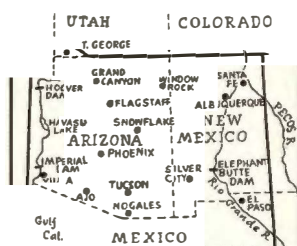


SOUTHWEST REGION.—Weather conditions were generally near normal, with deficient rainfall in southern Arizona and somewhat above normal rainfall in the remainder of

the Region. A heavy rain within 50 miles of either side of the Arizona-New Mexico state line in early June was unseasonal. Food and cover conditions were good, and moisture supplies have been ample.

Most observers com-



ment on an unusually good nesting season for land birds.

Cormorants, Herons and Ibises.—A Double-crested Cormorant was found resting in a tree near Tucson, Ariz., July 3 (Mrs. Becker). This species, plus Am. Egrets, Snowy Egrets, and Black-crowned Night Herons, failed to nest on the Bosque del Apache Natl. Wildlife Refuge, N. Mex. (Raymond Fleetwood). Only a few nests of Snowy Egrets were built in the Topock Swamp, Ariz., on Havasu Lake Natl. Wildlife Refuge, and none was successful (Gale Monson). The Wood Ibis appeared in remarkable numbers on the Bosque Refuge, after having been first detected in New Mexico only last year. The first one was noted on June 24 (Russell Clapper, Thomas Davis, Ray Meschkat, Jack Sadosuk), with numbers increasing until 12 were found on August 14 (RF, RM). Twenty were seen at Picacho Reservoir, southeast of Coolidge, Ariz., June 20; more than 45 White-faced Ibis were seen there the same date (Allan R. Phillips, Lyle K. Sows).

Waterfowl.—Southbound Pintails were moving early in the Colorado valley; as many as 50 were seen at Needles, Calif., July 31 (E. Parks), and 260 were present at Havasu Lake Refuge by August 5 (GM). An unusual assortment of waterfowl at Picacho Reservoir, Ariz., June 20, included 1 Fulvous Tree-duck, 1 pair of Gadwall, at least 12 Am. Widgeon, 2 pairs of Pintail, at least 4 Blue-winged Teal, at least 6 Cinnamon Teal, 3 Shovellers, and 12 Ruddy Ducks (ARP, LKS).

Gallinaceous Birds.—Gambel's Quail were everywhere reported more numerous than usual, the result of an excellent nesting season. Flocks of 100 were almost common on the Kofa Game Range, Ariz., where they have never been so abundant (Arthur Halloran). They were very common along the Colorado River, at least from Blythe, Calif., north (GM).

Rails and Coots.—More than 10 Soras were noted at Picacho Reservoir, Ariz., June 20 (ARP, LKS). Am. Coots were scarce on Havasu Lake Refuge, and

only a few young were produced (GM).

Shorebirds.—Nine Ringed Plover at Topock, Ariz., on the Havasu Lake Refuge, August 12, and 26 Snowy Plover there, August 5, were unusually large numbers for either species (GM). A Wilson's Snipe was found on the Bosque Refuge, August 8 (RF). A Spotted Sandpiper was noted on the Colorado River a few miles above Needles, June 17 (Warren Pulich). Willets were unusually common on Havasu Lake Refuge in early July (GM). A Red Knot was taken at Topock, July 23, the first Arizona record (GM). Three "Peeps" were seen at Picacho Reservoir, June 20, an extraordinary record (ARP, LKS). Also present were at least 17 Black-necked Stilts (possibly nesting?), 1 Am. Avocet, and at least 105 Wilson's Phalaropes (ARP, LKS).

Doves, Cuckoos, Owls.—A White-winged Dove was observed in San Andres Canyon, on the San Andres Natl. Wildlife Refuge, N. Mex., July 16 (Cecil Kennedy). A Yellow-billed Cuckoo was noted in Tucson, July 21 (J. T. Marshall, Jr.). A Burrowing Owl was present east of Tucson during the summer, in a locality where it nested last year (D. Gorsuch). A Saw-whet Owl was noted in Cave Creek Canyon, Chiricahua Mountains, Ariz., in early June (Mary Belle Keefer, Lena McBee, Jasper Woolridge).

Swifts through Woodpeckers.—A Chimney Swift was found in Tucson, May 30, and it was noted, with one other, into mid-June (ARP). Half-fledged young Black-chinned Hummingbirds were found at El Paso, Tex., August 6 (MBK). A male Costa's Hummingbird was observed at Boulder City, Nev., June 22 (WP). A male Rivoli's Hummingbird was discovered on Mt. Lemmon, in the Santa Catalina Mountains, Ariz., July 16 (F. Bryant, S. Highley, R. Smart). A pair of Blue-throated Hummingbirds was present in Cave Creek Canyon during early June (MBK, LM, JW), and a female was found on Mt. Lemmon, July 10 (FB, SH, RS). A male White-eared Hummingbird was observed in Molino Basin, Santa Catalina Mountains, July 10 (FB, SH, RS), a rare find. A Belted Kingfisher at Topock, August 13 (ARP, WP), and another at Havasu Lake, August 15 (GM), were unusually early. A Hairy Woodpecker nest was found in a juniper at 6200 foot elevation, in the Potosi Mountains, Nev., June 28 (WP).

Cotingas, Flycatchers, Swallows.—The Rose-throated Becard was absent from its Arizona breeding grounds (Anders Anderson). An Eastern Kingbird was present at Socorro, N. Mex., June 4 to 6 (RF). A Scissor-tailed Flycatcher was observed 4 miles west of Douglas, Ariz., June 16 (R. M. Johnston, *vide* JTM). An Arizona Crested Flycatcher was found in California, a few miles above Needles, June 17 (WP). A Western Wood Pewee was seen near Parker, Ariz., July 1 (GM). An Olive-sided Flycatcher was noted in the Sierra Madre, Sonora, Mex., not far below the border, August 5 (JTM). A Bank Swallow colony nested for the fourth consecutive year at the mouth of the Arroyo del Veronito, opposite Lemitar, N. Mex. (RF). A Barn Swallow was observed at Tucson, June 14 (Gary Gorsuch), and 1 was seen at Picacho Reservoir, June 20 (ARP).

Ravens, Nuthatches, Wrens.—A concentration of about 50 Am. Ravens was witnessed on the Shivwitz Plateau, in Lake Mead Natl. Recreation Area, Ariz., June 8 (R. C. Burns). A White-breasted Nuthatch was seen near San Xavier Mission, Ariz., July 31 (ARP). Rock Wrens were present along the lower Colorado River throughout the period (GM).

Phainopeplas, Vireos, Warblers.—At least 10 Phainopeplas were noted at the Colorado River Indian Agency, Parker, July 1; this is apparently the only place along the Colorado River where the species stays through the summer, aside from the Yuma, Ariz., area (GM). One was found in Boulder City, July 26 (WP). A singing Yellow-green or Red-eyed Vireo was discovered in Tucson, July 6 (ARP). Two Orange-crowned Warblers at the mouth of Carter Canyon, Santa Catalina Mountains, June 23, were evidence the species still nests there (GM). Three were seen in Boulder City on the early date of August 6 (WP). A singing male of the genus *Parula* was observed near Roosevelt, Ariz., May 31 (Robert Dickerman). A late Macgillivray's Warbler was found at Socorro, June 1 (RF), and an early one was seen in Molino Basin, Santa Catalina Mountains, August 8 (ARP). At least 5 Red-faced Warblers were seen during the period in the Flagstaff, Ariz., vicinity, with the first seen, June 29, at the foot of Mt. Elden (Eleanor Pugh). Two Black-capped Warblers in the Bill Williams Delta, Ariz., on the Havasu Lake Refuge, August 8, were early (GM).

Blackbirds.—A male Scarlet-headed Oriole (*Icterus pustulatus*) was found near San Xavier Mission, Ariz., July 31 (ARP). A pair of Boat-tailed Grackles was seen at Hereford, Ariz., July 15 (ARP). A female Bronzed Cowbird was observed near Parker, July 1 (GM).

Finches and Sparrows.—A Blue Grosbeak was seen in Tucson, July 5 (ARP), and a male was observed at the eastern base of the Charleston Mountains, Nev., about 25 miles west of Las Vegas, July 19 (WP). A male Indigo Bunting was found near the mouth of Ramsey Canyon, Huachuca Mountains, Arizona, July 13 (FB, SH, RS). A male Lazuli Bunting was noted at Las Vegas Wash, Lake Mead, Nev., June 14 (WP); 4 young just hatched were found in the Potosi Mountains, June 28 (WP); 3 were seen at Flagstaff, July 2 (EP); and several were noted singing at Hereford, July 15 (ARP). A male Dickcissel was found at a feeding station in Flagstaff, August 15 (Mrs. O. V. Maddox, *vide* EP). Four Evening Grosbeaks were observed along upper Sabino Canyon, Santa Catalina Mountains, June 17; also 2 on June 22 and 23 (GM). Pine Siskins and Lesser Goldfinches became common in Flagstaff after August 2 (EP). The latter was scarce in southeastern Arizona and northern Sonora, Mex. (JTM). Two were noted feeding young in Boulder City, June 25 (WP), and 1 was seen at Needles Landing, Calif., on Havasu Lake, August 15 (GM). Lark Sparrows were abundant on the Bosque Refuge after July 24 (RF), and 10 were found in Boulder City, August 13 (RCB). At least 8 Cassin's Sparrows were singing a few miles north of Sonoita, Ariz., July 10 (FB, SH, RS). Many Black-chinned Sparrows were noted in Sycamore Can-

yon, southwest of Flagstaff, August 11 (EP).—GALE
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