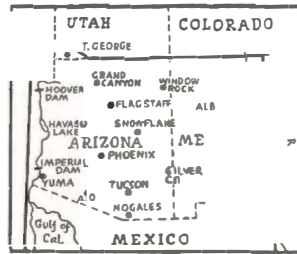


SOUTHWEST REGION.—The long-standing drought continued. It was extraordinarily severe in central and northern Arizona. The only precipitation



was an unusual snowfall, May 4, above 3500 ft. in central and east-central Arizona. Abnormally late frosts occurred in parts of southeastern Arizona. Otherwise, weather conditions have been nearly average.

Grebes and Pelicans.—Four Horned Grebes were seen on Bosque del Apache Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge, N. Mex., April 15 (R. Fleetwood). Well-grown young Pied-billed Grebes were found at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., April 6 to 8 (H. Brandt, A. Phillips); young were not noted at Anthony, N. Mex., until May 28 (L. McBee). A flock of 500 White Pelicans was present at Icehouse Bend, on the Colorado River opposite Needles, Calif., May 11 (Monson, W. Pulich).

Heron, Egrets, and Ibises.—An adult **Little Blue Heron** observed at the Bosque Refuge, April 28 (R. Clapper, R. F., T. Davis, J. Sadosuk), is the first record for New Mexico. Little Green Heron arrivals were noted near Crossroads, Calif. (between Parker and Parker Dam), April 11 (H. and M. Dearing), and at the Bosque Refuge, April 12 (RF). A Least Bittern was found at Anthony, April 16 (LM); it is unrecorded in the lower Colorado River valley for the second consecutive year (M). First White-faced Ibis arrivals were 3 seen on the Bosque Refuge, April 5 (RF), and 2 in the Bill Williams Delta, Ariz., on Havasu Lake Refuge the same date (M).

Waterfowl.—The late-April Snow Goose flight in the Colorado valley was detected again, when 2 flocks totalling about 80 birds were seen at Topock, April 20 or 21 (A. Finneman). Earliest migrant Red-breasted Mergansers were 5 drakes in the Bill Williams Delta, April 5 (M).

Hawks.—Late immature Cooper's Hawk migrants were observed in the Topock area, May 11 and 12 (M, WP). Swainson's Hawks were first seen at Tumacacori Nat'l. Monument, Ariz., April 2 (B. Jackson), and at the Bosque Refuge, April 17 (RF). One was seen near Crossroads, April 28 (M). Late Marsh Hawks were seen at Topock, May 4 (M), near Sahuarita, Ariz., May 7 (A. Foerster, AP), and at Las Cruces, N. Mex., May 16 (H. Conway). An Osprey was observed carrying food to a nest in the cliffs below Eldorado Canyon, Ariz.-Nev., April 27 (R. Grater). A late Pigeon Hawk was observed at the mouth of Trout Creek near Cave Springs in the Big Sandy Valley, April 20 (AP).

Shorebirds.—Two Ringed Plover were seen at Icehouse Bend, May 18 (M). A Hudsonian Curlew was found at the Bosque Refuge, April 26 (RF, JS). An early Solitary Sandpiper was seen in the Bill Williams Delta, April 5 (M). Twenty Greater

Yellow-legs were feeding in shallow water with ducks at Taylor, Ariz., April 29 (L. Levine). One Red-backed Sandpiper was seen at El Paso, Tex., April 24 (M. Keefer), and 10 were seen at Icehouse Bend, May 11 (M, WP); it is rare in this region during the spring. The Marbled Godwit, a rare bird in New Mexico, was noted there as follows: 2 on the Bosque Refuge, April 26 (RF, JS); 2 on the Bosque Refuge, May 2 (TD); and 7 at Anthony, May 16 (LM). Two were seen at Icehouse Bend, May 30 (M). The first Arizona spring records for Sanderlings were obtained when 4 were seen at Icehouse Bend, May 11 (M, WP), and one at the same locality a week later (M). An Am. Avocet nest with 2 eggs was found on the Bosque Refuge, April 27 (RF).

Gulls and Terns.—Two Franklin's Gulls seen at Havasu Lake, May 25, were unusually late (M). Lone Bonaparte's Gulls were seen at Taylor, April 20 (L. Levine), and at Havasu Lake, April 21 (M). A Forster's Tern was found near Tucson, Ariz., where it is very rare, May 8 (J. Marshall). The first record of the **Least Tern** for the El Paso area was one seen near Clint, Tex., May 10 (G. Meyer).

Doves through Woodpeckers.—First White-winged Doves seen in the Colorado valley were 4 near Crossroads, April 25 (M). The earliest Vaux's Swifts were one observed near Yuma, Ariz., April 9; the latest, one in the Huachuca Mts., Ariz., May 14 (AP). The species was common at Topock, May 4, and over Havasu Lake, May 10 (M). A Broad-tailed Hummingbird was still present in the lowlands, south of Wickieup, Ariz., May 24 (AP). A male Calliope Hummingbird was seen at Havasu Lake, near Parker Dam, April 6 (M). An early Rivoli's Hummingbird was seen in the Huachuca Mts., April 7 (AP). The first Coppery-tailed Trogon was observed near Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., April 19 (C. Wallmo). Late Belted Kingfishers were seen near Crossroads, April 21 (M), and at Ft. Huachuca, May 8 (CW). A Lewis's Woodpecker was still present near Tucson, April 2 (Tucson Bird Club). Late Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were seen in the Santa Rita Mts., Ariz., April 29 (AP), and on the Bosque Refuge, May 1 (RF).

Flycatchers.—Western Kingbirds were unusually late in arriving, particularly in eastern Arizona and New Mexico. They were not found at Tumacacori Nat'l. Monument until April 6 (BJ), in the Huachucas until April 6 (H. Brandt), at Benson, Ariz., until April 7 (L. Hargrave), and at the Bosque Refuge until April 26 (RF). Cassin's Kingbird, rare in the Colorado valley, was noted there at Topock, May 17 (M), and at Ft. Mohave, Ariz., May 27 (AP). Two or 3 Sulphur-bellied Flycatchers were seen in the Huachuca Mts., May 14 (JM, AP). The first Olivaceous Flycatcher was detected on April 6 in the Huachuca Mts. (AP). An early Coues's Flycatcher was noted near Ft. Huachuca, April 7 (CW). Western Wood Pewees were common in the Colorado valley from May 12 to June 10 (M).

Swallows.—Violet-green and Rough-winged Swallows were noted in numbers over Glendale, Ariz.,

May 4, the day it snowed over 3500 ft. (H. Crockett). The Bank Swallow colony along the Rio Grande in New Mexico above El Paso continued to dwindle (LM). Barn Swallows were very late in arriving along the Colorado R., not being found until April 28 (M) at Headgate Rock Dam; they were noted the day following at Snowflake, Ariz. (LL). An unusually early Purple Martin was seen east of Tucson (Agua Caliente Ranch), April 2 (AF); no more were seen in the area until May 8.

Jays through Vireos.—Clark's Nutcracker was notably absent in Grand Canyon Nat'l. Park this spring (H. Bryant). The last Sage Thrasher reported was one seen near Vidal Jct., Calif., April 8 (M). The last Western Bluebird was seen, April 27, at Ft. Huachuca (CW). A Townsend's Solitaire was seen at Boulder Beach, L. Mead, Nev., on the unusually late date of April 22 (M. Sullivan). A Gray Vireo was seen at Tucson, where it is rare, May 11 (AF, AP). Two Solitary Vireos were still present in the Bill Williams Delta, May 19 (M).

Wood Warblers.—A Black and White Warbler was observed at Boulder City, Nev., about May 15, feeding on the trunks of athel trees (MS). Unusually late Orange-crowned Warblers were one seen near Patagonia, May 13 (AP), and 2 in the Bill Williams Delta, May 19 (M). Nashville Warblers were scarce this spring; the first seen were 2 in the Bill Williams Delta, April 5 (M), and one at Ft. Huachuca, April 6 (AP). First Yellow Warbler arrivals were seen at Topock, April 11 (M), at Snowflake, April 19 (LL), and at the Bosque Refuge, April 21 (RF). They were unusually common in lowland areas in late May. Two Audubon's Warblers were still present in the Hualpai Mts., Ariz., May 27 (AP); they have been unusually scarce at Grand Canyon Park. A N. Water-thrush was observed at Socorro, N. Mex., May 7 (RF), and another at Fry, Ariz., near Ft. Huachuca, May 14 (AP). Macgillivray's Warblers were very common in late May; they were seen at Boulder City until May 30 (WP), in Lobecks Pass south of Needles until May 31 (M), and at Tucson until June 1 (AP, M. B. Trautman). An extremely early Yellow-breasted Chat was found at Topock, April 11 (M); first one was noted, Bosque Refuge, May 5 (RF).

Blackbirds and Tanagers.—A female **Hooded Oriole** was seen at Devil's Elbow below Topock, April 11, an unusually early date for the Colorado valley (M). At least 3 males, one of them dead in the road, seen along the Rio Grande below El Paso, May 29, would seem to be evidence the species is spreading northward (MT). The last Brewer's Blackbirds were seen near Fry, May 14 (JM, AP), and at Topock, May 18 (M). Seven Boat-tailed Grackles, evidently preparing to nest, were observed at Cortaro, Ariz., May 30 (AP). One was seen near Fry, May 13 (JM, AP). Three Bronzed Cowbirds seen at Tucson, April 8, were unusually early (Mr. & Mrs. E. Morton). A very early Western Tanager was seen at Topock, April 18 (WP).

Finches and Sparrows.—*Pyrrhuloxias* were absent or rare at Tumacacori Nat'l. Monument, where they were not seen during the spring (BJ). Blue

Grosbeaks seen at Crossroads, April 28 (M), and near Tucson, May 7 (AP), were very early. A Lazuli Bunting was seen at Parker Dam (Calif. side) as early as April 8 (D's). Am. Goldfinches were not seen this year at Snowflake, possibly due to failure of elm blossoms (LL). Eight Savannah Sparrows seen May 11 at Topock (M, WP), and a Brewer's Sparrow seen May 28 at Ft. Mohave (AP), were unusually late. The last Lincoln's Sparrows were seen at Topock (M), and at Tumacacori Nat'l. Monument (BJ), May 11; near Patagonia and Fry, May 13 (AP); and at Boulder City, May 14 (WP).—GALE MONSON, *Havasu Lake Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge, Parker, Ariz.*