

## Field Notes: October 2015

- **Black-vented Shearwater**
- **Brown Booby**
- **Bobolink**
- **Palm Warbler**

Given that we were in South Africa for the month, we can't say what the local weather was like—it was mostly sunny and hot in South Africa! There were two firsts for the county during the month (Brown Booby and Black-vented Shearwater) and a number of other unusual species. Given the wandering chickadee species and the large numbers of finches, we may be heading into an interesting winter.

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

### WATERBIRDS

<b>Snow Goose</b>	Oct 4	Siltcoos River mouth	DPe, KS	Seldom seen along the coast
<b>Long-tailed Duck</b>	Oct 22	FRR	JS	Rare for the valley
<b>Barrow's Goldeneye (2)</b>	Oct 25	Leaburg area	BP	Found in small numbers at this location during the winter
<b>Eared Grebe (7)</b>	Oct 9	Siuslaw River jetties	JS et al.	A large number for this location
<b>Pink-footed Shearwater (40)</b>	Oct 9	Siltcoos River mouth	JS et al.	A very large number from shore
<b>Black-vented Shearwater</b>	Oct 8	NJSR	DPe	The first of a number of observations of this species over the next couple weeks—a first for the county
<b>Brown Booby</b>	Oct 27	Heceta Head	M&MD	First documented record for the county
<b>Brown Pelican (70)</b>	Oct 18	Heceta Head	AC	Large numbers for so late

### HAWKS to JAEGER

<b>White-tailed Kite</b>	Oct 24	FRR	SH	Returning for the winter
<b>Red-tailed Hawk (18)</b>	Oct 8	south Eugene	DG	Circling over house—large number!
<b>Sandhill Crane</b>	Oct 14	Walterville	VB	A normal time for their southward migration
<b>Marbled Godwit (3)</b>	Oct 2	SJSR crab pier/dock	JS, RN	Getting late for this species
<b>Baird's Sandpiper</b>	Oct 2	Siltcoos River mouth	JS, RN	Getting late for this species
<b>Heermann's Gull (70)</b>	Oct 23	Tokatee Klootchman	TJ	Large numbers for so late
<b>Pomarine Jaeger</b>	Oct 15	NJSR	DPe	Not common from shore

## OWLS to FINCHES

<b>Barred Owl</b>	Oct 26	Eugene near U of O	LM	Becoming more common around town
<b>Vaux's Swift</b>	Oct 8	River Road area	BC	Getting late for this species
<b>Rufous Hummingbird</b>	Oct	Eugene area	m.ob.	Three reports for the month—late for them
<b>Tropical Kingbird</b>	Oct 2	Siltcoos River mouth	JS	Almost annual along the coast in fall
<b>Tropical Kingbird</b>	Oct 4	Big Creek	AC, DPa	Second bird for this fall
<b>Gray Jay (6)</b>	Oct 11	Spencer Butte	EA	Occasionally found on the butte
<b>Horned Lark</b>	Oct 4	SJSR deflation plain	RR	Unusual along the coast
<b>Mountain Chickadee</b>	Oct 2	south Eugene	EC	The first of many reports for the month
<b>Chestnut-backed Chickadee</b>	Oct	Eugene/Springfield	m.ob.	Found in places they normally don't occur
<b>Rock Wren</b>	Oct 3	Proxy Falls	LG	Getting late for this species
<b>House Wren</b>	Oct 8	Cottage Grove area	TMo	A late report for this species
<b>American Pipit (275)</b>	Oct 24	Waite Pasture	AC	Large numbers
<b>Lapland Longspur (15)</b>	Oct 2	SJSR deflation plain	JS, RN	Most likely annual along the coast in fall
<b>Orange-crowned Warbler</b>	Oct 7	FRR - Zumwalt Park	LM et al.	The last report for the breeding season
<b>Common Yellowthroat</b>	Oct 9	Coburg	JC et.al.	The last report for the breeding season
<b>Yellow Warbler</b>	Oct 7	FRR - Zumwalt Park	LM et al.	The last report for the breeding season
<b>Palm Warbler</b>	Oct 4	SJSR deflation plain	RR	Found in small numbers most winters
<b>Palm Warbler</b>	Oct 4	Searose Village	AC, DPa	Second bird for this fall
<b>Black-throated Gray Warbler</b>	Oct 9	FRR - Perkins	JS, JL	The last report for the breeding season
<b>Western Tanager</b>	Oct 5	Old McKenzie Pass	LG	The last report for the breeding season
<b>Bobolink</b>	Oct 4	SJSR deflation plain	RR	Sixth record for Lane Co - half at this location
<b>Pine Siskin</b>	Oct	Eugene/Springfield	m.ob.	Large numbers have been reported at feeders
<b>Evening Grosbeak</b>	Oct	Eugene/Springfield	m.ob.	Large number reported this month

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