

stop migrants. There were some concentrations at waterholes, especially of waterbirds. The birding was considered disappointing at many places. One notable exception was Las Vegas, Nev. where it was deemed the "best year ever" (CSL).

Loons, Grebes — A Com. Loon was seen near Roswell, N. Mex. at Bottomless Lakes State Park on April 11 (JHS, IC, VM); 1-2 were present at Farmington, N. Mex., April 24–May 10 (APN); and a very late individual in winter plumage was noted on Harroun Lake near Carlsbad, N. Mex., May 25 (SW). A Horned Grebe in breeding plumage was seen near Las Vegas, Nev. on May 9 (CSL, MVM). Two Least Grebes were noted on Cholla Bay near Puerto Penasco, Sonora, Mexico on May 9 (SRD).

Hérons — An adult and immature Little Blue Heron found on May 23 at Phoenix, Ariz. (SB, BB) constituted the second local record; 4 adults were noted on Bitter Lake Nat'l Wildlife Refuge near Roswell, N. Mex. on May 15 (VM). In mid-April 12 Cattle Egrets were seen at a stock tank near Sierra Vista, Cochise Co., Ariz. (FS). A Louisiana Heron was observed in Big Bend Nat'l Park, Brewster Co., Tex. on April 8 (RHW). Single Least Bitterns were found in Yuma County, Ariz., April 18 (AR) and near Las Vegas, Nev., May 16 (CSL) and the species was found breeding in the same marsh near Scottsdale, Ariz. where it nested in 1969 (RRJ). An Am. Bittern was seen near Las Vegas, Nev. on May 21 (MVM).

Ducks — Twenty-six Black-bellied Tree Ducks were found near Nogales, Ariz. on May 25 (JK); another 13 were noted in Tucson, Ariz. on May 17 (PRN); 2 or 3 were present in Phoenix, May 20-28 (BB, SRD). Sighted near Nogales on April 30 (KC) and May 25 (JK) were 2 Mexican Ducks. A male Wood Duck remained all spring near Las Cruces, N. Mex. (SW); another came to Tucson on April 12 (PRN); and a female was present near Las Vegas, Nev., April 19-24 (CSL). On April 2 a White-winged Scoter was reported at Bottomless Lakes Park, N. Mex. (JHS, IC, VM). A Hooded Merganser was found near Las Vegas, Nev. on May 9 (CSL, MVM).

Vultures, Hawks, Eagles — Three Black Vultures were seen in Phoenix on May 22 (BB); 1 was observed east of El Paso in Guadalupe Pass, Culberson Co., Tex. on May 25 (SW); and 12 came to a roost near Nogales on May 25 (JK). A Broad-winged Hawk seen in Ramsey Canyon in the Huachuca Mountains, Cochise Co., Ariz. on April 12 (BH, et al.) constituted the second Arizona record. A Gray Hawk was observed in Big Bend Park, Tex. on April 3 (RHW). A Black Hawk was seen near Payson, Gila Co., Ariz. on April 18 (MM), with 3 noted near Cottonwood, Yavapai Co., Ariz. on May 9 (RAW). An immature Golden Eagle was seen near San Carlos, not far from Globe, Ariz., April 7 (BJ). From southern Arizona came two reports of Bald Eagle nests (DT, CT). More Ospreys were reported than usual: 2 near Phoenix, April 1 and 8 (ELR, JLM); 1-2 in Tucson, April 5-12 (PRN); and single birds in Madera Canyon near Tucson on April 11 (PA), in the area of Jemez Springs, Sandoval Co., N. Mex., April 13-24 (MBS), at Navajo Dam, San Juan Co., N. Mex. on April 25 (APN), near Las Cruces, N.

SOUTHWEST REGION. — Spring was dry and cool, accompanied by strong winds. The mountain snow-pack was light; few storm fronts passed through to



Mex. on May 8 (*LC, SW*), in Marble Canyon, Coconino Co., Ariz. on May 14 (*WHH*), and near Roswell, N. Mex. on May 16 (*VM*).

Quail, Turkey, Rails — Most broods of Gambel's Quail in southern Nevada failed because of the dry weather (*CSL*). Near Camp Verde, Yavapai Co., Ariz., 3 Harlequin Quail were the first found this far north since 1875; 2 killed by a car were preserved (*DT*). The observation of a Turkey at Four Peaks in the Mazatzal Mountains near Phoenix on May 28 (*RPN*) established a new locale for this species. A pair of *Clapper Rails* was seen on May 4 at Tacna, Yuma Co., Ariz., on the Gila River 40 miles east of the Colorado River (*DT*); 2 were observed on May 28 at Bitter Lake Refuge, N. Mex. (*DLB, fide VM*) for the second refuge record.

Shorebirds — Reports of 2 Semipalmated Plovers near Las Vegas, Nev. on April 22 and 1 on May 9 (*CSL*) were unusual; 2 were noted at Big Bend Park on April 26 (*RHW*), 1 at Phoenix on April 30 (*BB*), and 4 at Tucson on May 3 (*PRN*). Also seen at Las Vegas, Nev. were 2 Snowy Plovers on April 19 (*CSL*) and 1 on May 16, an Am. Golden Plover in breeding plumage on May 16 (*JKO & GKO*), and a Black-bellied Plover on April 20 (*CSL*). Another Black-bellied Plover was seen at Phoenix on April 21 (*BB*). A Black Turnstone at Puerto Penasco on May 30 (*MW*) was quite late. On April 19 an Upland Plover, a Long-billed Curlew, 3 Whimbrels and 4 Willets were all seen near Las Vegas, Nev. (*CSL*). Willets seemed more numerous than usual at Phoenix, April 2—May 3 (*BB, RAW*) and at Tucson, April 19—May 3 (*CC, PRN*). Three Pectoral Sandpipers were seen at Las Vegas on April 24 and 1 on May 2 (*CSL, MVM*); several were recorded in late April and early May near Anthony, Dona Ana Co., N. Mex. (*SW*). A second sight record of the White-rumped Sandpiper was reported in Tucson on April 21 (*ASW*). A Dunlin at Las Vegas, Nev. on May 9 (*CSL, MVM*) was unusual. Three Am. Avocet nests were found at Phoenix on May 28 (*BB, JLW*) for the first successful breeding record in the state.

Gulls, Terns — Seven Franklin's Gulls visited Tucson on April 5 (*PRN*), and a Bonaparte's Gull visited Phoenix on April 13 (*BB*). At Las Vegas, Nev., a Forster's Tern was seen on May 23 (*MVM*), and the best numbers of Black Terns in several years were present May 9-24 (*CSL, MVM*).

Doves — A count of 16 White-winged Doves and a nest containing young were, respectively, the highest number ever recorded at Carlsbad Caverns Nat'l Park, Eddy Co., N. Mex. and the first breeding record for southeastern New Mexico (*LM, SW*).

Owls — A Screech Owl heard calling at Indian Gardens, Grand Canyon Nat'l Park, Coconino Co., Ariz. on April 11 (*WHH*) provided the first record for the inner canyon. Single Flammulated Owls were banded at Cedar Crest, Bernalillo Co., N. Mex. on May 15 and at Eagle Peak Spring near Reserve, Catron Co., N. Mex. on May 24 (*BM*). The Pygmy Owl was observed at a new locality, the Four Peaks near Phoenix, on May 10 (*RPN*). Two Long-eared Owls were found at Fort Bayard, Grant Co., N. Mex. on April 4 (*RAF*) and 1 was noted at Las Vegas, Nev. on May 18 (*CSL*).

Goatsuckers, Hummingbirds — A Poor-will that had been banded at Eagle Peak Spring, N. Mex. on May 30, 1969 was retrapped on May 24, 1970 (*BM*). A pair of Lesser Nighthawks observed in the Transition Zone on Four Peaks near Phoenix on May 10 (*RPN*) were at a higher elevation than is normal for this species. A male Calliope Hummingbird stayed in Ramsey Canyon, April 11—May 10 (*JP, CP, et al.*), and another male was seen near Reserve, N. Mex. on April 25 (*BM*). This species is rare in the Southwest in the spring.

Woodpeckers — A Yellow-shafted Flicker was discovered on the Desert Game Range near Las Vegas, Nev. on April 9 and was photographed (*CSL*). A male Williamson's Sapsucker was found in the Charleston Mountains near Las Vegas, Nev. on April 25 (*CSL*) and May 16 (*JW*).

Flycatchers — A Thick-billed Kingbird was seen at Sonoita Creek near Patagonia, Ariz. on April 26 (*BH*); this is the earliest record of the species. Seven-eight pairs were present in Guadalupe Canyon near Douglas, Ariz. on May 9 (*JK*). The Tropical Kingbird could not be found in Tucson until May 24 (*PRN*), but 1 appeared in Anthony, N. Mex. on April 25 (*MBK, LM, CM*). A Scissor-tailed Flycatcher was seen between Deming and Lordsburg, N. Mex. on May 12 (*RD*). Two Buff-breasted Flycatchers were observed in Cave Creek Canyon near Portal, Ariz. on May 1 (*AR*). A male Vermilion Flycatcher was found in Pojoaque, Santa Fe Co., N. Mex. on April 22 (*MAC*).

Swallows, Corvids — Five Cave Swallows were noted in Big Bend Park, Tex., April 4 (*RHW*). A Blue Jay was present at Bitter Lake Refuge, N. Mex., May 12-15 (*DLB*), and there was a belated report of another in Portales, N. Mex. on March 10 (*ALG*). A Com. Raven was observed east of Gila Bend, Maricopa Co., Ariz. on April 22 (*AR*); this species is rare on the desert. Common Crows are spreading in Albuquerque, N. Mex., on the other side of the Sandia Mountains at Cedar Crest, N. Mex., and at Los Alamos, N. Mex. There also was a sighting near Farmington, N. Mex. on May 2 (*APN*). Clark's Nutcrackers were common in the northern highlands. At Eagle Peak Spring, N. Mex., 31 were banded in 24 hours, May 23-24 (*BM*).

Titmice, Nuthatches — An observation of the Bridled Titmouse in Sawmill Canyon in the Magdalena Mountains, Socorro Co., N. Mex. on May 13 (*BM*) provided a new locality for the species and marked the northeasternmost occurrence. Good numbers of Red-breasted Nuthatches were reported, and some seemed to be staying to breed. There were observations of pairs engaged in courtship activities at Los Alamos, N. Mex. on April 4 (*PRS*) and at Cedar Crest, N. Mex. on April 5 (*BM*), and a pair was seen drilling a hole in a tree stub in Cave Creek Canyon (*IB, fide AC*). They were present all spring at Cedar Crest, with a late individual heard calling on May 26 (*BM*), and were found at Las Vegas, N. Mex. until May 7 (*ES*) and May 10 (*WH*). The species was considered very common west of Reserve, N. Mex. on April 27 (*BM*) and was noted near Silver City, N. Mex. on May 2 (*RAF*) and in the Jicarilla section of Carson Nat'l Forest, Rio Arriba Co., N. Mex. on May 16 (*APN*). At

Eagle Peak Spring, N. Mex. they were showing evidence of breeding and were numerous on May 23-24, with 6 being banded (BM).

Dipper, Wrens, Thrashers — Young Dippers were being fed out of the nest near Las Vegas, N. Mex. on May 3 (WH). A Winter Wren was seen in Big Bend Park, Tex. on April 4 (RHW). Numbers of Cañon Wrens at Las Vegas, Nev. were thought to be low (CSL). A Brown Thrasher was seen on occasion at the Desert Game Range, Nev., April 4–May 5 (CSL, JBH); another was observed at Farmington on April 11 (APN); and a late individual was noted at Big Bend Park on April 24 (RHW). A Curve-billed Thrasher was found in Red Rock Canyon near Las Vegas, Nev. on May 29 (CSL).

Thrushes — A Wood Thrush was observed on May 18 and 24 near Las Vegas (CSL, MVM) and was photographed; this is the first record for Nevada. There were more records of Swainson's Thrush than usual: 1 near Cedar Crest on May 5 (BM, LL); 3 in the Huachuca Mountains on May 10 (PDH); 2 near Phoenix on May 13 (SRD, ELR, JLM); 1 on the Desert Game Range on May 16 (CSL) and May 23 (MVM); and 1 near Las Vegas, Nev. on May 23 (CSL, MVM). A banded Veery seen near Las Vegas on May 23 (CSL) may have been the same individual banded by Dr. Charles G. Hansen two years earlier.

Waxwings, Vireos — There were only scattered reports of Cedar Waxwings. Twenty were seen in Albuquerque, N. Mex. on April 6 (DDeL), and the species was reported at Globe, Ariz., April 2-5 (BJ), in Phoenix on April 18 and May 3 (SRD) and May 15-17 (BB, MW), at Farmington until May 10 (APN), and in Silver City, N. Mex. through May (CLS). Two Hutton's Vireos were seen on the Desert Game Range on May 2 (MVM), and 2 Gray Vireos were seen near Globe on April 16 (BJ).

Warblers — Several Black-and-white Warblers were reported. A female was seen in El Paso, Tex. on April 16 (SW) and the species was considered regular at Big Bend Park in early May (RHW); 1 was photographed at the Desert Game Range, Nev. on May 11 (CSL, JBH); and single birds were noted at Patagonia on May 1 (FS, KC), at Bitter Lake Refuge on May 2 (DLB, BM), near Cedar Crest on May 3 (LL), and in the Charleston Mountains, Nev. on May 16 (JW). A Worm-eating Warbler was observed at Big Bend Park on April 18 (RHW). Two Tennessee Warblers were noted near Questa, Taos Co., N. Mex. on May 21 (PDH). Parula Warblers are becoming more common at Big Bend Park and were seen regularly along the Rio Grande, April 1-22. A Virginia's Warbler was found there on April 17 and was collected (RHW). Two Myrtle Warblers were seen near Las Vegas, Nev. on April 19 and 1 on April 22 (CSL); single birds were reported at Roswell on April 22 (VM) and near Silver City on May 9 (N.M.O.S.). A Black-throated Gray Warbler was observed in Roswell on April 24 (VM); a male Townsend's Warbler was seen at Canutillo near El Paso, Tex. on May 5 (SW); a Black-throated Green Warbler was present at Farmington, May 8-9 (JG, fide APN); and single Hermit Warblers were noted near Wickenburg, Ariz. on April 18 (CT), in Phoenix on April 26 (BB), and near Las Vegas, Nev. on May 8

(CSL). A Palm Warbler was collected at Big Bend Park on April 1 (RHW). An Ovenbird was seen in Sawmill Canyon, N. Mex. on May 13 (BM, TS); another was seen in Albuquerque in mid-May (HW, fide JND). A Louisiana Waterthrush arrived at Big Bend Park on March 27 (RHW). A Kentucky Warbler was found in Roswell on April 25 (EB). Wilson's Warblers were reported to be in good numbers at Phoenix (JLM), Globe (SVVH), Las Vegas, Nev. (CSL) and Roswell, N. Mex. (VM). A Hooded Warbler was seen at Big Bend Park on May 1 (RHW). The "first of season" Am. Redstarts were reported at Big Bend Park on April 17 (RHW); single birds were noted at Silver City on May 9 (N.M.O.S.) and Los Alamos on May 17 (MB); a male was found at Boulder City, Nev. on May 11 (PL); and a count of 1-7 in the Las Vegas, Nev., area, May 11-29 was the "largest influx" ever for that locality (CSL, MVM).

Orioles, Grackles, Tanager — A Wagler's Oriole returned to Big Bend Park on April 17; this was the same individual that was banded last year (RHW). An Orchard Oriole was observed at Roswell on May 18 (VM). A count of 16 Scott's Orioles near Las Vegas, Nev. on May 29 (CSL) was a high number; 2 males were noted in Farmington, April 30–May 1 (BV, fide APN). Both species of grackles are still spreading. Boat-tailed Grackles were nesting at Cliff, Grant Co., N. Mex. on May 31 (RAF), and the species was present near Las Vegas, Nev., May 17-29 and was photographed for the first Nevada record (CSL, MVM). The Com. Grackle was observed in Las Vegas, N. Mex. on April 21 (WH) and May 9 (ES) and is breeding for the second year in Roswell, with an observation on May 30 (VM). A male Scarlet Tanager was seen in Farmington on May 19 (APN, NM) and May 28 (LVM).

Finches — There were many reports of Rose-breasted Grosbeaks: 1 at Patagonia on April 18 (FS); 2 in Ramsey Canyon on April 26 (PA); 3 at Bitter Lake Refuge on May 15 (JHS, VM); 1 at Farmington on May 16 (JN, APN); 2 at Las Vegas, N. Mex., May 7-15 (ES); 1 on the Desert Game Range on May 16-17, which was photographed on the latter date (CSL, MVM); and 1 in Cave Creek Canyon on May 30 (SRD, APN). The Indigo Bunting also is being seen more or less annually somewhere in the Southwest. This spring 13 were noted on the Desert Game Range on April 24 (CSL); 3 were seen in El Paso on April 29 and 1 on May 4 (CM, MBK, SW); 1 was observed in Las Vegas, N. Mex. on May 5 (WH); and 4 were seen near Silver City on May 9 (N.M.O.S.). Painted Buntings had increased in numbers near Carlsbad, N. Mex. by May 25 (SW). Three male Varied Buntings were singing at Patagonia on May 26, with 5-6 noted in Guadalupe Canyon on May 29 (JK). There were a few scattered lowland records of Evening Grosbeaks. A male banded at Cedar Crest, N. Mex. on April 30, 1969 was found dead at Lake Almanor, Plumas Co., Calif. on Jan. 18 (BM); 2-9 were found at the Desert Game Range, May 11-18 (CSL, MVM); a pair found north of Phoenix on May 13 (SRD, ELR, JLM) furnished the first local spring record; 4 were noted near Silver City on May 14 (RAF). Red Crossbills remained common in the highlands, with the species reported south of Taos, N.

Mex. on April 12 and May 30 (*WH*); near Jemez Springs, N. Mex., April 16–May 18 (*MBS*); and in the San Mateo Mountains, Socorro Co., N. Mex. on May 24 (*JR*). Seven were present in the Charleston Mountains near Las Vegas, Nev., April 26–May 16 (*CSL*, *MVM*); 30 were seen on the Trampas River, Taos Co., N. Mex. on May 10 (*JR*); at Los Alamos, N. Mex. the species was absent between March 27 and May 2, perhaps having disappeared in order to breed, then was common again through May (*PRS*).

Sparrows — A Rufous-winged Sparrow was observed at the Sonora Desert Museum, Tucson on April 25 (*PDH*). A White-throated Sparrow wintered at Cedar Crest and was last seen on April 5 (*BM*). A Swamp Sparrow was seen near Farmington on May 9 (*APN*).

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