

FIELD NOTES: MARCH 2011

• **Cliff Swallows a couple weeks early** • **Several Eurasian Wigeons at Kirk Pond** • **Nearly two dozen Bald Eagles around Hwy 99** • **Western Grebe spotted on the Willamette**

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Overall, March's weather seemed about normal with plenty of rain or showers interspersed with bits of warm sunshine as teasers of spring. As usual, the early migrants started trickling into the area during the, but they seem to be arriving later and in smaller numbers than normal – especially Rufous Hummingbirds.

WATERBIRDS

Snow Goose (2)	March 4	Dillard Rd & Hwy 99	SM,PS	Not many reports this winter
Tundra Swan (3)	March 4	Deflation Plain	B&ZS	Last report from the area this winter
Wood Duck	March 5	Canary Road	B&ZS	First report for this spring in the area
Eurasian Wigeon (3)	March 26	Kirk Pond	DF	A good number for one location
Canvasback	March 5	FRR – Royal Ave	DF,LC	The first report for this spring
Western Grebe	March 31	Willamette River	JS	Not commonly seen on the river in town
American White Pelican (26)	March 31	FRR	JS	Their numbers are increasing with spring

RAPTORS TO OWLS

Osprey	March 29	Autzen Stadium	AM	Pair carrying sticks to nest
Bald Eagle	March 1	Skinner Butte	AP	Pair at nest site for the 5 th year
Bald Eagle (21)	March 6	Highway 99 area	JS	Highest count for this raptor route
Bald Eagle	March 31	FRR	JS	A bird on the nest
Rough-legged Hawk (2)	March 6	Highway 99 area	JS	Still in the area
Wilson's Snipe (12)	March 7	Delta Ponds	Ma	A large number for one location
Pigeon Guillemot	March 19	Siuslaw River	B&ZS	A bird in breeding plumage – the first
Band-tailed Pigeon	March 19	Eugene area	MS,DL	About a week later than normal
Great Horned Owl	March 11	Razor Park	AV	Adults at nest

HUMMINGBIRDS TO WARBLERS

Rufous Hummingbird	March 2	Florence area	B&ZS	First report for the coast
Rufous Hummingbird	March 5	Eugene/Springfield	MS,DL	A couple weeks later than normal
Say's Phoebe	March 4	Pleasant Hill area	SM,PS	A normal time for their arrival
Northern Shrike	March 6	Meadowlark Prairie	JS	Still being seen in the area
Northern Shrike	March 16	Deflation Plain	B&ZS	Last report for the area this winter
Violet-Green Swallow	March 30	Eugene/Springfield	AC	Large numbers around town
Cliff Swallow	March 12	E. Regional Park	J&JD	About two weeks early
White-breasted Nuthatch	March 23	Island Park	LM,et.al.	Another bird in riparian habitat along the Willamette River
American Dipper	March	Cape Creek	B&ZS	Appear to be nesting again this year

Northern Mockingbird	March 5	Junction City area	JM	One was found in the general area earlier this winter at Awbrey Lane.
Northern Mockingbird	March 25	Florence area	JB	Still being seen in the area
Orange-crowned Warbler	March 16	FRR – Perkins Pen.	NS	A singing bird – migrant?
Orange-crowned Warbler	March 31	North Eugene	BG	A singing bird – migrant?
Yellow-rumped Warbler	March 13	North Eugene	BG	A breeding plumage bird – migrant?

Abbreviations

Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River deflation plain (Deflation Plain).

Thank you, contributors!

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