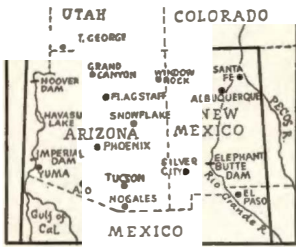


SOUTHWEST REGION.—The protracted wide-spread drought continued. The weather produced no heat waves that hurried migration until the last



Ariz., Gambel's Oak leaves were still in bud on trees in the colder canyons, May 30!

Heron and Spoonbills.—Ninety-three Am. Egrets were present on the Bosque del Apache Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge, N. Mex., May 23; this is quite a number, considering that 10 years ago there was but one record for the State (Raymond Fleetwood). Ten Black-crowned Night Herons roosted in trees in Tucson, Ariz., April 1 (Joe Marshall, Jr.). The first Least Bittern was noted on the Bosque Refuge, April 20 (RF). A Roseate Spoonbill was seen at Quitobaquito, on the Organ Pipe Cactus Nat'l. Monument, Ariz., May 30, where it had been present 7 to 10 days (Aristide Gallizioli, Louie Lawson).

Waterfowl.—Two White-fronted Geese were seen near Parker, Ariz., May 5; the species is rare during spring in the Colorado valley (Gale Monson). A Fulvous Tree Duck was noted at Ascarate L., El Paso, Tex., May 13, the third record for the area (Lena McBee). A pair of Buffleheads, seen below Sabino Canyon in the lower Santa Catalina Mts., Ariz., April 2, were the only ones reported in the Tucson area all winter and spring (Eugenia Gates).

Hawks and Gallinaceous Birds.—A Mexican Goshawk seen near Benson, Ariz., April 27 (Alma Foerster) was the only one reported this spring. A flock of 17 Bob-white (introduced?) was seen at Ascarate Lake, April 17 (Dorothy Conway, Mary Keefer). Scaled Quail at Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., were not seen paired until May 18 (Charles Wallmo).

Shorebirds and Gulls.—Single Golden Plovers were seen on the Bosque Refuge, May 9 and 23, respectively (Thomas Davis, RF); there are no previous records for New Mexico. A late Wilson's Snipe was seen at the Santa Maria River crossing of the new highway between Congress Jct. and Kingman, Ariz., April 22 (Harry & Ruth Crockett). At least 9 Long-billed Curlews were seen on the Nevada side of the Colorado River opposite Ft. Mohave, Ariz., April 12 (Warren Pulich). Two Western Sandpipers were lingering in the Bill Williams Delta, Ariz., on the Havasu Lake Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge, May 18 (GM). Five Franklin's Gulls were noted on the Bosque Refuge, April 11 (RF), and 3 Bonaparte's Gulls were seen along the Colorado River in Nevada, opposite Ft. Mohave, April 12 (WP).

Pigeons through Trogons.—Band-tailed Pigeons were first noted in Madera Canyon of the Santa

week in May. There were cold storms that brought snow in the mountains, April 29 to May 1, and again on May 14. Vegetation was very retarded at all elevations; for example, at Grand Canyon Nat'l. Park,

Rita Mts., Ariz., May 6 (Tucson Bird Club). A Flammulated Owl was taken from a cat at Benson, May 7 (Lyndon Hargrave). A Saw-whet Owl was seen near Superior, Ariz., May 5 (Crocketts). At least 6 Vaux's Swifts were seen at Yuma, Ariz., April 25 (GM); a few were seen in Tucson, April 27 to 29 (William Foerster, Allan Phillips); a great flight of at least 1000 was observed at Mecca, Calif., April 28 (Harland and Mrs. Eckler); 7 were seen in the Bill Williams Delta as late as May 18 (GM); and 1 was noted near Pantano, Ariz., on the very late date of May 30 (LH). A male Calliope Hummingbird was observed on the desert, in the McDowell Mts., Ariz., April 1 (Crocketts). A pair of Rivoli's Hummingbirds was present in Madera Canyon, April 8 (Erle and Virginia Morton). Only 1 Coppery-tailed Trogon has been seen in the Huachuca Mts., Ariz., this spring—in Garden Canyon, May 14 (JM).

Woodpeckers and Flycatchers.—Three Lewis's Woodpeckers remained near Parker until at least April 15 (GM); 2 were seen at Socorro, N. Mex., April 15 (RF); 1 was noted near Pantano, May 1 (AF); and they were passing through at Grand Canyon Village, Grand Canyon Park, May 4 (Harold Bryant). Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers remained unusually late, as the following records attest: 1 at El Paso, May 5 (LM); 1 in Madera Canyon, May 6 (TBC); 1 at Arivaca Jct. ("Kinsley's"), Ariz., May 7 (Junea Kelley, *et al.*); and 1 in the Huachuca Mts., May 13 (JM). Four Arizona Crested Flycatchers, including 1 collected, were found in willow woodland near Topock, Ariz., on the Havasu Lake Refuge, May 23; this is the first record of their occurrence in the Colorado valley above the Bill Williams Delta, some 50 miles to the southeast. Although not recorded so far north in the past, it is possible they have always been present, since the area has never been much worked in the summer months (GM). The first Ash-throated Flycatcher arrived at Grand Canyon Village, April 14 (HB). A Beardless Flycatcher was seen at Ft. Huachuca, April 26 (CW).

Swallows.—The first Barn Swallow was observed at Ft. Huachuca, April 21 (CW), and the species was found nesting at Tumacacori Nat'l. Monument, Ariz., for the first time, May 24 (Betty Jackson). About 100 Cliff Swallows came in to roost in Tucson in the storm of April 29, and a few more were seen there to May 4 (AP). A Purple Martin was seen in Nevada opposite Ft. Mohave, May 14 (Gordon Gullion, WP); very few have been seen about Tucson (AP).

Jays and Nutcrackers.—A few Steller's Jays, the aftermath of last fall and winter's record flight, remained into the period: 1 observed at Parker Dam, Calif., April 18 (GM); a small number lingered at El Paso, to May 5 (LM); 1 noted near Tucson, May 9 (AP); still present down to the lowest oaks in the Huachuca Mts., May 14 (JM); and 2 seen 2 miles south of Tombstone, Ariz., June 4 (LH). Scrub Jays likewise have been lingering long and late: 1 at Topock, April 26 (GM); 1 at Emery Park, south of Tucson, May

6 (AP); 4 between Benson and Pantano, May 9 (AP); 1 or 2 in citrus belt north of Tucson until May 10 (AP); 1 in the Bill Williams Delta, May 18 (GM); a few at El Paso to May 21 (LM); and a few near Alamogordo, N. Mex., May 31 (LM). A very late jay observation is that of a flock of 6 or 7 Steller's Jays and 2 Scrub Jays, east of Benson, June 7 (AP). The last flock of Piñon Jays at Ft. Huachuca was noted, May 10; 2 or 3 were still present in the Galiuro Mts., Ariz., June 4 (CW). Clark's Nutcrackers were still widespread in the Huachuca Mts., May 13 (JM, Florence Thornburg), and 1 was seen in the Santa Catalina Mts., May 19 (JM).

Titmice through Kinglets.—Mountain Chickadees were seen in El Paso until April 14 (Amelia Allen). White-breasted Nuthatches disappeared abruptly around Tucson in the last 10 days of March, the last one being seen, March 29; the last Red-breasted Nuthatch was noted there the same date (AP). A Brown Creeper remained at El Paso until at least April 14 (LM, *et al.*). No Dip-pers were found on a trip down Sabino Canyon, May 19 and 20 (JM). A very late Bewick's Wren was found in Nevada opposite Ft. Mohave, May 3 (WP). An Am. Robin was singing in Tucson, May 9 (Ivan Peters), and another was seen near the center of town, May 17 (Randolph Jenks, IP). Mountain Bluebirds were seen at Anthony, N. Mex., until April 22 (Harriet McGuire). Townsend's Solitaires were observed until May 7 at Ascarate Lake (DC), and at Boulder Beach, Lake Mead, Nev., May 29 and 30 (Nora Poyser). Ruby-crowned Kinglets remained unusually late in southeastern Arizona: common in Madera Canyon, May 6 to 7 (TBC, Junea Kelley *et al.*, JM); 2 in the Huachuca Mts., May 14 (JM); and 2 in the Santa Catalina Mts., May 20 (TBC).

Vireos and Wood Warblers.—Gray Vireos were back at Grand Canyon Village, April 25 (HB). Unusually late (Cassin's) Solitary Vireos were 1 near Topock, May 23 (GM), and 1 near Tucson, June 2 to 3 (AP). Audubon's Warblers remained unusually late, in numbers: 8 at Topock, May 23 (GM); at least 1 at Tucson, May 23 to 24 (AP); and 1 at Tucson, May 27 (JM). A very early Townsend's Warbler was seen in Madera Canyon, April 8 (Mortons). A Hermit Warbler seen near Palo Verde, April 16, was early (WP); unusually late records were 1 near Tucson, May 23 (AP), and 2 at Topock, May 23 (GM). A Northern Water-thrush was observed at Ascarate Lake, April 27 (George and Mary Burrows). The first Common Yellowthroat was noted on the Bosque Refuge, April 4 (RF), and an Am. Redstart was observed there, May 23 (Russell Clapper, TD, RF).

Blackbirds and Tanagers.—A male **Bronzed Cowbird** was seen at Whipple Point on the California side of Havasu Lake, May 29 (GM, Glenn Osbun); this is the first record of the species in California. Migrant Western Tanagers, never uncommon through the desert, seemed particularly common this spring; all observers west of south-eastern Arizona commented on their abundance.

On a trip through northern Sonora, Mexico, May 16 to 23, it was noted in "enormous" numbers at such localities as Cocospera, Imuris, Santa Ana, Tubutama, Caborca, and Altar (BJ).

Finches and Sparrows.—An unusual number of Evening Grosbeak reports was received: seen at Ascarate Lake, April 27 (HC); 1 at Boulder City, Nev., May 3 (WP); passing through at Grand Canyon Village, May 4 (HB); and 1 below Madera Canyon, May 6 (TBC). Four Purple Finches (California race) were still present at Parker, April 1, feeding on Green Ash seeds (GM); the last 1 was noted at Tucson, April 13 (JM). In southeastern Arizona, several late records of Cassin's Finch were obtained, ending a season of unusual abundance in the lowlands: at least 18 seen below Madera Canyon, May 6 (TBC); 6 or 7 on the Santa Rita Range Reserve, May 7 (JK, *et al.*); a pair at Ft. Huachuca, May 14 (JM); and 1 or 2 at Oracle, May 17 (AP). Pine Siskins also lingered late: 25 to 30 at Benson, May 5 to 11 (LH); small flocks in Madera Canyon, and below, May 6 (TBC); 1 near Tucson, May 8 (AF, WF, JK *et al.*, AP); and 2 with 14 Lesser Goldfinches feeding on the seeds of *Bebbia juncea* at Devil's Elbow on the Colorado River below Topock, May 16 (GM). Ten Red Crossbills remained at El Paso until April 28 (LM), and 1 was still present there at Ascarate Lake, May 7 (HC). There was an unusually heavy flight of Green-tailed Towhees in southeastern Arizona (AP), in south-central Arizona (Crocketts), and at El Paso (LM). Unusually late records of Spotted Towhees were 2 near Tucson, April 1 (AF, WF, JM), 2 below the mouth of Sabino Canyon, April 2 (James and E. Gates), and 1 in Molino Canyon on the south side of the Santa Catalinas, April 28 to 30 (JM, AP). About 100 Lark Buntings were seen at Continental, Ariz., May 5 (JK, *et al.*), 1 was noted near Oracle Jct., Ariz., May 17 (AP), and 2 males were observed east of Pantano, May 24 (WF). A very late Savannah Sparrow was seen at Beal Lake, between Topock and Needles, Calif., May 22 (GM). Two Gray-headed Juncos were seen in Tucson as late as April 12 (JM), 1 was seen at Boulder Beach, Lake Mead, May 1 (NP), and they were still present in the Santa Rita and Santa Catalina Mts., May 7 (JK, *et al.*, JM). Several late Lincoln's Sparrows were seen in the Huachuca Mts., May 13 to 14 (JM), and 1 was found in the lower Santa Catalina Mts., May 25 (JM).—GALE MONSON, *Havasu Lake Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge, Parker, Ariz.*