

## Field Notes: September 2015

Eared Grebe

Upland Sandpiper

Ruff

Pygmy Nuthatch

Red-throated Pipit

Lapland Longspur

September was a little wetter and cooler than the previous few months, but still warmer and drier than normal. As you can see from the reports below, fall migration was in full swing with many interesting sightings. The news from the Agate Hall chimney is distressing—in September, thousands of Vaux's Swifts should be roosting there during the fall migration, but the numbers dropped to almost ZERO during the peak period!

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

### WATERBIRDS

<b>Greater White-fronted Goose</b>	Sept 21	Lane Co.	m.ob.	Many large flocks headed south!
<b>Cackling Goose</b> (20)	Sept 21	Siltcoos River mouth	AC	The first report for the winter season
<b>Eared Grebe</b>	Sept 23	Gold Lake	LG	Occasionally found in the high Cascades
<b>Pink-footed Shearwater</b>	Sept 18	Siltcoos River mouth	JL, JS	Not commonly seen from shore
<b>Great Egret</b> (136)	Sept 6	FRR - Royal Ave	RR	A very high number for the county
<b>White-faced Ibis</b>	Sept 26	FRR - Royal Ave	JS	Rarely found in the fall

### HAWKS to AUKS

<b>Merlin</b>	Sept 23	FRR – Royal Ave	JS	The first report for the winter season
<b>Prairie Falcon</b>	Sept 13	Middle Sister	LN	Migrating along the crest?
<b>Sora</b>	Sept 9	FRR – Royal Ave	RS	Last report for the breeding season
<b>Pacific Golden-Plover</b>	Sept 12	FRR – Royal Ave	SH, VB	Found in small numbers during migration
<b>Black-necked Stilt</b>	Sept 19	FRR – Royal Ave	JS	Rare during the fall
<b>Solitary Sandpiper</b>	Sept 12	FRR – Royal Ave	CS	Very small numbers reported during the fall
<b>Solitary Sandpiper</b>	Sept 28	Delta Ponds	JC	Later than normal for fall migration

<b>Upland Sandpiper</b>	Sept 4	FRR – Royal Ave	PC, LW	The second record for Lane Co
<b>Ruddy Turnstone</b> (12)	Sept 4	NJSR	SMc	Later and larger numbers than normal
<b>Dunlin</b> (20)	Sept 3	FRR – Royal Ave	GB	Earlier than normal
<b>Ruff</b>	Sept 1	FRR – Royal Ave	SH	A rare annual migrant
<b>Sanderling</b>	Sept 12	FRR – Royal Ave	CS	A rare inland report
<b>Wilson’s Snipe</b> (7)	Sept 11	SJSR	AC	An unusual sighting of a flock flying south!
<b>Herring Gull</b> (small flock)	Sept 21	Siltcoos River mouth	AC	Earlier than normal
<b>Caspian Tern</b> (48)	Sept 11	FRR – Perkins	AC	A higher number than usual
<b>Elegant Tern</b> (19)	Sept 15	NJSR	JH	They’re still being seen
<b>Common Tern</b> (17)	Sept 8	FRR – dam	SH	Normally found during fall migration
<b>Common Murre</b> (2)	Sept 27	SJSR	AC, SNa	Not common this late in the year

## **NIGHTHAWKS to BLACKBIRDS**

<b>Common Nighthawk</b> (2)	Sept 14	Maurie Jacobs Park	BN	A late report for this species
<b>Vaux’s Swift</b> (1820)	Aug 28	Agate Hall, UO	BC	Swift numbers are very low compared to a
<b>Vaux’s Swift</b> (774)	Sept 6	Agate Hall, UO	BC	normal fall migration!
<b>Vaux’s Swift</b> (1)	Sept 12	Agate Hall, UO	BC	Are they using a different roost this fall?
<b>Lewis’s Woodpecker</b>	Sept 11	Lorane Highway	EC	Earlier than normal for the valley
<b>Lewis’s Woodpecker</b> (2)	Sept 11	Waldo Lake	A&TM	Normal fall migration in high Cascades
<b>Williamson’s Sapsucker</b>	Sept 2	Scott Lake	PC, LW	Small numbers are found in high Cascades
<b>Am. Three-toed Woodpecker</b>	Sept 23	Marilyn Lake trail	LG	Always a good area for this species
<b>Say’s Phoebe</b> (2)	Sept 19	FRR - Royal Ave	JS	Uncommon during the fall
<b>Western Kingbird</b>	Sept 7	SJSR	AC	Much later than normal
<b>Warbling Vireo</b>	Sept 20	Delta Ponds	BG	Getting late for this species
<b>Purple Martin</b>	Sept 13	FRR – Royal Ave	m.ob.	Late report for the breeding season
<b>Ruby-crowned Kinglet</b> (2)	Sept 4	Alton Baker Park	ET	Earlier than normal
<b>Steller’s Jay</b> (lots!)	Sept 9	west Eugene	AC	Is there some kind of movement?
<b>Horned Lark</b>	Sept 12	FRR – Royal Ave	LJ, JS	A migrant or a wandering local breeder?

<b>Horned Lark</b>	Sept 21	Siltcoos River mouth	AC	Rarely seen along the coast
<b>Pygmy Nuthatch</b> (possible)	Sept 7	deflation plain	AC	A very rare bird in the county
<b>Mountain Bluebird</b>	Sept 13	Middle Sister	LN	Lots seen above timberline
<b>Varied Thrush</b>	Sept 23	Cottage Grove	TMo	The first report in the valley for the winter
<b>Red-throated Pipit</b>	Sept 11	FRR – Royal Ave	JL, JS	First documented record for Lane Co
<b>Lapland Longspur</b>	Sept 7	Rock Ck – coast	MP	Found in very small numbers during migration
<b>MacGillivray’s Warbler</b>	Sept 17	Heceta Beach area	DP	Getting late for this species
<b>Townsend’s Warbler</b>	Sept 9	LCC	LM, et al.	Earlier than normal for the valley
<b>Vesper Sparrow</b>	Sept 20	Creswell	SNe	Migrant or local breeding bird?
<b>Fox Sparrow</b>	Sept 9	LCC	SMa	The first report for the winter season
<b>Lincoln’s Sparrow</b>	Sept 12	Meadowlark Prairie	VT	The first report in the valley for the winter
<b>Harris’s Sparrow</b>	Sept 10	Heceta Beach area	DP	Much earlier than normal for this rare visitor
<b>White-throated Sparrow</b>	Sept 24	SJSR Crab pier/dock	AC, SNa	The first report for the winter season
<b>Golden-crowned Sparrow</b>	Sept 9	LCC	SMa	The first report for the winter season
<b>Yellow-headed Blackbird</b>	Sept 13	FRR – dam	SH	The last report for the breeding season

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