

- o White-faced Ibis
- o Lark Bunting
- o Chimney Swift
- o Lapland Longspur
- o White-throated Swift
- o Tricolored Blackbird

September was mostly sunny and warm, with a little much-needed rain toward the end of the month. A number of unusual species were seen this month, which is normal for the height of migration. Fall migration continues into November, so be sure to let us know what you're seeing.

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

WATERBIRDS

| | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|--------------|--------|---|
| Greater White-fronted Goose | 23 Sept | Eugene area | m.ob. | Many large flocks flying overhead |
| Horned Grebe | 21 Sept | FRR | NS | Occur in small numbers during migration |
| Eared Grebe (5) | 14 Sept | FRR | JS, LJ | Larger numbers than normal |
| Buller's Shearwater | 12 Sept | Heceta Beach | DP | Not commonly seen from shore |
| Sooty Shearwater (1,000s) | 12 Sept | Heceta Beach | DP | Large numbers being seen this fall |
| White-faced Ibis (2) | 20 Sept | FRR | MB | A rare fall report |

RAPTORS to TERNS

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|--|
| Northern Goshawk | 1 Sept | Bobby Lake | J&SW | A normal breeding location |
| Northern Goshawk (3) | 2 Sept | Gold Lake | J&SW | A normal breeding location |
| Red-shouldered Hawk | 2 Sept | Gold Lake | J&SW | Becoming common in the high Cascades around water during the breeding season |
| Merlin | Sept | throughout county | m.ob. | More numerous than normal |
| Pacific Golden-Plover | 1 Sept | FRR | NS | Almost annual during fall migration |
| Pacific Golden-Plover | 27 Sept | FRR | LN | Most likely a second bird |
| American Avocet (9) | 8 Sept | FRR | RR | Around all month—a very high count! |
| Solitary Sandpiper (2) | 1 Sept | FRR | NS | Becoming more common in the fall |
| Wandering Tattler | 28 Sept | SJSR | AC | The last report and a little later than normal |
| Marbled Godwit (3) | 1 Sept | FRR | NS | Always a "good" bird away from the coast |
| Sanderling | 1 Sept | FRR | NS | Never common inland |
| Baird's Sandpiper | 28 Sept | Siltcoos River mouth | AC | Getting late for this species |
| Ruff | 8 Sept | FRR | SH | Almost annual during fall migration |
| Ruff | 27 Sept | FRR | LN | Most likely a second bird |
| Red-necked Phalarope (2) | 8 Sept | FRR | RR | First fall migration report |
| Sabine's Gull | 21 Sept | FRR | NS | They occur in small numbers in the fall |
| Sabine's Gull (2) | 23 Sept | FRR | JS | They occur in small numbers in the fall |
| Sabine's Gull | 26 Sept | SJSR | AC | They occur in small numbers in the fall |
| Franklin's Gull | 19 Sept | FRR | JS, BMc | A second bird, or lingering from last month? |
| Elegant Tern (2) | 28 Sept | SJSR | JW | Getting late for this species |
| Common Tern | 8 Sept | SJSR | m.ob. | More common than normal this fall |
| Common Tern | 14 Sept | FRR | JS, LJ | A total of 29 small terns seen while canoeing |
| Forster's Tern | 14 Sept | FRR | JS, LJ | the reservoir—larger than normal numbers |

SWIFTS to BLACKBIRDS

| | | | | |
|----------------------|---------|--------------------|----|--|
| Chimney Swift | 21 Sept | Agate Hall, U of O | BC | Second record for Lane Co; first was this spring |
|----------------------|---------|--------------------|----|--|

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------------------|------------|---|
| White-throated Swift (8) | 4 Sept | McKenzie Bridge | TC | Fourth Lane County record |
| Lewis's Woodpecker | 23 Sept | Skinner Butte | SH | An unusual location for this species |
| Acorn Woodpecker | 1 Sept | Mt. Pisgah | GT | All found in areas where they aren't normally |
| Acorn Woodpecker | 11 Sept | Creswell area | SNe | found. Are these postbreeding birds moving |
| Acorn Woodpecker | 15 Sept | Creswell area | NS | around or young looking for a territory? |
| Acorn Woodpecker | 26 Sept | Dillard Road area | BU | A small colony storing acorns for the winter |
| Black-backed Woodpecker | 1 Sept | Gold & Marilyn Lakes | J&SW | A normal breeding location |
| Say's Phoebe | 6 Sept | FRR | SNa | An unusual fall report |
| Varied Thrush | 15 Sept | Creswell area | NS | First report for the winter season |
| American Pipit | 6 Sept | FRR | AC | First report for the winter season |
| Lapland Longspur | 21 Sept | Baker Beach | SB | A casual migrant in Lane County |
| Clay-colored Sparrow | 24 Sept | FRR | SH | The same bird found last month? |
| Lark Bunting | 9 Sept | FRR | SH, et al. | Third record for Lane County |
| Fox Sparrow | 4 Sept | Creswell area | NS | First report for the winter season |
| Lincoln's Sparrow | 10 Sept | FRR | LM, et al. | First report for the winter season |
| Golden-crowned Sparrow | 3 Sept | Eugene | LM | First report for the winter season |
| Black-headed Grosbeak | 17 Sept | River Road area | BC | A late report for this species |
| Tricolored Blackbird | 8 Sept | FRR | SH | Fewer than ten records for the county |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird | 28 Sept | Dog Pond, SJSR | AC | Rarely found on the coast |

AC Alan Contreras, BC Barbara Combs, BMc Barry McKenzie, BU Becky Uhler, DP Diane Pettey, GT Gary Tepfer, J&SW Jay & Susan Withgott, JS John Sullivan, LJ Laura Johnson, LM Larry McQueen, LN Lars Norgren, m.ob. many observers, MB Mike Bressler, NS Noah Strycker, RR Roger Robb, SB Sean Burns, SH Sally Hill, SNa Stephan Nance, SNe Sally Nelson, TC Thomas Cramer