

Field Notes: June–July 2015

- o Solitary Sandpiper
- o Black Scoter
- o Plegadis Ibis
- o Franklin's Gull
- o Chimney Swift
- o Chestnut-sided Warbler

The season was unusually hot and dry, setting a number of record high temperatures and almost setting a record for the highest number of days without rain for June! The drought conditions seemed to force a number of species (Franklin's Gull, Forster's Tern, and American White Pelican, for example) that would normally breed in the Great Basin or California to places like Fern Ridge Reservoir. Several Arctic breeders, such as geese and scoters, also summered in the area. And, as usual, local birders found a few completely lost individuals—Least Flycatcher and Chestnut-sided Warbler, for example.

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

Greater White-fronted Goose	June 2	FRR—Royal Ave	JS	Seen throughout the season—Injured?
Cackling Goose	June 8	FRR—Royal Ave	AC	Seen throughout the season—Injured?
Brant (7)	July 8	NJSR beach	DP, KS	Summering birds
White-winged Scoter (195)	July 23	Lily Lake overlook	JB	A very larger number for the breeding season
Black Scoter	July 11	Siuslaw River	AC et al.	Rarely found during the summer
Red-necked Grebe	July 11	Siuslaw River	AC et al.	Summering?
Great Egret (8)	June 2	FRR—Royal Ave	JS	Given the number—are they breeding locally?
Snowy Egret	June 7	FRR—Royal Ave	SH	The second breeding season record for Lane
Plegadis Ibis	July 22	Beltline Rd	AC	A rare summer record

VULTURES to AUKS

Turkey Vulture (50)	July 21	Eugene	fide RA	A kettle headed south
White-tailed Kite (2)	July 22	Delta Ponds	SM	An unusual location
Black-bellied Plover (11)	July 13	FRR	SH	A nonbreeding flock?
Snowy Plover	July 8	Heceta Beach	DP, KS	Not a known breeding location
Semipalmated Plover	July 1	FRR—Royal Ave	JS	Failed breeder headed south?
American Avocet	June 2	FRR—Royal Ave	JS	On nest, but no reports of young
Solitary Sandpiper	July 24	FRR	J&TL	An unusual summer/fall report
Wandering Tattler	July 5	SJSR	JB	The first report for the fall migration
Greater Yellowlegs (18)	June 27	FRR—Royal Ave	JS	A nonbreeding flock?
Greater Yellowlegs (92)	July 1	FRR—Royal Ave	JS	A very large number for this time of year
Lesser Yellowlegs	July 1	FRR—Royal Ave	JS	The first report for the fall migration
Whimbrel	July 1	FRR—Royal Ave	JS	An earlier than normal report
Long-billed Curlew	June 7	FRR	JS	A non- or failed breeder?
Marbled Godwit (2)	June 20	Siltcoos River mouth	BC&KW	An unusual midsummer record
Marbled Godwit	July 24	SJSR	J&TL	Postbreeding southward migrant?
Black Turnstone	July 18	SJSR	MB	The first report for the fall migration

Surfbird	July 11	Siltcoos River mouth	LB	The first report for the fall migration
Sanderling	July 8	Heceta Beach	DP, KS	The first report for the fall migration
Semipalmated Sandpiper (2)	July 3	FRR—Royal Ave	OH et al.	A normal time for this species
Semipalmated Sandpiper (6)	July 4	FRR—Royal Ave	JS, SH	A much higher number than normal
Western Sandpiper (2)	June 27	FRR—Royal Ave	JS	The first report for the fall migration
Western Sandpiper (2200)	July 4	FRR—Royal Ave	JS	A much higher number than normal
Least Sandpiper (10)	June 27	FRR—Royal Ave	JS	The first report for the fall migration
Baird's Sandpiper	July 26	FRR	JH	The first report for the fall migration
Short-billed Dowitcher (8)	July 11	FRR	MK	The first report for the fall migration
Long-billed Dowitcher (2)	July 1	FRR—Royal Ave	JS	The first report for the fall migration
Wilson's Phalarope (10)	June 27	FRR—Royal Ave	JS	Did they nest here this year?
Red-necked Phalarope	July 1	FRR—Royal Ave	JS	The first report for the fall migration
Bonaparte's Gull	June 10	FRR—Royal Ave	SH	A summering bird?
Bonaparte's Gull (8)	June 19	FRR—Royal Ave	JS	A nonbreeding flock?
Franklin's Gull	June 10	FRR—Royal Ave	SH	Rare for the county—seen throughout season
Heerman's Gull	July 8	Siuslaw River mouth	DP, KS	The first postbreeding report
Mew Gull	July 1	FRR—Royal Ave	JS	A nonbreeding bird?
Herring Gull	June 2	FRR—Royal Ave	JS	A very late report
Common Tern	July 14	FRR—Royal Ave	JS	A normal time for them to arrive
Forster's Tern (2)	June 8	FRR—Royal Ave	SM	Around for the season but no nesting
Parasitic Jaeger	July 22	Siltcoos River mouth	JB	Following terns & gulls south
Cassin's Auklet	July 11	Siuslaw River mouth	AC et al.	Found in small numbers during the summer
Rhinoceros Auklet (35)	July 11	Siuslaw River mouth	AC et al.	Slightly higher numbers than normal
Tufted Puffin	July 24	Strawberry Hill	JR	An unusual location

GOATSUCKERS to FINCHES

Common Nighthawk	June 7	SW Eugene	AC	The first report for the breeding season
Black Swift	June 3	Snyder Road	BC	Migrating to the breeding grounds?
Black Swift (2)	June 23	Florence	SB	Late migrants?
Chimney Swift (2)	July 24	Craig Lake	SH	The 3rd Lane record if accepted by the OBRC
Lewis's Woodpecker	July 18	Clearwater Park	JM	A rare breeding season record
Least Flycatcher	June 11	FRR—Coyote Ck	LF	Singing—same area as last year
Ash-throated Flycatcher	mid-July	Eugene area	fide BG	Photos with nesting material!
Red-eyed Vireo	June 10	Dorris Ranch	DS	The first report for the breeding season
Red-eyed Vireo	June 22	Walterville	VB	A new area for this species
Horned Lark	June/July	FRR to Junction City	m.ob.	Higher numbers than normal
Violet-green Swallow	July 22	Eugene/Springfield	VT	Leaving the breeding areas
Bank Swallow	July 17	Kirk Pond	BC	A normal time for them to arrive
Bank Swallow	July 23	FRR	SH	A normal time for them to arrive
Rock Wren	June 4	Mt. Pisgah	RF	A rare "overshoot" in the spring
Rock Wren	July 9	Horsepasture Mtn	LG	A breeding location?
Rock Wren (5)	July 20	Old McKenzie Pass	JL	A family group
American Pipit	July 23	SJSR	JB	A normal time for their arrival
Chestnut-sided Warbler	June 23	Clearwater Park	DS	Only the 3rd record for Lane Co

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

June 4

Creswell

NS

A normal time for this rare migrant

AC Alan Contreras, **BC** Barbara Combs, **BG** Barbara Gleason, **DP** Diane Pettey, **DS** Don Schrouder, **J&TL** Joshua & Terry Little, **JB** Jeffrey Bolsinger, **JH** Jim Hardman, **JM** Jim Maloney, **JR** Jennifer Rothe, **JS** John Sullivan, **KS** Kate Shapiro, **KW** Kai Williams, **LB** Lucas Bobay, **LF** Luke Ferrenburg, **LG** Linda Gilbert, **m.ob.** many observers, **MB** Mike Buccieri, **MK** Mark Kelley, **NS** Noah Strycker, **OH** Oscar Harper, **RA** Rich Adney, **RF** Rachael Friese, **SB** Sean Burns, **SH** Sally Hill, **SM** Sylvia Maulding, **VB** Vickie Buck, **VT** Vjera Thompson. **Fide** indicates a sighting that was reported to the listed observer.