

## Field Notes: April May 2016

- o Brant
- o Long-eared Owl
- o Dickcissel
- o Cassin's Finch

The weather for the period was warmer and dryer than normal, but with some cooler and wetter spells. Most of the neotropical migrants showed up earlier than normal, based on our 20-year database. Included were some rare and unusual reports for the season, as is normal for this time of year, and some very interesting finds: nesting Brant, and Great Egrets in a Great Blue Heron nesting colony.

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

### WATERBIRDS

<b>Greater White-fronted Goose</b>	April 18	Eugene	TC	Flocks overhead.
<b>Snow Goose</b>	April 20	Siltcoos Beach	DF	With White-fronted flock.
<b>Brant</b> (nesting pair)	May 21	Sutton Lake	fide DP	Very rare away from the high arctic.
<b>Blue-winged Teal</b>	April 17	Meadowlark Prairie	KM	A little over a week earlier than normal.
<b>Great Egret</b> (8)	May 9	West Eugene	AC,et al.	Are they breeding locally?
<b>Great Egret</b> (2)	May 21	Royal Ave area	VT	In trees with nesting Great Blue Herons.
<b>White-faced Ibis</b>	May 14	FRR - Royal Ave	JW	Almost annual the last few years.
<b>White-faced Ibis</b>	May 19	Munsel Lake	VB,SH	First report from the coast.

### RAPTORS to GOATSUCKERS

<b>Swainson's Hawk</b>	April 30	Skinner Butte	JS,et al.	Less than twenty records for Lane Co.
<b>Swainson's Hawk</b>	May 11	FRR - Royal Ave	LM,et al.	Less than twenty records for Lane Co.
<b>Rough-legged Hawk</b>	April 2	FRR - Royal Ave	NS	Last report for the winter season.
<b>Merlin</b>	May 14	Baker Beach overlook	A&CH	Last report for the winter season.
<b>Virginia Rail</b> (w/young)	May 20	Mt. Pisgah	TC	Always fun to see.
<b>Sora</b>	April 9	FRR - Royal Ave	SH	Right on time.

<b>Pacific Golden-Plover</b>	April 29	Sutton Creek mouth	DP	Always a good bird in the spring.
<b>American Golden-Plover</b>	April 29	SJSR	B&KF	Always a good bird in the spring.
<b>Black-necked Stilt</b> (2 young)	May 24	FRR	AC,TMe	Breeding again this year.
<b>American Avocet</b>	May 16	FRR - Fisher Butte	SH	See if they breed this year?
<b>Solitary Sandpiper</b>	April 21	Swallow Pond	SM	Normal time for their migration.
<b>Solitary Sandpiper</b> (2)	May 9	West Eugene	AC,et al.	Getting late for their migration period.
<b>Marbled Godwit</b> (3)	May 1	FRR - Royal Ave	LJ,JS	Good numbers seen this spring.
<b>Marbled Godwit</b> (33)	May 6	FRR - Royal Ave	SM	Much larger number than normal.
<b>Ruddy Turnstone</b>	May 1	Heceta Beach	DP	Good numbers seen this spring.
<b>Red Knot</b> (21)	April 29	Sutton Creek mouth	DP	Good numbers seen this spring.
<b>Baird's Sandpiper</b>	May 7	Siltcoos River mouth	JL	Very rarely found in spring.
<b>Pectoral Sandpiper</b>	May 11	FRR - Royal Ave	LM,et al.	Rarely found in the spring.
<b>Wilson's Phalarope</b>	May 3	FRR - Fisher	SH	Right on time.
<b>Red-necked Phalarope</b>	May 7	Siltcoos River mouth	GR	A normal time for their migration.
<b>Black-legged Kittiwake</b>	April 3	Siuslaw River mouth	EH,AW	The last report for the winter season.
<b>Franklin's Gull</b>	May 7	FRR - Royal Ave	NS	Getting to be almost annual.
<b>Caspian Tern</b> (3)	May 2	FRR - Kirk Pond	SH	Returning for the breeding season?
<b>Black Tern</b>	May 5	FRR - Royal Ave	SH	Right on time.
<b>Common Tern</b> (9)	April 21	Heceta Beach	DSt	Not commonly reported in the spring.
<b>Marbled Murrelet</b> (7 pairs)	April 2	North Lane coast	AC,et al.	Not common every year.
<b>Rhinoceros Auklet</b> (2)	April 10	Siuslaw River mouth	DP,SH	First report for the breeding season.
<b>Barred Owl</b>	April 30	Skinner Butte	AC	Becoming more common in the city.
<b>Long-eared Owl</b>	April 13	Skinner Butte	DA,et al.	An unusual location - rare in county.
<b>Common Poorwill</b> (2)	April 20	Cougar Mountain	CH	Rarely reported in Lane

Co during spring.

## HUMMINGBIRDS to KINGLETS

<b>Costa's Hummingbird</b>	April 14	River Road area	BC	Less than fifteen records for county.
<b>Calliope Hummingbird</b>	mid-April	Eugene/Springfield	m.ob.	About five reports - less than the last years.
<b>Black Swift</b>	May 21	Meadowlark Prairie	AC,et al.	Rare away from breeding locations.
<b>Black Swift (11)</b>	May 21	Heceta Beach	DP	Almost annual during migration.
<b>Black Swift (2)</b>	May 25	Salt Creek falls	SH	A breeding location.
<b>Vaux's Swift (2)</b>	April 8	SW Eugene	MH	A couple days earlier than normal.
<b>Vaux's Swift (3668)</b>	April 30	Agate Hall, UO	BC	A normal number for spring migration.
<b>Lewis's Woodpecker</b>	May 1	FRR - Perkins	HL	Never common in the spring.
<b>Lewis's Woodpecker</b>	May 11	Mt. Pisgah	DSc	Never common in the spring.
<b>Olive-sided Flycatcher</b>	April 30	Skinner Butte	SH,et al.	Right on time.
<b>Western Wood-Pewee</b>	April 28	Cottage Grove area	TMo	A few days earlier than normal.
<b>Willow Flycatcher</b>	May 5	Skinner Butte	SM	Over a week earlier than normal.
<b>Hammond's Flycatcher</b>	April 24	Mt. Pisgah	CB	A couple days later than normal.
<b>Gray Flycatcher</b>	May 1	Bloomberg Park	AP	Almost annual in the spring.
<b>Dusky Flycatcher</b>	April 29	Coburg Hills	TMi	About a week later than normal.
<b>Pacific-slope Flycatcher</b>	April 21	Florence area	DSt	Right on time.
<b>Western Kingbird</b>	April 17	Mt. Pisgah	JSi,et al.	About a week earlier than normal.
<b>Cassin's Vireo</b>	April 5	Skinner Butte	SH,RR	A couple days earlier than normal.
<b>Warbling Vireo</b>	April 17	Skinner Butte	SH, et al.	About a week earlier than normal.
<b>Purple Martin</b>	April 2	FRR - Royal Ave	NS	About a week earlier than normal.
<b>Northern Rough-winged Swallow</b>	March 27	Mt. Pisgah	BU	About a week earlier than normal.

<b>Bank Swallow</b>	May 20	Stewart Pond	BC	Rare in the spring.
<b>Rock Wren</b>	May 14	Row River Nature Park	TMo	Annual in the spring.
<b>House Wren</b>	April 8	Springfield	LK,JS	A couple weeks earlier than normal.
<b>Blue-gray Gnatcatcher</b>	May 5	Mt. Pisgah	fide BN	Last found in the area in 2007.
<b>Ruby-crowned Kinglet</b>	May 20	Mt. June area	JL	Last report for the winter season.

## **THRUSHES to FINCHES**

<b>Townsend's Solitaire</b>	May 4	Cottage Grove area	TMo	Returning for the breeding season.
<b>Swainson's Thrush</b>	May 6	LCC/Skinner Butte	RR,SH	A few days later than normal.
<b>Northern Mockingbird</b>	May 5	Springfield	CE	A rare breeding season record.
<b>Northern Mockingbird</b>	May 17	Skinner City gardens	LS	A second breeding season record.
<b>Sage Thrasher</b>	May 28	SW of Eugene	fide DG	Occasionally reported during the spring.
<b>Nashville Warbler</b>	April 9	Skinner Butte	JS,SH	A few days earlier than normal.
<b>Mourning Warbler</b>	April 29	Skinner Butte	Ma,et al.	Second record for Lane County.
<b>MacGillivray's Warbler</b>	April 6	Delta Ponds	SH,DP	A couple weeks earlier than normal.
<b>Hooded Warbler</b>	April 28	Eugene Airport	CT	Second record for Lane County.
<b>Yellow Warbler</b>	April 16	SW Eugene	AC	About two weeks earlier than normal.
<b>Black-throated Gray Warbler</b>	April 2	Skinner Butte	DH	A couple days earlier than normal.
<b>Hermit Warbler</b>	April 21	Florence area	DSt	Right on time.
<b>Wilson's Warbler</b>	April 8	Skinner Butte	LG	A few days earlier than normal.
<b>Yellow-breasted Chat</b>	April 30	Mt. Pisgah	TMi	About a week earlier than normal.
<b>Chipping Sparrow</b>	April 3	FRR - Perkins	SH	Right on time.
<b>Chipping Sparrow</b>	April 3	SJSR	EH,AW	Right on time.
<b>Vesper Sparrow (30+ pairs)</b>	May 11	Creswell area	BA,JG	Largest breeding population in W Oregon.
<b>Grasshopper Sparrow</b>	May 7	FRR	m.ob.	Right on time.

<b>Fox Sparrow</b>	May 17	Jasper Road area	JK	Last report for the winter season.
<b>Lincoln's Sparrow</b>	April 27	FRR - East Coyote	VB	Last report for the winter season.
<b>White-throated Sparrow</b>	May 1	Willow Creek area	BB	Last report for the winter season.
<b>Golden-crowned Sparrow</b>	May 9	Alvadore	BC	Last report for the winter season.
<b>Western Tanager</b>	April 21	Mt Pisgah/Cottage Grove	MBP,TMo	A couple days earlier than normal.
<b>Black-headed Grosbeak</b>	April 21	Skinner Butte	SH,et al.	A couple days earlier than normal.
<b>Lazuli Bunting</b>	April 27	Mt. Pisgah	BA	Right on time.
<b>Dickcissel</b>	March 29	Westfir	fide MLS	Third Lane County record.
<b>Yellow-headed Blackbird</b>	April 2	FRR - Royal Ave	NS	Right on time.
<b>Great-tailed Grackle</b>	May 21	Sutton Lake	fide DP	Third record away from the Willamette Valley.
<b>Bullock's Oriole</b>	April 20	Mt. Pisgah	AJ	About a week earlier than normal.
<b>Cassin's Finch</b>	April 19	Fox Hollow area	RF	Rarely found in the Willamette Valley.

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