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 RE: Rare Bird Reports for Dixon CBC: NMDI

Here is a summary screen shot from my Unusual Species calculation spreadsheet (The full spreadsheet showing calculation in detail is attached):

<b>CBC Dixon, NM (NMDI)</b> <b>Compilation of 98th - 116th Counts</b> <b>(1997 - 2015)</b> <b>Calculation of Rare Species</b>			
Species	Genus specific epithet	years observed previous to 2015	% of years observed previous to 2015
Ring-necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i>	1	6
Greater Roadrunner	<i>Geococcyx californianus</i>	3	17
Northern Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>	3	17
Sage Thrasher	<i>Oreoscoptes montanus</i>	3	17
Unidentified Accipiter Hawk	<i>Accipiter (sp)</i>	4	22
Bufflehead	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	5	28
Sandhill Crane	<i>Grus canadensis</i>	5	28
White-winged Dove	<i>Zenaida asiatica</i>	5	28
Say's Phoebe	<i>Sayornis saya</i>	5	28
Brown Creeper	<i>Certhia americana</i>	5	28
White-throated Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	5	28

Applying the “10% rule”, only the RNDU would require a report. However, applying the more stringent rule for counts of less than 50 years in duration (Needing to have appeared on at least 6 counts), additional species would require a report. Here is what I have done:

*Species backed in dark salmon (Separate Reports):*

**Ring-necked Duck (RNDU):** This species was observed by two different parties on the Rio Grande. The parties were separated by about 2 miles. One party observed 3 individuals and took photos. The other group observed 11 individuals. The party leader for the group that took photos has written the report. (Attached as a separate report.)

**Northern Shrike (NORS):** Separate report is attached which includes photos.

**Sage Thrasher (SATH):** Separate report is attached.

*Species backed in blue:*

**Greater Roadrunner (GRRO):** This species is seen regularly in the count area in all seasons. Because it is regular and the ID is unmistakable, I have not included a report.

*Species backed in light Salmon (Not marked Unusual – some details below):*

These species have all appeared for the 6<sup>th</sup> time on the count. Of particular note is, that except for the Say's Phoebe, their appearances on the count have mostly been in recent years (Graphs will appear below).

I provide some documentation below on these species. I do not feel they should be regarded as "unusual". If you feel differently and desire further details on any of the species, I will work with the observers to provide them. All records are count-day observations.

## **White-throated Sparrow**

Three individuals were observed. The 1<sup>st</sup> individual shown in this photo by Tom Taylor was seen during the count in Velarde. This individual was observed by Tom Taylor, Meg Peterson, Mary Parsaca and Mary Orr:



A 2nd individual was observed in Embudo by Dave Yeamans. He reported only that just before a group of "White-crowned Sparrows" flew, he noted the yellow in the eyebrow of one individual. He could not locate the bird again.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> WTSP was reported by Wyatt Egelhoff in Rinconada. Here is the account provided to eBird by Wyatt [redknot42@gmail.com](mailto:redknot42@gmail.com):

**Adult tan-striped morph.** Grayish underparts with russet-gold tones in the upperparts. White throat and heavy brown lateral crown stripes accented by golden supraloral stripe. dull gray bill. Heard giving very high thin "seep" call note.

Discovered on private property accessed for the Dixon CBC with permission from the owner. Was not present in the afternoon.

Photos by Wyatt Egelhoff:

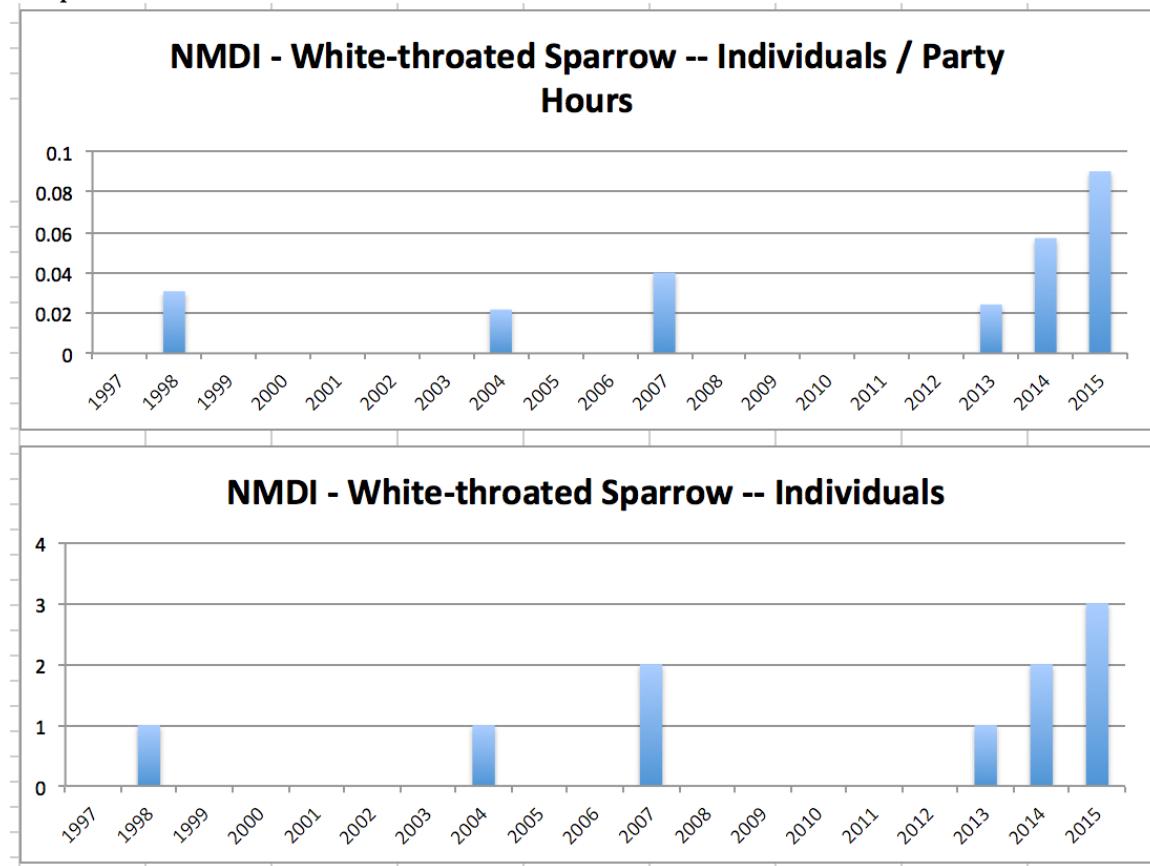
In context:



Enlarged, slightly sharpened (Note throat, breast streaking and faint central spot.)

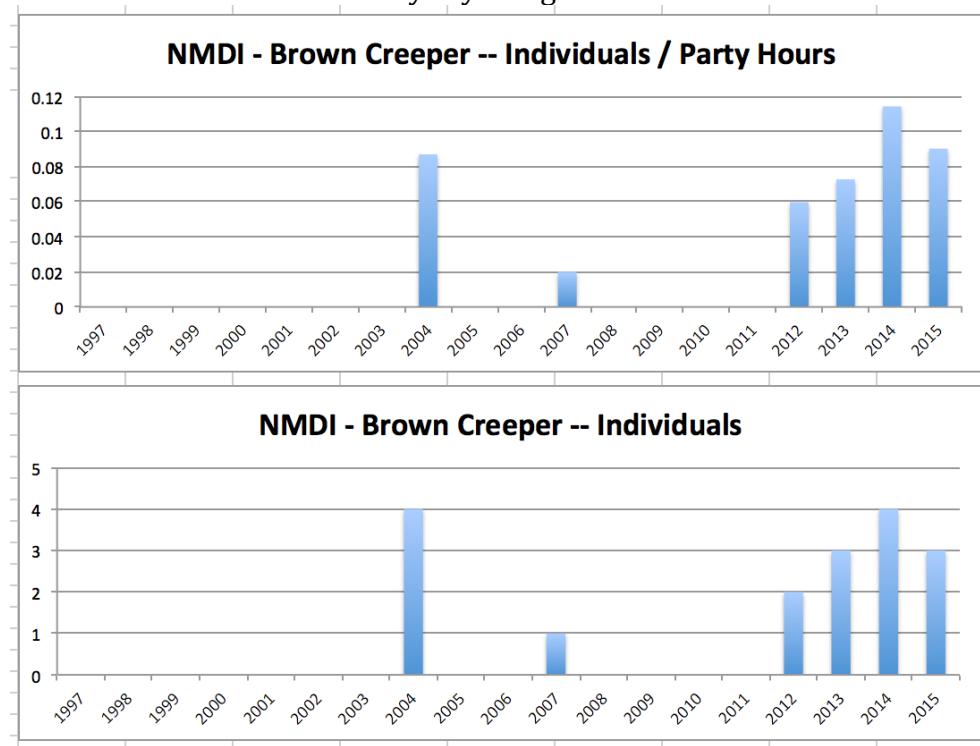


Graph of WTSP records on the NMDI CBC:



## Brown Creeper

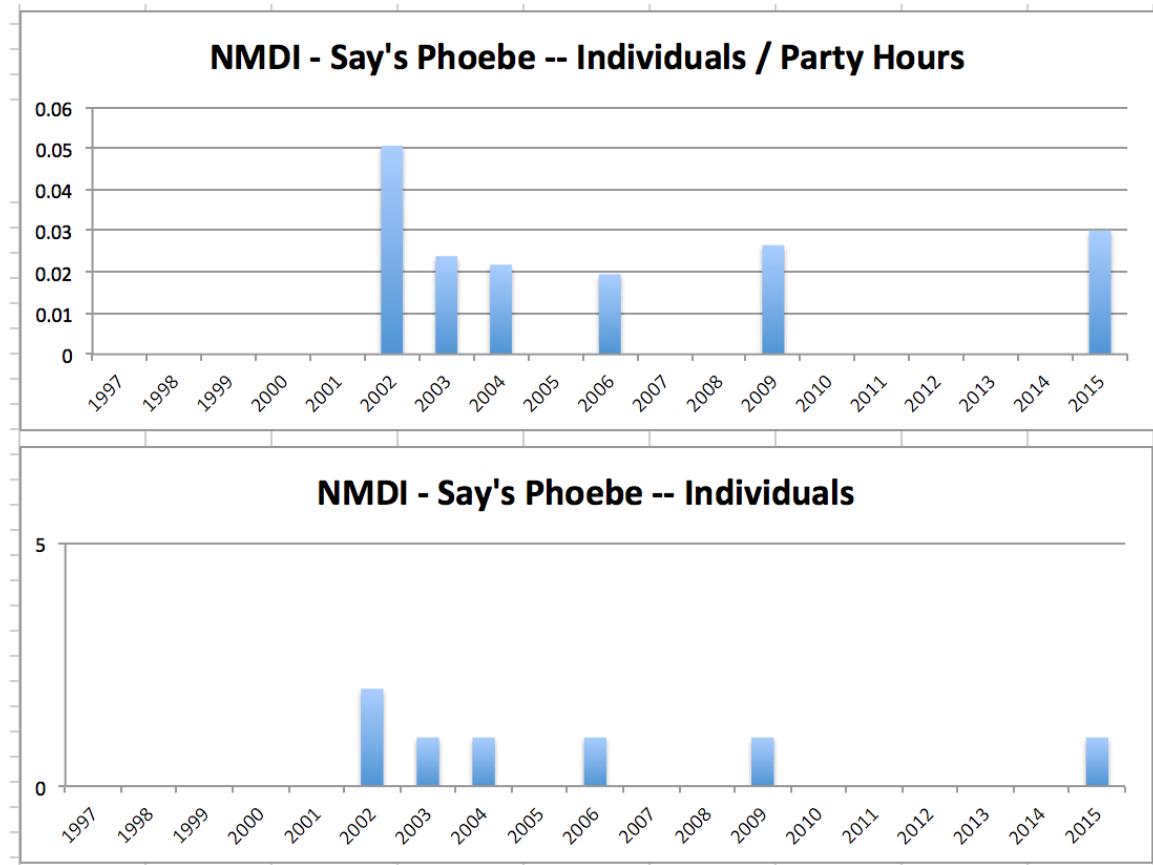
Three individuals observed by Wyatt Egelhoff in Rinconada. NMDI Occurrence:



### **Say's Phoebe**

Observed in Velarde by Tom Taylor, Meg Peterson, Mary Parsaca and Mary Orr.

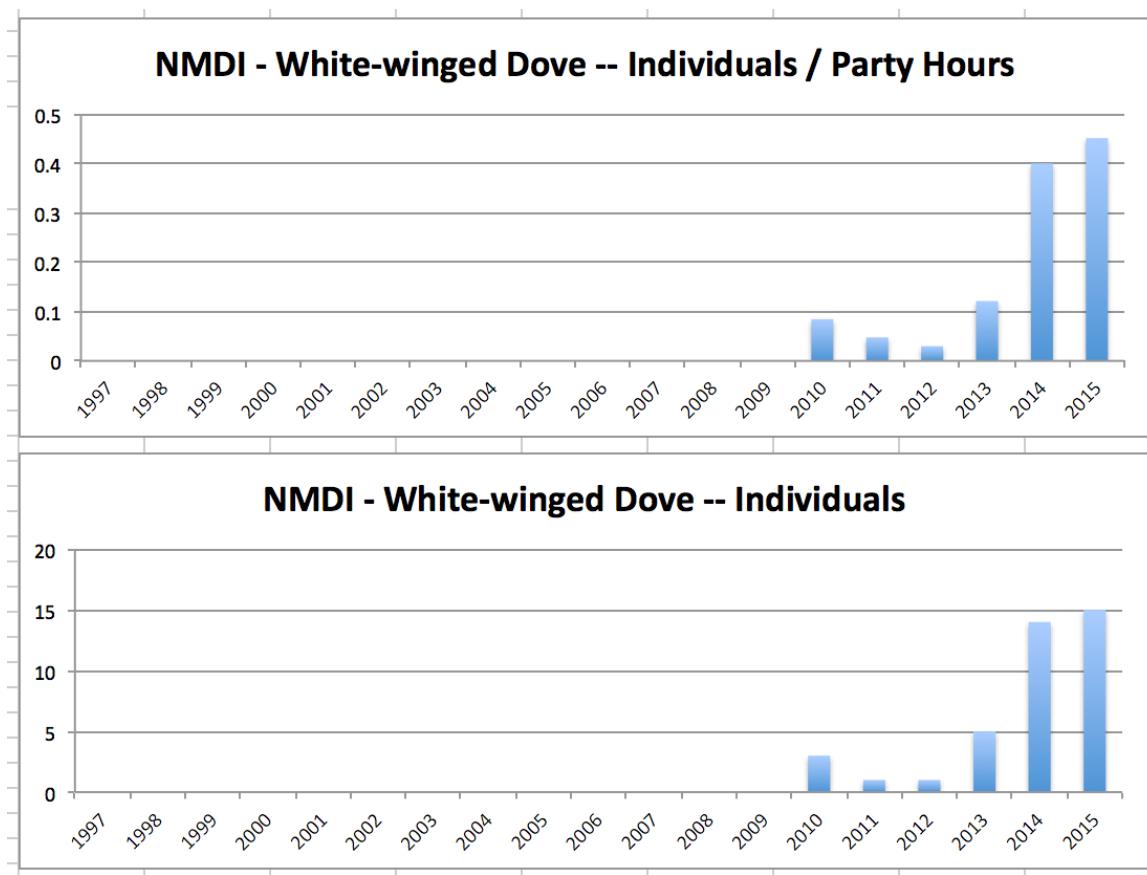
NMDI Occurrence:



### **White-winged Dove**

First of all, WWDO is observed in Dixon/Embudo/Riconada/Velarde on a regular and continuing basis. On count day, observed by 4 of 5 parties (Two on Rio Embudo 5+7)(Two on Rio Grande 2+1)(Total = 15). I was the leader of the party that counted the 5 individuals. They were in a single group moving back and forth across NM75 between two large Cottonwoods and the adjacent power lines. All individuals clearly showed the white edging on the front edge of the folded wing and wing patches when flying. We observed them for several minutes.

NMDI Occurrence:

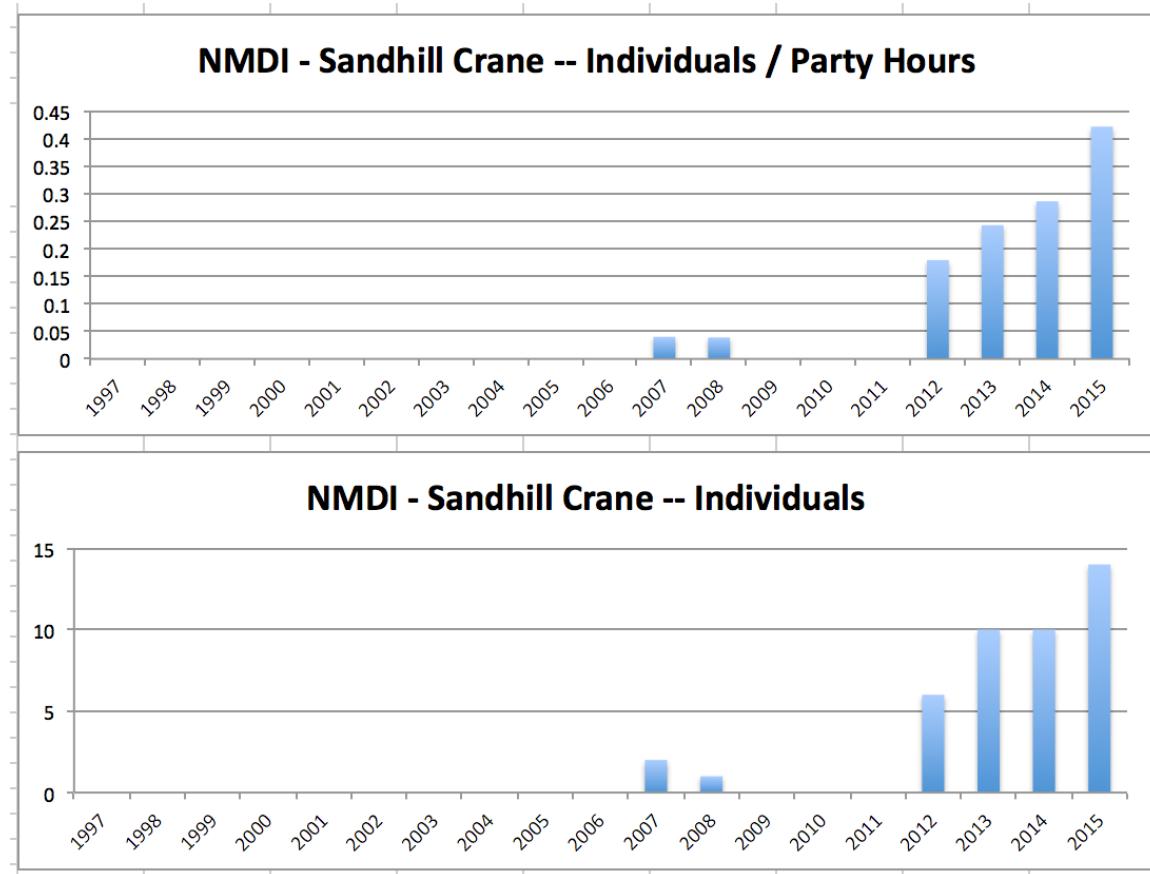


## **Sandhill Crane**

14 individuals observed in Velarde in and about farm field. Here is flight photo of four individuals from Tom Taylor:



NMDI Occurrence:



## **Bufflehead**

Observed by the same two groups on the Rio Grande that recorded the Ring-necked Ducks (Embudo = 24, Rinconada = 6). NMDI Occurrence:

