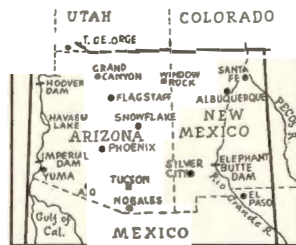


**SOUTHWEST REGION.**—June was unusually hot and dry. Heavy rains fell in most parts of southern Arizona and New Mexico, but the severe drought remained

unbroken in many areas, particularly in northeastern and north-central Arizona. July set a record for coolness in much of the region. The first half of August was mostly normal.



*Loons through Ibises.*—An immature Common Loon was lingering on Havasu Lake, June 7 (Monson). Pied-billed Grebes nested at Topock, on the Havasu Lake Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge, for what is believed to be the first time; small young were seen, June 14 (GM). An adult was seen at Arivaca Jct., Ariz., July 19 (A. Phillips). A Brown Pelican was noted at Mittry Lake, near Yuma, Ariz., Aug. 14 (A. Halloran). The following nesting records were obtained at the Bosque del Apache Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge, N. Mex., June 7: Double-crested Cormorant, 10 nests; Am. Egret, 12 nests, and Snowy Egret, 35 nests (R. Fleetwood). Mortality at all these nests was high. In the case of the Am. and Snowy Egrets, these are the first nesting records for New Mexico. Production of young of the same 3 species on Havasu Lake Refuge was considerably above that

of last year, except in the case of the cormorant, which was nearly the same. Mortality of young Snowy Egrets again was high (GM). Nests of Black-crowned Night Heron, and Am. and Least Bitterns, were also found on the Bosque Refuge (RF). A White-faced Ibis was seen at Quitovaquito, Ariz., June 20 (L. Caldwell).

**Waterfowl.**—At least 40 Mallard nests and broods were observed at the Bosque Refuge (RF). Three Mexican Ducks, seen at a distance of 20 feet, were identified on the Acomita Indian Reservation west of Laguna, N. Mex., August 10 (H. Kyllingstad). The first Pintail migrants were 2 seen on Havasu Lake, August 10 (GM), and 5 near Arlington, Ariz., August 13 (J. Knox). A male Blue-winged Teal was noted in the Bill Williams Delta, Ariz., on Havasu Lake Refuge, June 2 and 9, and July 13 (GM). At least 5 broods of Cinnamon Teal were observed on the Bosque Refuge (RF). A Redhead duckling with its mother was seen above Topock, June 28, a first breeding record for Havasu Lake Refuge (GM). Six or 7 Canvas-backs were present on the Bosque Refuge throughout the period, including 1 banded on July 4 (RF). A flock of 5 Red-breasted Mergansers was still present at Havasu Lake, June 20 (GM).

**Hawks.**—A Swainson's Hawk nest was found on the Bosque Refuge, June 5 (RF). An Osprey was seen on Havasu Lake, July 12 (GM). Although a pair of Marsh Hawks was present throughout the period on the Bosque Refuge, no nest was found (RF); an individual bird was seen above Topock, June 12, and another on July 25 (GM).

**Quail.**—Mearns's Quail were reported as abundant on the Huachuca Wildlife Area, Huachuca Mts., Ariz. Three nests were found, and the first young were noted, July 16 (C. Wallmo). This is indeed an encouraging report.

**Coots and Shorebirds.**—A male Coot flew into the window of a ski lodge high on the San Francisco Mts., Ariz., May 25 (M. Wetherill). The first returning Snowy Plover was noted at Topock, July 11 (GM), and the first Ringed Plover at the Bosque Refuge, August 4 (RF). Wilson's Snipe were already returning to the Bosque Refuge in early August; one was seen August 4, and another, August 11 (RF). A Solitary Sandpiper was observed there July 7, and 2 Greater Yellow-legs, on the unusual date of June 30 (RF). A Red Knot was seen near Needles Landing on Havasu Lake, August 9, the first record for the lower Colorado valley (GM). Two Marbled Godwits were seen at Havasu Lake, June 29 (GM). A Wilson's Phalarope was seen at Headgate Rock Dam near Parker, July 4, an unusually early returning migrant (GM).

**Pigeons and Doves.**—The first Band-tailed Pigeon nest was found in the Huachuca Mts., June 3, and a nest with an unhatched egg was found there as late as August 4. The Pigeons were feeding most heavily on the acorns of Emory oak (CW). A White-winged Dove nest was found above 6000 feet in the Huachuca, in oak-pine woodland type (CW). The species was seen on both sides of

the Colorado River, about 1 mile north of Bullhead City, Ariz., August 1 (W. Pulich). One was seen in the pass between the Organ and San Andres Mts., N. Mex., August 3 (M. Keefer, L. McBee). A Mexican Ground Dove was seen at Topock, July 24 (WP), and July 26 (GM). The species seems to be increasing on the Colorado River Indian Reservation below Parker (GM).

**Hummingbirds through Woodpeckers.**—A Rufous Hummingbird was seen at Bright Angel Point, Grand Canyon Nat'l. Park, Ariz., as early as July 17 (H. Crockett); the species became common at Santa Fe, N. Mex., July 22 (HK), and several were noted at Cliff, N. Mex., August 1 (MK, LM). It was gratifying to receive information that at least 5 pairs of Coppery-tailed Trogons were nesting in the Huachuca Mts. (CW); they were reported as still present and probably nesting in the Chiricahua Mts., Ariz. (M. Trautman), but they have been unheard of since 1948 in the Santa Rita Mts., Ariz. (AP). A Belted Kingfisher was seen at Ascarate Park in El Paso, Tex., July 2 (LM); the first returning migrant was seen on the Bosque Refuge, August 7 (RF). A male Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was seen in the northern part of Oak Creek Canyon, Ariz., June 24 (GM).

**Flycatchers.**—An Eastern Kingbird was noted on the Bosque Refuge, June 30 (RF). Cassin's Kingbird was again absent as a breeding bird at Flagstaff, Ariz. (AP). Two were seen on the Colorado River Indian Reservation, one on each date, July 9 and 23 (GM). A Mexican (Arizona) Crested Flycatcher was seen at Indian Gardens, Oak Creek Canyon, June 24 (GM); a pair nested in a box near Camelback Mountain, Phoenix, Ariz., 1 egg on June 7, and 3 young and 1 egg on June 25 (C. Stannard). The Western Wood Pewee again was noticeably reduced in numbers at Grand Canyon Nat'l. Park (H. Bryant). An Olive-sided Flycatcher was still present in the Bill Williams Delta, June 5 (GM). The Vermilion Flycatcher continues remarkably scarce in most parts of the lower Colorado valley, possibly a result of the severe winter of 1948-49 (GM).

**Swallows.**—First returning Tree Swallow migrants were 2 noted at Topock, June 28 (GM). A Bank Swallow colony was visited July 27, in the Arroyo Veronito on the east side of the Rio Grande between Escondido and Lemitar, N. Mex. More than 10 burrows were in use, and this is at least the second year the site has been populated (RF). Only one other colony is known in this region. Purple Martins failed again to use their roost at Tucson, Ariz. (AP); a migrating flock of 18 passed the Bosque Refuge, June 30 (RF).

**Nuthatches through Warblers.**—At least 2 Pygmy Nuthatches were seen at Boulder City, Nev., August 8; another was seen there, August 13 (WP). It is most unusual for these birds to be seen on the low desert at any time of year, even where man has provided shade trees. The House Wren was again absent at Flagstaff (AP). A Warbling Vireo was still present at Topock, June 13 (GM). A late northbound Hermit Warbler was noted

near the top of the Santa Catalina Mts., Ariz., June 2 (MT), while an early southbound one was seen at the Museum of Northern Arizona, Flagstaff, August 2 (AP). Red-faced Warblers were seen in the northern part of Oak Creek Canyon, June 8 and 9 (M. Brooks), and on June 24 (GM). An early returning Black-capped Warbler was noted on the Colorado River Indian Reservation, August 13 (GM).

*Blackbirds and Tanagers.*—A male Scott's Oriole was observed at Cedar Ridge on the west side of the Navajo Indian Reservation, south of Lee's Ferry, Ariz., July 26 (HC). Female (and young?) of both Hooded and Bullock's Orioles were seen feeding on ripening pears at Faywood, near Silver City, N. Mex., July 31 (LM, MK). Two Brewer's Blackbird nests were found in ponderosa pines at the head of Bright Angel Trail in Grand Canyon Park, the first time the species has been known to nest on the South Rim in at least the past 11 years (HB). Eight or 9 were seen at Lupton, Ariz., July 16 (MW). Young Boat-tailed Grackles were just leaving nests in a newly-founded colony at Arivaca Jct., July 19 (AP). A male **Bronzed** Cowbird was seen on the Colorado River Indian Reservation, July 30; this is the first record from west of Wickenburg, Ariz. (GM). A very late male Western Tanager was seen in Lobecks Pass, south of Needles, Calif., June 14 (GM). There were no records obtained of the Hepatic Tanager in north-central Arizona (AP), except for an observation from Oak Creek Canyon (MB).

*Finches and Sparrows.*—A male Black-headed Grosbeak was noted at Havasu Lake, June 29 (GM). Two or 3 female Lazuli Buntings were lingering at Cortaro, Ariz., June 3 (R. Hock, AP). A small flock of Red Crossbills was present at Boulder City, July 4 and 5 (WP). Two Lark Buntings were seen on the Bosque Refuge, August 3 (RF). There was a heavy migration of Lark Sparrows through the Bosque Refuge in the first part of August (RF).—GALE MONSON, *Havasupai Lake Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, Parker, Ariz.*