

Field Notes: March 2015

- o Red-naped Sapsucker
- o Palm Warbler
- o Tundra Swan
- o Northern Shrike

The month was a mixed bag, as is usual for March. With the warmer and dryer weather, a number of migrant species showed up earlier than normal. With the really early ones (i.e., Sora, House Wren, Black-headed Grosbeak), you have to wonder whether they wintered locally.

Abbreviation: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR)

WATERBIRDS

Trumpeter Swan (14)	Feb 13	Eugene airport area	SH	Also reported in early March
Tundra Swan (300-600)	Mar 2	Eugene airport area	A&DH	A large number for Lane Co
Cinnamon Teal	Mar 11	FRR - Royal Ave	SH	A few days later than normal
Green-winged Teal (Common)	Mar 8	Swallow Pond	TMe	Found almost annually
Canvasback	Mar 21	FRR - Royal Ave	VB	Earlier than normal
Redhead (4)	Mar 22	Kirk Pond	BC	Earlier than normal
Virginia Rail	Mar	FRR area	m.ob.	They became quite vocal
Sora	Mar 13	FRR	DSt	About a month earlier than normal
Black-bellied Plover (27)	Mar 22	FRR - Royal Ave	A&TM	A normal wintering location
Semipalmated Plover	Mar 8	Meadowlark Prairie	RR	Earlier than normal migrant
Black-necked Stilt (3)	Mar 30	FRR - Fisher Butte	SM	Over two weeks earlier than normal
Western Sandpiper (3)	Mar 8	Meadowlark Prairie	RR	Small numbers have wintered this year

HAWKS & OWLS

Turkey Vulture (12)	Mar 5	Eugene	SMc	Headed north over town
White-tailed Kite	Mar 21	FRR - Royal Ave	VB, BC	Very few seen this winter
Bald Eagle (10)	Mar 29	Crow area	GC	A large number soaring in one place
Rough-legged Hawk	Mar 13	Alvadore Rd	SM	Last report for the winter
Snowy Owl	Feb 22	FRR - Royal Ave	A&GB	The last reported date for the owl
Merlin (2)	Mar 25	FRR - Royal Ave	DA et al.	Uncommon to find two together

WOODPECKERS to FINCHES

Red-naped Sapsucker	Mar 8	River Road area	TMe	Rarely found in the valley
Black Phoebe (singing)	Mar 10	Springfield	VT	Numbers are increasing again
Say's Phoebe	Mar 15	Maxwell/Prairie Rds	VT	Around a week later than normal
Say's Phoebe	Mar 25	Oakridge	MLS	Annual early spring migrant
Northern Shrike	Mar 11	Meadowlark Prairie	BC	Still at its wintering site
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Mar 19	Lane Co fairgrounds	SN	A couple weeks earlier than normal
Cliff Swallow	Mar 17	FRR - Royal Ave	SH	About a week earlier than normal
House Wren	Mar 28	SE Eugene	JG	About a month earlier than normal
Cedar Waxwing (15)	Mar 27	Lane Co fairgrounds	SN	Seems earlier than normal
Orange-crowned Warbler	Mar 19	North Eugene	BG	Right on time
Common Yellowthroat	Mar 22	FRR - E Coyote	SH	About a week earlier than normal
Palm Warbler	Mar 7	FRR - Royal Ave	JM	Rarely found away from the coast
Chipping Sparrow (2)	Mar 28	North Eugene	TMe	A few days earlier than normal
Vesper Sparrow	Mar 26	FRR - E Coyote	SH	About two weeks earlier than normal
Lark Sparrow	Mar 9	North Eugene	DS	Still in area
Swamp Sparrow	Mar 5	Waite Pasture	AC	Still at its wintering site
Swamp Sparrow	Mar 27	FRR - E Coyote	SH	Still at its wintering site

Black-headed Grosbeak	Mar 23	Willow Ck area	BB	About a month earlier than normal
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Mar 28	FRR - Perkins Penn.	BC	A few days earlier than normal
Brown-headed Cowbird	Mar 10	Junction City area	BC	About a month earlier than normal
Pine Grosbeak (possible)	Mar 4	Cloverpatch Butte	LG	This has been a very good year for them in the
Pine Grosbeak	Mar 7	Gold Lake	A&TM	Oregon Cascades, with many reports

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