

Field Notes August 2012

The weather for the month was pretty normal – sunny and warm. Fern Ridge Reservoir again produced great habitat for migrant shorebirds, but the best birds of the month were found at the coast. At the South Jetty of the Siuslaw River, two first county records were found, one of which was the second record for the state (highlighted).

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), Oregon Bird Records Committee (OBRC), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (SJSR).

WATERBIRDS to FALCONS

Northern Pintail	Aug 29	Baker Beach area	DF	Flocks migrating south.
Green-winged Teal	Aug 27	Baker Beach area	DF	Flocks migrating south.
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Aug 1	LCC area	LM et al.	Uncommon breeding species in the area.
Peregrine Falcon	Aug 1	Beltline & Will. River	ATn	Hunting Rock Pigeons, of which there are many.
Prairie Falcon	Aug 24	FRR – Royal Ave	JS	A very early report for the area.

SHOREBIRDS to TERNS

Black-necked Stilt (2 juv)	Aug 29	FRR – Royal Ave	JS	Migrants, given that no birds nested here.
Semipalmated Plover (6)	Aug 2	FRR – Royal Ave	A&TM	A normal time for their migration south.
Semipalmated Plover (70)	Aug 24	FRR – Royal Ave	JS	A very large number for the location.
Piping Plover	Aug 20	SJSR – Fishing Pier	BZ&DS	Second Oregon record if accepted by the OBRC.
Solitary Sandpiper (2)	Aug 18	FRR – Royal Ave	RR et al.	Becoming as common in the fall as the spring.
Upland Sandpiper	Aug 24	SJSR Deflation Plain	A&CH	First Lane Co. record.
Whimbrel	Aug 8	FRR – Royal Ave	JS,LJ	Uncommon in the valley.
Ruddy Turnstone	Aug 2	FRR – Royal Ave	NS	First inland Lane Co record.
Ruddy Turnstone	Aug 18	FRR – Royal Ave	RR et al.	The same bird?
Ruddy Turnstone	Aug 29	FRR – Royal Ave	JS	The same bird?
Red Knot	Aug 14	Heceta Beach	A&TM	Regular migrant in small numbers.
Baird's Sandpiper (6)	Aug 5	Heceta Beach	DI	A normal time for their migration south.
Baird's Sandpiper	Aug 16	South Sister	AF	A high-elevation migrant as well.
Baird's Sandpiper	Aug	FRR	m.ob.	Numerous reports throughout the month.
Pectoral Sandpiper	Aug 8	FRR – Royal Ave	NS	A normal time for their migration south.
Pectoral Sandpiper	Aug 31	Delta Ponds	SH	An unusual location.
Stilt Sandpiper	Aug 12	FRR – Royal Ave	DS,DA,NS	Becoming almost annual at this location.
Stilt Sandpiper	Aug 18	FRR – Royal Ave	DS et al.	The same bird?
Stilt Sandpiper	Aug 24	FRR – Royal Ave	JS	The same bird?
Short-billed Dowitcher	Aug 8	FRR – Royal Ave	LM et al.	A normal time for their migration south.
Red-necked Phalarope (5)	Aug 6	FRR – Royal Ave	JS	A normal time for their migration south.
Sabine's Gull	Aug 31	FRR – Shore Lane	SM	Annual in small numbers during migration – earlier than normal.

Black Tern (2 – juv. & adult)	Aug 2	FRR – Royal Ave	PO	Last report for the breeding season.
Common Tern	Aug 15	FRR – Royal Ave	JS,LJ	Found in small numbers most falls.
Common Tern (9)	Aug 26	FRR – Royal Ave	JS,LJ	Found in small numbers most falls.
Forster's Tern	Aug 2	FRR – Royal Ave	PO	Second report for the “summer.”

OWLS to FINCHES

Barred Owl	Aug 29	Skinner Butte	LM et al.	First report for “downtown” Eugene.
Common Nighthawk	Aug 16	Cheshire area	MF	The second year in a row for this large flock.
Black Swift	Aug 6	Salt Creek Falls	CF, MS	Nest with a nestling.
Black Swift	Aug 27	Salt Creek Falls	EH	Nests were empty – assumed they had fledged.
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Aug 1	LCC area	LM et al.	Nest with 2 young.
Eastern Kingbird	Aug 31	SJSR	DBI	About the ninth record for Lane Co.
Red-eyed Vireo	Aug 8	Alton Baker Park	NS	Did it nest? It was singing for most of month.
Purple Martin	Aug 12	N. Fork Siuslaw River	A&TM	Using nest boxes on piling in the river at about MP 2 and calling in the area of “The Portage” (first bridge along North Fork road).
Northern Mockingbird	Aug 29	Skinner Butte	LM et al.	Rarely found this time of the year.

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