

Field Notes October 2016

- o White-winged Crossbill
- o Heerman's Gull
- o Lesser Black-backed Gull
- o Brant Surf Scoter

We made up for summer's lack of rain in October—it rained almost non-stop most of the month! Along with the rain, we had a couple of wind events the middle of the month. These most likely displaced some birds, brought some seabirds close to shore, and pushed coastal birds inland.

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

WATERBIRDS to ALCIDS

Brant	Oct 14	FRR	JS	Rarely found inland
Surf Scoter (5)	Oct 12	FRR	JS	Rarely found inland
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel (2)	Oct 19	Brays Point	MN	Rarely seen from land
White-tailed Kite (4)	Oct 22	Waite Ranch	AC et al.	A very high number for this area
White-tailed Kite (2)	Oct 29	Meadowlark Prairie	VT	Returning for the winter
Sandhill Crane (19)	Oct 23	Creswell area	NS	Normal time for their southern migration
Golden-Plover species (4)	Oct 3	FRR	JS	Unusually large numbers
Red Knot	Oct 9	FRR	JS	Still being seen
Pectoral Sandpiper (12)	Oct 9	FRR	JS	A large number
Red-necked Phalarope	Oct 19	FRR	LM et al.	Getting late for this species
Red Phalarope (2)	Oct 19	FRR	LG	Rarely found inland
Red Phalarope (250)	Oct 28	Heceta Head	AC et al.	Not uncommon this time of year
Red Phalarope (3000+/-)	Oct 29	Sea Lion Caves	SH,DP	A large number
Sabine's Gull (3+)	Oct 14	FRR	JS	Normally found in the fall
Heermann's Gull	Oct 14	W 11th cemetery	SH	Rarely found inland
Caspian Tern (2)	Oct 28	FRR	JS	Late date for this species
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Oct 22	Stonefield Beach	AC et al.	Third record for Lane Co
Parasitic Jaeger	Oct 28	Klootchman	AC et al.	Uncommon from land
Ancient Murrelet	Oct 22	Klootchman	AC et al.	A little early for this species

OWLS to FINCHES

Short-eared Owl	Oct 10	Alvadore	BC	First report for the winter season
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	Oct 12	Mt. Pisgah	DA et al.	Last report for the breeding season
Tropical Kingbird	Oct 28	Florence	AC et al.	Almost annual along the coast in the fall
Northern Shrike (3)	Oct 22	SJSR deflation plain	AC et al.	High number for this early in the season

Streaked Horned Lark (5+)	Oct 1	Junction City area	DL&MS	Locally winters in small numbers
Tree Swallow (12+/-)	Oct 18	Junction City area	BC	Last report for the breeding season
Violet-green Swallow (10's)	Oct 16	VRC, Alton Baker	DH,RR	Seen foraging over the river
Cliff Swallow	Oct 4	FRR - south	BC	Last report for the breeding season
Barn Swallow (2)	Oct 4	FRR - south	BC	Last report for the breeding season
Swainson's Thrush	Oct 9	Sitlcoos River mouth	GR	Last report for the breeding season
Lapland Longspur	Oct 9	FRR	JS	Normally found during fall migration
Orange-crowned Warbler	Oct 18	Hendricks Park	TM	Last report for the breeding season
Common Yellowthroat	Oct 11	West Eugene wetlands	BB	Last report for the breeding season
Yellow-rumped Warbler (none)	Oct 9	SJSR	AC	Very unusual; they are normally common
Black-throated Gray Warbler	Oct 26	Creswell	NS	Last report for the breeding season
Wilson's Warbler	Oct 12	Mt. Pisgah	DA et al.	Last report for the breeding season
Clay-colored Sparrow (2)	Oct 28	Florence	AC et al.	Occasionally seen in the fall
Vesper Sparrow	Oct 31	Bond Rd	SH	Rare during the winter season
Western Tanager	Oct 10	River Road area	BC	Last report for the breeding season
White-winged Crossbill (2)	Oct 16	30th & Spring area	fide CB	Rarely found in the valley

AC Alan Contreras, BB Brian Broderick, BC Barbara Combs, CB Clint Brumitt, DA Dennis Arendt, DH Dan Heyerly, DL Dick Lamster, DP Diane Pettey, GR Glenn Reubon, JS John Sullivan, LG Linda Gilbert, LM Larry McQueen, MN Mark Nikas, MS Maeve Sowles, NS Noah Strycker, RR Roger Robb, SH Sally Hill, TM Tom Mickel, VT Vjera Thompson. Fide indicates a sighting that was reported to the listed birder.