

Field Notes: September 2012

•Greater White-fronted Geese •South Polar Skua •American Golden-plover •Black-necked Stilt

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The month was warm and dry, as seems to be the new norm. The shorebirding at Fern Ridge Reservoir continued to be quite good with the ODF&W staff pumping water into the ponds to keep them from drying up during migration— thanks again Wayne Morrow and staff! As is normal for the month, most of the neotropical migrants have left for their wintering grounds and a number of the northern breeders have arrived for the winter.

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

WATERBIRDS

Greater White-fronted Goose	Sept 23	Eugene	SMc	First flocks for the fall migration.
Cackling Goose	Sept 25	FRR	JG	First flocks for the winter season.
Pink-footed Shearwater	Sept 9	NJSR	DP	Small numbers can normally be seen from shore most falls.
South Polar Skua	Sept 25	55 mi off shore	JW et al.	Few observers this far offshore, so little is known about abundance.
Black-crowned Night-heron	Sept 15	FRR	JS	Last report for the summer from this location.
White-faced Ibis	Sept 22	FRR	LG	A rare fall report.

RAILS – TERNS

Sora	Sept 7	SJSR—deflation plain	MN	Migrant or early wintering bird?
American Golden-plover	Sept 7	SJSR—deflation plain	MN	Occasionally found during fall migration.
American Golden-plover	Sept 29	FRR	JS	Occasionally found during fall migration.
Pacific Golden-Plover	Sept 29	FRR	K&RP	Occasionally found during fall migration.
Black-necked Stilt (2)	Sept 2	FRR	RR	Last report for the fall season.
Solitary Sandpiper	September	FRR	m.ob.	Seen throughout the month.
Greater Yellowlegs (75)	Sept 2	FRR	RR	Large numbers for Lane Co.
Lesser Yellowlegs (25)	Sept 2	FRR	RR	Large numbers for Lane Co.
Whimbrel	Sept 9	Heceta Beach	DP	A normal migrant.
Whimbrel	Sept 25	FRR	JG	Never common at this location.
Marbled Godwit (2)	Sept 9	Heceta Beach	DP	A normal migrant.
Marbled Godwit	Sept 23	FRR	NS	Never common at this location.
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Sept 15	FRR	JS	A late report for this species.
Red-necked Stint (possible)	Sept 12	FRR	LM et al.	It would be the fifth record for Lane Co.
Baird's Sandpiper	Sept 12	FRR	WR	Last report for the fall season.
Pectoral Sandpiper (61)	Sept 19	FRR	JS,EC	A large number for Lane Co!
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	Sept 9	FRR	GF	Almost annual at this location in the fall.
Dunlin	Sept 25	FRR	JG	First report for the winter season.
Stilt Sandpiper	Sept 2	FRR	RR	Last report for the fall season.
Short-billed Dowitcher (2)	Sept 23	FRR	NS	Getting late for this species.

Red-necked Phalarope	Sept 2	FRR	RR	About the end of their southward migration.
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Common Tern (15-20)	Sept 9	Heceta Beach	DP	Seen in small numbers this time of year.
Common Tern (2)	Sept 23	FRR	NS	Normally found during the fall at this location.

SWIFTS to SPARROWS

Vaux's Swift (4300)	Sept 8	Agate Hall – O of U	BC	A low high count for the fall.
Rufous Hummingbird	Sept 30	North Eugene	TMe	Last report for the breeding season.
Lewis's Woodpecker	Sept 18	Mt Pisgah	MPs	A normal migrant location.
Williamson's Sapsucker	Sept 28	Koch Mtn.	MS	Occasionally found in the high Cascades.
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Sept 1	Delta Ponds	TMe	Last report for the breeding season.
Western Wood-pewee	Sept 13	Alton Baker Park	VT	Last report for the breeding season.
Willow Flycatcher	Sept 12	FRR	LM et al.	Last report for the breeding season.
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	Sept 23	North Eugene	TMe	Last report for the breeding season.
Cassin's Vireo	Sept 7	Skinner Butte	VT	Last report for the breeding season.
Warbling Vireo	Sept 11	Alton Baker Park	VT	Last report for the breeding season.
Gray Jay	Sept 13	Spencer Butte	A&TM	Seen in small numbers at this location.
Mountain Chickadee	Sept 29	Lookout Point Res.	NS	Rare outside of the high Cascades.
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Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Sept 16	Creswell	NS	First report for the winter season.
Wrentit	Sept 5	College Hill – Eugene	MPs	They can show up in unusual places in the fall.
Varied Thrush	Sept 13	Creswell	NS	First report for the winter season.
Black-throated Gray Warbler	Sept 26	Alton Baker Park	DS	Last report for the breeding season.
Hermit Warbler	Sept 24	Creswell	NS	Last report for the breeding season.
Wilson's Warbler	Sept 25	Garden Lake	NS	Last report for the breeding season.
Yellow-breasted Chat	Sept 19	Kirk Pond	LM et al.	Last report for the breeding season.
Chipping Sparrow	Sept 23	FRR	NS	Last report for the species this year?
Lincoln's Sparrow	Sept 14	Creswell	NS	First report for the winter season.
Fox Sparrow	Sept 12	Creswell	NS	First report for the winter season.
White-throated Sparrow	Sept 21	FRR	LM et al.	First report for the winter season.
Golden-crowned Sparrow	Sept 16	Creswell	NS	First report for the winter season.
Western Tanager	Sept 29	Lookout Pt Res.	NS	A normal last date for the breeding season.
Black-headed Grosbeak	Sept 19	Springfield	VT	Last report for the species this year?

Late report

Horned Lark (3)	July 21	Bohemia Mtn	MPk	An unusual location for the breeding season.
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