

FIELD NOTES: JANUARY 2011

• Eurasian Wigeons at Kirk Pond • Osprey along the Siuslaw River • Golden Eagle near Alvadore • Rufous Hummingbird – rare winter appearance

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January was mostly dry and cool except for one weekend in the middle of the month. Near the end of the month, there were some spring-like days when the resident birds were really singing! By the end of February, some of the early spring migrants should begin arriving, such as the Rufous Hummingbird, swallow species, and Say's Phoebe, so keep watch.

WATERBIRDS

Greater White-fronted Goose (2)	Jan. 6	Delta Ponds	DH	Not an area where they're normally found
Greater White-fronted Goose (6)	Jan. 16	Florence	DR	Found in small numbers during the winter
Eurasian Wigeon	Jan. 5	Kirk Pond	SM	Not as many reports of this species as normal
Eurasian Wigeon	Jan. 19	Ed Cone Blvd	AP,BH	for this time of year
Eurasian Wigeon (3)	Jan. 30	Kirk Pond	JS	Good numbers for one location
Eurasian Wigeon (1-3)	Jan.	Fiddle Creek road	B&ZS	In with most large flocks of American Wigeons
Canvasback	Jan. 20	Florence boat basin	DH	Not a normal location for the species
Canvasback (3)	Jan. 29	Dexter Reservoir	AC	A normal location for the species
Common Goldeneye	Jan. 19	Dexter Reservoir	SM,PS	A normal location for this species
Yellow-billed Loon (possible)	Jan. 20	Siuslaw River mouth	DH	Only six records for Lane Co.
American White Pelican	Jan. 5	FRR	SM	Still being reported from the reservoir
Brown Pelican	Jan. 2	Florence area	AC	They haven't all headed south yet.
Green Heron	Jan. 6	Delta Ponds	TM	Normally found in small numbers in winter

TURKEYS TO ALCIDS

Wild Turkey	Jan. 7	Wax Myrtle campgrd	B&ZS	Is someone releasing them on the coast?
Turkey Vulture (18)	Jan. 1	Royal/ Fisher Butte	SM,PS	A large kettle for winter
Osprey	Jan. 1	Mapleton	MF	Not yet common along the Siuslaw River during the winter season
Osprey	Jan. 30	Alton Baker Park	m.ob.	A bird was back in this area after being absent most of the winter.
Osprey (2)	Jan. 27	Lower Mohawk River	JT	Two birds circling & calling
Rough-legged Hawk	Jan. 19	Eugene Airport area	JS	The only report for the month
Golden Eagle	Jan. 30	Alvadore	JS	Rarely found in the valley

Gyr Falcon	Jan. 27	Hileman Landing	CV	Most likely the same bird as found last month
Prairie Falcon	Jan. 6	Green Hill Road	DS	Reported again after being reported last month
Black-bellied Plover (6)	Jan. 10	FRR	RR	The only report for the month of this common wintering species
Surfbird (168)	Jan. 6	Bob Creek	KL	A large flock for Lane Co.
Bonaparte's Gull (2)	Jan. 2	Franklin Road	AP,BH	Not often reported inland during the winter
Common Murre (2000)	Jan. 2	Bob Creek	AC	A large flock for the Lane Co. coast

OWLS TO CROSSBILLS

Short-eared Owl	Jan. 22	Meadowlark Prairie	VT	A normal location for this species
Short-eared Owl	Jan. 24	FRR – Royal Ave	BB	A normal location for this species
Rufous Hummingbird	Jan. 1	Eugene/Springfield	RA	A rare winter report
Black Phoebe (3)	Jan. 7	Delta Ponds	TM	Increasing numbers in the area
Barn Swallow (5)	Jan. 20	FRR – Royal Ave	SH	A rare winter report, but one that has been occurring the last few years – why?
Swallow species	Jan. 19	FRR – East Coyote	AP,BH	“White bellied” (Tree & Violet-green) species are a little more common in the winter than other species.
Northern Mockingbird	Jan.	Florence area	m.ob.	Found throughout the month
Northern Mockingbird	Jan. 5	Awbrey Lane	JS	Found again after first report last month
Hermit Warbler	Jan. 12	East Eugene	JJ	Still coming to the feeder
Swamp Sparrow	Jan. 23	FRR – Royal Ave	JS	The only report for the winter from the valley.
White-throated Sparrow	Jan.	Valley & coast	m.ob.	Being reported in good numbers as usual
Black-headed Grosbeak	Jan. 6	Florence area	fide KL	Rarely found in the winter
Red Crossbill	Jan. 7	Wax Myrtle campgrd.	B&ZS	Normally found in the pine and spruce

Abbreviations

Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR)

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