

FIELD NOTES: OCTOBER 2011

- **Dunlins make first appearance for winter**
- **Northern Saw-whet Owls at Spencer Butte**
- **Acorn Woodpeckers around later than usual**
- **White-tailed Kites at Fern Ridge**

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The month started out a little wet but ended up being quite nice for October! Given the mild weather, numerous species seemed to linger longer than normal, especially passerines. One of the more unusual reports was of a pair of nesting Acorn Woodpeckers that fledged one young during the third week of the month!

WATERBIRDS TO TERNS

Greater White-fronted Goose	Oct. 1	FRR – Royal Ave	LG,JS	Large numbers found in the area
Greater White-fronted Goose	Oct. 2	Eug/Springfield	SMc	The last night of hearing migrating flocks after higher than normal numbers of migrants over the last ten days
Common Loon	Oct. 15	FRR – Orchard Pt	JS	Found in small numbers on inland lakes
Eared Grebe	Oct. 6	FRR – Royal Ave	JS	Occasionally reported from the area
Double-crested Cormorant	Oct. 8	FRR – Royal Ave	JS	Returning after the breeding season
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Oct. 8	FRR – Royal Ave	JS	Found in small numbers outside of the breeding season
White-faced Ibis (10)	Oct. 30	FRR – Royal Ave	fide RA	A late occurrence for Oregon
Turkey Vulture (45)	Oct. 8	Downtown Eug	A&TM	A large kettle moving quickly south
Turkey Vulture (50)	Oct. 11	Skinner Butte	DH	Another large kettle migrating south
White-tailed Kite (7)	Oct. 7	FRR – Royal Ave	JS	Numbers increasing for the winter
Black-bellied Plover (80)	Oct. 4	FRR – Royal Ave	RR	A large number for this location
American Golden-Plover	Oct. 1	FRR – Royal Ave	JS	Golden-Plovers are never common inland. This one was sporadically seen through the 15 th (JS).
Pacific Golden-Plover	Oct. 6	Heceta Beach	B&ZS	Occurs in small numbers
Lesser Yellowlegs (4)	Oct. 4	FRR – Royal Ave	RR	Getting late for this species
Marbled Godwit	Oct. 1	FRR – Royal Ave	LG	Rarely found at this location
Pectoral Sandpiper	Oct. 2	Delta Ponds	DH	Not a common location for this species
Pectoral Sandpiper	Oct. 3	SJSR	B&ZS	A normal time and location for this species.
Dunlin (10)	Sept. 26	FRR – Royal Ave	A&TM	The first report for the winter
Red-necked Phalarope	Oct.	FRR	m.ob.	Still being seen throughout the month
Black-legged Kittiwake (3)	Oct. 21	Siuslaw R. mouth	JS	First report for the winter season
Sabine's Gull	Oct. 8	FRR – Shore Ln	JS	Annual in small numbers during migration
Sabine's Gull (2)	Oct. 9	FRR – Orchard Pt	SMA	Annual in small numbers during migration
Bonaparte's Gull	Oct. 16	FRR – Royal Ave	JS	Found annually as the reservoir is drained
Herring Gull	Oct. 22	NJSR	JS	First report for the winter season
Thayer's Gull	Oct. 14	Heceta Beach	B&ZS	First report for the winter season

Common Tern (3)	Oct. 8	FRR – Shore Ln	JS,EC	Annual in small numbers during migration
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OWLS TO BLACKBIRDS

Barred Owl	Oct. 22	Spencer Butte	A&TM,TMe	Still being found in the area
Northern Saw-whet Owl (2)	Oct. 18	Spencer Butte	TM,JS	The east side of the butte between Fox
Northern Saw-whet Owl (3)	Oct. 22	Spencer Butte	A&TM,TMe	Hollow Rd and the top seem to be a good location for this species in mid-October.
Vaux's Swift	Oct. 6	Skinner Butte	A&TM	Last report for the breeding season
Rufous Hummingbird	Oct. 30	Springfield	JS	A very late report
Acorn Woodpecker	Oct. 16	FRR – Royal Ave	JSi,et.al.	A very late nesting record for the species
Western Wood-Pewee	Oct. 6	Skinner Butte	A&TM	Last report for the breeding season
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	Oct. 2	North Eugene	TMe	Last report for the breeding season
Northern Shrike (juv)	Oct. 19	SJSR – Crab Dock	B&ZS	First report for the winter season
Violet-green Swallow (10)	Oct. 9	Skinner Butte	A&TM	Last report for the breeding season
Barn Swallow (5)	Oct. 8	FRR – Royal Ave	A&TM	Last report for the breeding season
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Oct. 2	Skinner Butte	A&TM	First report for the winter season
Western Bluebird (5-6)	Oct. 6	Fiddle Creek	B&ZS	Not common in the area
Swainson's Thrush (2)	Oct. 9	Skinner Butte	A&TM	Last report for the breeding season
Northern Mockingbird	Oct. 11	SJSR – Crab Dock	B&ZS	Last winter's bird returning?
Orange-crowned Warbler	Oct. 6	Skinner Butte	A&TM	Last report for the breeding season
Yellow Warbler	Oct. 9	Skinner Butte	A&TM	Last report for the breeding season
Black-throated Gray Warbler	Oct. 9	Skinner Butte	A&TM	Last report for the breeding season
Common Yellowthroat	Oct. 1	Row River NP	A&TM	Last report for the breeding season
Wilson's Warbler	Oct. 6	Skinner Butte	A&TM	Last report for the breeding season
Western Tanager	Oct. 9	Skinner Butte	A&TM	Last report for the breeding season
White-throated Sparrow	Oct. 10	North Eugene	DH	First report for the winter season
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Oct 7.	FRR – Royal Ave	JS	Last report for the breeding season

Abbreviations

Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), North Jetty of the Siuslaw River (NJSR), Row River Nature Park (Row River NP), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (SJSR).

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