

Field Notes: November–December 2013

• **Tundra Swan**
• **Palm Warbler**

• **Black-crowned Night-Heron**
• **Hooded Merganser**

The November–December period was very dry (second driest December on record) and cold (record-setting lows in early December). The bird numbers and species seemed to be about normal for this time of year, with a few exceptions listed below. It will be interesting to analyze the CBC numbers to see what effect the cold snap had on birds in the area.

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

WATERBIRDS

Snow Goose (5)	Nov 27	FRR area	BN	They winter in small numbers
Tundra Swan (8)	Oct 29	Waldo Lake	PY	Rare sighting from the high Cascades
Blue-winged Teal (2)	Nov 21	Delta Ponds	CT	A rare winter report
Cinnamon Teal	Nov 6	Delta Ponds	LM, et al.	Wintering for the third year
Canvasback	Nov 2	N Delta Rd pond	TMe	Good numbers found this year
Canvasback	Nov 4	Walterville Pond	BC	Good numbers found this year
Canvasback (5)	Nov 16	N Delta Rd pond	TMe	Good numbers found this year
Redhead	Nov 16	N Delta Rd pond	TMe	Found in small numbers most winters
Long-tailed Duck (4)	Dec 14	Florence CBC	JS, TM, TMe	A large number for Lane Co
Common Goldeneye (3)	Dec 18	Delta Ponds	JR	Not normally found “in town”
Barrow’s Goldeneye (19)	Nov 1	Waldo Lake	A&TM	Still on the breeding grounds
Hooded Merganser (2)	Nov 8	McKenzie River	BP	A pair on river
Eared Grebe (2)	Nov 5	NJSR	DH	Seen throughout period
Eared Grebe (3)	Nov 16	FRR—Orchard Pt	NS	Being found more often than in the past
Northern Fulmar	Nov 16	Strawberry Hill	JW	Not commonly seen from shore
American White Pelican (14)	Nov 16	FRR—Orchard Pt	NS	Getting late for them
Green Heron	Nov 23	Delta Ponds	JSi	They winter in small numbers
Green Heron	Nov 28	Barger & Delta Hwy	E&VT	They winter in small numbers
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Nov 30	Royal Ave & Terry St	AC	Rarely found in winter except at day roosts
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Dec 11	Delta Ponds	DS, et al.	Rarely found in winter except at day roosts

VULTURES to FALCONS

Turkey Vulture	Dec 7	Delta Ponds	JC	An unusual location
White-tailed Kite (4)	Nov 10	FRR—Royal Ave	TMe	Returning for the winter
Bald Eagle (6)	Nov 1	Waldo Lake	A&TM	Feeding on spawning kokanee
Virginia Rail	Nov 29	FRR—Royal Ave	PB	Normally only heard, not seen
Sora	Dec 14	Florence CBC	E&VT	Found most years in the area
Sandhill Crane (42)	Nov 10	Creswell area	NS	A normal time for their migration
Killdeer (75+)	Dec 6	SJSR	DP	Common for them to move out of the valley during cold weather
Red Phalarope (5)	Nov 30	NJSR	AC	Getting late for this species
Bonaparte’s Gull (5)	Nov 16	FRR—Orchard Pt	NS	Normally found when water is released
Heermann’s Gull	Nov 4	Walterville Pond	BC	A very rare inland record
Barred Owl	Nov 7	Garden Way—U of O	fide BN	Becoming more common around town
Barred Owl	Nov 15	central Eugene	fide EC	Becoming more common around town
Peregrine Falcon (3-6)	Dec 14	Florence CBC	TM, TMe	Large numbers for Lane Co

WOODPECKERS to FINCHES

Lewis’s Woodpecker	Nov 10	FRR—Royal Ave	TMe	Same bird as reported last month?
Northern Shrike (2)	Nov 10	Meadowlark Prairie	TMe	Rare to see two birds interacting
Northern Shrike	Nov 20	Cantrell Rd	AP, BH	A normal area for them to winter

Northern Shrike	Dec 4	FRR—Royal Ave	EC	A normal area for them to winter
Tree Swallow	Nov 21	FRR—Royal Ave	SG	Rare during the winter
Swallow species (2)	Dec 4	Dexter reservoir	VB	Rare during the winter
Western Bluebird (20)	Nov 29	FRR—Royal Ave	BN, PB, NB	A large number
American Pipit (30+)	Dec 6	SJSR	DP	Moving out of the valley during cold weather
Orange-crowned Warbler	Nov 11	W Eugene	fide AP	Normally winter in small numbers
Orange-crowned Warbler	Nov 13	central Eugene	EC	Normally winter in small numbers
Orange-crowned Warbler	Dec 25	Delta Ponds	JC, AC	At least a couple survived the cold and snow
Orange-crowned Warbler	Dec 25	Alton Baker Park	JH	At least a couple survived the cold and snow
Palm Warbler (2)	Dec 14	Florence CBC	TM, HH	Unusual in Lane Co
Clay-colored Sparrow	Nov 11	W Eugene	fide AP	About a dozen records for Lane Co
Savannah Sparrow	Dec 18	River Rd	BC	Unusual species for a feeder
Fox Sparrow	Nov 16	N Delta Rd	TMe	Red subspecies is rarely found in Oregon
Swamp Sparrow	Nov 26	Washburn Ln	HH, OH	One was found in the same area last year
White-throated Sparrow (5)	Dec 8	N Eugene	MM	Unusually high numbers in the cold and snow
White-throated Sparrow (6)	Dec 8	River Rd	BC	Unusually high numbers in the cold and snow
Western Tanager	Dec 25	River Rd	BC	Very rarely found in the winter

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