

OCTOBER 2008

• Lapland Longspur sighted from the North Jetty • Tropical Kingbird found in Florence • Sandpiper symphony at Fern Ridge Reservoir

After a bit of a wet start to the month, it turned into quite a nice Indian summer for the last three weeks. The Wood Sandpiper was seen until October 5, when the area closed because of the impending waterfowl hunting season. When the area opened again on October 11, it wasn't found. Most of the Neotropical migrants have left for the winter; the boreal breeders are starting to arrive for the winter in good numbers.

**WATERBIRDS**

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<b>Snow Goose</b> (2)	Oct. 28	Alton Baker Park	AM	Normally found in small numbers with flocks of Canada Geese
<b>Blue-winged Teal</b>	Oct. 4	South Jetty area	B&ZS	An occasional species on the coast
<b>Eared Grebe</b>	Oct. 12	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DI	An uncommon sighting at Fern Ridge Reservoir
<b>Eared Grebe</b>	Oct. 4	Siuslaw River	B&ZS	The first report for the winter season
<b>Pink-footed Shearwater</b> (3)	Oct. 4	Sea Lion Caves	DF	Not always seen from land
<b>Pink-footed Shearwater</b> (200+)	Oct. 4	North Jetty	M&MD	An amazing number to see in one day
<b>Buller's Shearwater</b>	Oct. 4	Sea Lion Caves	DF	Seldom seen from land
<b>American White Pelican</b> (20)	Oct. 26	Lookout Pt. Reservoir	A&TM	Not a normal location for this species

**VULTURES & RAPTORS**

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<b>Turkey Vulture</b> (2)	Oct. 12	Lily Lake	AC	A late report away from the Eugene area
<b>Northern Goshawk</b>	Oct. 4	Florence	M&MD	Not commonly found along the coast
<b>Red-shouldered Hawk</b>	Oct. 28	Triangle Lake	MRu	A species that has just shown up in the area in the last year

**SHOREBIRDS & GULLS**

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<b>Marbled Godwit</b>	Oct. 25	North Jetty	AC	A late report for this species
<b>Baird's Sandpiper</b>	Oct. 4	Fern Ridge Reservoir	WH	A late report for this species
<b>Sharp-tailed Sandpiper</b>	Oct. 14	Fern Ridge Reservoir	Ma	A normal time for this rare migrant to arrive
<b>Rock Sandpiper</b>	Oct. 25	Bob Creek	AC	The first report of this occasional wintering species in a number of years
<b>Stilt Sandpiper</b>	Oct. 11	Fern Ridge Reservoir	AC	A late report for this species
<b>Short-billed Dowitcher</b> (16)	Oct. 5	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DI	Getting to be late for this species
<b>Parasitic Jaeger</b> (12)	Oct. 4	North Jetty	M&MD	An amazing number sighted in one day
<b>Bonaparte's Gull</b>	Oct. 10	Fern Ridge Reservoir	JS	The normal time for this species at FRR
<b>Sabine's Gull</b>	Oct. 4	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DI et al.	Getting to be late for this species

## DOVES, OWLS & SWIFTS

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<b>Eurasian Collared-Dove</b> (4)	mid-Oct.	Junction City	LL	New location for this rapidly expanding species
<b>Eurasian Collared-Dove</b> (11)	Oct.	Florence	B&ZS	Their numbers have increased from a total of three last winter!
<b>Burrowing Owl</b>	Oct. 23	Junction City	BC	The first report of this occasional wintering species in a number of years
<b>Vaux's Swift</b> (1000+)	Oct. 8	Skinner Butte	LM et al.	A large number for this late in the season

## PASSERINES

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<b>Rufous Hummingbird</b>	Oct. 25	N Eugene	BG	A very late report for this species
<b>Tropical Kingbird</b>	Oct. 22	Florence	B&ZS	Typical time for this rare post breeding migrant to show up—almost always along the coast
<b>Northern Shrike</b> (2)	Oct. 18	South Jetty, Siuslaw R.	AC,HR	The first report for the winter season
<b>Horned Lark</b>	Oct. 4	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DI, JS	A species not often found at this location
<b>Violet-green Swallow</b> (250+)	Oct. 5	Fern Ridge Reservoir	A&TM	After not having any for a couple weeks, there were large numbers
<b>Barn Swallow</b>	Oct. 4	Fern Ridge Reservoir	LN	The last report for the summer season
<b>Mountain Chickadee</b> (12+)	Oct. 26	The Twins	A&TM	Always a good location for this species
<b>Ruby-crowned Kinglet</b>	Oct. 6	Eugene	EC	The first report for the winter season
<b>Hermit Thrush</b>	Oct. 15	Florence	B&ZS	The first report for the winter season
<b>Varied Thrush</b>	Oct. 9	Coburg Hills	TM	They seemed to be everywhere today compared to very few the week before
<b>Orange-crowned Warbler</b>	Oct. 25	Stonefield Beach	AC	Getting to be late for this species that winters some years
<b>Yellow Warbler</b>	Oct. 7	Florence	DI,DP	The last report for the summer season
<b>Black-throated Gray Warbler</b> (5)	Oct. 8	Skinner Butte	LM et al.	The last report for the summer season
<b>Wilson's Warbler</b>	Oct. 19	Eugene	AC	The last report for the summer season
<b>Western Tanager</b>	Oct. 6	Eugene	DH	A late report for this species
<b>Chipping Sparrow</b> (2)	Oct. 19	Eugene	DI	A late report for this species
<b>White-throated Sparrow</b>	Oct. 12	Eugene	DS	First report for the winter season
<b>Lapland Longspur</b> (7)	Oct. 4	North Jetty	M&MD	A normal time for this species to arrive/migrate through
<b>Lapland Longspur</b>	Oct. 27	North Jetty	B&ZS	A normal time for this species to arrive/migrate through
<b>Black-headed Grosbeak</b>	Oct. 3	Eugene	PS	Last report for the summer season

### Abbreviations:

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**North Jetty** North Jetty of the Siuslaw River

### Locations:

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**Bob Creek** (northern Lane County coast)

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