

## Field Notes August 2015

August was another warm, dry month, except for a little precipitation the last few days, but we were grateful for any rain we could get! The dry conditions seemed to have changed some species' postbreeding dispersal patterns (Franklin's Gull and Long-billed Curlew, for example). Some of the Arctic breeders appear to be migrating south earlier than normal (Sabine's Gull, Herring Gull, and "peeps," for example). Migration is in full swing, so now's the time to get out and enjoy it!

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), North Jetty of the Siuslaw River (NJSR), Oregon Bird Records Committee (OBRC), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (SJSR)

### **WATERBIRDS**

<b>Red-breasted Merganser</b>	Aug 11	Sea Lion Caves	SM	An early fall report
<b>Red-necked Grebe</b>	Aug 21	Brays Point	AC, JL	An early fall report
<b>Flesh-footed Shearwater</b>	Aug 9	45 mi off coast	PL, BR	Very few records for the county
<b>Black-crowned Night-Heron (3)</b>	Aug 22	FRR - Royal Ave	JL	A normal time for their appearance

### **"CHICKENS" to AUKS**

<b>Mountain Quail</b>	Aug 27	Masonic Cemetery	BN	Repeatedly calling
<b>Sandhill Crane</b>	Aug 19	FRR - Royal Ave.	LM, et al.	Very rare time of year for the valley
<b>American Golden-Plover</b>	Aug 30	SJSR	RR, DA	Found most years in small numbers
<b>Pacific Golden-Plover</b>	Aug 7	SJSR - Crab Pier/Dock	DP	Found most years in small numbers
<b>Pacific Golden-Plover</b>	Aug 19	SJSR - Crab Pier/Dock	LG	Same bird as above?
<b>American Avocet</b>	Aug 17	FRR - Royal Ave.	BG	Found in small numbers in the fall
<b>Wandering Tattler (2)</b>	Aug 9	SJSR	SB	First report for the fall migration
<b>Long-billed Curlew (3)</b>	Aug	FRR & coast (2)	m.ob.	More reports than normal
<b>Marbled Godwit (7)</b>	Aug 18	SJSR - Crab Pier/Dock	LG	A normal migrant along coast
<b>Ruddy Turnstone</b>	Aug 30	Heceta Beach	RR, DA	Found most years in small numbers
<b>Black Turnstone (2)</b>	Aug 11	Sutton Beach	DF	The first report for the winter
<b>Surfbird (3)</b>	Aug 19	SJSR - Crab Pier/Dock	LG	The first report for the winter
<b>Red Knot</b>	Aug 17	NJSR mudflats	SH	Seen in small numbers during migration
<b>Semipalmated Sandpiper</b>	Aug	FRR & coast	m.ob.	Higher than normal numbers
<b>Pectoral Sandpiper (5)</b>	Aug 5	FRR - Royal Ave.	LM, et al.	The first report for the fall migration
<b>Red-necked Phalarope</b>	Aug 3	FRR - Royal Ave.	SH	The first report for the fall migration
<b>Sabine's Gull</b>	Aug 7	FRR	JL	About three weeks earlier than normal
<b>Franklin's Gull</b>	Aug 5	FRR- Royal Ave.	LM, et al.	Same bird as June/July?
<b>Herring Gull</b>	Aug 23	Heceta Beach	A&CH	Earlier than normal

<b>Elegant Tern</b>	Aug	along coast	m.ob.	Fluctuating numbers throughout month
<b>Black Tern</b>	Aug 16	FRR - Royal Ave	SR, DB	The last report for the nesting season
<b>Common Tern</b>	Aug 8	FRR - Shore Ln	JS	Normal in small numbers in the fall
<b>Arctic Tern</b>	Aug 23	Heceta Beach	A&CH	Rarely found on the beach
<b>Long-billed Murrelet</b>	Aug 23	NJSR	NB	A first Lane Co record if approved by OBRC

## **PASSERINES**

<b>Western Kingbird</b>	Aug 22	FRR - E Coyote	JL	The last report for the nesting season
<b>American Pipit</b>	Aug 21	SJSR - Crab Pier/Dock	AC, JL	First report for the fall
<b>Brewer's Sparrow (3)</b>	Aug 12	FRR - Royal Ave	TMe, et al.	Found at this location in small numbers during fall migration

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