

Field Notes: February 2020

Short-eared Owl, Red-throated Loon, Sooty Shearwater, Palm Warbler

The weather for the month was drier and cooler than normal, especially the last half of the month. The very early migrants are starting to show up, but many more are on their way in the next couple months.

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), North Jetty of the Siuslaw River (NJSR)

WATERFOWL TO RAPTORS

Brant	Feb 2	Heceta Head	TJ,et al	An unusual location
Redhead (3)	Feb 8	Kirk Pond	SH	Earlier than normal
Ruddy Duck (lots!)	Feb 1	FRR	JF	Larger numbers than normal
Band-tailed Pigeon	Feb 16	Creswell area	TMo	An early returning bird
Anna's Hummingbird	Feb 20	College Hill area	Fide NC	Female building nest
Anna's Hummingbird	Feb 23	NW Eugene	Fide AC	Female on nest
Rufous Hummingbird	Feb 24	Westlake	M.ob.	First report from the coast
Rufous Hummingbird	Feb 25	Mt Pisgah area	FT	A few days later than normal
Sandhill Crane (30)	Feb 14	East Springfield	RR	First of many sightings
Black Oystercatcher (11)	Feb 6	Bob Creek	AC	Large number for the Lane coast
Semipalmated Plover (4)	Feb 14	FRR	JS,FT	Uncommon during winter in the valley
Surfbird (120)	Feb 2	Klootchman	TJ,et al	Large number for the Lane coast
Lesser Yellowlegs	Feb 17	Junction City area	BC	Rare in the valley during the winter
Ancient Murrelet	Feb 12	Florence area	SH,DP	Seen all along the northern Lane coast
Bonaparte's Gull	Feb 10	NJSR	SH	Rare during the winter
Glaucous Gull	Feb 15	Glenwood	JS	Rare in the valley
Red-throated Loon	Feb 1	Dexter Reservoir	TJ,et al	Rare away from the coast
Sooty Shearwater (2)	Feb 16	NJSR	DP	Rare in the winter
Osprey	Feb 6	FRR	EC	Very early sighting for this location
Northern Goshawk	Jan 31	Goshen area	JS,FT	Rare in the valley
Short-eared Owl	Feb 23	Eugene airport area	JS,TJ	Only report for the month
Prairie Falcon	Feb 7	FRR	EC	They winter in very small numbers

FLYCATCHERS TO WABLERS

Say's Phoebe	Feb 8	Oakridge	MLS	The first migrant outside of the valley
Vermilion Flycatcher	Feb	Alton Baker Park	M.ob.	Seen throughout the month
Tree Swallow	Feb 22	Oakridge	MLS	The first returning birds for the area
Violet-green Swallow (10)	Feb 23	Delta Ponds	PN	A couple days earlier than normal
Cliff Swallow (25)	Feb 18	Ada area	NT	A very early report
Townsend's Solitaire	Feb 16	Lowell area	SH	More seen than normal - early migrant?
Townsend's Solitaire	Feb 21	Skinner Butte	SH	More seen than normal - early migrant?
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Townsend's Solitaire	Feb 22	Wild Iris Ridge	EG	More seen than normal - early migrant?
American Pipit (150+)	Feb 16	FRR area	NB,RA	A large flock for midwinter
Chipping Sparrow	Feb 7	Springfield	SM	A rare winter sighting
Orange-crowned Warbler	Feb 3	Downtown Eug area	EC	More sightings than normal
Orange-crowned Warbler	Feb 7	Florence	DP	More sightings than normal
Orange-crowned Warbler	Feb 15	Churchill area	BD	More sightings than normal
Orange-crowned Warbler	Feb 15	River Rd area	LMa	More sightings than normal
Orange-crowned Warbler	Feb 19	Alton Baker Park	RR	More sightings than normal
Palm Warbler	Jan 10	Alton Baker Park	DR	Rare sighting away from the coast

AC Alan Contreras, BC Barbara Combs, BD Bishop Dean, DP Diane Petrey, DR Doug Robinson, EC Ellen Cantor, EG Eughan Gormley, FT Forest Tomlinson, JF Judy Franzen, JS John Sullivan, LMa Libbie Marshall, MLS Mary Lee Sayre, NB Neil Bjorkland, NC Nancy Clogston, NT Nikki Thomas, PN Peter Nelson, RA Ramiro Aragon, RR Roger Robb, SH Sally Hill, SM Sylvia Maulding, TJ Tye Jeske, TMo Tori Morgan. Fide references a sighting reported to the listed observer. M.ob. signifies many observers.