

## RGNC BIRD NOTES: October 2013

*Information about bird walks and birds at the Rio Grande Nature Center plus whatever strikes Lefty's fancy*

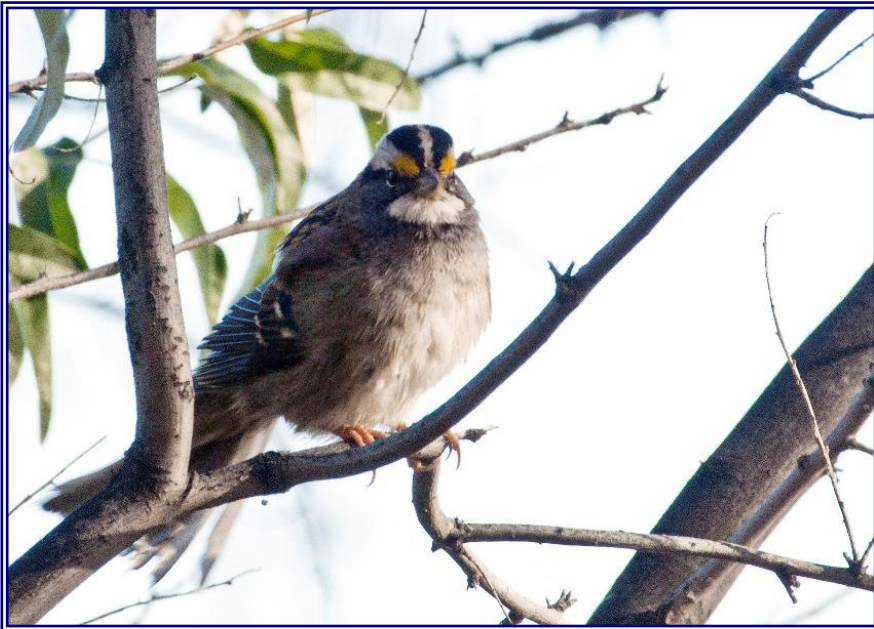
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### October adds four new species to the cumulative list

Bird walks at the Rio Grande Nature Center produced some interesting and enjoyable additions to the list that Lefty Arnold has been keeping since January 2011. These four newcomers (in taxonomic order) are:

- ☆ Steller's jay: Seen several times during October walks
- ☆ Black-billed magpie: Seen on a non-bird walk day
- ☆ Golden-crowned kinglet: Not all participants on the walk were able to see the bird but those who did were mighty excited
- ☆ Townsend's solitaire: Another higher elevation bird seen along the Rio Grande

### *Two species seen in October are new to the 2013 list*



They are the red-naped sapsucker and the white-throated sparrow. And here's another note about the October 2013 bird sightings: A total of 71 species were seen on the eight walks, the same number of bird species reported in October 2012.

**White-throated Sparrow: Photo by and courtesy of Lou Feltz**

## *A total of 15 species were seen on every October 2013 bird walk*

Here are the 15 “100 percenters” recorded during October 2013:

Canada goose	American coot	Ruby-crowned kinglet
Wood duck	White-winged dove	American robin
American wigeon	Downy woodpecker	Spotted towhee
Mallard	Northern flicker	White-crowned sparrow
Pied-billed grebe	White-breasted nuthatch	House finch

## *20 species were seen just once during the eight October 2013 bird walks*

They are (in taxonomic order):

Northern shoveler	Cassin’s kingbird	Townsend’s solitaire
Ruddy duck	Black-billed magpie	Gray catbird
Ring-necked pheasant	Common raven	European starling
Black-crowned night-heron	Violet-green swallow	Cedar waxwing
Osprey	Bushtit	Orange-crowned warbler
Killdeer	Brown creeper	Chipping sparrow
Ladder-backed woodpecker	Golden-crowned kinglet	