

Field Notes: September 2020

Black-headed Gull, Yellow-throated Warbler, Bobolink, Elegant Tern

This month was anything but normal, given the fires and smoke, the hot weather at the end of the month, and the rain that helped put the fires out! And, bird-wise it was also anything but normal, with two first records for the county and many other unusual sightings.

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), Lane Community College (LCC), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (SJSR)

GEESE TO SHEARWATERS

Greater White-fronted Goose	Sept 21	River Road area	RH	Normal time for southward migration
Red-breasted Merganser	Sept 20	NJSR	RR	First report for the winter season
Common Nighthawk	Sept 4	River Road area	BC	Last report for the breeding season
Vaux's Swift (6000)	Sept 19	Agate Hall, UO	BC	Normal number for this time of year
Rufous Hummingbird	Sept 20	River Road area	RH	Last report for the breeding season
Rufous Hummingbird	Sept 20	FRR - Perkins.....	VB	Last report for the breeding season
Black-necked Stilt	Sept 29	FRR - Royal Ave.....	JWe.....	Late report for this species
Black-necked Stilt	Sept 30	Bob Creek.....	DN	Rarely found on the coast
Pomarine Jaeger	Sept 19	Heceta Beach	AC,et al	Always a good find from shore
Parasitic Jaeger	Sept 19	Bob Creek.....	AC,et al	More normal from shore
Sabine's Gull	Sept 18	FRR.....	JS	Very small numbers found most years
Black-headed Gull	Sept 6	FRR - Royal Ave.....	Ma	A first for Lane County
Elegant Tern	Sept 21	SJSR.....	VB	Can be found some years, not others
Sooty Shearwater (1000's)	Sept 15	Florence area	SH,DP	These numbers are rarely seen

WOODPECKERS TO THRUSHES

Lewis's Woodpecker (4)	Sept 27	Mt Pisgah.....	JF	Large number for any one location
Merlin	Sept 16	Florence	A&DH.....	First report for the winter season
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Sept 18	Wild Iris Ridge.....	DA	Last report for the breeding season
Willow Flycatcher	Sept 22	Alton Baker Park	JS	Last report for the breeding season
Dusky Flycatcher	Sept 22	Skinner Butte	MP	Last report for the breeding season
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	Sept 24	Skinner Butte	TMi.....	Last report for the breeding season
Black Phoebe	Sept 24	Oakridge	MLS.....	A first for her yard
Cassin's Vireo	Sept 22	Walterville Res.	VB	Last report for the breeding season
Warbling Vireo	Sept 28	Skinner Butte	TMi.....	Last report for the breeding season
California Scrub-Jay (44)	Sept 28	River Road area	MRu.....	Very large number for any one location
House Wren	Sept 24	LCC.....	RS	Last report for the breeding season
American Dipper	Sept 28	Alton Baker Park	JS	Rarely found in the valley
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Sept 12	Island Park.....	JK.....	First report for the winter season
Varied Thrush	Sept 9	SE Eugene.....	TMi.....	First report for winter season in valley

SPARROWS TO BUNTINGS

Clay-colored Sparrow	Sept 30.....	Old Town Florence.....	DF.....	Normal time for very small numbers
Grasshopper Sparrow	Sept 9.....	Alton Baker Park.....	JS.....	Last report for the breeding season
Fox Sparrow	Sept 18.....	Eugene.....	DA.....	First report for the winter season
White-throated Sparrow	Sept 20.....	Mt Pisgah.....	JH.....	First report for the winter season
Golden-crowned Sparrow	Sept 2.....	Old McKenzie Pass.....	AC,et al.....	First report for the winter season
Yellow-breasted Chat	Sept 20.....	Bond Lane.....	SH.....	Last report for the breeding season
Bobolink	Sept 27.....	Waite Ranch.....	JS,GM.....	About the third record for Lane County
Nashville Warbler	Sept 13.....	Island Park.....	TMa.....	Last report for the breeding season
MacGillivray's Warbler	Sept 26.....	SE Eugene.....	TMi.....	Last report for the breeding season
Yellow Warbler	Sept 27.....	Eugene.....	DA.....	Last report for the breeding season
Yellow-throated Warbler	Sept 10.....	Springfield.....	SMc.....	A first for Lane County
Townsend's Warbler	Sept 10.....	SE Eugene area.....	JG.....	First report for the winter season
Hermit Warbler	Sept 28.....	Skinner Butte.....	TMi.....	Last report for the breeding season
Wilson's Warbler	Sept 23.....	Sutton Lake.....	JWi.....	Last report for the breeding season
Western Tanager	Sept 28.....	Skinner Butte.....	TMi.....	Last report for the breeding season
Black-headed Grosbeak	Sept 20.....	FRR.....	NC.....	Last report for the breeding season
Lazuli Bunting	Sept 4.....	Spring Blvd.....	JG.....	Last report for the breeding season

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