

Field Notes: January 2020

Vermillion Flycatcher, Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel, Williamson's Sapsucker, Tricolored Blackbird

Many birders like to start off the new year right by getting out and doing lots of birding. This month brought a number of "good" birds for everyone to look for, especially the female Vermillion Flycatcher (a first for Lane County), and the male Williamson's Sapsucker. Because so many were out searching for the sapsucker, a couple other "good" birds were found in the same area, something that often happens.

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR)

WATERFOWL TO RAPTORS

Canada Goose (Dusky).....	Jan	Junction City area	M.ob.	Numbers seem higher than normal
Blue-winged Teal.....	Jan 7	S Canary Rd area	LW.....	A rare winter record - wintering?
Blue-winged/Cinnamon Teal ♀	Jan 13	Stewart Pond	JL.....	Neither species normally winters
Band-tailed Pigeon.....	Jan 31	Cottage Grove area	TM.....	A few weeks earlier than normal
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel.....	Jan 12	Siltcoos Lake.....	BR.....	Very rare sighting from land in Lane
American White Pelican.....	Dec 28.....	Cottage Grove CBC	Fide GF-G.....	A first for the count
Green Heron	Dec 28.....	Cottage Grove CBC	Fide GF-G.....	Winter most years in the area
White-tailed Kite.....	Jan 1	Alvadore	SM	Very few reports this winter
Golden Eagle	Jan 1	Pickens Rd	M.ob.	Rare in valley
Golden Eagle	Jan 23	Mt Pisgah.....	LG.....	Rare in valley
Barred Owl	Jan 2	Near U of O.....	KL.....	Still being seen around town
Barred Owl	Jan 7	Tyler St	MS	Still being seen around town
Great Gray Owl (2).....	Jan 4	Oakridge CBC	JG.....	A high count for the CBC

WOODPECKERS TO WABLERS

Lewis's Woodpecker.....	Jan 19	Cox Butte Rd	JS,TJ	Very small numbers winter some years
Lewis's Woodpecker.....	Jan 20	N Hideaway Hills Rd	JG.....	Very small numbers winter some years
Williamson's Sapsucker.....	Dec 29.....	Pickens Rd	HH	Very rare in valley - seen to mid-Jan
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Jan 24	River Rd area	RH	Fewer than 10 records for Lane - photo
Red-naped/Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Jan 3	W Eugene bike path	DF.....	Either would be rare
Prairie Falcon.....	Jan 12	Junction City area	JS,TJ	Winter in very small numbers
Black Phoebe.....	Jan 4	Oakridge CBC	JG.....	First record for count
Say's Phoebe	Jan	W Eugene/Mt Pisgah	M.ob.	Wintering birds
Vermillion Flycatcher.....	Jan 5	Alton Baker park	RR,RA	First record for Lane - many photos
Horned Lark (100+).....	Jan 12	Alvadore area	JL.....	A very large number for Lane
Tree Swallow (2).....	Jan 2	Delta Ponds	SH.....	A very early sighting
Tree Swallow.....	Jan 12	Washburn Ln.....	JS,TJ	A very early sighting
Barn Swallow (3).....	Jan 2	Baker Beach	KY	More mid-winter reports
Barn Swallow (5).....	Jan 5	Waite Ranch.....	AC,et al.	More mid-winter reports
Townsend's Solitaire	Jan 3	U of O	EG	Rare during the winter
Townsend's Solitaire	Jan 25	FRR area.....	BC	Rare during the winter
Northern Mockingbird.....	Jan 15	Coburg area	EZ	Very small numbers winter some years
Bullock's Oriole.....	Jan 7	Florence.....	LW.....	Wintering in the area
Purple Finch.....	Jan	Eugene area.....	M.ob.	Higher numbers than normal
Tricolored Blackbird.....	Jan	Lehman Dairy	M.ob.	Rare in Lane
Brown-headed Cowbird	Jan	Lehman Dairy	M.ob.	Rare in valley during the winter
Hermit Warbler	Jan 1	Pickens Rd	VT.....	Rare wintering species

AC Alan Contreras, BC Barbara Combs, BR Brandon Reishus, DF Daniel Farrar, EG Eughan Gormley, EZ Elias Zuniga, GF-G Grace Fowler-Gore, HH Holly Hartmann, JG Joshua Galpern, JL Joshua Little, JS John Sullivan, KL Kit Larsen, KY Kaplan Yalcin, LG Linda Gilbert, LW Lisa Wallace, MS Martin Stervander, RA Ramiro Aragon, RH Rich Hoyer, RR Roger Robb, SH Sally Hill, SM Sylvia Maulding, TJ Tye Jeske, TM Tori Morgan, VT Vjera Thomps on. Fide references a sighting reported to the listed observer. M.ob. signifies many observers.