

SOUTHWEST REGION / Gale Monson

An unusually cold, wet, and stormy autumn carried over to December, when record snowfalls came to n. New Mexico, and new snow was also added to that already on the ground since October elsewhere in the higher parts of the Region. From January 1 on, however,



precipitation was virtually nil, and the first three months of 1972 were the driest on record. January and February temperatures were normal or below normal, but March's were unusually high. At Tucson, Ariz., for instance, records for daily highs were broken or tied on 10 of the first 20 days of March. The period ended with colder weather that froze fruit trees in bloom in the n. part of the Region. Only last year's beneficent summer and autumn rains, providing a reserve of soil moisture, kept vegetative conditions from being the poorest of record.

The period was marked by a continued dearth of northern bird visitors, and of highland birds in the lowlands, Red-breasted Nuthatches and Red Crossbills in particular. Quite a few observers commented on a scarcity of juncos and White-crowned Sparrows, the latter species being seemingly nearly absent from n. New Mexico. Raptors were reported in good numbers, Accipiters and Buteos especially.

LOONS, GREBES — Three Arctic Loons were found in Las Vegas Bay in Nevada on L. Mead, Dec. 18 (CLA, B&BF, Russell Grater). Four Red-throated Loons were also counted there on the same day (CLA, B&BF); details are on file. Lawson suspects that all loons are more numerous on the vast surface of L. Mead than the records indicate. Although this editor is skeptical of all reports of winter-plumaged Horned Grebes, owing to their similarity to Eared Grebes, the following are included nonetheless: 1 at Calville Bay, Nev., on L.

Mead, Dec. 9 (CLA, Sandy Townsend); 6 on Las Vegas Bay, Dec. 18 (CLA, B&BF); 1 at Sun City, near Phoenix, Dec. 25 to at least Feb. 1 (BBu, Fred Miller, PN, *et al.*); 1-2 at Phoenix Oct. 17-Nov. 13 (RWt, BBu *et al.*); and 10 at Morgan L., San Juan Co., N. Mex., Dec. 31 (AN). One was noted at Bosque del Apache Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, N. Mex., March 15-25 (GZ). At least 15,000 Eared Grebes and 23,000 W. Grebes were estimated to be present in Las Vegas Bay and adjoining waters, Dec. 18 (CLA, B&BF). A W. Grebe was at Bitter Lake Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, N. Mex., Dec. 16 & 17 (LK), several were seen at Morgan L., Feb. 12 (Durango Bird Club), and 1 was found at L. Balmorhea, Reeves Co., Tex., Mar. 25 (LJ, GMC *et al.*).

PELICANS, BOOBIES, CORMORANTS — Nine White Pelicans visited Bitter Lake Refuge, Mar. 21-31 (LK, DB), and 24 were seen at Elephant Butte Marsh, Sierra Co., N. Mex., about 50 miles below Socorro, Mar. 30 (CHu, CHy). Three Blue-footed Boobies stayed at Las Vegas Bay on L. Mead until Dec. 22 (CLA), and 1 to Jan. 23 (MM); another was at Martinez L., on Imperial Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, Ariz., until mid-February (Tom Striegler). A Brown Booby remained at Las Vegas Bay to Dec. 5 (JK, MM). About 120 active nests of Double-crested Cormorants were counted at Elephant Butte Marsh, Mar. 29-31 (CHu *et al.*).

HERONS — Nine occupied Great Blue Heron nests were found in ponderosa pines at the Heart Bar Game Farm on the w. fork of the Gila R., Catron Co., N. Mex., Mar. 25 (RF). A Green Heron was observed in Las Vegas Wash Dec. 18 (MM), 1 was seen in upper Oak Creek Canyon, Coconino Co., Ariz., Jan. 6 (GMO), and another was at Gila Hot Springs, Grant Co., N. Mex., Feb. 5-22 (RF). One to 3 Cattle Egrets were found in the Phoenix area all winter, as was 1 at El Paso; a flock of 15 was found at Sierra Vista, Cochise Co., Ariz., Dec. 13 (Chas. McMoran); and 10 were seen 10 miles e. of Yuma, Ariz., Feb. 26 (AC).

WATERFOWL — Whistling Swans were noted in December only: 1 at Phoenix, Dec. 8 (BBu, RT); 6 at Bitter Lake Refuge, Dec. 9 (DB); 7 near El Paso, Dec. 18 (BH, Robt. Barto, Ruby Allen); 6 on Bosque Refuge, Dec. 28 (GZ); and 16 at Bitter Lake Refuge, Dec. 28 (LK). Three White-fronted Geese were at McAllister L., San Miguel Co., N. Mex., Feb. 21 (WH). A Blue Goose found with 3 Snow Geese at Willcox, Cochise Co., Ariz., Jan. 10 (R&BS), remained until at least Feb. 27 (HB). Twenty Ross' Geese spent the winter at Bosque Refuge (GZ), 30 were at Bitter Lake Refuge during the same period (DB), and 1 was at Phoenix, Dec. 24-Jan. 1 (photo; BBu, PN, JW *et al.*). Three Black-bellied Tree Ducks returned early to Nogales, Ariz., Mar. 11 (BHR). Four Mexican Ducks were identified below L. Patagonia, Santa Cruz Co., Ariz., Feb. 5 (GMC, TP *et al.*), and 5 were seen in the Kansas Settlement, Cochise Co., Ariz., area, Mar. 27 & 28 (R&BS). A Wood Duck was found at Tucson, Jan. 2 (CC); 1 on Jan. 27 and 2 on Feb. 9 were at Bosque Refuge (GZ); and 2 or 3 were at Farmington, N. Mex., Feb. 13 (AN). A ♂ Redhead was seen at the bottom of the Grand Canyon, Ariz., Mar. 2 (Walt & Becci Anderson). A pair of Com. Goldeneyes was at Phoenix, Nov. 26 (BBu), 2 ♀♀ were there Nov. 28 (BBu, SD), 1 was at Sun City, near Phoenix, Feb. 1 (BBu *et al.*), and more than 40 were counted at Mc-

Allister L., Feb. 13 (PS). Hooded Mergansers were recorded more often than usual, especially in s. Arizona.

HAWKS — Turkey Vultures returned much earlier than usual; among the early records were 1 at Rio Grande Village, Big Bend Nat'l Park, Tex., Feb. 13 (Roland Wauer); 2 at Bitter Lake Refuge, Mar. 7 (LK); 2 at Farmington, Mar. 16 (AN); 1 at Las Vegas Wash, Mar. 16 (CLa); and 1 five miles s. of Jemez Springs, Sandoval Co., N. Mex., Mar. 31 (Marjory Swain). Unusual winter records included 3 on Dec. 18 at Paradise Valley, Nev., near Las Vegas (J&GK, N&RP), and 2 to 4 that roosted at Nogales through the period (BHR). About 120 Black Vultures gathered at cattle pens at Continental, Pima Co., Ariz., in early February (TP *et al.*). Hawk counts made by three groups from the New Mexico Ornithological Society in s.w. New Mexico Dec. 11 yielded an average of 0.27 hawks per mile for 268 miles traveled. Lowland Goshawks were seen at Bosque Refuge, Jan. 2 & Feb. 7 (GZ). Red-tailed Hawks were unusually common along the Santa Cruz R. below Tucson; 51 were tallied on a CBC Jan. 2. At least 2 Harlan's Hawks spent the winter until at least Feb. 28 in the Tucson area. A Broad-winged Hawk was reported from Ramsey Canyon in the Huachuca Mtns., Ariz., Feb. 20 (TP *et al.*), and it was seen again Mar. 10 (JP). Rough-legged Hawks were more common than usual, with a number reported from s.e. Arizona (1 n. of Sonoita, Santa Cruz Co., still present Mar. 31), and at least 3 from the Las Vegas, Nev. area (CLa, MM). Early Black Hawks were at Cliff, Grant Co., N. Mex., Mar. 13 (Duston Hunt, *vide* BHy), and at Patagonia, Santa Cruz Co., Ariz., Mar. 18 (GG).

Bald Eagles were reported as follows: 1 ad. e. of Nogales, Dec. 13 (R&BS); 1 ad. near Calville Bay, L. Mead, Dec. 18 (CLa); 4 at McAllister L., Dec. 19 & 23 (WH); 1 ad. at Bosque Refuge, Dec. 21 (GZ); 1 ad. at confluence of e. and w. forks of the Gila R., Grant Co., N. Mex., Feb. 6 (RF); 10 (4 ad., 6 imm.) at Springer L., Colfax Co., N. Mex., Feb. 13 (PS); 1 ad. 2 miles s. of Riverside on the Gila R., Grant Co., N. Mex., March 4 (RF); and 7 (3 ad., 4 imm.) feeding with 6 Golden Eagles on carrion in the LaPlata Valley, Colo., just over the N. Mex. line, Jan. 23 (H. Lesperance and M. Barrett, *vide* AN). Single Ospreys were noted at Bosque Refuge, Feb. 20 (GZ), and along the Salt R. e. of Phoenix, Mar. 28 (SD *et al.*). A Caracara was e. of Gila Bend, Maricopa Co., Ariz., Feb. 25 (Floyd Thompson). A total of 10 Peregrine Falcons and 11-12 Pigeon Hawks were reported; all parts of the Region were represented.

CRANE, SORA — A peak of 10,640 Sandhill Cranes at Bosque Refuge Dec. 7 was the highest ever recorded (GZ). Thirty-five were seen n. of Gila Bend, Dec. 5 (Robt. Bradley); 300-400 were feeding e. of Columbus, Luna Co., N. Mex., Dec. 11 (Tom Brake, RF); 30 were still present at Kansas Settlement, Feb. 20 (HB); 288 were at Cliff, Mar. 4 (RF); and the last ones at Bitter Lake Refuge were 30 seen Mar. 31 (LK). Eighteen Soras were counted in freshly mowed cattails at Arivaca Jct., Pima Co., Ariz., Mar. 17 (LS).

SHOREBIRDS — Four Piping Plovers were photographed at Cholla Bay, above Puerto Penasco, Sonora, Mexico, Feb. 28 (Paul Jeheber, RT, RWt). A Snowy Plover was still at Tucson, Dec. 3 (GMO); 4 had returned

to Bitter Lake Refuge, Mar. 17, with about 60 there by Mar. 31 (DB). A Long-billed Curlew was seen at Bosque Refuge, Mar. 9 (GZ); from 34 to 200 were in fields in the vicinity of Gilbert and Chandler, Maricopa Co., Ariz., from Mar. 12 to at least Mar. 15 (Valerie Plumlee, *vide* JW). A Dunlin was seen at Tucson, Dec. 2 (HF), also 2 on Jan. 2 (SO, PN) and 1 on Feb. 28 (GMO). Two Am. Avocets were noted at Willcox, Feb. 24 (SL). 1 arrived at Bosque Refuge, March 22 (GZ), 4 reached Bitter Lake Refuge, Mar. 24 (DB), and 4 were found at Farmington, Mar. 25 (AN). Twenty Black-necked Stilts had reached Bitter Lake Refuge Mar. 10 (DB). Unseasonable Wilson's Phalaropes (singles), were at Martinez L., Dec. 19 (AC), Phoenix to Dec. 30 (BBu *et al.*), and below El Paso, Feb. 28 (BHu).

GULLS, TERNS — At least 3 gulls thought to be Glaucous-winged were found at Las Vegas Bay and at the Las Vegas, Nev. city dump until Feb. 11, when 1 was collected (specimen not yet definitely identified); the 2 remaining stayed until Feb. 27 (CLa). Up to 10 Herring Gulls were at Las Vegas Bay and the city dump during the period, including 2 on Dec. 18 and 1 on Feb. 23 thought to be subspecies *thayeri* (CLa). Eighteen Ring-billed Gulls were seen at Willcox, Mar. 12 (BD, CLi, TP). A **Mew Gull** was present at Las Vegas Bay and the city dump Jan. 9-Feb. 27 (CLa); it was photographed and details will be published elsewhere; Guy McCaskie and Joseph Jehl of the San Diego Museum of Natural History have checked the photos and vouch for the authenticity of the record). It is a new species for Nevada. A Franklin's Gull was at Bitter Lake Refuge, Mar. 20 (DB, LK). Four Bonaparte's Gulls were found at Bosque Refuge, Dec. 28 (GZ). Single Heermann's Gulls were seen at Tucson, Feb. 9 (BD) and Mar. 26 (HF). Two Caspian Terns reported at Phoenix, Sept. 15-16, 1971 (SD, RWt) are belatedly included.

DOVES — A White-winged Dove was calling in Ramsey Canyon, Feb. 24 (GMO, TP), as were 2 at Fort Huachuca, Cochise Co., Ariz., March 5-10 (JA). Three Ground Doves were present at Mormon Farm, Nev., near Las Vegas, Dec. 18-25; 1 was collected on the latter date (CLa).

OWLS — A Flammulated Owl seen at Sun City, near Phoenix, Nov. 4, was found dead there the next day (Ruth Herr — specimen preserved). About 11 Elf Owls were heard in Guadalupe Canyon, Cochise Co., Ariz., Mar. 12 (BD, CLi). At least 4 Long-eared Owls wintered at Phoenix; 1 was at Las Vegas Bay Dec. 22 (CLa); 1 was seen in El Paso, Jan. 19 (BHu); and 1 was flushed on the n. side of Dos Cabezas Mtns., Cochise Co., Ariz., Feb. 24 (SL). A few Short-eared Owls were in s.e. Arizona; last seen were 2 in the s. part of the Avra Valley, Pima Co., Mar. 16 (GMO).

GOATSUCKERS, SWIFT — At least 3 Whip-poor-wills were already calling in Madera Canyon, Santa Rita Mtns., Ariz., Mar. 24 (SS). Three Poor-wills began calling in response to taped owl calls in the Tucson Mtns., Ariz., Jan. 2 (SO, PN). One was heard n. of Mammoth, Pinal Co., Ariz., Feb. 21 (BM). One called in the Pajarito Mtns., Ariz., near Nogales, Mar. 12 (BHR). A Poor-will was first heard near Silver City, N. Mex., Mar. 20; a "nest" with 1 egg was found on the mountain behind Little Walnut Canyon, Apr. 3 (BHy). A Lesser Nighthawk was found in Phoenix,

Dec. 21 (Loren Entz, RWt). A small flock of White-throated Swifts was observed w. of Socorro, N. Mex., Feb. 27 (ME), 2 were seen in SU Canyon, San Francisco Mtns., Catron Co., N. Mex., Mar. 12 (BM), and the species was seen at McAllister L., Mar. 19 (WH). These goatsucker and swift records are very early.

HUMMINGBIRDS — Many hummingbirds arrived early. First ♂ Black-chinned Hummingbirds were recorded as follows: 1 at Phoenix, Feb. 27 (BBu), and another there, Mar. 4 (JW); 1 e. of Tucson, Mar. 6 (Evelyn Knight); 1 at Nogales, Mar. 8 (BHR); 1 in Ramsey Canyon, Mar. 11 (JP); 2 in Globe, Ariz., Mar. 19 (Ken Brink, *vide* BJ); and 2 in El Paso, Mar. 23 (BHu). **Costa's Hummingbirds** were found much farther e. than usual: 1 ♂ in lower Gardner Canyon, e. foothills of Santa Rita Mtns., Feb. 5 (GMC, TP *et al.*); at least 3 in Guadalupe Canyon, Hidalgo Co., N. Mex., Mar. 12, for a first state record (BD *et al.*); and a nest with 1 egg on Sonoita Creek below Patagonia, Mar. 31 (BHR). The first ♂ was seen at Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum w. of Tucson Feb. 19 (GMO). A ♂ Anna's Hummingbird "sang" in Molino Basin, Santa Catalina Mtns., Ariz., through most of February (TP *et al.*); a nest with 2 eggs was found and photographed in lower Sabino Canyon of the same mountains (♂ also seen), Feb. 12 (TP, LS).

Two Broad-tailed Hummers were in Guadalupe Canyon, Ariz., Mar. 12 (BD, CLI, TP); 1 was heard in Cochise Stronghold, Dragoon Mtns., Ariz., Mar. 13 (Robt. Smith, *vide* FS); and 1 was already at Los Alamos, Los Alamos Co., N. Mex., Mar. 19 (C. Browne, *vide* LH). A Rufous Hummingbird was in El Paso from November to Dec. 18 (Mrs. Leigh Wilcox). One was in Ramsey Canyon, Mar. 7 (JP), and another in Guadalupe Canyon, Ariz., Mar. 12 (BD *et al.*). A Rivoli's Hummingbird was in Ramsey Canyon, Mar. 7 (JA), and a Blue-throated Hummingbird was seen there the next day (JP). A Broad-billed Hummingbird spent Dec. 20 until at least Jan. 10 at Youngtown, Ariz., near Phoenix (TJ *et al.*), 1 was in Ramsey Canyon Mar. 7 (JP), 2 were in Guadalupe Canyon, Ariz., Mar. 12 (BD), and 1 was already on a nest at Nogales Mar. 15 (BHR).

KINGFISHER, WOODPECKERS — A Green Kingfisher below L. Patagonia on Dec. 6 (BD) was the only one reported. A number of Yellow-shafted Flickers were noted, including 3 at Phoenix. An Acorn Woodpecker was found at headquarters of Organ Pipe Cactus Nat'l Monument, Ariz. in late November (RWt). Williamson's Sapsuckers were reported as follows: 1 at Youngtown, near Phoenix, Dec. 3 (TJ); 1 at Phoenix, Jan. 16 (Carmella Crawford, *vide* JW); 1 in Guadalupe Canyon, Ariz., Mar. 12 (BD); and 3 ♀♀ on the e. side of the Chiricahua Mtns., Ariz., Mar. 30-31 (BD).

FLYCATCHERS — The earliest Cassin's Kingbird was 1 near Patagonia Mar. 18 (GG). An Ash-throated Flycatcher at Globe, Mar. 21, was early (BJ). *Empidonax* flycatchers were often found in southeastern Arizona, chiefly from the Patagonia area n.w. to the Santa Catalina Mtns., but also in Maricopa Co., Ariz. (2 Westerns reported) and the lower Colorado R. (1 Western). Coues' Flycatcher singles were seen in three localities: Tanque Verde Ranch e. of Tucson, Dec. 22 (PN *et al.*) and Feb. 6 (FE, GG); 1 at Yuma, Jan. 13 (AC); and 1 on the Salt R. e. of Phoenix, Mar. 15 (SD,

HL *et al.*). Only 1 Vermilion Flycatcher was found on the lower Colorado R., at Bard, Imperial Co., Calif. (AC). Single males were at Mormon Farm, Nev., near Las Vegas, Mar. 4 (MM); at Bosque Refuge, Dec. 12 and Mar. 30 (GZ); at Cliff, Mar. 8 (BHy); and at Bitter Lake Refuge, Mar. 16 (DB, LK).

SWALLOWS — Ten to 12 Tree Swallows along the Rio Grande at San Juan Pueblo, Rio Arriba Co., N. Mex., Mar. 11, were early (PS). Single Rough-winged Swallow arrivals were noted w. of Sonoita, Feb. 8 (SS), near Winkelman, Pinal Co., Ariz., Feb., Feb. 16 (GMO), and at Bitter Lake Refuge, Feb. 27 (LK), while 4 were at Phoenix by Feb. 6 (RWt). Single Barn Swallows were found on Bosque Refuge Mar. 9 (GZ), and at Bitter Lake Refuge Mar. 1 (LK); the regular nesting flock reached the latter place Feb. 19 (LK). Two early Barn Swallows were at Phoenix, Feb. 20 (BBu). Early Cliff Swallows were 2 over the University of Arizona campus, Tucson, Mar. 3 (BD), and 1 at Bitter Lake Refuge Mar. 16 (LK).

CROW — A small flock of Com. Crows was observed at Sandia Crest, Sandia Mtns., N. Mex., Dec. 18 (ME). One was seen with ravens at a corral near Silver City, Feb. 22-24 (BHy).

CHICKADEE, NUTHATCHES, DIPPER — Two to 3 Mountain Chickadees spent the winter to Feb. 15 at Himmel Park in Tucson (GG). A White-breasted Nuthatch was seen in residential Tucson, Feb. 8 (BD). The only lowland Red-breasted Nuthatches reported were 1 in Himmel Park on Feb. 6 (FE, GG), and 1 to 6 in Encanto Park, Phoenix, all winter (JW *et al.*). A Dipper reported from Ramsey Canyon for the preceding period stayed until at least Feb. 26 (SS).

WREN, THRASHER — This was an unusual year for Winter Wrens. The 2 (or 3?) seen last period in Ramsey Canyon remained to at least Mar. 11 (FS). The November L. Patagonia bird was seen again in December. One was found in lower Sabino Canyon, Santa Catalina Mtns., on or about Dec. 20 (BD); another was discovered in Pima Canyon of the same mountains Jan. 2 (BBa). One was also seen at Paradise Valley, Nev., near Las Vegas, Dec. 18 (NP). A Brown Thrasher was found along the Salt R. e. of Phoenix, Jan. 17 (Jean Brailey & Ruth Zollars, *vide* JW). Three were at Rattlesnake Springs, Eddy Co., N. Mex., Nov. 29-30 (Chy *et al.*).

THRUSHES — A Rufous-backed Robin was found below L. Patagonia Dec. 10 (TP) and remained at least 10 days (mob). Another at Patagonia in December was last seen on Jan. 30 (TP, SS). A **Wood Thrush** found at Himmel Park, Tucson, Jan. 23 stayed until Mar. 26 (GG *et al.*). A Swainson's Thrush was identified carefully at Martinez L., Ariz., Feb. 6 (MH); details are on file. A Varied Thrush was at Henderson, Clark Co., Nev., Dec. 18 (NP).

KINGLET, WAXWING, SHRIKE — A Golden-crowned Kinglet was observed in willows near Winkelman, Feb. 16 (GMO). Two Bohemian Waxwings were found in Las Vegas, Nev., Feb. 4 (CLA). Single N. Shrikes were seen at Corn Creek, Desert Nat'l Wildlife Range, Nev., Jan. 29 (MM); near McAllister L., Jan.

23 (LH); at Los Alamos, Mar. 16 (LH); and at Bitter Lake Refuge, Feb. 28 (DB), where it was photographed Mar. 16 (LK). The species also was reported from near Flagstaff and Show Low in n. Arizona.

VIREOS — Two Hutton's Vireos were seen at Camp Creek, Maricopa Co., Ariz., Mar. 10 (SD, HL, ER); 1 was found at Oak Creek, Nev., near Las Vegas, Mar. 25 (MM, J&GK); and a third was seen along the Salt R. e. of Phoenix, Mar. 28 (SD, HL). A Bell's Vireo was banded at Marana Air Park, Pinal Co., Ariz., Mar. 11 (SS). A Gray Vireo was discovered in Estes Canyon, Ajo Mtns., Organ Pipe Cactus Monument, Mar. 27 (MH); it is probably regular there.

WOOD WARBLERS — A Nashville Warbler was seen at Bisbee, Cochise Co., Ariz., Dec. 29 (LJ). A Parula Warbler was found in the Rio Grande Valley above El Paso, Feb. 19 (Gertrude Ross, Lena McBee, Sarah Dodds), and 1 was observed e. of Tucson, Dec. 22 (PN *et al.*). A ♂ Olive Warbler was in Tucson, Jan. 2 (CC). A Black-throated Gray Warbler had arrived at Las Vegas, Nev., March 29-30 (Geo. Austin). A Townsend's Warbler was found e. of Tucson, Dec. 22 (PN); 2 were in Ramsey Canyon, Feb. 20 (TP); and 1 was in Madera Canyon, Mar. 30 (MH). An early Grace's Warbler was identified at Rustlers Park, Chiricahua Mtns., Mar. 19 (SS). The Louisiana Waterthrush that appeared in Ramsey Canyon in November was last seen there on Mar. 11 (FS). Single wintering Wilson's Warblers were present at Patagonia after Dec. 4 (TP) and at Nogales Jan. 15 (BHR). Spring arrivals were noted at Organ Pipe Cactus Monument, Mar. 9 (RWI), and at Nogales, Mar. 11 (BHR). Wintering Am. Redstarts were 1 e. of Tucson, Dec. 22 (PN *et al.*), 1 n.w. of Tucson, Jan. 2 (SO, PN), and 1 at Patagonia, Feb. 21 (Bruce Broadbooks, TP, Shumway Suffer). A Painted Redstart was present along the Salt R. e. of Phoenix from Jan. 12 to at least Feb. 18 (SD, BBu *et al.*). An early one was singing at the head of Bronco Canyon, San Carlos Indian Reservation, Ariz., Mar. 18 (BJ).

ICTERIDS — Arriving Hooded Orioles were 1 at Organ Pipe Cactus Monument, Mar. 2 (RWI), 1 at Apache Jct., Maricopa Co., Ariz., Mar. 6 (ER), and 1 at Globe, Mar. 23 (BJ). A Scott's Oriole ♂ not thought to be a wintering bird was observed w. of Tucson, Mar. 3 (SL); 1 arrived at Organ Pipe Cactus Monument, Mar. 10 (RWI); and a ♂ was present all winter at Nogales for the eighth consecutive year (BHR).

FINCHES, SPARROWS — A ♂ Cardinal was seen at Portales, Roosevelt Co., N. Mex., Mar. 16 (Anita Sullivan). A ♂ Pyrrhuloxia was at Bosque Refuge Jan. 3-March 30 (GZ—photo). Another was found about 6 miles s. of Deming, Luna Co., N. Mex., Dec. 11 (RF), and 1 was observed s.e. of Pearce, Cochise Co., Ariz., Jan. 27 for what is believed to be the first record for the Sulphur Springs Valley (GMO). A Rose-breasted Grosbeak was observed in the Ajo Mtns., Organ Pipe Cactus Monument Dec. 20 (Robt. Alward, *vide* RWI). Single Black-headed Grosbeaks were at Patagonia and L. Patagonia in December; both were first seen Dec. 12 (SS & TP, SS, respectively). An imm. ♂ Blue Grosbeak was taken at Bosque Refuge, Jan. 25 (GZ), and at least 4 were at Patagonia in December (GMO *et al.*). Small numbers of Lazuli Buntings stayed in the Nogales-

Patagonia area all winter; 1 was seen near lower Sabino Canyon, Santa Catalina Mtns., Dec. 22 (BHR); and 2 were at Phoenix, Dec. 26 (Scott Burge). A ♂ **Dickcissel** was at a Tucson feeding station, Feb. 20-24 (Dorothy Lynn *et al.*). Two rosy finches (sp.?) were observed at Sandia Crest, Sandia Mtns., Dec. 18 (ME). Am. Goldfinches were present in small numbers in most of Arizona; about 500 were feeding on Siberian elm seeds at Bosque Refuge Mar. 31 (GZ).

A Five-striped Sparrow had returned to Sonoita Creek below Patagonia Mar. 25 (BHR). A Rufous-winged Sparrow sang w. of Tucson, Mar. 3 (SL). A White-winged Junco was at Los Alamos for the fourth consecutive winter—banding shows all are not one (PS). A Gray-headed Junco found dead at Cedar Crest in the Sandia Mtns., Mar. 19 had been banded there Jan. 12, 1964 (BM). Three Tree Sparrows were seen in Paradise Valley, near Las Vegas, Nev., Dec. 18 (CLa, J&GK), and 2 were at Tule Springs Park, also near Las Vegas, Jan. 7 (CLa). More Harris' Sparrows were recorded: 1 at Cave Creek, Maricopa Co., Ariz., all winter (ER); up to 7 in the Las Vegas, Nev., area most of the winter; 1 at Patagonia, Dec. 10 (TP) to at least Feb. 21 (TP); 1 at Bitter Lake Refuge, Dec. 20 (Jodi Corrie) to Mar. 21 (LK); 1 at Farmington throughout the period (Judy Nordstrom, *vide* AN); and 1 at Black Bill Park near Flagstaff, Ariz., Jan. 5 (GMO). Numbers of White-crowned Sparrows were very low in n. New Mexico. A number of Golden-crowned Sparrows were reported from s. and w. Arizona, including 1 at Patagonia, Mar. 22 (LS). Small numbers (1 to 4) of White-throated Sparrows were recorded from Phoenix eastward. A Fox Sparrow was banded at Cedar Crest, Sandia Mtns., Mar. 29 (BM). At least 3, possibly as many as 5, Swamp Sparrows wintered at Patagonia (GMO, TP, SS *et al.*). One was at Las Vegas, Nev., Feb. 16 (CLa). A Lincoln's Sparrow was found dead in s.e. Albuquerque, Mar. 3 (John Woodworth). A Lapland Longspur was identified Dec. 29 near Tule Springs Park, near Las Vegas, Nev. (CLa).

CORRIGENDA — In the last report, the Am. Golden Plover was observed by Ted Parker, Phil Norton, and Bonnie Burch, not by SD and JWi (AB 26:101), and the Wood Thrush was seen by Robert Bradley, not by EJ and ER (AB 26:103). The Guadalupe Canyon Ferruginous Owl record (AFN 24:657, 704), the Socorro County Black Swift observation (AB 25:781), and the Tucson Le Conte's Thrasher record (AB 25:783) should all be deleted.

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