

Field Notes: February 2019

Black-legged Kittiwake, Mountain Bluebird, Red Crossbill, Tricolored Blackbird

The weather started out normal but ended with a “winter wonderland” of snow! Some of the early migrants have started to show up, but most are more than a month away.

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), South Eugene High School (SEHS)

WATERFOWL TO RAPTORS

Green-winged Teal (Common)	Feb 4	Stewart Pond	AC	Rare Eurasian subspecies
Long-tailed Duck	Feb 18	Siuslaw River	NS	Not normal in the river
Long-tailed Duck	Feb 24	Florence Oldtown	DF	Most likely the same bird moving with tides
Goldeneye sp. (19)	Feb 9	below Dexter dam	JS	Both species: Common & Barrow's
Eared Grebe (9)	Feb 12	Dexter Reservoir	NS	A large number for the valley
Band-tailed Pigeon	Feb 7	Florence area	AC	Rarely found during winter in Lane Co
Rufous Hummingbird	Feb 13	South Slough Rd	DP	A normal arrival date for the coast
Rufous Hummingbird	Feb 21	Eugene, south hills	RF	First report for the valley - right on time
Sandhill Crane	Feb 17	Stewart Pond area	MB	Heard overhead; normal time for N migration
Sandhill Crane (45)	Feb 17	North River Rd	MRu	Flying north; normal time for N migration
Semipalmated Plover	Feb 22	FRR - Royal Ave	JS	Winter in small numbers some years
Western Sandpiper	Feb 22	FRR - Royal Ave	JS	Rare in winter
Black-legged Kittiwake (photo)	Feb 15	Eugene - Chad Dr	NC	Rarely found away from the coast
Black-legged Kittiwake	Feb 21	Siltcoos River mouth	DF	Few reports this winter
Glaucous Gull	Feb 3	Glenwood	JS	Likely the same bird that's been in the area
Glaucous Gull	Feb 21	SEHS - Eugene	JG	Likely the same bird that's been in the area
Osprey	Feb 13	Clearwater Park	SM,et al.	First report from Eugene/Springfield area

WOODPECKERS TO GROSBEAKS

Say's Phoebe	Feb 19	River Bend hospital	JF	Normal time for their spring migration
Say's Phoebe	Feb 23	W 11th & Greenhill Rd	JL	Normal time for their spring migration
Swallow sp.	Feb 4	Delta Ponds	NC	Normal time for these to arrive
Sedge Wren	Feb	Waite Ranch	DF	Has been seen throughout the month
Mountain Bluebird	Feb 2	Cantrell Rd	AC,JG	Rarely found in the valley
Cedar Waxwing (21)	Feb 5	River Rd area	BC	Small numbers winter some years
Evening Grosbeak (2)	Feb 17	Eugene, College Hill	JA	Very few reports this winter
Red Crossbill (3)	Feb 8	Grimes Rd area	SH	Rare this winter
Tricolored Blackbird	Feb 3	Crow Rd	SH	Rare; in with large blackbird flock
Orange-crowned Warbler	Feb 15	West Lawn Cemetery	NS	It's been in the area since mid-Dec
Orange-crowned Warbler	Feb	Eugene/Springfield	M.ob.	Three other reports of wintering birds
Palm Warbler	Feb 2	West Lake Co Park	DF	Seen throughout the month

AC Alan Contreras, BC Barbara Combs, DF Daniel Farrar, DP Diane Pettey, JA Jacqueline Albert, JS John Sullivan, JG Joshua Galpern, JL Joshua Little, JF Judy Franzen, MRu Mark Rudolph, MB Matt Benotsch, NC Nancy Clogston, NS Noah Strycker, RF Rachael Friese, SH Sally Hill, SM Sylvia Maulding. Fide references a sighting reported to the listed observer. M.ob. signifies many observers.