

SOUTHWEST REGION.—The spring of 1965 was, for the most part, abnormally cool and wet, except in southeastern New Mexico and Texas. The cooler-than-normal weather continued into June with snow still evident on the higher northern mountains. Also the period was very windy, bringing many dust storms.

There were few sharp changes in weather such as bring waves of migrants. For the most part, birds just trickled through and migration was late.

Vegetation was also delayed two to three weeks and was lush in some areas because of the rains,



which also caused a wide scattering of populations. Run-off forecasts from the northern mountains have been good, and are expected to yield 165 percent of normal water supply into the nearly dry southern reservoirs.

There has been some habitat destruction at Patagonia, Ariz. with housing being developed along Sonoita Creek and a dam being built ten miles downstream. A very productive wash in Nogales, Ariz. has also been bought by a contractor (BH).

A very productive May Day Count held on May 8 and 9 by the N.M.O.S. at Silver City totaled 170 species.

It is with regret that we have learned of the death of R. C. Brummett of Carlsbad, N. Mex. He has added much to our knowledge of this Region.

Loons—A Common Loon found dead at Santa Fe on the very late date of May 29 has been presented to the University of N. Mex. (BJH, PRS). Another was seen near Roswell, N. Mex. at the Bitter Lake Nat'l Wildlife Refuge on May 15 (DLB). Unusually large numbers of Western Grebes were seen at Las Vegas, N. Mex. with about 200 present on April 25 (WH, EWS); the previous high was four.

Cormorants, Herons—Four Double-crested Cormorants were at Las Vegas, N. Mex. on April 25 (EWS). One was seen at the mouth of Cibecue Creek, Seneca, Gila Co., Ariz. on May 30 (BJ). The Cattle Egret stayed in El Paso, Texas until April 10 (LVA).

Geese, Ducks—The waterfowl migration continued very late into the spring with most species remaining well into June. A White-fronted Goose stayed near Nogales until April 10 (BH). A late Hooded Merganser was on the Bosque del Apache Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, Socorro, N. Mex. on May 28 (WEG). Two Mexican Ducks were at Redrock, Grant Co., N. Mex. on May 8 and 9 (BKH, JLS, et al.). Six Wood Ducks were near the Bear Canyon Reservoir, Grant Co., N. Mex. on April 7 (BKH, HR); and one was on the Bosque Refuge on April 20 (GD).

Hawks—Black Vultures are more common than formerly in the Nogales area (BH, RWR). The Zone-tailed Hawk returned to Los Alamos, N. Mex.

on May 2 (WBL). One was seen on May 8 near Roosevelt Lake, Gila Co., Ariz. (BJ). The Mississippi Kite returned to Roswell, N. Mex. on May 1 (VM). An Osprey was seen over the Saguaro Nat'l Mon., Pima Co., Ariz. on April 15 (WFS, ALS). At least five Mexican Black Hawks were along the Gila River from Redrock to Cliff after May 1 (BKH, RRJ, N.M.O.S.). There is also a pair at Beaver Dam, Mohave Co., Ariz. which first appeared on April 16 (RWR, RHW).

Quail—The Elegant Quail is still being seen at Nogales with at least three males present; these could be escapes (BH, WW).

Shorebirds—Five Piping Plovers were at Puerto Peñasco, Sonora on April 17, for the first Mexican record (SMR). Two Black-bellied Plovers were near Washington, Utah on May 7 (RWR). A Dunlin was seen at Bitter Lake Refuge on April 27 (RDJ). Three Semipalmated Sandpipers were at Las Vegas, N. Mex. on April 13 (EWS). A Silt Sandpiper in breeding plumage was seen at Santa Fe on May 22 (WIK, WBL, PRS), the first record for the Rio Grande Valley in New Mexico. One was also seen near Washington, Utah on May 15 (RWR). Northern Phalaropes were in good numbers this spring in Washington County, Utah, May 7-15 (RWR). A Franklin's Gull was reported near Scottsdale, Ariz. on April 25 (LD).

Doves—A White-winged Dove appeared at Roswell on April 28 (VM). Several were calling in Beaver Dam Wash, Ariz.—Utah, by April 30 (RWR).

Owls—A Long-eared Owl was found near Fort Bayard, N. Mex. on May 9 (DAZ); and Barn Owls were found there (BKH), near Silver City, N. Mex. on May 8 (JB, EF); and near Gila on April 18 (RF).

Hummingbirds, Trogons—A male Rivoli's Hummingbird was seen near Silver City on April 26 (RRJ). A male White-eared Hummingbird came to the Saguaro Nat'l Mon. on March 28 (WFS, ALS). Coppery-tailed Trogons returned to southeastern Arizona canyons on May 7 or thereabouts (PRS, EAP, et al.). A Belted Kingfisher was seen on the White Sands Nat'l Mon., Otero Co., N. Mex. on April 13 (JRD).

Flycatchers—A Scissor-tailed Flycatcher was seen on the Bosque Refuge on April 18 (LL) and again on April 24 (DD). One was seen at Redrock on April 24 (BrH, JB, EF), and one near Cliff the same day. One was collected on May 20 near the Animas Mts., Hidalgo Co., N. Mex. (BKH). This species seems to be spreading westward in recent years. An Olivaceous Flycatcher was heard and seen in the Pinal Mountains near Globe, Ariz. on May 24 (BJ).

Thrushes—The Rufous-backed Robin stayed in Tucson until April 18 and was photographed (FMT). Eastern Bluebirds were seen in the Santa Catalina Mountains near Tucson on May 20 (SMR, WB, RBB), and two pairs were near Tucson on May 11 (FMT).

Warblers—There were a number of unusual records. A Nashville Warbler was seen at the San Simon Ciénega near Rodeo, N. Mex. on May 10

(*PRS*). Another was at Loving, N. Mex. on April 28 (*SW*). An Olive Warbler was seen in the Piñaleño Mts. near Safford, Ariz. on June 4 (*RWR*). A Black-and-white Warbler was reported from the Desert Game Range near Las Vegas, Nev. (*CGH*). A Palm Warbler spent the winter at Nogales until April 10 (*BH*). A Parula Warbler appeared in the Chiricahua Mts. near Portal, Ariz. on May 24 (*RSC*). *SW* reported a Black-throated Green Warbler at Loving on April 18. A Chestnut-sided Warbler was collected at Silver City on May 13 (*DAZ*). There was an Ovenbird at Las Vegas, N. Mex. on April 27 (*EWS*), and another at Roswell on May 19 (*VM*). Northern Waterthrushes were reported from Gila, N. Mex. (*BKH*) on May 8 and at Roswell on May 7 (*VM*). A Hooded Warbler was collected near Animas, Hidalgo Co., N. Mex. on May 20, the first state specimen (*BKH*). There were several records of Am. Redstarts: one at the San Simon Ciénega on May 28 (*GSS*); a pair at El Paso (*LVA*); and one near Animas on May 20 (*BKH*); and one at Patagonia, Ariz. on May 20 (*SMR*, *WB*, *RBB*). The more common species of warblers were generally regarded to be less common this spring. Warblers were considered sparse in migration at Cedar Crest, N. Mex. (*BM*), especially Audubon's and Wilson's. This was also true in Santa Fe—especially scarce were MacGillivray's Warblers there.

Orioles—Western areas reported good numbers of orioles. A Hooded Oriole was at Beaver Dam Wash, Utah on April 28 (*RHW*). Another was seen at Loving on May 19, the first record for southeastern New Mexico (*SW*). A flight of about a dozen Scott's Orioles was seen between Pinnacle Peak and the Verde River, Maricopa Co., Ariz. on April 17 (*WS*). There was a good flight of Bullock's Orioles from May 10 to 15 at the Desert Game Range (*CGH*) and they were said to be unusually common at Phoenix, Ariz. (*MLB*).

Tanagers—A male Scarlet Tanager was reported at the Saguaro Nat'l Mon. on April 11 (R. Foust, *RM*), and another was seen at El Paso (*vide LVA*).

Finches—On May 6 a male Rose-breasted Grosbeak came to Sandia Park, near Cedar Crest; it stayed at least until June 5 (*BA*, *ST*). Another male was seen at Las Vegas on May 16 (*EWS*). A male Indigo Bunting was seen at Redrock on May 9 (*BKH*) and another male was singing at the mouth of Cibecue Creek, Gila Co., Ariz. on May 29 and 30 (*BJ*). Evening Grosbeaks were not reported at all common except at Farmington, N. Mex. (*AN*). Lark Buntings were in good numbers and stayed late. They were still present by the thousands in southeastern Arizona in mid-April (*SMR*); but most left Tucson by May 1 (*SMR*, *FMT*). Very unusual were flocks of 50 and 20 on May 4 and 5 at Santa Fe where they are considered uncommon. Some lingered until May 15 at St. George, Utah (*RWR*), and May 11 in the Sulphur Springs Valley, Cochise Co., Ariz. (*PRS*).

Sparrows—Sparrows were said to be thronging through Washington County, Utah on May 8 (*RWR*). A Black-throated Sparrow was seen at San Ildefonso Pueblo, Santa Fe Co., N. Mex. on May 16

(*WBL*). Another was at Farmington (*AN*). Elmer Schooley had Rufous-crowned Sparrows at Las Vegas on May 6, a flock of about 50, for the first local record. Rufous-winged Sparrows were reported as relatively common in southern Arizona near Continental and Florence (*EAP*). A Clay-colored Sparrow was collected at Tucson on April 10 (*WB*); and another seen at Patagonia on April 16 (*PA*). Also recorded were 2 at Alamogordo, N. Mex. on April 23 (*JRD*). A White-throated Sparrow was seen at Patagonia, May 6 (*EAP*) and another at Terry Ranch, Washington Co., Utah on May 15 (*RWR*). A Golden-crowned Sparrow was photographed near Nogales on April 1 and was seen again on April 16 (*PA*, *SD*).

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