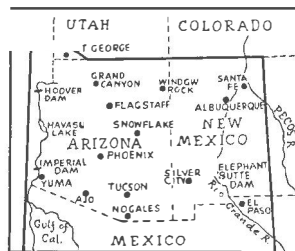


SOUTHWEST REGION.—All sections reported an unusually cold and windy spring. It was dry, too, with very little rain, and the entire area was beset by a serious drought. That the cold has been severe was exemplified by Gambel's Oak leaves just loosening in their buds on May 20 at Flagstaff, Ariz., where a clutch of young Western Bluebirds froze in their nest



on May 10 (Eleanor Pugh).

Loons and Waterfowl.—Twenty-four Common Loons were seen on Virgin Basin of Lake Mead, Nev., April 3 (Russell K. Grater), a large number for a desert locality. Small numbers of Blue-winged Teal were reported throughout Arizona; this was a particularly good season for them. More than 3000 Red-heads, 300 Buffle-heads, and 1000 Ruddy Ducks, as well as lesser numbers of other waterfowl, were estimated on Lake Mary and Mormon Lake, near Flagstaff, April 12 (A. S. Margolin, *et al.*).

Hawks.—A Goshawk was seen near the mouth of Madera Canyon in the Santa Rita Mts., Ariz., May 3

(Tucson Bird Club). An unusually late Sharp-shinned Hawk was noted in the Bill Williams Delta, Ariz., on the Havasu Lake Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, May 1 (Gale Monson). A Swainson's Hawk was observed in the Bill Williams Delta, May 1, only the third record for the immediate lower Colorado River valley (GM). Another was seen in the Colorado desert 5 miles west of Rice, San Bernardino Co., Calif., and yet another just west of Indio, Calif., May 10, indicating an unusual late migration over the desert (GM). A Zone-tailed Hawk was seen on the Arizona side of Havasu Lake a few miles above Parker Dam, April 25 (GM). An unusually late Marsh Hawk was noted at Peoria, Ariz., May 15 (R. Roy Johnson, J. M. Simpson). A flock of 7 Audubon's Caracaras was observed between Sells and Gunsight on the Papago Indian Reservation, Ariz., April 10 (Whitney H. and Karen Eastman).

Rails through Gulls.—A Sora was seen near Pima, Ariz., May 24 (Steve Gallizioli). Four young Am. Coots were seen at Marshall L., near Flagstaff, April 17 (EP). Shorebirds seemed unusually common in central Arizona and New Mexico. Two Ringed Plover were seen at Topock, Ariz., April 20, and 10 more, April 30 (GM); while 2 were seen at El Paso, Tex., May 18 (W. W. Wimberly). An Am. Golden Plover at Peoria, May 15 (RRJ, JMS) is the first record for Arizona. A Black-bellied Plover was present on the Bosque del Apache Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, San Antonio, N. Mex., May 22 (Raymond Fleetwood). A Willet was found at Sells, April 10 (Eastmans); 24 were seen near Show Low, Ariz., April 24 (Allan R. Phillips, R. W. Dickerman); and 39 seen at the Bosque Refuge, May 15, was the largest number ever noted there in spring (RF). A Red-backed Sandpiper was noted at Topock, April 30 (GM). A flock of 115 Marbled Godwits arrived at the Bosque Refuge, April 28, and as many as 185 were seen there subsequently (RF); these were exceptionally large concentrations for an inland locality. An early Black-necked Stilt was found at Marana, Ariz., April 7 (Eastmans). More than 500 Wilson's Phalaropes were present on the Bosque Refuge in May (RF). A Franklin's Gull was found near Peoria, May 12 (RRJ, *et al.*), and 7 Bonaparte's Gulls were seen at Las Vegas Wash, Nev. along Lake Mead, May 10 (L. Mitchell).

Doves through Hummingbirds.—Several White-winged Doves were noted near Parker, Ariz., as early as April 15 (Glenn W. Bradt). A Burrowing Owl was seen near Scottsdale, Ariz., May 10 (SG). A Long-eared Owl was present in the Bill Williams Delta at least from March 25 to April 4 (GM). A flock of about 35 Black Swifts was seen over a pond near Pima, May 30 (SG); this is one of the few reports of the species from Arizona. A Broad-billed Hummingbird nest with one egg was found as early as April 15 in Sabino Canyon, Santa Catalina Mts., Ariz. (Eastmans).

Woodpeckers.—A Williamson's Sapsucker was seen at El Paso, May 19 (Lena McBee). A Downy Woodpecker was noted at Forestdale, about 10 miles south of Show Low, April 25 (ARP, RWD), and

one was observed at Mt. Elden, near Flagstaff, May 30 (EP).

Flycatchers and Swallows.—A pair of Black Phoebe was observed feeding young near Lake Mary, May 29 (EP). A large migration of Violet-green Swallows was noted at Lake Mary, May 15 (EP), while on the following day thousands were met with northeast of Phoenix, Ariz., where they were feeding close to the ground (Ruth Crockett). An immense flock of Cliff Swallows, also containing a few Violet-greens, was witnessed at El Paso, May 16 (LM).

Jays through Thrushes.—Six Piñon Jays were seen along Rock Creek on the west side of the Chiricahua Mts., Ariz., May 7 (SG). Two Am. Dippers were seen at Indian Gardens in Oak Creek Canyon, Ariz., during May (EP). A Brown Thrasher remained at El Paso until April 12 (LM), while another stayed at a Prescott, Ariz. feeding station until May 24 (Heidi McLernon). Mountain Bluebirds have been completely absent from the Flagstaff area (EP).

Wood Warblers.—A Black and White Warbler was found at El Paso, May 3 (Harriet McGuire). A male Prothonotary Warbler at El Paso, May 5 and 6 (Mary Belle Keefer, Jasper Wooldridge) was the first one even seen in that area. An extremely early Hermit Warbler was observed in the upper Santa Catalina Mts., April 4 (Eastmans). A Palm Warbler noted at the Bosque Refuge, May 15, is the second New Mexico record (T. L. Davis, RF). Discovery last year that the Red-faced Warbler is a regular inhabitant of the area about Mt. Elden, near Flagstaff, was amplified by the following observations: 1 seen in a snowstorm, April 29; 1 seen on May 13 and 19; and 2 seen, May 30 (EP). A female Am. Redstart was found at Boulder City, Nev., May 24 (R. C. Burns).

Blackbirds and Tanagers.—A Boat-tailed Grackle was observed near Peoria, May 15 (RRJ, JMS), and 2 more were seen at the same place, May 29 (C. T. Moore, JMS). More than 20 Brown-headed Cowbirds were present at Grand Canyon Village, Ariz., during the last 3 weeks in May (H. C. Bryant). The Hepatic Tanager was found at Flagstaff after May 17 (EP).

Finches and Sparrows.—A male Indigo Bunting was noted at El Paso, May 7 (LM). The Evening Grosbeak was observed at and near Flagstaff as follows: 6 on April 6; 1 on April 13 and May 1 (EP). Ten were found along Workman Creek on the Sierra Ancha Experimental Forest, Ariz., northeast of Roosevelt Lake, May 10 (ASM, *et al.*). Two Pine Grosbeaks were observed at Parker Creek Station on the Sierra Ancha Experimental Forest, May 9; and 6 were seen along Workman Creek the next day (ASM, *et al.*). The Red Crossbill continues to be absent from the Flagstaff area (EP); it was still common in the upper Santa Catalina Mts., April 4 (Eastmans). Two Green-tailed Towhees were still present near Parker, May 20 (GB); it was a good season for the species at least in western Arizona. A very late Spotted Towhee was seen in the Bill Williams Delta, May 1 (GM). More than 50 Lark Buntings were seen on the Organ Pipe Cactus Nat'l Monument, Ariz., March 28 to April 1 (Arnold Small); the same number was seen near Peoria, April

14 (ASM, *et al.*); and 10 were noted near Congress Jct., Ariz., April 19 (RC). A few Rufous-crowned Sparrows were seen, and heard singing, in Palm Canyon in the Kofa Mts., Ariz., April 28 (EP). A Golden-crowned Sparrow was observed at Springer-ville, Ariz., April 25 (ARP, RWD). A White-throated Sparrow remained at El Paso until May 11 (LM). A Fox Sparrow was seen at Grand Canyon Village, April 27 (HB).—GALE MONSON, *Havasu Lake Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, Parker, Ariz.*