

## FIELD NOTES: JUNE-JULY 2011

### • Common Loon at Dexter Reservoir • Western Wood Pewee returns after 35 years • Red-eyed Vireo in Clearwater Park • Grasshopper Sparrow at Fern Ridge

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This summer was once again wet and cool, with no sustained periods of sunshine and warmth until the very end of July! Common Nighthawk reports were up again this year, so maybe their numbers are starting to slowly rebound after almost being eliminated from the Eugene/Springfield area. Besides their first report from the River Road area, they were also reported at Delta Ponds.

#### WATERBIRDS

<b>Canvasback</b> (male)	Jun. 4	FRR	JS	An unusual summer report
<b>Ruddy Duck</b>	Jun. 7	LCC ponds	AJ	A location where they've bred in the past
<b>Common Loon</b>	Jun. 15	Dexter Reservoir	LM,et.al.	A rare summer report
<b>Leach's Storm-Petrel</b>	Jun. 5	SJSR	DP	Normally not found close to shore during the day
<b>American White Pelican</b> (40)	Jun. 25	South Eugene	S&SG	A circling flock that headed SE
<b>American White Pelican</b> (16)	Jul. 2	Tire Mtn. - Cascades	TH	A flock headed south

#### KITES TO AUKLETS

<b>White-tailed Kite</b>	Jul. 16	FRR	JW,JS	Returning for the winter
<b>Swainson's Hawk</b>	May 13	Eugene airport	MN	Rarely found in Lane Co.
<b>Semipalmated Plover</b>	Jun. 16	Siltcoos River mouth	DF	A summering bird?
<b>Semiplamated Plover</b> (8)	Jul. 17	FRR	TM	A normal time for their migrations south
<b>Black-necked Stilt</b>	Jul. 16	FRR	JW,JS	Adults with young; breeding again
<b>Greater Yellowlegs</b>	Jun. 26	Siltcoos River mouth	DF	Late going north or early coming back south?
<b>Lesser Yellowlegs</b> (2)	Jul. 17	FRR	TM	A normal time for their migration south
<b>Semipalmated Sandpiper</b>	Jul. 16	FRR	JS	A normal time for their migration south
<b>Baird's Sandpiper</b>	Jul. 27	FRR	BMc	A normal time for their migration south in small numbers compared to other peeps
<b>Sharp-tailed Sandpiper</b>	Jul. 16	FRR	JW	Only the second adult record for OR
<b>Short-billed Dowitcher</b>	Jul. 17	FRR	TM	Small numbers can be found with flocks of Long-billed Dowitchers this time of year in the valley.
<b>Wilson's Phalarope</b> (ad. & juv.)	Jul. 4	FRR	JS	They must have bred again this year.
<b>Red-necked Phalarope</b>	Jul. 31	FRR	A&TM	Starting their southward migration
<b>Heermann's Gull</b>	Jul. 10	Florence area	S&SG	Post breeding birds arriving for the summer
<b>Black Tern</b>	Jun. 5	FRR	A&TM	At least three nests with eggs
<b>Black Tern</b>	Jun. 18	FRR	KG	Surveys of the reservoir found 20 nests.
<b>Forster's Tern</b>	Jun. 4	FRR	JS	Rarely found in Lane Co.

<b>Rhinoceros Auklet</b> (10)	Jul. 10	Siuslaw River mouth	S&SG	Always a good location to see this species this time of year.
<b>NIGHTHAWKS TO FINCHES</b>				
<b>Common Nighthawk</b>	Jun. 5	River Road area	BC	A few days later than their normal arrival date
<b>Black Swift</b> (few)	Jun. 27	Salt Creek falls	HR,AC	First report for the breeding season
<b>Black-chinned Hummingbird</b>	May 22	West Eugene	MN	One of only a handful of records for Lane Co.
<b>Calliope Hummingbird</b>	Jun. 13	Delta Ponds area	JC	A late report for this species
<b>Western Wood-Pewee</b>	Jun. 25	South Eugene	SG	First summer bird at his house in 35 years.
<b>Black Phoebe</b>	Jun. 16	E. Enid Rd – N. Eugene	JS	A species that continues to expand its range
<b>Western Kingbird</b>	Jun. 7	SJSR	DF	Not normally found on the “beach” this time of year
<b>Red-eyed Vireo</b>	Jun. 19	Clearwater Pk. area	A&TM	They haven’t been found in their normal breeding areas of Jasper Park and Elijah Bristow Park the last couple of years.
<b>Horned Lark</b>	Jun. 21	Eugene airport	BE	An area where they’ve bred in the past.
<b>Ruby-crowned Kinglet</b>	Jun. 4	SJSR	DF	A very late report for this high elevation breeding species.
<b>Northern Waterthrush</b>	Jul. 12	Salt Ck./Mule Prairie	CF	Surveys didn’t find any singing birds again this year.
<b>Black-throated Sparrow</b>	Jun. 4	SJSR	DP	A rare Lane Co. report; they’re occasionally reported during spring migration, usually in early May.
<b>Grasshopper Sparrow</b>	Jun. 4	FRR	JS	First report this year from their breeding area.
<b>Evening Grosbeak</b> (pair)	Jun. 27	South Eugene	S&SG	First summer birds they’ve had in their yard in 35 years.

### Abbreviations

Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), Lane Community College (LCC), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (SJSR).

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