

- **Nighthawk**
- **Green-winged Teal (Common)**
- **Barn Swallow**
- **Barrow's Goldeneye**

January was another dry, cool month with lots of fog, which may have contributed to the lack of reports for the month! No one wanted to go out into the cold fog to look for birds, or if they did, they couldn't find any because of it.

The nighthawk report is very interesting, given that this group of birds normally winters south of the US, but the description sounds correct. Barn Swallow reports during the winter have occurred sporadically over the last five or so years. One theory is that they breed in southern South America and are migrating north for the winter, but continue flying too far north.

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

## **WATERBIRDS**

|                            |        |                     |      |   |
|----------------------------|--------|---------------------|------|---|
| Eurasian Wigeon            | Jan 12 | Kirk Pond           | BC   | Only report for the month               |
| Cinnamon Teal (2)          | Jan 6  | Cottage Grove area  | LFr  | A second location for this winter       |
| Green-winged Teal (Common) | Jan 9  | Stewart Pond        | AP   | The rare Eurasian subspecies            |
| Canvasback                 | Jan 20 | Delta Ponds         | A&TM | May be a bird from the N Delta Rd pond? |
| Common Goldeneye           | Jan 4  | Willamette River    | TMe  | An unusual location for this species    |
| Barrow's Goldeneye (20)    | Jan 25 | McKenzie River      | BP   | Only seen one day at Greenwood Dr       |
| Hooded Merganser (12)      | Jan 28 | Leaburg Lake        | BP   | Always a good area for this species     |
| Eared Grebe                | Jan 12 | Florence – Old Town | AC   | An area where they winter occasionally  |

## **VULTURES to FALCONS**

|                         |        |                 |            |   |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------------|------------|---|
| Turkey Vulture          | Jan 23 | Sutton Lake     | SB         | Not a normal wintering species on the coast |
| Turkey Vulture (5)      | Jan 24 | Clear Lake Rd   | LF         | A normal number for winter in the area      |
| Northern Harrier        | Jan 23 | FRR – Royal Ave | AC         | Higher numbers of males than usual          |
| Golden Eagle            | Jan 18 | Coburg area     | BC         | Unusual in the valley                       |
| Merlin                  | Jan 21 | Alvadore        | OH, et al. | Normally around in small numbers            |
| Great Horned Owl (pair) | Jan 15 | Mt. Pisgah      | DA, et al. | Being harassed by a Red-tailed Hawk         |

## **WOODPECKERS to FINCHES**

|                      |        |                   |            |   |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------|------------|---|
| Nighthawk species    | Jan 4  | Mt. Pisgah        | JK         | A very rare winter report of a nighthawk (long, pointed wings with white stripe) flushing from the ground during the day! |
| Tree Swallow (3)     | Jan 6  | FRR – Royal Ave   | KL, DA     | A very early return for this early migrant  |
| Tree Swallow (30)    | Jan 20 | FRR – Royal Ave   | AJ         | A very early return for this early migrant  |
| Tree Swallow (20)    | Jan 23 | FRR – Royal Ave   | AC         | A very early return for this early migrant  |
| Barn Swallow (4)     | Jan 1  | SJSR              | DP         | Another mid-winter record   |
| Northern Mockingbird | Jan 21 | Alvadore          | OH, et al. | Still being seen in its holly tree  |
| Western Tanager      | Jan 11 | River Rd area     | BC         | Returned to her feeder  |
| Evening Grosbeak     | Jan 24 | South Eugene area | LMA        | Very few have been reported this winter   |

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