

Field Notes February 2017

Brambling, Great Gray Owl, Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs

The weather was about normal except for the dusting of snow in the valley at the end of the month. Bird-wise it was a pretty normal February, with the early migrants starting to show up. More early migrants should start appearing during March.

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

WATERBIRDS

Cinnamon Teal (2).....	Feb 11	Junction City area	SH.....	A month early; they occasionally winter
Black Scoter (6)	Feb 10	Tokatee Klootchman	JL,JS	Always a good place for this species
Long-tailed Duck	Feb 1	NJSR.....	CC,GE.....	Normally one winters at this location
Clark's Grebe (10+).....	Feb 10	Siltcoos Lake.....	JL,JS	Mixed in with large numbers of Westerns
Green Heron	Feb 14	Row River Nature Park.....	SK	They normally winter at this location

HAWKS TO GULLS

Sandhill Crane (25).....	Feb 17	FRR - Royal Ave	LK.....	Right on time, but west of normal route
Sandhill Crane (22).....	Feb 22	Springfield	TR.....	Right on time
Sandhill Crane (100).....	Feb 25	E Springfield.....	DB	Right on time
Greater Yellowlegs (70).....	Feb 11	Junction City area	SH.....	A very high number for one location
Lesser Yellowlegs (6)	Feb 11	Junction City area	SH.....	Rare in winter, so an amazing number
Pigeon Guillemot	Feb 28	SJSR	DS.....	First report for the breeding season

PIGEONS TO FINCHES

Great Gray Owl	Feb 12	Jasper area.....	fide BN	One was in the area last winter
Rufous Hummingbird	Feb 2	Siltcoos Lake.....	fide DL.....	Earliest in 20 years at this location
Northern Shrike	Feb 10	SJSR deflation plain	JL,JS	A normal wintering location
Northern Shrike	Feb	Marcola Rd & 31 St	DA	Seen off & on most of the month
Tree Swallow	Feb 13	Oakridge.....	MLS.....	First spring report for

Violet-green Swallow (3)	Feb 18	Lone Pine Dr.....	JS.....	the area About a week earlier than normal
Barn Swallow (5)	Feb 25	FRR - Royal Ave	E&WG,ID	Right on time
Orange-crowned Warbler	Feb 18	EWEB - Roosevelt	VT.....	They winter in small numbers
Orange-crowned Warbler	Feb 18	SW Eugene.....	PS.....	They winter in small numbers
Harris's Sparrow	Feb 8	Bond Rd.....	CA.....	Last report for this species
Brambling	Feb	Sutton Lake area.....	m.ob.....	It was seen throughout the month

BN Bruce Newhouse, **CA** Cindy Armstrong, **CC** Carol Carver, **DA** Donna Albino, **DB** Deanna Badenoch, **DL** Dick Lamster, **DS** Douglas Stotz, **E&WG** Emma & Wendy Gregory, **GE** George Exum, **ID** Isaac Denzer, **JL** Joshua Little, **JS** John Sullivan, **LK** Lucas Knutter, **MLS** Mary Lee Sayre, **m.ob.** many observers, **PS** Pam Sheridan, **SH** Sally Hill, **SK** Steve Kaiserman, **TR** Tim Rodenkirk, **VT** Vjera Thompson. **Fide** indicates a sighting reported by the listed observer.