

Refuge, near San Antonio, N. Mex., May 21, with an estimated 225 nests (Raymond Fleetwood). Also reported from the Bosque Refuge were a Louisiana Heron, April 24 (Thomas L. Davis) and May 11 (RF), and a Little Blue Heron, April 9 (RF). An Am. Bittern flushed in the Bill Williams Delta, Ariz., on the Havasu Lake Refuge, May 25, was very late (GM).

Waterfowl.—Fourteen Snow Geese were still lingering on the Bosque Refuge, May 16 (TLD). Five Blue-winged Teal were seen in the Bill Williams Delta, April 16 (GM). A female Canvas-back on lower Havasu Lake, May 15, and 2 Am. Golden-eyes on the Colorado River at Parker, Ariz., May 9, were unusually late (GM).

Hawks and Rails.—Turkey Vultures became common in the San Ildefonso, N. Mex., area after mid-April (Patricia R. Snider). A Marsh Hawk flew over the northeastern part of Albuquerque, May 22 (FJF). Peregrine Falcons were completely absent from the Havasu Lake Refuge for the first time since at least 1945 (GM). Two Clapper Rails were discovered in the Bill Williams Delta, May 12, a northward extension of range in the Colorado Valley; their presence can be attributed to the recent exclusion of livestock from the area (GM). A very late Sora was noted in the Delta, May 25 (GM).

Shorebirds and Terns.—Thirty-five Black-bellied Plover were observed on the Bosque Refuge, May 11 (RF), a large number for the Rio Grande Valley. A Wilson's Snipe was flushed, and alighted again, in a dry sandy arroyo at least 10 miles east of the Rio Grande in the Sandia Mountains foothills, N. Mex., April 11 (FJF). Two Lesser Yellow-legs were seen in the Bill Williams Delta, April 16; the species is very rare in the Colorado Valley on the spring migration (GM). Two Sanderlings were observed at Havasu Landing, Calif., on Havasu Lake, May 21 (Charles Darling, GM). An unusual concentration of 300 Black Terns was found on the Bosque Refuge, May 14 (RF).

Doves through Woodpeckers.—A White-winged Dove was noted at Boulder Beach, Nev., on Lake Mead, May 6 to 10 (Russell K. Grater). A Yellow-billed Cuckoo had arrived at the Bosque Refuge, May 14 (RF). A Flammulated Owl was observed in Juan Tabo Canyon on the west side of the Sandia Mountains, May 23 (FJF). A Poor-will was captured from its perch high in the rafters of the railroad station in Phoenix, Ariz., May 7 (A. S. Margolin). The first Common Nighthawk was seen at Española, N. Mex., May 26 (PRS). A male Rivoli's Hummingbird was carefully observed along Workman Creek, on the Sierra Ancha Experimental Forest, Ariz., northeast of Roosevelt Lake, May 16 (R. Roy Johnson, James Simpson). Lewis's Woodpeckers were numerous near Prescott, Ariz., until about May 18, then disappeared (Heidi McLernon).

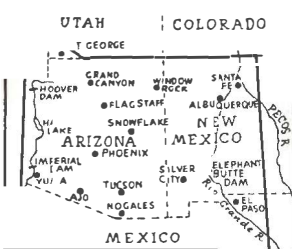
Flycatchers and Swallows.—Two Lesser (Arizona) Crested Flycatchers were seen near Peoria, Ariz., May 9 (RRJ), and the species was noted at Parker Dam, Calif., May 21 and 25 (GM). A male Vermilion Flycatcher was feeding with a flock of Mountain Bluebirds at Tijeras, N. Mex., at an elevation of 6500

SOUTHWEST REGION.—Despite March and April rains of above-normal magnitude, the general Region-wide drought persisted. Stream flows continued to

be extremely low. There was little growth of grass or annual forbs, and the range was generally in a poor and deteriorating condition. Temperatures were mainly normal for the spring season.

Loons and Herons.

—As many as 24 Common Loons were observed on Havasu Lake, Havasu Lake Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, Ariz.-Calif., April 10, and an Arctic Loon was seen there until April 17 (Gale Monson). A Snowy Egret was noted along the Rio Grande at Albuquerque, N. Mex., April 15 (F. J. Freeman). About 450 were present on the Bosque del Apache Nat'l Wildlife



ft. along U.S. Highway 66 east of Albuquerque (FJF). A colony of about 80 Bank Swallow nests, with the birds already present, was discovered west of San Marcial Lake, Socorro Co., N. Mex., April 12 (RF). A male Purple Martin was seen at Topock, Ariz., on the Havasu Lake Refuge, May 1 (GM).

Nutcrackers through Starlings.—Clark's Nutcrackers were still around Los Alamos, N. Mex., May 5 (PRS). A Red-breasted Nuthatch lingered in El Paso, Tex., until April 24 (Lena Mcbee, *et al.*). Late Brown Thrashers were one on the Bosque Refuge, April 14 (RF), and one at El Paso until May 10 (LM, *et al.*). Two pairs of Am. Robins nested at Boulder City, Nev.; this is the second year the species has nested there (Nora Povser). A Blue-gray Gnatcatcher had arrived at Los Alamos, May 2 (PRS). Two Arizona nests of the **Common Starling** were located at Tempe, with adults seen feeding young, May 25 (RRJ). Their nesting at Tucson, Ariz., was also reported (R. W. Dickerman, *sic* Allan R. Phillips). These are the first breeding records for the State.

Wood Warblers.—Two Black and White Warblers were noted at El Paso, May 16 (Jasper Wooldridge). A Lucy's Warbler was seen at El Paso, south of its usual range along the Rio Grande, May 12 (LM, *et al.*). A male **Hermit Warbler** was observed at the Boy Scout camp near El Paso, May 1, the first record for the area (LM, *et al.*). A **Black-poll Warbler** was seen and carefully studied in New Mexico near Canutillo, Tex., on May 11th (Mary Belle Keefer, LM, JW); this is probably the first record for the State, as the only previous one appears to be dubious. An Oven-bird was found at Fabens, Tex., May 9 (MBK, JW), and one appeared the following day in El Paso (MBK, LM, JW). Thus, this was a good season for unusual warblers in the El Paso area. An Am. Redstart was observed at Parker, May 23 (GM).

Tanagers.—An Hepatic Tanager was noted on the Bosque Refuge, April 26 (RF), an unusual lowland record.

Finches and Sparrows.—A male Rose-breasted Grosbeak was observed at Parker, May 16, and a female, May 30, in the exact locality where a male was seen last June (GM). Male Indigo Buntings were found near San Xavier Mission, Ariz., May 25 and 26 (Joe T. Marshall, HM). A flock of 7 Evening Grosbeaks was seen in the Cole Springs area on the east slope of the Sandia Mountains, April 19 (FJF), and the species was also noted near Pojoaque, N. Mex., May 2 (PRS). A flock of about 100 Pine Siskins was feeding on dandelion seeds in an Albuquerque park, April 30 (FJF), and 3 were seen at Parker as late as May 16 (GM). A pair of Am. Goldfinches was noted at Parker, April 25, and a female was seen at Pittsburg Point on Havasu Lake, May 6 (GM). A small flock of Red Crossbills stayed at El Paso until April 30 (LM, *et al.*). Abert's Towhees are now very common at Boulder City (NP). An Oregon Junco was seen at Black Meadow Wash on the California side of lower Havasu Lake, April 3 (GM).—GALE MONSON, *Havasus Lake Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, Parker, Ariz.*