

## Field Notes: February 2013

• **Band-tailed Pigeon**

• **Palm Warbler**

• **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker**

• **Horned Puffin**

The weather seemed drier and warmer than normal for the month, but we did have another period of persistent fog. Interesting reports for the month included the second winter Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, two different warblers—Palm and Hermit—and about the tenth Horned Puffin record for the county. The Horned Puffin was observed on the beach and swam away once it was coaxed back into the ocean. Some of the earlier migrants are arriving or migrating through. More migrants will be arriving next month, and a number of our wintering species will be leaving for their breeding areas to the north.

### Abbreviations:

Fern Ridge Reservoir (**FRR**), many observers (**m.ob.**), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (**SJSR**).

## WATERBIRDS

<b>Ross's Goose</b>	Feb 15	Leaburg Lake area	TB	Individuals are found in large flocks of Cackling Geese.
<b>Cinnamon Teal</b> (2)	Feb 9	FRR – Royal Ave	TMe	About a month earlier than normal, but they do winter some years.
<b>Common Goldeneye</b> (5)	Feb 13	Will Rvr/Springfield	NS	Not a normal location for this species.
<b>Common Goldeneye</b> (6)	Feb 14	Greenway Bridge	TMe	Not the same birds as seen Feb 13 – this group contained two males with four females and the other group were all female.
<b>Barrow's Goldeneye</b> (2)	Feb 13	Will Rvr/Springfield	LM	Not a normal location for this species.
<b>Long-tailed Duck</b>	Feb 2	Strawberry Hill SW	NS	Small numbers along the coast most winters.
<b>Ruddy Duck</b> (400)	Feb 15	FRR – Royal Ave	RR	A large number in Lane Co.
<b>Pacific Loon</b>	Feb 4	Ayres Lake	JP	A species not commonly found inland in Lane County.
<b>Great Blue Heron</b>	Feb 10	Delta Ponds	BN, PB	Starting to hang around last year's nests.
<b>Green Heron</b>	Feb 2	Row River Nat Pk	A&TM	Small numbers during the winter in the valley.

## HAWKS to OWLS

<b>Osprey</b>	Feb 8	Alton Baker Park	PB	A normal wintering location.
<b>Bald Eagle</b> (29)	Feb 1	FRR to Junction City	JS,BAM	A record number for this raptor route.
<b>Northern Harrier</b> (16)	Feb 9	FRR – Royal Ave	TMe	A large number except at roost.
<b>Red-shouldered Hawk</b> (9)	Feb 1	FRR to Junction City	JS,BAM	A record number for this raptor route.
<b>Sandhill Crane</b>	Feb 17	Eugene, Creswell	m.ob.	Right on schedule – many flocks reported.
<b>Lesser Yellowlegs</b>	Feb 2	EWEB @ Roosevelt	NS	A rare wintering bird in Oregon.
<b>Western Sandpiper</b>	Feb 15	FRR – Royal Ave	RR	A rare wintering bird in Lane Co.
<b>Glaucous Gull</b>	Feb 2	Bob Creek	NS	Small numbers along the coast most winters.
<b>Horned Puffin</b>	Feb 17	SJSR beach	GG,CP	About the tenth record for Lane Co.
<b>Band-tailed Pigeon</b>	Feb 15	McKenzie View Rd	JSo	About a month earlier than normal.
<b>Short-eared Owl</b> (2)	Feb 2	Meadowlark Prairie	NS	A normal wintering location.

## HUMMINGBIRDS to FINCHES

<b>Rufous Hummingbird</b>	Feb 18	SE Eugene	DG	A few days earlier than normal.
<b>Rufous Hummingbird</b>	Feb 21	Florence area	DP	First report for the area.
<b>Yellow-bellied Sapsucker</b>	Feb 2	N River Road	LMI	Sixth record for Lane Co. & 2nd this winter.
<b>Northern Shrike</b>	Feb 12	Lily Lake	AC	Still being found.
<b>Tree Swallow</b> (20)	Feb 3	FRR – Royal Ave	DH	Right on schedule for normal arrival date.
<b>Western Bluebird</b> (22)	Feb 20	EWEB – Roosevelt	TMe	A large flock for Lane Co.
<b>Northern Mockingbird</b>	Feb 1	Lancaster	JS,BAM	A second winter bird in the county.
<b>Townsend's Warbler</b> (14)	Feb 9	SE Eugene	DG	A large flock for a feeder.
<b>Hermit Warbler</b>	Feb 17	U of O area	LM	Very rare in winter, but reports have been
<b>Hermit Warbler</b>	Feb 18	Creswell	NS	increasing in the last few years.
<b>Palm Warbler</b>	Feb 8	EWEB – Roosevelt	QF	About the sixth record for inland Lane Co.
<b>Palm Warbler</b>	Feb 19	Golden Gardens Park	SH	About the seventh record for inland Lane Co.
<b>Chipping Sparrow</b>	Feb 16	River Rd area	BC	Still being seen.

<b>Fox Sparrow</b> – red subspecies	Feb 4	Mt. Pisgah	DS	Rarely found in Oregon.
<b>Swamp Sparrow</b>	Feb	FRR – Royal Ave	m.ob.	Seen throughout the month.
<b>Yellow-headed Blackbird</b>	Feb 17	FRR – Royal Ave	BC	The earliest date ever by over a month!
<b>Cassin's Finch</b> (5)	Feb 2	S of Eugene	DL,MS	Rare in the valley at any season.

**PB** Peg Boulay, **TB** Toni Brown, **BC** Barbara Combs, **AC** Alan Contreras, **QF** Quentin Furrow, **DG** Dan Gleason, **GG** George Grier, **DH** David Hausam, **SH** Sally Hill, **DL** Dick Lamster, **LMI** Libbie Marshall, **BAM** Barry McKenzie, **LM** Larry McQueen, **TMe** Thomas Meinzen, **A&TM** Allison & Tom Mickel, **BN** Bruce Newhouse, **JP** Jone Palmquist, **CP** Cynthia Pappas, **DP** Diane Pettey, **RR** Roger Robb, **JSo** Jim Salerno, **DS** Don Schrouder, **MS** Maeve Sowles, **NS** Noah Strycker, **JS** John Sullivan.