

Field Notes: January 2012

- Cinnamon Teal
- Black-headed Grosbeak
- Red-naped Sapsucker
- Tree Swallow

The weather during the first part of the month was mostly drier and cooler than normal. The last part of the month was closer to normal except for the wind and rain storms that blasted the coast and inland, causing flooding and a sharp increase in water levels at area reservoirs. The storms didn't appear to blow any unusual bird species into the area as sometimes happens. And the Snowy Owls seemed to have left the area before the first of the year, as we haven't received any reports this month.

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), many observers (m.ob.).

WATERBIRDS

Greater White-fronted Goose	Jan 4	Oakridge	JC, TM	Not normally found away from the valley
Cinnamon Teal	Jan 2	Delta Ponds	A&TM	Rarely found during the winter
Canvasback	Jan 2	Oakridge	CF	Occasionally found in the area
American White Pelican (5)	Jan 1	FRR	CBC	A species that has rarely wintered before
Common Loon	Jan 4	Hills Creek Reservoir	CBC	Not normally found away from the coast

OSPREY to OWLS

Osprey	Jan 14	Autzen Stadium area	SM	The first report for this winter season
White-tailed Kite (26)	Jan 14	FRR—Royal Ave	JS	One of the highest counts of birds using the communal night roost
Red-shouldered Hawk	Jan 4	Oakridge	JC, TM	A first for the Oakridge CBC
Rough-legged Hawk (2)	Jan 6	Eugene airport area	JS	A normal wintering area for the species
Golden Eagle	Jan 1	FRR area	CT	Rarely found in the valley
Peregrine Falcon (5)	Jan 26	Eugene airport area	A&DH	A large number for the area
Prairie Falcon	Jan 6	Mt. Pisgah area	AP, BH	Good numbers are still being found in the area
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Black-bellied Plover (60)	Jan 6	FRR	JS	A normal wintering flock for the area

WOODPECKERS to SPARROWS

Red-naped Sapsucker	Jan 1	Southeast Eugene	TMe et al.	Third report for this winter
Say's Pheobe	Jan	Eugene airport area	m.ob.	Reported through the first part of the month
Northern Shrike	Jan 27	FRR—Royal Ave	JS	Smaller numbers than normal this winter
Horned Lark (40)	Jan 15	Eugene airport area	RR	The first report for the winter season
Tree Swallow (10)	Jan 1	Eugene CBC area	CBC	Rarely found during the winter
Swallow species (2)	Jan 26	FRR	A&DH	White-bellied, unknown species
Northern Mockingbird	Jan	Alvadore	m.ob.	Seen throughout the month

Common Yellowthroat	Jan 1	West Eugene	BN	Occasionally reported during the winter
Black-headed Grosbeak	Jan 11	Southeast Eugene	JSi	Very rare in the winter
Pine Siskin (50)	Jan 21	North Eugene	BG	Flocks have been wandering the area
Evening Grosbeak (3)	Jan 28	North Eugene	BG	Stopped at the feeder for a day

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