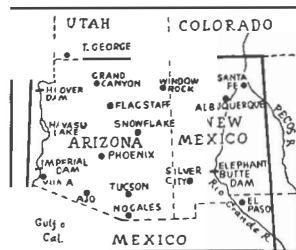


**SOUTHWEST REGION.**—The drought was partially broken by heavy July rains in many parts of the Region, especially in west-central New Mexico, central and east-central



Arizona, and in sections of northern Arizona. Temperatures were near normal in Arizona, but higher than usual in extreme western Texas and southern New Mexico.

*Loons through Herons.*—A Com-

mon Loon was seen on Havasu Lake, Havasu Lake Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, Ariz.-Calif., July 1 (Gale Monson). A Brown Pelican landed exhausted in a Parker, Ariz. street, Aug. 1 (GM), while another in similar condition was found at Goodyear, Ariz., Aug. 2 (Dr. D. C. Van Dyke *vide* A. S. Margolin). A female or immature *Frigate-bird* (species?) flew over Tumacacori Nat'l Monument, Ariz., June 18 (Sallie Van Valkenburgh). Double-crested Cormorants, as well as Am. and Snowy Egrets, again nested on the Bosque del Apache Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, N. Mex., after a year's lapse (Raymond Fleetwood). However, only 5 or 6 nests of the Am. Egret, and none at all of the Snowy Egret, were found at Topock, Ariz., on the Havasu Lake Refuge (GM). An Am. Egret was seen at Lee's Ferry, Ariz., June 16 (R. W. Dickerman). Two Snowy Egrets were observed at Lake Mary, near Flagstaff, Ariz., July 11 (Eleanor Pugh). Two *Louisiana Herons* were discovered at the Bosque Refuge, June 7 (T. L. Davis), the second record for the State (the first was established last year). An adult Little Blue Heron was seen on the Bosque Refuge, June 30 and July 30 (R. W. Clapper and J. J. Sadosuk) and Aug. 7 and 12 (RF). The Least Bittern was noted occasionally on Havasu Lake Refuge, the first year it has been seen more than rarely since 1947 (GM). A Wood Ibis was seen on the Bosque Refuge, Aug. 12 (TLD) and 14 (RF).

*Waterfowl.*—A pair of Egyptian Geese (*Alopochen aegyptiaca*) that appeared last fall at Palominas, southwest of Hereford, Ariz., are now raising young at Hereford (Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Thompson, *et al.*):

they probably escaped captivity at Yuma, Ariz. (Allan R. Phillips). Also at Palominas, 2 **Black-bellied Tree-ducks** were found on July 21 (Jos. A. Wilcox); and they were also seen at Hereford, July 20 to 22 (Thompsons, *et al.*). Southward bound Pintails were first noted on Aug. 11, when 15 were seen at Marshall Lake, near Flagstaff (EP), and 55 were found in the Bill Williams Delta, Ariz., on the Havasu Lake Refuge (GM). A male Blue-winged Teal was seen in the Bill Williams Delta, June 19 (GM).

**Hawks.**—A Golden Eagle was present along Havasu Lake, July 1 (GM). A Marsh Hawk nest was discovered at the Bosque Refuge in June (P. Romero), and an exceptionally early returning migrant was noted at Topock, Aug. 7 (GM). An Osprey was observed at Coon's Bluff, on the Salt River east of Phoenix, Ariz., near its confluence with the Verde River, July 16 (RWD, J. M. Simpson, ASM). Two Peregrine Falcons were seen in upper Oak Creek Canyon, Ariz., July 24 (Heidi McLernon, EP); and 2 were flying high over Marshall Lake, Aug. 16 (EP).

**Rails and Gallinules.**—Clapper Rails were present at Headgate Rock Dam, near Parker, at least from June 22 to Aug. 2 (GM). A Sora in the Bill Williams Delta, Aug. 11, was extremely early (GM). A pair of Florida Gallinules with one downy young was found near Granite Reef Dam, Ariz., July 16 (RWD, JMS, ASM).

**Shorebirds.**—Two hundred sixty Willets and 164 Marbled Godwits gathered at Topock, July 30, were exceptionally large numbers for this Region (GM). A Solitary Sandpiper near Topock, July 8; a Greater Yellow-legs at Headgate Rock Dam, June 22; a Lesser Yellow-legs at the latter place, June 30; and 2 Baird's Sandpipers at Topock, July 8, were all unusually early (GM). A Dowitcher was seen at the New River ponds, near Peoria, Ariz., June 27 (R. Roy Johnson).

**Terns through Kingfishers.**—A **Least Tern** taken on Lower Havasu Lake, June 18, is the first specimen for Arizona (GM). A Black Tern was noted at the New River ponds, June 27 (RRJ). Three White-winged Doves were observed in the Pahrangat Lakes area, Lincoln County, Nev., July 16 (Nora Poyser). Two Burrowing Owls were found at the New River ponds, June 4, and one was seen there, June 27 (RRJ). Eight were found in one group in the Big Sandy valley, about 30 miles south of Hackberry, Ariz., July 30 (Steve Gallizioli). A male Allen's Hummingbird (possibly Rufous?) was observed at Parker, July 27 (GM). A Belted Kingfisher was seen at the New River ponds, Aug. 2 (RWD, RRJ, ASM).

**Woodpeckers and Flycatchers.**—A Red-headed Woodpecker was present on the Bosque Refuge, July 5 and 6 (RWC). A Tropical Kingbird was seen in a part of the Tucson valley, Ariz., where it has not been seen before, June 26 (ARP). A Cassin's Kingbird was found in the Bill Williams Delta, June 26, and one was present at Parker, July 12 (GM). A **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** was noted near Hope, Eddy Co., N. Mex., Aug. 5 (R. C. Brummett), and one was seen Aug. 6, and taken the following day, near Willcox, Ariz. (SG) for the second Arizona specimen. Two Black Phoebees were seen in Elves' Chasm, below

Dubendorff Rapids, June 18 (RWD, E. T. Nichols), and 3 or 4 were seen at the mouth of Diamond Creek, June 21 (RWD); these localities are in the bottom of the upper portion of the Grand Canyon, Ariz. An Olive-sided Flycatcher lingered in the foothills of the Sierra de Oposura, Sonora, Mexico, June 7 (J. T. Marshall, Jr., ARP).

**Horned Larks through Starlings.**—A juvenile Horned Lark was taken near Pima, Ariz., where it does not breed, July 8 (SG). A Clark's Nutcracker was seen over Fort Valley, near Flagstaff, June 10 (RWD), and the species was noted at Hannagan's Meadow, southwest of Alpine, Ariz., Aug. 7 (HM). A flock of about 18 Common Bushtits was observed on the New Mexico side of the Rio Grande, about 9 miles above El Paso, Tex., Aug. 8 (Frances and Jennie Camp, Lena McBee). An Am. Dipper was seen along Ruidoso Creek at the Forest Service ranger station, Lincoln County, N. Mex., July 17 (RF). A pair of **Am. Robins** nested at Boulder City, Nev. (G. Hudlow *vide* NP). A Townsend's Solitaire was singing (and nesting?) in June at the head of the old Hance Trail on the South Rim of the Grand Canyon (H. C. Bryant). A flock of about 5 Cedar Waxwings was seen at Supai, Ariz., in Havasu Canyon, June 10 and 11 (Myron Sutton); one was seen at Parker, June 27, and again, July 12 (GM). Phainopeplas were noted in an irrigated canyon near Cloudcroft, Lincoln Co., N. Mex., July 15 to 20 (LM). The Common Starling (number?) was observed in the Pahrangat Lakes area, July 16 (NP).

**Vireos and Wood Warblers.**—Two pairs of Bell's Vireos were seen along Whitmore Wash in the Toroweap valley, Grand Canyon Natl. Monument, Ariz., June 20 (RWD). A Black and White Warbler was observed in Boulder City, June 12 (Richard Burns). An early Orange-crowned Warbler was present at Parker, Aug. 9, and an early Macgillivray's Warbler was found at Topock, Aug. 7 (GM). A Red-faced Warbler was seen near Greer, Ariz., June 7 (Randolph Jenks, W. Carl Milhous, *et al.*), and its breeding near Flagstaff was established when young were seen being fed by parents near Mt. Elden, July 21 (EP). A late Black-capped Warbler was seen in the Dead Mts., Nev. area, June 2 (Burns, Russell K. Grater), and an early one was present in El Paso, Aug. 8 (LM). A juvenile Painted Redstart was found at Patagonia, Ariz., where it is rare, July 10 (RWD, ARP).

**Blackbirds and Tanagers.**—A first year male **Orchard Oriole** was seen at Hereford, July 26 (L. L. Hargrave, ARP). This is the locality in which it was first found in Arizona, last year. A Brewer's Blackbird was taken near Phoenix, July 26 (RWD). A Boat-tailed Grackle was seen at the New River ponds, June 4, and 2 there, June 27 (RRJ). A pair of Brown-headed Cowbirds was found at Fort Valley, June 10 to July 1 (RWD); a pair was seen at Lindberg Springs, south of Flagstaff, June 11 (GM); 2 were seen, June 16, and 1, July 11, at Marshall Lake (EP); 2 were observed at Flagstaff, June 17 (EP); and 1 was seen at Foxboro Ranch, on the east rim of Oak Creek Canyon, July 26 (EP). A female Bronzed Cowbird was noted at Parker, June 27, and July 19 and 27; and a male was taken, and 2 females seen,

July 5 (GM). Two male Western Tanagers were observed at the mouth of Diamond Creek, Grand Canyon, June 21 (RWD); and a male was seen at Parker, June 27 (GM). The species was almost lacking in lowland southeastern Arizona (ARP). The Hepatic Tanager has increased in numbers at Prescott, Ariz. (HM).

*Finches and Sparrows.*—A male Rose-breasted Grosbeak was taken at Parker, June 27 (GM). A male Black-headed Grosbeak was seen at Lee's Ferry, June 16 (RWD), and one was observed at Parker, June 17, and 2, June 27 (GM). It was scarce in lowland southeastern Arizona (ARP). Singing male **Indigo Buntings** were noted in Oak Creek Canyon throughout the period (EP), and a male was seen at Watson Lake, north of Prescott, July 28 (HM). A Lazuli Bunting was found at Parker, July 5 (GM). Young Pine Siskins were noted at Hannagan's Meadow, Aug. 7 (HM). Red Crossbills have been present, but uncommon, at Flagstaff since July 5 (EP). Two Cassin's Sparrows, at least one of them singing, were discovered on the New Mexico side of the Rio Grande above El Paso, June 30, and were noted until at least July 4 (Camps, LM). Two Brewer's Sparrows were observed feeding bob-tailed young at Socorro, N. Mex., Aug. 2 (RF).—GALE MONSON, *Havasu Lake Natl. Wildlife Refuge, Parker, Ariz.*