

## Field Notes: June-July 2013

### American Avocet (nesting)

### Ruff

### Franklin's Gull

### Dickcissel

### Tricolored Blackbird

### Great-tailed Grackle

Weather-wise, the season was mostly dry except for some rain in mid-June. Bird-wise, the season was rather exciting with nesting shorebirds at Fern Ridge Reservoir, pelagic and summering arctic breeders off the coast, and a few rare passerines to keep everyone on their toes.

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

## WATERBIRDS

Brant (6)	July 20	NJSR mudflat	BG	Uncommon summering birds
Surf Scoter (55)	July 11	Tokatee Klootchman	WH	High number of summering birds
White-winged Scoter (2)	July 11	Tokatee Klootchman	WH	Uncommon summering birds
Red-throated Loon	July 11	Tokatee Klootchman	WH	Uncommon summering bird
Pacific Loon (37)	July 11	Tokatee Klootchman	WH	Unusually high number of summering birds
Western Grebe (20)	June 8	FRR-Royal Ave	JS, Ma	Given the low water levels, it will be interesting to see if they breed this year.
Clark's Grebe (12)	June 8	FRR-Royal Ave	JS, Ma	
Murphy's Petrel	May 31	50+ mi offshore	PL, LP	Maybe they're more common than we thought in the 50+ mile range off the coast.
Murphy's Petrel	July 10	50+ mi offshore	PL	
Buller's Shearwater	June 8	35-45 mi offshore	PL, LP	The earliest record off OR coast
American White Pelican (90)	July 8	FRR-Royal Ave	JS	Very large number for the county
Green Heron	July 25	North Eugene	C&Pd	Nesting in their yard
Black-crowned Night-Heron (2)	July 19	FRR-Royal Ave	JS, BMc	A normal time for this location
White-faced Ibis (2)	June 8	FRR-Royal Ave	JS, Ma	A late date for the species

## QUAIL to AUKLETS

Black-bellied Plover (2)	July 12	FRR-Royal Ave	JS	A normal time for their fall migration
Pacific Golden-Plover	June 21	FRR-Royal Ave	JS	Only the second record for June
Pacific Golden-Plover	July 24	FRR-Royal Ave	LM, et al.	More normal migration time
Semipalmated Plover (5)	July 17	FRR-Royal Ave	LM, et al.	A normal time for their southward migration
Black-necked Stilt	June 16	FRR-Royal Ave	AH, VB	Female on nest
American Avocet (2)	June 15	FRR-Royal Ave	JS	They nested and have two downy young – a first for western Oregon.
Solitary Sandpiper (2)	July 10	FRR-Royal Ave	LM, et al.	An unusual breeding season report
Whimbrel (6)	June 7	Carl Washburne SP	NC	Getting late for this species
Marbled Godwit	June 7	Carl Washburne SP	NC	Getting late for this species
Semipalmated Sandpiper	July 9	FRR-Royal Ave	AC	A normal time for their southward migration
Baird's Sandpiper	July 17	FRR-Royal Ave	LF	A normal time for their southward migration
Pectoral Sandpiper	July 8	FRR-Royal Ave	JS	Very early report—most are seen in Sept-Oct
Stilt Sandpiper	June 30	FRR-Royal Ave	PO	Very early report—most are found in August
Ruff (Reeve)	June 6	NJSR mudflat	DP	Rare, but almost annual—first report for June
Wilson's Phalarope (12)	June 9	FRR-Royal Ave	TMe	Will they breed again, given the low water?
Wilson's Phalarope	June 22	Meadowlark Prairie	VT	An unusual location for the breeding season
Wilson's Phalarope (2)	July 24	FRR-Royal Ave	LM, et al.	With four downy chicks

Red-necked Phalarope	July 11	Tokatee Klootchman	WH	First report for the fall migration
Franklin's Gull	June 22	FRR–Royal Ave	DA, BMC, AP	A rare migrant in the county
Heermann's Gull (109)	July 11	Tokatee Klootchman	WH	Normal late summer northward movement
Herring Gull	July 10	FRR–Royal Ave	LM, et al.	Very early for the species—normally winter
Caspian Tern (4)	June 9	FRR–Royal Ave	TMe	On “tern island” with the decoys
Black Tern (juv)	July 15	FRR–Royal Ave	JS	They bred, even with the low water levels
Common Tern	June 22	FRR–Royal Ave	KP	Rare during the breeding season
South Polar Skua	June 8	35–45 mi offshore	PL, LP	An early date for the species
Pigeon Guillemot (3)	July 11	Tokatee Klootchman	WH	A normal location for the species
Marbled Murrelet (7)	July 2	Tokatee Klootchman	AC, SB	Good numbers for the species
Rhinoceros Auklet	July 11	Tokatee Klootchman	WH	A normal location for the species
Tufted Puffin	July 5	Devil's Elbow SP	A&CH	Not always found at this location

## OWLS to FINCHES

Barn Owl	June 17	SJSR	JL	Not a common location for the species
Common Nighthawk (2)	June 11	Eugene South Hills	DF	About a week later than normal
Common Nighthawk	July	Eugene	m.ob.	Four reports for the month—about normal
Black Swift (3)	July 15	Salt Creek Falls	EH	Nesting, but not in same location as last year
Peregrine Falcon	June 14	Coast Range	fide JD	This year's nest has four chicks
Say's Phoebe	June 3	W Eugene Wetlands	MP	Very late report—breeding?
Red-eyed Vireo	July 22	Alton Baker Park	VT	Same area as a singing bird last year—nesting?
Horned Lark (2)	June 8	FRR–Royal Ave	JS, Ma	Singing from the dry lake bed north of road
Bank Swallow	June 21	Meadowlark Prairie	TMe	Rare, but most common after breeding season
Western Bluebird (pair)	June 15	EWEB–Roosevelt	VT	Nesting in box at facility
Brewer's Sparrow	July 2	FRR–Royal Ave	TMe	Found almost annually—post breeding
Vesper Sparrow	July 20	Oakridge area	CT	Reduced numbers in recent years
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	May 15	FRR area	fide MN	Rare—not normal for them to show up
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	June 23	SW of Eugene	MS	Rare—later than normal
Indigo Bunting (female)	July 3	FRR–Royal Ave	LM, et al.	Rare, but almost annual
Lazuli/Indigo Bunting	June 1	Alton Baker Park	A&DH	Male, singing in same area as last year
Dickcissel	July 2	FRR–Royal Ave	TMe	Second record for Lane Co
Tricolored Blackbird	July 8	FRR–Royal Ave	SAB, JC, TH	About the seventh Lane Co record
Yellow-headed Blackbird	June 5	Alton Baker Park	LM, et al.	First report for the park
Great-tailed Grackle	June 22	FRR–Royal Ave	DA	Rare, but almost annual at this location
Great-tailed Grackle	June 26	Oakridge	MLS	Second record away from Willamette Valley
Great-tailed Grackle	July 4	Fiddler's Green	LF	Same bird as June?
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	July 18	Diamond Peak	EJ	Not always found at this location
Red Crossbill (30)	June 2	Delta Ponds	TMe	An unusual location for the species

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LM Larry McQueen, LP Larry Peavler, m.ob. many observers, Ma Maitreya, MLS Mary Lee Sayre, MN Mark Nikas, MP Magnus Persmark, MS Maeve Sowles, NC Nicole Cerra, PL Paul Lehman, PO Pam Otley, SAB Suzanne Austin-Bythell, SB Sean Burns, TH Tyler Hallman, TMe Thomas Meinzen, VB Vicki Buck, VT Vjera Thompson, WH Wayne Hoffman. Fide indicates a siting that was reported to the listed observer.