

- Rusty Blackbird—first record in Lane County • Mew and Herring Gulls—first winter reports
- Clay-colored Sparrow—rare sighting in Eugene • Horned Grebe on Fern Ridge Reservoir

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October turned out to be a good month for migrants, including lingering neotropical migrants and arctic or taiga breeders arriving or migrating through, as well as birds wandering in from other parts of the state. Some of these included the first Rusty Blackbird record for Lane County, Clay-colored Sparrow, Common Poorwill, Mountain Chickadee, and Sage Thrasher.

WATERBIRDS

Eurasian Wigeon	Oct. 11	Delta Ponds	SH	First report for the winter season
Cinnamon Teal (2 males)	Oct. 6	FRR—south end	TM	Last report for the breeding season
Black Scoter (3)	Oct. 31	Kloutchman SW	AC	Always a good place for this species
Goldeneye spp. (female/imm)	Oct. 31	FRR—Orchard Point	JS	First report for the winter season
Ruddy Duck	Oct. 13	SJSR—Crab Dock	B&ZS	Rarely found near the ocean
Horned Grebe	Oct. 19	Siuslaw River mouth	B&ZS	First for the winter season
Horned Grebe	Oct. 31	FRR—Shore Lane	JS	Rare on the reservoir
Red-necked Grebe	Oct. 8	FRR—Jeans Rd	ES	Rarely found inland in Lane County
Eared Grebe	Oct. 23	FRR—Shore Lane	JS	Becoming more regular during migration
American White Pelican (56)	Oct. 6	FRR—Royal Ave	LM, et.al.	Last report for the summer
Brown Pelican (140)	Oct. 27	SJSR	DP	Roosting on the jetty
Brown Pelican (50)	Oct. 31	N Lane Co coast	AC	Migrating south
Green Heron	Oct. 6	Alton Baker Park	EC	Small numbers winter most years
Black-crowned Night Heron(3)	Oct. 9	FRR—Royal Ave area	EC	Flushed from the reeds while kayaking

VULTURES to TERNS

Turkey Vulture (23)	Oct. 15	Alton Baker Park	AM	Headed south together
Osprey	Oct. 6	FRR—south end	TM	Last report away from the river in Eugene
Rough-legged Hawk	Oct. 30	Eugene airport area	DC	First report for the winter season
Merlin	Oct. 9	FRR—south end	JS	First report for the winter in the valley
Merlin (2)	Oct. 19	Eugene—College Hill	MP	Rarely found together
Black-bellied Plover (70)	Oct. 23	FRR—Shore Lane	JS	Normal wintering numbers
Lesser Yellowlegs (4)	Oct. 9	FRR—south end	JS	Last report for fall migration
Western Sandpiper (6)	Oct. 9	FRR—south end	JS	Last report for fall migration
Least Sandpiper (50)	Oct. 23	FRR—Shore Lane	JS	Normal wintering numbers
Pectoral Sandpiper (2)	Oct. 23	FRR—Royal Ave	JS	Last report for fall migration
Dunlin	Oct. 6	SJSR	B&ZS	First report for the winter season
Dunlin (500)	Oct. 23	FRR—Shore Lane	JS	A wintering species in even larger numbers
Long-billed Dowitcher (150)	Oct. 23	FRR—Shore Lane	JS	Normal wintering numbers
Red-necked Phalarope	Oct. 2	FRR—south end	JS	Last report for fall migration
Red Phalarope	Oct. 26	Siuslaw River mouth	B&ZS	A normal time for their southward migration

VULTURES to TERNS, *continued*

Pomarine Jaeger (probable)	Oct. 31	Klootchman SW	AC	Never common from shore
Heermann's Gull (80)	Oct. 31	N Lane Co coast	AC	Later than normal
Mew Gull	Oct. 16	Siuslaw River mouth	B&ZS	First report for the winter season
Herring Gull	Oct. 9	FRR—south end	JS	First report for the winter season
Sabine's Gull	Oct. 27	NJSR	DP	Not normally seen from shore
Black-legged Kittiwake	Oct. 31	Klootchman SW	AC	First for the winter season.
Common Tern (2)	Oct. 27	NJSR	DP	Later than normal
Cassin's Auklet	Oct. 31	Klootchman SW	AC	Not commonly found from shore anymore.
Black Tern (immature)	Sept. 17	FRR	DI,JS	About a month after the breeding birds had left the reservoir

OWLS to GROSBEAKS

Northern Saw-whet Owl (6)	Oct. 17	Spencer Butte	JS	Large numbers for a few hours of calling!
Common Poorwill	Oct. 14	Florence	DP	Rarely found during the day and even more rarely found at the coast!
Vaux's Swift (300+)	Oct. 1	Skinner Butte	TM	Last report for the breeding season
Willow Flycatcher	Oct. 6	Alton Baker Park	EC	Last report for the breeding season
Northern Shrike	Oct. 13	SJSR road	B&ZS	First report for the winter season
Violet-green Swallow (1,000)	Oct. 9	FRR—south end	JS	Last report for the breeding season
Barn Swallow	Oct. 6	FRR—Royal Ave	LM, et.al.	Last report for the breeding season
Mountain Chickadee (2)	Oct. 24	River Road	B&KA	Rarely found in the Eugene/Springfield area
House Wren	Oct. 2	N Eugene	BMc	Last report for the breeding season and later than normal
Western Bluebird	Oct. 15	SJSR overlook	B&ZS	Not common along the coastal plain
Swainson's Thrush	Oct. 13	Alton Baker Park	LM, et.al.	Last report for the breeding season
Northern Mockingbird	Oct. 6	Neptune State Park	DS	Show up for the winter season during this
Northern Mockingbird	Oct. 12	Washburn Lane	PS	time of year—reports increasing
Sage Thrasher	Oct. 15	SJSR road	AC,DF	First record from the coast and in the fall
American Pipit (200)	Oct. 23	FRR—Royal Ave	JS	Normal numbers during migration/winter
Black-throated Gray Warbler	Oct. 3	N Eugene	BG	Last report for the breeding season
Palm Warbler	Oct. 24	Alton Baker Park	JS	Found in very small numbers during the winter, normally at the coast
Common Yellowthroat (2)	Oct. 6	FRR—south end	TM	Last report for the breeding season
Western Tanager	Oct. 6	River Road	BC	Last report for the breeding season
Chipping Sparrow	Oct. 1	Skinner Butte	TM	A larger number of reports than normal this
Chipping Sparrow	Oct. 1	N Eugene	DH	late in the season
Chipping Sparrow	Oct. 9	N Eugene	BG	Last report for the breeding season
Clay-colored Sparrow	Oct. 1	N Eugene	A&DH	About a dozen records for Lane County
White-throated Sparrow	Oct. 1	River Road	BC	First report for the winter season
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Oct. 24	Eugene airport area	DI,SF	Rarely found after the end of September
Rusty Blackbird	Oct. 24	Eugene airport area	DI,SF	The first record for Lane County
Purple Finch	Oct. 19	River Road	B&KA	Second time in yard in eight years

Late report

White-breasted Nuthatch

summer

River Road

B&KA

A pair fledged three young in the area

Abbreviations

FRR: Fern Ridge Reservoir

NJSR: North Jetty of the Siuslaw River

SJSR: South Jetty of the Siuslaw River

SW: State Wayside

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