

## Field Notes: November-December 2012

- Black-throated Gray Warbler
- Black-headed Grosbeak
- Rufous Hummingbird
- White-winged Crossbill

The weather was about normal for this time of year—rain/showers, stormy, and some sunshine. The number of neotropical migrants found during the period, however, is quite unusual. Some years there are a few found, but seven species of warblers, plus Rufous Hummingbird and Black-headed Grosbeak, is amazing! Mountain Chickadee, Red Crossbill, and Pine Siskin numbers remained high during the period, and two White-winged Crossbills were found.

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

## WATERBIRDS

<b>Ross's Goose</b>	Nov 16	west Eugene	AP	Individuals are found in large flocks of Cackling Geese.
<b>Eurasian Wigeon (4)</b>	Nov 29	Fiddle Creek	fide DP	Good numbers for anywhere in the county.
<b>Cinnamon Teal</b>	Nov 2	Delta Ponds	A&TM	Rare during the winter—one wintered last year.
<b>Cinnamon Teal</b>	Nov 28	Ada Grange Area	DP	A location where they can be found this time of year.
<b>Common Goldeneye</b>	Dec 22	Meadowlark Prairie	VT	An unusual location for this species.
<b>Loon species (600+)</b>	Nov 15	Tokatee Klootchman	AC	About half Red-throated and half Pacific.
<b>Eared Grebe (2)</b>	Nov 2	FRR – Shore Lane	JS	Becoming more common in migration.
<b>Short-tailed Shearwater (20)</b>	Nov 21	Tokatee Klootchman	AC	Occasionally seen from shore this time of year.
<b>Leach's Storm-Petrel</b>	Nov 21	Tokatee Klootchman	AC	Rarely seen from shore.

## HAWKS to OWLS

<b>Osprey</b>	Nov 22	Alton Baker Park	fide ACo	First report of a winter bird this year.
<b>Osprey</b>	Dec 27	Oakridge	CF, MS	First record for the area during the winter.
<b>Red-tailed (Harlan's) Hawk</b>	Dec 28	KR Nielsen Rd	MN	A rare form of Red-tailed Hawk for the valley.
<b>Rough-legged Hawk</b>	Nov 21	SJSR	AC	Not common along the coast.
<b>Sandhill Crane (11)</b>	Nov 3	Creswell	NS	Getting late for their migration.
<b>Sandhill Crane (50)</b>	Nov 6	Eugene	J&SF	They normally migrate along the eastern edge of the valley.
<b>Red Phalarope (10)</b>	Dec 3	Sutton Creek	SMo	They can be found along the beach this time of year after storms.
<b>Pigeon Guillemot</b>	Dec 15	Florence CBC	AC	Only the fourth time on the count.
<b>Great Gray Owl</b>	Dec 22	Oakridge CBC	AME	There are known birds in the area.

## HUMMINGBIRDS to FINCHES

<b>Rufous Hummingbird</b>	Nov 16	north River Road	MRu	A very late report.
<b>Say's Phoebe</b>	Nov 1	FRR – Royal Ave	AP, BH	An unusual fall sighting.
<b>Tropical Kingbird (2)</b>	Nov 1	Baker Beach Road	B&ZS	A rare but somewhat regular fall species along the coast. Fourth record for this fall.
<b>Tropical Kingbird</b>	Nov 20	Heceta Beach	SMo	Unusually large number for our area.
<b>Northern Shrike (3)</b>	Nov 2	FRR – Royal Ave	LF	Rare in Lane Co except for the high Cascades
<b>Mountain Chickadee (2)</b>	Nov 2	SJSR	AC	in pine habitat. They seem to be moving into
<b>Mountain Chickadee</b>	Nov 5	north Eugene	CT	

<b>Mountain Chickadee</b>	Nov 8	north River Road	MRu	western Oregon this winter in small numbers.
<b>Mountain Chickadee (2)</b>	Dec 22	Oakridge	MS	The last two reports are still being seen.
<b>American Dipper</b>	Nov 28	Armitage Park	DS	Unusual in the valley.
<b>Varied Thrush</b>	Dec 21	Florence area	DP	Rare white form, with white replacing orange.
<b>Lapland Longspur (4)</b>	Nov 11	NJSR	DP	Occasionally found along the coast during late fall/winter.
<b>Orange-crowned Warbler</b>	Nov-Dec	Eugene/Springfield	m.ob.	Higher numbers than normal were reported.
<b>Nashville Warbler</b>	Dec 31	Alton Baker Park area	PS	Rare during the winter.
<b>Yellow Warbler (possible)</b>	Dec 26	Bloomberg Park	DB	Very rare during the winter.
<b>Black-throated Gray Warbler</b>	Dec 28	FRR – Perkins Pen.	JSi	Rare during the winter.
<b>Hermit Warbler</b>	Dec 15&29	FRR area	MN	Rare during the winter.
<b>Palm Warbler</b>	Nov 11	Stonefield Beach	NS	An unusual place to find this species.
<b>Wilson's Warbler</b>	Dec 7	Hendricks Park area	JSi	Rare during the winter.
<b>Wilson's Warbler</b>	Dec 15	Florence CBC	DP&FC	A first for the count.
<b>Wilson's Warbler</b>	Dec 17	west Eugene	DC	Rare during the winter.
<b>Swamp Sparrow (2)</b>	Nov 22	Washburn Road	AC, TMe	A normal time for them to show up for the
<b>Swamp Sparrow</b>	Nov 25	Lily Lake	AC	winter in marshy habitat.
<b>White-throated Sparrow (2)</b>	Nov 3	north Eugene	BG	A normal time for their arrival for the winter.
<b>Black-headed Grosbeak</b>	Nov 25	west Eugene	DC	Very rare during the winter.
<b>Red Crossbill (1200+)</b>	Nov 22	Heceta Beach area	DP	Large numbers have been around this year.
<b>White-winged Crossbill (2)</b>	Dec 22	River Road	AMy	Very rare in the valley, but given the large number of Red Crossbills around it's a good year to look for them.
<b>Pine Siskin (138)</b>	Nov 10	River Road area	TMe	Large numbers were found throughout the area during the period.
<b>Lesser Goldfinch</b>	Nov 2	Tenmile Creek area	AC	A rare find on the immediate coast.

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