always exists that any of these could be escaped cage birds sold as pets s. of the border. The Coppery-tailed Trogon was very late in arriving and was in decreased numbers this summer (PN, RF).

WOODPECKERS — A Red-headed Woodpecker nest was found near Alameda, N. Mex. July 31 & Aug. 15 (ME, CH). The species continues to decline in the Roswell area as Starlings take over nesting sites (VM). Acorn Woodpeckers were reported in better-than-normal numbers in Los Alamos (MC, BL) and the population seemed to be increasing in the Pinal Mts. near Globe (BJ). There was a definite movement in Silver City in late July; with some individuals even being seen flying s. over treeless country (DZ). A Williamson's Sapsucker was in the Sandia Mts. near Albuquerque July 18 (ME); another was at 10,000 ft. on Mt. Charleston near Las Vegas, Nev. July 6 (CL).

FLYCATCHERS — "Several" E. Kingbirds near Alameda on Aug. 15 were thought to have been driven there by hailstorms to the northeast (ME). Tropical Kingbirds failed to return in Tucson where they were seen in 1969-1970 (PN). A solitary one set up a territory and built a nest at Big Bend Park June 22-July 13 (RW). Spotted in 3 areas near Las Vegas, Nev. about 15 miles apart were 1 (or 3?) imm. Scissor-tailed Flycatchers July 3, July 17, and Aug. 5 (CL, MVM). A Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher was in Guadalupe Canyon June 27 (TM). Wied's Crested Flycatchers were again seen catching hummingbirds to eat in Cave Creek Canyon July 19 (BS). An E. Phoebe was seen near El Pueblo, N. Mex. July 5 (WH). A W. Flycatcher near Bard June 22 was obviously a very late migrant, as possibly was one on Sonoita Creek June 21 (BH, PN). A fall migrant was found near Tucson Aug. 12 (PN). A Dusky Flycatcher singing in the Santa Catalina Mts. near Tucson June 24 could also have been a late migrant, since the nearest known breeding location is in the White Mts. (PN). Buff-breasted Flycatchers were again found nesting in Scotia Canyon, Huachuca Mts. (FS, BH, mob). The Coues' Flycatcher was thought to be uncommon in the Chiricahua Mts. (fide AC) and scarce in s.e. Arizona (TM, PN). One calling near Jemez Springs July 18-26 (MS) was far north of its range. A lone W. Wood Pewee on territory and carrying nest material remained in Big Bend Park at the low altitude of 1900 ft. until July 13 (RW). A late Olive-sided Flycatcher was on Sonoita Creek June 14 (HF, PN); another was calling at Elephant Butte L. June 5 (CA).

SWALLOWS, CORVIDS — Cave Swallows are now said to be nesting in the main entrance of Carlsbad Caverns, with hundreds seen July 10 (RD, VM). Purple Martins seemed more abundant and widespread about Silver City and surrounding country (RF), with several recorded near Globe (BJ). They were seen at Phoenix June 2 (DM) & 24 (BB). Odd was an observation of 12 in the Transition Zone on Mt. Lemmon above its usual desert home at Tucson June 22 (SO, PN). A pair of Clark's Nutcrackers was seen in Rustler Park June 24 (BDP).

TITMICE, NUTHATCHES, CREEPER, DIPPER — A Black-capped Chickadee in Albuquerque Aug. 10 was s. of its range (ME). Previously unknown s. of the Rincon Mts. near Tucson, the Mountain Chickadee was found in Miller Canyon, Huachuca Mts. in June (CMc, et al., fide PN). Two were found in Texas Canyon near Willcox, Ariz. Aug. 7 (JA). Scarce and local in s.e. Arizona, a Plain Titmouse spent August in Cave Creek Canyon (BFW, CWH). The Black-eared Bushtit phase was seen in the Davis Mts., Jeff Davis Co., Tex. June 28 (LC); with 2 seen June 26 in Cave Creek Canyon (PN, RL). Red-breasted Nuthatches were seen in the Tularosa Mts. July 3-4 (BM); with 2-3 in the Pinal Mts. at 6800 ft. Aug. 4 (BJ). They

also were seen in Rustler Park June 24 (BDP); while several were found in the Sandia Mts. July 18 (ME). In the Pinal Mts. from 5500-7400 ft. 4-5 Brown Creepers were discovered Aug. 4 (BJ). "Many" were seen in the Cibola Nat'l Forest near Corona June 19 (LC). A Dipper nest containing young was photographed near Mora, N.Mex. this summer (ES).

CATBIRD, THRASHERS — Catbirds spent the summer at Dixon (JW); and a pair may have nested at Isleta in late June (JD). This is south of its range in the state. A Brown Thrasher was seen near Los Lunas June 20; in the same area there were several nesting pairs of Bendire's Thrashers June 20-27 (JD). Curve-billed Thrashers had a very successful nesting season at Silver City with many broods raised (DZ). A pair was seen at Bernardo Aug. 8 (JD).

THRUSHES — A late Swainson's Thrush was seen at Corn Creek June 6 (JM). Unusual was a Townsend's Solitaire near Ruby, Santa Cruz Co., Ariz. July 3 in dry oak woodland (RL, TM, RS).

GNATCATCHERS, PIPIT, PHAINOPEPLA, WAXWING, STARLING — First for the United States list was the **Black-capped Gnatcatcher**, *Poliophtila nigriceps*, family found on Sonoita Creek June 15 (though the species has probably been there since June 26, 1970). Three young were fledged June 17; the family was later collected to determine if hybridization had occurred. This was found not to be so (BH, PN, SR, mob). A Water Pipit nest was found at 12,000 ft. on Wheeler Peak north of Taos, N.Mex. June 27 (WH, ES). A Phainopepla nest was found near Globe June 28 (BJ); it was found to be scarce near Gila, although 1 at Bayard, N.Mex. June 24 was a new local record (RF). A ♂ was seen near Lemitar, Socorro Co., N. Mex. July 10 (CH). Very unusual in the lowlands in summer were the Cedar Waxwings still present at Corn Creek June 6-7 (JM), 1 at Sonoita Creek June 5 (BC), and 1 in Ramsey Canyon June 21 (SO, PN). In an area with few trees 2 Starlings were seen July 14 at Cedar Ridge, Navajo Co., Ariz (DZ).

VIREO, WARBLERS — A Red-eyed Vireo was seen June 5 and again Aug. 14-15 at Corn Creek (JM, MVM). Two Prothonotary Warblers were seen in Madera Canyon June 14 after a severe storm (BD). An Orange-crowned Warbler was in the Sandia Mts. Aug. 15 with 2 Townsend's Warblers (JD). About 8-12 Virginia's Warblers were seen on Mt. Charleston July 6 (CL). A nest of the Lucy's Warbler was found June 10 at Elephant Butte L.; this warbler was also seen on Bosque Refuge June 12 (CH). It disappeared from areas near Tucson from July 1 until Aug. 18 (PN). A ♂ Parula Warbler was on Sonoita Creek June 8-9 and June 27-29 (BH, PN, SD, mob). Olive Warblers were "quite common" on Mt. Lemmon on June 24 (PN), but found less common at Rustler Park June 26 (PN, et al.). Two were on Signal Peak n. of Silver City Aug. 7 (RF, AN). A Yellow Warbler in Phoenix June 5 was the latest ever recorded in

town (HL). First state summer record was a Black-throated Green Warbler singing on Sonoita Creek June 30 (PN). Very unusual in summer was a N. Waterthrush on Corn Creek Aug. 14 (JM, MVM). The MacGillivray's Warbler lingered until June 11 at Silver City (DZ), and had returned to Corn Creek by Aug. 14 (MVM). One in Phoenix June 4 and a Wilson's Warbler June 5 were the latest ever recorded in town there (HL). A Yellow-breasted Chat at 7500 ft. in the Sandia Mts. July 18 (ME) was unusual at that altitude. Another was seen at Watrous, N. Mex. June 12 (WH). Red-faced Warblers were very abundant on Mt. Lemmon June 24 (PN, et al.) and were also unusually common in the Pinal Mts. from 5800 to 7400 ft. Aug. 4 (BJ). Three were on Signal Peak Aug. 7 (RF, AN); and there were some at a lower-than-usual altitude at Willow Creek, Mogollon Mts., Catron Co., N. Mex. July 28 (NA). An Am. Redstart was seen June 3 & 6 near Las Vegas, Nev. (MVM); with a ♀ present on Sonoita Creek June 27-29 (RL, DG, et al.).

ICTERIDS — An imm. ♂ Yellow-headed Black-bird was seen at Brushy Tank Aug. 14 (BJ). The Black-vented, (or Wagler's) Oriole was reported again n. of the border when an adult ♂ appeared in Cave Creek Canyon July 17 and remained at a feeder for over a week (JLW, CWH, et al.). A ♂ Orchard Oriole was seen near San Antonito, near Cedar Crest, N. Mex. at 6500 ft. June 26 (NA). Another came to a feeder in Globe June 9 (ACs, fide BJ). A pair was courting and a ♀ building a nest at Rattlesnake Springs June 8 (CH), where one was seen last May 8 (LC). A pair of Hooded Orioles spent the summer in Las Vegas, Nev. (CL); and a nest was found at Sycamore Wells, at 4000 ft. in Hidalgo Co., N. Mex. July 2-4 (NA). Bullock's Orioles were still in flocks near Phoenix June 7. They departed for the desert to eat saguaro blossoms, returning to town July 23 (ER, JW). Boat-tailed Grackles were seen near Las Vegas, Nev. July 5 & 24 (MVM), and at Glenwood, N. Mex., July 10 (RF). Com. Grackles are also spreading w. into the region: young were seen June 22 at Las Vegas, N. Mex. (WH), they bred for the third year at Roswell with young June 11 (VM); and were sighted with 6-8 in Los Alamos in June and July (TKM), July 16 & 30 in Santa Fe, N. Mex. (PRS); at Los Lunas June 9-27, Isleta July 4, Bernardo July 11, and Bosque Refuge Aug. 8 (JD). Bronzed Cowbirds are still increasing at Big Bend Park with 8 present all summer (RW). A ♂ was seen at Parker Dam, San Bernardino Co., Calif. June 22 and near Bard July 7 (RL, TM, DE). Another new locality for the species was near White Signal, Grant Co., N. Mex. (DZ).

TANAGERS — W. Tanagers were still moving northward as late as June 8 at Silver City (DZ), at 3700 ft. near Globe June 2 (SH), and June 7 near Phoenix (ER). They seemed to leave the northern highlands earlier and appeared on the deserts very early; to Alamogordo at 4300 ft. by July 19 & 28

(LC), to the Phoenix area by July 23 (ER), to Albuquerque and Silver City by July 28 (DD, DZ), near Globe on July 31 (BJ), to Corn Creek Aug. 5 (CL), and they were seen in numbers by Aug. 6 (PN). A Hepatic Tanager was in the San Mateo Mts., Socorro Co., N. Mex. June 13 (BM); with a pair in Cochiti Canyon, near Peña Blanca, N. Mex. Aug. 1 (CH). A Summer Tanager was seen near Las Vegas, Nev. June 6 & 8 (JM) and July 3 (MVM). Two ♂♂ were at Lemitar July 10 (CH).

FINCHES, SPARROWS — Spring's "invasion" of Rose-breasted Grosbeaks apparently lasted into June. One was seen near Tucson July 12 (PN); a ♂ was seen in the Cedar Crest area June 10 (RLu) and 30 (BM). Another was in Guadalupe Canyon June 29-July 4 (RL, TM, MM, et al.). A ♂ Indigo Bunting was seen at Dixon June 19 (JW) and on Sonoita Creek June 30 into July (PN, et al.). A pair of Lazuli Buntings was seen near Las Vegas, Nev. July 3 & 5 (CL, MVM). Varied Buntings were more common than usual on Sonoita Creek (PN) with a ♂ at Carlsbad Caverns June 10 (VM) and a pair below Madera Canyon July 16 (SF). A Painted Bunting was seen again near Roswell June 4 (SC). Another exciting find from s. of the border was the **Yellow Grosbeak**, *Phaeucticus chrysopheplus*, seen on Sonoita Creek from June 8-12, which then reappeared June 28-30. It was photographed and its song tape-recorded. It was believed that this was not an escape, though the possibility always exists (JNS, BH, PN, PH, mob). An Evening Grosbeak was seen in Rustler Park June 26 (DE, RL). Very rare and practically unknown in s.e. Arizona were 2 Pine Grosbeaks seen there May 30 (HB), with 1 seen on Mt. Lemmon June 19 (PN). First summer record for the state was a Lawrence's Goldfinch at Winkleman June 9 (PN, IB, BW). Very scarce for summer was a Pine Siskin on Mt. Lemmon June 24 (PN, et al.). At least 4 Brown-capped Rosy Finches were found at timberline on Wheeler Peak June 27 (WH). Red Crossbills were fairly common in Rustler Park June 24 (BDP), with 2 seen in the Jemez Mts., Sandoval Co., N. Mex. July 18 (PRS), and a mottled ♂ in Globe June 28 (BJ). Lark Buntings were returning early: July 25 at Las Vegas, N. Mex. (WH) and 30 were near Tucson July 28 (PN). The Five-striped Sparrow returned to Sonoita Creek June 5 (BH) with perhaps 2 pair seen until Aug. 8 (PN), although no young were observed this year (BH). Cassin's Sparrows seen on Bitter Lake Refuge June 21 may have nested there (DLB, JC, VM). Black-throated Sparrows were seen this summer at Embudo, N. Mex. (JW). Six Black-chinned Sparrows were counted on Mt. Charleston July 6 (CL).

CORRIGENDA — The Long-eared Owls found were at San Antonito, not at San Antonio, AFN 24:705. The Am. Bitterns were on Picacho Res., not Jicacho, AB 25:608. The Pintail record at White Ledge should be credited to BJ. AB 25:609. The 56 Buff-breasted Flycatchers in Scotia Canyon should have read only 5-6, AFN 24:705. The date

for the Com. Grackles at Roswell should read June 8-26, not 8-16. AFN 24:705. In AB 25:89 the date for the Acorn Woodpeckers seen at Toadlena was July 21. In AB 25:91 the record of the Red-faced Warbler in the Pinal Mts. should be for BJ not BT., and the record of the Five-striped Sparrow should be for BH not EH. In the Corrigenda, the Broad-billed Hummingbird wintered in both Nogales and Phoenix. In Contributors AB 25:91, Zone Brighton should be Zona Brighton.

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ERRATUM—The record of the Spotted Redshank reported from Reifel Refuge in May, 1971 (Am. Birds 25:791) was apparently an unverified, second-hand report, and should be annulled, as an erratum.

ALASKA REGION

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Weather throughout the summer months was described as near normal in most areas. The cold late spring provided a migration that lasted until mid-June from Adak I. to Barrow.

Some comments should be directed to the wealth of recent Aleutian records of birds long regarded as accidental in the Region. There have been and still are very few observers in the Chain. Most of these have worked there on a