

fronts to stop migrants and only moderate wind. It was suggested that since the birds arrived on their breeding grounds at near normal dates, they must have moved through the highlands and ignored the low valleys (RHW). Though soil moisture on the ranges was very low, and there was extreme fire hazard danger, there was a good display of flowers, especially in Arizona, thanks to winter rains.

Grebes, Pelicans, Cormorants, Herons—On May 1 a late Eared Grebe was seen near Nogales, Ariz. (BH). Also on May 1 a Horned Grebe in breeding plumage was seen on Harroun Lake, Loving, N. Mex. (BM). Twelve White Pelicans flew over Mesquite, Nev. on April 22 (RHW). At Bosque del Apache Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, San Antonio, N. Mex. numbers of Snowy Egrets and Double-crested Cormorants were low, with peaks of 8 and 4 as compared to 450 and 30 in 1955 (WEG). Two rarities at Big Ben Nat'l Park, Tex., were an Am. Bittern and 3 Least Bitterns on April 27 (DTB, RB). A Least Bittern also was seen at Española, N. Mex. on May 21 (WT, DR).

Waterfowl—There were quite a few reports of lingerers, including a Blue Goose at Lake McMillan, near Carlsbad, N. Mex. on April 30 (N.M.O.S.), a Canvasback at Overton, Nev. on May 11 (RHW), and 9 Buffleheads there on April 23 (GK). This same day a crippled Canada Goose was seen at Overton (GK). On May 18 another, able to fly, was reported at Washington, Utah (RHW). Could this have been the same bird recovering as it moved up the Virgin River Valley? A Fulvous Tree Duck was seen in El Paso, Tex., on March 13, for the third local record (Menefee). Two Mexican Ducks were at the Bosque Refuge on May 10 (WEG). A male Blue-winged Teal was on West Pond, Imperial Co., Calif. on April 9 (GMC, CL).

Quail, Cranes and Gallinules—The Elegant Quail again appeared at Nogales in May (WW, BH). Three Sandhill Cranes, one apparently tired, came down for a few hours at Corn Creek, near Las Vegas, Nev. (CGH). A crippled one lingered at Bosque Refuge until May 17 (WEG). Two Common Gallinules were seen at Big Ben Nat'l Park on April 27 (DTB). A Purple Gallinule was captured at Loving for the first Eddy County record (ACB, SW).

Plovers—Three Snowy Plovers were near El Paso on May 8 and one on May 14 (MBK, IM, et al.). John Douglass had several near Alamogordo, N. Mex. on May 10. A Semipalmated Plover was at St. George, Utah, on April 24 with 2 Mountain Plovers (RHW). There was a Ruddy Turnstone near Lake Havasu Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, Ariz. Calif. in April (JMW).

Sandpipers, Terns—Single Long-billed Curlews were at Santa Fe, N. Mex. on May 3; at St. George on April 13 (RHW); and near Farmington, N. Mex. on April 8 (AN) with 3 at El Paso on April 30 (LM). An unusually high count was of 37 Willets at Santa Fe on April 28. Marbled Godwits were seen at Tucson, Ariz. on April 24 (FMT), St. George on May 6 (RHW), and Farmington on April 23 (AN). A Bonaparte's Gull was near El Paso on April 24

SOUTHWEST REGION.—It was generally agreed that the spring of 1966 was accented by mild, dry weather and a scarcity of birds with few marked



flights of any species. Warblers in particular just trickled through. There were almost no sharp cold

(LM); and 2 were at Santa Fe on April 27. At Farmington Alan Nelson had 9 on April 17 with 10 Forster's Terns, for his first local record for each. Five more terns were seen on April 24.

Pigeons, Owls—Band-tailed Pigeons were rather common in the Santa Rita Mountains, Santa Cruz Co., Ariz. on April 30 (BH). The usual flocks of doves were not at Corn Creek this spring (CGH). A Ringed Turtle Dove was seen in Tucson on May 28, and apparently they are also coming into Phoenix (FMT). A Long-eared Owl was at Lake Havasu in early April (JWV).

Hummingbirds, Trogons—A Broad-tailed Hummingbird came to Roswell, N. Mex. on May 17, where it is rare (VM). Lucifer's Hummingbirds first returned to Big Bend Park in early April (DTB) with 4 there on May 11 (JCY). A Rivoli's Hummingbird in the Gaudalupe Mountains, Tex. was the second record in three years, seen May 6 by DTB. Violet-crowned Hummingbirds were found in the Huachuca Mountains, Ariz. on May 30 (FMT, BH). Brown had the Coppery-tailed Trogon in a new locality in the Pajarito Mountains, Santa Cruz Co., Ariz.

Kingfishers, Woodpeckers, Flycatchers—Only one Green Kingfisher was found along the Pecos River near Sheffield, Tex., where there were 21 in December (DTB). Interesting was a Lewis' Woodpecker in the Santa Rita Mountains on April 30 (BH). Red-headed Woodpeckers were found at Carlsbad through May and may nest (N.M.O.S., SW). A Tropical Kingbird at Boquillas, Tex., in Big Bend Park, on April 27 was off course (DTB, RB). Tucson had a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher on April 24 (FT, GG). A Wied's Crested Flycatcher was collected of 2 at Beaver Dam Wash, Utah on April 28 and May 5 (RHV). Wauer also had an Eastern Phoebe on May 19. A male Vermilion Flycatcher appeared at Santa Fe on May 3; and there were 2 at Roosevelt Lake, Gila Co., Ariz. on April 7 (BJ).

Swallows to Thrushes—Fourteen Cave Swallows were found on the west side of the Gaudalupe Mountains, Tex. on May 16 (DTB, RB). Rough-winged Swallows were at El Paso on May 20 (LM). The Blue Jay that wintered at Tesuque, N. Mex. stayed until at least April 9 (J. C. Yates). Red-breasted Nuthatches were near Las Vegas, N. Mex. in April (EWS) with a pair singing near Cedar Crest, Bernalillo Co., N. Mex. until at least May 3 (BM). A Brown Thrasher was singing near Raton, N. Mex. on May 18 (JCY). A Catbird was netted at Cedar Crest on May 21 (BM). On May 24 a pair of Eastern Bluebirds were in Madera Canyon, Santa Rita Mts., where they are unusual (FMT); they also were seen in the Pajarito Mts. on May 28 (BH).

Pipits, Waxwings—Two Water Pipits were at Big Bend Park on May 12 (JCY). Two belated observations of Bohemian Waxwings were reported; 9 in Los Alamos on Feb. 6 (WT) and 200 in the Virgin Mountains on the Ariz.-Nev. border on Feb. 2, both at 7500 feet. A flock of 200 were at Bryce Canyon Nat'l Park, Utah (out of the area) on Feb. 3 (RWR). Cedar Waxwings became com-

mon in Santa Fe and Albuquerque, N. Mex. from April through May 12, the first since 1964 (PRS, DD). A small flock was seen in cottonwoods at 1800 feet at Beaver Dam, Ariz. in May (RWR, RHV).

Vireos, Warblers—A Red-eyed Vireo was in Los Alamos on May 28 (WT, DR). There were a number of records of eastern species wandering into the Region. A Black-and-white Warbler was seen at Corn Creek on May 23 (CGH), the second in 2 years, and one was at Laguna Dam, Imperial Co., Calif. on April 9 (GMC, JC). A Worm-eating Warbler was recorded at El Paso, April 23 and 26 (LM, et al., fide LVA). A Myrtle Warbler was at Cedar Crest on April 21 (BM) and another was at Patagonia, Ariz. on April 16 (T.A.S., fide BH). A Pine Warbler was seen in Big Bend Park on April 26 (BB, S.A.A.S., fide DTB). A male Kentucky Warbler, seen near Roswell on April 29, was the third New Mexico record (PRS, BJH, DD). It obligingly stayed to be seen again on May 1 (BM, DM). A Black-throated Green Warbler was seen in Loving on April 12 (SW). Schooley had a Hooded Warbler in Las Vegas, N. Mex. on April 22, about the fourth state record. Am. Redstarts were at Washington, Utah on May 18 (RHV); El Paso on May 5 and 11 (MBK, CM); and in the San Mateo Mountains near Magdalena, N. Mex. on May 15 (BM). Colima Warblers were first seen on April 25 (DTB) at Big Bend Park and 8 were recorded on May 11 (JCY). A Hermit Warbler was at Lake Havasu in mid-April (JMW); another was found with ten Townsend's Warblers at Big Bend Park on April 28 (DTB, RB). The same day a Painted Redstart was found there.

Icterids, Tanager—Bronzed Cowbirds were more numerous than before at Globe, Ariz. being first reported on April 21 (BJ, LLH). A pair was at Bard, Calif. on May 8 where this species has been seen yearly since 1962 (GMC, JC). A Bronzed Grackle again appeared in Las Vegas (EWS). An Orchard Oriole on May 6 (MBK), and a Black-headed Oriole on April 23 (MBK, LM, et al.), were found in El Paso. Western Tanagers seemed to be generally missed in migration. A molting male Summer Tanager at Bard, Calif. on April 9 was very early and may have wintered. (GMC, CL).

Finches—A pair of Dickcissels was seen on April 29 near Carlsbad (N.M.O.S.). Indigo Buntings were reported from Beaver Dam Wash, Utah on May 5 (RHV); at Las Vegas, April 27 and 28 (EWS); and at Big Bend Park on May 13 (JCY). Varied Buntings appeared to have increased in numbers at Big Bend Park with 10 found on April 28 (S.A.A.S., DTB) and 1 on May 13 (JCY). Another was seen in Carlsbad Caverns Nat'l Park on May 1 (N.M.O.S.). This spring saw a good flight of Pine Siskins. They were recorded in Santa Fe, May 3 to 21; at Farmington, (AN); Las Vegas (EWS); Magdalena from April 17 to May 13 (JAB); at Beaver Dam Wash, Ariz. in May (RHV); and even 4 at Big Bend Park on April 27 (DTB). Red Crossbills were in the Hualapai Mountains at 8000 feet near Kingman, Ariz. in mid-April (JMW).

Sparrows—A late Gray-headed Junco was at Big Bend Park on April 27 (*DTB*). Another found in Mesa, Ariz. on May 2 was an unusual lowland record (*WCR*). Six Clay-colored Sparrows were seen in El Paso on April 1 (*CM, LM*). Black-chinned Sparrows were observed at Big Bend Park on April 27 (*DTB*) and May 13 (*JCY*) and were found again near Phoenix on April 26 where they were seen in 1964 (*MLB, SRD*). Rufous-winged Sparrows were found near Patagonia on April 16 and May 1 (*BH*). A Harris' Sparrow was at Magdalena on April 25 (*JAB*) and one was near Loving on April 10 (*SW*). A White-throated Sparrow stayed at El Paso until May 16 (*LM*), and a Golden-crowned Sparrow was last seen in Tucson on April 2 (*ABW, fide FMT*). A late White-crowned Sparrow was at Superior, Ariz. on May 14 (*MLB*), and another at Big Bend Park the same day (*JCY*).

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