

## Field Notes: April-May 2012

- Lazuli Bunting
- Murphy's Petrel
- Forster's Tern
- Blue Jay

The weather was a little more normal this spring, with rain for most of April but mostly dry during May. The spring migrants seemed to arrive a little later than normal overall, especially flycatchers. There are a number of great bird sightings for the county in this report period, including a first Oregon record if it's accepted by the Oregon Bird Records Committee (OBRC)!

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), North Jetty of the Siuslaw River (NJSR), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (SJSR)

### WATERBIRDS

<b>Greater White-fronted Goose</b> (300)	April 22	Deadwood	KB	A normal time for their migration.
<b>Greater White-fronted Goose</b> (1225)	April 28	Eugene area	MN	Flocks flying overhead.
<b>Tundra Swan</b>	April 1	Eugene airport	MN	Last report for the winter.
<b>Blue-winged Teal</b>	April 13	Washburne Lane	AP,BH	A couple weeks earlier than normal.
<b>Redhead</b>	April 1	FRR	MN	First report for the summer.
<b>Black Scoter</b> (40)	April 6	Tokatee Klootchman	DP	An unusually large number for the county.
<b>Black Scoter</b> (21)	April 6	NJSR	DP	Obviously the height of migration.
<b>Long-tailed Duck</b>	May 13	SJSR	NS	Last report for the winter.
<b>Horned Grebe</b>	April 8	FRR	RR	Found the last few years at this time of year.
<b>Northern Fulmar</b>	April 6	NJSR	DP	Migrating to the breeding grounds.
<b>Murphy's Petrel</b>	April 17	cruise ship off coast	JW,et al.	Rare for ocean off Lane Co.
<b>Cook's Petrel</b>	April 17	cruise ship off coast	JW,et al.	Very rare for ocean off Lane Co.
<b>Sooty Shearwater</b> (2)	April 6	NJSR	DP	Migrating to the breeding grounds.
<b>American White Pelican</b>	May 20	Oakridge area	JW,et al.	Rare away from FRR.
<b>White-faced Ibis</b> (15)	May 15	FRR – Royal Ave	RR	Rare, but almost annual at this location.

### GROUSE to GOATSUCKERS

<b>Ruffed Grouse</b> (drumming)	April 8	Veneta area	RR	Found in the same area the last few years.
<b>Bald Eagle</b> (nest w/3 young)	April 13	Skinner Butte	TMe	Largest number of nestlings to date.
<b>Golden Eagle</b>	April 8	Washburne Lane	SK	Uncommon in the valley.
<b>Peregrine Falcon</b>	April 30	Skinner Butte	RR	Local breeder?
<b>Sora</b>	April 5	FRR	RR	A normal time for their spring arrival.
<b>Black-necked Stilt</b>	April 9	FRR – Fisher Butte	SM	A few days earlier than normal.
<b>Black-necked Stilt</b> (2)	April 13	Alvadore Rd	AP,BH	Last report for the spring.

<b>American Avocet</b> (2)	May 15	FRR	RR	Rare, but almost annual – mostly spring.
<b>Wandering Tattler</b> (2)	April 29	NJSR	DP	Normal migration time and location.
<b>Western Sandpiper</b> (600)	April 21	Baker Beach	DF	A good day for migrant shorebirds.
<b>Wilson's Phalarope</b> (4)	May 13	FRR	NS	About a week later than normal.
<b>Red-necked Phalarope</b>	May 1	FRR	JC	A normal migration time.
<b>Caspian Tern</b>	April 12	Florence area	DF	A normal time for their migration.
<b>Black Tern</b>	April 28	FRR	fide JC	Almost a week earlier than normal.
<b>Forster's Tern</b>	May 12	FRR	MS,RRe	Rare during migration and breeding season.
<b>Marbled Murrelet</b> (14)	April 6	Tokatee Klotchman	DP	An unusually large number for the county.
<b>Rhinoceros Auklet</b> (15)	April 29	NJSR	DP	Normally a good location after breeding.
<b>Short-eared Owl</b> (2)	April 5	Meadowlark Prairie	JD	Wintering birds still being seen.
<b>Common Nighthawk</b>	May 30	River Rd area	TMe,MRu	A few days earlier than normal.

## PIGEONS to JAYS

<b>Band-tailed Pigeon</b>	April 18	Skinner Butte	DA,et al.	About a month later than normal.
<b>Black Swift</b>	May 9	Delta Ponds	JC	Rare, but normal migration window.
<b>Black Swift</b> (3)	May 26	Siltcoos River mouth	DF,AK	More common on the coast.
<b>Vaux's Swift</b>	April 14	Skinner Butte	BG	A week later than normal.
<b>Vaux's Swift</b> (7000)	May 11	Agate Hall – UO	DL	A normal migration time.
<b>Calliope Hummingbird</b>	April 18	SW Eugene	S&SG	First of 11 reports, but not as many as last year.
<b>Lewis's Woodpecker</b>	April 22	Skinner Butte	BG	Rare during spring migration.
<b>Acorn Woodpecker</b> (2)	April 23	Skinner Butte	JC	Rare at this location.
<b>Red-naped Sapsucker</b> (2)	April 22	Skinner Butte	S&SG	Quite rare during spring migration.
<b>Olive-sided Flycatcher</b>	April 26	Skinner Butte	RR	A few days earlier than normal.
<b>Western Wood-pewee</b>	May 7	River Rd area	BC	A few days later than normal.
<b>Willow Flycatcher</b>	May 18	Willow Creek	TM	A few days later than normal.
<b>Hammond's Flycatcher</b>	April 17	Mt. Pisgah area	TM	Right on schedule.
<b>Gray Flycatcher</b>	May 1	Skinner Butte	RR,DA	Rare in the county – a little over 10 records.
<b>Dusky Flycatcher</b>	April 28	Eugene area	MN	About a week later than normal.
<b>Pacific-slope Flycatcher</b>	April 22	Skinner Butte	BG	Right on schedule.
<b>Say's Phoebe</b>	April 7	Siltcoos River mouth	DF	Unusually late.
<b>Say's Phoebe</b>	April 25	East Springfield	GG	Extremely late.
<b>Western Kingbird</b>	April 17	FRR dam	MN	A few days later than normal.
<b>Western Kingbird</b>	May 19	Siuslaw River	DF	Rare on the coast.
<b>Loggerhead Shrike</b>	May 7	SJSR	SM,SH	Rarely found at the coast.
<b>Cassin's Vireo</b>	April 15	Crow Rd	RR	About a week later than normal.
<b>Warbling Vireo</b>	April 21	South Hills, Eugene	BC	Right on schedule.
<b>Blue Jay</b>	April 25	Marcola	DSt	Returned after the fall.

## LARKS to GROSBEAKS

<b>Horned Lark (2)</b>	April 1	FRR – E. Coyote Unit	RR	An area where they've been found during the
<b>Lark (9)</b>	April 8	FRR – E. Coyote Unit	RR	Horned breeding season before.
<b>Purple Martin</b>	April 15	FRR	RR	A few days later than normal.
<b>Northern Rough-winged Swallow</b>	April 7	Delta Ponds	BG	A few days later than normal.
<b>Northern Rough-winged Swallow</b>	May 2	Mt. Pisgah	LM,et al.	Nest building.
<b>Cliff Swallow</b>	April 4	FRR	MN	About a week later than normal.
<b>Barn Swallow</b>	April 7	Golden Gardens	VT	About a week later than normal.
<b>House Wren</b>	April 28	Skinner Butte	TMe	About a week later than normal.
<b>Swainson's Thrush</b>	May 2	Clearwater Park	RR	Right on schedule.
<b>Northern Mockingbird</b>	April 16	Alvadore	DB	Last report for the winter.
<b>Snow Bunting</b>	May 20	SJSR	JC	Rare spring record.
<b>Nashville Warbler</b>	April 18	Skinner Butte	DA,et al.	A few days later than normal.
<b>Yellow Warbler</b>	April 22	Skinner Butte	S&SG	About a week earlier than normal.
<b>Black-throated Gray Warbler</b>	April 5	North Eugene	BG	Right on schedule.
<b>Hermit Warbler</b>	April 18	Skinner Butte	AP	A few days earlier than normal.
<b>Cerulean Warbler</b>	April 28	SE Eugene	FM	A first Oregon record if accepted by OBRC.
<b>MacGillivray's Warbler</b>	April 25	Mt. Pisgah area	LM,et al.	A few days later than normal.
<b>Common Yellowthroat</b>	April 3	SW of Eugene	BN	A few days later than normal.
<b>Wilson's Warbler</b>	April 18	Skinner Butte	DA,et al.	About a week later than normal.
<b>Yellow-breasted Chat</b>	May 6	FRR – E. Coyote Unit	LG	Right on schedule.
<b>Chipping Sparrow</b>	April 8	FRR – Zumwalt Park	RR	About a week later than normal.
<b>Brewer's Sparrow</b>	May 12	Heceta Head	NS	First Lane Co coast record.
<b>Vesper Sparrow</b>	May 15	FRR – Royal Ave	RR	About a month later than normal.
<b>Lark Sparrow</b>	May 29	McKenzie Bridge area	MN	Rare, but almost annual.
<b>Grasshopper Sparrow</b>	May 15	FRR – Royal Ave	RR	A few days later than normal.
<b>Fox Sparrow</b>	May 4	W downtown Eugene	EC	Last report for the winter.
<b>White-throated Sparrow</b>	April 27	SE Eugene	AM	Last report for the winter.
<b>Golden-crowned Sparrow</b>	May 25	SE Eugene	AM	Last report for the winter.
<b>Western Tanager</b>	April 21	Skinner Butte	TMe	Right on schedule.
<b>Rose-breasted Grosbeak</b>	May 28	FRR area	TG	Rare, but almost annual.
<b>Black-headed Grosbeak</b>	April 25	Marcola	DSt	Right on schedule.
<b>Lazuli Bunting</b>	April 23	Skinner Butte	TM,JC	About a week earlier than normal.
<b>Yellow-headed Blackbird</b>	April 5	FRR	RR	Right on schedule.
<b>Brown-headed Cowbird</b>	April 5	FRR	RR	A few days earlier than normal.
<b>Bullock's Oriole</b>	April 23	Skinner Butte	TM	A couple days earlier than normal.
<b>Evening Grosbeak (100's)</b>	April 9	Clearwater Park	RR	About a week later than normal.

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