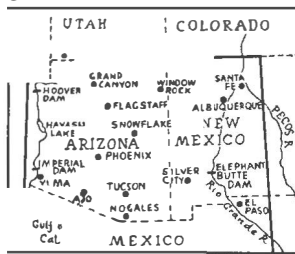


SOUTHWEST REGION.—The moisture picture in this rainfall-conscious section is good to excellent in most of New Mexico, and average to good in



much of Arizona. North-central and southwestern New Mexico, extreme southeastern Arizona, and the Kaibab Plateau have been particularly blessed. The Rio Grande flowed well all summer, with

Elephant Butte Reservoir holding more than 435,000 acre feet of water compared to only 50,000 acre feet last year. Storage in Lake Mead on the Colorado River gained steadily. As a result of the rains, vegetation has put on the best growth in many years. Temperatures were somewhat higher than normal.

Pelicans through Herons.—A rash of newspaper accounts of Brown Pelicans alighting in southwestern Arizona appeared the first week of August. The birds came down in Phoenix, Wickenburg, and Yuma. Apparently an unusual number left the Gulf of California to fly into the waterless desert. Many Double-crested Cormorants were seen at Roosevelt Lake, Ariz., Aug. 5 (Seymour H. Levy). A Louisiana Heron was noted on the Bosque del Apache Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, N. Mex., July 12 and 19 (Raymond J. Fleetwood). An adult **Yellow-crowned Night**

Heron observed under good conditions on the Bosque Refuge, July 19 (RJF), is believed to be the first New Mexico record.

Waterfowl.—Two female Gadwalls with 15 small young were seen at West Pond, near the California end of Imperial Dam, on the Imperial Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, July 1 (Gale Monson). A flock of 43 Pintails on the Bosque Refuge, Aug. 10, was early for that area (Thomas L. Davis). A drake Cinnamon Teal was seen near Sahuarita, Pima Co., Ariz., June 12 (SHL). Two female Lesser Scaup were observed east of Douglas, Ariz., June 6, and 2 females were also noted at the Canoa Ranch, near Continental, Ariz., June 12 (SHL). A female Am. Merganser with young was observed along the White River in the White Mountains, Ariz., Aug. 4 (James Levy).

Hawks.—Mississippi Kites were found at El Paso, Tex., for the second consecutive summer: 7 were noted, Aug. 6 (Mary Belle Keefer, Lena McBee) and 1 on Aug. 13 (Al Smith). A Peregrine Falcon was seen in the Guadalupe Mountains of Hidalgo County, N. Mex., July 23 (J. Stokley Ligon, JL, SHL).

Gallinaceous Birds.—A "large crop" of Gambel's Quail was reported from the Globe, Ariz. area (Betty Jackson). State game department surveys, however, showed the population to have declined somewhat, state-wide.

Rail through Gulls.—Two Soras were seen near Topock, Ariz. on the Havasu Lake Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, Aug. 8 (Charles R. Darling). Two unusually early Snowy Plover were present at West Pond, on the Imperial Refuge, July 1 (GM). First nesting records of this plover for the Bosque Refuge were secured: 2 adults with 1 young, July 12, and 2 adults with 3 young, Aug. 9 (RJF). A Solitary Sandpiper on the Bosque Refuge, July 10, was early (RJF). That Arctic-nesting shorebirds sometimes appear extremely early in the fall migration along the lower Colorado River is evidenced by 3 Least Sandpipers and 21 Western Sandpipers already present at West Pond on the Imperial Refuge, July 1 (GM). Five Wilson's Phalaropes at the same place, on the same date, were also unusually early (GM). As many as 70 Ring-billed Gulls had already appeared on Havasu Lake, Havasu Lake Refuge, Ariz.-Calif., by Aug. 5 (CRD).

Doves, Trogons, Woodpeckers.—Only half the usual numbers of White-winged Doves were in the Globe area (Harold Marsh). Coppery-tailed Trogons were seen in Madera Canyon, Santa Rita Mountains, Ariz., in late June and early July, and are believed to have nested (Gerald Brody, Dick Woodard). A Lewis's Woodpecker was seen on June 22 below Rustler Park in the Chiricahua Mountains, Ariz., (Betty Manette, et al.).

Flycatchers through Wrens.—An Eastern Kingbird was observed in Albuquerque, N. Mex., July 1, and later (F. J. Freeman). A Black Phoebe at Marshall Gulch Campground in the Santa Catalina Mountains, Ariz., June 23, was at an unusual elevation for the species (SHL). A Traill's Flycatcher in Moonshine Gulch, Kofa Mountains, and another at New Water Well, on June 18, both on the Kofa Game Range, Yuma Co., Ariz., were unusually late. Coues' Fly-

catchers were common in the Bradshaw Mountains, Ariz., Aug. 7 to 9 (James T. Bialac, James R. Werner). Several small flocks of Violet-green Swallows were flying south over the Tucson Mountains foothills, Ariz., July 19 (SHL). A family group of Red-breasted Nuthatches was found high in Florida Canyon, Santa Rita Mountains, June 10 (SHL). Cactus Wrens were not seen this summer in the mountains of extreme southwestern Arizona (GM).

Wood Warblers.—A Black and White Warbler was found in El Paso, June 27 (Mrs. A. Andresen, *vide* LM). An Orange-crowned Warbler was seen near Martinez Lake, Ariz., on the Imperial Refuge, July 1 (GM). A Virginia's Warbler was noted in El Paso, June 26 (Nell Johnson). A Townsend's Warbler was taken in the pines of the Bradshaw Mountains, Aug. 9 (JTB, JRW). An **Oven-bird** (a species still uncollected in Arizona) was observed near Patagonia, Ariz., June 19 (Florence Thornburg). A Black-capped Warbler at Globe, Aug. 7 (HM), was early.

Finches and Sparrows.—Two pairs of Varied Buntings were located in Guadalupe Canyon of the Guadalupe Mountains, extreme southeastern Arizona, on June 7 (SHL). A male was seen 5 miles south of Mountain View (jct. US Hwy. 80 and Ariz. Hwy. 83), July 1 (SHL), and at least 1 male was present in lower Florida Canyon, Santa Rita Mountains, June 28 (Keith Brown, Jr., DW) and July 27 (DW). Five Evening Grosbeaks were observed in the Guadalupe Mountains of Eddy County, N. Mex., July 7 (Bruce K. Harris). A male Lark Bunting near Chiricahua, Cochise Co., Ariz., July 23 (SHL) was quite early. The Rufous-winged Sparrow continued its increase in the Tucson, Ariz., region, being readily found southeast of town, and even nesting in the Tucson Mountains (SHL). A male Gray-headed Junco was taken in Guadalupe Canyon of the Guadalupe Mountains, Ariz., on the incredible date of June 7 (SHL). A Black-chinned Sparrow was seen near the mouth of Kellner Canyon, near Globe, June 29 (BJ). A White-crowned Sparrow at Anthony, N. Mex., June 9 (LM, AS) was very late. GALE MONSON, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P. O. Box 1032, Yuma, Ariz.