

Field Notes August 2016

- o Sanderling
- o Williamson's Sapsucker
- o Wrentit
- o Snowy Egret

The month was warm and dry as is usual. Numbers were larger than normal for far northern breeding shorebirds (i.e., Baird's, Pectoral, and Buff-breasted Sandpipers). The cause is unknown.

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

WATERBIRDS to TERNS

Greater White-fronted Goose	August 20	FRR	AC	Small flock that was earlier than normal
Red-throated Loon	August 29	Siltcoos River beach	GR	First report for fall migration
Snowy Egret	August 31	FRR	LM et al.	Not annual in Lane Co
Black-crowned Night-Heron	August 20	FRR	SH	First report for the post-breeding season
Merlin	August 4	River Bend Hospital	PSo	Early sighting for this wintering species
Golden-Plover sp.	August 9	FRR	JL	Another one this fall - good numbers so far
Prairie Falcon	August 26	Linton Meadows	CKJ	Breeding, or post-breeding, movements?
Solitary Sandpiper	August 20	FRR	AC	Annual in small numbers during migration
Wandering Tattler	August 5	NJSR	JL	First report for the fall migration
Long-billed Curlew (2)	August 14	FRR	EC	Annual in small numbers during migration
Long-billed Curlew	August 23	FRR	DR	Annual in small numbers during migration
Marbled Godwit	August 15	FRR	SH	Annual in small numbers during migration
Ruddy Turnstone	August 17	SJSR- Crab Pier/Dock	SH	First report for the fall migration
Sanderling (5)	August 25	FRR	AC	Never common inland
Baird's Sandpiper (8)	August 26	Siltcoos River mouth	DF	A large flock for the Lane Co coast
Baird's Sandpiper (30)	August 29	FRR	PSu	An amazing number for Lane Co!
Pectoral Sandpiper (11)	August 30	FRR	RR	Large numbers for Lane Co
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	August 19	FRR	JS	Earlier than normal for this rare migrant
Buff-breasted Sandpiper (3)	August 27	FRR	TJ	A more normal time, but not normal number!

Short-billed Dowitcher	August 9	FRR	JL	First report for the fall migration
Red-necked Phalarope	August 2	FRR	SH	First report for the fall migration
Black Tern	August 14	FRR	VB	Last report for the breeding season

WOODPECKERS to SPARROWS

Williamson's Sapsucker	August 27	Oakridge	MLS	Normally only found in the high Cascades
Western Kingbird (3)	August 10	Cantrell Rd	LM et al.	Last sighting for the breeding season
Purple Martin (6)	August 4	Springfield	VT	Breeding in a cell tower
Purple Martin (2)	August 26	FRR	JS	Last report for the breeding season
Bank Swallow (2)	August 21	FRR	SR	Annual in very small numbers during fall
House Wren	August 25	Rock Creek, Hwy 101	MP	Never common along the coast
Wrentit (2)	August 21	Craig Lake	JJ	Very unusual location for this species!
Northern Mockingbird	August 11	Bob Creek	MP	Another unusual breeding season report
American Pipit	August 19	FRR	JS	Earlier than normal
Chipping Sparrow	August 28	FRR	NS	Last report for the breeding season
Brewer's Sparrow	August 13	FRR	CB	Annual in small numbers this time of year
Vesper Sparrow	August 31	FRR	SH	Late report for this species
Grasshopper Sparrow	August 10	Cantrell Rd	LM et al.	Later than normal
Lincoln's Sparrow	August 21	FRR	SF et al.	First sightings in the valley for the winter

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