

Field Notes: January 2010

- **Heermann's Gull swings northward** • **Ferruginous Hawk at Checkermallow Overlook**
- **Common Goldeneye uncommon visitor** • **Tree Swallows: just passing through?**

January was warmer and drier than normal, which may explain some of the sightings below. For highlights of the Christmas Bird Count on January 3, 2010, see the February *Quail*. Early spring migrants (i.e. Rufous Hummingbird by the end of Feb.) should be arriving soon, so let us know when and where you see them.

WATERBIRDS

Greater White-fronted Goose	Jan.	Island Park	D&VH	What appears to be the Greenland race
Snow Goose	Jan. 21	Dexter Reservoir	NS	Normally found in flocks near the airport
Canvasback	Jan. 1	Delta Ponds	JC	Unusual location for this species
Common Goldeneye	Jan. 10	FRR – Royal Ave	A&TM	Not commonly found here
American Bittern	Jan. 17	FRR- Royal Ave	A&DH	Not always found in the winter

RAPTORS

Ferruginous Hawk	Jan. 10	Checkermallow Overlook	S&SG	Rarely found in the county
Rough-legged Hawk (3)	Jan. 2	Eugene airport area	JS	Still being found in normal numbers
Prairie Falcon	Jan. 2	Washburn Lane	JS	They normally winter in very small numbers.

RAILS, SHOREBIRDS, GULLS, & OWLS

Black-bellied Plover (26)	Jan. 10	FRR	SM	They normally winter in these numbers
Dunlin (6000+)	Jan. 17	FRR	A&DH	A normal wintering flock
Heermann's Gull	Jan. 17	Klootchman SW	AC	The only report for the month; they're normally on the breeding grounds in Mexico this time of year.
Black-legged Kittiwake (3)	Jan. 17	Klootchman SW	AC	A normal number and location.
Short-eared Owl	Jan.	FRR/Airport Area	m.ob.	There seem to be good numbers around this winter given the number of reports.

PASSERINES

Eurasian Collared-Dove (15)	Jan. 30	Alvadore	DB	Their numbers continue to increase!
Lewis's Woodpecker	Jan.	FRR	m.ob.	They're still being found in good numbers.
Black Phoebe (2)	Jan. 27	N Fork Siuslaw River	EC	Found while kayaking from Bender Landing
Say's Phoebe	Jan. 2	Stewart Pond area	JS,LJ	An earlier than normal report for the county

Say's Phoebe	Jan. 17	Creswell area	SF,DI	They normally don't show up until mid-Feb.
Northern Shrike	Jan.	FRR	m.ob.	Still being found in good numbers
Clark's Nutcracker	Jan. 8	Deadwood	DC	A rare sighting away from the High Cascades
Tree Swallow (10)	Jan. 2	FRR	LM,DA	An unusual winter record—there haven't been any reports before or after, so it must've been a migrating flock.
Wrenit	Jan. 1	Beltline Rd/Royal Ave	E&VT	A rather unusual location for this species
American Tree Sparrow	Jan. 10	FRR – Royal Ave	A&TM	The same bird as found in Oct?
Pine Siskin	Jan. 11	Ridgeline Trail	TM	The first flocks heard and vocalizations have continued in the area.
Evening Grosbeak	Jan. 11	Ridgeline Trail	TM	Heard calling for three mornings, but not before or since—just moving through?

Abbreviations

Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), many observers (m.ob.), State Wayside (SW).

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