

**FIELD NOTES: JUNE-JULY 2009****• Sandhill Crane near Fern Ridge • White-winged Dove in Florence • Lark Sparrow at Willow Creek**

This reporting period had about normal weather except for the last week of record-breaking high temperatures. There were a number of lingering species that normally breed much farther north and a couple of surprises for the breeding season (Shrike species and Lark Sparrows). Were they attempting to breed here or were they moving around after a failed attempt somewhere else?

**WATERBIRDS & RAPTORS**

Greater White-fronted Goose	June 5	NJSR	VD	Normally breeding in the arctic at this time
Brant (2)	June 11	NJSR	VD	Normally breeding in the arctic at this time
American White Pelican	June 3	Eugene (S. Hills)	B&DG	Not normally seen away from FRR
Brown Pelican (100s)	June 1	Heceta Head	B&ZS	Seen one day and gone shortly thereafter
Brandt's Cormorant	June	Heceta Head area	B&ZS	They don't appear to be nesting this year
Great Egret (2)	July 2	FRR	JS	A normal time for this species to show up
Black-crowned Night-Heron	June 16	Florence	HH	A species rarely found on the coast of Lane County
Black-crowned Night-Heron (3)	July 1	FRR	JS	A normal time for this species to show up
Golden Eagle	June 13	FRR	J&SB	Normally only found in small numbers in the valley during the winter
Peregrine Falcon	June 19	Glenwood	AC	Not normally found in "town" during the breeding season
Peregrine Falcon	July 18	Alton Baker park	AJ	

**CRANES, SHOREBIRDS, GULLS & TERNS**

Sandhill Crane	July 5	FRR area	ER	A rare breeding season report
Semipalmated Plover (2)	July 10	Meadowlark Prairie	JS	The first southbound migrants
Black-necked Stilt (w/young)	June 29	FRR	NS	Successfully nesting again this year
Greater Yellowlegs (40)	July 10	FRR	JS	The first southbound migrants
Lesser Yellowlegs (6)	July 10	FRR	JS	The first southbound migrants
Solitary Sandpiper	July 10	FRR	JS	Uncommon during the fall migration
Wandering Tattler (3)	July 22	SJSR	B&ZS	The first south bound migrants
Surfbird	July 25	NJSR	PS	The first south bound migrants
Semipalmated Sandpiper	July 4	Siltcoos River mouth	HH	A normal time for this rare species to arrive
Semiplamated Sandpiper	July 8	Siltcoos River mouth	DF	
Western Sandpiper (60)	July 4	Sitlcoos River mouth	HH	The first southbound migrants
Least Sandpiper (40)	July 4	Siltcoos River mouth	HH	The first southbound migrants

Short-billed Dowitcher	July 4	Siltcoos River mouth	HH	The first southbound migrants
Long-billed Dowitcher (380)	July 10	FRR	JS	The first southbound migrants
Wilson's Phalarope	July 18	Siltcoos River mouth	HH	The first southbound migrants
Bonaparte's Gull	June/July	NJSR & FRR	m.ob.	Numerous reports during the period. A species that normally breeds in the arctic at this time of year
Caspian Tern (10)	July 2	FRR	JS	The highest number reported this year
Forster's Tern (4)	July 5	FRR	A&TM	A species not known to breed at FRR
Black Tern	July 5	FRR	A&TM	Fledged young

### DOVES, GOATSUCKERS & SWIFTS

Eurasian Collared-Dove (2)	June 10	Creswell	NS	The first reports for both of these locations, but surely not the last!
Eurasian Collared-Dove	June 10	Springfield	TE	
White-winged Dove	June 7	Florence	WH	The third record for Lane County
Common Nighthawk	June 9	River Road area	BCs	Just a few days later than normal arrival
Common Nighthawk	June 18	Buck Lake (N. Florence)	HH	More reports than normal for this declining species
Common Nighthawk	June 26	Eugene	DS	
Black Swift	June 6	Salt Creek falls	JW, et al.	A normal time and place for this species

### PASSERINES

Black Phoebe (juv.)	June 12	LCC	AMc	Areas where this species has bred in the past few years
Black Phoebe (4 juvs.)	June 21	Coyote Ck – Cantrell	AMc	
Western Kingbird	June 4	Eugene (W 11th area)	MP	There seems to be "lots" this year
Shrike spp.	July 5	Crow Road area	JT	An unusual breeding season report for either species
Red-eyed Vireo	June 11	Elijah Bristow	SP NS	Their normal nesting location
Horned Lark	June 29	FRR (E. Coyote unit)	NS	Not a known breeding area
Vesper Sparrow	July 16	Goshen area	A&DH	An area where they've bred in the past
Lark Sparrow	June 7	Willow Creek	TM	A singing male that was found twice more in a week's time for a rare breeding season record
Lark Sparrow	June 10	Siltcoos River mouth	DF	Another rare breeding season record
Golden-crowned Sparrow	June 17	Lorane	DI	Normally breeding in Alaska
Dark-eyed Junco	July 24	River Road area	B&KA	An early record for their yard where they don't breed
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	June 10	Mapleton area	RB	A male was mist-netted and banded
Indigo Bunting	July 23	SW of Cougar Reservoir	GG,CP,KL	A singing male! An eastern species that has been found around the Eugene/Springfield area a number of times

Yellow-headed Blackbird	June 22	Junction City area	BCI	Not normally found away from FRR
Great-tailed Grackle	June	FRR	m.ob.	Seen throughout the period
White-winged Crossbill	July 25	Waldo Lake	RM	A species found in this area every few years in varying numbers
Common Redpoll	June 24	Eugene (S. Hills)	JB	An extremely unusual midsummer report

### ABBREVIATIONS

Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), many observers (m.ob.), Lane Community College (LCC), North Jetty of the Siuslaw River (NJSR), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (SJSR)

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